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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In November, Jens Orback, Sweden's minister for integration and gender equality, who had been under fire for not being aggressive on the job, denied on the radio program "Ekot" that he was intolerant of sexual minorities. Said Orback: "I had a wonderful aunt who lived in Canada with a horse. I thought it was wonderful. Let people live as they wish." Later, attempting to explain himself, Orback insisted that the aunt's relationship with the horse was platonic.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.
In 1961, President Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television.
In 1971, Charles Manson and three female followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.
In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If the whole human race lay in one grave, the epitaph on its headstone might well be: 'It seemed a good idea at the time.'"

DAME REBECCA WEST
IRISH-BORN AUTHOR (1892-1983)

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FBI agent confirmed dead from gunshot

By Daily Press staff

WILSHIRE-MONTANA

Authorities on Monday confirmed that an FBI agent committed suicide in Santa Monica over the weekend by firing a single gunshot to her head.

An autopsy report completed Monday showed Wendy I. Woskoff, 55, shot herself with a

handgun of an unknown caliber, said LA County Department of Coroner's Lt. Fred Corral, who works in the investigations division.

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to a call at 11:30 a.m. in the 1100 block of 17th Street, between California Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard. Officers found Woskoff lying in her apartment, SMPD Lt. Frank

Fabrega said.

Unnerved residents witnessed authorities combing the streets throughout the day and evening Sunday, raising concerns that the area was a crime scene.

Nick James, 41, a filmmaker who grew up on 17th Street and has lived there nearly 30 years, said for some reason Woskoff's car alarm had been set off fre-

quently in recent days. He and his neighbors watched as several SMPD squad cars surrounded the scene, with uniformed officers, SMPD detectives and FBI investigators scouring the scene.

"They immediately came and taped it off," said James, who lives with his wife and young son.

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Condemned



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The old motel on Ocean Avenue will soon be razed to make way for a new Civic Center development proposed by City Hall. However, the property will likely remain empty for years since the redevelopment proposal is still preliminary.

Demolition and 'green' toilets add up to \$204K

(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures, which appear on the upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agenda. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

By Daily Press staff

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Knocking down a building, and reimbursing people with efficient toilets and urinals account for about \$200,000 in taxpayer spending tonight.

The largest expenditure on tonight's City Council agenda is \$164,996 to demolish an old motel on Ocean Avenue.

City Hall and the city's redevelopment agency bought the building at 1657 Ocean Ave. in 2000 as part of the 11.3-acre purchase of the RAND Corp. property. The front portion of the building houses Chez Jay restaurant and four former motel units, which will remain under a lease with the city's redevelopment agency. The rear section, to be

See **AGENDA**, page 6

Abandoned vessels in Marina 'an eyesore'

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — More than a dozen damaged boats have littered the beach south of Marina del Rey in recent months because owners have been opting to brave high winds and ocean swells by dropping anchor at sea rather than pay for marina slips.

Owners face thousands of dollars in fines if they step forward to retrieve the vessels so many have abandoned their boats on the sand. Three boats still rest on their keels at Dockweiler Beach with notices declaring them a public danger taped to the hulls.

"They're an eyesore," beach resident Kimberly Britts said. "They've

been there way too long. Nobody along here is very excited about it."

Lack of space and the high cost of slips in Marina del Rey led boaters to seek anchorage, boat owners said. But Dusty Crane of the county Department of Beaches and Harbors said the marina "still has more than enough of the smaller slips" for rent at a few hundred dollars a month.

The county has pulled 14 boats onto the beach in the past year after they washed ashore, sheriff's Sgt. Gary Thornton said. County workers helped free several others from the sand and guide them back out to sea.

The county tries to auction them off after a few months, then takes them apart and disposes of them.

Boat captain pleads guilty to shooting at sea lions

By Daily Press staff

FEDERAL COURTHOUSE — A fishing boat captain pleaded guilty today to two federal charges for shooting at California sea lions last fall while moored off the coast of Catalina Island.

John Gary Woodrum, 38, pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of attempting to kill a marine mammal. By plead-

ing guilty, Woodrum admitted that he used a .22-caliber rifle to shoot at California sea lions on Oct. 13 and Nov. 8 of 2004.

California sea lions are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Woodrum pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge John F. Walter, who is scheduled to sentence Woodrum on Feb. 28. Though the two misdemeanor

charges carry a maximum penalty of two years in federal prison, Woodrum agreed in a plea agreement to serve 60 days in jail, according to Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Furthermore, Woodrum admitted to misconduct under the terms and requirements of his merchant mariner license, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. In return for

his admissions, the Coast Guard has agreed to suspend Woodrum's merchant mariner license for a period of 50 days to run concurrently with his prison sentence.

This case was investigated by the California Department of Fish and Game; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries, Office of Law Enforcement; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Hold on to your hat, as the Full Moon explodes onto the scene. Pressure from a misunderstanding also impacts your work. Don't try to straighten out anything. Your vision might be distorted. Information could be wrong. Others are upset. Tonight: Choose a pastime you loved as a kid.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ You might not know which way to turn, as many are in a tizzy, further complicating your efforts. Confirm all meetings, as the communication could be faulty. A matter involving real estate, home and family becomes demanding. Tonight: Hide out. Screen calls.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ If you can sift through all the information, you might make sense of what is going on. Do not jeopardize your finances or act on any matter involving money. Communications could have you scratching your head. Tonight: Swap war stories with a friend.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Whatever goes down, you see as a problem. You might not understand someone's logic at all. For now, don't make any decisions. Don't risk any major actions. Watch, listen and observe. Tread water. A partner just doesn't get it. Tonight: Sift through the day.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might be far more challenging than you realize. Mix in a little charm on the way, and you might find others much easier to deal with (and they you!). Nevertheless, someone could tumble off his or her pedestal. Don't demand too much, even from yourself. Tonight: Know when to call it quits.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Know when to call in and take a personal day. Right now is the perfect time. People will be touchy and difficult. On some level, you could be stressed to the max. A little rest might help you make the most of the next few days. Tonight: Check out a diet or exercise program carefully.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ What you want could drop into your lap. Odd enough, you suddenly might not want it. Be ready for confusion. Family or a real estate matter could distract you from what you need to do. Know that you are looking at a child or loved one through rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Let off steam with friends. Bowl or play pool. Do something physical.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ You might feel as if you are in a pressure cooker. Everyone wants something from you. Even when you try to adapt your plans, you hit flak. Someone also might forget a meeting or get-together. Think "tomorrow." Tonight: Help out an older friend or relative.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Try as you might to keep communications flowing, you find hassles left and right. You might want to rethink your plans. Use care when driving and using a computer. Up roar happens where you least expect it. Tonight: Opt for an overview. Don't use your intuition.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Push comes to shove quite easily, especially regarding finances. Little did you realize that everything has jumped out of control. Calm down and be the solid Goat. Take charge and design a plan to solve this situation. Tonight: Stop kidding yourself.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Others challenge you far too much for your taste. You could also be tired and dragged down by recent events, work and people. Though you are a gregarious person, you need a timeout like everyone else. Tonight: Chat away.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Work could make you a bit crazy. Understand that there are no shortcuts right now. Creativity and ingenuity fall to the wayside. Curb your imagination and use tried-and-true methods. Others are temperamental. Tonight: Try to make it early.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Hope blooms with the first flowers of spring

By Daily Press staff

Flowers are just what the doctor ordered in the fight against cancer. The American Cancer Society’s Daffodil Days campaign will raise funds for cancer research, education and patient services through the sale of daffodil bouquets. Advance orders for daffodils by the bunch or arrangement will take place through Feb. 28, with delivery the week of March 14. Individuals may order daffodils for friends, family and co-workers to support the fight against cancer. Corporations can donate by purchasing corporate arrangements for clients or by anonymously sponsoring “Gift of Hope” bouquets to be delivered to cancer patients at hospitals and treatment centers in Los Angeles County. The American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to promote sales, distribute order forms, plan flower delivery routes, arrange bouquets and assist with flower deliveries. For more information on how to volunteer or sponsor, call (800) ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Local businesses to provide tsunami relief

By Daily Press staff

In response to the long-term needs that are projected in the aftermath of the December tsunami in the Indian Ocean, several Bayside District businesses are joining in Tsunami Relief Weekend, to be held Jan. 28-30, in an effort to raise funds for organizations providing assistance to the victims of the natural disaster. Businesses taking part in the weekend effort and their participation level are below:

- A / X Armani Exchange**
1322 Third Street Promenade.
A limited edition T-shirt is available, with \$20 from the sale of each T-shirt going to benefit the American Red Cross Tsunami disaster relief efforts.

Above the Fold (newsstand)
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10 percent of sales to the American Red Cross.

Borders Books & Music
1415 Third Street Promenade.
15 percent of sales to nonprofits providing relief aid.

California Karate Club
1207 Seventh St.
5 percent of gross to the American Red Cross.

Central Pharmacy
327 Wilshire Blvd.
10 percent of sales to nonprofits providing relief aid.
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Curves (fitness)
1335-B Fourth St.
\$10 of each new enrollment will be sent to UNICEF.
- Equinox, with Lululemon**
201 Santa Monica Blvd.
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Lululemon Athletica
331 Santa Monica Blvd.
4 percent of sales to the American Red Cross.

Readers Fine Jewelers
331 Wilshire Blvd.
10 percent of sales (no repairs) to nonprofits providing relief aid.

Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St.
5 percent of sales to the American Red Cross.

Tudor House
1403 Second St.
Collecting funds for UNICEF.

Wild Oats Market
500 Wilshire Blvd.
Collecting at cash registers for the American Red Cross.

Dolce Dormire
1345 Fourth St.
10 percent of sales to the American Red Cross.



SURF REPORT

The NW swell is expected to increase today, with shoulder- to head-high waves. Wednesday we could be seeing some rain. As for the surf, size should back off toward chest to possibly shoulder high as the trailing NW swell finally makes it to the region.

Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

Today the water is:

61°

	LOW TIDES				HIGH TIDES			
	Morning	Height	Evening	Height	Morning	Height	Evening	Height
SATURDAY	12:51	2.6	2:33	-0.6	7:02	5.6	9:18	3.6
SUNDAY	1:28	2.5	3:02	-0.8	7:37	5.8	9:40	3.6
MONDAY	2:01	2.3	3:29	-0.7	N/A	N/A	10:03	3.7
TUESDAY	2:33	2.2	3:56	-0.7	8:42	5.9	10:27	3.8
WEDNESDAY	3:05	2.1	4:22	-0.6	9:13	5.8	10:51	3.8
THURSDAY	3:40	2.0	4:47	-0.4	9:43	5.6	11:17	3.7
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The Q Line

The issue of homelessness is complex, emotional and confusing for most people, especially here in Santa Monica, where the population is larger than in most cities. The question of what to do about it remains unanswered. The City Council has begun its annual review of social-service programs aimed at getting people off the streets.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, “How can Santa Monica better address the issue of homelessness here and throughout the country?” Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we’ll print your responses in the weekend edition. Please try to limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.

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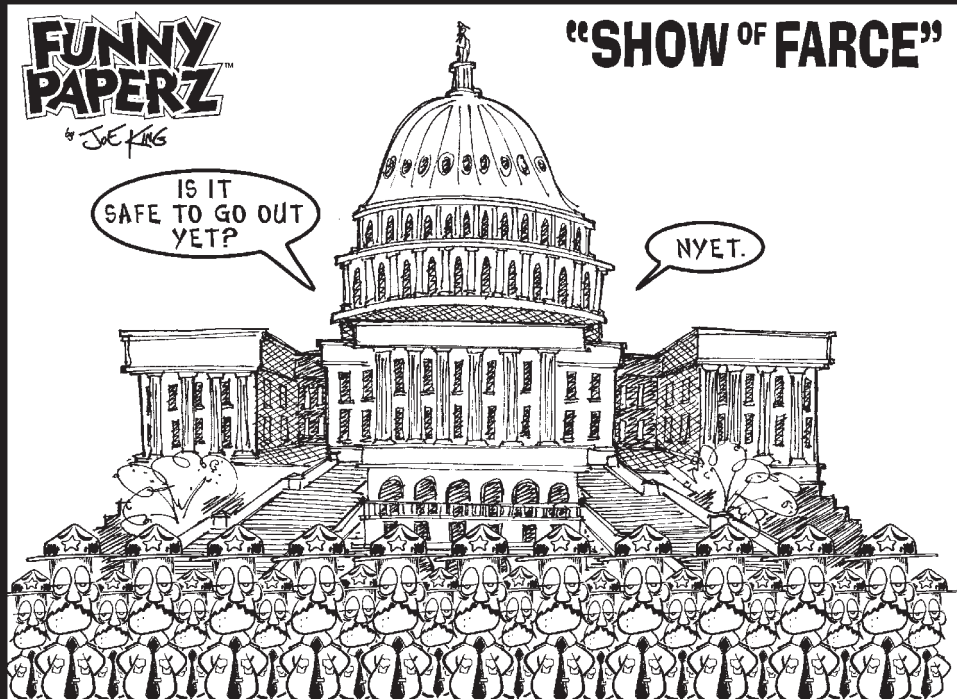
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Landlords' failure to buck up is telling

Editor:

I just returned to town and while catching up on the local news, read your article about the latest challenge to the rent control law (SMDP, Jan. 18 and Jan. 21., page 1).

I tend to agree that rent control in Santa Monica has benefited those with higher incomes, including those in the tenant-rights group who were able to save money and buy a home in Santa Monica.

But what struck me as really odd was the comment made by the attorney for the landlord group which filed the lawsuit, claiming that unless he gets another \$75,000 from the landlord group to fund the lawsuit, it will have to be dropped. For a group that boasts 1,000 members, it seems laughable that it cannot get each of its members to contribute a measly \$75 to help out if they believe this new case is such a worthy one.

Saul Cohen
Santa Monica

Don't trust the lefties

Editor:

One of the great things about George Bush is that you know what you're getting. His inaugural speech was no exception. The inaugural protesters, however, never cease to amaze me. How could anyone disagree with the president's vision of a world without tyranny and oppression?

Simple. Organizations like A.N.S.W.E.R. and MoveOn.Org need them. The oppressed, that is. That is why the socialists we elect will never solve homelessness. They need them. If there was no poverty, who would the socialists pretend to fight for? Everybody loves it when the big bully gets beat by the underdog.

That is why their protest speeches spoke about keeping the U.S. from "interfering" in Iran, Syria and North Korea. But it didn't mention "interfering" in Sri Lanka or Indonesia.

Their speeches damned our military spending while the Indonesian government has just dispatched a team of 40 elephants to continue clearing debris and searching for survivors. They damned Christianity while Pat Robertson's charity group was the very first and most effective in sending aid.

The government of Guyana just requested that our military go there to evacuate a town cut off by flood waters. Why did they ask the "dog eat dog" capitalists and not the "bleeding heart" socialists? Easy. Socialist Canada, for example, is not capable of sending a naval vessel out to sea for at least one year. Hang tight, Guyana and South Asia, the socialists are on the way.

Italian P.M. Berlusconi had to officially "ask" his citizens to stop taking medicine that they don't need because they are destroying their socialist healthcare system. The reason that nations like Algeria, who don't pay for water, are always running out of it is because they don't pay for it themselves. When you don't pay, you abuse.

That is why California had the power outages a few years ago. It's typical of leftists to blame the corporations, but the true reason is that the cost of energy was set, but not the supply. As a result, the users abused the privilege. Power companies were sending out power but not taking any money in. They had no choice but to shut down or go bankrupt.

What these enemies of capitalism don't understand is that it's not an issue of generosity, as we are the most generous nation on Earth. It's a matter of sustainability and freedom. Freedom is synonymous with capitalism. And oppression with socialism.

Thomas Kenney
Santa Monica

The high cost of being hard on crime and soft on social programs



WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA

California last week executed its first convict in three years. By not commuting the sentence, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is sending a strong message to the prison population, the right wing of the Republican party and the state in general that he is tough on crime.

Tough on crime is one of those political positions that is impossible to argue with, yet provides no real solutions to the underlying problems of our society. It is the safe place for a politician to be, since it affords them a protection from having to think through a position, or worse, explain a position to an electorate. No candidate would ever want to be tarred with the brush of "soft on crime." It's electoral suicide.

The problem is, this leads to a game of "top this" by our elected officials on being tough on crime. Mandatory minimums, three-strike laws and a public that is clamoring for greater safety have led to a penal system that is overloaded, stupidly expensive and is costing us the benefits of a free society.

People think that by jailing criminals we have made our society safer, but I disagree. I think that we have imprisoned not just the prisoners, but ourselves. We are forced as a society to feed, clothe, house, provide medical care for these people, and we are paying for it with the dollars that we should be spending on arts programs, athletics, vocational training and building improvements. We are the ones who are no longer free. We are not free to enjoy the fruits of an advanced civilization. We are not free to see the beauty that is all around us when we have homeless camped on our streets, mentally ill people running in the avenues and the children don't have the tools they need to learn.

Last week the Los Angeles Times ran an article about how the state is opening up privately run prisons. This practice was stopped in 2003 because it was considered to be too expensive. However, the prison operators hired top lobbyists and, viola, that which was closed is now open.

It's sad when the government coffers are opened by a few top lobbyists for things like prison operation, but we destroy the future when we pay for it with the money that should be going to our schools. The budget is about \$5 billion short, and the proposals are to cut education again.

I think that's a profoundly bad idea. I believe that we will only see an increase in the number of crimes and criminals, and I have a very clear reason why I think that is so. I believe that every time we cut education, we are actually increasing the need for people to become criminals. Every time we eliminate a vocational training course, all the people that would have been trained by it are now banished to a lower level of society. It is my sincere belief that if we wanted to get serious about reducing crime and criminals we would give them real tools to get back

into society in a productive manner.

In the governor's state of the state address, he said California invents the future. He asked for big ideas.

Here's an idea. Let's release our prisoners who are non-violent offenders, but let's not just set them free. Let's make them complete at least one vocational training program that will give them a skill that is truly marketable in today's workplace.

This shouldn't be that hard. The governor is not that hip on illegal immigrants, so let's just train the prisoners to do the work that the illegals do, and then when inmates are released from prison, they will have skills that can put food on their tables and roofs over their heads. This has the added benefit of hopefully stopping all those illegal aliens from driving on our roads.

I'm quite serious about this. People need to have skills. If we want them to live as productive members of society, then we should teach them the skills to be productive. It would reduce the recidivism rate, lower the costs of prison maintenance and then free up some money to provide for those high school classes in art, autoshop, woodshop, electronics, typing, printing, graphics design, music, sports and afterschool activities like theater, journalism, debate, junior statesmen of America and a host of other programs that have been cut.

I was on a TV panel show this past week. The show consists of three guest segments and one open discussion. One of the guests was a woman who had done 16 years for a crime she did not commit. I asked her what the biggest obstacle was in re-entering society, and her answer was the lack of training and support that was provided to her.

Earlier in that same show was a man who was on the board of trustees for a summer program that teaches kids how to make movies, dance, create art and give expression to their artistic side. It's a program that has room each summer for 550 students. Its budget is \$1.9 million. The kicker is that they don't know until each summer begins if they have the money or not for the program, thanks to the state budget process.

According to the California Department of Corrections Web site, it costs \$30,929 a year to house an inmate. That's \$84 a day. If they live 20 years, that's a cost of \$618,000 and change. There are 639 men on death row — after last week's execution — which equates to \$19 million a year spent on them, not including court costs.

If they average 20 years on death row, that is \$395 million that we could have spent somewhere else — like on tools and equipment to teach the next generation how to avoid being a criminal.

Tough on crime sounds great in a 15-second TV commercial, but it is costing us more than we know. It is costing us our future, and that is priceless.

(David Pizarra is a business-development lawyer in the Santa Monica firm of Pizarra & Grist. He welcomes your questions and comments. He can be reached at dpizarra@pizarra.com or (310) 664-9969).

COMMENTARY



Another day in LA: Column goes to the dogs



ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL

All columnists receive letters about their columns — critical and complimentary. But I have to admit, I'm sort of at a loss as to how to respond to the latest e-mail I received.

Not because I don't enjoy writing back, but because I have little experience e-mailing dogs.

It all started this morning when I went to check my inbox. I noticed there was a new letter with a rather odd return name — Queen Shadow. As I opened the letter, I was curious as to who would be presumptuous enough to refer to themselves with such regal air.

Then, as I noticed the self-included photo of a West Highland Terrier, it all started to become clear.

"Hi Heidi, this is Shadow, the dog that lives with Will Jensen," she wrote. "I just finished reading this week's column about stand-up comedians. I follow your column quite religiously."

Yes, odd, but I never realized I had cross-species appeal. It's quite flattering if I think about it, but still it leaves some unanswered questions. Since when do terriers have e-mail accounts?

She went on to say, "I read last week's column and can commiserate. I too have had experience as a stand-up comedienne. But not only have I been a headliner in the

grueling city of New York, but I made a splash internationally as well."

Shadow was kind enough to say on behalf of all stand-up comedians that it is a tough business. "I, however, was able to break my hecklers in, or rather silenced them with my great ferocity and mob-like approach."

I believed her, as I looked at all 1.5 feet of Shadow, glistening in the high snow.

"Being from Chicago," Shadow continued, "I cannot receive the paper door-to-door. My owner Will is kind enough, though, to give me 30-minute Internet privileges to read the online version. I'm quite savvy in national affairs, but one of my greater joys is pooping in the front lawn."

Shadow finished the letter by saying, "I'll give you a fashion hint — plaid Chesterfield coats are very hot right now. You must be patient for them to reach LA."

"Paws and bisous, Queen Shadow."

"Let's meet," she quickly added at the bottom. "Please make an appointment with my assistant for a walk sometime in June as I am booked solid until then."

Wow, I see. Where to start (and do I start)? And how many dogs have e-mail accounts?

Dear Shadow,

Thank you for the kind e-mail. I'm delighted to hear that you read my column, let alone read anything at all. Most dogs I know only go out to movies and never take time for the finer areas of fiction. Pooping in the front lawn is a great joy, I agree, but unfortunately my species

gets fined/imprisoned for something like that. I will have to let you delight in that for both of us.

How impressive. Not only are you well read, but it appears you have been a success in the stand-up arena as well. I wish I could have seen you perform back in the day. When was that day? No doubt the seats were filled and you were rolling high in the chew toys and doggie biscuits.

I've actually never partaken in either, but I hear from my Pomeranian and pug friends that they are quite excellent.

I will certainly contact your assistant if

I have some time in my next visit to Chicago. And thanks for the fashion insight. I will have to wait to see if that coat thing comes in my size, and is eventually made for people. Keep reading and stay current on national affairs.

Hands and bisous,
Heidi

(If you or a pet you know would like to reach Heidi, e-mail her at anydayinla@gmail.com).

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City Hall aims to reduce water consumption to 10.88 million gallons a day in SM

AGENDA, from page 1

demolished, includes six former motel units. That section of the building is dry rotted, water damaged and has lost structural integrity, city staff said. The result is that it's unsanitary, unsafe, a public health hazard and dangerous for emergency workers to enter, city staff said.

The City Council is expected to approve a contract with Gonzalez Construction Co. to demolish the building for \$149,996, plus a contingency of \$15,000.

The other expenditure expected to be approved tonight is a rebate program that will cost \$40,000. City Hall is expected to enter into a 10-year contract with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to rebate Santa Monica businesses that use water-conserving facilities such as "ultra low-flow" toilets and urinals, efficient washing machines and "pre-rinse, self-closing spray heads."

Under City Hall's sustainable city plan, the goal in the community is to reduce water

consumption by 20 percent from 2000 usage levels. Then, the usage volume was 13.6 million gallons per day. The goal is 10.88 million gallons a day by 2010.

City Hall adopted in 1988 stringent water conservation ordinances, codes and programs to encourage people to use water-efficient devices. In recent years, the program has awarded rebates to water customers in Santa Monica. As a result, 971 water-efficient devices have been installed, which will save more than 1,010 acre-feet of water over the lifetime of their service. City Hall's contributions have varied from \$30 to \$250 per rebate and, the MWD's contributions have varied from \$50 to \$2,000.

Over 10 years, the value of avoided water usage of 400 acre-feet is \$172,400, based on current water costs, city staff said.

If approved tonight, the program would continue to provide rate payers with new and permanent means of reducing their utility costs, and to reduce the city's total water usage, city staff said.

Device	Santa Monica Contribution	MWD Contribution	Total Rebate Amount	Lifetime Water Savings (Acre-Feet*)
Ultra-Low Flow (ULF) Flushometer Toilet	\$30	\$60	\$90	1.5
ULF Toilet	\$30	\$60	\$90	1.5
Dual Flush Toilet	\$70	\$80	\$150	1.2
ULF Urinal	\$30	\$60	\$90	1.5
Zero Water Consumption Urinal	\$90	\$60	\$150	3.4
High-Efficiency Commercial Clothes Washer	\$250	\$250 (\$100**)	\$500 (\$350)	1.4
Cooling Tower Conductivity Controller	\$0	\$500	\$500	22
Pre-rinse self-closing Spray-Head	\$0	\$50	\$50	.66
Hospital X-Ray Film Processor Recirculating System	\$0	\$2000	\$2000	16

* 1 acre-foot (AF) equals 325,900 gallons ** New contract rebate is \$100; previous contract rebate through 2004 was \$250. This is the only change in rebate amounts for the new contract.

Investigation confused, concerned neighbors

SUICIDE, from page 1

"There were two couples out on the street that were just crying ...

"First of all, you're thinking, 'Did somebody get attacked?'" James added. "And a lot of the neighbors were concerned. Nobody expected anything like

this [suicide] to happen. They think it was a robbery, and everybody's speculating what it could be.

"There's a lot of single moms around. It was frightening."

FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller couldn't confirm or deny the incident, and said the agency declined to comment.

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What’s in a name? Lots, find businesses called “Tsunami”

BY JIM MUREZ
Associated Press Staff Writer

EUGENE, Ore. — In the weeks since the catastrophic Indian Ocean tsunami, Scott Landfield has seen his book-store’s online sales quadruple.
But he doesn’t carry a special selection on earthquakes or natural disasters. The spike in business appears related solely to the store’s name: Tsunami Books.
The progressive, independent store on Eugene’s south Willamette Street has used the name since opening nine years ago. It even sports a mural above the front entrance depicting a crashing wave.
Look closely and one can make out human faces — some smiling, some somber in the water.

Online shoppers have patronized Tsunami Books at a far greater rate since the Dec. 26 tragedy that killed more than 160,000 people.
“The word certainly has gained some familiarity,” Landfield said. “It appears that when people saw our name, their finger twitched.”
Worldwide, businesses that use the word tsunami are reflecting on the connotation of the Japanese word meaning “harbor wave” and the added attention the tragedy in Asia has brought them. Some companies want to distance themselves from the word altogether.

Toyota Canada is abandoning plans to name one of its most popular models of sports cars — the Celica Tsunami.
In Scotland, a brand management company called Tsunami is overhauling its corporate identity.
In South Africa, a restaurant chain will rename its spicy tsunami chicken burger. And a Wisconsin water park announced it will change the name of its Great Tsunami outdoor wave pool.

Other firms that saw their Web sites jammed with traffic in the days after the disaster steered visitors to organizations such as the Red Cross and UNICEF. Tsunami Research, a St. Louis, Mo., software company, posted a message saying it “wishes to express our condolences to the victims, families and communities impacted by the Indian Ocean tsunamis.”
Manhattan-based Tsunami Computing, owner of the tsunami.com Web site, organized a charity drive to help victims and filled the site’s front page with links for disaster-relief donations and international aid organizations.
On the Oregon coast, Pelican Pub & Brewery in Pacific City announced it would donate 10 percent of the sales of its popular Tsunami Stout, introduced in 1996, to Portland-based Northwest Medical Teams International, which sent volunteers to Thailand, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.
“We took a stance of being proactive,” General Manager Donn Brouhard said, adding that sales of the microbrew are up.
Hundreds of businesses incorporate tsunami into their

names or the name of products, from women’s fashion fleece to men’s body spray to a watch by Swatch and restaurants in San Francisco and Memphis, Tenn. Entrepreneurs are drawn to the word for different reasons. To some it expresses power and speed. To others, it sounds exotic, even graceful.
But now that the word tsunami evokes death and destruction on an unimaginable scale, will it taint those commercial enterprises that continue to use the term?
Kit Chan, owner of Kowloon restaurant in Eugene, renamed his nightclub Club Tsunami about six years ago when a University of Oregon student came up with the name in a contest. It seemed to fit, Chan said, because of the views of water in neighboring Alton Baker Park.
It also made it easy to redecorate with a beach theme, he said. Crashing waves are depicted on several walls.
Chan said he has had no negative feedback on the name

in recent weeks. He even asked customers what they thought; many had not realized what the word meant before.
“Since the disaster, a lot of people know what that means now,” he said. “That name sticks in your head.”
Landfield, the co-owner of Tsunami Books, said a couple of customers have suggested a name change. In response, he explained that the term describes a part of nature, and nature is not inherently evil or wrong.
One fellow tried to advise him how to capitalize on the public’s interest in the tragedy. “We paid no attention to it,” he said.
The store’s founders chose to use tsunami as a play on the term tidal wave — “A mighty wave of titles,” a sign out front proclaims — and because nearby Spencer Butte sometimes looks like a big wave when clouds roll over it on stormy days, Landfield said.

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Schools, courts, police play role in overindulgence

How Much Is Enough?

By Connie Dawson

Chronic overindulgence is hazardous to children. It weakens them. How do we know that? From the results of three studies involving adults who had been overindulged as children. But does it stop there?

WE'VE GOT TROUBLE

What were the hazards of being overloved (their words), of having been given too much of what money can buy, and not having the responsibilities of other kids their age? Here's what they said. They experienced one or more of the following:

- Trouble delaying gratification.
- Trouble giving up being the constant center of the universe.
- Trouble becoming competent in everyday skills, self-care skills and skills of relating with others.
- Trouble taking personal responsibility.
- Trouble developing a sense of identity.
- Trouble knowing what is enough.

We've all observed overindulgence, and many of us have done it. Parents mean well. They love their children. Parents intend their children to feel loved. Overindulgence looks like love, but feels "squishy and scary," according to one woman who is facing the results of having been overindulged.

RECOVERY

Loving families and determined individuals are beginning to see how erroneous beliefs about themselves have led them astray. They are learning how to help themselves and those they love by replacing beliefs connected to their overindulgence. They are nurturing and structuring themselves and others, and are becoming more accountable. They are learning the difference between too little, enough and too much.

WIDER INFLUENCE

Overindulgence reaches far beyond families. Schools, the police, the courts, all want to do the best for their community's children and families, but they, too, are subject to being overindulgent.

A concerned aunt tells the story of how agents of the community over-protected her nephew — in essence, helping him to avoid responsibility.

Brent is 20. For a couple of years, he

ran drugs across the border. In the aunt's words, "He was working alone on a run and got caught. He got an attorney who would try to get him off on a first offense plea. It's not his first offense. It's the first time he got caught."

She went on. "The attorney got the charge reduced from trafficking to possession. She wasn't telling the truth, and she over-protected him. Before his sentencing, Brent had to fill out a lot of papers. His attorney told Brent it was imperative he tell the truth. No untrue or hedgy statements, or he's in big trouble because he'd blow the attorney's case."

The aunt reports that Brent "got off" with a light sentence. "What did he learn about ethics? I don't know if you can use this story without getting nauseated," she said.

TEST IT OUT

Is Brent's court situation one of overindulgence? Try the "Test of Four."

1. Was Brent's development hampered?
2. Did Brent receive a disproportionate share of family resources?
3. Was the situation apt to be more beneficial for the attorney or for Brent?
4. Was harm done to others or society?

If you answered just one of the questions with a "yes," it's a case of overindulgence. At the very least, Brent's develop-

ment as a responsible adult was hampered. Although there's a short-term benefit for Brent (avoiding jail time), the long-term consequences might be that he gets more deeply involved in illegal activity. Harm was done to others — both to his family and to his community because an illegal activity is illegal because it is seen as detrimental to society.

Are we failing to hold adults and children responsible for their choices? Does our failure strengthen the person? Does it strengthen the community?

NOW WHAT?

The troubles experienced by children who grow up being overindulged abound in our communities. What to do? Develop the eyes "with which to see." Be accountable yourself. As a citizen, support accountability in your organizations, communities and governments.

(Connie Dawson, Jean Illsley Clarke and David Bredehoft 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, Toddlers to Teens." Dawson can be reached at cdawson@whidbey.com. To read more about overindulgence, go to www.overindulgence.info).

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SATURDAY, JAN. 29

MOMMY CARE CLASS, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Taught by child development and pregnancy experts. Pacific Ocean Pediatrics, 2216 Santa Monica Blvd. Call 394-6711 for details.

TOYOTA SYMPHONIES FOR YOUTH, 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy an orchestra performance geared specifically for kids. Come at 10:00 a.m. for hands-on art making and musical activities. FREE! Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave. 323-850-2000.

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Celebrate the Year of the Chicken featuring the ribbon dancers of the Lily Cai Co. FREE! W.M. Keck Foundation Children's Theatre at the Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave.

SHALUZA BOOT DANCERS PERFORMANCE, 1:00 p.m.

South African Dance at the California African American Museum, 600 State Dr., 213-744-7432.

MONDAYS - NEW KARATE CLASS FOR AGES 4-5; 3:00 – 3:45

Japan Karate Association is expanding their program and starting a new Pre-Karate class for children ages 4-5. This class will teach basic Karate, awareness, Stranger Danger and how to call 911, while helping kids improve their discipline and concentration. Classes are taught in a fun, age-appropriate and uplifting manner. Cost is \$70 per month. For more info call Maria at 394-3544. Located at 1218 5th St.

COMING UP

TUESDAY, FEB. 1 – FIRST AID TRAINING – 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 28 – CPR TRAINING – 6:00 p.m.
For ages 16 and up. No charge for class or certificate. Santa Monica Airport, free parking. Call for info and reservations – 393-7758, Dr. Harris.

TUESDAY

Movies for Moms! Jan. 25 – “Ocean’s Twelve” starring George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Matt Damon. Comedy/Crime/Drama; Rated “PG-13.”
11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable.
Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling

Main Library – held at Reed Park, corner of 7th and Wilshire.

Toddler Storytime; 10:00 a.m. For 2 year olds with adult.

Preschool Story Time; 10:30 a.m.; for ages 3-5.

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

Cuentos Para Pequenos – 10:00 a.m., six-week series in Spanish for 24 – 36 month olds with adult. Thru Feb.8.

Lap Time – 11:00 a.m., six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant & Family Support Programs. Thru Feb.8.

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

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

Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.

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

Toddler Storytime, 10:00 and 10:30. Music and rhymes for 24-36 month olds.

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 (1-3 years) – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Infant & Me, Transitional Group (7 – 14 mos.) – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.; Infant & Me (0-12 mos.) – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.; classes in partnership with the Infant and Family Support Program. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA

10:00 – 11:00 a.m and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Thursday nights 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) 393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Mommy Care – 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)

Itsy Bitsy Yoga – Tots (crawling to 24 months) – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Register now for new session beginning Jan. 4.) Baby (6 weeks to pre-crawling) – 11:30 – 12:30 a.m.

With Khefri Riley at Ocean Oasis, 1333 Ocean Ave. Register at www.khefri.net or call 323-549-5383.

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., 310-826-5774 - no pre-reg required, first

class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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.

Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; six-week series for 3-5 year olds with adult. Thru Feb. 9.

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

****New Time** - Lap Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2. Thru Feb. 9.

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

Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144

Border's, Westwood – 11am – 310-475-3444.

Classes

Rhythm Child Parent & Me Rhythms, Santa Monica Studios, 3025 Olympic Blvd., 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Next session is Jan. 19 – March 5. Children explore rhythms through drum play. Ages 6 mos. – 3.5 years; \$100 for 8 weeks. Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythmchild.net for more info.

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Parent Support (3 – 5 years) – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Infant/Toddler and Me (0-12 mos.) – 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.; Parents of Adolescents Support Group – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$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.

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Other

Puppetolio – 1:00 p.m., 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

THURSDAY

Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590

10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Main Library – held at Reed Park, corner of 7th and Wilshire.

Toddler Storytime; 10:00 a.m.; for 2 year

olds with adult.

Preschool Story Time; 10:30 a.m.; for ages 3-5.

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

Toddler Story Time – 10:30 a.m; for ages 2 – 3.

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.

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Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me (1-3 years) – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.; classes in partnership with the Infant and Family Support Program.

Parent Support (3 – 5 years) – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA

7:30 – 8:30 p.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Tuesdays at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) 393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.

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Breastfeeding Group

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FRIDAY

La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call 310-390-2529 for info.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me (1-3 years) – 9:20 – 10:20 a.m.; Parent Support (1-3 years) – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Mommy and Me Dance– celebrate the wonderful world of imagination Fridays at the Electric Lodge. 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. ages 14 - 24 months; 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. ages 2 – 4.
6 classes for \$75 or \$14 per class. First class free! 1416 Electric Ave, Venice, 306-1854.

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 – 12:15 – 1:45 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.

Jan. 28 – Nature Walk with the Children's Nature Institute, 10:00 a.m.

Will Rogers State Park, 1501 Will Rogers Rd., Pacific Palisades. Reservations required by calling 998-1151 or e-mailing naturewalks@childrensnatureinstitute.org.

Other

Baby Attuned - Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., A new program promoting sensitive parenting and developmental awareness Parent-completed developmental screening, with review and feedback from a licensed clinical developmental psychologist and experienced pediatric nurse practitioner, Eileen Escarce, PhD, MSN. (PSY 18819). Introductory fee: \$15 per screening with feedback. 1137 2nd Ave, Suite 213. By appointment only 310-367-1155.

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., 310-559-B00K.

Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m. – 454-4063.

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1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonica-yoga.com

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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.

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MONDAY

Storytelling

Main Library – Lap Time at Joslyn Park, Craft Room, 9:30 a.m. A series for babies up to two years old. (No lap time Feb. 21)

“Family Connections” – 10:00 a.m., immediately following Lap Time - a series of discussions related to early childhood development and growth. Children welcome, free.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804.

“Spanish for Little Ones”, 11:15 a.m. Next session begins Jan. 24.

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

MOMS Club of Santa Monica – New Mother Group – for new moms with babies ages 0-6 months. Meet for conversation, support and playtime. All new Moms welcome!

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Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-826-5774 - no pre-reg required, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Yoga & Exercise

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Civilian border patrols to operate under strict rules

By The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Organizers of an effort to use volunteers this spring to help spot illegal crossers on the Arizona-Mexico border say there will be strict rules governing how participants can and cannot deal with migrants.

Participants in the so-called Minutemen Project, a civilian effort to assist the U.S. Border Patrol, will operate under a “no contact” policy, organizers said.

“They should only talk to immigrants to ask if they need water, food or medical attention,” said organizer Jim Gilchrist. “They are not to block them in any way. They are not to threaten or approach in a threatening manner.”

Rifles will also be prohibited, though sidearms will be OK.

Organizers said more than 200 volunteers from across the country have signed up for the Minutemen Project, which calls for round-the-clock patrols in April in a popular border smuggling corridor.

The project’s goal is “to assist the U.S. Border Patrol, not interfere with them, not take the law into our own hands,” Gilchrist said.

The Border Patrol doesn’t endorse or support such civilian patrols.

“We feel there is too much risk involved when you ask the public to get involved in apprehensions,” said Andy Adame, a spokesman for the Border Patrol’s Tucson sector, which covers all the Arizona-Mexico border except an area around Yuma. “It could result in somebody getting hurt.”

Ray Borane, mayor of the border city of Douglas, said he could do without the Minutemen.

“If they really want to serve their country, the ones who are young enough to join the Army or the Peace

The project’s goal is “to assist the U.S. Border Patrol, not interfere with them, not take the law into our own hands.”

— **JIM GILCHRIST**
Organizer, Minutemen Project

Corps should do that, and the ones who are too old for that ... should stay home and write letters to their congressmen,” Borane said. “They’re not going to do any

good here. They get in the way.”

The Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups, is monitoring the Minutemen Project closely after seeing “a lot of interest” in the project on neo-Nazi Web sites, said Heidi Beirich, center deputy director.

“We have lots of concerns that National Alliance members and other neo-Nazis are going to show up to participate,” Beirich said.

Gilchrist said, “Swastikas are not welcome.”

The civilian patrols would be taking place in area that has seen some of the heaviest illegal immigrant incursions in recent years, as well as an influx of citizen watch groups. Two area ranchers have also been detaining undocumented immigrants on their sprawling ranch in the area in recent years.

Border drone program being stopped

By The Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Aerial drones patrolling the Arizona-Mexico border will be grounded after the current contract expires next Sunday so the federal government can evaluate the program’s effectiveness, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection says.

Immigration authorities have been testing unmanned drones on the border for months, using them to help agents spot illegal immigrants and smugglers.

“It’s undetermined when the program will start back up,” said Mario Villarreal, spokesman for agency. “I would say sometime this year.”

Israeli-made Hermes unmanned vehicles were first deployed last summer, and they helped catch 965 ille-

gal immigrants and confiscate 843 pounds of marijuana, said Andrea Zortman, spokeswoman for the Border Patrol’s Tucson sector, which covers all the Arizona-Mexico border except for an area around Yuma.

The Hermes was followed by the RQ-5 Hunter made by Northrop Grumman Corp.

The remote-controlled airplane can fly quietly at more than 100 mph for 10 to 12 hours at a time, scanning the ground below with high-tech cameras capable of both day and night vision. The Border Patrol monitors the images and uses agents on the ground to respond.

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Oregon medical marijuana usage on the rise

By The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The number of Oregonians with medical marijuana cards has doubled in less than two years, with nearly 10,000 residents now eligible to use the drug.

Opponents say the growth shows that medical marijuana cards can serve as a cover for recreational drug use. Defenders say it reflects growing acceptance of marijuana as an alternative to mainstream medicine.

"I don't think anybody in their wildest dreams thought there would be this many people in the program," said Pam Salsbury said who manages the state's medical marijuana office in the Department of Human Services.

Oregon's fee-based program has grown so fast that it built up a cash surplus of nearly \$1 million last year. To

reduce it, officials cut the annual fee for a medical marijuana card from \$150 to \$55. For Oregon Health Plan patients, the fee dropped to \$20.

Oregon is one of 10 states where medical marijuana use is legal. The others are Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Vermont and Washington. Arizona also has a law allowing medical marijuana, but no active program.

The Oregon law, approved by voters in 1998, allows residents to use a small amount of marijuana for medical purposes. They must grow their own or designate a caregiver to do so for them.

A doctor must verify that the patient has a "debilitating medical condition" or a symptom such as nausea or severe pain.

More than 1,500 Oregon doctors have signed at least one patient application, according to state figures through 2004. But 10 doctors account for two-thirds of the current and pending marijuana card requests.

"Unquestionably, people are taking advantage of a system that was created for individuals with medical problems," said Ken Magee, the Drug Enforcement Administration's agent in charge of operations for Oregon and Idaho.

The federal agency considers marijuana a dangerous drug with no medicinal value.

John Sajo, who heads an advocacy group for medical marijuana users, attributed the rapid growth in the Oregon program to increasing acceptance by doctors.

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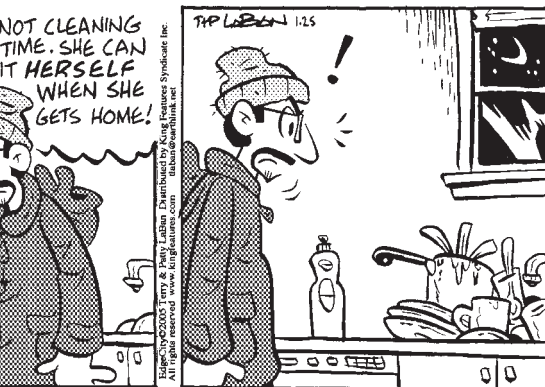


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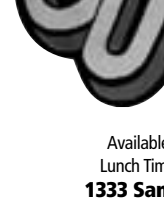


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