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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In June, a plaintiff's lawyer in the massive class-action litigation against asbestos manufacturers, under pressure from federal judge Janis Graham Jack of Houston, acknowledged that more than half of previous asbestos claims in one case appear to be fraudulent. The lawyer claims his clients contracted silicosis from asbestos exposure, but most of those same clients also claimed asbestosis from asbestos exposure, when experts say the two illnesses rarely exist simultaneously. Judge Jack found that one plaintiff's doctor, Ray Harron (who had given up his practice in order to interpret X-rays full-time, at \$125 each), had detected asbestosis (but no silicosis) in all 1,807 X-rays he saw, and then, only a few years later, detected silicosis (but no asbestosis) in the same 1,807 X-rays.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 24th day of 2006.
There are 341 days left in the year.

On Jan. 24, 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"God gives us relatives; thank God, we can choose our friends."

ADDISON MIZNER
AMERICAN ARCHITECT (1872-1933)

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Elana Sitrin, a volunteer from the environmental group Heal the Bay, gives instructions on Monday to 100 Wells Fargo representatives before they began removing trash from Santa Monica Beach. The volunteers were in Santa Monica on a board retreat.



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

FREE ELECTRICITY: City Hall is cutting off those who used outlets atop light posts for free electricity. It used to be a common site to see cellular phones and other electronic devices dangling along Ocean Front Walk.

City looks to cut cord on unauthorized use of juice

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH — For more than five years, those willing to climb lamp posts near the Santa Monica Pier were able to charge their cell phones, listen to radios and even brew a cup of coffee, all without having to spend one cent on electricity.

Not anymore.

On Monday morning, city officials cut the power to electrical outlets placed on lamp posts along Ocean Front Walk, a move that followed an inquiry from the Daily Press.

"We had no idea that (the lamp posts) were being used in that way," until City Hall was alerted to the free electricity usage last Friday, said Judy Franz, City Hall's spokeswoman.

The concrete lamp posts, 30 in all, were installed in October 1999 as part of a beach improvement project, according to Franz. They

"We had no idea that (the lamp posts) were being used in that way."

JUDY FRANZ

City Hall spokeswoman

were manufactured in Europe.

Franz said the outlets were included in the design to provide power for public events or decorative lighting such as Christmas lights.

There are similar outlets on lamp posts along the Third Street Promenade, but they still remain active because they do not pose the same problem as the posts near the beach, Franz said.

See POWER OUTAGE, page 10

Charting a course for city's future

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The fate of this city by the sea will be largely up for discussion today, as elected leaders brace for lengthy talks with residents about Santa Monica's next 20 years.

For residents with something to say about development, parking or traffic in Santa Monica over the next quarter century, tonight is the night to be heard by elected officials, who will soon be charting the city's future course.

The Santa Monica City Council

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LOCAL

Cleaner water on tap with treatment plant

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public.)

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — In efforts to protect the water quality of the Santa Monica Bay, the City Council is expected tonight to move forward with a plan to spend more than \$3 million on a new water treatment system, to be built beneath Ocean Avenue near Palisades Park.

The treatment system, which will include two underground water-collection and processing sites, is intended to

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Continue to eye a situation not only from your perspective but also from others'. Understanding can help you gain and grow much more than you realize. Investigate other ways to make a point or to be heard. Be dramatic! Tonight: Movie or music.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might want to allow someone else to have the control you desire. Not everything falls as you would like, but you will learn to adjust and flourish. Your ability to understand others can and will make a difference in the long run. Tonight: Go along with someone's wish.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You might want one thing, but someone else might need another. A conflict that is unnecessary could start out of the blue. Let others have their way. Investigate possibilities rather than make decisions. Tonight: Go with others' plans.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Dig into work and accomplish as much as you can. You could feel overwhelmed by what you need to do. Listen to someone's ideas. Unexpected insights come through conversations and discussions. Tonight: Go with the flow until you are too tired to do otherwise.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Sometimes you might have a difficult time deciding which way to go within a partnership. Truth be told, you aren't always sure. Consider that your expectations get you into trouble most of the time. Tonight: Express your playful personality.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You might not realize the implications of a conversation. When someone does a total reversal, consider following suit. Working with others takes talent and a willingness to listen. Adapt and verify information. Tonight: Listen to someone else.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Use the p.m. to share news and ask questions. You could get a phenomenal amount of news. You might be surprised by your own resourcefulness if you listen to others. One idea leads to another. Your schedule could fall apart! Tonight: Hang out.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Use the morning to further a key enterprise or project. You will be a lot happier if you go with the flow. Someone else's feelings might be more on-target about an investment. Air out the possibilities. Tonight: Your treat.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You bloom in the afternoon, as the Moon slides into your sign. You enjoy yourself wherever you go. Listen to a family member who acts in a most unexpected way. Learn more and understand the people in your life better. Tonight: Beam in what you want.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Design your morning for people-oriented tasks. You need to rethink a plan in the afternoon. You might need to deal with an unexpected event or insight. You could be uncomfortable with what comes up. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your take-charge attitude could draw an unexpected reaction from someone. You might want to talk with a friend or a group of associates. With their help, you will understand more of what is going on. Tonight: Find your pals.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Your reactive attitude could shake up others and, in the long run, you as well. Visit and share more of what you want from others. Verify news heading in your direction. You might have mixed feelings. Be aware of others. Remember your priorities. Tonight: Could be late.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

RAND study: Few are prepared for terrorist attack

By Daily Press staff

Just one-third of Los Angeles County residents have prepared for the aftermath of a terrorist attack, with the highest levels of preparation among African Americans and Latinos, according to a report issued Monday by researchers from the Santa Monica-based RAND Corporation, UCLA and Los Angeles County.

Few people have either stockpiled emergency supplies or developed a family response plan, even though nearly 60 percent of those surveyed expected the region to be struck by a terrorist attack in the year ahead, according to researchers from RAND Health, UCLA’s David Geffen School of Medicine and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

The study will be published in the January edition of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine. The findings are based on an analysis of data from the Los Angeles Health Survey directed by Los Angeles County.

Researchers analyzed responses from a survey of 1,038 county residents and found that 37 percent had either gathered emergency supplies or developed a family plan in anticipation of a terrorist attack. More people had gathered supplies (28 percent) than had prepared plans (17 percent).

Although other studies have suggested ethnic minority groups may be less likely to prepare for disasters, researchers found that about 37 percent of Latinos and 31 percent of African Americans reported they had gathered emergency supplies, compared with only 21 percent of whites and 19 percent of Asian Americans.

About 28 percent of African Americans said they had prepared an emergency plan — compared with 17 percent of Asian Americans, 16 percent of Latinos and 14 percent of whites. Other groups that were more likely to have taken some precautions for a terrorist attack included immigrants, households that include children, and people who have physical disabilities. Researchers say African Americans and Latinos in Los Angeles may be motivated to be prepared for terrorist attacks by beliefs that their communities will receive fewer services when disaster strikes.

In addition, many immigrants — a category including many Latinos from Central America — have experienced natural disasters and political strife in their homelands, which may instill an interest in being personally prepared for disasters.

“There needs to be more investment in getting specific communities and groups of people to prepare for disasters in this post-9/11, post-Katrina world,” said Dr. David Eisenman, a researcher at RAND and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA who is the lead author of the study.

“Despite a consensus that Los Angeles is a likely target for terrorists, few of us have taken steps to prepare for the consequences of an attack,” Eisenman added. “We need to better understand what motivates people to plan ahead, and use that knowledge to encourage all groups to be better prepared for terrorist attacks or other disasters.”

RAND researchers analyzed results from a series of questions about preparing for a terrorist attack that were asked as part of the Los Angeles County Health Survey, a periodic study that asks a group of county residents about a wide range of health issues. The data used in the RAND study was collected from October 2002 to February 2003. The original survey, conducted by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, was funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The study analysis was conducted in the public interest and supported by RAND using discretionary funds made possible by the generosity of its donors and the fees earned on client-funded research.

Increasing individual preparedness for disasters, including large-scale terrorist attacks, is a significant concern for public officials. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has issued guidelines for actions that individuals should take to prepare for the aftermath of a terrorist attack.

In addition, efforts have been made in California to urge residents to stockpile food and other supplies that might be necessary in the event of a large earthquake that cuts off power and water supplies.

“After the next big earthquake, we will all need food and water for at least three days until FEMA or other assistance arrives,” Eisenman said. “The threat of a terrorist attack should be another matter that motivates people in Los Angeles to improve their planning for a disaster.”

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS

DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM

BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	12"-12"	8:00am - 4:00pm	12	9/12

CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	96" - 120"	8:30am - 4:00pm	35	6/6

CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	144" - 168"	8:30 am - 4:00 pm	150	27/28

CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	12"-12"	8:00 am - 10:00 pm	15	8/16

CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	12"-12"	8:00 am - 4:30 pm	4	2/4

CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	12"-24"	8:00 am - 4:30 pm	16	13/14

CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	12"-18"	8:30 am - 4:00 pm	8	5/11

CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 56°

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SWELL FORECAST (3-5 FT)

Today is another small NW swell fills in, keeping size in the waist to chest high range with some pluses at standouts. Tuesday may also be a bit blustery.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

Moderate NW swells through Wednesday...
Shorter period NW late in the week...
Tracking NW swell for the 30th...
Strong wind event on tap..

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

SATURDAY	LOW TIDE:	8:21AM	2.1FT	6:35PM	1.7FT
HIGH TIDE:	1:38AM	4.2FT	1:12PM	2.9FT	

SUNDAY	LOW TIDE:	10:09AM	1.7FT	7:24PM	2.1FT
HIGH TIDE:	2:23AM	4.4FT	3:32PM	2.4FT	

MONDAY	LOW TIDE:	11:29AM	1FT	8:26PM	2.5FT
HIGH TIDE:	3:18AM	4.6FT	6:24PM	2.5FT	

TUESDAY	LOW TIDE:	12:22PM	0.3FT	10:12PM	2.7FT
HIGH TIDE:	4:17AM	5.0FT	7:27PM	2.9FT	

WEDNESDAY	LOW TIDE:	1:05AM	-0.4FT	11:31PM	2.6FT
HIGH TIDE:	5:13AM	5.5FT	7:58PM	3.2FT	

THURSDAY	LOW TIDE:	1:44PM	-1.1FT	N/A	
HIGH TIDE:	6:06AM	6.0FT	8:27PM	3.5FT	

FRIDAY

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The Q Line

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Local officials are critical of a new report, released by the National Coalition for the Homeless, that ranks Santa Monica as the ninth “meanest” U.S. city toward homeless people due to its anti-homeless laws. Pointing to the myriad homeless services offered in Santa Monica, some officials are questioning the methodology behind the report.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, “How well do you think Santa Monica treats its homeless population relative to other cities?”

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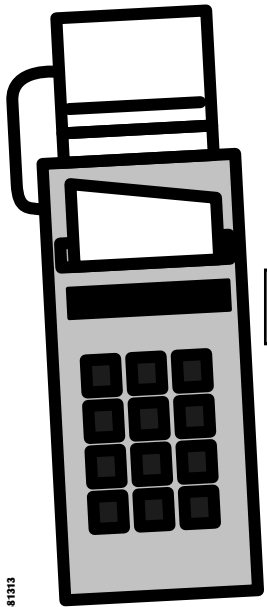


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Emergency shelters should be for emergencies**Editor:**

I would like to respond to Mathew Millen's letter (SMDP, Jan. 9, page 4), which commented on my opinion piece: "Give them shelter, not leave them in the streets."

I wrote that we need to have a large emergency shelter near downtown Santa Monica if police are to be able to enforce existing and future ordinances forbidding sleeping overnight in our streets and parks. Millen replied that Samoshel, an Olympic Boulevard homeless shelter, run by Ocean Park Community Center, is such a shelter. However, persons working or living in that shelter told me that all the beds there are reserved for up to six months, and there is a waiting list to get in.

That is not my idea of an emergency shelter. An emergency shelter is a place where, in case of a true emergency, such as an approaching stampede of buffalo, or a storm resembling an arctic blizzard, all persons who have no other shelter for the night are welcome, no matter how late they arrive. No one is turned away. They all squeeze in somehow, even if there are not enough cots or mattresses for all of them.

We need a changed mindset, which then could lead fairly easily to a Santa Monica that looks like this in the near future:

A person bedding down for the night in the park or on the sidewalk is not an every-day event; it is an emergency, even if there is no approaching herd of buffalo or arctic storm. This person has nowhere to sleep. He is not going to sleep outside tonight in our city. No how, no way. The ordinances against it are strictly enforced by a group of dedicated and determined police officers. He had better go to the emergency shelter, because if he is caught bedding down outside again, the police will take him to jail or to a hospital. The emergency shelter is an essential element of this scenario. The police cannot reasonably make someone leave the park or the sidewalk if there is no place for him to go.

Millen says that many homeless persons do not want to avail themselves of shelters or assistance programs. He is also concerned that building more shelters here will make Santa Monica more of a magnet for the homeless than it is currently. I would like to address these points together.

I agree that probably many homeless persons do not want to be "tied down" to appointments with agencies that might help them, and prefer sleeping under the stars to staying in a shelter, particularly if the shelter is crowded. Those with significant mental illness may avoid shelters because they are uncomfortable being around other people. For this reason, a large emergency shelter, if combined with an expanded detail of police who would make it difficult for homeless persons to sleep outdoors in Santa Monica, might actually be a repellent rather than a magnet for many homeless persons.

As Frank Burton explained in his letter (SMDP, Jan. 4, page 4), the U.S. Supreme Court's 1975 decision forbidding the placing of a mentally ill person in a hospital against his will if he can survive outside one has resulted in a sizable number of mentally ill persons being free to be homeless, which is not a satisfactory result.

Santa Monica and other cities, however, do not have to allow the mentally ill or anyone else to sleep in their parks and streets, or on their beaches. On this I agree with the Daily Press' editorial, "Make the homeless uncomfortable" (SMDP, Oct. 28, page 5).

If cities are vigilant in stopping people from sleeping outdoors, then more of those suffering from substance dependence and other mental illness will accept treatment, as well as housing and income assistance. They will learn that they must have incomes in order to have the kind of freedom they want, unless they want to live as survivalists in wilderness areas.

Millen is also concerned about the costs of a new shelter and an expanded detail of police for the homeless. He does not feel that Santa Monica's low-income tenants, in particular, should have to bear the costs. I could not agree more. Surely, for the portion of funding that would need to be raised locally, our city government could find a way to make a tax increase that would not affect low-income residents.

Our city includes 90402, which according to a Forbes' Web site is the most expensive residential zip code in LA County and the 12th most expensive in the nation. We also have many high-end shops, restaurants, hotels and beach clubs. A progressive tax increase would affect mainly our wealthiest residents and businesses. To twist George Bush, Sr.'s words, we have the wallet; now we just need the will.

The data recently released by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority indicate that Los Angeles County has about 90,000 homeless persons, prompting Mayor Villaraigosa to declare, "This is the capital of homelessness in America." For whatever reason, we do seem to have more than our fair share of homeless persons here in Southern California.

Santa Monica may have to pay more for homeless services than most other cities in the nation do, but we can comfort ourselves by remembering that we pay less for heating and air-conditioning, due to our mild climate.

If we ask the wealthier members of our community to pay more for programs and facilities addressing homelessness, we also can remind them that reducing the blight of homeless persons and their filth on our streets and parks will make the city more attractive to residents and to the visitors on whom businesses depend, in addition to helping ultimately the homeless themselves.

David Sirkin, M.D.
Santa Monica

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WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA

I think the whole death industry is fascinating, scary, altruistic and predatory. It makes a great investment. I've watched Service Corporation International for years. They've consistently grown their business by buying up those little mortuaries like Little Chapel of the Dawn and applying big business efficiencies of scale to them.

I don't like cemeteries from a land use perspective. I see no need to take good land and dedicate it to the dead, thus making it unusable for any other purpose. I understand that they serve historical purposes, fill a societal need to honor the leaders and martyrs of our society, and occasionally can be educational.

Cemeteries have an odd mix of uses. On the one hand they are usually quiet, good places to read a book and are an interesting storybook of our history. Some cemeteries are famous and evoke images of valor and honor such as Arlington National. Others are ramshackles, falling into disrepair plots of land that serve only as vague reminders of past civilizations.

Each society has its own relationship to cemeteries. Some prefer large ornate above ground mausoleums, others are really no more than a patch of ground where bodies are buried to return to the earth from whence they came.

In the Philippines, graves are only rented. Once the rent goes unpaid, the plot is opened and the bones removed, only to be re-rented to some other family.

Each religion has its own relationship to death and the treatment of the body after life. In the Jewish and Muslim faiths, speedy burial precedes a long period of mourning that is very ritualized. Cremation is disallowed for the devout Jews and Muslims, but preferred in Hindu.

Even in America we have a wide divergence of opinions on what should be done with the dead. In the Midwest, open casket funerals are more common than on the coasts. In Caucasian families, cremations are growing in acceptance, but in Hispanic families the opulent and hence expensive, funeral is preferred.

The average funeral costs about \$7,000 and the average cremation is \$1,200. The most expensive part of a funeral for most people is the casket. I don't understand caskets. Why take perfectly good wood, satin and metal, put a body in it that is only going to decay and rot, and then plant the whole thing in a concrete box, that then gets buried underground? Caskets costs from a few hundred dollars, which can be bought at bargain retailers like Costco, to the extremely ornate which costs in the tens of thousands.

Funeral directors like to take advantage of a person's vulnerability at a time of loss and they couch it in terms of appearing concerned and caring. But let's face it, when you are planting a loved one in the ground, in a box, do you really need a 25- to 50-year warranty on the casket? How do you know if the casket "leaked" and

how do you make a claim on that warranty?

Let's not forget the "protective seal." What are you protecting them from? Anyone who thinks about the natural process of decay knows that the body is going to disintegrate. Selling someone in the midst of grief a "protective seal" is upselling at its finest.

I have had an interesting relationship with funerals, funeral directors and the death industry. When I was a kid, my father worked for Gates, Kingsley, Gates as a salesman for about two months. He was the guy who would go out to the convalescent homes and do the pre-planning, and occasionally he would have to process the papers for the people who died and just wanted to be cremated. I can still remember him telling my brother about how the company called it a "box 'em and burn 'em" call.

When I was in law school I was doing paralegal work and one of my jobs was to summarize deposition transcripts of witnesses in the Pasadena Lamb Funeral Home murders. The stories that were told of contests to see how many bodies could be cremated at the same time, gold teeth being kept in a Styrofoam cup that was collected from the corpses and then sold, along with other more gruesome events, made me ever cautious about the industry as a whole.

I believe in cremation. I asked my law partner what he wanted done with him when he died. In typical fisherman fashion he said, "You can stuff me in a mackerel and feed me to the fishes." I told him I'd have to charge him, and that there has to be a joke in there somewhere of a lawyer, charging another lawyer to be fed to the sharks.

In Santa Monica, we are getting a rare glimpse into the worlds of cemeteries, funeral directors and the unsettling economics of the industry thanks to the current legal problems with Woodlawn Cemetery. It appears that Michael Steen did nothing criminal. I find it curious that he wanted to sell plots in a "Court of Honor," but at least it wasn't bad business.

The problems at Woodlawn show why cemeteries don't make financial sense. As a city we are subsidizing Woodlawn because it loses money. That means that living Santa Monica residents are paying the rent for the dead, while our schools go underfunded. That seems like a waste to me.

Cemeteries have irrational economics. They are controlled by statute as to what they can and cannot do. They must have trust funds and if you think about it, eventually they don't make sense. They have only so much land to sell, and once it's all sold, there needs to be a new income source, or the city must pick up the cost.

We don't have enough resources in this city to fund all its needed operations for the living, let alone the dead, so perhaps that "Court of Honor" is not such a bad idea after all.

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Reading fine print paints different story



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

(Editor's note: Due to an editing error, the footnotes — crucial to the context and satire of this column — were omitted in the publication of *Modern Times*, which appeared in the SMDP's Jan. 21-22 edition.)

The latest literary controversy involves the best seller, "A Million Little Pieces," a memoir by James Frey. It's supposed to be an inspirational tale about Frey's battles with drugs, alcohol, and the law, and his turning his life around. The only problem is that Frey made up many of the details in his "memoir." In recent years, other writers, historians, and journalists were discovered to have fabricated things that they had passed off as facts. Those writers were scandalized, and often lost their jobs or even their careers. The difference this time is in the reaction to the discovery of the fraud: Instead of the many fans of the book being outraged by Frey, they seem to be angrier with those who have exposed him. Their reaction is that it's "close enough" to the truth, so don't make a big deal about it.

But the truth is a big deal. And let's face it, it's not all that hard to tell the truth. I'll prove it to you right here. I'm going to be completely truthful with you in this column.

Back when I was at Harvard Law School,¹ I was impressed by the value given to telling the truth. And while working with Steven Spielberg as he put the finishing touches on "Schindler's List,"² I was amazed by how important it was to Spielberg for every frame of the film to be truthful. Sometimes, while exercising I see the importance of truth. Just the other day, while I was working out with two-time Oscar winner, Hillary Swank,³ I had one of those moments of clarity.

Frey's book has been the No. 1 nonfiction paperback best seller on the New York Times list for weeks. (At this point, in the spirit of full disclosure, I should mention that I have a long-standing relationship with the New York Times)⁴. It became a big success after Oprah Winfrey touted it on her show and it became a selection of her "book club." (Once again, in my attempt at being completely truth-

ful, I should mention that I have been a guest on Oprah's show).⁵

Now that it's been revealed that the memoir is not completely non-fiction, Oprah has surprisingly stood behind the writer. She's declared that the discrepancies between the book and the truth are "much ado about nothing."⁶ This is Oprah Winfrey talking. If fudging and telling lies is okay with Oprah, who's going to mess with the truth next? The president?⁷

Maybe we're so used to accepting lies in our everyday life, that we aren't particularly upset by something like Frey's book. Our politicians lie to us, and we barely blink. Viewers know "reality TV" isn't reality, but they watch it anyway. And we tell "little lies" every day: "Your hair looks great." "No, it's delicious. I'm just not very hungry." "I was just about to call you."⁸ We rationalize these lies as things we say so that we don't hurt other people's feelings, or sometimes it's just "easier" than telling the truth. But isn't it possible that we are so used to hearing and telling these little lies every day that we allow ourselves to tell and be told bigger ones?

If you believe that some of us are being too picky when it comes to the truth, then you also probably believe that this column is just as valid without the footnotes as with them.⁹

So, let's see just how hard it is to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Let's "just say no" to lying.¹⁰ We'll declare today "National Truth Day." Let's all try to tell the truth for 24 hours.¹¹ Will we alienate our friends? Will we lose our jobs? Will we incriminate ourselves?¹²

Let's see what happens. Write me and tell me how it went for you. If it works out for a day, maybe soon we'll try it for a week or even longer. One good thing is that if each of us tells the truth, we won't have to wonder if the other guy is lying to us. But best of all, maybe we'll feel better about ourselves. I think there is some real value in taking those words of Shakespeare seriously: "... to thine own self be true" — "Hamlet."¹³

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¹ Once I visited my friend, Ralph, who was a student there. ² Spielberg was simultaneously working on "Schindler's List" while executive producing "The Flintstones." I was one of the many uncredited writers on "The Flintstones." ³ Actually, we just happened to be exercising at the same time and place. I was walking on the bike path and she was running in the opposite direction. ⁴ The relationship consists of my subscribing, and their delivering the paper to my house. ⁵ I really was. I was on the show about 15 years ago because of a piece I had written for Newsweek about "Nintendo addiction." Why she didn't choose that to be part of her 25th anniversary celebration, I'll never know. Maybe it was my sports jacket. ⁶ Although it may have been assigned to me in high school, I don't recall ever having read Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing." ⁷ I know. Cheap shot. ⁸ I really was just about to call you. ⁹ I admit that some of my passion about this is because I'm excited that I figured out how to do footnotes on my computer. ¹⁰ This is in no way affiliated specifically with the "just say no" to drugs movement or to Nancy Reagan, in general. ¹¹ It won't count if you nap for 10 hours. ¹² I've broken no laws. ¹³ I did read "Hamlet" — although I don't think I got a great grade on the paper.



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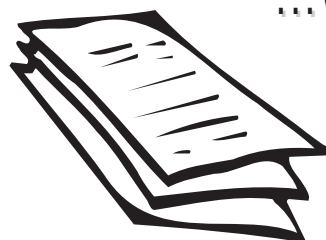
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COMMENTARY

Girl, interrupted: Roles are made to be broken



ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL

I played a mean Martin Luther in Sunday school.

In a town swimming with celebrities and storms of wannabees with floaties grabbing at their heels, you'd think I'd be bitten by the bug.

And why not when nearly every young twenty- or thirty-something in the gym is dropping industry names like a baby dumps doo-doo. Babies poop a lot, by the way.

A friend told me, as a medical resident, she gives new moms the low down about how much poop, pee and burping to expect when taking their darlings home. People think she's an expert on this, but really she smartly memorized the info sheet.

Ah, it's all about lines. In all modestly, I've always been extremely good at memorizing. And how helpful the capitals of South America sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" have been for me.

And since you're asking about my acting, I must say I do have quite an illustrious resume.

You may remember me as Martin Luther in the third grade production of "Down With Indulgences" coming to a Lutheran Church near you. Sure I was 8 years old, but the passion and energy was all there. "Here I tack these theses on the wall." That was not a popular tongue twister back then.

Then there was my breakout acting of Winnie the Pooh in the eighth grade production of Pooh himself. My lines were comprised of "But I thought," "honey is good," and "Oh brother" spoken with the intensity of a rambling snail.

There was also the fact that I grew

seven inches the year before, making me by far the most rail-like Pooh Bear ever to be in existence.

In short, I was simply amazing.

You can just look back at the myriad of home movies I forced friends into doing every Saturday afternoon in elementary. The story line was musing and complex, as it always focused on a woman's wallet getting stolen.

Sometimes an elf stole it, sometime the Little Mermaid — no one quite new what the story would be.

And who could forget my solo about barley and potat-ers at 16 in Oklahoma!? I know I can't.

But after my role of Helen of Troy in college where I ran around looking at mirrors, slapping my butt and singing "I feel pretty," I felt my acting career winding down.

Sure it was fun being carried around by Trojans and watching men invade a town because I was so fricken vain. But I started to wonder if there wasn't more to life than ordering peasants and eating plastic grapes.

I had been a child actor for as long as I could remember. I needed time to live a real life, and not have people always hounding me for my fourth grade Lincoln reenactment every moment of the day.

I needed to be myself, a life that acting would never let me have.

That is why I took a job at Wiener Platz as Heidi the hopping hotdog. Here people know me for me, and not my craft. I can talk to them as myself in a hotdog outfit, and that is so refreshing in a town that's all about being someone else.

Sure I miss acting every now and then, but I just hop a little bit higher and hurl flyers with a bit more intensity at customers, and I come back to my acting roots again.

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‘No growth’ also on the table amid talks

GENERAL PLAN, from page 1

is expected to choose tonight three of five concepts, one of which will ultimately become the city’s blueprint for its new general plan.

The discussion was postponed during a City Council meeting earlier this month in which more than 50 public speakers signed up to express their views on the five scenarios.

To expedite that meeting, elected leaders opted to re-schedule the discussion for today.

Santa Monica Mayor Bob Holbrook said he’s looking forward to the discussion and hasn’t decided yet which scenario, or combination of them, may be best for Santa Monica.

He hopes that whatever direction the City Council pursues, it minimizes the number of residents who move to the city.

“I’m wide open to hearing all of the options,” Holbrook said. “Some population growth may be inevitable, but my vision is not for a markedly denser city.”

Meanwhile, some Santa Monica residents planning to speak on Tuesday said they will be expressing to the council a similar desire for restricted growth.

At issue is what’s referred to as the “land use” and “circulation” policy documents that lay out the vision for Santa Monica’s built and moving environment, governing everything from specific development projects to how particular neighborhoods and transportation lines should grow and be used. The land use and circulation elements are part of the city’s general plan, which last underwent an overhaul in 1984.

The process is expected to be complete by the summer of 2007. City Hall’s zoning ordinance, which is the practical implementation of its policies, also will be re-written in the process.

The goal is to produce “a clear, accessible and easily administered zoning ordinance that can be understood by all,” according to city documents.

The concepts to be considered for further study include: Building more around the city’s neighborhoods; building more along the city’s current commercial corridors; building “downtown/uptown” districts that would re-develop Bergamot Station to support more cultural and medical uses; studying a “status quo” plan that would project what might happen in Santa Monica if current zoning isn’t changed; and, lastly, looking at how a “no growth” policy might affect the city.

The Friends of Sunset Park, a neighborhood group, recently sent a letter to the City Council about the city’s growth plan. In it, the neighborhood group referred to a survey they conducted in which their local residents indicated their No. 1 concern was traffic.

As a result of that survey response, the neighborhood group’s board has taken a position opposing all large developments in Santa Monica unless the impact of traffic on neighborhoods could be mitigated.

The neighborhood group’s board discussed on Jan. 5 the alternative development scenarios outlined for the City Council’s discussion. One of the neighborhood group’s concerns is that information about how many additional residents or workers each scenario would draw isn’t indicated in reports. As a result, it’s difficult for residents to know what the trade-offs for each of the scenarios would be.

According to the reports, the purpose of the neighborhood centers’ concept

would be to reinforce a town-scale community that would allow residents to access local services through non-motorized transportation, according to city staff. That means there would be some growth along some of Santa Monica’s major boulevards. The eastern portion of the city’s light manufacturing and studio district would transition into a new mixed-use neighborhood center around the planned light rail stop at Bergamot Station. Parcel sizes in that area would reflect Santa Monica’s existing neighborhood streets and existing traffic grid.

On a personal note, Zina Josephs, president of the neighborhood group, indicated the “neighborhood centers” concept had some appeal for her because it would focus on resident needs, easier mobility, and improved community living.

“The pedestrian friendly aspects of the neighborhood centers would appeal to residents if the centers didn’t also bring the higher building and traffic congestion with them,” Josephs said.

The purpose of the grand boulevards’ concept would be to build on Santa Monica’s existing commercial corridors and focus development in those areas, including Wilshire, Santa Monica, Ocean Park, Pico and Lincoln boulevards. Under that scenario, Main and 26th streets, Ocean Park Boulevard and Montana Avenue would continue to support local needs, but also serve regional visitors. There would still be some growth near Bergamot Station, and the eastern portion of the city, but not for housing, according to a city staff report.

The purpose of the uptown/downtown concept focuses future growth within two primary districts — downtown and a newly-created uptown district at Bergamot Station. The amount of commercial activity in the Bergamot Station district would extend northwest toward Saint John’s Health Care Center, providing more medically-related services. It also would balance galleries, office and discount retail stores with apartments and condominiums, making the amount of activity in that area second only to downtown.

The purpose of the status quo concept would be to understand what the long-term impact would be if City Hall stuck to its current general plan and zoning. City staff expects that if the status quo were maintained, Santa Monica would continue to have unlimited demand for housing, little demand for office space and little to no demand for industrial uses.

The purpose of the no growth concept — which was requested to be reviewed by the city’s planning commission — would study the implications of not allowing any growth in the city. Such a study may be considered along with the three alternatives that are chosen, according to reports.

The information to be compiled would explain the cultural, economic, legal, and physical results of such a policy.

City Councilman Richard Bloom said he prefers to limit growth in Santa Monica to current areas where growth is concentrated.

“My focus has always been and will continue to be protecting the residential neighborhoods from over development,” Bloom said. “Future development should be concentrated downtown or on the corridors, which I believe would demand that more attention be paid to infrastructure.



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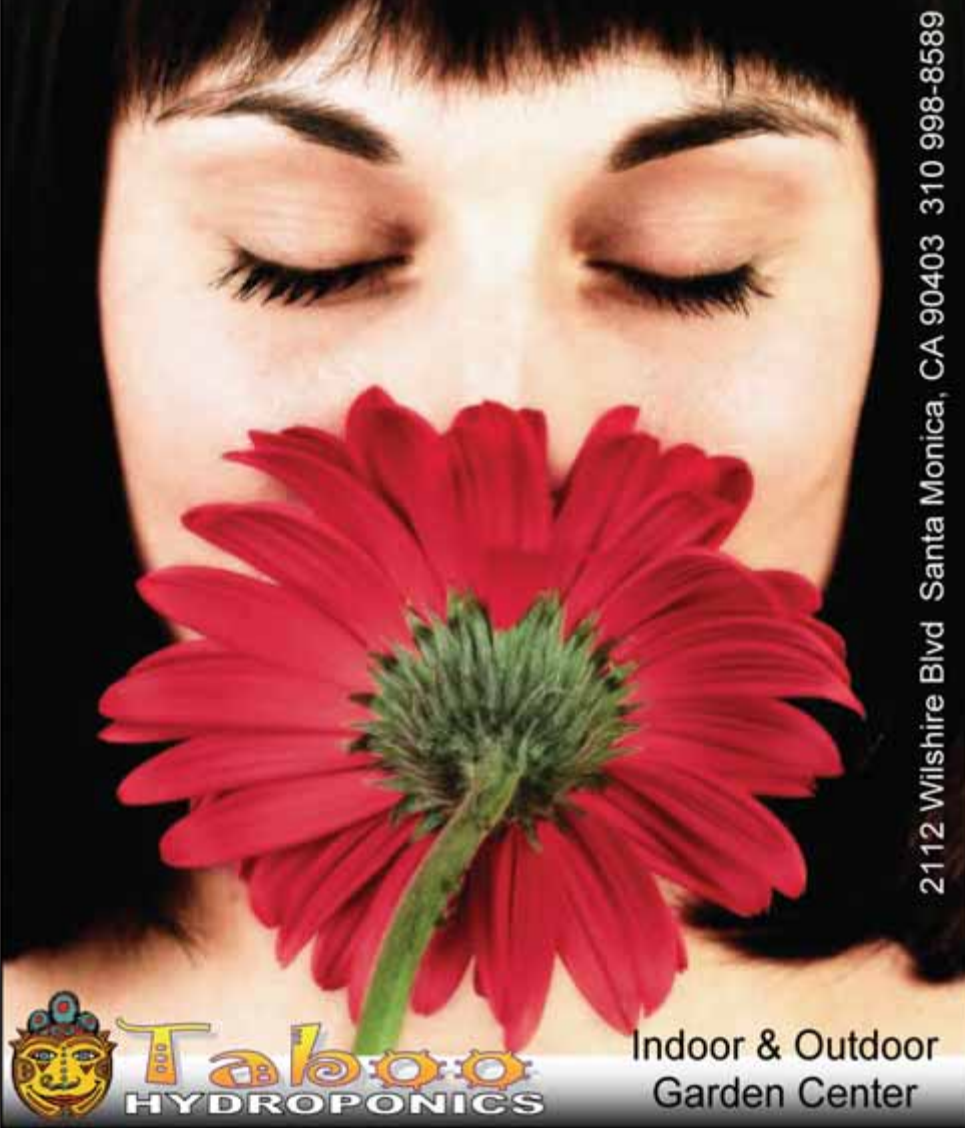
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For the rest of us, helping a child learn to sleep through the night is a matter of calm and caring repetition. Establish a routine along the following lines: When you first hear her cry, wait one or two minutes — watch the clock on this as it feels like an hour. If she’s still crying, pick her up and soothe her with calm words and phrases like, “You’re safe now. It’s nighttime. Everyone’s asleep.” Keep it simple and to the point. If you’re breast-feeding, nurse her and return her gently to the crib. If you’re not, a few minutes in a glider/rocker should help.

When she wakes again — and she will, we all do — repeat the same pattern over and over again. Eventually, her little body will begin to relax when it wakes and let you get some well-deserved sleep. Good luck.

— Dorie

(Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program. 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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GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOEL FUHRMAN, M.D.

‘Green soup’ is miracle worker

Dear Dr. Fuhrman,

I thought you might like to hear a story related to your vegetable soup and your nutritional advice you gave me for our son, who is our track star.

When you started treating our daughter for migraines, our son decided to apply proper eating toward his track program. Every day, he eats your vegetable soup, or what our kids have now renamed the “green” soup. Well he had an amazing spring track season and we would jokingly say it was the green soup. His track friends and teammates found out about it and decided they wanted the soup. It is now cross-country season and two of his teammates asked to come for dinner the night before yesterday’s meet and have green soup, sweet potatoes and pasta. So the three boys ate us out of house and home, hoping the green soup would work its magic. Well, yesterday the boys had their first meet and won. It was not even close. Not only did they win, but their times were great. When they recovered from the run, they came over to me all excited and said it was the soup. They have now decided they would like to have green soup parties instead of pasta parties before big meets. Two other moms came to me and asked for the recipe. I found it all pretty entertaining, but hey, who knows maybe we’re on to something.

Actually, all three of these young men are amazing athletes who have trained hard for months and I do think they would have done well yesterday without the soup, but if it gets them to eat right let there be soup!

Very best,
Janine Kroner

Here is the version of Dr. Fuhrman's soup recipe that Janine uses:

- Kale and collards
- Swiss chard
- Broccoli rabe
- 3 stalks leeks
- Broccoli sprouts
- Mushrooms diced
- 3 carrots, diced
- 3 parsnips, diced

- 4 zucchini
- Spit peas 1/2 cup
- Lentils 1/2 cup
- Adzuki beans 1/2 cup
- 3 onions
- celery juice 10 oz.
- carrot juice 20 oz.
- 30 oz water

Dr. Fuhrman’s VegiZest

- Fill large pot with water, juices, and two tablespoons of VegiZest.
- Put peeled onions, unpeeled zucchinis, carefully cleaned leeks and beans in large pot, and simmer until zucchinis, leeks and onions are soft enough to blend or food process.
- While waiting for veggies to soften in pot, blend or food process all other ingredients until smooth. Use half of the bunches of greens.
- You will need a big bowl to put them in while waiting for zucchini, onions and leeks to soften for food processing.
- When zucchini, onions and leeks are soft, blend or food process them.
- Put everything in the pot and simmer on low for one and a half hours.

Making green soup takes some time but if you have a really big pot you can cook two weeks' worth at once. If you can't find or are missing an ingredient or two it really will not matter.

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Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

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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.

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

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 - 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.

Classes

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.

Yoga & Exercise

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.

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.

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. Session dates 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.santamonica-yoga.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

Magiopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

Precious Prints – Ceramic Heirlooms for a Lifetime

Second Saturday every month at The Pump Station, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.preciousprintsstudios.com for more info.

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.

SUNDAY

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

Magiopolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

MONDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups

9:30 a.m. – for children born 1/04 – 9/04; call or email Alison at 393-4481/riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling

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

Baby Time – 9:30 a.m. Storytelling for babies up to age two. Followed by Family Connections. Joslyn Park Craft Room, 633 Kensington Rd.

Family Connections – 10:00 a.m. Learn about child development, family relationships and many other parenting topics from well-respected experts in fields related to early childhood development and growth. This series is presented FREE! by the SMMUSD's Infant and Family Support Program. This is a great chance for moms with young babies to socialize and meet other moms. For moms with babies up to age two. Come at 9:30 a.m. for Baby Time Storytelling. Joslyn Park Craft Room, 633 Kensington Rd.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.;

“Playtime – A combination play time and parent support time”, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

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.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:30 – 2:00 pm, \$15



Big Blue steps lively over to Broadway

CONSENT, from page 1

capture urban runoff from storm drains, remove pollutants and release the cleansed water back into the area's watershed.

New federal, state and local regulations requiring more pollution to be removed have forced City Hall to rely on a sustainable watershed approach rather than the prior "end-of-the-pipe" approach, prompting the construction of the new treatment system, a city staff report states.

The sites will be located where Montana Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard intersect with Ocean Avenue.

The majority of the money for construction — \$3,162,000 — will come from grants, some of which the City Manager's office will be ordered tonight to negotiate, and the remaining \$38,000 will be paid for with city funds allocated for storm drain improvement.

On-going maintenance for the two treatment sites will cost approximately \$5,000 each per year.

The City Council is expected to grant full approval of the project within the next few weeks.

BIG BLUE BUS LOOKS FOR CONVENIENCE

Bus riders may not have the blues anymore when trying to get information on the Big Blue Bus.

Following complaints that the temporary customer service center — located at 1660 Seventh St. near Olympic Boulevard and the 1-10 Freeway — was inconveniently located, difficult to find and not easily accessible for pedestrians, the City Council is expected tonight to order staff to negotiate a lease agreement for a new center at 223 Broadway, just steps away from the Third Street Promenade.

The proposed location, which includes 845 square feet of retail space for an estimated eight staff members, is directly in front of one of the busiest transit stops in the system and will be near many of the city's main attractions. The new location, staff said, should increase sales revenue and the profile of the bus system.

In a typical month, the customer relations division serves an average of 1,500 walk-in customers, 4,600 phone customers, and sells more than \$50,000 in bus passes and other merchandise, according to officials.

A permanent customer service center is being built at the corner of Sixth Street and Colorado Avenue. The new facility is expected to be completed by December 2009. Until then, the bus company will most likely use the temporary facility on Broadway at an estimated cost of \$7.25 per square foot, which is \$7,448.25 per month, or \$468,320 for the entire length of the lease. City Hall has proposed the lease be at least six years, with one five-year extension. Rent will be raised annually based on a rate set by the Consumer Price Index, but never to exceed 4 percent in one year.

The City Council also is considering spending \$300,000 on renovations to the space. In exchange for the investment, the property owner, Third Street Limited, is offering three months' free rent.

The cost for renovation and the six-year lease will be covered by a federal transportation grant.

The lease is expected to begin March 1.

A FRESH COAT

City Hall's parking structures are getting a face lift to the tune of \$2 million, a fraction of that going to Pugh + Scarpa Architects, Inc., a local firm that will be in charge of making sure all upgrades match the aesthetic design of a landscaping project already underway along Second and Fourth streets.

City Hall is expected to award a contract tonight worth \$107,000 to Pugh for design and architectural consulting in preparation for repainting structures Nos. 1 through 6,

and facade improvements to structures Nos. 2, 4, and 5, which are receiving seismic upgrades.

While normally painting public facilities is a maintenance issue that does not require review from the public, city officials felt that any change from a solid, neutral color should receive public review and would like Pugh to monitor the process. In addition, city staff felt that those overseeing the facade improvement project might want input on how the other three structures would be painted.

Some may be questioning the move to paint parking structures 1, 3, and 6 because they are scheduled to be demolished to make way for additional parking. A report from city officials said the demolition is still "several years" away and in the meantime, all six structures are in need of repainting. Those structures being retrofitted have exteriors that look dated and would benefit from facade improvements, city officials believe.

Pugh was selected out of a total of three firms who submitted proposals. Previous work from Pugh includes Colorado Court, an electrical vehicle charging station at City Hall, and renovation of Palisades Park's visitors center.

TAKING OUT THE TRASH

To dispose of debris from construction sites, the City Council is expected to hire Saied Trucking Co. at a tune of \$230,000 a year.

Saied will respond to routine requests and emergencies on a 24-hour basis, seven days a week and work specifically for the wastewater sections of City Hall's environment and public works management department.

Thirty-two applications for the job were mailed in November of last year. Three were received and evaluated based on pricing, annual usage, responsiveness to bid requirements and references. Saied Trucking was chosen as the best option, a city staff report states.

Since the fiscal year has begun, City Hall will only be responsible for \$161,000 of the contract's first year.

AT TAX TIME

Weil & Company is in the running to manage the Montana Avenue Merchant Association Business Improvement District (BID).

The City Council is expected tonight to order the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Weil to provide monthly budget reports, receive assessments from City Hall and prepare tax returns for the BID. Weil will bill at an hourly rate ranging from \$85 to \$130 an hour, not to exceed \$5,000 per year. Weil would be paid by members of the BID. Those are the same rates Weil & Company charges the Pico Improvement Organization BID.

Free ride over for energy drainers

POWER OUTAGE, from page 1

If a public event needs to be held near the pier, Franz said power can be restored easily and shut off once the event is over.

At Chess Park on Ocean Front Walk, one man, who refused to give his name, appeared extremely upset that the power could be cut off.

"Another story criticizing the city for helping poor people," he said angrily. "I don't know what the problem is. I haven't seen anyone use (outlets) in like two years. Besides, how can anyone reach it?"

The outlets are located at least 10 feet above the ground. Carousel Cafe patron Mitch Weiss said he has seen plenty of people use the outlets in the last year.

"Most of those using them are homeless," Weiss said. "And if you're homeless and want to listen to your radio, you'll find a way."

Weiss said he has seen people watching television by plugging their TV's in the outlets.

"There must be a way to lock them up or something," Weiss said. "It's in the city's best interest to do something because if someone gets electrocuted, they can sue the city for a million bucks."

Besides being a drain on taxpayers, the unauthorized use of juice has become a nuisance for some business owners, but not for Afif Sahli, an employee at Spokes & Stuff, a bike rental shop near the pier.

"It's not that bad," he said of the noise that comes from radios and appliances, adding he once saw a person use the outlet to brew a pot of coffee.

"They're homeless. They don't bother anyone. It's cool," said Sahli. "It's not like they're using a lot of power. The city should just let it go."

Back at Chess Park, a man who called himself John Smith said most people he knows use batteries and wouldn't think of climbing the lamp posts and risk hurting themselves or getting hauled off by the police.

"That is just too high for the average guy," he said. "What's he going to use, a stack of midgets?"



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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

In the Cannes: ‘Da Vinci’ begins fest

By The Associated Press

PARIS — Case cracked: “The Da Vinci Code” will be the opening-night movie at the Cannes Film Festival in May, organizers said. Based on Dan Brown’s esoteric thriller about code-breaking and conspiracy, the film will debut at the Riviera festival and in French theaters on May 17, the festival said Saturday. The rest of the world will have to wait two days, until May 19.

The adaptation by Oscar-winning director Ron Howard (“A Beautiful Mind”) has an international cast led by Tom Hanks and Audrey Tautou.

Like the novel, the movie is set largely in France: The story line opens with the murder of the curator of the Louvre Museum in Paris.

Early this month, the Louvre said the movie’s producers were trying to decide between the museum and the Cannes festival as a site for the European premiere. The movie will not be in the running for prizes at Cannes.

Hong Kong’s Wong Kar-wai, director of “In the Mood for Love,” presides over this year’s jury at the festival, which runs May 17-28. Organizers at the glitzy festival try to strike a balance between crowd-pleasers and critically acclaimed films, and between Hollywood blockbusters and art house flicks.

NEW YORK — More than 1,000 items of Joe DiMaggio memorabilia, including his 1947 Most Valuable Player Award plaque and a signed photo of Marilyn Monroe, will be auctioned in May, Hunt Auctions Inc. announced Monday.

The sale also includes DiMaggio’s record-breaking 45th consecutive hit baseball from his 56-game streak in 1941 and a set of World Series rings from 1936 to 1996 presented to DiMaggio by the Yankees.

DiMaggio, called “the greatest all-around player I ever saw” by Ted Williams, played for the Yankees from 1936 to 1942 and from 1946 to 1951. He played in 13 All-Star games and won three MVP awards. He died in 1999.

The auction will take place May 19-20 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Times Square. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital in Hollywood, Fla.

NEW YORK — More than a decade after 16-year-old Amy Fisher had a sexual relationship with a much-older car mechanic and shot his wife in the face, the one-time “Long Island Lolita” and Joey and Mary Jo Buttafuoco have agreed to appear together in a televised reunion.

All three have signed on for the appearance, which has yet to be sold to a network, television producer David Krieff told the New York Post for Monday editions.

“It’s time to just put it behind us,” Fisher, now 31, told the newspaper. “We played this all out in a public eye. It’d be interesting to let the public see the healing process at the end. They saw everything else — why not let them see the final product?”

Fisher spent seven years in prison. Joey Buttafuoco, who was jailed for statutory rape following the 1992 shooting, said he planned to ask Fisher to explain her actions.

“I’ve been asked about a million times by Mary Jo, ‘Why did Amy shoot me?’ I was never able to get that answer,” said Buttafuoco, now 49.

“There’s going to be a lot of shocking revelations, and that’s why I’m excited to sit down to do this,” he said.

The Buttafuocos moved to California and divorced in 2003. Mary Jo, who remains partially paralyzed from the shooting, is engaged.

Joey Buttafuoco, who has remarried, was sentenced in March 2004 to a year in jail and five years’ probation after pleading guilty to

felony insurance fraud. In August, he pleaded not guilty to charges that he violated probation by possessing ammunition.

PASADENA, Calif. — His colleagues at “Scrubs” wouldn’t let Zach Braff get a big head after the success of his movie, “Garden State.”

“I was at Sundance feeling very proud of myself,” Braff said Sunday, “and the very first thing I had to do when I came back was a scene where I was wearing a full clown suit and having children hit me with balloons.”

And that, snickered executive producer Bill Lawrence, didn’t even make it on the show.

By design, the medical spoof is getting sillier and sillier in its fifth season, Lawrence said.

For one of Tuesday’s episodes, producers dug a trench to film an elaborate scene where Braff’s character rides a scooter into a puddle and then pops out of another, nearby puddle.

“Twenty-one seconds, \$70,000,” Lawrence said. “Thank you, NBC. It made us laugh.”

NEW YORK — The offices of Interview magazine and Bobbi Brown Cosmetics were among those damaged by a SoHo fire that left seven firefighters and one civilian with minor injuries.

Much was ruined at the makeup company’s headquarters after the Saturday night fire, but Bobbi Brown said her only sample of the firm’s earliest creation was untouched.

“The first ‘Brown’ lipstick is saved,” the makeup artist told The New York Times after surveying the damage to the offices.

Most of the building’s interior will have to be replaced, said Deputy Assistant Fire Chief Ronald R. Spadafor. The fire started just after 10 p.m. Saturday at the six-story commercial building on Broadway, just south of Houston Street, said fire department spokesman Dave McGovern. The five-alarm blaze was under control at 2:21 a.m.

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MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES FOR JANUARY 24, 2006

Broadway Loews Cineplex
1441 3rd Street
(310) 458-1506

King Kong
1pm 4:45pm 8:30pm
Tristan & Isolde
1:15pm 4pm 7pm 9:45pm
Walk the Line
1:45pm 4:30pm 7:30pm 10:30pm
Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World
2:15pm 5pm 7:45pm 10:15pm

Mann's Criterion Theatres
1313 3rd Street
(310) 395-1599

Hoodwinked
12:20pm 2:30pm 4:40pm 6:50pm
9:00pm
Munich
11:20am 2:50pm 6:30pm 10pm
Memoirs of a Geisha
12:30pm 3:40pm 7pm 10:20pm
The Ringer
12pm 4:50pm 9:30pm
Hostel
12:10pm 2:40pm 5pm 7:40pm
10:10pm
Rumor Has It
2:20pm 7:10pm
Last Holiday
11:10am 1:50pm 4:30pm 7:20pm
10:30pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 3rd Street
(310) 289-4AMC

Cheaper By the Dozen 2
2:15pm 4:40pm
Chronicles of Narnia
1pm 4pm 7pm 10:05pm
The Family Stone
7:10pm 9:40pm
Fun with Dick & Jane
2:30pm 5:10pm 7:40pm 9:50pm
Glory Road
1:40pm 4:30pm 7:20pm 10pm
The New World
1:10pm 4:10pm 7:15pm 10:20pm
Syriana
1:25pm 4:20pm 7:25pm 10:15pm
Underworld: Evolution
2pm 4:50pm 7:30pm 10:10pm

Nuwilshire Theatre
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310) 394-8099

Brokeback Mountain
12:15pm 3:45pm 7pm 10pm
Casanova
1pm 4:10pm 7:20pm 9:55pm

Laemmle 4-Plex Theatre
1332 2nd Street
(310) 394-9741

Match Point
1:10pm 4:05pm 7pm 9:55pm
Mrs. Henderson Presents
1:45pm 4:30pm 7:10pm 9:45pm
Good Night, and Good Luck
1:15pm 4:30pm 5:45pm 8pm
10:15pm
Why We Fight
1:55pm 4:40pm 7:30pm 9:50pm

Questions or comments? Email calendar@smdp.com

MORE TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1908, the first Boy Scout troop was organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1924, the Russian city of St. Petersburg was renamed Leningrad in honor of the late revolutionary leader (however, it has since been re-named St. Petersburg).

In 1943, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

In 1972, the Supreme Court struck down laws that denied welfare benefits to people who had resided in a state for less than a year.

In 1978, a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite plunged through Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated, scattering radioactive debris over parts of northern Canada.

In 1985, the space shuttle Discovery was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on the first secret, all-military shuttle mission.

In 1989, confessed serial killer Ted Bundy was put to death in Florida's electric chair.

In 1993, retired Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall died in Bethesda, Md., at age 84.

In 2003, the new Department of Homeland Security officially opened and its chief, Tom Ridge, was sworn in.

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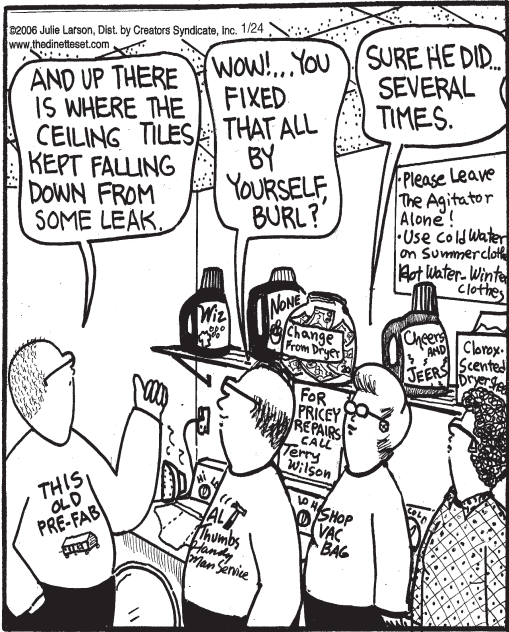
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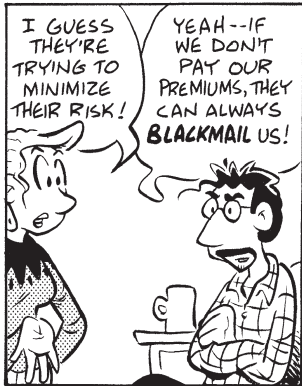


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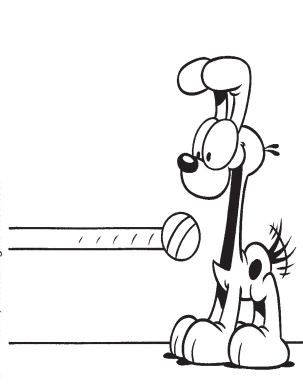
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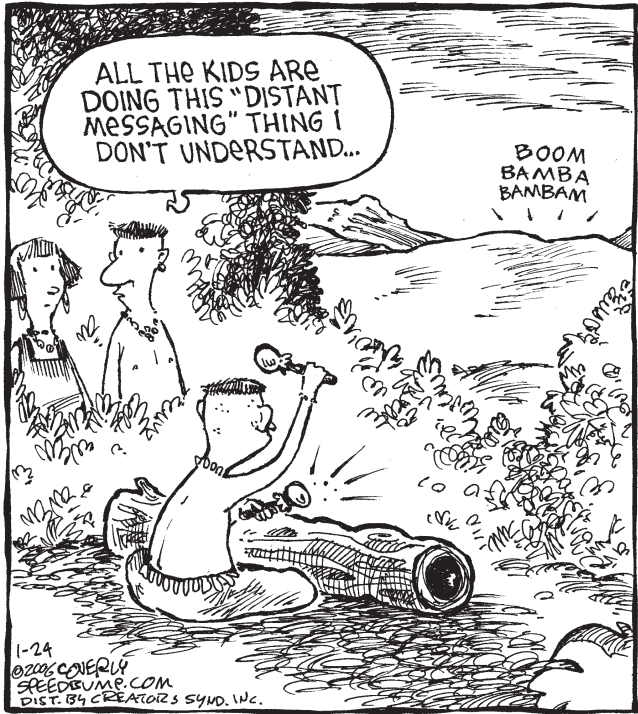
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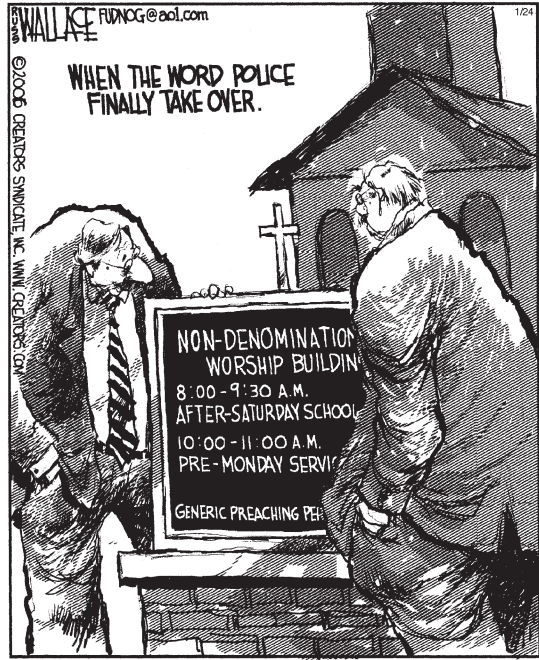
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Case No. SP006576

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Dorothy Ramsey in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PRO-BATE requests that Dorothy Ram-sey be appointed as personal rep-resentative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. Copies of the lost will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administra-tion of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representa-tive to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important ac-tions, however, the personal repre-sentative 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 17, 2006 at 9:15 AM in Dept. No. WE F located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

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.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The

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time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a per-son interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and ap-praisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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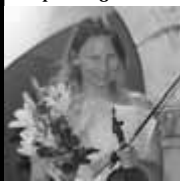
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