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THE KNOCK-KNOCK ISSUE

Defenders of Dogtown digging in



Melody Hanatani melodyh@smdp.com

BOARDER CROSSING: Jeff Ho visits the site of his former surf shop on Monday, having made his pitch to save the building.

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK LIBRARY Mural? Skate park? Statue? Just how to memorialize the cultural significance made by Dogtown skateboarders has been a hot topic as of late in Ocean Park.

Among those taking interest are Jeff Ho, whose name is synonymous with Santa Monica skateboarding lore and was the namesake of an endangered building that is stirring debate about how best to honor the renowned Z-Boys.

Ho and more than 20 others filed

into the library last week to brainstorm commemorative ideas and talk about the possible redevelopment of a building at the corner of Main and Bay streets that housed the Zephyr and Jeff Ho Productions shop during the 1970s.

The skateboard godfather, who was at the Horizons West Surf Shop on Monday to meet with some original Z-Boys still on his surfing team, came to Thursday's gathering to express his concerns to owner representative Juli Doar about the potential demolition of the building, which today houses Horizons West Surf Shop and a

pair of artist studios.

Holding a framed picture of the original Zephyr Shop and wearing a backwards baseball cap, Ho said he would like to see the building — slated for demolition in favor of a 14-unit mixed residential development — preserved in some fashion.

"It would be a sad thing if the building came down," Ho said.

That sentiment was echoed by many in attendance.

Praising Doar, the building owner's granddaughter, for reaching

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Back to the future '08: Candidates back at it

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE After taking some time to lick their wounds and celebrate the holidays with their families, those who ran unsuccessful campaigns for the City Council back in November seem intent to jump back into the ring in 2008, with at least one former candidate already devising a strategy.

The next City Council race is shaping up much like the last one.

Most of the office-seekers reported learning some valuable lessons in 2006 and planned to work hard over the next two years establishing a name for themselves. Some will focus on campaign finance reform, homelessness and other issues that were cornerstones of campaigns, while others are planning to apply for vacant positions on commissions and boards to gain practical experience.

"Well, I run every two years, so you can bet that I will be back in 2008," said Jonathan Mann, a flight attendant and substitute teacher who painted himself during the election as a '60s radical fighting special interests

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PARENTING



HITTING BOTTOM

New law would make spankings illegal
STORY PAGE 3

Christine Chang news@smdp.com

OUCH! Sixteen-month-old Erin Fan stacks chairs at a nursery. The U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child is encouraging lawmakers around the world to ban corporal punishment, which includes spanking children. A state legislator is proposing such a ban for California.

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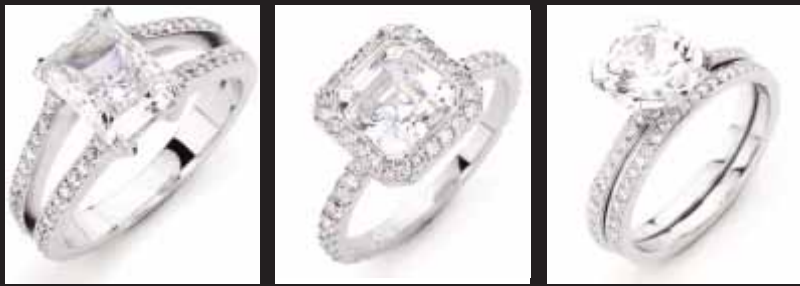


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Open House for Prospective Parents

1039 Seventh St., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

St. Monica Elementary School is holding an open house in the school auditorium. For more information, call (310) 451-9801 or visit www.stmonica.net/ele.

'The Edge of Form'

2903 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.

The debut works of Joe Pinkelman, Susie McKay Krieser and Darlyn Susan Yee will be on display. For more information on the exhibit and/or the artists, visit www.TagTheArtistsGallery.com or call (310) 829-9556.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre

1211 Fourth St., 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

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For more information, call (310) 515-4840.

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Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club holds its weekly luncheon with guest speakers at the YMCA. For more information, call (310) 828-1766.

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Car wash applied the squeegee to workers

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BLVD. A local car wash company has paid \$100,000 in back wages to 55 employees following an investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor, federal officials announced Monday.

The investigation found that employees of Bonus Car Wash, located at 2800 Lincoln Blvd., worked as many as 10 hours a day, but did not receive correct overtime pay and sometimes earned even less than the federal minimum wage.

Bonus Car Wash also failed to properly record the hours of work for the employees — car dryers, washers, detailers and ticket writers. The workers began receiving back wage payments in November 2006 for work performed between August 2004 and October 2005.

Final back wage payments were completed this month, said George Friday Jr., the Wage and Hour Division's regional administrator for the western states.

"The Department of Labor is committed to the strong enforcement of labor laws,"

Friday said. "In this case, the low-wage workers were not properly compensated for their hours worked, and I am pleased we were able to recover \$100,000 in back wages for them."

Representatives from Bonus Car Wash did not return phone calls seeking comment.

The Fair Labor standards Act (FLSA) requires that covered employees be paid at least the federal minimum wage and receive overtime at one-and-one-half times their regular rate of pay for hours worked in excess of 40 per week.

The Wage and Hour division concluded 31,987 compliance actions in fiscal year 2006 and recovered more than \$171 million in back wages for more than 246,000 employees. Back-wage collections last year represent a 30-percent increase over back wages collected in fiscal year 2001, with the number of workers receiving back wages increasing by 14 percent since that time, Friday said.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Grabbing their coats

Eric A. DelaBarre Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica firefighters from Station 3 on Saturday built a dam to block a stream of tainted water from running into a storm drain and out into the Santa Monica Bay. Capt. John Nevandro said heavy rain washed off sealant that had recently been used to coat the roof of Citibank, located at the corner of 15th Street and Montana Avenue. The sealant was tested and found not to be toxic, but in the interest of protecting the bay, firefighters captured as much water as possible so that it could be diverted to the city's sewer system for treatment. The fire department is looking to recoup costs from the bank, Nevandro said.

It's a stretch: Stripped of spiritualism, yoga taught in schools

BY RACHEL KONRAD
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO In Tara Guber's ideal world, American children would meditate in the lotus position and chant in Sanskrit before taking stressful standardized tests.

But when she asked a public elementary school in Aspen, Colo., to teach yoga in 2002, Christian fundamentalists and even some secular parents lobbied the school board. They argued that yoga's Hindu roots conflicted with Christian teachings and that using it in school might violate the separation of church and state.

Portrayed as a New Age nut out to brain-wash young minds, Guber crafted a new curriculum that eliminated chanting and translated Sanskrit into kid-friendly English. Yogic panting became "bunny breathing," and "meditation" became "time in."

"I stripped every piece of anything that anyone could vaguely construe as spiritual or religious out of the program," Guber said.

Now, more than 100 schools in 26 states

have adopted Guber's "Yoga Ed." program and more than 300 physical education instructors have been trained in it.

Countless other public and private schools from California to Massachusetts — including the Aspen school where Guber clashed with parents — are teaching yoga.

Teachers say it helps calm students with attention-deficit disorder and may reduce childhood obesity. The federal government gives grants to gym teachers who complete a

dren to focus.

"If you have children with ADD and focusing issues, often it's easy to go from that into a behavior problem," Reynolds said. "Anything you can do to help children focus will improve their behavior."

In 2003, researchers at California State University, Los Angeles, studied test scores at the Accelerated School, a charter school where Guber sits on the board and where students practice yoga almost every day.

Entertainment CEO Peter Guber, embraced yoga after moving to California in the 1970s. Their 13-acre Bel-Air estate includes a clifftop garden leading to a Yoga House retreat.

In 2004, Americans spent almost \$3 billion on yoga classes and retreats, books, DVDs, mats, clothing and related items. About 3 million American adults practiced yoga at least twice a week in 2006, more than doubling from 1.3 million in 2001, according to Mediamark Research.

Despite mainstream acceptance, yoga in public schools remains touchy. Critics say even stripped-down "yoga lite" goads young people into exploring other religions and mysticism.

Dave Hunt, who has traveled to India to study yoga's roots and interview gurus, called the practice "a vital part of the largest missionary program in the world" for Hinduism. The Bend, Ore., author of "Yoga and the Body of Christ: What Position Should Christians Hold?" said that, like other religions, the practice has no place in public schools.

ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP CHILDREN FOCUS WILL IMPROVE THEIR BEHAVIOR."

Ruth Reynolds

Principal of Coleman Elementary School in San Rafael

teacher training course in yoga.

"I see a lot fewer discipline problems," said Ruth Reynolds, principal of Coleman Elementary School in San Rafael. Her observation of the school's six-year-old yoga program is that it helps easily distracted chil-

Researchers found a correlation between yoga and better behavior and grades, and they said young yogis were more fit than the district average from the California Physical Fitness Test

Guber, married to former Sony Pictures

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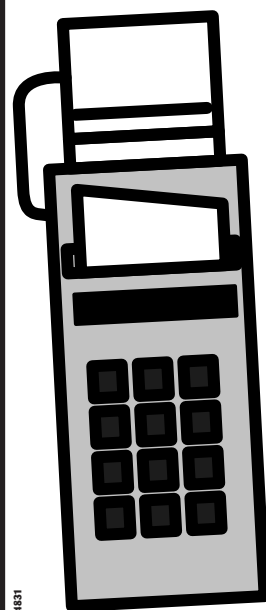
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer's prejudice was showing

Editor:

In response to Bunnie Meyer's vile and inflammatory anti-immigrant letter ("Breaking the border," Jan. 24, page 4).

So Latinos are taking jobs from Americans! Do they come on horses with rifles and say, "Give me your jobs"? Do they sneak into town at night, mug you, and say "I want your job"? No, the newly arrived immigrants do back-breaking work in the fields, kitchens and factories that Americans won't touch.

The next time intolerant white folk, Republicans and anti-immigrant forces say Mexicans are taking our jobs, tell them their prejudice is showing.

Ron Lowe

Santa Monica

Bush's claims are bogus

Editor:

Jack Neworth ("If Bush knew then what he knows ... ah, forget it," Jan. 26, page 5) sees through (President) Bush's claims about the Iraq war. What is generally not well known is the administration's duplicity in the area of education. In his State of the Union address, Bush stated that "the No Child Left Behind Act has worked for America's children." Earlier in the day, the White House issued a statement ("Building On Results: A Blueprint For Strengthening NCLB") that claimed "student achievement is rising – more reading progress was made by 9-year-olds in five years than in the previous 28 years combined, and reading and math scores for 9-year-olds and fourth-graders have reached all-time highs."

These are disingenuous statements. The administration is talking about national reading tests (the "NAEP"). No Child Left Behind does not deserve the credit for the five-year (1999-2004) jump on NAEP. The 1999-2004 analysis is based on "trend" scores, equivalent tests given in 1999 and 2004: NCLB was not introduced until 2002-03. A look at the regular NAEP tests given between 1999 and 2004 suggests that the jump occurred between 2000 and 2002, before NCLB was implemented. And a great deal of the improvement over the last 28 years took place before 1999!

This is a very serious matter. No Child Left Behind has turned schools into test-prep centers, has reduced reading instruction to phonics exercises, and has encouraged the elimination of in-school free reading. The administration is claiming that it "works" and wants to expand it to high schools. Its renewal depends crucially on the claims that it has worked. But these claims are as bogus as claims about weapons of mass destruction.

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What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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CHiPs fall where they may

I SPENT THE WEEKEND IN LAS VEGAS. I love Vegas. It's a town that knows what it is — it's comfortable being cheap, cheesy, crass, crude, money grubbing. It's an ever-evolving machine that is designed to do one thing — extract money from you.

There are all sorts of avenues for the money guys from Vegas to get into your pants pocket. From the lowly penny slot machine in the downtown area to the high-limit tables at Steve Wynn's latest extravaganza hotel experience, your money is soon to be their money. And I'm comfortable with that when I play, because I know that the trade-off is that I receive the thrill and excitement of what the next card is going to be.

A possible win is what makes gambling fun. The amazing environments that are created at the differing resorts are what make the inevitable losses acceptable. Knowing what the deal is makes taking your losses so much easier.

On the drive out, I missed the turn-off I was supposed to take. This led to a side trip through Mojave. As these things go, I was on a two-lane highway between Mojave and Barstow in my attempt to get back on track to Vegas.

There is nothing but desert on my left and right, and traffic is clipping along in the mid-70s, in a 65 zone. The speed limit is posted in this state so that you can know what the legal limit of speed is ... sorta.

As anyone who has ever driven on the highways in our state will tell you, there is the speed limit and then there is the "real" speed limit — generally, about 15 miles per hour over the posted limit.

Driving from Los Angeles north, one can pretty much expect to set the cruise control on 85 in a posted 65-mile-per-hour zone and be safe from tickets. I drive from Parker, Arizona, to Santa Monica, and regularly do 80 in 65 zones, and do not get poached.

It is just the way things are in this state. Except, when it's the end of the month. Suddenly, the laws are strictly enforced. Yes, I got a ticket, and being the lawbreaker that I am, I was written up for doing 77 in a 65 mph zone. Frankly, it's embarrassing to have

to say that I was only doing 12 miles over the limit and got nabbed.

It means I get to spend an afternoon on the computer doing traffic school. But that is not what annoys me. What bugs me is the randomness of the enforcement.

Being a lawyer, everyone expects me to "fight it." But the reality is that to do so would cost me far more than the traffic school will. Fighting it means taking a full day out of my life and going to Victorville, and assuming that I actually get in front of a judge, I have to argue with a police officer (who is in that court all the time, and most likely is a poker pal of the judge) whose credibility with the judge is far greater than mine will ever be.

Besides, the fact is, I was doing 77. I was exceeding the speed limit, but I had no way of knowing what the "real" speed limit is. It's just as likely that if I was doing only 75, I wouldn't have received a ticket, even though in absolute terms I am just as guilty of breaking the posted speed limit.

That is the bothersome point for me. I don't know the deal. As none of us ever does on the highways in this state. The random enforcement is really just nothing more than a road tax that we are picked to pay. If it wasn't just that, there wouldn't be an 'easy out' of taking traffic school and keeping my record clean of any points.

The history of Vegas is that it was started by a mobster with mob money. They were generally outlaws who had to live by a higher code of ethics than the police of our state do. In the world of outlaws, the deals have to be clear, they have to be fair and everyone knows the rules. To quote Bob Dylan, "If you're going to live outside the law, you gotta be honest."

I guess the converse of that is: If you're going to be a law enforcer, you get to make the rules up as you go along.

Between the casinos and the California Highway Patrol, I think I prefer dealing with the casinos, at least I know the deal.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOE COBB

Little scraps of paper can pose a big threat

THE END OF JANUARY BRINGS AN annual blizzard of little scraps of paper to everyone's mail box — income tax documents from employers, banks, pension funds, mortgage lenders and governments. The income tax relies on one of the most complex systems of information reporting ever devised. Billions of documents are printed and mailed, filed electronically and cross-referenced. The Internal Revenue Service and all the state departments of revenue — in California, the Franchise Tax Board — receive copies of all of them, in order to do a computer "audit" of everyone who files a tax return.

The income tax has been described as a system of voluntary self-reporting, but that misleading idea is based only on the final tax return each taxpayer signs and submits by April 15. The taxman already knows what your income is, from the little scraps of paper other people send in about you; but the information is not compiled into a coherent financial profile until you submit the tax return.

It takes the IRS from six to 12 months to digest the flood of tax documents submitted in January each year. All that info has to be entered into the central computer and cross-tabbed by employer or payer identification numbers and social security numbers.

Imagine what this system of information collection must have been like in 1943, the first year the payroll withholding tax was in effect. There were no computers; everything had to be done by hand. The IRS had to maintain acres of warehouse space just to store the file cabinets and index cards. It would never have been possible if Social Security had not become law six years earlier. In 1937, the federal government had started giving numbers to every worker. Employers had started sending payroll data in to the Social Security Administration and money to the U.S. Treasury. The financial information reported to Social Security became the basis for our current tax system.

The income-reporting system also provides a rich field for mischief. Anyone can obtain a tax-reporting number, as a potential employer or payer of money to individuals. With that nine-digit number you can then file such reports on little scraps of paper. A cruel practical joke would only require someone to get a number for a fictional company, write up a 1099-Misc form, obtain an individual's Social Security number and report to the IRS that the person was paid a few thousand dollars.

The law says both the IRS and the individual should get a copy of every 1099 form, but

this is a practical joke, remember, so the victim doesn't get a copy. About two years later, the IRS will match up the false 1099 with the victim's tax return and send the victim an audit letter, demanding payment of taxes on the "unreported income," which, of course, the victim knows nothing about until the threatening letter from the IRS arrives. This is exactly what computer virus hackers and pranksters do just for fun to your computer over the Internet and by e-mail.



NOBODY CAN PROVE A NEGATIVE CLAIM, WHICH IS WHY TRADITIONAL LAW SAYS YOU ARE INNOCENT UNTIL SOMEONE PROVES YOU ARE GUILTY. BUT IN OUR TAX LAW, IT IS JUST THE REVERSE."

How can the victims disprove the accusations from the IRS that they did not actually receive any income from the fictional employer you have created? Nobody can prove a negative claim, which is why traditional law says you are innocent until someone proves you are guilty. But in our tax law, it is just the reverse.

Just fighting off the IRS for several years would cause the victim some distress, and to make the problem go away, the person might actually send money to the government.

Such pranks are against the law, of course. Nobody should break the law. But bad people do bad things all the time, which is why we have anti-virus programs and firewalls on our computers. Government ought not to set up a tax system based on little scraps of paper, which opens the door for hackers and pranksters to submit "virus" tax documents into the IRS computer. And in rethinking that reporting system, maybe government should rethink the whole idea of having an income tax to begin with.

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Fallen hopefuls brace for 2008 Council run

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and alleged corruption within City Hall. "I want to get at least two women to run with me on the same platform, but with campaign finance reform and term limits added.

I'm still supportive of the city providing free Wi-Fi, free Internet, which is a powerful tool."

Mann, who received the lowest vote total of any candidates in 2006 with 1,631 votes (or 2.24 percent of total votes cast), believes term limits are important and will work to get the city charter amended so that more people can have the opportunity to serve.

"This election just reinforced for me the need to get rid of incumbency," Mann said. "(Elected officials) are so certain they will get elected that they don't listen to the public. They pretend to listen, but all they are really doing is representing the special interests."

Mann, who was "angry" with voters for re-electing incumbents Kevin McKeown, Pam O'Connor and Bob Holbrook, pointed to the dominance of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, the city's leading political party, which was able to elect every single candidate it endorsed except one, Gleam Davis, a candidate for City Council.

"I'm tired of the big lobby electing council members," Mann said. "It's almost impossible for a guy like me to get elected."

Davis, a corporate attorney who finished fifth with 12.9 percent of the vote, and Planning Commissioner Terry O'Day, who finished fourth with 16.1 percent, could not be reached for comment.

Aside from the dominance of public employee unions and SMRR, Mann may

have another obstacle to overcome in 2008 — housing. Mann said he is being forced out of his apartment in Ocean Park and is unsure if he will be able to find another one in Santa Monica that he can afford. If he's forced to move outside the city, he cannot run for public office in Santa Monica.

"I've had to move three times before and that has only stopped me once from running," Mann said. "I think I'll be all right."



MANN



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Another candidate who has run for Council on multiple occasions and lost is Linda Armstrong, a computer data entry operator whose platform in the election focused primarily on housing homeless women and children.

"It took a while to recover from the campaign, but I'm looking forward to 2008," Armstrong said. "It was kind of strange, but I really got exhausted towards the end of the campaign."

Armstrong finished towards the bottom of the pack with 1,815 votes, or 2.49 percent of total votes cast.

Armstrong said she is focused on going back to college to study physics and is work-

ing on drafting a change to the city charter that would increase the number of council seats from seven to 13.

"I think we need to give more people the opportunity to serve," she said. "Those who continually get elected tend to not do anything innovative. Homeless is still a concern and I will try desperately to house as many women and children as possible.

"That's the reason why I keep running ...

homelessness is really at an impasse."

While he is planning to run again in 2008, Terence Later is somewhat pleased that the election season has ended, allowing him more time to focus on his business interests.

A consultant in the entertainment industry, Later has been busy working in his latest venture, a technology that mirrors Karaoke in that it allows a person to step into their favorite film and pretend to be the main character by utilizing "green screen" technology.

"I'm just trying to get back into my daily routine, catching up with stuff that you have to put on hold somewhat during the campaign," Later said. "I haven't attended any (Council) meetings, but I have certainly kept

my finger on the pulse of what is going on."

Later said he has fond memories of the campaign, which put him in touch with many people he hadn't seen since his elementary school days in Santa Monica.

Later, who received 2,606 votes, or 3.57 percent of total votes cast, said that, despite losing, he felt his campaign was successful because of the defeat of Proposition W, which opponents said would make it easier for elected officials to receive contributions from people who received a benefit from the council. Later campaigned against Prop. W.

"I would like to see people elected on merit, not because they did someone a favor," Later said. "I learned so much from this process ... and I believe we need new blood."

Later, who ran for public office for the first time last year, said he will begin fundraising earlier in the election season next time and will look to be more hard hitting in the debates so as to expose the truth about his fellow candidate's records.

"My campaign was and will continue to be about accountability," Later said.

THEIR WORK CUT OUT FOR THEM

Another candidate who made his first run for public office was real estate agent Mark McLellan, a Florida native who now calls Santa Monica home.

McLellan earned 2,184 votes, or 3 percent of total votes cast.

"After the hectic, hub-bub of the campaign, I took some time off for vacation to kind of wind down and now, basically, I'm looking to get involved," McLellan said. "I'm looking at the Planning Commission and a few other boards and things to see where I

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McLellan said he is also looking at joining the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and other organizations that he can "give my elbow grease and my heart to."

McLellan said the goal of his campaign last year was to introduce himself to the community and find out who the players are so that he could get involved. He said he was proud that he ran a very positive campaign during a time when there seemed to be a lot of attention focused on the attacks directed at McKeown, who was the subject of several mailers and cable television commercials blasting his record on homelessness and public safety.

Despite the attacks, McKeown received the most votes of any candidate with 14,000.

"I think that speaks volumes," said McLellan, who believes there are still strong divisions in Santa Monica around issues of homelessness and development. "The organization that put all this money into the campaign, trying to attack his record, they need to look long and hard at what they were trying to do because it didn't work."

In the next year, McLellan said he will continue to learn from those who have the experience and try to earn a seat on one of the commissions where he can be a voice of reason in a community that is polarized.

Candidate Jenna Linnekens is also looking at joining commissions so that she can expand her understanding of the issues.

"I'm doing my best to remain active in the community and I just really want to spend more time within the community and, hopefully, the boards and commissions will help prepare me for a seat on the council in 2008," said Linnekens, who came in sixth, with 4.2 percent of the vote. "We had

every hope of winning, however, we knew if we didn't, this was just the beginning for us."

Linnekens, an event planner, said she took some time off during the holidays, but before she did so she went to local businesses including Panera Bread, Revolution Fitness, Yoga Hop and Wahoo's and placed donation boxes at each one. She then collected donated toys and gave them to the Santa Monica Fire Department to distribute to children.

IT TOOK A WHILE TO RECOVER FROM THE CAMPAIGN, BUT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO 2008."

Linda Armstrong
2006 City Council candidate

Linnekens also applied for seats on the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Recreation and Parks Commission. She said her experience working with the hospitality industry would make her a perfect fit for the CVB and she cares deeply about open space.

As for the tone of the election, Linnekens, who was a harsh critic of City Hall, said she felt she ran a positive campaign, but was disappointed that "nastiness" exhibited by others "overshadowed potential of the candidates."

In the end, she and other candidates said they found a new respect for what it takes to hold public office.

"I have a lot of work to do," she said.

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PIECING IT TOGETHER: A child concentrates on his wooden board game as parents watch their children at a local nursery. The ban on spanking raises the question of who has final say in the rearing of a child — the state or the parent?

Spanking is debate at hand

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE — Thousands of miles and decades removed from her upbringing in Japan, Eriko Suzuki still feels the emotional sting of being spanked by her mother.

Now a mother herself, Suzuki, who resides in West Los Angeles, uses life experience when it comes to raising her 6-month-old daughter.

"I disagree with spanking," Suzuki said on Monday, while strolling with her daughter on the promenade. "My mother spanked me and I still remember how shocked I felt."

If the State of California has any say in it, there may be no more children left feeling the way Suzuki felt after getting a hard taste of her mother's hand.

Within the next two weeks, Assemblywoman Sally Lieber (D-Mountain View) is expected to introduce legislation that would make it a misdemeanor for parents to slap, spank or hit a child under 4 years of age. The maximum penalty is a one-year prison sentence and/or \$1,000 fine. Sanctions could also include mandatory parenting and anger management classes.

"We felt strongly that these very small children are the least likely to come into contact with other adults and, just by virtue, are sitting ducks for an abusive adult," Lieber said on Monday. "Just about everyone believes we have laws against child abuse that are working well and, in fact, the law in this area is very gray."

Adults can basically discipline children however they deem fit, as long as the action is not considered to be "unjustifiable," according to current state law. Confusion over the law has caused some prosecutors to ask for clarification from state legislators.

But Child Development Specialist Rose Selesnick, who offers parenting classes on the Westside, disagrees with the proposed legislation. Though she believes that children shouldn't be

spanked, Selesnick also doesn't think the state can legislate what goes on in the home.

"I like to see a system where parents have to go through parenting classes while they're pregnant," said Selesnick, of Marina del Rey, on Monday.

Child specialists on the Westside appear to agree that spanking is not the most effective method to teach a child right from wrong.

It's a disciplinary practice that can be both emotionally and mentally damaging for a child, according to Selesnick. The controversial method also makes children angry and redemptive, and instills in them the belief that violence is a way to solve problems.

'LESSON NEVER HAPPENS'

Once considered to be a conventional method of discipline, corporal punishment is now thought by many to be outdated. Still, there are many parents who slap, hit or spank a child when they are up to no good.

"There are people with three or four kids and have no help and no husband to help them, and they get frustrated," Selesnick said. "They're the kind of parent who said 'my father beat the hell out of me and I turned out OK.'"

Spanking might provide a short-term solution in stopping a child in their tracks of wrongdoing, but amid the emotions of anger and humiliation of being spanked, the child forgets their lesson, said Elaine Rodino, a Santa Monica-based psychologist.

"The lesson never happens," she said. "It's not successful in terms of teaching a better way or having the child not do that again."

Some experts say parents can usually have one free pass to spank their child. That one free pass should only be used if the toddler is doing something that would endanger their life, such as running onto the street unsupervised, said Edith Spain, a professor and former chairwoman of the Early Childhood Education Program at

Santa Monica College.

"If you have the certificate to spank once in a lifetime, that would be the one time," Spain said.

Next fall, Spain will teach a new course at SMC on managing challenging child behaviors. Corporal punishment will be covered in the curriculum.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE.

If a child is scribbling on the wall, the parent should tell the child to help clean up the writing on the wall. Children have good intentions, especially at a young age. They haven't been on the planet long enough to know what is right and what is wrong, according to Spain.

Many specialists are against the concept of "time out," saying it leaves children alone when they really need their parents' help and attention.

"We don't do time outs anymore in good childcare centers," Spain said. "In marginal ones, they do. It's quick, it's easy, but it doesn't create lasting behavior."

The effectiveness of a time out depends on how it is executed by parents.

"It can be done in a way that can be harsh and very upsetting and mortifying and not teaching a lesson of what should be done," Rodino said. "The best thing to do is re-engage the child in doing something that's better."

Taking away a child's favorite toy or object is only effective if the item is involved in the child's bad manner. For example, if a young boy is throwing a toy truck at his sister, parents should take the toy away.

Otherwise, parents should sit down with their children and discuss what they expect out of them.

"Mostly, kids do what they do because they don't know any other way," Selesnick said.

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out and trying to find a middle ground between the needs of the developer and the community, Mike Silverman, a 16-year resident of Ocean Park, said in his "idealistic mind," he would want someone to raise enough money to purchase the building so it could remain unchanged.

"It's what made Santa Monica, Santa Monica," Silverman said.

Even tourists seemed to favor preservation.

Two surfers from Japan came to the meeting along with Ho, planning to purchase surfboards during their stay in Santa Monica. The surfers said they came all the way from Japan to see the surf shop itself.

David Kinoshita visited the Horizons West Surf Shop for the first time five years ago. Though the building itself isn't as important as what happened at the site, Kinoshita was alarmed by the pace at which historic buildings were being demolished in Santa Monica. He likened it to a trend occurring in Japan, with old buildings being replaced with new ones.

It seems to be a concern among residents in Japan, Kinoshita said, and the Japanese are beginning to regret the lack of history and character and the increasing uniformity in the design of the new buildings.

Ten to 15 years from now, if the surf shop is gone and all the buildings in Santa Monica change and begin to look new, taking away the character of the city, tourists like himself will stop visiting, Kinoshita said.

COMMEMORATING HISTORY

Some ideas for the site already proposed, such as erecting a statue and painting a mural, were suggested with a twist.

Rather than placing a statue at the site of the Zephyr shop, one person suggested it be erected at Bicknell Hill, where many of the Z-Boys spent their afternoons perfect-

ing their craft.

An idea that seemed popular with young skaters only two weeks ago, at the first workshop on Jan. 11, received a lukewarm response by Santa Monica skater Chase Mikrot.

There are plenty of skate parks in Santa Monica, Mikrot said, sitting in the back of the room with a skateboard underneath his seat.

"The ones around, excuse my language, suck," he said of skate parks.

Instead of the park, what skaters really need is a place to hang out and a place to prepare for skateboarding. Many skaters use the backs of their trucks to prepare for a skateboarding run, he said.



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One idea that garnered an enthusiastic response was to preserve and build around the exterior of the main entrance of the building and create a small shrine or museum inside the lobby of the new building.

"I suggest you take the lobby of the original surf shop and make a living homage to surf and skateboarding," said Santa Monica resident Lori Nafshun.

The organizers of the meeting — Community Activist Abby Arnold and Doar — are expected to report the results of the two workshops to the Landmarks Commission on Feb. 12.

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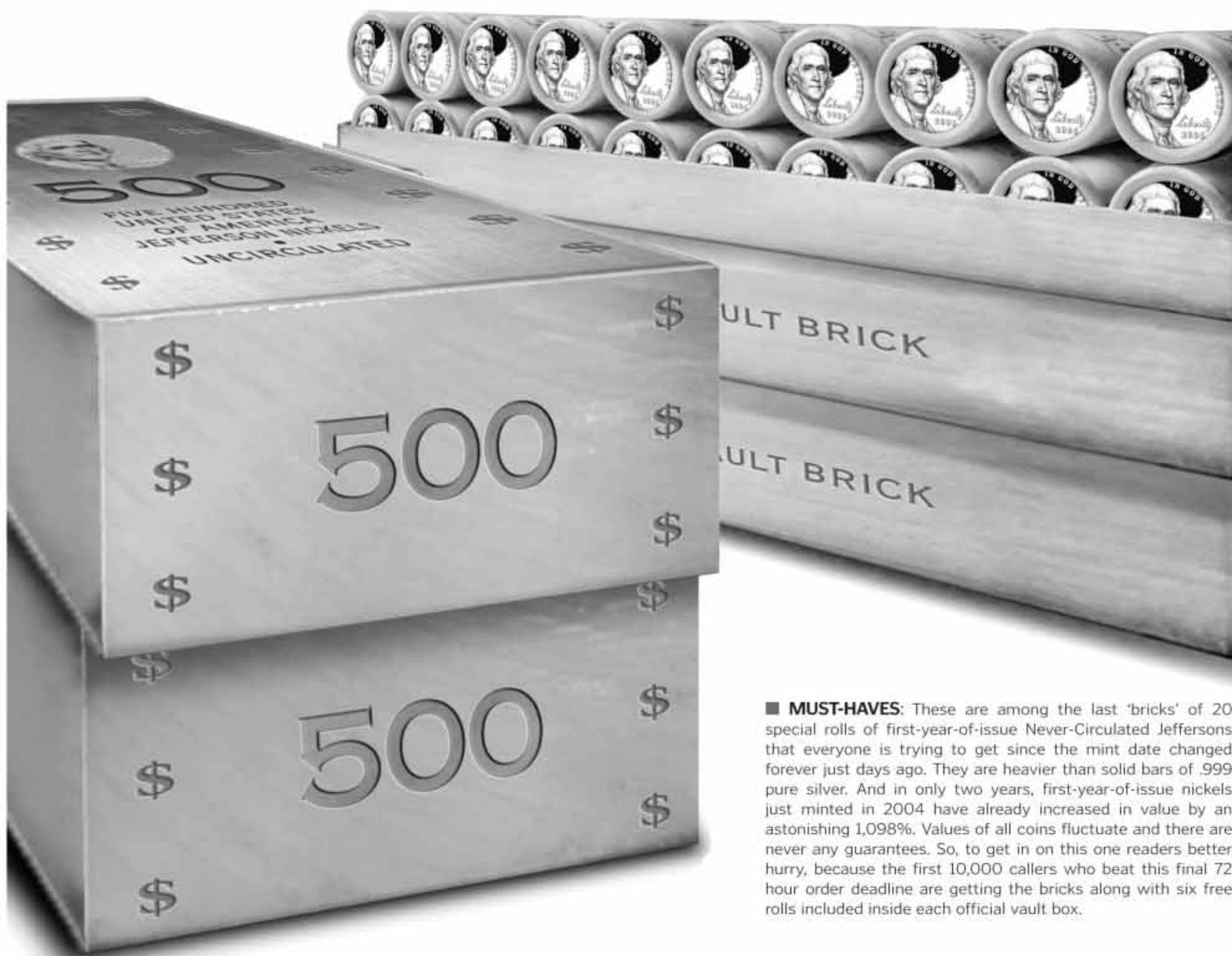
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By BRANDON DAILY
Universal Media Syndicate

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY PATRICIA BUCHTER

No spanking? No thank you

THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE IS considering a law that would prohibit parents from “spanking” their children. Can somebody better define “spanking,” please? I can’t say that I am an advocate for spanking children, and I do believe in exploring alternative methods to spanking, but I am not sure I want my state legislature telling me how to discipline my toddler. What’s next?

As a parent, I have already experienced the loss of some decision-making, which I felt was a parent’s right. I know it is important to educate your child, but shouldn’t parents have a “say” in when they educate their children regarding things like AIDS, sex education and the use of condoms? We, as parents, no longer have control of what are children are exposed to. We are no longer in the “driver’s seat,” so to speak, when it comes to exposing our children to certain information. I do understand that certain topics need to be covered in school, especially since parents may or may not be doing it at home, but whatever happened to “age appropriateness” — something I personally would like to have a “say” in?

As a parent, I could go off on a million other tangents, including the violence and crude language on our children’s video games to discussing condom use in our schools, but does anyone else feel this way? I know the world is changing and our children are being exposed to things that, as children, were non-issues for us, but I still feel as an active parent that I do not want to be dictated to by the state or any other governing authority regarding the raising of my children.

I understand that the law is there, in many cases, to protect, and do feel that the health and welfare of children should be

protected under all circumstances, but how exactly will this law be enforced? Laws are already in place to protect children against abuse, although they could be better, but is a slap on the hand to a toddler abuse? Will we be afraid to correct our children in public places for fear of retaliation and the thought of possibly losing them if reported? How will this law be monitored in the home?

The California State Legislature hopes that cracking down on spanking will, in the end, crack down on violence and crime in this country. The U.S. crime rate is higher than ever and I don’t think it’s a result of toddlers being spanked!

We, as parents, are not disciplining as we did in the past, and this very well may be the reason behind the increase in crime and violence. Many of us were spanked when we were younger and we’re not on the streets committing crimes. No, in fact, many of us have a greater sense of respect for our elders, including our teachers and our parents, who administered discipline along the way.

Spanking isn’t always an answer, but a parent needn’t be scrutinized under the law for what they deem appropriate punishment for a child’s misbehavior. How far will this go?

Fellow parents, we need to step up to the plate and say “enough!” Don’t let our government dictate how we should raise or not raise our children. Strengthen our laws against abuse of children and empower our child protective agencies so that abuse of children ends in this country.

But spanking? ... Come on.

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TUESDAY

Storytelling and Library Programs

Main Library - 601 Santa Monica Blvd. - 458-8621
Baby Time 10:15 & 11:00 a.m., babies up to 2 years, current session thru Feb. 13.
Fairview Branch Library - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 450-0443.
Toddler Story Time in Spanish - 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3.
Baby Time - 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2, current session thru Feb. 6
Twilight Story Time -7pm - an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704

Montana Ave - 829-7081.
Family Story Time - 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library - 2601 Main St. - 392-8304
Story Time for Twos - 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis
For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove
Storytime for ages 2 - 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

YWCA - A Place for Parents -Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class - 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., 0 - 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
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Yoga & Exercise

Exhale Center for Sacred Movement, 245 S. Main St., Venice. Pre/Post Natal - 11:25 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. 450-7676, exhalespa.com.
Single class \$17, package of ten \$135.
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.
YoMama Yoga - 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks - 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes. yogababyla.com

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

Storytelling and Library Programs

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. Current session thru Feb. 7 for both.
Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081.
Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2.
Ocean Park Branch Library - 2601 Main St. -392-3804.
Spanish Bilingual Stories - 11:20 a.m., ages 2 - 5.
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.

Yoga & Exercise

YoMama Yoga - 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks - 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes.
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Other

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

Free workshop reveals 7 ways to slash college costs

SANTA MONICA – An extremely popular free workshop is being held for the parents of college bound high school students during the month of February at various Santa Monica locations.

The workshop will focus on little-known ways of getting money for college, no matter how much income you make, or how good of a student you have. The class will include such topics as how to double or triple your eligibility for free grant money, the secret to sending your child to a private or UC school for less than the cost of a junior college, and the single biggest mistake that 9 out of 10 par-

ents make when planning for college.

The workshop dates are Thursday, February 8th at the Montana Avenue 7:15PM-8:45PM, Saturday, February 10th at the Santa Monica Main Library 10:15 AM. to 12 PM, and Tuesday, February 13th at the Santa Monica Main Library. The workshop will be taught by Shanee Chavis an affiliate of the College Planning Network, Inc. the nation’s leading expert on paying for college.

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Parenting Calendar

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THURSDAY
MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup - noon for children born 3/06 - 12/06; 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 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

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Story Time for Twos - 10:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Preschool Story Time - 11:20 a.m., ages 3 - 5, 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.
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. Current session thru Feb. 1.
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.
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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., 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 450-0209 or 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.childisplayonline.net
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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
Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa - 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 - 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
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., 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., 310-559-800K.
Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades - 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.
826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info @825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

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

Yoga & Exercise
Santa Monica Yoga - Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays - 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicayoga.com
Mommy Care - at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711.
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Prenatal Yoga - 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. \$18 single class, \$85 for five classes. yogababyia.com

Other
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Schwarzenegger's plan has a familiar ring

BY LAURA KURTZMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO The last time California passed a major health reform law, Gray Davis was governor. And in just more than a year, both he and the law were gone.

Now, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who won office when voters ousted Davis in 2003 and played a role in overturning his health care law, is trying another health expansion.

The question is whether his reform will meet the same fate.

Just like the law Davis signed, Schwarzenegger's plan has support from Democrats but not Republicans and upsets some business interests. But the Davis law had the backing of unions, doctors, hospitals and some insurers, while Schwarzenegger's plan has the potential to offend all of them at once.

"This is going to be a tough one to pull off," said Bruce Cain, director of the Institute of Governmental Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. "I don't think you can take on the doctors, nurses and the business groups and labor."

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The 2003 Davis law, authored by former Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, a Democrat, would have forced businesses to pay most of the cost of insuring their workers. The next year, retailers and restaurants con-

vinced voters to overturn the law in a referendum.

Schwarzenegger wants to share the cost of covering the uninsured among individuals, employers, doctors, hospitals and the federal government. Insurance plans also would have

to take steps that could cut into their profits.

Schwarzenegger says his "shared responsibility" approach will help everyone by lowering health care costs and drawing billions more in federal funds.

But he is having trouble selling the plan, in part because of the anti-tax rhetoric he used during his re-election campaign. Schwarzenegger wants to raise \$4.5 billion through fees on employers, hospitals and doctors.

The governor says the fees are not taxes, although he said the opposite during his re-election campaign when he criticized the health-care ideas of his opponent, Democrat Phil Angelides.

Republicans are not buying the governor's argument, and a small business group already has produced attack ads on the subject to influence opinion leaders in Sacramento. One features a rubber duck that quacks while a narrator says, "Call the governor today and tell him, if his plan looks like a tax and sounds like a tax, it must be a tax — one that Californians cannot afford."

Victim of mountain lion ambush to undergo more surgery

BY RACHEL KONRAD
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO A Northern California hiker attacked by a mountain lion last week was airlifted to a San Francisco hospital Sunday, where he will likely undergo more surgery.

A spokesman for Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata said doctors wanted to send Jim Hamm to a major research hospital in San Francisco after they per-

formed emergency surgery on his scalp and downgraded his condition from fair to serious.

Dense fog along the Northern California coast prevented the medical plane's liftoff all morning, but Hamm was delivered to California Pacific Medical Center Sunday evening after the fog broke, the hospital confirmed.

Ayotte emphasized that moving Hamm to a hospital with more doctors and sophisticated equipment was a "proactive, highly pre-

cautionary" measure.

The 70-year-old Fortuna man first underwent surgery Wednesday after a female mountain lion ambushed him at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park. He and his wife, Nell, were hiking in the park when the lion pounced on him, scalped him, mauled his face, ripped off part of his lips and inflicted other puncture wounds and scratches.

Hamm is taking antibiotics to prevent an infection, but his doc-

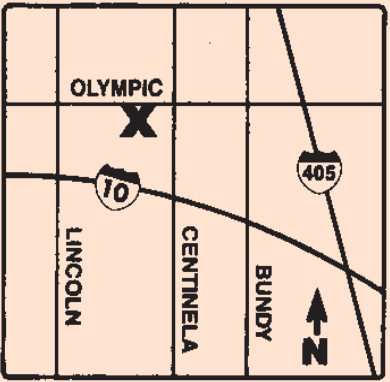
tors remained concerned about bacteria entering his body from the cat's claws and mouth.

"Infection — that's our biggest concern," Ayotte said. "You can have exactly the same injuries in a traffic accident or in a wild animal attack, but your chances of infection with a wild animal accident are far greater."

Although the Hamms are experienced hikers, neither had seen a mountain lion before Jim Hamm was mauled while walking on a

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Hamm, Garciaparra help families fighting cancer

BY KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

BELLFLOWER, Calif. Some six months pregnant with twins, Mia Hamm deftly switched the soccer ball from her right foot to her left, then rolled it behind her to keep an eager young defender from taking it away.

Eight-year-old Anthony Arroyo watched approvingly before gleefully sprinting up the field toward the opponents' goal.

"It's been a while," said the 34-year-old Hamm, retired from soccer but still one of America's most-recognized athletes. "Some things definitely have changed. I've put on a little weight."

There's a strong connection between Hamm and Arroyo, who, thanks to the National Marrow Donor Program's registry, can run and play soccer with the other kids.

Hamm and husband Nomar Garciaparra of the Los Angeles Dodgers were on hand Sunday afternoon at his old high school to kick off a program to help patients and their families in their fight against cancer.

The two call their program "9 to 5" because they consider giving back to the community a full-time effort.

While youngsters scurried about on the St. John Bosco High School field, adults filled out forms and had swabs taken to register with the marrow donor program.

"Being a donor can be a life-altering experience. It's an opportunity to help

change the world," Hamm said.

Garciaparra said, "Just registering can save a person's life."

Hamm, who began a foundation to support research on diseases of the bone marrow, had a tragic personal experience: her brother Garrett died at 28 of aplastic anemia, a rare blood disorder. He did receive a bone marrow transplant, but other complications caused his death in 1997.

She and Garciaparra are teaming with Children's Hospital Los Angeles and plan to put together a fundraising soccer match next year that will feature stars from sports and the entertainment industry.

Hamm put her arm around Anthony, noted that he had a marrow transplant after a match was found in the registry, and asked him how he was feeling.

"Good," he shot back, grinning.

Anthony's parents, Ron and Juanita Arroyo, beamed afterward as they watched him running around the field.

"We feel very lucky," Juanita Arroyo said. "They were able to find a perfect (marrow) match for him."

Dr. Neena Kapoor, Anthony's doctor, watched him chasing around and said, "It's always amazing. It's the best reward we can get."

Hamm's due date is around mid-April, and she said with a laugh, "I can feel some kicks. I can't decide whether that's like me or like Nomar's fidgeting."

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Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 1

Number of wet days -- 4

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 5

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 5

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	B	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	B	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	B	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	A
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	C
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	D	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	B	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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Hang with people, Virgo

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ When pressured or angry, no one wants to be around the raging Ram. If you notice that everyone seems to be running away, you don't need to ask why, but simply look within. Unexpected insights could toss you into the doldrums. Tonight: Put your best foot forward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others might not like what they hear. Information heads your way that forces you to regroup. Know that you can do it. You might feel pressured by a boss or authority figure. Realize your limitations. Tonight: Express your thoughts and look for solutions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Expenses could be a bit overwhelming, especially as someone is most demanding. You might want to rethink a decision involving a partnership. Good communication helps you understand what might be ailing another person. Tonight: Togetherness might be the theme.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might want to try something very different, but others might say "no." And they mean it. What motivates this answer might not be so important. Claim your power and do what is absolutely necessary. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Knowing when to do nothing is as important as acting. Sit back on your haunches, especially with a difficult situation. You don't need to accept anything you feel uncomfortable with. Someone makes a caring gesture once limits are established. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You cannot minimize a situation, even if you would like to. Step back and understand what might be going on that is encouraging someone to act so abruptly. You have reason to react. Just know when and how. Tonight: Hang with people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Disruption on the home front is difficult and forces you to stop a project. You are unlikely to resolve this issue for a while, so stick to where your effectiveness does make a difference. Sometimes saying "no" doesn't work as well as turning away. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your ability to read between the lines separates you from others. Use this skill well, and you'll gain from an upsetting event or discussion. Avoid taking matters personally. Someone's caring gesture melts your heart. Tonight: Put on a great piece of music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Move away from issues that take you away from family or personal events. You might see a situation differently as a result. Recognize that a fiery sign like yours creates quite a distraction from major issues, even for yourself. Tonight: Happy at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You could impulsively topple a difficult situation and cause yourself a problem. Your high energy and need to accomplish a lot could easily be read as pushiness. Try on another perspective for size. Tonight: Tell it like it is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You are into doing rather than getting. You accomplish more than your share. Take a hard look at your anger and frustration. How could you have prevented these feelings? Head in a new direction, if possible. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Your creativity mixed with a gentler style points you in a new direction. You might not be ready for what tumbles down your path. Think rather than act. Keeping the peace might be very important. Tonight: Add that special caring touch.

Born Today

Singer Phil Collins (1951)
Comedian Brett Butler (1958),
Musician Steve Marriott (1947)



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Your sense of direction proves to be vital in this very creative and dynamic year. Much changes quickly, often tossing you off kilter if you don't know what your goals are. Financial changes ultimately will support you, but be ready for a bit of a roller-coaster ride. If you are single, you will grow and change. The person you choose now could be quite different later. You have an opportunity to develop a very important friendship and relationship. If you are attached, you break new ground, as you are likely to try to reinvent your bond.

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Face the music

Highway Patrol wants Brandy to be charged

The California Highway Patrol recommended Monday that actress-singer BRANDY be charged with misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter in a freeway crash that killed a woman motorist last month, a city attorney's spokesman told The Associated Press. The CHP referred the matter to the city attorney's office for review, said spokesman Nick Velasquez. "The office is currently reviewing the case and

determining whether the evidence warrants the filing of a misdemeanor charge of vehicular manslaughter," Velasquez said. A message seeking comment from Brandy's publicist, Courtney Barnes, was not immediately returned. The charge carries a maximum sentence of one year in county jail and a \$1,000 fine, Velasquez said. Prosecutors couldn't say when they would make a decision about whether to

bring a case. If charged, Brandy wouldn't necessarily have to appear in court and could have her lawyer enter a plea, Velasquez said. Brandy, whose real name is Brandy Norwood, has publicly expressed condolences to the victim's family, Barnes said last week. Barnes also has said Brandy wasn't under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the crash. Brandy, 27, was driving a

Land Rover on Interstate 405 on Dec. 30 when traffic slowed and her vehicle struck the back of Honda driven by Awatef Aboudihaj, 38, according to a CHP report. Aboudihaj's car hit another vehicle, slid sideways into the center divider and was then hit by another car, the report said. Aboudihaj, a Los Angeles waitress, died at a hospital from blunt-force injuries, according to the coroner's

office. Bill Sayed, an attorney for Aboudihaj's husband, said he supported the CHP's recommendation. Brandy, who earned a Grammy in 1999, has made five albums. She began her recording career at 14 and acted for film and television, starring on the sitcom "Moesha" from 1996-2001 and most recently as a judge for NBC's "America's Got Talent."

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MAKES WASTE

BEN STILLER and Scarlett Johansson are this year's recipients of the annual Hasty Pudding awards, given by a student drama group at Harvard University. The awards, announced Monday, are given to performers who have made a "lasting and impressive contribution to the world of entertainment" by Hasty Pudding Theatricals, the nation's oldest undergraduate drama troupe.

Johansson, 22, will lead a parade through Cambridge on Feb. 15, then attend a roast in her honor and receive the "Pudding Pot."

AP

Smith called 'Modern Master' for work

WILL SMITH was honored with the Modern Master Award — an honor that says he is a master of his craft — at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival.

Smith is nominated for a best-actor Oscar for his performance in "The Pursuit of Happyness" as a

struggling single father in San Francisco who beats the odds and goes from rags to riches.

Asked what it takes to be a good father, Smith said patience, compassion and commitment. He's the father of three in real life, including 7-year-old Jaden, who co-stars in

the movie.

"You've got to really want to be a good father," he told reporters on the red carpet outside the Arlington Theatre on Saturday night.

Tom Cruise presented the festival's Modern Master Award to Smith.

Smith said he was

pleased with the film's success.

"People are enjoying the film and it's reached a level of critical acclaim; it can't get any better than this," he said. "This is such a glorious time, it feels almost like emotional, spiritual greed."

AP

Mexican superstar faint, pulls out early

Superstar JUAN GABRIEL had to stop his concert in central Mexico after nearly fainting, the singer said on his Web site Monday.

Juan Gabriel Aguilera, a flashy star often compared to the late entertainer

Liberace, was giving a concert in Puebla, 65 miles southeast of Mexico City, when he said his blood pressure rose and he felt faint.

"I was going to faint but I did everything I could to

control myself and I managed to do so, but I could not continue because I needed air," Juan Gabriel wrote to fans on his Web site.

Juan Gabriel, who fell from the stage during a

concert in 2005 in Houston, promised to take better care of himself. A six-time Grammy nominee, Juan Gabriel is Mexico's top-selling artist. He has sold more than 30 million albums.

AP

Mirren, Whitaker take acting honors

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES — Helen Mirren of "The Queen" and Forest Whitaker of "The Last King of Scotland" won Screen Actors Guild Awards on Sunday as best lead players, their latest prizes on the road to the Academy Awards.

The road-trip romp "Little Miss Sunshine" won the prize for best film ensemble, the guild's equivalent of a best-picture award.

Solidifying their positions as Oscar favorites, Mirren won for playing British monarch Elizabeth II and Whitaker for starring as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin.

Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Hudson won supporting-acting honors as soulful singers in "Dreamgirls," reinforcing their status as Oscar front-runners as well.

The best-picture Oscar race, though, remains wide open, with "The Queen" and "Little Miss Sunshine" up against three sprawling dramas, "The Departed," "Babel" and "Letters From Iwo Jima."

Mirren said she initially was dismayed at the prospect of donning Elizabeth II's conservative wardrobe,

including sensible shoes and tweed skirts.

"I thought, I can't play anyone who chooses to wear those clothes. I just can't do it," said Mirren, who also won the guild honor for best actress in a miniseries as the current monarch's namesake in "Elizabeth I."

BECAUSE OF YOU, I WAS ABLE TO WORK AND LEARN FROM THE BEST."

Jennifer Hudson
Supporting-Acting winner

"But I learned to love the person who chooses to wear those clothes, because I learned to love a person without vanity, but with a great sense of discipline that I understand. With a great sense of duty that I understand. And with a great deal of courage, and that I understand."

It seemed the soft-spoken Whitaker was struck speechless,

rambling through some awkward words of gratitude.

"I want to thank you for allowing me to have a moment like this," Whitaker said.

"Little Miss Sunshine" co-star Greg Kinnear thanked the German automaker that designed the rickety minibus the film's horribly dysfunctional family drives to their little girl's beauty pageant.

"I'd like to thank the engineers at Volkswagen for making a beautiful vehicle back in 1969 that is so comfortable, so safe," Kinnear said.

Murphy, who built his career as a fast-talking comic player, began with a thank-you speech more appropriate for a serious thespian — but his sober demeanor proved a gag.

"What a tremendous honor to be recognized by one's peers. I've been acting for some 25 years now and this is a tremendous honor," said Murphy, talking in a British accent.

"No, I'm sorry," said Murphy, cracking up in laughter. "I feel goofy up here, 'cause I don't be winning stuff."

As a powerhouse vocalist in "Dreamgirls," Hudson continued her breakneck rise to movie stardom after becoming famous as an

"American Idol" contender two years ago. Hudson thanked her co-stars, who included Murphy, Jamie Foxx and Beyonce Knowles.

"Because of you, I was able to work and learn from the best. Yes, you are the best," said Hudson, who added thanks to the actors guild. "Just thank you for noticing little old me and accepting me."

"Dreamgirls," which had been considered a potential best-picture favorite at the Academy Awards, was among the guild nominees for best ensemble cast, yet was shut out of the nominations for the top Oscar.

Backstage, Murphy said he and his "Dreamgirls" castmates were as surprised as everyone else that the film received a leading eight Oscar nominations — but not one for best picture.

"We got eight nominations, that was a great thing. We were happy about that," he said. "I was so happy to be nominated, I wasn't feeling disappointment about anything. I was caught off guard that we didn't get nominated for best picture but I've just been happy, nonstop happy."

The ensemble win for "Little Miss Sunshine" could give the low-budget film a best-picture boost.

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The Hitcher (R)
12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:25, 9:45

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2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:30
Children of Men (R)
2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:00
Dreamgirls (PG-13)
1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:25
Epic Movie (PG-13)
1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
Night at the Museum (PG)
1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
Pan's Labyrinth (El Laberinto del Fauno) (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
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1hr 56min 1:50, 4:40, 7:50, 10:35

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Freedom Writers (PG-13)
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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

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The Other Coast

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VICKY, DID I TELL YOU I'M NOW COMPOSTING ALL MY KITCHEN GARBAGE?

YOU'RE SO ECO-RESPONSIBLE, SIMON. YOUR NEIGHBORS MUST BE IMPRESSED.

...NOT REALLY, I LIVE IN A HIGH-RISE.

Garfield

By Jim Davis

LOOK OUT, WORLD! HERE COMES GARFIELD!

I WARNED YOU

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COUGH

SNIFF

SCRATCH SCRATCH

Dog eat Doug

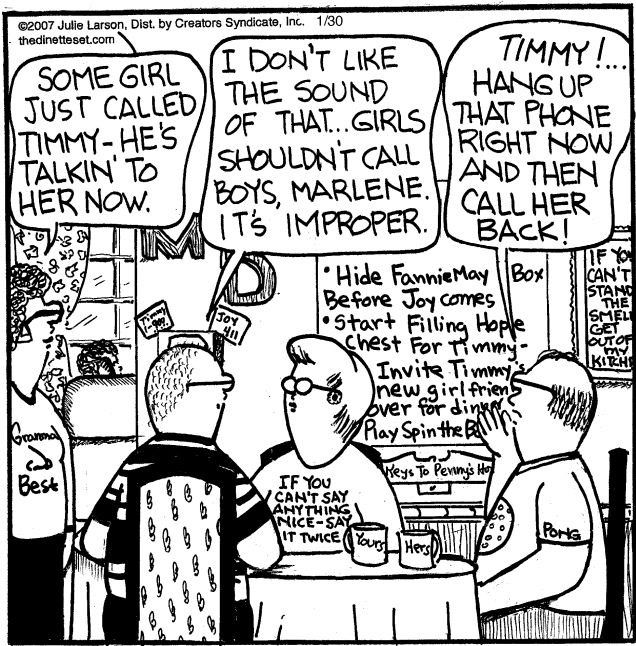
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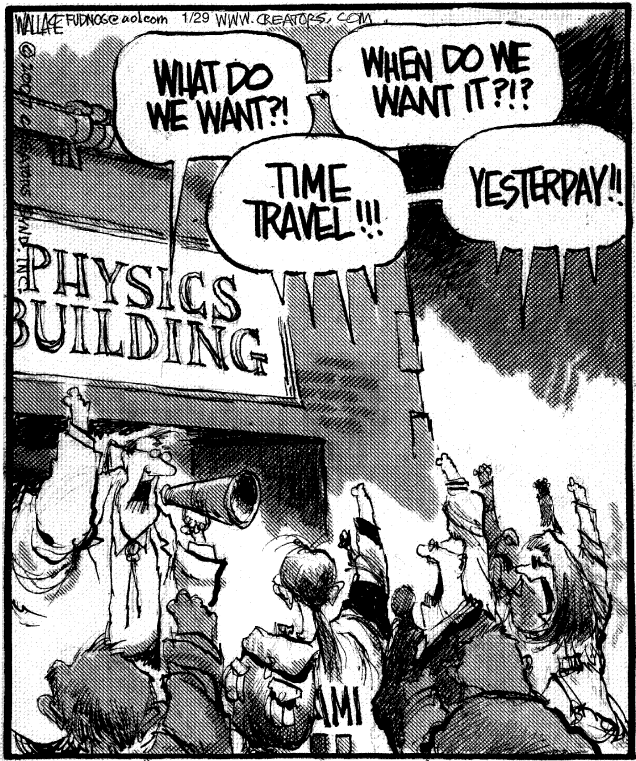
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In October, the Rhode Island Supreme Court entered a final judgment for Charles "Chick" Lennon, 68, against the manufacturer of a penile implant he had received in 1996 but which perpetually remains somewhat erect. (He says he has to wear a fanny pack in front to conceal it.) He had originally won \$750,000 for his pain and humiliation, reduced to \$400,000, but then back up to \$950,000, which he is scheduled to receive. In Chicago, dozens of men have sued Dr. Sheldon Burman after having their penises deformed in lengthening surgeries, according to lawsuits reported by the Chicago Sun-Times in September, even though Burman said he stands by his original methodology, involving vacuuming and stretching (on which he is said to be self-taught). And Blake Steidler, 25, of Reamstown, Pa., who said he received botched penis-augmentation surgery, was sentenced in November to almost five years in prison for mailing a bomb to the surgeon.

■ In findings that could surely be matched in the United States, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives reported in January that the country's 100 highest-paid business executives had, by 9:46 a.m. on Jan. 2, earned an amount equal to what the average Canadian would earn in all of 2007. And The New York Times reported in December that Wall Street bonuses for 2006 were so large that one real estate broker complained at New York City's shortage of \$20 million properties and a Greenwich, Conn., Ferrari dealer complained that Ferrari hadn't manufactured enough 599 GTB Fioranos (price: about \$250,000) to fill his customers' orders.

■ The following uncoordinated people accidentally shot themselves recently, having chosen to carry their gun not in a holster but in the waistband of their pants: Manranzana Grimes, 16 (Canton, Ohio, September) (shot himself in the leg); a 23-year-old man (Wichita, Kan., November) (shot himself in the testicles); Gregory Quinn, 49 (Lewistown, Pa., November) (in the leg when removing his gun while driving); Evando Minor (Baltimore, November) (in the genitals while drawing his gun to rob a taxi driver).

TODAY IN HISTORY

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ROBERT MURPHY

James Robert Murphy, of Santa Monica, California, passed away on Friday, January 26, 2007, from complications arising from prostate cancer. He was 77 years old.

Robert (Bob) was born August 2, 1929, in Corvallis, Oregon and moved early in his childhood to Santa Monica, where he graduated from high school in 1947 as SAMOHI's Senior Class President, captain and quarterback of the football team, and President of the Key Club. He served in the Air Force from 1947-1951, where he taught basic electronics to servicemen. He was also the captain and quarterback of the Air Force football team and honored as part of the All-Air Force team in 1950.

He went on to work with William Lear during the development of Lear's mini radio-controlled auto pilot for small jet aircraft. Robert was sent to Italy during 1954 under a NATO Operations effort to teach classes to the engineers assigned to build and maintain the autopilot for the F-86K jet fighter.

Back in California, Bob had five children, James Robert III, Patrick, Kathleen, Shannon, and Virginia, and became active in the community of Santa Monica. He was the first President and long-time member of the Airport Optimist Club, founded and coached in the Pop-Warner Football League in Santa Monica, and left a lasting legacy as a baseball coach with the Western Boys Baseball Association, an alternative to Little League founded on the principle, among others, of the commitment that every player who comes out gets to play. His coaching abilities and commitment to developing the fundamentals of baseball and a positive attitude in young players at all levels of performance allowed him to earn unrivaled success on the playing field and the lifelong appreciation and respect of countless players and coaches. The ball field at 5th and Hollister, in Santa Monica, was largely constructed, improved and maintained during his 10-year tenure there as coach, President, and invaluable leader.

He founded Robert Murphy & Associates in 1974 and established his office at 2018 Pico Blvd., where he sold insurance and oil investments, prepared tax returns, and provided an array of valued administrative assistance to the local Hispanic community until his death last week.

He is survived by his sons Robert and Patrick Murphy, his daughters Shannon Cadalso and Virginia Plettinck, his daughter-in-law Pamela Murphy, and sons-in-law Steven Hanley and Joe Plettinck, grandchildren, Edward Murphy, Robert (and wife Carmen) Murphy, Michael (and wife Shana) Murphy, Ben Murphy, Justin Murphy, Justin Lemmons, Megan Lemmons, Samuel Murphy, Matthew Hanley, Kyla Hanley, Kelsea Hanley, Alex Cadalso, Nerissa Cadalso, and Michael Cadalso, and his great grandchildren, Brianna, Robby, Eddie, Leanne, Jessica and James Murphy.

A loving memorial will be held on Wednesday, January 31, at 4:00 PM, at Trinity Baptist Church, 1015 California Avenue, in Santa Monica. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate any donations to be made in the name of Robert Murphy to the Intensive Care Unit at St. John's Health Center in Santa Monica (310) 829-8424, or www.stjohns.org.

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(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are:
Kenneth George, Inc., 1914 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90403.
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 1914 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90403.
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are:
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(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are all stock in trade, fixtures and equipment, trade name and good will of that certain business located at: 1914 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90403.
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: "KENNETH GEORGE SALON".
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is February 15, 2007 at the office of Brokers Escrow Service, 2924 W. Magnolia Blvd. Burbank, CA 91505, Escrow No. 36461, Escrow Officer: Jim Hankins.
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.
(9) The last date for filing claims is February 14, 2007.
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
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Transferees:
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
RUDY JAMES PODRAT AKA RUDY J. PODRAT AKA RUDY PODRAT
CASE NO. BP102491
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RUDY JAMES PODRAT AKA RUDY J. PO-

Notices

DRAT AKA RUDY PODRAT.

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GARY A. PODRAT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 02/21/07 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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Attorney for Petitioner
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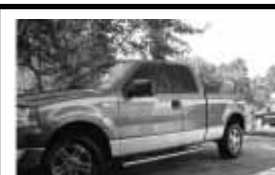
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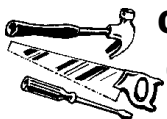
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