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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In October, as part of the government's vigorous "social order" anti-drug campaign, dozens of police officers in Bangkok, Thailand, raided the trendy Q Bar late on Saturday night and locked it down, detained the nearly 400 customers, and passed out plastic cups so that each one could submit to an on-the-spot urinalysis. Said the bar's manager, "(The raid is) pretty much an annual event. It's a little bit like Christmas."

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1904, the Russo-Japanese War, a conflict over control of Manchuria and Korea, began as Japanese forces attacked Port Arthur.

In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

In 1922, President Harding had a radio installed in the White House.

In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City.

In 1974, the three-man crew of the Skylab space station returned to Earth after spending 84 days in space.

In 1989, 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I wish to live because life has with it that which is good, that which is beautiful and that which is love."

LORRAINE HANSBERRY
AMERICAN AUTHOR AND DRAMATIST

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John Wood/Daily Press

MOVING ON: An apartment manager on Monday removed bags of clothes, food and sleeping bags locked in a vacant storage area behind his Santa Monica apartment building. The locker had been commandeered by a homeless person.

Homelessness hits home in SM

What's OK and what's not when dealing with vagrants who trespass on private property

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY — When dealing with homelessness in Santa Monica, some residents and merchants fear any space that's not locked up is real estate for the taking.

Police ask that incidents of trespassing and public nuisance be reported, but not everyone has the inclination to get authorities involved — or the time to wait for backup.

One Santa Monica apartment manager last week issued a three-day eviction notice to a homeless person that had commandeered a storage area in the alley behind his building. The homeless person filled the cupboard, left vacant by a previous tenant, with personal items and locked it up with a combination padlock.

The following day the sign was gone, but the lock was not. On Monday, one week later, the manager decided to act.

Inside the cupboard, located in the alley behind an apartment

building at 1228 15th St., were sleeping bags, duffel bags, a box of food and several trash bags filled with clothing, including a replica basketball jersey of the Philadelphia 76ers' Allen Iverson.

"Santa Monica is the home of the homeless," said Nemesio Cervantes, a field supervisor for Fred Leeds Property Management, which owns the Santa Monica apartment building, along with about 200 others in the greater Los Angeles area. "They get fed and they get shelter in Santa Monica. They are more welcome. In Santa Monica, you have the sophisticated homeless."

Cervantes, a 15-year resident of the Sunset Park neighborhood in Santa Monica, said he instructs building managers to walk their properties each morning and evening. He said the intrusive vagrancy can be stemmed partially by regularly intercepting homeless people who dig through trash cans, sleep in side yards or other-

See **ON THE ROAD AGAIN**, page 6

Garage going retro: Council to OK \$1.4 million for structure upgrades

(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing 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.)

BY KIM CALVERT

Special to the Daily Press

COUNCIL CHAMBERS — Elected leaders are expected tonight to spend nearly \$1.4 million to overhaul the city's largest downtown parking garage.

Located on the west side of Fourth Street, between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard, parking structure No. 5 is in need of a seismic retrofit. The structure will remain open when work begins in March to shore up walls

and foundations. Federal grants will provide some of the funding for the project, which is expected to be completed by October.

West Valley Investment Group submitted the winning bid for the project at \$1,081,150. An additional 10 percent is being allotted by the city as a contingency fee.

West Valley provided seismic retrofit projects for UCLA and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. Another company, Black & Veatch, will handle inspection, testing, noise monitor-

ing and construction management services for \$210,000, included in the project's total price tag.

In 2002, City Hall approved an extensive plan to retrofit parking structures 2, 4 and 5; as well as to rebuild parking structures 1, 3 and 6. City Hall also plans to add additional parking throughout the downtown area. The projects will include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades.

City officials also plan to spend an additional \$7,000 in grant money on a software maintenance contract to complement an automated staff scheduling and notification system for the police and

See **PARK PLACE**, page 6

Branching out: U.S. Bank gets robbed again

By Daily Press staff

DOWNTOWN — Just days after the U.S. Bank on Santa Monica Boulevard was robbed at gunpoint, another branch was burglarized.

Authorities said a suspect this past weekend smashed through a glass door at the U.S. Bank at Fourth Street and Wilshire Boulevard, forced into a cash drawer and stole an undisclosed amount of coins.

The bank was closed at the time of the burglary, but a surveillance video showed the suspect to be a thinly built, bald male in his 40s, wearing a black jacket,

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...ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Decisions involving goals carry punch if made on today's New Moon. You find it easier to network and have your voice heard. Don't hesitate to sing your own tune. Others schedule their plans around you. Isn't that more like it? Tonight: Act as if you don't have a care in the world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A boss or someone in charge wants to talk over and hash out recent developments. Make it your pleasure. You might be surprised by how warmly the wind blows in your direction. Humility and understanding are an unbeatable combination. Tonight: Forget that tomorrow is a workday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Sometimes others just don't get where you are coming from. Your mind wanders to so many unusual places. Understanding your limits could be instrumental when asking for others' opinions. Tonight: Feed your mind with a movie or blues jam session.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Working with one person helps eliminate useless flak and confusion. On the other hand, could this be the easy way out? Not dealing with your co-workers in general breeds resentment. Balance, not extremes, works. Tonight: Put in an extra effort in whatever you choose to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Others find you to be upbeat and easy to approach. At the same time, you could be making decisions that don't suit your admirers. In the long run, you can only be responsible for your life and your actions. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ If you haven't been thrilled with your work or day-to-day life, kick back and decide what you need to change. Decisions in this realm will ultimately work. Don't worry so much about others; worry about yourself. It is your life. Tonight: Beam in more of what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might be more amusing to yourself than to others. A creative venture bubbles to the foreground once more. Instead of doing the Libra back-and-forth act, claim your power and make a decision. You will be better off manifesting more strength. Tonight: Everyone needs some time to let down his or her hair — it's your turn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Spend time on your personal investments — people and objects. You might want to clear up some differences or problems. The fruits of your labor could endure for a substantial amount of time. Tonight: Family chat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Knowing when to change gears or go in a different direction could mark your effectiveness. Use your skills to pick apart a situation and really see what is lacking. Act as a troubleshooter, and you'll get results. Tonight: Dinner with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Frequently tune in to your inner voice at work and deal with others and make decisions. An expenditure, though somewhat daunting, might be perfect. Analyze costs and return. You will know what to do. Tonight: You get the green light financially.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ The Moon in your sign pushes you toward the limelight. Don't think for a second that you are the only person with great ideas. A meeting or a group of friends brainstorm and comes up with even more innovative concepts. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Sometimes keeping what you know to yourself is the smart move. Let someone believe that he or she has the answers, and a newfound self-confidence will emanate from him or her. A personal decision allowing greater growth fits perfectly. Tonight: A must show.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Some operatic afternoon delights

By Daily Press staff

For some, Saturdays mean hitting the high note along the ocean. Saturday Afternoons with Los Angeles Opera is a series of four multi-media talks highlighting the season's operas and a concert. The series is kicking off its fourth year with "The ABCs of Opera: Aida, La boheme and Carmen" on Feb. 26. It continues on March 19 with the second event, "Verdi's Falstaff." "Behind the Scenes," on April 9, will provide a peek into what it takes to produce an opera. "Strauss' Der Rosenkavalier" is the featured fourth event of the series on May 14. A community concert will finish out the series on June 11.

Each event begins at 2 p.m. and all ages are welcome at the Santa Monica Community & Cultural Services Senior Center, 1450 Ocean Ave. All events are free and open to the public. Seating is first come, first served.

For more information call (310) 458-8600 or log onto, www.smpl.org

Cooking up cool concepts at Benihana

By Daily Press staff

Make computer graphics, get a free steak. Benihana Japanese Steakhouse in Santa Monica has announced its "3D-CG" contest. "3D-CG" stands for "three-dimensional computer graphics," an art form used by software companies, movie animators and hand-held electronic game designers, among others.

The contest is open to novices and experts alike, giving each a venue for their work to be displayed. Benihana manager Michi Shiraishi conceptualized the contest as a way of connecting to the Santa Monica community.

"We have a lot of talent in this area," he said. "We also have a lot of companies in the Santa Monica area that are looking for new talent. It is my hope that Benihana can be a bridge between the two."

The grand prize is dinner for eight at Benihana Santa Monica. Monthly winners will receive dinner for two and weekly winners will receive lunch for two — based upon the number of entries received.

Deadline for entries is March 31 at 10 p.m. Entries must be mailed or submitted in person as an 8 x 10 output so they can be displayed in the restaurant. Files should also be saved as JPG, TIF or GIF on disk. Any theme is welcome except nudity and violence.

Entry forms may be picked up at Benihana, 1447 4th St. Call (310) 260-1423.

The tax man cometh soon to a mailbox near you

By Daily Press staff

The county treasurer and tax collector is in the process of mailing out approximately 245,000 payment activity notices to Los Angeles county taxpayers.

The notice will advise taxpayers that official property tax records reflect only a partial payment or that no payment was received against the first installment for the current year. An insert providing additional information and instructions will accompany each notice.

Treasurer Mark Saladino said that in previous years, some taxpayers were not aware of the payment delinquency until June and as a result, additional penalties were added.

Any taxpayer wishing to discuss the notice or needing additional assistance may call the Proptax line toll-free at (888) 807-2111.

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MONDAY	1:12	1.9	2:44	1.9	7:30	6.8	9:12	4.1
TUESDAY	2:03	1.5	3:23	1.8	8:18	6.9	9:46	4.4
WEDNESDAY	2:52	1.2	3:59	1.6	9:04	6.7	10:20	4.6
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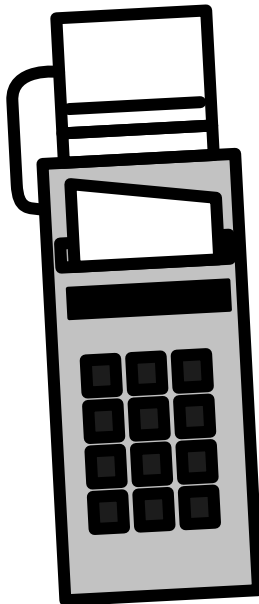
The  Line

There's a movement afoot to create as many as five new high schools in Santa Monica so students can get more personalized instruction.

Each school would serve 200 to 300 students, which is much better than the 3,500 student population at Santa Monica High School, education leaders say.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Is this a good idea? Why or why not?"

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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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'I am woman, hear them roar'

Editor:

The \$64,000 question the news media asked was why did the Iraqis vote in such large numbers? Who among us would have left the safety of our homes to go out and dip our fingers in purple dye under the threat of amputation, beheadings and beatings? Where did the Iraqi people find such bravery?

The news media has it all wrong. Their reporting is riddled with Shiites and Sunnis — and the three “Big Als” — al Qaeda, al-Sistani and al-Zarqawi. Every reporter missed the big story.

No report could have captured what the TV was bringing us. There, live, were men and women waiting in line, or marching down the street, with one goal: To vote — a custom that seems to have been forgotten locally. What we were watching was nothing less than the birth of freedom and an amazing testimony to the dignity of man, and it was led by women.

The situation in Iraq is a challenging one. I have many friends who disagree with me on our involvement in Iraq. The basis of our argument has these roots. To those who condemn the president, I concede — if the war is about oil, or if George W. Bush lied about weapons of mass destruction. If it's about Halliburton or just Admiral Perry American Expansionism, Sen. John Kerry is right.

But call me foolish (I have been called that before), I just don't believe those things are true. I confess I have had my doubts. Every news narrative about corruption chips away at my self belief. However, I cling to another belief and this is where my friends and I part company. I maintain that all people are the same. I contend that we just want to earn a living, worship God, send our kids to college, and be safe in our homes.

My friends maintain that I don't understand. It is their belief that theocracies are incapable of managing freedom. Tribal cultures are not ready for American-style democracy. Middle Eastern culture is diverse, and I am the Ugly American to believe otherwise.

The Ugly American, to me, is the one who believes that just because one has a different color skin, speaks a different language, worships in a different way, comes from an agrarian background, or has thousands of years of nomadic or tribal rule behind him. I confess that there is no way to know who is right. But I cannot deny the pictures I saw on TV. The news pictures were full of women. What reporters failed to see was that these women were mainly elderly. They reminded me of my grandmother, Sadie. They looked just like her — wise, tough, defiant, independent and strong. No twentysomething thug terrorist was about to tell these grandmothers what to do. The Iraqi Sadie's were the superwomen of the day.

Imagine the tete-a-tete going on in each house. Husbands were begging wives not to go out to vote for fear of their lives and vice versa. College-age kids were defying their parents by voting — or encouraging their parents not to vote for reasons of safety. You just hear the arguments? Throughout Iraq, families screaming at one another with each side threatening family members who endangered the family unit by voting. The arguments must have been violent.

Clearly, Middle Eastern homes shelter three generations. How did Iraqis decide

what to do? My assumption is the decision was made the way controversial decisions were made in our house and the houses of all my Malibu friends. The Sadies decided.

You saw it on TV — old ladies at every voting place or leading family groups down the streets to the voting locations. I can hear grandmother Sadie now: “That Yusuf. He's not going to terrorize me. I knew him when he was a bed-wetter. I'm voting.” “But Grandma, Massoud has threatened to slit our throats.” “I taught Massoud to tie his shoes. He pulls anything, he'll have to answer to me.”

What neighborhood terrorist was going to take on grandmothers? You can bet the Middle Eastern gangsters are more afraid of the grandmothers than any al-Zarqawis. Like local thugs worldwide, no one was going to mess with a curmudgeon grandmother. When your grandmother decides the family votes, who isn't going to follow her? You vote.

Age has its privilege. Grandmothers have more authority than people give them credit for. Iraqi Election Day was a magnificent day for man, made possible by women. It was the American soldier who gave Saddam the boot. However, it was the Iraqi grandma who gave Osama bin Laden, al-Zarqawi as well as all Middle Eastern terrorists — the finger.

And that is all I have to say.

Tom Fakehany
Malibu

Greed starts at the top

Editor:

I am writing in response to Elba Journo's article “Rewarding the MVPs of the business world” (SMDP, Feb. 4, page 4). Journo states that CEOs and athletes deserve their rewards for their “abilities” that affect the “success” of a whole. I find such analogy a fallacy. My question is how much money should we pay the president of the U.S since his “abilities” and choices affect not only the people in this country but probably the whole world? Even simpler, how much should a heart surgeon earn since patients' lives depend on his “abilities.” Nothing justifies CEOs' salaries. Most corporate companies pay minimum or very low wages to their working-class force (i.e. Wal-mart, Subway, McDonalds, Petsmart, you name it). Indeed, CEOs' salaries are 531 times more than that of the average hourly worker. Pay-for-performance is a thing of the past too. No CEO gets their paychecks cut for unsuccessful business. Instead, massive layoffs are sought to compensate for low profits. Some CEOs have been paid until the end of their contract even after being “removed” from their positions before time. For bad or good, CEOs are overpaid. Meanwhile, back in the real world, some people can't afford medical treatments (cancer, diabetes, etc.), and others wish they could have three meals a day.

Ruben Reitor
Santa Monica

One is the loneliest number, but also the safest bet



WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA

The Bible says that where “any two agree on something, so shall it be.” It's frequently said that a great woman is behind a great man, but lately the reverse has been true of remarkable women. Great partnerships are revered throughout history, whether it be Spencer and Katherine, David and Jonathan, Abraham and Mary, or Hewlett and Packard.

The fact is that a good partnership, whether it be romantic or business, allows both parties to grow stronger than either could alone. It really is not a matter of one plus one equaling two, but rather they become more than the sum of their parts. In my love life, I have been blessed to have a great romantic partner, a man who is steady and true. In my business life, I have experienced the joys of a good partnership twice and been burned once.

Professionally, I have a partner who I can rely upon to take up the slack in areas of the law firm management that I have neither the inclination nor the skill for. In return, I provide a measure of marketing that he doesn't want.

The sleep lab that I am building is in

partnership with a man who is able to understand that there are issues beyond the immediate. He can see the future, we share a vision of what will be a tremendous business. It's a business that will put his children through college, and allow me to have a ranch to escape to.

Then there's the business partner who took my money, my advice and then would only call me to yell at me. I trusted someone and lived to regret it. It hurts, it's costly, it won't kill me, and it won't make me stop going into partnerships, but I will go into them with a more jaundiced eye, and written agreements are now mandatory for all types of relationships.

As a lawyer I hear it all the time, “I don't need an agreement with him, he's a good Christian.” Or “I've known her for five years, and she always has been fair to me.” I'm in trial this week on just such a case. One guy — a man who is trusting and honest, who makes handshake deals and lives up to them — became involved in a new business venture that had all the sexiness of a good business. He had fast cars, high profits, a growing market and the right product. He came to me to ask my opinion, and I fell in love with the business. The marketing was a lay down program that we designed in an afternoon.

Then we started negotiations with his business partner. This was a man who was a “good Christian man.” Now, I'm not anti-religious, but when a person is con-

stantly with the “praise Jesuses” and the “God bless you,” it just strikes me as a little forced and, frankly, phony.

Negotiations didn't go so well. We came up with a plan to minimize liabilities and risks, developed the marketing, and found a new larger warehouse. There was only one problem, the “business partner” didn't want to sign any documents. He just wanted to be trusted. I argued against going into the business with a partner who was unwilling to sign a document.

The unwillingness is what really annoys me and is a red flag for danger. When someone is unwilling to put in writing what their obligations are, it means they don't intend to honor them. When a person has a relatively new relationship with someone, and they are being asked to be trusted, it's a warning sign.

My law partner and I have known each other for more than 10 years. Somewhere in our files is a signed agreement. We haven't looked at it since the day we signed it. We haven't had to, because we were each willing to sign it and live by it, which paradoxically means that we don't really have to. We've built trust by having an agreement and not needing it. We don't fight over the little things, and we rarely fight over the big things.

I probably speak with three people a week who want to start a partnership, open a business or have already done either of those, and most of the time, I ask

really odd questions of them. I ask questions like, “Is your prospective business partner married?” “How long?” “Have you seen them interact as a couple?” “Does your new partner have a best friend?” “How long have they been friends?” “Do they own a pet?”

These are all non-business related questions that will tell me a great deal about not only my client's new partner but also my client. If the client cannot answer these questions, then they don't know enough about their partner's life. And if they can answer them, then the answers will determine who is a good partner candidate and who isn't. A married person who has a best friend from grammar school with a couple of dogs, that's a better business prospect than a single person who has no close friends or animals. The first one knows responsibility, what it means to be answerable, the other is more likely to be a self centered, selfish loser who will take all your money, destroy your trust, and make you wish we had the death penalty for scam artists.

Partnerships can be beautiful, wonderful things that can add to your life immeasurably whether it's in the love department, or the pocket book. But the great ones require work and knowledge of who you are getting in bed with, figuratively or literally.

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COMMENTARY



Abbot's working world sure to leave impression



ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL

I take some things greatly for granted in LA, like the fact that not everyone works on the avant garde boulevard of Abbot Kinney.

At 8 a.m., I'm not awake enough to handle the glass plant sculptures or couples dressed too uber chic for a morning bicycle outing. The cereal and muffin top usually kick in by noon, however, and I occasionally then take a stroll down the offbeat boulevard.

The first thing I notice — everything, even the barbecue joint, is at the height of fashion.

Or at least the store owners think so. It's one of the only places I see far-off religions mixed with girl's maroon tank tops, rubber gardening clogs altered for the next big shoe trend, construction workers sipping non-franchised iced mochas, and cotton associated with \$95 price tags. Wait, that last one qualifies most places in LA.

The workers of Abbot Kinney stores are great — poised, couture'd up, dressed to be the poster child of VH1's "I Love the '90s plus 10."

Most employees, like the woman I've seen in Slave, though screaming high fashion, are very gentle with the mainstream. They smile and look past my 2-year-old Guess jean skirt while they themselves wear checkered black and white boots new from London last week.

The woman running a coffee shop here didn't give me any trouble for opting against the rose infusion chai and getting the decaf coffee instead. She, furthermore, left room for cream.

As I've come to discover, not even the neon-lit liquor store is safe from the all-inclusive creative power of the boulevard. The man working the day shift wears a Spike TV shirt and candidly told me he too was a fan of "Most Extreme Elimination Challenge" (MXC).

But like anywhere, some employees will give you a bit of a problem. I love this one snobby worker I see among the women's long-sleeve sheer yoga shirts. Sometimes I go in to watch him get his snoot on with one of the customers. It's so

However you look at it, with all this artistic attitude, one thing you're sure not to find is a chain store on Abbot Kinney.

funny. I just want to tell him, don't you get it that you're being pretentious right next to the women's peach "Find me a boyfriend" shirts?

Then again, he seemed really into the Madonna soundtrack I heard wafting through the multi-level storeroom.

However you look at it, with all this artistic attitude, one thing you're sure not to find is a chain store on Abbot Kinney. I heard if they did have a chance of making it, they were run out with '80s hot pants.

Instead of Subway you have Stroh's gourmet. Instead of Ikea, Surfing Cowboys. Dominos was exchanged for Abbot's Pizza Company and Starbucks, Abbot's Habit, which also has the best veggie sandwiches around.

There are a fair number of more normal artistic adventures too — production studios, a real estate company and hair cutting boutiques. Yet, I couldn't help but notice one of the more subdued production studios has a prominent five foot tall sailboat statue attached to the side of the building, and conspicuous white pebbles lining the visitor parking lot.

But maybe that's the question in and of itself. Is Abbot Kinney a product of the people that work there or are the people a product of the Abbot Kinney?

I don't feel any different since I've started working on this street, yet I don't seem to stick out terribly either. What exactly does that mean, and will I too someday have a sailboat attached to my side?

As I muddle through this enigmatic problem, closing time arrives like a hippy with a peace placard. I gather my things, and say good-bye to the Abbot knowing it will stay just as free-spirited as it always has, and I just a mere objective subject of its tie-dyed tapestry.

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Homeless man evicted from alleyway cupboard

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wise venture onto private space.

"The key is to stay on top of it, and as soon as you see them coming, talk to them," said Cervantes, adding the problem is even more severe in downtown Los Angeles.

While City Hall sponsors a range of homeless services and has established a homeless liaison office to better deal with the local homeless population, officials said residents and merchants should turn to police with complaints of transients on private property.

"It's really a law enforcement issue," said Judy Rambeau, a City Hall spokeswoman. "If someone actually is trespassing on private property, that's really something the police deal with."

Rambeau said city human service workers often step in after vagrants interact with officers, and try to hook up offenders with what City Hall dubs its "continuum of care," a network of non-profit groups that works to transition homeless people off of the streets and into permanent housing and full-time jobs.

Human services staffers at City Hall also often connect homeless people that

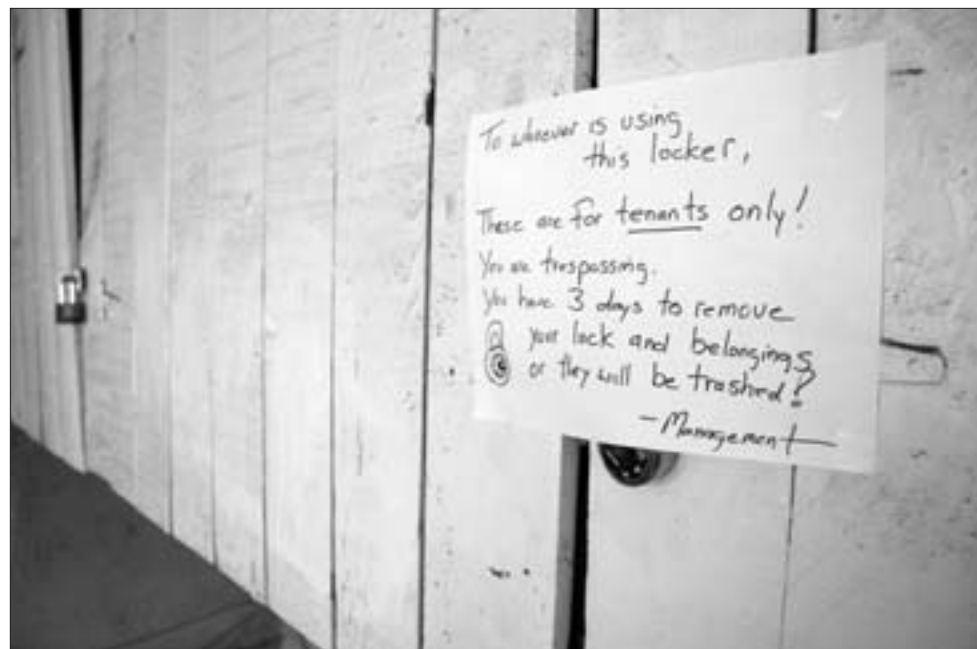
aren't stopped by authorities with local social service providers as part of the continuum of care.

Police receive hundreds of calls for service on a range of issues each day, though they are grouped by type and don't specifically sift out the calls concerning homeless people. Lt. Frank Fabrega of the Santa Monica Police Department said residents and merchants who are concerned about trespassers should call police.

"The most important thing the public needs to be aware of is trespassing is a crime that a citizen's arrest needs to be made," said Fabrega, adding once an officer arrives to the scene, a formal complaint can be lodged and, if an individual wants to prosecute, the trespasser will be arrested and taken to Santa Monica Jail.

As to the alleyway cupboard, Fabrega suggested property owners keep all areas secure, but said such issues are not police matters as it is up to the landlords to determine whether their property is being used by a tenant or someone else.

Fabrega added residents and merchants should be wary of taking matters into their own hands. While the previous property manager at the 15th Street building suggest-



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EVICTON NOTICE: A three-day notice awaits a homeless person who took over a vacant storage cupboard behind a Santa Monica apartment building.

ed the current one spray homeless people with garden hoses or use other, more aggressive, means to get transients off private property, Fabrega said those actions are criminal.

"If you spray someone with a hose, a garden hose, that's an assault," he added. "The appropriate avenue is to call the police, and we'll send officers out and we'll ask them to move on. We're not encouraging them to

take the law into their own hands."

Still, not everyone feels compelled to wait for officers. Cervantes said dealing with homelessness in Santa Monica has become a routine effort and he rarely feels compelled to call authorities.

"It happens overnight," he added. "You're fine, and then all of a sudden, the next day, you find these boxes."

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Bank is targeted again, this time during night

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according to Lt. Frank Fabrega of the Santa Monica Police Department.

"It appears that the incident happened throughout the night," Fabrega added.

The bank was closed for much of the day Saturday, and customers were directed to the U.S. Bank on Santa Monica Boulevard, where cautious security guards were letting customers in one at a time.

The U.S. Bank on Santa Monica Boulevard was robbed at gunpoint last Wednesday by a suspect described as a black male in his late 30s. The same branch was also robbed on Jan. 8 by a white man in his late 50s who threatened

a teller with a weapon and handed over a note saying, "give me all of your hundreds and fifties," according to FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller.

Last July, police cordoned off four square blocks for five hours after the bank's security guard apparently chased another suspected robber, who exited the back door of the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash, authorities said. The suspect in that robbery was described as a black man, between 34 and 40 years of age.

Fabrega urged anybody with information to contact the SMPD at (310) 458-8491.

— John Wood

City sounds alarm for system to alert emergency personnel

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fire departments.

City Hall last year accepted a \$111,518 Homeland Security Grant for the system. Homeland Security regulations require that the police and fire departments be able to notify staff quickly during an emergency. Right now, the manual notification process is costly and slow. The new system will

apply specific rules in a decision-making hierarchy to automatically notify staff by phone, e-mail and pager with details. The system then allows emergency workers to respond in regards to their availability.

The City Council is also expected to approve the purchase of three years' worth of software maintenance for the system. The total cost for the project is now \$118,677.

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Doctors deciding to leave workers' comp system

BY STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Francis Pecoraro is trading a San Francisco Bay area medical practice that mainly serves injured workers for one in Wilmington, N.C., that he believes will be friendlier to doctors and doctors' families.

Pecoraro, who specializes in chronic pain cases, is among a number of California doctors who say they are fighting time-consuming, uphill battles to get necessary care for workers' compensation patients. As a result, some are limiting their workers' comp practices or dropping them altogether.

Pecoraro said he decided to move to a state with a "less cumbersome" workers' comp system rather than spend "more time in the office generating reports and begging for medical care for my patients and less time with my family."

Such complaints are coming "a lot more often these days" from doctors since the state imposed a system of treatment guidelines and utilization review in an attempt to hold down skyrocketing workers' comp costs, said Nileen Verbeten, a vice president with the 34,000-physician California Medical Association. She calls it the "hassle factor."

Those changes, part of a two-year effort to overhaul the system that treats job-related injuries, made guidelines developed by the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine "presumptively correct" in treatment decisions until the state develops its own standards of care. The state's standards are two months late and officials said they don't know when they will be finished.

Since the guidelines took effect last March, Pecoraro and a number of other physicians say they've been swamped by paperwork and denials of care.

They say the guidelines don't cover all situations and are frequently misused by workers' comp insurers to deny care or medical equipment physicians consider necessary and even cost-cutting.

"I can hardly practice medicine anymore," said Dr. James Sylvain, a Watsonville specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation. "I'm practicing politics and writing angry letters to adjusters and alerting (workers') attorneys about what's going on here so patients eventu-

ally get treatment."

Sylvain says he's "declining all sorts of patients" now unless there's a nurse case manager involved to act as a liaison between the insurance company, patient and physician. That's cut his workers' compensation business 40 percent to 50 percent.

Dr. Janine Talty, a Watsonville osteopath, has stopped seeing workers' comp patients entirely, saying she was being forced to "treat them with both hands and feet tied behind my back."

Nicole Mahrt, a spokeswoman for the American Insurance Association, said guidelines were needed to stop over treatment and ineffective care that was helping drive up the cost of employers' workers' comp insurance.

"Change is hard; that doesn't mean it's wrong," Mahrt said. "It was certainly no one's intention to drive doctors out of the business. At the same time abuse was going on in the system and we needed to bring in new rules."

Some medical services were overused, said Dr. Jeffrey Coe, a Los Gatos spine surgeon, but the "pendulum has swung too far" toward too much review of treatments and that also has costs.

"Instead of providing care you're paying people to deny care," Coe said.

Coe says he's reduced his number of workers' comp patients and has seriously considered dropping them from his practice altogether. "I have nine employees. If I didn't do workers' compensation I probably wouldn't need two of them."

David Corum, assistant vice president for policy development and research for the AIA, said the guidelines provide a range of treatment options. "It's not cookbook medicine by any means," he said. "Generally you have to fall well outside the norm before a denial would be made."

Dr. Constantine Gean, chairman of the Western Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association, a division of ACOEM, said guidelines call for a more methodical approach to medicine than some physicians prefer.

"A lot of treatment practice, good or bad, is sort of do everything at once," Gean said. "Many of the cases resolve in a few weeks and all of that is unnecessary."

Most treatment requests, particularly expensive ones, go to a screening physician for approval. Often, however, that physician is hundreds of miles away and knows nothing about the patient besides what's listed in medical records or learned during telephone calls, said Mark Gerlach, a consultant for the California Applicants' Attorneys Association, a group of lawyers who represent injured workers.

Sometimes, the reviewing physicians may not know of a particular procedure the treating doctor has used successfully or they may fear losing insurers' business by

authorizing too much treatment, said Dr. Jacob Rosenberg, one of Pecoraro's partners.

Rosenberg said he understands insurers' positions, but called the new situation "reprehensible" and "out of control."

Other states, Gerlach said, use treatment guidelines in workers' comp cases but not as rigidly as California uses the ACOEM guidelines. Verbeten of the California Medical Association said insurers "have gone from doing no utilization review to doing utilization review with a document (the ACOEM guidelines) for which it was not designed."

Denials of care can be appealed to a workers' compensation judge, and expedited hearings before those judges increased nearly 3 per cent in the last nine months of 2004, compared to the same period in 2003. But Susan Gard, a spokeswoman for the state Division of Workers Compensation, said it's not clear how many of those cases involved ACOEM disputes.

A study done for the state last year by the Rand Corp. used a panel of 11 experts in work-related injuries to evaluate five sets of treatment guidelines, including those issued by ACOEM, which represents more than 6,000 doctors and other professionals in occupational and environmental medicine.

The panel rated the ACOEM guidelines the best but said all five were "far less than ideal." A majority of panel members recommended the state start from scratch with a new set of guidelines, rather adopting an existing set as its own.

Dr. Lee Glass, who led the drafting of the latest ACOEM guidelines, said they were the result of extensive consultations and several drafts to make them "as refined as we could get them." But they were written to help physicians, not for reviewing treatment decisions, he added.

Despite the current problems, Glass said, "I suspect that if everyone works together ... it's going to work out all right in the end."

Chip off old block: Old age is wearing on giant sequoia

By the Associated Press

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK — Old age has gotten the best of the second-biggest tree in the world.

The giant sequoia known as the Washington Tree may not live much longer after suffering major damage in recent weeks from heavy snow and strong winds, according to officials at Sequoia National Park.

The tree once stood more than 254 feet tall with a base circumference slightly more than 101 feet, according to the National Park Service.

But the ancient giant lost its crown during a forest fire about 16 months ago. Researchers also discovered that the old tree was largely hollow, and recent storms took away much of the upper shell trunk.

With its latest injuries, the tree has been reduced to a height of 115 feet, and has only a few sparse branches of foliage remaining.

"It's just a shame," said Mary Anne Carlton, a ranger at the Giant Forest Museum. The 32-year Park Service veteran has snowshoed to the Washington Tree several times since the collapse.

"But it's still got some greenery. It's still living and hanging on," she said.

The tree's massive width puts it in second place behind the General Sherman sequoia and ahead of the General Grant Tree in neighboring Kings Canyon National Park.

It's not known exactly how old the Washington Tree is, but studies based on partial samples of the tree's layers suggest it is probably between 2,500 and 3,200 years old.

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The current politically correct take is that all different kinds of oral behavior can be related to self-soothing — thumb-sucking being the most common. Nail biting also can be related to this non-nutritive type of comfort. If that's the case, let her be and she'll gain comfort in other ways within a few months.

However, it's possible that she is experiencing some sort of stress. Usual warning signs of stress in children include withdrawal from usual activities; strong urges to run or hide; easily startled; extreme nervousness; upset stomach; compulsive ear tugging; hair pulling, etc. If she is displaying any of these symptoms, along with the nail biting, simplify her schedule to include more down time and less stimulation, and/or lengthen the time allocated for what she really enjoys. Then observe if there's a difference in the nail biting and notify your pediatrician.

Regardless of the cause, check her nails without judgment or criticism — while you're reading together, for example — and know that, as my mother would say, "This too shall pass."

Dorie

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Is it just me, or has the world suddenly gone irresponsible? Doesn't it seem that just about no one today wants to be responsible? Yes, we hear a lot about accountability, but who really is walking the walk and not just talking the talk when it comes to responsibility? Parents? Children? Government? Schools? Business? Who?

I may be looking through a Pollyanna dreamland microscope at my childhood past, but I clearly remember growing up in a family, community, and a world in which responsibility and accountability were expected. If you were not responsible, you had to face the consequences. Nobody was there to rescue you from your own foolishness. What ever happened to the school of hard knocks? I for one would like to bring it back.

Here is a sampling of the stories that got me all worked up from recent news reports:

■ NBC news reports "A 17-year-old boy in Wisconsin is suing his high school for requiring him to do summer homework. Peer Larson claims the school assigned him an unfair workload for his pre-calculus class and that it caused him unnecessary stress."

■ According a USAToday report, "People who over eat used to be called gluttons. Now, they're victims. Two overweight Bronx, N.Y., teens who scarfed down McDonald's burgers and fries several times a week blame the company for their health problems. Their attorneys assert they are victims of corporate malfeasance because the chain deceives customers about its products."

■ The Minneapolis Star Tribune states that "In a list compiled by the Government Accountability Office of 25 federal government programs that are at high risk for fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement, number that are directly related to the Department of Defense: 14."

■ The Minneapolis Star Tribune also reported that the "Ratio of the number of times the word 'accountability' appears on the federal Department of Education's Web site to the number of times it appears on the Department of Defense's Web site: 444 to 1."

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Sometimes I wish I could wave my magic wand and change our overindulgent culture. The problem is I don't have a wand, and even if I did, the scope of the problem is too huge. Instead, I have to remind myself that the only one I can change is me.

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(David J. Bredehoft Ph.D., Jean Illsley Clarke Ph.D., and Connie Dawson Ph.D., are co-authors of "How Much Is Enough? Everything You Need to Know to Steer Clear of Overindulgence and Raise Likeable, Responsible and Respectful Children — From Toddlers to Teens." Bredehoft is chair of the social and behavioral sciences department at Concordia University — St. Paul and can be reached at bredehoft@csp.edu. To read more about overindulgence go to www.overindulgence.info.)

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Storytelling

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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.

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

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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. Current session thru 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.

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.

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.

Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m., for 2 year olds.

Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; for 3-5 year olds.

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

Lap Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m., 6-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by SMMUSD Infant & Family Support Program.

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.

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.

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 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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.

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.

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicaayoga.com

Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:00 a.m., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Other

Snow White at the Santa Monica Playhouse

Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m. (thru April); \$12 adults, \$10 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

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

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

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

Breastfeeding

Working Mother's Support Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd. - 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., \$12 fee, led by Ilka Sternberger, certified lactation educator. Call 826-5774 for more info.

SUNDAY

Main Street Farmer's Market – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., corner of Main St. and Ocean Park Blvd. Pony rides, live music, lots of vendors and great family socializing.

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

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

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Feb. 13 – Nature Walk with the Children's Nature Institute, noon.

Griffith Park Bird Sanctuary, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr. \$7 donation per family, infants to 8 years. Reservations required by calling 310-998-1151 or e-mailing nature-walks@childrensnatureinstitute.org.

MONDAY

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

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!

Call Clare at 395-7422 for time, location and more 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.

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Yoga & Exercise

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

Yoga Garden, - Restorative yoga for pre/postnatal – 6:30 p.m., 310-450-0133. www.yogagardenstudios.com

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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Bush budget bolsters spending on military, homeland security

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush sent Congress a \$2.57 trillion budget plan Monday that would boost spending on the military and homeland security but seeks spending cuts across a wide swath of other government programs. Bush's budget would reduce subsidies paid to farmers, cut health programs for poor people and veterans and trim spending on the environment and education.

"It is a budget that sets priorities," Bush said after a meeting with his Cabinet. "It's a budget that reduces and eliminates redundancy. It's a budget that's a lean budget."

Bush acknowledged that it would be difficult to eliminate popular programs but he said programs must prove their worth. "I look forward to explaining to the American people why we made some of the requests that we made in our budget," the president told reporters.

Joshua Bolten, Bush's budget director, said, "Are we going to get everything we asked for? No." But he predicted Congress would likely accept the administration's broad priorities. He said he entered the upcoming congressional budget battle with a "happy spirit."

Democrats immediately branded the budget a "hoax" because it left out the huge future costs for the war in Iraq and Afghanistan and did not include the billions of dollars that will be needed for Bush's No. 1 domestic priority, overhauling Social Security.

Bolten said the administration would soon be coming forward with a supplemental request for an additional \$81 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. He said that request was reflected in the overall spending projections in Bush's budget for the current year and into 2006.

He said including further additional spending for Iraq and Afghanistan "wouldn't be responsible" because it would represent guesses on what will be needed. Bolten also said that even if transition costs for Social Security had been included, the president would still be able to meet his goal of cutting the deficit in half by 2009 as a percentage of the total economy.

The budget would eliminate or vastly scale back 150 government programs. It will spark months of contentious debate in Congress, where lawmakers will fight to protect their favored programs.

House Democratic Leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California called Bush's budget "a hoax on the American people. The two issues that dominated the president's State of the Union address — Iraq and Social Security — are nowhere to be found in this budget."

The spending document projects that the deficit will hit a record \$427 billion this year, the third straight year that the red ink in dollar terms has set a record. Bush projects that the deficit will fall to \$390 billion in 2006 and gradually decline to \$233 billion in 2009 and \$207 billion in 2010.

Bush's 2006 spending plan, for the budget year that begins next Oct. 1, counts on a healthy economy to boost revenues by 6.1 percent to \$2.18 trillion. Spending, meanwhile, would grow by 3.5 percent to \$2.57 trillion.

Outside defense, homeland security and the government's huge mandatory programs such as Social Security, Bush proposes cutting spending by 0.5 percent, the first such proposed cut since the Reagan administration battled with its own soaring deficits.

Of 23 major government agencies, 12 would see their budget authority reduced next year, including cuts of 9.6 percent at Agriculture, 5.6 percent at the Environmental

Protection Agency, 6.7 percent at Transportation and 11.5 percent at Housing and Urban Development.

In his budget message to Congress, Bush said, "In order to sustain our economic expansion, we must continue pro-growth policies and enforce even greater spending restraint across the federal government."

Democrats complained that Bush was resorting to draconian cuts that would hurt the needy in order to protect his first term tax cuts that primarily benefited the wealthy.

"This budget is part of the Republican plan to cut Social Security benefits while handing out lavish tax breaks for multimillionaires," said Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "Its cuts in veterans programs, health care and education reflect the wrong priorities and its huge deficits are fiscally irresponsible."

Democrats also contended that the budget masked the costs of some Bush initiatives such as making his first-term tax cuts permanent by only making deficit projections through 2010. The budget puts the cost of making Bush's tax cuts permanent at \$1.1 trillion through 2015 but does not show how that would impact the deficit at that time.

"This budget paints a misleading picture by providing no deficit figures after 2010 and by omitting the full long-term costs of the president's policies on Social Security privatization, taxes and operations in Iraq," said Rep. John Spratt, top Democrat on the House Budget Committee.

Bush's budget proposed increasing military spending by 4.8 percent to \$419.3 billion in 2006. Even with the increase a number of major weapons programs, including Bush's missile defense system and the B-2 stealth bomber, would see cuts from this year's levels.

Aside from defense and homeland security, favored Bush programs included a new \$1.5 billion high school performance program, expanded Pell Grants for low-income college students and more support for community health clinics.

One of the most politically sensitive targets on Bush's hit list is the government support program for farmers, which he wants to trim by \$5.7 billion over the next decade, which would represent cuts to farmers growing a wide range of cuts from cotton and rice to corn, soybeans and wheat.

The administration projected saving \$8.2 billion in agriculture programs over the next decade including trimming food stamp payments to the poor by \$1.1 billion.

Other programs set for cuts include the Army Corps of Engineers, whose dam and other waterway projects are extremely popular in Congress; the Energy Department; several health programs under the Health and Human Services Department and federal subsidies for the Amtrak passenger railroad.

About one-third of the programs being targeted for elimination are in the Education Department, including federal grant programs for local schools in such areas as vocational education, anti-drug efforts and Even Start, a \$225 million literacy program.

The president proposed savings of \$137 billion over 10 years in mandatory programs with much of that occurring in reductions in Medicaid, the big federal-state program that provides health care for the poor, and in payments the Veterans Affairs Department makes for health care. The administration proposed no savings for Medicare, the giant health care program for the elderly.

Many of the spending cuts in the budget are repeats of efforts the administration has proposed and Congress has rejected previously.



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NATIONAL



Colorado's Churchill vows to never, never quit

BY DAN ELLIOTT

Associated Press Writer

BOULDER, Colo. — Crisis after crisis has buffeted the University of Colorado over the past year, from a sex-and-booze scandal in the football program to the alcohol poisoning death of a fraternity pledge at a campus trying to shed its party-school image.

But nothing has incited more passion and outrage than Ward Churchill, an ethnic studies professor whose comparison of Sept. 11 victims to a Nazi war criminal has led to death threats, arrests and condemnations by two governors. Talk-show hosts and lawmakers have vilified him as a hater and the school is considering firing him.

Churchill has refused to apologize; on the contrary, he has threatened to sue the school if it fires him. No one has defended Churchill's statements. But a debate is raging over whether a tenured, taxpayer-supported professor had the right to say such things.

The debate has already turned ugly. Two students were arrested at a Board of Regents meeting last week and swastikas were spray-painted on Churchill's pickup. At least one of his speeches was canceled because of security concerns.

At the heart of the debate is a 3 1/2-year-old essay in which Churchill suggested the World Trade Center victims were not innocent but players in a repressive global empire that was finally getting a measure of comeuppance. He called them "little Eichmanns," a reference to Adolf Eichmann, the Gestapo bureaucrat who organized the Nazi campaign of exterminating Jews.

The essay, "Some People Push Back," attracted little notice until last month, after he was invited to speak at Hamilton College, a private liberal arts school in upstate New York. Hamilton professor Theodore Eismeier said he found the essay on the Internet during what he calls "a casual effort to learn more about Churchill."

In an e-mail to The Associated Press, Eismeier said he was alarmed by the "outlandish and odious rhetoric" and urged administrators to withdraw Churchill's invitation. When they did not, he alerted Ian Mandel, the editor of Hamilton's student newspaper who published a story about Churchill's writings on Jan. 21.

Within days, the essay was national news. New York Gov. George Pataki called Churchill a "bigoted terrorist supporter" and the relative of one Sept. 11 victim called him a "nut case." The Colorado Legislature branded the comments "evil and inflammatory," while Gov. Bill Owens called for his ouster.

Hamilton canceled the speech, citing death threats against Churchill and administrators. A speech here Tuesday night was postponed, though campus police spokesman Lt. Tim McGraw said he had no immediate details.

Churchill has stepped down as chairman of ethnic studies, saying he had become a liability as a spokesman for the university. School officials began a 30-day review of his speeches and writings to determine whether he crossed the boundaries of academic freedom and tenure and should be fired.

Civil liberties advocates say Churchill's comments would have provoked controversy in any era. But the huge loss of life on Sept. 11 intensified the reaction, said Cathryn Hazouri, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado.

"I think if this were a pre-9-11 statement blaming the United States for its policies, there would have been outrage, yes, but I don't think there would have been as much outrage," she said.

The ACLU issued a statement defending Churchill's right to speak out and called on regents, legislators and the governor "to stop threatening Mr. Churchill's job because of the content of his opinions."

Scholars worry the backlash will leave other professors fearful of challenging conventional opinion.

"We recognize that academic freedom comes with limits, but we also know that any interference with academic freedom without strong cause sends a very chilling message to the entire academic community," said Barbara Bintliff, chairwoman of the Boulder Faculty Assembly.

David Shoffitt, a member of the CU College Republicans, said the debate is not about free speech but about who is financing it. His group has called for Churchill to be fired.

"We're not saying that he didn't have a right to say something. We're saying he does not have a right to say this on taxpayer money," Shoffitt said.

David Horowitz, a champion of conservative causes who has long accused American universities of overstocking their faculties with leftists, said firing Churchill would violate his First Amendment rights and set a bad precedent.

He called instead for an inquiry into the university's hiring and promotion procedures "to see how Ward Churchill could get to the pinnacle of the faculty, to be the chair of an entire department."

"This isn't like a guy who was suddenly exposed. This is a guy who's been out in the open for 30 years and was promoted," Horowitz said.

The dispute has captured students' attention because it strikes at the heart of academic freedom, said Veronica Crespín, one of three students who head the university's Student Union.

"I think a lot of students are worried that they won't get the true and honest education they thought they were going to get when they got here, that professors will be afraid to say something or publish something that the administration or the public disagrees with," she said.

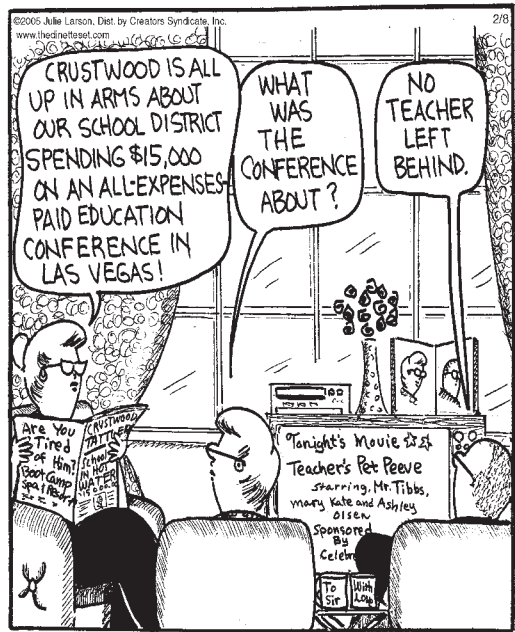
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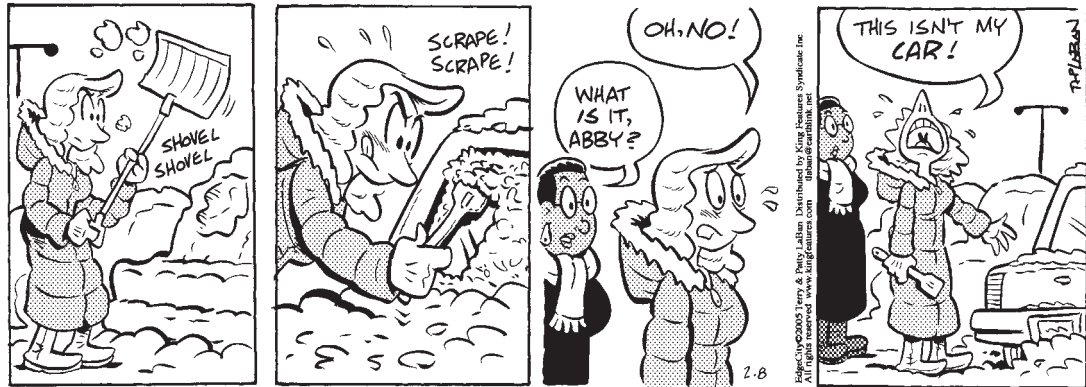


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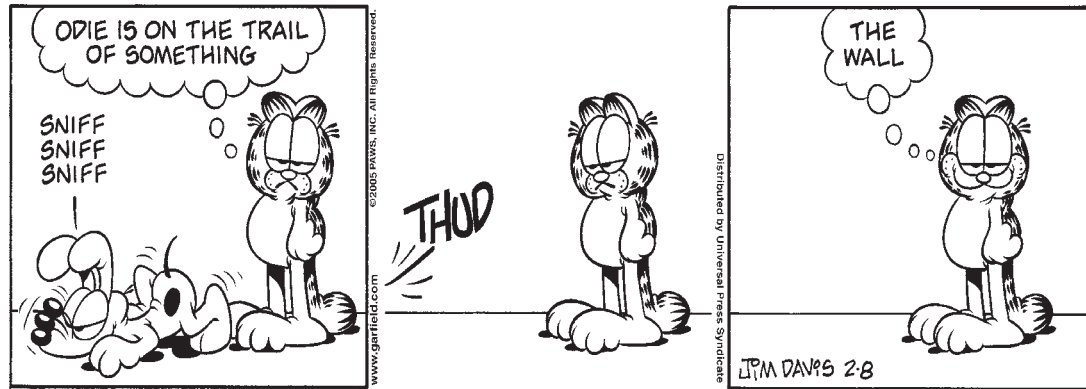
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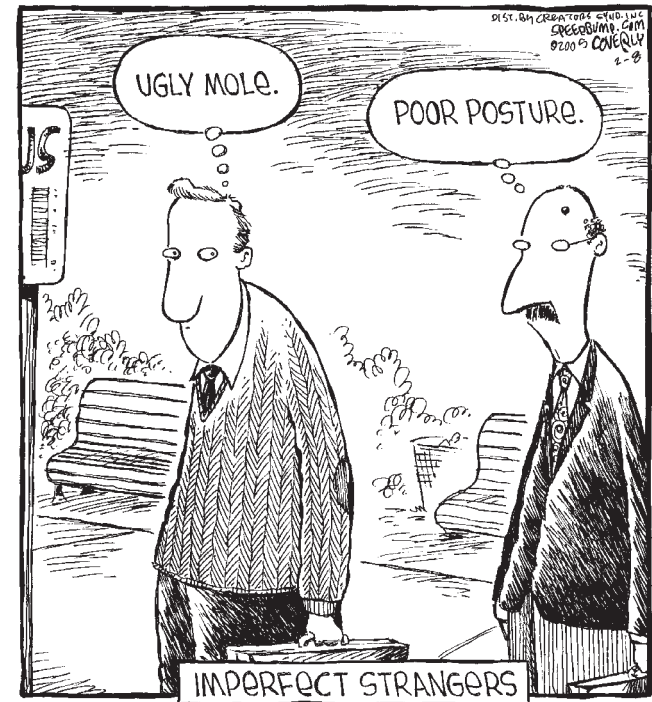
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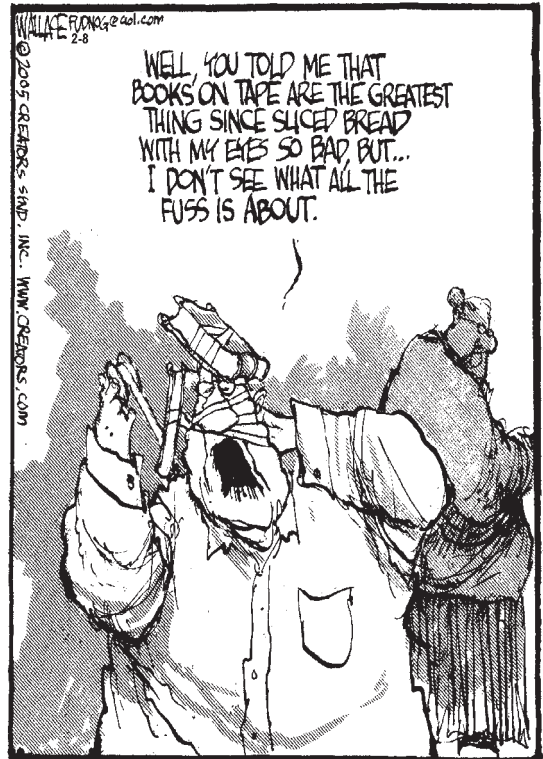


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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0171572 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Premiums Industries, 615 East 61st, LA CA 90001. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Marc Johnson, 615 East 61st, LA CA 90001, Cira Lim, 1234 East 58th St.,

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LA CA 90011, Melpomene Mantzaviuos, 615 East 61st, LA CA 90001 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Marc Johnson, Cira Lim, Melpomene Mantzaviuos
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0170258 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Graydon Manufacturing, 13415 Dunrobin Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Pamela Lynn DeBoom, 13415 Dunrobin Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706, Jack Dvane Rowe, 13415 Dunrobin Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/21/2005. /s/: Pamela Lynn DeBoom, Jack Dvane Rowe,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0206978 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as B+F Sofa Designs, 766 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91101. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Reyna Elizabteh Valenzuela, 5942 Mammoth Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/15/2004. /s/: Reyna Elizabteh Valenzuela

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0205645 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Cooken It Real, 13031 W. Jefferson Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90311. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Irma Parra, 614 Castel Hill Dr., Walnut, CA 91789 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Irma Parra
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0205643 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as State Auto Sales, 8020 State St, Huntington Park, CA 90255. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Leonel Antonio Linanes, 119 N. Alexandria Ave., LA CA 90004 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Leonel Antonio Linanes
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0205623 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Coast Findings, 625 S. Hill St., #239, LA CA 90014. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Hratch Simonian, 3148 Kirkham Dr., Glendale, CA 90014, Razmnik Simonian, 3560 Pontiac St., La Crescenta, CA 91214 This

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0184153 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Super Warehouse Furniture, 4931 Whittier Blvd., LA CA 90022. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Tu Thi Nguyen, 7181 21st St., #28, Westminster, CA 92683 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/25/2005. /s/: Tu Thi Nguyen
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0163314 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Safedoks Center, 15600 Vanowen St., #217, Van Nuys, CA 91406. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jessica Brown, 15600 Vanowen St., #217, Van Nuys, CA 91406 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jessica Brown

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0181358 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Aleere Beverage Center, 5032 Alhambra Ave., LA CA 90032. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Sylvia Fuentes, 3831 Winchester Ave., LA CA 90032 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Sylvia Fuentes
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0057311 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Aleere Distribution Company, 5032 Alhambra Ave., LA CA 90032. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Simon Fuentes, 3831 Winchester, CA 90032 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/3/2005. /s/: Simon Fuentes
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

‘Worm’ unafraid to wiggle out of his own clothes

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK — Often his own fashion statement on the basketball court, Dennis Rodman made one at New York Fashion Week, revealing all in an ad for PETA.

The tattoo-resplendent former NBA star appears nude in the celebrity anti-fur ad for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Rodman's 6-foot-8 presence appears with the slogan, "Think Ink, Not Mink: Be Comfortable in Your Own Skin and Let Animals Keep Theirs."

"I'm very against people mistreating animals in any fashion," Rodman told The Associated Press Monday.

Rodman, 43, who has sported hair in a rainbow of colors and once appeared at a New York bookstore to sign autographs in a wedding dress, said he gained "a totally different perspective" after watching a PETA video.

"I'm not ashamed to show my body," he added.

"We are very happy to work with PETA," said Fern Mallis, executive director of 7th on Sixth and the lead organizer of New York Fashion Week. "We think that everybody's position and point of view should be heard. We wanted to do it in a peaceful, productive way ... no more violence and paint on the runway and damaging or harming people's property."

"This is a democracy," she added. "Everybody's entitled to their opinion and to wear what they like."

The billboard ad will appear in Hollywood, Calif., and New York in the next few weeks.

In past years, PETA members have disrupted events and protested designers who use animal hides in their clothing lines. That began to change in 2003, when PETA joined Fashion Week and presented its own line, designed by Gaelyn & Cianfarani, to draw attention to animal-friendly collections.

PETA spokesman Michael McGraw called the collaboration "an indefinite truce" and praised organizers for helping to coordinate Monday's event.

"It will allow us to get our anti-fur message precisely to those who need to see it," he said.

MOUNT BALDY, Calif. — Two hikers, including the son of "Designing Women" actress Annie Potts, were missing after they failed to return from an outing on Mount Baldy.

Rescuers searched Monday for Clay Senechal, 23, and screenwriter Jonathan Lempkin, 43. Family members reported them missing late Sunday; they had been scheduled to return around 7 p.m.

Senechal is the son of Potts, who starred in the television series "Designing Women," and director B. Scott Senechal. Lempkin's writing credits include "The Devil's Advocate" and the story for "Lethal Weapon 4."

Rescue workers found the men's Range Rover at the base of a trail head.

"They searched all night," San Bernardino County sheriff's department spokeswoman Robin Haynal said. "It's very icy up there because we've had a lot of snow, and it's very rough terrain."

The 10,064-foot mountain, the tallest peak in the San Gabriel Mountains, is about 40 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles.

The sheriff's department has asked for assistance from Los Angeles and Riverside County agencies.

NEW YORK — Film producer Brian Grazer says he first heard about the 1972 pornographic film "Deep Throat" when his 60-year-old grandmother went to see it.

Grazer, whose credits include "Splash," "Apollo 13" and "A Beautiful Mind," said he made the new documentary "Inside Deep Throat" to examine why his grandmother was drawn to the 70s film.

"She went because it had been talked about so much by Johnny Carson and Bob Hope," Grazer told the Daily News for a story in Sunday's editions.

"The references were so pervasive in our culture" at the time, he said. "She wanted to know what all the noise was about. And so she and my grandfather stood in line in West Hollywood during the daytime and saw this porn flick. It stuck in my mind."

The film, which opens Friday, examines the making of the movie, the era in which it was made, First Amendment issues it raises and the effect it had on pop culture.

The documentary also includes interviews with leading man Harry Reems (now a real estate developer), writers Norman Mailer, Gore Vidal and Erica Jong and Hustler magazine mogul Larry Flynt.

"I guess this film is about how our cultural zeitgeist works," Grazer said.

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Land encroachment in northwestern Cambodia is threatening the future of nature conservation efforts funded by actress Angelina Jolie, a beneficiary of her aid said.

Mounh Sarath, director of Cambodian Vision in Development, said some 1,000 people have recently settled about 3 miles inside a protected site in Pailin, a former war zone in Cambodia's northwest.

The new settlers, who moved in from other provinces about four months ago, have cut down the forest to grow crops, he said Monday.

Jolie is giving his group \$1.5 million for its work to protect about 148,200 acres of forest in Samlaut and Pailin, former strongholds of the murderous Khmer Rouge regime that ruled Cambodia in the 1970s.

Mounh Sarath said the Pailin part of the project could fail unless the government takes action to stop land encroachment.

"The new settlers will attract more people to the area. Any expansion of new settlement will affect our conservation work," he said. "Our project might even fail."



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