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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

In December, on their second try, six men managed to set fire to a cross in the yard of a Dade County, Ga., white woman whose daughter was dating a biracial man, but then they couldn't control the flames, which threatened an "innocent" white neighbor, provoking one of the men to call 911, leading eventually to their arrests. The county, in Georgia's northwest corner, is known as the "state of Dade" for its isolation and insularity (99.4 percent white), but Sheriff Philip Street did bring himself to denounce cross-burning as "old school."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you."

— unknown

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John Wood/Daily Press

Joanie Striker, 61, and her son Andy, 38, play on Monday afternoon at a weekly dance held at the Senior Recreation Center, located at 1450 Ocean Ave. on the Palisades Bluffs.

Discovery sheds light on early days of SM

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Unlocking a critical time in Santa Monica's history will cost at least \$75,000, local historians say.

Louise Gabriel, president of the Santa Monica Historical Society, asked the City Council last month for a \$75,000 grant to preserve close to 65,000 historical pieces that include photographs, letters, architectural drawings, paintings, records and boxes full of correspondence dating back to the 1870s.

The collection, which comes from the estate of Sen. John P. Jones, co-founder of Santa Monica, was recently discovered in a storage unit that had been kept for the past 40 years, Gabriel said. It's considered one of the most significant collections of Santa Monica's early days because it explains the 30- to 40-year history of the founding of the town.

Of the more notable pieces are approximately 15,000 original letters ranging from the 1880s to the 1930s, when Sen. Jones and his family occupied what is now the Fairmont Miramar Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue. There were hundreds of letters from Mark Twain, Ulysses S. Grant, John Fremont, Jesse Fremont and Robert Ingersoll, to name a few.

The correspondence to Sen. Jones around his time as senator, from 1870 to 1902, includes diaries of everyday life in Santa Monica from 1880 to 1905, as well as several invitations to luncheons, dinners and galas from presidents during Jones' tenure.

There are close to 25,000 photographs, ranging from the 1870s to the 1960s relating to Santa Monica's history and family photographs spanning several generations. Some

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Honda dealer still being investigated for alleged scams

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BOULEVARD — It's been nearly 18 months since Honda of Santa Monica was raided by investigators, and no arrests have been made in the alleged fraud scheme.

Dozens of investigators with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division seized boxes of files in Honda of Santa Monica's finance and sales departments in a surprise raid on Sept. 25, 2002.

On the same day of the raid, a class-action lawsuit was filed against the dealership in downtown Los Angeles Superior Court alleging several customers were ripped off by the dealership, which is located at 1720 Santa Monica Blvd. That suit is now on hold, pending the outcome of the investigation, said Dan Hoffman, who is handling the case.

DA spokeswoman Jane Robison said the investigation is ongoing but wouldn't elaborate on how much longer it will take.

"It's a huge investigation, there are thousands of documents and a

whole bunch of people to talk to," Robison said, adding it's not unusual that investigations drag on this long.

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— JANE ROBISON
DA Spokeswoman

Investigators from the consumer protection division during the raid didn't say exactly what was contained in the documents for which they searched.

The civil lawsuit alleged the dealership's top sales people — who have since been fired — had been conducting a scam in which

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Council to spend \$1.8M on new parking meters

(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures on the City Council consent agenda. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the city council with little or no discussion, though many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

By Daily Press staff

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Local lawmakers are expected to invest \$1.8 million tonight to upgrade more than 6,000 parking meters throughout Santa Monica.

Once installed, the electronic meters will accept nickels, dimes and quarters, as well as "stored value" cards sold by City Hall. Each swipe of a stored value card will be worth one hour of metered parking, or the maximum allowed.

Officials decided in December of 2002 to raise to \$1 an hour meter rates near the beach and downtown, and to study adding new meters near Santa Monica College and on side streets off of Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards.

Purchasing the 6,600 new parking meter mechanisms and 6,400 housings will cost City Hall \$1,806,306. The cost of installing the meters is unknown, but offi-

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Unexpected financial insight takes you in a new direction. You could feel limited by a family agreement. You need to get a consensus. Meanwhile, get into work and do the busy-bee act. Soon, you will be presented with what is happening. Tonight: Pay bills first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ The Moon slides into your sign, signifying the beginning of your power days. You will be free to express yourself. If negativity comes down, you might want to look at yourself and your true agenda. Your creativity flourishes. Add a touch of flirtation to your life. Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Know when to slow down. Bosses, co-workers and roommates all seem to want something from you. The true test will be if you can juggle all these different interests. Be careful with funds. You could feel a little tight. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your unusually stern approach might have someone rethinking his or her plans. You might want to talk through your feelings and lighten up some. Not everything has to be dire and upsetting. Aim for what you want, please. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Others use a diplomatic manner to push for what they want. Still, you might feel closed down and not in touch with your feelings. Consider your options more carefully that surround financial growth. Sometimes you need to move along the same path as others. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Do your research and don't accept what others say as fact. It won't work for you, ultimately. By gathering your own information, you'll gain security. Options appear that someone else might not have seen or discussed. Tonight: Try a new eatery or check out an art show.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Deal with others gracefully. A boss or an authority figure could pile work on you. You might need to close the door; you could be delighted by what you accomplish. You find shortcuts that work! Tonight: Be with your best friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Others seek you out with good news. If you get a jolt from a child or loved one, try to see the positive in this situation. You might like what occurs. Try not to be judgmental and open up to new types of thinking. Tonight: Accept just one invitation for tonight, despite wanting to be in two places at once.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Someone might put down what you think is a great idea. Bring this thought up at another time, in a few days. Right now, others want your undivided attention. You've got to do what you have got to do. Your family needs you, too. Tonight: Work out stress at the gym.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your playful side could be misinterpreted by a key person in your life. Recognize that he or she might not be used to this behavior from you. Open doors; don't shut them. Expose your new creativity to your immediate world. Tonight: Play the night away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ If you can work from home, do so. Others might not be in the mood for your playfulness. Be careful with impulse spending, which has become more and more of an issue. Know what you want from a partner or someone controlling the purse strings. Tonight: Say "I."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Your unpredictability could shake up a loved one or a child. This person needs to learn that everything doesn't always go as planned. In fact, by demonstrating your own flex, you help others get out of any rigidity they might manifest. Tonight: Chat over dinner with a favorite person.

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LOCAL



Spring is in the air: It's a time for love ... and sports

Local Sports



THE HOT CORNER

By Jonathan Lee

They call spring the season of love. With flowers blossoming, birds singing and hot women everywhere, it's a wonder that a certain teenage boy, "Don Jon," could concentrate on anything but the ladies. However, the successful launch of the spring sports season at Santa Monica High School has everyone talking. That is, those who don't currently have their lips locked.

The baseball team has probably garnered the most school-wide attention so far. Led by senior ace **Kyle Johnson**, the Samo pitching rotation is dominating opponents. Along with seniors **Joey Coriarty**, **Alex Gomez**, **Tim Livingston** and **Brandon Schwartz**, several junior pitchers have demonstrated experience and patience on the mound. Junior **Max Hacker** surrendered just one hit against Palisades on March 6 — in six innings — and led his team to an 11-0 blowout. **Stuart Boardman**, **Spencer Knox** and **Mike Walsh** are also cultivating their pitching skills as the season progresses.

The Vikings also are loaded offensively. Powerful hitters in the starting lineup include seniors **Todd Baynes** and **Jason Mungarro**, and junior **Cody Decker**. With talented players on both the offensive and defensive fronts, the Vikings are confident in their quest for a 2004 Bay League Title. They face El Segundo at home on March 24.

Led by **Debbie Skaggs**, the softball team is also off to a great start. At the Alverno tournament on March 6 and 13, the Vikings outscored non-league opponents Buckley, Eagle Rock and Mayfield 24-0, 5-1 and 11-0, respectively. The Vikings then proceeded to overwhelm Alverno, which won the Division VI championship last year, 11-0.

Senior catcher and co-captain **Rosa Ordaz**, one of the most gifted hitters in the history of Samo baseball, is living up to

expectations and has been able to share the offensive workload with the players around her. Sophomore **Tyra Maxwell** returns as a starting pitcher and has shown flashes of greatness. The team travels to El Segundo on March 24 to take on what should be an evenly-matched team.

In the track and field team's last season in the very competitive Bay league before realigning to Ocean League, the team is trying to achieve a final Bay League Championship. Despite the opposition of powerhouses like Peninsula and Mira Costa, the team is confident that its abundance of talented individual performers can compensate for the many athletes without much experience. Senior **Tim McGrath**, who qualified for state competition last year in the high jump, is building on his success and past experience. Fellow seniors **Kevin Hornesby** and **Taj Lands** have the potential to place in the top three in most shot put and discus events. On the women's side of throwing events, junior **Sabrina Fields** hopes to solidify her reputation as one of the Bay League's best women throwers. With strong athletes in almost every event, the team heads into the March 25 meet at Peninsula.

Seniors **George Campbell**, **Elliot Esimboly**, **Justin Gordon** and **Alex Morshed** lead the boys volleyball team into the 2004 season. Hosting the West Torrance Warriors on March 16, the players consistently set each other up for kills and served. Just a few minutes into the first game of the match, Samo showed its superior skills and won 25-14. The Vikings faced a little more difficulty in the second game but still took a 25-17 advantage. With two wins, Samo needed just one more to win the match.

In the third game, the Vikings took an early lead. However, the Warriors were able to rally from behind and tied the game up 6-6. Samo heated up at this point and won 25-16, winning the match three games to none. The team faces Torrance today at home at 3:15 p.m.

(Jonathan Lee is a sports editor at The Samohi and enjoys being Homecoming Duke, writing, playing sports and hanging out with his homeboys and homegirls. He can be reached at jleebroadcast@yahoo.com)

Mystery photo winner

This week's mystery photo winner was Kari Rudolph, who was the first person to accurately describe that this photo was taken from atop the parking structure between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard on 4th Street, looking northwest. Rudolph has won two free tickets to see a movie at Loews Cineplex Broadway on the Third Street Promenade. Check out the March 27-28 weekend edition for the next mystery photo.



surf report

We'll see our NW wind swell boost up another notch today and mix with a touch of NW ground swell with waist- to chest-high surf at the better NW exposed breaks.

OUTLOOK: Surf holds Wednesday and starts to fade Thursday, but new WNW/NW ground swell will be on the way up on Thursday with chest-high surf at the well exposed spots.

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

Today the water is:

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	LOW TIDES				HIGH TIDES			
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SUNDAY	3:15	0.3	3:28	0.1	9:18	5.1	9:41	5.2
MONDAY	3:53	0.2	3:52	0.6	9:55	4.6	10:04	5.2
TUESDAY	4:30	0.3	4:13	1.1	10:34	4.1	10:28	5.1
WEDNESDAY	5:11	0.4	4:31	1.6	11:17	3.5	10:53	4.9
THURSDAY	5:59	0.6	4:43	2.1	12:12	3.0	11:21	4.7
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The Q-Line

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom recently made national and international headlines by defying state law to issue marriage licenses to gay couples. Newsom said he feels it's a constitutional right for gays to marry.

But some politicians at the state and federal level see things differently. With a hold on marriage licenses for gay couples in San Francisco ongoing and the same debate raging in communities across the United States, Pres. George W. Bush has made it clear that he doesn't

support gay marriages.

Pundits and moral crusaders alike see the hot-button issue shaping up to be a key debate in the 2004 presidential election. So, this week Q-Line wants to know, "Should gay couples be afforded the right to marry? Why or why not?"

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Friday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in the weekend edition. Please limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.

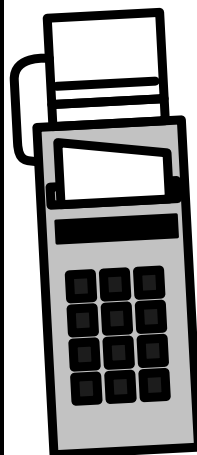
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LETTERS

Vigil to remember street performer

Editor:

I am saddened to report the loss of one of our beloved street performers, James Mitchell, Jr. A lot of you knew him for his Sam Cooke, Otis Redding and gospel songs. He has played on Third Street, in front of the Gap, and on the Venice boardwalk. A lot of us that knew him will always remember him for his famous phrase, "Praise God." He was like an adopted dad to me, and a lot of others that knew him. We will all miss him dearly. There will be a candlelight vigil in memory of James on Thursday, March 25th, at 5:00 pm in the center court of the Santa Monica Boulevard/Arizona Avenue block of the Promenade for those who wish to honor the memory of James Mitchell, Jr. Goodbye, James. We love you and miss you. You will forever be in our hearts.

Tammy Soft
Santa Monica

Columnist was on the mark

Editor:

Pico Neighborhood Association board member Marc Sanschagrin once again has his facts wrong (SMDP, March 20, page six) and therefore misses the point in Bill Bauer's "My write" column (SMDP, March 19, page six).

The fact is that a paid employee and a volunteer of the Pico Youth and Family Center used their leadership positions with the PNA to solicit funds from a developer for an organization in which they have a personal stake — without notice to many on the PNA Board or the PNA membership. Apparently, school teacher Sanschagrin doesn't think this is improper, selfish or self-serving. Does Sanschagrin really think that because PNA Board members Ana Jara and Maria Loya are such "passionate and hardworking individuals" this kind of behavior is OK?

To make things worse, Sanschagrin admits in his letter to the editor that PYFC executive director, Oscar de la Torre, who is not on the PNA Board (but whose employees, Michael Jackson and Ana Jara are PNA co-chairs) sat in on at least one strategy meeting of a small cabal of PNA Board members where the demands to Lantana were discussed. The point is that Oscar's PYFC was on a short list of items that these PNA directors wanted Lantana to fund. The amount of time spent discussing the PYFC demands is irrelevant.

Lantana is not required to do anything for the Pico Neighborhood. Their development request is with the city and it's the city that approves neighborhood mitigations, not the PNA. Being that no one knows which suggestions for mitigation might be promulgated in the end, it's quite possible that the PYFC could end up with the "lions share" of the PNA's request, or nothing at all.

Finally, it's Stewart Park with a "t," Marc, — it's a "know your city" thing.

Mike Rosenfeld
Santa Monica

More on Lantana, Pico

Editor:

Thanks to Marc Sanschagrin, (SMDP, March 20, page six) for revealing what Bill Bauer did not in his most recent Daily Press column (SMDP, March 19, page six).

Sanschagrin admitted in his letter to the Daily Press that he, Maria Loya, Oscar de la Torre (and possibly others) plotted on how the Pico Neighborhood Association could extort money for de la Torre's Pico Youth and Family Center from developer Lantana-Hines in return for PNA approval of Lantana's expansion plans.

de la Torre is not on the PNA Board of Directors. Why is he sitting in on closed board meetings when, according to my sources, some board members were left out? While it might come as a surprise to Sanschagrin, it's against the law to exclude any board members from attending sub-committee meetings.

Sanschagrin confirms what we all knew: Oscar de la Torre pulls the strings of his puppets on the PNA board to serve his interests. Both PNA co-chairs — Ana Jara and Michael Jackson — are employed by the PYFC. Fellow board member Maria Loya is a PYFC volunteer.

It took only six months for de la Torre to get his stooges running the PNA to weasel funds for his business and his agenda. It is even more amazing that Sanschagrin doesn't see anything wrong with a few so-called PNA leaders hijacking neighborhood resources. But, why should he? By his own words, he is part of the problem, too.

Meanwhile, Sanschagrin's neighborhood contributions are limited to attending closed door meetings and writing defensive letters filled with erroneous information (Steward Park?), convoluted logic and harebrained speculation about Bauer's "ax to grind."

To me, it's all wrong and a scam to say the least. None of the PNA's shabby, selfish behavior is in the best interests of the Pico neighbors. Despite Sanschagrin's ranting, they are all being robbed.

Chuck Allord
Santa Monica

Droppings on the Promenade

Editor:

The Pacific is pacific with nary a wave. The water lies flat; floating seaweed rests in heaps on the surface. Tiny tickles of foam caress the beach in a wave imitation.

But the dog walkers have become careless not picking up after their faithful companions on the bike paths and Promenade. It is worse than the expectorators who think we like to step in spittle.

I just wish the residents and visitors to Santa Monica would have more respect for their environment and allow others to look up and enjoy the scenery and not have to concentrate totally on each foot placement.

Sandra Smith
Santa Monica

'Macho' politics try to target the 'weak' elitists



THE FLORA FILES

By Todd Flora

The one mentality in this country that I wish I could change overnight would be what I like to call "Macho Politics." It consumes us. It isn't partisan, though the Republican Party is the worst offender and prime mover of Macho Politics.

Like the high school bully who was somehow also the most popular jerk around (you had to know one), President Bush and Republican leadership are at it again, this time over our role in Iraq vis-à-vis the bombings in Spain. The President's major address this week focused on the one-year anniversary of his preemptive war in Iraq. Only a militant, self-prescribed "war president" like President Bush would use the one year anniversary of a war for a pep rally, thinly

veiled as a polished diplomatic speech to a hand-picked audience. He might as well have had Sean Hannity introduce him. But there he was, using his gunslinging vocal cadence that gives many of us visceral chills, speaking of the resolve of the American government in rooting out evil. Hey, I'm all for ridding the world of evil. But Bush and the Republicans never forget to hold it over you that if you question their brand of chest-thumping resolve, that you're not only weak, but also a questionable American at best.

The man is so convinced God literally hand picked him for the presidency that every utterance fuels perceptions of American arrogance and should remind even casual observers why even our allies resent us. I'm a pretty religious guy, but am deeply offended that "the Passion of George" is allowed to constantly pollute the airwaves unchecked. When critics and journalists question Mr. Bush's divine rights to the Presidency, they are of course beaten down by the right-wing Neanderthals who — in that wonderfully "macho" fashion — accuse them of being

elitist (weak) liberal (weak) media.

On a KNX radio segment this week, I heard San Francisco Chronicle executive Phil Bronstein say that he could already predict the Republican ads around the Spanish bombings. Something along the lines of, "The American electorate will never cave to the evildoers the way those Socialist Spaniards did." A not so subtle hint that if one is a "real American," they won't give the terrorists John Kerry, their apparently "weak dream president." Please.

But then again on Fox News Business (what a shock), the discussion topic became the laughably forced "Who Does Wall St. Prefer to Fight Terror — Kerry or Bush." Host Stuart Varney was no slouch replacement for the nauseatingly conservative Neil Cavuto, saying something close to, "But if we elect Kerry, won't that be sending a signal to business markets that we're giving the terrorists a concession?"

Yes folks, they are already hard at work like its 1980 all over again. The Jimmy Carter paradigm that Democrats are weak, and that Republicans will promptly protect us by beating the hell out of everyone —

no questions (or diplomacy) asked — has been their only campaign strategy for 24 years now. Sadly, I am most disappointed that the voting public and insecure Democratic Party have allowed that strategy to work in four out of the last six tries.

Mr. and Ms. Independent voter, I am appealing to YOU. "Macho Politics" will always rule unless you stand up and consistently say, "enough." The Republican Party and their conservative media minions will be forced to listen. The Democratic Party may grow more spine and run the kind of campaigns we've all been begging them to run. But the independent voter must vocally demand reasoned debate over ads that seven months before an election brazenly proclaim, "John Kerry — wrong on defense." It's time to make the unbelievable truly unacceptable.

(Todd Flora is a government relations manager and seven-year resident of Santa Monica. He is active in Heal the Bay and the Democratic Party. To respond or reach Todd, email him at: reformadvocate@yahoo.com.)

OPINION

On church and government: Whose God is it?

LEGAL
VIEWS AND
NEWS

By David Pizarra

I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Thirty one words. It is taught to most schoolchildren in kindergarten. Soon it may be only twenty nine words. The phrase "under God" is coming up for review by the Supreme Court this session in a case that says the phrase is an illegal establishment of religion.

There is much controversy about the use of the word "God." Some avowed atheists feel that is an affront to them that we have "God" on our money, in our pledge, that the idea of a superior being is ever mentioned by our government. Others of the religious persuasion would have "God" running everything. Put him/her/it in all proceedings, run the country as "God" would have it run.

This is where the difference between being religious and being spiritual has created enough room for "God" to squeak through. Religion is usually construed to mean regular church attendance, a dogmatic reading of the bible and acceptance on blind faith that "ours is the one true way" to love, eternal life and salvation.

Spirituality on the other hand, tends to be interpreted as a wider, more encompassing sense of security that there is some prime mover in the universe. A creative, great and gentle loving force that started it all in motion, and is letting life play out.

The question is, since we are supposed to be a democracy run by the people, why is "God" involved at all in our government? Why is this word on our money, in our Pledge of Allegiance and in our courts? Partly because we were founded by believers. Some Lutherans, some Protestants, some Episcopalians, perhaps a proto-Mormon or two. There were those

who believed in the basic tenets of the Church of England and those who did not. These are the founders. Their perceptions, knowledge and education all led them to believe that a God existed.

The hardest part in discussing "God," even between two extremely devout and sincere believers in the same religion, is that the individual conception of what the word "God" symbolizes and means to each of them is different.

John Adams, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson, along with the other founders of our country, mostly all believers of some sort, wanted to establish religious freedom but did not want to establish an official religion. In their quest to allow individual freedom to express themselves, or not, we find the genesis of the First Amendment to our Constitution. Though it is mostly known for its free speech component, in actuality it starts out with religious freedom. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

In wording the First Amendment the way they did, the framers of the Constitution created two distinct clauses that control the way in which the Courts view suspect legislation, and resolve conflicts.

The first of these is the establishment clause, this says that Congress shall not establish a state — or official — religion. Thus there is no "official" religion of the United States, as there is an official religion in other countries such as Argentina, Bolivia, and four others which are all Catholic. There are Protestant nations such as the United Kingdom and Islamic nations such as Saudi Arabia. There are even Buddhist nations such as Bhutan, Burma (now Myanmar) and Thailand.

Any governmental action which leans toward establishing, or supporting religions, directly or indirectly, is generally struck down as an unconstitutional Establishment violation.

The second clause is the free expression clause. This means Congress shall not interfere with an individual's right to believe, or a church's right to express, their religious beliefs, subject to certain

limitations. It is allowable for me to form a religion that is based on the belief that Freddy Kruger (a fictional character) is the devil. It can qualify for tax exempt status, own property, it could even engage in ritual animal sacrifice.

The word "God" has been interpreted to mean a much wider concept than that of any one religion. Think of it this way, Catholicism is to "God" what Smirnoff is to Vodka. It is the bigger idea, bigger than the individual brands. Accordingly, it has been deemed to be a word of general understanding but no fixed meaning. It encompasses the god of all religions and spiritualities.

As a nation we tend to look to a greater good. Since most people, in some form or another, adhere to some belief, we acknowledge that fact without forcing any one belief to be the "official" religion.

The people who are offended that there is a mention of "God" in our pledge and on our money might win the argument in the Supreme Court, that there is an establishment clause violation. But that is unlikely since they can't answer the central question, whose God is it?

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LOCAL

Honda of Santa Monica replaced managers after raid

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they overcharged buyers through false "lease or finance" payments. The lawsuit alleges the dealership defrauded its customers by adding false state taxes and fees, lying to customers about interest rates, and tricking customers into making extra payments on vehicles they wanted to buy or lease.

Also according to the lawsuit, dealership officials allegedly added fictitious state taxes of \$500 described as "VT Registration." Customers were told the money was for Department of Motor Vehicles registration, the lawsuit alleges. However, the state has no such fee.

Customers, like Encino resident Brett Fung, had allegedly been given favorable deals in the showroom only to have the dealership's finance department renegotiate the deals afterwards — a practice forbidden under state law, according to the lawsuit.

Overcharging for a car allows the dealership to pocket a higher profit. In itself, it isn't illegal to strike a deal where the buyer and seller agree. In this case, however, the fraud allegation stems from deceptive practices surrounding the sales.

Fung told the Daily Press in January of 2003 that he was told he would have to agree to an extended service contract in order to be approved for loans on various vehicles because he had "shaky credit." In total, the service contracts added more than \$4,000 to the sale price of the vehicles. Extended service contracts and additional accessories directly benefit Honda of Santa Monica and its employees through com-

missions and revenue for the company.

After the dealership was raided, Fung began looking closer at his contracts. He started noticing the discrepancies — there were two separate contracts for the same vehicle, with different figures. The price of the extended service contract would be lower on one contract than on the other. But on the second contract with the lower price, the interest rate on the loan would be jacked up so the bottom line would remain the same.

On a loan for one vehicle Fung was charged 7.75 percent interest, but for another vehicle he purchased months later, he was charged over 11 percent interest. Banks peg interest rates on credit ratings, not vehicles, Fung said. He should have qualified for the same interest rate for both loans because his credit rating had not changed, he said.

About two months after the raid, Fung got about \$4,000 back in refunds for the extended contacts from the dealership.

Honda of Santa Monica is owned by North Carolina-based Sonic Automotive, which owns car dealerships across the country. Reportedly, Sonic bought Honda of Santa Monica in 1999 from Kramer Motors Inc. Sonic Automotive was the subject of an investigation that aired on Dateline this past fall for similar alleged fraud schemes at car dealerships throughout the country.

Sonic Automotive representatives didn't return calls seeking comment.

Honda of Santa Monica officials told the Daily Press in September of 2002 directly after being served search warrants

by the DA's office, they had already "instituted safeguards to ensure that all transactions are conducted with the highest degree of integrity."

"The dealership will continue to evaluate its practices to ensure these safeguards are effective, and that customers are receiving the highest level of satisfaction in their car-buying experience," Honda officials said in their statement.

Just months after the raid, many of the sales people were fired. The dealership's general manager, its finance department

manager and sales manager were replaced, according to Honda of Santa Monica officials.

"We are the best dealership now because of what happened," Honda of Santa Monica's sales manager Nasser Nouri told the Daily Press last year. Nouri replaced the former manager two months after the raid. "We go the extra mile to make sure they are OK. Now, customers clearly understand the agreement."

"When I fall asleep, I want to sleep comfortably," he added.

Historical society to embark on fundraising campaign

HISTORIANS, from page 1

The collection include Ulysses S. Grant, President Taft, Sen. Jones and his wife, Roy Jones and Harry Gorham, the Santa Monica Bath House, old buildings, churches, schools, streets, parks, first homes, the long wharf, early golf outings and the Women's Friday Morning Club hosted by Susan B. Anthony. There also are materials and photographs related to Santa Monica co-founder Colonel Robert S. Baker and his wife, Arcadia Bandini de Baker.

The collection was rediscovered by John Farquhar, Sen. Jones' grandson, who has donated it to the Santa Monica Historical Society. But it needs to be indexed, properly preserved, and the photographs need to be identified through the help of Farquhar and Ricardo Johnson, the great, great nephew of Arcadia Bandini de Baker. Johnson also is a Santa Monica historian.

A separate collection — about 15,500 pieces stored in 102 boxes — is on loan and housed at the Huntington Library. It eventually will be donated to the Santa Monica Historical Society. Those pieces also need to be sorted out and indexed, Gabriel said.

She estimates that it will take \$45,000 to preserve the items and another \$30,000 in salaries for the staff.

"What a wonderful collection since it comes from the co-founder's personal materials and it's hoped that the city and the historical society will enjoy this donation and the participation of two descendants of both founding families," Gabriel told the council. "By doing this there is good exposure and other families might also wish to come forward with their collections."

But Gabriel may have difficulty getting any money from City Hall, which is facing a \$4 million budget shortfall this year.

City Council members, who recognize the historical significance of the collection, said they can't give away money

they don't have.

Gabriel made the request during the council's mid-term budget session, which included countless community members also asking for money for their own causes. The City Council is expected to approve the budget in July.

"We don't have extra money," Mayor Richard Bloom said at the meeting. "We are cutting, not adding."

Bloom suggested that the historical society turn to other revenue streams, like state and federal grants, as well as public outreach.

"When you have something that we acknowledge as important then there must be someone in the public — not the local government that is experiencing a hemorrhage," he said. "The city should be the last place they should turn to."

Gabriel said the historical society is about to embark on a community campaign to raise \$5 million for the facility and its programs. She added that a minimum of \$1 million is needed just for the building's shell and another \$1.5 million is required for displays.

"The city doesn't give us one penny to sustain it," Gabriel said, adding City Hall gave the historical society a one-time \$10,000 grant to catalog old newspaper photographs — and that didn't cover staff time. "We are the lowest on the totem pole."

The historical society has one-and-a-half paid employees and about 20 volunteers. But many more will be needed to sort through the Jones collection.

Bloom said he'll consider the request once all other resources have been exhausted.

"I hope they are going to show that they have exhausted all other resources because we are faced with a crisis," he said. "This is a collection that the public is interested in so there should be significant public outreach ... they need to modernize their fundraising approach."

"I'll help them."

Consent expenses top \$2.5M

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cialists said the electronic meters are scheduled to be in place in four months.

"As the new meters go in, the rates will go up on those streets," said Lucy Dyke, City Hall's manager of transportation planning.

Also on tonight's consent agenda is \$330,000 in labor contracts to hire temporary City Hall workers for code enforcement, construction projects, reviewing building plans and performing geological studies. Another \$313,253 is expected to be spent on purchasing two natural gas service trucks for the environmental and public works management department, and \$57,600 will likely go towards maintaining computer software.

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STATE

Officials tried to discipline 'Green Wall' investigators

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — State Corrections officials tried to discipline three Salinas Valley State Prison internal investigators allegedly tied to the "Green Wall," a gang-like organization of rogue guards who intimidated inmates and fellow employees, public records show.

But the discipline was overturned by the State Personnel Board, which rejects more than 60 percent of cases brought by the Department of Corrections and California Youth Authority. Senators leading an oversight hearing Monday say the repeated reversals "can chill the work environment if employees believe 'a few bad actors' have escaped punishment."

Corrections officials say the three internal affairs officers badly botched a cell search, triggering a fight in which the inmate and one of the three was injured.

In a lawsuit against the department and a whistleblower complaint to the Inspector General, former internal affairs officer Donald J. Vodicka alleges three of the four guards involved in the cell search repeatedly roughed up inmates — in one case for ogling a female secretary.

The union attorney who represented the three guards referred calls to California Correctional Peace Officers Association Vice President Lance Corcoran. He said no one could comment on Vodicka's allegations because of the pending suit, but defended the personnel board's rejection of the departmental charges.

Vodicka and a current Salinas Valley guard who spoke on condition of anonymity said they personally observed the aftermath of several of the incidents in which the inmates required medical treatment, but not the alleged beatings themselves.

The four internal affairs officers were retaliating against a reputed gang leader after a March 2001 altercation between his gang and black inmates, Vodicka alleged.

The gang leader "was talking a bunch of trash to those guys, making them look

bad" as they investigated the gang battle, Vodicka said. "They went to visit his cell to make a point."

Disciplinary records obtained by The Associated Press show the investigators claimed to have information the inmate had drugs in his cell, but never documented that claim as required.

They found gang materials but no drugs during the April 3, 2001, search, though the inmate allegedly flushed something down the toilet. They did find the makings of a crude knife, but failed to remove or report those items.

They also failed to handcuff the inmate as required. A fight ensued, with the inmate subsequently complaining of pain to his head and ankle. One of the officers, Michael Lashkoff, also was injured when the inmate punched him in the face.

Lashkoff, Fernando O. Chavez and Walter Faulkner were each charged with "inexcusable neglect of duty" and bringing discredit to the department. Chavez and Faulkner also were charged with dishonesty, and Faulkner with improperly taking home inmates' handkerchiefs and drawings.

The fourth guard was not charged, though Vodicka names him as a member of the Green Wall. Vodicka's internal complaint and subsequent lawsuit do not name Chavez as being involved, but allege Lashkoff kept a Green Wall insignia on the back of his motorcycle.

In a confidential report obtained earlier by the AP, the inspector general verified that Salinas Valley guards formed the Green Wall, also known as the "Code of Silence," after several guards were injured on Thanksgiving Day 1998.

Members repeatedly vandalized prison property with Green Wall markings, had a secret hand signal, and held parties featuring green beer. The internal investigators smuggled into the prison an engraved green-handled knife as a promotion gift for a sergeant.

Based mainly on the guards' testimony they acted properly, the personnel board ruled Dec. 17, 2002, that the charges

lacked sufficient evidence.

More than half the Personnel Board's appeals come from the adult or youth prison systems, with most employees represented by the powerful guards' union. More than 60 percent of the discipline imposed by Corrections or Youth Authority officials is then modified or overturned.

Former Youth Authority Director Jerry Harper complained in an earlier Senate hearing that his efforts to clean up the troubled authority were thwarted because the board hired back most of people he fired.

That's largely because the correctional agencies do a poor job of pursuing disciplinary cases — then the agencies and the personnel board wind up suing each other and costing taxpayers millions, said state Sen. Jackie Speier, D-Daly City, who is chairing Monday's hearing. The agencies also have disproportionately retaliated against whistleblowers themselves, which Speier called "a huge problem."

Union spokesman Corcoran said prison guards face too many discipline charges. Guard face a one-in-four chance of being

disciplined during their career, he said, while charges are brought against one of 12 other state employees.

"Most cases where the employee is obviously guilty never got to the State Personnel Board," Corcoran said. "Only when the case is contested does it go to appeal."

Charges must be brought against guards within one year, instead of three years for non-peace officers. The process is so complex that 43 percent of cases fail for lack of timeliness, the inspector general found. More than half of completed cases are appealed, and the board must act within six months or the discipline is automatically reversed, under a court ruling obtained by the guards' union.

The Corrections Department "loses almost every case it takes to the State Personnel Board. Furthermore, in almost every case, the loss is caused by something that could and should have been prevented," a federal court-appointed overseer concluded this month in a report on the department's handling of internal investigations and discipline.

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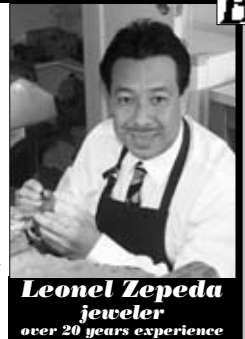
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From the doctor: Tips for coping with morning sickness

Guest Commentary

By Jon S. Matsunaga, M.D.

QUESTION: What's the best way to deal with morning sickness during pregnancy?

ANSWER: Nausea and vomiting are common complaints during pregnancy, affecting about 70 percent of all pregnant women during the first trimester. Morning sickness is unpleasant, but it doesn't harm the woman's or the baby's health and it doesn't mean the baby is sick.

The nausea and vomiting are thought to be caused by an increase in hormone levels during pregnancy. In general, morning sickness is considered to be a good sign because it means the afterbirth (the placenta and fetal membranes) is developing well.

Although morning sickness is more common in the morning, it can last all day. It usually starts during the first month of

Morning sickness: There is no set time for it to end, as each woman and each pregnancy is different. Some women never experience it at all.

pregnancy and most often continues until the 14th to 16th week. There is no set time for it to end, as each woman and each pregnancy is different. Some women never experience it at all.

Stress, traveling and/or some kinds of foods can aggravate the condition.

Following are a few suggested tips to help ease the symptoms of nausea and vomiting:

- Sit on the side of the bed for a few minutes before getting up slowly
- Eat dry toast or crackers before getting out of bed or whenever you feel nauseated
- Eat small meals throughout the day so you're never too full or too hungry. An empty stomach may increase nausea.
- Avoid rich, fatty foods. Increase your

intake of carbohydrates and choose easy-to-digest foods such as jello, potatoes and white rice.

■ Avoid foods with smells that bother you. Many women find that specific smells trigger their morning sickness. Citrus juice, milk, coffee and caffeinated tea may make nausea worse

■ Drink fluids often during the day to avoid dehydration. I often recommend my patients carry a water bottle with them to sip during the day. Herbal teas and cold drinks that are bubbly or sweet may also help quell nausea.

■ Get plenty of fresh air and try sleeping with the window open

■ Try wearing acupressure wristbands, which are sometimes used to prevent seasickness. They appear to help some women who have morning sickness.

Iron in prenatal vitamins may also cause nausea. A chewable vitamin with folic acid taken at the end of the day may be helpful.

Most women will find that following these tips will provide at least some relief from their symptoms.

In rare cases, the nausea and vomiting can be severe. The condition is called hyperemesis gravidarum, and can result in significant weight loss and dehydration. You should contact your doctor or health professional if you vomit more than three times a day, as medication or other treatment may be necessary.

Your doctor should be called immediately if vomiting is accompanied by pain and/or fever, as these symptoms may indicate an infection is present.

Morning sickness can cause a great deal of discomfort but is generally not harmful. Tell your doctor if you have morning sickness at your prenatal visits, as he or she may want to specifically monitor your morning sickness as your pregnancy continues. He or she may also have other suggestions to help you cope with this problem.

(Jon S. Matsunaga, M.D. is an Ob/Gyn specialist and chair of the Ob/Gyn department at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica. For more information on Saint John's, please contact the health center at (310) 829-5511 or visit the hospital's Web site at www.stjohns.org.)

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TUESDAY

Movies for Moms: "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" showing March 23. 11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade - for Moms and babies newborn - 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. www.reelmomsmomsonline.com. This week's movie stars Jim Carrey as Joel, who is stunned to find out that his girlfriend Clementine (Kate Winslet) has had her memories of their tumultuous relationship erased. Out of desperation, he contacts the inventor of the process, Dr. Howard Mierzwiak (Tom Wilkinson), to have Clementine removed from his own memory. But as Joel's memories progressively disappear, he begins to rediscover their earlier passion. Also starring Kirsten Dunst, directed by Mike Gondry. Rated "R" for strong

language, some drug use and sexual content.

Storytelling

Main Library - Toddler Storytime at Reed Park; 10:00 & 10:30 a.m. Stories for two year olds with adult.

Fairview Branch Library - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443. Cuentos Para Pequenos - 10:00 a.m., thru April 6. Six-week series in Spanish for 24 - 36 month olds with adult.

Lap Time - 11:00 a.m., thru April 6. Six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant and Family Support Programs.

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

Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081. Family Story Time - 7:00 p.m., all ages. March 23 - Spring has Sprung - 3:30 p.m., Montana Branch Library. Stories and crafts about the changing of the seasons. Ages 5 and up.

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

Toddler Storytime, 10:00 and 10:30, thru March 30th. Music, rhymes and stories for 24-36 month olds with adult. Registration begins March 31 for the next session (April 13 - May 18).

Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis - Themes change weekly; 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

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381 - Mommy & Me (ages 0-5 years) - 10 - 11 a.m.; Pre-natal yoga - 7 - 8:15 p.m.
Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal - 12:15 - 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me - 1:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Mommy Care - 11870 Santa Monica Blvd., at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise - 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station - 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 Walking Stick Coffee Lounge - 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052 10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4. This neighborhood coffee shop has a comfortable atmosphere, toys and storytelling every Wednesday.

Fairview Branch Library - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443. Preschool Story Time - 10:30 a.m., March 3 - April 7; six-week series for 3-5 year olds with adult.

Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081. Lap Time - 10:00 & 10:30 a.m., thru March 31. 6-week series for children up to 24 months of age with adult. Toddler Story Time - 11:15 a.m., thru Mar. 31. 6-week series for 2 year olds with adult.

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

Preschool Twilight Story Time - 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. An ongoing story time for parents and their children ages 3 - 5.

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

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

YU-GI-OH Party - 4:00 p.m., Montana Branch Library.

Come play with other fans. For all ages.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381 - Mommy & Me (ages 0-5 years) - 10 - 11 a.m.; (infants only) - 1 - 2 p.m. Prenatal yoga - 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Ocean Oasis Day Spa - 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190. Pre/Post Natal Yoga/Gentle Flow - 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. Private sessions available; call Kate Thomas, RN - 408-1717

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station - 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

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

THURSDAY

Storytelling

Babystyle - 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590. 10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Main Library - Reed Park. Toddler Storytime at Reed Park; 10:00 a.m. Stories for two year olds with adult.

Preschool Story Time at Reed Park; 10:30 a.m. Stories for 3-5 year olds with adult.

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

Toddler Story Time - 10:30 a.m., Mar. 5 - April 8; 6-week series for 2 - 3 year olds with adult.

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., thru April 1. Six-week series for 2 year olds.

Preschool Story Time - 11:15 a.m. Stories for 3-5 year olds with adult.

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

Lap Time - 9:20 & 10:20 a.m., thru April 15. 6-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant and Family Support Program.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381 - Mommy & Me (ages 0-5 years) - 10 - 11 a.m.; Pre-natal yoga - 7 - 8:15 p.m.
Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal - 12:15 - 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me - 1:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Mommy Care - 11870 Santa Monica Blvd., at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise - 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station - 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 3rd Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call 310-390-2529 for info.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal - 12:15 - 1:45 p.m., \$15.

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381 - Mommy & Me (ages 0-5 years) - 10 - 11 a.m.; (infants only) - 1 - 2 p.m.

Prenatal yoga - 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Ocean Oasis Day Spa - 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190. Pre/Post Natal Yoga/Gentle Flow - 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.; Yoga for Fitness - noon - 1 p.m. Private sessions available; call Kate Thomas, RN - 408-1717

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-BOOK.

March 20th - stories with Jennifer and Jon.

March 27 - YU-GI-OH Party - 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Fairview Branch Library. Come duel at the library. Bring your own cards, no trading, all levels welcome.

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga - Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays - 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. 1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonica-yoga.com

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381; Prenatal yoga - 9:15 - 10:45 a.m., \$13
Mommy Care - 11870 Santa Monica Blvd., at the Dance Factory, West LA, 394-6711; Pregnancy Exercise - 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise - 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout

at the end)
Ocean Oasis Day Spa - 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190. Pre/Post Natal Yoga/Gentle Flow - 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.; Yoga for Fitness - noon - 1 p.m. Private sessions available; call Kate Thomas, RN - 408-1717

Other

Cinderella at the Santa Monica Playhouse - Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m. thru March 28, \$12 adults, \$10 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

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

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

Youth Rugby - Santa Monica Rugby Club (ages 6-15, co-ed, non-contact) Saturday mornings thru May 15; times and location vary; get details at www.santamonicarugby.com/youth.html or contact Kilian Kerwin at smyouthrugby@earthlink.net.

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

Nature Rambles - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills. Ages 4 and up. Includes a moderate nature walk with an experienced naturalist. Discuss birds, plants, butterflies and other animals

SUNDAY

Cinderella at the Santa Monica Playhouse - Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m. thru March 28, \$12 adults, \$10 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

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

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

Magiopolis - 2 p.m., 1418 4th St.,

Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
Birdwatching for Young Children & Parents - 10:00 a.m., Malibu Lagoon, 393-6205.

See Special Events section for details on the events listed below.

Di Katz Der Payatz - 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m., Skirball Cultural Center
Passover Pillows - 2:00 & 3:00 p.m., Zimmer Children's Museum
Passover Parent and Child Cooking Workshop - 10:00 a.m.

MONDAY

Storytelling

Main Library - Lap Time at Joslyn Park, 9:30 a.m., Jan. 5 - June 4. Ages 0-24 months with adult in conjunction with the Infant and Family Support program of SMMUSD. Followed immediately by "Family Connections" - 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., Mar. 8 - April 12. Rhymes, songs and very simple stories in Spanish for ages 2-5 with adult.

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

Breastfeeding Group

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

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works - 215 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

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381 - Mommy & Me (ages 0-5 years) - 10 - 11 a.m.; (infants only) - 1 - 2 p.m.

Prenatal yoga - 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Ocean Oasis Day Spa - 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190. Pre/Post Natal Yoga/Gentle Flow - 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.; Yoga for Fitness - noon - 1 p.m. Private sessions available; call Kate Thomas, RN - 408-1717

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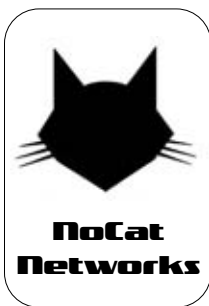
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Female prison hostage says she considered suicide

By The Associated Press

PHOENIX — A prison guard held hostage in a watchtower by two inmates for 15 days says she contemplated suicide during the ordeal.

She also said was prepared to grab a gun and kill her captors but was stopped by another guard who was held with her.

The woman, whose identity is being withheld because she was sexually assaulted, said prayers, photos of her loved ones and support from friends, colleagues and the public kept her alive.

"There were numerous times when I thought about suicide," the officer said in an interview broadcast Monday by KTAR-AM.

But every time she considered killing herself, she would hear that supporters were wearing ribbons and thinking about her. "I prayed so much. I was never a believer before. The prayers got me through this," she said.

She was taken hostage with guard

Jason Auch on Jan. 18 in a three-story guard tower at the Arizona state prison in Buckeye, outside Phoenix. Auch was released Jan. 24. The female officer was released Feb. 1 when inmates Steven Coy and Ricky Wassenaar surrendered.

The female officer said that she constantly thought of ways to escape, and that one time she secretly got one of her handcuffs off and told Auch she could get one of the inmates' guns and kill them. She said Auch cautioned her not to try.

"This would have ended. But I didn't have the moral support," she said.

Coy pleaded guilty last week to raping the guard and a female kitchen worker at the prison. Wassenaar was indicted Friday on charges of sexually assaulting the female guard.

The guard said she is trying to recover from the ordeal.

"I have got so many mental issues right now," she said. "I can start crying at one minute for the smallest things."

Two teenage girls run away from polygamist enclave

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Two teenage girls who ran away from their homes in a polygamist community on the Utah-Arizona border will remain in hiding until they have assurances they won't be returned against their wishes, one of the girl's cousins told a Salt Lake newspaper.

"They want people to know they are not being held against their will," Megan Holm told The Salt Lake Tribune in a copyright story in Monday editions. "They've got everything they need. They are happier than they've ever been."

Her cousin, 16-year-old Fawn Holm, and 17-year-old Fawn Broadbent remain in hiding. Megan Holm joined the two about five weeks ago, but returned to her Sandy home last week to attend to personal matters.

She said the two teens will stay in hiding until they get assurances they won't be placed in foster care or returned to their parents in Colorado City, Ariz.

The two girls ran to Phoenix from their homes in Colorado City in January. There, they contacted state authorities, claiming they were being deprived of schooling and feared being forced into arranged plural marriages.

Nearly 10,000 residents live in the adjoining communities of Colorado City and Hildale, Utah, and most are members of the polygamist-practicing Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Their parents have called the abuse allegations nonsense.

Megan Holm, 18, joined the two girls after visiting them in Phoenix. The trio has been on the run ever since. While the girls change their appearance with wigs and dye, they are "nothing like hermits," she said. "They've had much more fun with me in the last month and a half than they've had in their whole lives in Colorado City."

**"They want people to
know they are not being
held against their will."**

— MEGAN HOLM
Cousin

The two girls have asked Arizona authorities to place them in the custody of Carl John and Joni Holm of Sandy, Megan's parents. Carl John Holm, Fawn Holm's older brother, left Colorado City nearly two decades ago.

Fawn Broadbent's parents have said they are willing to let their daughter move to Sandy but Fawn Holm's parents want her returned to them, saying their parental rights are being ignored because of their religious beliefs, The Tribune reported.

Custody hearings are scheduled in April and May.

"They do not want to run but they are willing to run for their safety," Holm said. "They are not rebellious. They are doing this to seek protection."





Watchdog agency blasts DOE on Rocky Flats safety

By The Associated Press

GOLDEN, Colo. — A federal oversight board has accused the Department of Energy of allowing a “whole-sale breakdown” in safety at the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant.

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board said DOE’s failures include not grasping the seriousness of a fire in a building full of plutonium.

The department’s oversight of private contractor Kaiser-Hill Co., which is cleaning up the site, has been ineffective, the board said.

The critical report from the board charged with overseeing the nation’s nuclear weapons plants comes amid concerns by area governments that Kaiser-Hill is rushing cleanup of the site northwest of Denver to earn bonuses.

The company faces a \$522,000 fine for safety violations, including release of radioactive material in a building. At the same time, Kaiser-Hill, which is being paid \$340 million for the six-year cleanup, is on track to earn a bonus of up to \$120 million for finishing early and under budget.

Kaiser-Hill and DOE officials have denied that safety is being compromised by the cleanup’s pace.

But Kaiser-Hill spokesman John Corsi said the company didn’t meet its own high safety expectations.

“We’re committed to continuous improvement, and we strive for zero incidents,” Corsi said.

“We’re committed to continuous improvement ...”

— **JOHN CORSI**
Kaiser-Hill spokesman

DOE officials in Washington, D.C., acknowledged “significant deficiencies” by both local DOE employees and Kaiser-Hill. They said they have started an independent review of the safety management system at Rocky Flats, as requested by the board in a letter to the energy secretary.

The board assailed DOE for its reporting of a fire in a

building last May. The board noted that DOE reported the fire as small and only after the board questioned inconsistencies in the story did the agency investigate the incident, which involved 15-foot-tall flames.

Workers risked a potentially fatal radioactive flash when they poured water on the fire, the board said. They also turned the building fans to exhaust, which might have released radiation outside.

Rocky Flats firefighters, trained to fight plutonium fires, didn’t arrive for 11 minutes because workers called their boss first, the board said.

“We lost our edge on being vigilant here,” said Paul Golan, chief operating officer for environmental management at the DOE in Washington. “I personally was disappointed it happened. We are going to have to make sure it doesn’t happen again.”

Rocky Flats manufactured plutonium triggers for nuclear weapons from the 1950s to 1989. The DOE expects the complex to be cleaned up by December 2006.

The last weapons-grade plutonium was removed in August. The site will eventually become a national wildlife refuge.

WTO panel: U.S. duties on Canadian lumber are illegal

BY NAOMI KOPPEL

Associated Press Writer

GENEVA — The World Trade Organization sided with Canada Monday in a dispute with the United States over lumber duties.

A WTO dispute panel ruled that some U.S. duties on Canadian lumber are illegal under international rules. Washington has the right to appeal.

Canadian Trade Minister Jim Peterson called the decision a “major victory for Canada.”

“The WTO panel’s message is clear — the countervailing and anti-dumping duties imposed by the United States on Canadian softwood lumber exports are baseless,” he said in a statement.

Acting on a complaint from Canada, the panel found that the U.S. International Trade Commission had failed to be “objective and unbiased” in reports on alleged “dumping” of Canadian lumber at below market price.

The U.S. commission ruled in May 2002 that imports of lumber from Canada were subsidized and threatened to damage

the domestic lumber industry by depressing prices. It also said there was an “imminent” threat of a big increase in the level of imports.

Based on that finding, the Department of Commerce imposed extra duties on Canadian lumber imports.

Canada took its case to the WTO in May 2003. It claimed that the USITC’s findings had failed to take into account all the causes of reduced prices and that the decision was not based on an “objective examination” of the evidence, as required under WTO rules.

Monday’s ruling is the latest in a series of disputes over Canadian lumber being heard by the WTO and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

While most U.S. timber is harvested from private land at market prices, in Canada the government owns 90 percent of timberlands and charges fees — called stumpage — for logging. The fee is based on the cost of maintaining and restoring the forest.

U.S. timber companies contend that Canada’s stumpage fees are artificially low and amount to subsidies that allow Canadian

mills to sell wood below market value.

In 2002, the United States imported nearly \$6 billion of softwood lumber from Canada — about a third of the American market. Softwood lumber, from pine, spruce and other trees, is a key product in home construction.

The battle between the United States and Canada over lumber has been building since the expiration of their Softwood Lumber Agreement in March 2001.

Under that agreement, Canada had been allowed to ship 14.7 billion board

feet of duty-free lumber to the United States each year, with tariffs set for shipments beyond that level. In return, the United States agreed not to launch any trade action, including the imposition of protective duties.

When the agreement ran out, the United States, under pressure from domestic producers, moved quickly to impose extra duties on Canadian imports.

So far WTO rulings have been mixed, with some favoring the Canadian position and others siding with the United States.

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Electronic Arts gives \$8M to USC's media program

By The Associated Press

■ **LOS ANGELES** — One of the world's leading makers of video games is donating \$8 million to USC's School of Cinema-Television to expand the university's interactive media program.

The donation from Electronic Arts Inc. of Redwood City is to be used to fund an interactive entertainment program and an electronic arts faculty chair.

Electronic Arts producers, directors and designers will be among those teaching classes in the program, and the endowed chair will go to Don Mattrick, president of EA's worldwide studios.

Mattrick also will join the school's board of counselors, which includes directors George Lucas and Steven Spielberg.

"The school's rich storytelling tradition and longstanding commitment to technological experimentation make it an ideal partner for EA," Mattrick said.

Part of the interactive entertainment program's mission will be to develop an innovation lab where students can design and produce games.

Electronic Arts said a key goal is to establish a pipeline of "next-generation" talent, including employees for its new Playa Vista game development studio.

The Playa Vista campus currently employs about 325 people, with plans to expand to 1,000 animators, engineers, designers and others who will work on such games as "Command & Conquer" and those based on EA's licenses for the James Bond and "Lord of the Rings" movies.

"They need people who are broadly trained in entertainment and storytelling and in the creation of experiences," said the school's dean, Elizabeth M. Daley. "Game design is more about storytelling, aesthetics and

entertainment than about just the technology. The driving force must be the content and the playability."

■ **CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.** — The late state Sen. Emily Couric's political papers will be placed in a special collection alongside the documents of other famous Virginia politicians, including former presidents Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe.

Couric's widower, Dr. George A. Beller, donated the papers to the University of Virginia during a ceremony Saturday. Couric, whose sister is "Today" show co-host Katie Couric, was a Charlottesville Democrat elected twice to the Virginia Senate before she died three years ago from pancreatic cancer. She was 54.

Couric was widely expected to win the lieutenant governorship in 2001 and to be running for governor next year.

Beller gave the university 20 boxes of Couric's papers, tapes, speeches and correspondence, saying, "Emily almost never threw anything away."

Her papers will join those in U.Va.'s special collection of former presidents Jefferson, Monroe and James Madison, and former U.S. Sens. Harry Byrd Sr., Harry Byrd Jr., Charles Robb and Carter Glass.

"She placed a high value on grassroots efforts and issue-oriented politics," Beller told The Daily Progress recently. "These records will serve candidates for many years down the road."

■ **NEW YORK** — "Raising Helen," starring Kate Hudson and John Corbett, will premiere on opening night of the Tribeca Film Festival.

The movie features Hudson as a modeling agency assistant who must raise her sister's three children after

her sister and brother-in-law die in a car accident. Corbett plays a pastor who helps her and ends up falling in love with her.

The film's director, Garry Marshall ("Pretty Woman," "The Princess Diaries"), is expected to attend the May 1 premiere, along with several cast members. "Raising Helen" opens in theaters May 28.

"This is a terrific film to open the third annual Tribeca Film Festival," festival co-founder Jane Rosenthal said Monday. "It is a movie that is uplifting and funny, involves New York and was partially filmed in New York. It will be a great start to a great third year."

Rosenthal and her business partner, Robert De Niro, created the Tribeca Film Festival to help lower Manhattan recover from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. This year's festival is scheduled to run from May 1-9.

■ **NEW YORK** — Jamie Lee Curtis and jewelry designer Cathy Waterman met at their daughters' dance class a decade ago and realized they lived a block away from each other. They've been best friends ever since.

"I never imagined being friends with an actress," Waterman, 54, tells InStyle magazine for an article about famous women who are best pals. "If someone told me years ago that Jamie Lee Curtis would be one of my dearest friends, I would never have believed them."

"Cathy knew me on both sides of my alcoholism," Curtis, the 45-year-old "Freaky Friday" star, says in the magazine's April issue. "She's one of the first people I told, and she was one of the first people I asked for help, friendship and support."

Other best friends featured in the article include singer Sheryl Crow and actress Kelly Lynch, and models Amber Valletta and Shalom Harlow.

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