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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Even though bonobos (small chimpanzees found in the Democratic Republic of Congo) are among the most copulating animals on Earth, poaching has dropped their population by 90 percent in the last 25 years, according to a September dispatch in London's Daily Telegraph. Explained the director of a primate orphanage in Kinshasa, mellow bonobos enlist for sex immediately upon sensing any danger, stress or friction: "They also have sex for pleasure, but most of the time, it's a way of making peace."

■ Andrew Uitvlugt, candidate for mayor of Kelowna, British Columbia, proposed in November to coax drug addicts into public jobs, such as trash collection, by rewarding them with crack cocaine, on the theory that the work would be so fulfilling that they would ultimately decline the drugs. (He finished fourth out of five candidates.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 17th day of 2006.
There are 348 days left in the year.

Three hundred years ago, on Jan. 17, 1706, statesman, inventor and editor Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He that is of the opinion money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (1706-1790)

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King's legacy remembered

Library auditorium dedicated to MLK

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA LIBRARY —

A Monday celebration recognizing Martin Luther King Jr. ended with a march to the new library auditorium that bears his name.

After hundreds of people heard Yolanda King speak at the Soka Gakkai International Ikeda Auditorium on Monday, they assembled outside its steps at 525 Wilshire Blvd. to march south on Sixth Street to the new Santa Monica Library at 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

There, the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium was dedicated to the man who led the American Civil Rights movement. Yolanda King and close friends and relatives led the march.

Outside the library, Mayor Bob Holbrook began the dedication by calling up to the stage all of the local officials who were participating in the event. They included local city, school and college officials, as well as Clyde Smith with the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Westside Coalition, the group that organized the annual recognition of King's legacy.

"Dr. King believed in a place for the community to gather as one," Holbrook said.

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Yolanda King, Martin Luther King Jr.'s oldest daughter, gives an inspirational speech at Soka Gakkai International's Ikeda Auditorium on Monday during a birthday celebration for her father.

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

MLK's daughter gives speech in Santa Monica

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BLVD. — The legacy of the Civil Rights movement was shared among generations on Monday, when Martin Luther King Jr.'s daughter spoke at a Santa Monica event to celebrate her father's 77th birthday.

Yolanda King, 51, King's eldest daughter, recognized her father's life and work to promote social and economic justice during a three-hour celebration on Monday.

The event, which drew hundreds of people, began at 9 a.m. with commemorative speeches and singing at Soka Gakkai International's Ikeda Auditorium at 525 Wilshire Blvd. It ended with a march to the new Santa Monica Public Library at 601 Santa Monica Blvd., where the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium was dedicated to the civil rights leader.

Public officials, senior citizens, mothers and fathers, boys and girls of all walks and colors participated in the celebration.

Linda Johnson, director of women's programs for SGI, gave an invocation, during which she stressed how the work of King and others like him must continue.

"As his dream has not been realized, and we are successors to his dream, each of us has to make the change occur, one moment at

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AP poll: Economic concerns recede at start of year

BY WILL LESTER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Economic worries have decreased over the last six months as the American public has shifted its concern more to the war in Iraq and problems faced by political leaders, AP-Ipsos polling found.

The economy has been showing signs of strength in recent months. But the violence in Iraq has con-

tinued, before and after the latest round of elections in mid-December. And high-profile politicians in this country have been ensnared by scandal.

When people were asked in an open-ended question to name the nation's top problem, 25 percent named war, close to the level in October, but up from 19 percent in July. The number of people who named political leaders as the most important problem has almost

tripled, from 5 percent in July to 14 percent as the new year starts.

"The war is a problem that fouls up what we need to do in the world," said Peter Palys, a lawyer from Wheaton, Ill. "My feelings about Iraq have solidified over the last six months. We can't stay, we can't leave, and we can't win. Our success or failure is not in our hands."

American troops are still dying at a rate of about two per day and the insurgency has shown no clear signs

of weakening in recent months. But U.S. officials are heartened by progress they see in training Iraqi security forces — a key step toward disengaging U.S. forces.

While violence continues in Iraq, scandals involving prominent politicians in this country have been growing.

Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay is facing trial on

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll Have:
★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You need to put in extra time on a relationship, as well as a project. You might find that a backfire could occur when you least expect it. Slow down. Others admire the quality of what you do. Accept praise graciously. Tonight: Find your favorite chair.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You have a way of handling situations that is a real eye-opener. In fact, you could be jolted by a surprise reaction. Allow your creativity to flourish. Let your imagination lead you to one new idea after another. Tonight: Ever playful

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Be more stable, and follow through on what is important to you. Basics do count. Build a relationship by listening and being more nurturing. Someone wants to move in and be closer to you personally or professionally. Tonight: Happy at home

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Speak your mind more often. Allow yourself to flourish and understand more. Recognize that those around you are opening up more often. Honor their frailties as you would want yours honored. Unexpected news could jolt you. Tonight: Visit with friends

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your expenses need analyzing. You could be surprised by what you hear from others and what goes on. Investigate what appears to be an off-the-wall suggestion. Be sensitive to those around you, and others will demonstrate their appreciation. Tonight: Gather your bills

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You could be taken aback by someone's thoughtful gesture. Somehow, this person serves as inspiration. A partner reacts. Could he or she be jealous? Give this person time to chill out and discuss his or her feelings. Tonight: You are the cat's meow

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Clearly, you cannot fight city hall, nor do you want to. Carefully review a situation that surrounds your work or your daily life. Staying home or working from home could be quite rewarding and fulfilling. Don't let your high-strung nature get the best of you. Tonight: Curl up with a good book

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Sometimes you find that your goals do not coincide with others'. You see another perfect example of this type of thinking. Review recent developments that surround a child or loved one. You will see life differently as a result. Tonight: Follow your friends

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might be overwhelmed by everything that goes down around you. In fact, others might pressure you to do this or that. Think of the financial ramifications of saying yes before acting. You might change your mind. Tonight: Out late

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your nice and well-meaning ways draw results. Certainly, you don't need to do much for others other than express what you want and expect. Humor goes a long way with a temperamental person. Help this person relax. Tonight: Express yourself so that others can understand. Be empathetic

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You can be separated from your money way too easily. You could be shocked by what occurs if you are not perfect. How you view a personal matter could impact your thinking. Loosen up. Tonight: Revamp the budget?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be more disruptive than helpful. Be aware of the reactions you cause and where others are coming from. A bit more seriousness could help you deal with others more positively. More often, think before you act or speak. Tonight: Beam in what you want.



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LOCAL



Let it ashes and snow



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(Right to left) Patrick Heiniger, CEO of Rolex, the major sponsor of the Ashes and Snow Nomadic Museum, cuts the opening ribbon on Saturday, as the artist, Gregory Colbert; Santa Monica Mayor Bob Holbrook; and the president of Ashes and Snow, Paul Hawken, look on.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Grocery store goes ‘wild’ with health lectures

By Daily Press staff

A local grocery store is offering free nighttime lectures designed to improve your health.

Wild Oats, located at 500 Wilshire Blvd., is offering a selection of free lectures in January. Here’s the schedule:

■ Jan. 17, 7 p.m. — Soup, glorious soup: free cooking class with Real Cooking’s Victoria Bloch and Hollie Greenwood. Learn to fix three healthy winter soups: creamy winter squash soup, hearty lentil and root vegetable soup, and mid-winter beef and vegetable soup. Recipes and tastes of all soups provided.

■ Jan. 18, 7:15 p.m. — Weight loss that stays off: creating freedom with food. A free lecture with food coach Susan Marque that shows you the three easy steps to create and keep your desired weight. Free tastes as well.

■ Jan. 19, 6 p.m. — Free lecture on using accupressure for weight loss, with Grace Suh Coscia. Learn about a self-accupressure technique that will allow you to lose weight by speeding up your metabolism. A licensed acupuncturist with a private practice in Santa Monica, Grace Suh Coscia specializes in weight loss, facial rejuvenation and allergy elimination.

■ Jan. 21, 2 p.m. — Vitamin D and its importance in vibrant health, with John Cannell, M.D., founder of the Vitamin D Council. Explore the myths and truths about the essential vitamin.

■ Jan. 23, 7 p.m.— Shift your perspective and change your life: Be impeccable with your word. A free lecture by Linda Landon, certified business and life coach, personally trained by world-renowned author of “The Four Agreements,” Miguel Ruiz.

■ Jan. 24, 7 p.m. — Lecture by Judy Mazel, world-renowned author and founder of “The Beverly Hills Diet” and “The New Beverly Hills Diet.” Includes topics such as how three squares can make you round and how enzymes relate to health and weight.

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SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS					
DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM					
BEAR MOUNTAIN					
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 12	LIFTS OPEN 9/12	
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Icy Spots, Wind Blown					
JUNE MOUNTAIN					
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 24"	BASE DEPTH 96" - 120"	LIFT HOURS 8:30am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 35	LIFTS OPEN 6/16	
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed					
MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN					
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 120" - 144"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 100	LIFTS OPEN 26/28	
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed					
MOUNTAIN HIGH					
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 12	LIFTS OPEN 9/16	
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed					
MT. BALDY					
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 6"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 4	LIFTS OPEN 2/4	
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made					
SNOW SUMMIT					
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 12	LIFTS OPEN 9/13	
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Icy Spots					
SNOW VALLEY					
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 18"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 4	LIFTS OPEN 5/11	
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed					

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 58°

DATA PROVIDED BY WETSAND.COM

SWELL FORECAST (2-4 FT)

Today is looking even smaller with the swell dropping off considerably to the waist to possibly chest high zone.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

Significant NW swell due Wednesday NCal, Thursday SoCal...

Tracking NW swell for 22nd...

Tracking NW swell for 25th...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

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High Tide: 8:35AM 6.0FT 10:33PM 3.7FT

SUNDAY

Low Tide: 3:00AM 2.3FT 4:25PM -0.7FT

High Tide: 9:08AM 5.9FT 11:00AM 3.7FT

MONDAY

Low Tide: 3:35AM 2.2FT 4:52PM -0.4FT

High Tide: 9:41AM 5.6FT 11:28PM 3.8FT

TUESDAY

Low Tide: 4:12AM 2.2FT 5:19PM -0.1FT

High Tide: 10:12AM 5.3FT 11:57PM 3.8FT

WEDNESDAY

Low Tide: 4:54AM 2.2FT 5:44PM 0.3FT

High Tide: 10:45AM 4.8FT N/A N/A

THURSDAY

Low Tide: 5:44AM 2.3FT 6:08PM 0.7FT

High Tide: 12:27AM 3.9FT 11:20AM 4.2FT

FRIDAY

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Last week, activists across the country battled over whether or not undocumented immigrants have a right to work in the United States. At a Santa Monica site, numerous counter-protesters came out to confront members of the Minutemen Project, who organized demonstrations at 100 different day laborer sites across the country. Dubbed “Stop the Invasion” National Protest Day, the day was meant to send the symbolic message that the Minutemen are opposed to illegal immigration and seek to tighten borders.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, “What’s your take on the illegal immigrant situation in Southern California? How should the government handle it?”

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recycling the answer to bagging it

Editor:

David Pissarra's column (SMDP, Jan. 3, page 4) and the idea of a tax on plastic bags concerns me, and it should concern Santa Monica residents as well.

There are better, more constructive ways to address the issues that he raises. Pissarra's dollar-per-bag tax suggestion would cost a family using only 12 bags a week \$600 per year.

A tax would also increase grocery prices and encourage residents to leave Santa Monica to shop for groceries where there isn't a tax — a trend that could result in potential job losses at markets experiencing a decrease in business. Most important, a bag tax wouldn't necessarily reduce litter, it would just penalize everybody for the reckless action of a few.

Pissarra suggests that the Irish bag tax reduced the use of grocery bags by 95 percent. It did, and increased the sale of plastic trash bags by 99 percent. Grocery bags are reused by consumers as kitchen and bath trash bags, and their removal from stores automatically required a replacement.

Plastic bags — including grocery, produce and dry cleaning — are easily recycled and the opportunities for the public to participate are growing daily. One bag manufacturer, Hilex Poly, has established the bag-to-bag recycling program where used grocery bags collected in stores and in curbside recycling programs are turned back into new grocery bags that stores purchase for customer use.

Cities in Orange County and the city of Los Angeles have added plastic bags to the items that can be recycled in their curbside collection programs. These bags are being turned back into new bags, plastic lumber, or other durable products such as trash cans, pallets or parking bumpers. The public wholeheartedly thanked the politicians and city staff for their environmentally forward thinking in establishing these programs. The city of Santa Monica should catch up with other environmentally sensitive cities and join in this effort. If the city puts plastic bags in their recycling program, they can help promote the purchase of grocery bags made from the same bags that the public is recycling. This makes a lot more sense than taxing the public for the use of a plastic bag that could be replaced by alternatives that have more environmental consequences than anyone can anticipate.

Earlier this year, four major U.S. grocery bag manufacturers joined together to form the Progressive Bag Alliance (PBA), whose goals are to put programs in place that actually get recycling of plastic bags accomplished and reduce litter on the nation's streets. The manufacturers recognize that our cities, beaches and roadways need cleaning up and that it is vital for plastic bags to be recaptured and reused. In California, the PBA is recruiting cities to add plastic bags to their curbside collection programs, working with grocers to increase at-store recycling and promoting programs to educate the public that they should be using bags efficiently and thereby reducing the total number of bags consumed.

In the city of Los Angeles, a coalition of grocers, the PBA and city officials have joined together to launch an initiative to get bags out of the environment through efficient bag use (you don't need to double bag, and more than two items can go into a bag), focus to get customers to bring the bags back to the store and a huge campaign to stop the public from littering all items that seem to get thrown on the streets by irresponsible people and end up in the rivers and ocean.

Bottom line, plastic bags can be recycled. So educating the public about recycling opportunities and encouraging proper use and reuse is a more effective and desirable alternative to a tax. The market for recycled plastic is booming. Recyclers can earn 15 to 20 cents per pound of plastic bags collected. So not only can the city of Santa Monica promote a positive environmental initiative by recycling plastic bags, they can make money too.

We would gladly volunteer to step up and work with the city to initiate a plastic bag recycling program. Are city leaders and the public ready to move ahead on a positive environmental action?

Larry Johnson

Chairman, Progressive Bag Alliance

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Governor on the right track, just going in wrong direction



WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISSARRA

We have major problems in this state. The governor's answer to this is a characteristically Hollywood answer — throw money at the problem.

The coming crisis in California is an infrastructure one. As if we needed any greater indicator of the problems that this state faces, just look at the sewage spill this weekend that closed the beaches from Manhattan to Torrance. A local pumping station, one that normally handles 4 million gallons of sewage a day, broke down, causing backups into sewers and streets. Mistakes happen, accidents cause breakdowns, and this is not the first, nor will it be the last, sewage spill. And it is unclear right now what caused the breakdown in the first place, but what caught my eye was that a single pumping station processes 4 million gallons a day, and there are pumping stations all along the coast.

We have too many people for the size of our public assets. Public assets are those parts of society that we take for granted — the roads, the schools, police, fire and clean running water.

As a society, we purchase these public amenities through our taxes. We can either increase our taxes to pay cash for them, or we can use a credit card to pay for them, and increase our taxes later. In government finance, a bond offering is like a credit card. I personally have never met a bond offering that I liked. The reason is simple. Just like with a credit card, when the government borrows money by using a bond offering, it must pay interest. That interest is based on the state's credit rating. California is usually a great risk, but lately our credit history has a few blemishes.

Bonds are generally perceived as great investments for little old ladies who are putting their life savings into something. When I did investment counseling, we put the most conservative people in U.S. bonds, and just below that, we would use the state bonds. The reason is that the likelihood of the U.S. government or a state not paying the bonds is almost nil.

However, if one thing is a great investment for a little old man, that means it is not going to be a good thing for the borrower. In this case, the borrower is the state, which really means the taxpaying citizens, and that is you and me.

Bonds are expensive. In general, a bond must be repaid at three times its initial issue amount. For example, a \$10 million bond issued by the city of Santa Monica will generally cost \$30 million over its lifetime in repayment costs, administration fees, issuing costs and other items.

The "reform" governor has proposed a \$222 billion bond project to increase the infrastructure in our state. I could be wrong, but I thought when the voters sent him to Sacramento he was going to "cut up the credit cards" and make the Legislature live on a budget.

His proposal includes 600 miles of new

freeways. The truth is we do need more freeways; we also need more electrical plants, more water, more sewage treatment, more landfills and waste treatment, more prisons, more police, more firefighters, more teachers, more schools, more doctors, nurses and hospitals, more books, more computers, more jobs, more land, more parking and more money to fund it all.

We have more people every day coming into our state, and that just increases the pressure on every aspect of life. More people mean more showers, more trash, more housing, more need for medical services, more cars, more coffee cups.

Solutions are hard to come by. It seems that the easy answer is to increase taxes across the board to pay for the infrastructure we need, which no one likes. The hard answer is to go to a more capitalistic system in our approach to government services, and make it a pay-as-you-go model. By that I mean all roads become toll roads; all police services require payment; all firefighters get paid before they put out your fire; your kids' schooling becomes tuition based; only those who can afford access get to enjoy the beaches, the mountains, the city and state parks; and parking becomes a privilege for those who can pay for it.

The long-range effects of such a system would be that the differences between the rich and the poor would become even more pronounced. The individual costs would be prohibitive for all but the richest of the rich, billionaires like the governor. Homelessness is a problem now, and would become an absolute nightmare in such a system.

Taxes are annoying, and we all hate paying them. But they are important in our society as they provide an equalizing force between the rich and the poor. Not in the way in which they make the rich poorer, or that they make the poor richer. No, they equalize society in that they allow the poorest among us to have the protection of the fire department for their home, which prevents it from burning down the land baron's apartment complex next door. Taxes also allow the school child from the wrong side of the tracks to get an education, which will benefit the rich person who wants to hire that child later on in life.

This governor was sent to Sacramento to save the state from the overspending, lobbyist-courting, out-of-touch politicians. However, the governor has used his star power to raise more money from lobbyists and political donations than his predecessor. He has proposed budget increases, and now he wants to spend \$222 billion, which really is more than \$600 billion, to build new roads for him to illegally ride his motorcycle on.

We need our leadership to act as leaders. We have a problem in this state, and we can either pay for it outright, or we can put it on our collective credit card in a bond offering.

We need a lot of things. We just don't need the credit card mentality to finance them.

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Embracing bills that pay themselves



ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL

Auto withdrawal is great, until people start secretly withdrawing amounts for you.

Ah, a three-day weekend was mine for the taking. I got up, put my exercise clothes on and was ready to head to the beach. That is until I heard a drip-drip-dripping coming from outside.

Rain — are you serious? Honestly, who bothers to check the weather first in LA?

Well, the rain wasn't letting up, so I did the next best thing to rollerblading — online bill pay.

Normal bill paying is so tedious. You have to open the envelope, fill out the amount on the tear stub, write a check, lick the envelope and then mail the freaking thing. Who needs that stress in their life?

With online bill pay, you just type in the amount, click send, and viola, the work is done for you. Not even the bad taste of envelope glue in your mouth. George's fiancé on Seinfeld died from such a calamity.

I've been an online bill-pay convert for months, and I've never looked back at my heathen, check-in-mail former life. I don't pass judgment on those with that sort of

lifestyle either. Their reward is coming.

It's pretty nice how they make it so convenient for you to pay your bills online, and also convenient for other people to pay their own with your bank account.

I figured while I was online I might as well check my account to make sure everything was in order.

Five grand slam breakfasts from Denny's, 20 cookies from Jamba Juice — check. That's when I noticed a \$30.25 withdrawal from Blockbuster, and I had no recollection of purchasing anything.

Usually lack of recollection is common for me, i.e. not the company's fault. But I checked past months as well. December, November and October all had withdrawals for \$30.25.

Something was a little too regular to be me forgetting about a Revenge of the Nerds movie marathon or an obsessive week of The Wiggles rentals.

That's when it hit me. My canceled movie pass seemed to be checking out movies for itself.

If wouldn't be as big a deal if it was some minimal amount. But according to Wendy's phraseology, that was 121 junior bacon cheeseburgers that I was not about to give up.

So, I geared up for the battle to ensue. I equipped myself with fighting words, prepared for the lame comebacks (you never said you wanted it canceled) and the even lamer second comebacks (but when you said canceled I thought you meant not to cancel it).

I stormed over to Blockbuster in my

combat outfit (pig tails and white puffy coat), running in place with my fists bobbing as I waited for the store doors to open.

10 a.m. hit. I walked over to the cashier and gave him a piece of mind. Let me translate that for those who don't know me. I explained the situation while I let a grandmother behind me check out Sound of Music.

You want to hear about the all-out brawl that quickly ensued? The manager canceled my account, gave me a full refund and is letting me check out movies

with the pass the rest of month.

Um, yeah, I wasn't ready for that scenario. I was prepared for Suburban Brawl No. 3 where I take off my Ugg boots and use them as a negotiating device.

Again, all talk, no Ugg boot-throwing.

Well shoot, now I know what I'm gonna do with the next rainy weekend I forget to check for first. Check out more movies with my free movie pass. Thank goodness for online bill pay.

(Heidi can be reached at anydayin-la@gmail.com.)

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King: Dream still lives

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a time," Johnson said. "That's the only way we can become the sunshine that will melt that which separates between us."

The invocation was followed by remarks from Nat Trives, a former Santa Monica mayor, who acknowledged the public officials who attended. Among them were a federal judge, board members from the local school district and community college, as well as new City Manager P. Lamont Ewell, Mayor Bob Holbrook and members of the City Council.

The John Adams Middle School Norsemen Honor Choir and the Jeffrey Barnes Choir each sang two songs, stirring the crowd and earning a standing ovation.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Westside Coalition — which organized the event — took a moment to honor three recipients of Santa Monica College scholarships.

Estella Burnett, who made the presentation on behalf of the coalition, recalled how she had received a \$100 scholarship to attend SMC in 1969.

"I still have the check stub and program from the ceremony, but I don't have the money," Burnett said, earning chuckles

from the audience. "It's a pleasure to be standing here 35 years later and be presenting (these youth) scholarships, which is definitely enough to pay for books."

Then, Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter Sr., dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., introduced Yolanda King.

"A 6-year-old girl once told her father she wanted to go to 'Funtown,' a place where (people of color) were (forbidden) to go," Carter relayed about King's daughter, who was a child during the Civil Rights movement. "The girl's mother told her that her father was in prison because he was fighting for the right for everyone in America to go to Funtown ...

"Today ... we celebrate diversity and embrace each other's differences, until differences don't make a difference."

Yolanda King's speech was followed with more musical performances that included Reverend William Knight from Understanding Principles for Better Living Church. There was also a group singing community affirmation and benediction from Pastor Patricia Farris from First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica. Traditionally, First United hosts the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Yolanda King, the first-born daughter of Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., wipes a tear on Monday during the opening ceremonies at the new Main Library, where the auditorium bears her father's name.

Westside Coalition's birthday event, which has been organized since 1986.

YOLANDA KING SPEAKS

King's daughter was escorted on stage by Santa Monica Police Chief James T. Butts Jr.

The audience, excited by Yolanda King's arrival, stood and applauded as she took to the podium. One dad lifted his daughter onto his shoulders to gaze at the woman whose father led the Civil Rights movement.

Yolanda King had long red hair and was dressed in black. She owns Higher Ground, a production company, and has spoken to crowds in 49 of 50 states, according to a biographical profile. She also has a master's degree in theater and has co-authored two books.

On Monday, Yolanda King discussed her father's legacy and performed reenactments of famous Civil Rights activists and actions, including a dramatization of Rosa Parks refusing to sit in the back of the bus.

Parks' decision spurred King to embark on the cause of freedom for all.

"My father was a king who bowed to the throne of God," Yolanda King said. "He had a shield of prayer and a sword of non-violence.

"He was a king who disliked wearing a crown, but crowned a movement."

In her speech, Yolanda King described three kinds of people in the world, two of which she believes are holding back today's Civil Rights movement.

Included are those who pay lip service to its cause but fail to support it by taking appropriate action.

Yolanda King called those people the "could-a," "would-a" and "should-a" individuals.

The second group holding back today's Civil Rights movement are the "can'ts." They have the means to make a difference but don't or simply won't. Yolanda King attributed their failure to act to an over-willingness to conform.

The third and final type of people in the world, according to Yolanda King, are those who continue to actively support just causes in their day-to-day lives. They are people, she said, who actively seek to make differences in their lives that will better themselves and others.

They also believe the greatest freedom is to be able to choose one's attitude.

It's that willingness to choose one's attitude that drove the Civil Rights movement, Yolanda King said.

In the 1950s and 1960s, many people of color rose up from the fear and hate that oppressed them, and many whites freed themselves from the bonds of prejudice.

"They can't ride your back if it's not bent," Yolanda King said, quoting her father and his belief that one can adjust his or her attitude to overcome life's challenges.

"The Civil Rights movement was not a mirage," Yolanda King said. "It was not a reality TV show.

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LOCAL



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Santa Monica Mayor Bob Holbrook and Yolanda King on Monday unveil the new Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium at the recently opened Main Library. The eldest daughter of the Civil Rights leader was in Santa Monica to celebrate her father's legacy.

King: Fond of good work, not monuments

AUDITORIUM, from page 1

"The library is the intellectual center of the community, and this auditorium is its heart."

Yolanda King, also among the speakers, said in her speech that her father was not a fan of monuments, which he felt were convenient ways to recognize heroes without necessarily heeding their message.

However, she said she respected what the library and auditorium would provide community members for years to come.

"My father wasn't fond of monuments, but I think he would be happy with the opportunities here," Yolanda King said.

City Councilman Richard Bloom said several city officials had been instrumental in pushing for the library's auditorium to be named after King. Among them, Bloom said, was assistant manager Gordon Anderson.

With the new library opening in June, and Yolanda King already scheduled to

speak in Santa Monica, officials said timing also helped secure the dedication to King.

Fataneh Eghbali, a Santa Monica resident and SMC professor, heard Yolanda King speak and took part in the march and dedication.

She said she felt strongly about King's message and wanted to be with those who felt the same about it on his birthday.

"Yolanda is a great speaker, and I'm glad to have had the opportunity to take part in such a great event," Eghbali said.

After Mayor Holbrook and other officials spoke, the doors to the auditorium opened. Upon entrance, a black and white tapestry of King can be seen the right. To the left, set in stone, is a quote of his from his acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Sweden, in 1964.

It reads, "I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits."



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Reverend Dr. Charles O. Brown leads hundreds down Sixth Street to the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium at the new Main Library.

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DEAR DORIE

Toddler finds herself with words

Dear Dorie,

I've noticed my 3-year-old keeps referring to herself in the third person. For example, "Mary doesn't feel good" or "Mary likes the toy." Is this normal? Should I go along with it or try to change her behavior?

— Worried About Words

Dear Worried,

It's amazing how quickly they learn to speak, and just as amazing how quickly they start to play with language. More than likely your daughter is experimenting with different ways of expressing emotions. This is an important part of language acquisition and the answer is yes, this is normal.

I rarely (never say never) recommend trying to change a child's behavior. Your appropriate response here is to affirm her feelings directly and add an "I" statement to help her along. For example, when she says, "Mary is happy," answer, "You are happy. I am happy too." She'll use the third person as long as she needs it, and you'll be right there with her. Good luck.

— Dorie

(Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Meek answers questions concerning children ages birth to 5 years old. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmusd.org, or call 310-452-6132; fax 310-452-6392.)

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How to help the helpless child



How Much Is Enough?

By Jean Illsley Clarke Ph.D.

Brian Smith's broken leg means there are some things this second grader can't do for a while. But the Smiths expect him to do the things he can do. They don't want him to become helpless.

Jana's severe allergies could be life threatening, but the Smiths are carefully teaching their 10-year-old to protect herself. They want her to live a normal life and not to act helpless.

Good work so far. No overindulgence there. But how come they don't see what they are doing to nearly teenage Catlin? Bright, articulate, attractive, healthy Catlin. Catlin, who needs so much comforting. Mother Smith, who understands the importance of not letting children become helpless over a physical infirmity, doesn't seem to realize that emotional strength and resilience are equally important.

Catlin finds life hard. Every evening she tells her mother about the travails of the school day. "A girl I don't even know made fun of my jeans." Or, "I didn't like my lunch." Or, "It's too far between classes." Mother, ever ready to respond to a needy tone of voice and a dejected posture, comforts in as many ways as needed to elicit a weak, "Thanks, Mom."

Meanwhile, Brian and Jana are taking care of themselves, and criticizing Catlin for being a crybaby and a wuss. Mother glares at them and applies more comfort to poor little helpless Catlin.

When the children get home from a day at the beach, Brian and Jana go about putting their gear away and come into the kitchen looking for food. Catlin, who dropped her beach bag on the floor, is softly moaning, "Tired, tired," her head on the counter. Mother Smith has already provided a cup of hot chocolate and is rubbing Catlin's back and crooning, "What can I get for you?" Mother continues to pet Catlin while she directs the other two children to the refrigerator. Meanwhile, the muffled moaning continues,

"Oh, oh, I'm so tired." Later the family is playing cards. Catlin, miraculously recovered from the day at the beach, goes all helpless and needy because they aren't all playing the exact game she wants, and mother comforts her.

It's easy for an outsider to see that things are out of balance in the Smith family. The parents are missing the problems of helplessness Catlin has developed, and her manipulations.

An observant and caring friend, after complimenting the mom on the fine job she is doing with Brian and Jana, casually says, "I've been wondering about all the comforting Catlin gets." Mother Smith responds quickly, "My mother didn't comfort me, and I'm making sure that Catlin gets all the comforting she wants." Ah, yes, overindulging by giving our children too much of what we didn't get enough of. This is the tricky thing about overindulgence. It comes from a good heart.

Poor Mother Smith, with good intent, is encouraging helplessness and manipulation in a child who should be developing the internal resources to take care of herself.

Mom could have said,

■ "You do seem tired."

■ "Looks as if you found the day too tiring."

■ "Next time we go to the beach you will only stay half of the day."

■ "Now pick up your gear and go rest in your room until I call you to set the table."

Results of the Overindulgence Research Studies indicate that doing things for a child that she should be doing for herself has a negative impact on her adult life. When Mom decides to get her own needs met directly and replaces the over-comforting with support and skill-building, Catlin will have the chance to play catch-up and become strong instead of helpless.

To participate in a new study on overindulgence and relationships, log onto www.overindulgence.info.

(Jean Illsley Clarke, Ph.D., Connie Dawson, Ph.D., and David J. Bredehoft, Ph.D., are co-authors of "How Much is Enough? Everything You Need to Know to Steer Clear of Overindulgence and Raise Likeable, Responsible, and Respectful Children." Illsley Clarke can be reached at jiconsults@aol.com. To read more about overindulgence, go to www.overindulgence.info.)

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Another newborn class for babies born 11/05 – 2/06 is now forming.

THURS., JAN. 19
CAMPFIRE PROGRAM at TEMESCAL GATEWAY PARK – 6:00 p.m.
Bring a blanket and picnic dinner, belt out songs and listen to stories. Free, \$5 parking, 15601 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades, 454-1395, xt. 106, www.LAMountains.com.

SAT. JAN. 21
RHYTHM CHILD FAMILY JAM – 4:30 p.m.
This monthly percussion jam is for the entire family. \$15 per child, parents are free. Santa Monica Studios, 3025 W. Olympic Blvd., 575-9372. Weekly classes also available.

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10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Celebrate at the LA Zoo with dance performances and martial arts demos, foods from Asia and new craft ideas. Free with admission - \$10 adults, \$5 kids. 5333 Zoo Dr., LA, 323-644-4200.

PILLOW THEATRE – 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.
The Heart of the Beast performs Debra Frasier's book On the Day You Were Born with puppetry, poetry and music. \$5 admission. BP Hall, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., LA, 213-972-7560.

SUN, JAN. 22
KIDS in the COURTYARD SERIES – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Today's program is about carnavalescos, artists who create the masks and clothing for carnival revelers, then design your own costume. Free admission, \$7 parking. UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History, Sunset and Westwood Blvd., LA, 825-8655.

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ONGOING CALENDAR BELOW

TUESDAY

Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews

Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/freelmoms for details.

Storytelling
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Baby Time – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years. Session dates Jan. 10 – Feb. 14.
Spanish and Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.
Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3.
Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2. Session dates Jan. 3 – Feb. 7.
Twilight Story Time –7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.
Terrific Tuesdays – 3:30 p.m., Jan. 17 & Feb. 14. Stories and crafts for K to 2nd graders.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-3804.
Story Time for Twos - 10:00 and 10:30. Session dates Jan. 3 – Feb. 7 (registration required).
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis
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

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
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Yoga & Exercise
Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. 393-2721for more info.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – Newborn group begins this Wed., Jan. 11, call for time. 4:30 p.m., separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 393-4481/riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling
The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5. Session dates Jan. 4 – Feb. 8.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2. Session dates Jan. 4 – Feb. 8.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
Border's, Westwood – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

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YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 5 to 36 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
Rhythm Child Parent & Me Rhythms, Santa Monica Studios, 3025 Olympic Blvd., 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Children explore rhythms through drum play. For toddlers. \$100 for 8 weeks. Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythmchild.net for more info and session dates.
Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre at Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., 394-9779
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For ages 3 – 5 with parents. This theatrical adventure includes story time, theatre games, crafts, play building and lunch. Reservations required 24 hours in advance, \$19.50 includes lunch for child and lunch.

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Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., \$15
Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Step Aerobics, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.
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Other
Puppetolio – 1:00 p.m., 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

THURSDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 – 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03, Call or email Alison at 393-4481/riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 11:20 a.m. Ages 3 – 5. Session dates Jan. 12 – Feb. 16.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m Session dates Jan. 5 – Feb. 9.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Next session Jan. 26 – Mar. 2.
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
An advanced 10-week parent education course. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Groups
La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups
11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05. Call or e-mail Alison at 393-4481, riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.
Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.
Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. www.child-splayonline.net
Planetarium Show at SMC's John Drescher Planetarium, 7:00 p.m. - Night Sky Show, 8:00 p.m. – featured program. \$5 adults, \$4 children. Pico and 17th St., 434-3000.

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me

Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; Playtime/Parent Support - 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881 for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise
Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Indoor Cycling, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

SATURDAY

Storytelling
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.
Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-BOOK.
Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.
826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info @825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Classes
YWCA – Toddler & Me - 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.; Parent Enrichment once per month , 11:00 a.m. – noon, call Barbara Olinger at 452-3881 for rates and dates.

Yoga & Exercise
Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicayoga.com
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:00 a.m., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Other
Cinderella at The Santa Monica Playhouse
Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m., thru Jan.29 , \$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicalopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

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Lakeshore Learning Stores "Free Crafts for Kids" – Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.
"A Faery Hunt" – 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! \$10, call for reservations – 818-324-6802. www.faeryhunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.

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Cinderella at The Santa Monica Playhouse
Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m., thru 29 , \$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com
Main Street Farmer's Market – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., corner of Main St. and Ocean Park Blvd. Pony rides, live music, lots of vendors and great family socializing.
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicalopolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

MONDAY

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Storytelling
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Toddler Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

Classes
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Yoga & Exercise
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Blacks more likely than whites to celebrate MLK

BY WILL LESTER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Blacks are more likely than whites to commemorate Martin Luther King’s birthday, an AP-Ipsos poll found. They’re also more inclined to harbor doubts about progress toward his dream of racial equality.

Three-fourths of Americans say there has been significant progress toward equality, but only 66 percent of blacks felt that way.

Racial integration has swept across much of American life, and blacks have gained economic ground since the height of the civil rights movement. Two decades ago,

the government established a federal holiday in honor of the slain civil rights leader.

On some measures such as annual income, blacks have closed the gap considerably with whites over the past few decades, census figures show. The progress for blacks may have stalled, however.

“People have opportunities, but things get in the way of those opportunities,” said Latoya Williams, a black mother of four in Norfolk, Va. “The way the economy is now, you’re working just to put a little food on the table. You just work, work, work yourself to death.”

Just under a fourth of the population said they planned to commemorate King’s birthday on Monday. A solid majority of blacks, 60 percent, said they would be involved.

“Participating in the march and in church services is a good time of fellowship and is important in keeping the dream alive,” said Aubrey Jones, a black deputy warden at a state prison near Macon, Ga.

Fewer than one in six whites, 15 percent, planned to commemorate the day, the poll found.

Sandy Smith, a white health care worker from Medford, Mass., said she likes to participate in services at work for King Day. “It honors somebody who contributed quite a bit to our culture,” she said.

All 50 states gradually recognized a King holiday. But only one-third of businesses offer a paid holiday, according to the Bureau of National Affairs.

Participation in the holiday was enhanced by legislation passed in 1994 establishing the day as one of service.

In many places, people will help with projects aimed to improve the community and help the needy.

Supporters of the holiday try to discourage businesses from using it as a marketing gimmick.

“Martin Luther King would turn over in his grave if he thought he was recognized by a day of shopping and rest,” said former Sen. Harris Wofford, D-Pa., who worked with Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., to establish the holiday as a day of service.

“The idea that it’s a day on and not a day off is catching on,” Wofford said. “But the King holiday is well short of what it needs to be.”

Some say the fight for racial equality has stalled.

“We’ve made great progress over the last 50 years,” said Julian Bond, national chairman of the NAACP. “Progress has always been stop-and-start, and sometimes backup. We’re in a holding pattern right now.”

Three-fourths of those polled say King should be honored with a federal holiday. Blacks almost unanimously favored that, according to the poll of 1,242 adults that included an oversample of blacks.

The poll, taken Monday through Thursday, has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Accusations that King committed adultery and plagiarized material in academic writings emerged in the years after the holiday was established. Those claims remind people that King had human failings despite his larger-than-life image as a hero of the civil rights movement, said William Boone, a political scientist at Clark Atlanta University.

“It does not diminish the mission he was on,” Boone said. “People now have a tendency to sanitize him, to make him more palatable to a broader spectrum of the American population.”

Worries turning to the war in Iraq

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felony charges in a Texas campaign finance investigation. He’s one of several lawmakers who were close to lobbyist Jack Abramoff. Abramoff lavished favors on lawmakers and is now cooperating with prosecutors after pleading guilty to corruption charges.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, sometimes mentioned as a possible 2008 presidential candidate, is under investigation by federal prosecutors in New York and by the Securities and Exchange Commission because of his handling of stock sales. U.S. Rep. Randy “Duke” Cunningham, R-Calif., pleaded guilty to accepting \$2.4 million in bribes.

“It’s a steady drumbeat,” said Walter Mebane, a professor of government at Cornell University. “People who aren’t political junkies may not follow the names, but they’re always hearing something about corrupt politicians in Washington.”

Neal Bowser, a carpet technician from Westchester, Pa., said the bribery scandals are his top concern now.

“Money seems to be corrupting the whole bottom line,” he said. “Our political leaders are not working for the people when they’re working for their own pockets.”

Public concern about the economy, while still relatively high, has been declining. About one in five, 21 percent, named economic issues as the top problem, down from 28 percent in July, according to the poll of 1,001 adults taken Jan. 3-5. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The economy has been bolstered by a strong housing sector, a rising stock market and relative strength in jobs. The Dow Jones Industrial Average crept above 11,000 last week before slipping a bit at week’s end.

Some still worry about the economy, however.

“I think the economy is still struggling now, and I won’t be surprised if it gets worse,” said Wes Byers, an engineer from Wellington, Colo. “I don’t think jobs are there like they used to be, especially better-paying jobs. There’s getting to be a bigger and bigger gap between low-income and high-income people.”

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

- Jan. 25, 7 p.m. — Singles’ night at Wild Oats with free lecture: sex, lies and how to connect. Relationship coach and author Rori Gwynne hosts the first singles’ night at Wild Oats on Wilshire Boulevard. Learn new ways to enjoy every romantic encounter, whether what you’re looking for is a partner for the evening or a partner for life. Free Wild Oats pizza provided.
 - Jan. 30, 7:15 p.m. — Overcome emotional eating. Julie M. Simon, M.A., M.B.A, M.F.T., covers not only the emotional and physiological aspects of eating, but also the cognitive and spiritual dimensions.
 - Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m. — Exercise therapy for pain relief. Learn how to correct your posture and eliminate pain through specific individualized exercises with Frank Titus, B.S., L.M.T. Frank has been in the field of exercise therapy for more than 10 years, educating people on how to take responsibility for their own pain relief.
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Musician Pete Doherty arrested

By The Associated Press

LONDON — Musician Pete Doherty, the some-time boyfriend of supermodel Kate Moss, has been arrested on suspicion of possessing drugs, days after pleading guilty to similar charges.

Doherty, lead singer with the group Babyshambles, was arrested Saturday while driving through east London, police said.

Officers were trying to flag down another car, but Doherty pulled over. His behavior “caught officers’ attention,” and the musician was arrested on suspicion of possessing illegal drugs and driving under the influence of drugs.

He was released on bail until a court appearance Feb. 2.

Doherty, whose relationship with Moss made him a tabloid newspaper staple, was arrested Nov. 30 and charged with possession of cocaine and heroin. He pleaded guilty last week and was released on bail.

Moss, 31, lost valuable modeling contracts with H&M, Burberry and Chanel after the Daily Mirror tabloid published pictures in September of her apparently using cocaine in a west London music studio where Doherty, then her boyfriend, was recording.

She later went into a rehabilitation clinic in Arizona and has since resumed her modeling career.

LOS ANGELES — The writers of “Syriana” and “Capote” will face a runoff vote after they tied for the University of Southern California Scriptor Award for best film adaptation of a book or short story.

The movies beat finalists “Brokeback Mountain,” “The Constant Gardener” and “A History of Violence.”

Another round of selection committee balloting will determine a single winner and results will be announced Jan. 18, organizers announced Friday.

“Capote,” based on the biography of writer Truman Capote by Gerald Clarke, was written by Dan Futterman. “Syriana,” a drama about oil

and politics, was based in part on the book “See No Evil” by former CIA agent Robert Baer and was scripted by Academy Award-winning writer Stephen Gaghan, who also directed.

The Scriptor Award has been bestowed since 1989 and is billed as the only honor that recognizes both author and screenwriter for a film adaptation.

LOS ANGELES — Anthony Hopkins says he thought Oliver Stone was kidding when the director first asked him to play Richard Nixon.

“I said, ‘I can’t play Nixon. I’m not an American,’” Hopkins said Sunday on ABC’s “This Week with George Stephanopoulos.”

“(Stone) said, ‘Well, I want you to do it.’ He said, ‘I think you understand his paranoia and his insecurity.’ I said, ‘Well, OK, but does that qualify me to play this?’ I think so.”

The British actor starred in the 1995 film “Nixon” and earned an Academy Award nomination for the role.

Hopkins was to receive the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievement at the 63rd annual Golden Globe awards Monday.

He won an Oscar for portraying Hannibal Lecter in “The Silence of the Lambs” and also was nominated for his portrayal of John Quincy Adams in the movie “Amistad.”

Hopkins said it’s important as an actor not to judge the characters portrayed.

“You don’t have to take a moral judgment because once you start judging the characters, you can’t play them,” he said.

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Ani DiFranco gave hundreds of people a first glimpse at her latest project: a Gothic revival church being transformed into a performance and art space.

The indie musician and owner of Righteous Babe Records has spearheaded a \$10 million restoration of the old church along with her manager.

More than 500 people got a first look inside “The Church” on Friday.

“A few years ago, when this space was much more raw, I did a little playing here, and I thought this is going to be a beautiful place to perform,” DiFranco told the invitation-only crowd.

The nearly completed performance space is expected to open in late spring.

NEW YORK — Emma Thompson’s husband restored a barn in Scotland that included a place for her to write, but the actress and screenwriter prefers the bathroom.

She also keeps her Oscars there.

“They look far too outre anywhere else,” Thompson, 46, told Time magazine. “They’re great big, gold, shiny things. They’re up there tarnishing quietly along with everything else I own, including my body.”

Thompson stars in and wrote the script for the upcoming film “Nanny McPhee,” the story of an ugly but magical child minder. She compared the movie to a western, with a stranger who rides in to a chaotic situation and uses unorthodox methods to sort things out before leaving.

“People say, ‘Is it like “Mary Poppins?”’ Actually, it’s like ‘Shane.’”

NEW YORK — Gail Sheehy, who tackles the sexuality of older women in her new book “Sex and the Seasoned Woman,” says adult children can be shocked at the idea of their mothers dating.

“There certainly are middle-aged children who have an oh-my-God, Mom’s-gone-wild reaction if Mom starts to date,” she told Time magazine. “But what they should recognize is that if Mom has a boyfriend, she won’t be nagging them about how they have to come to her for Christmas.”

Sheehy, 68, has been examining human behavior for three decades, including her breakthrough book “Passages.” She says she’s healthy, energetic, has a lively libido and a loving husband.

“So I hope I’ll live to 100. But if I don’t, I’ll die trying,” she said.

MOVIEGUIDE

Broadway Loews Cineplex
1441 Third St.
(310) 458-6232

Tristan & Isolde
2:15pm 5pm 7:45pm 10:30pm
King Kong
1pm 4:45pm 8:30pm
Walk the Line
1:15pm 4pm 4:10pm

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Hoodwinked
11:30am 1:50pm 4:10pm 6:30pm
8:50pm
Munich
11:20am 2:50pm 6:20pm 9:50pm
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
11am 4:40pm
The Ringer
2:20PM 8pm 10:20pm
Hostel
12pm 2:30pm 5pm 7:30pm 10:10pm
Last Holiday
1pm 4pm 7pm 10pm
Memoirs of a Geisha
12:30pm 3:40pm 7:10pm 10:50pm

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Cheaper by the Dozen 2
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9:40pm
Chronicles of Narnia
12:30pm 3:45pm 7pm 9:40pm
The Family Stone
2pm 4:30pm 7:15pm 10pm
Fun with Dick and Jane
12pm 2:35pm 5pm 7:25pm
9:50pm
Glory Road
11:30am 1:50pm 4:40pm 7:30pm
10:25pm
Grandma’s Boy
11:50am 2:20pm 4:55pm 7:20pm
10:10pm
Syriana
1:15pm 4:15pm 7:40pm 10:30pm

Nuwilshire Theatre
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
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Brokeback Mountain
12:15pm 3:45pm 7pm 10pm
Casanova
1pm 4:10pm 7:20pm 9:55pm

Laemmle 4-Plex Theatre
1332 Second St.
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Matchpoint
1pm 4pm 7pm 9:55pm
Mrs. Henderson Presents
1:45pm 4:30pm 7:10pm 9:45pm
Goodnight & Goodluck
1pm 3:15pm 5:30pm 7:50pm
10:10pm
Pride and Prejudice
1:30pm 4:25pm 7:20pm 10:10pm

MORE TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1806, Thomas Jefferson's daughter, Martha, gave birth to James Madison Randolph, the first child born in the White House.

In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70.

In 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Liliuokalani to abdicate.

In 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II.

In 1945, Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

In 1966, a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't found until April.)

In 1994, a 6.7-magnitude earthquake struck Southern California, killing at least 61 people and causing \$20 billion worth of damage.

In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe, Japan.

Ten years ago: Russian forces unleashed a scorching barrage of rockets on Chechen rebels in Pervomayskaya. Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and nine followers were handed long prison sentences for plotting to blow up New York-area landmarks. Former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan died in Austin, Texas, at age 59.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KARL HUBER aka HUBER, KARL J., HUBER C.
Case No. BP096169

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KARL HUBER aka HUBER, KARL J., HUBER C.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Mark J. Saladino, Public Administrator in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PRO-BATE requests that Mark J. Saladino, Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 10, 2006 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-ing of the petition, you should ap-pear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

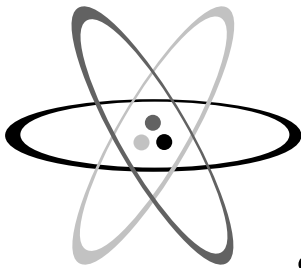
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