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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In January, the Fox TV network, concerned about an FCC crackdown on "indecentcy," voluntarily blurred out the unclothed rear end of a cartoon character on the adult program "Family Guy" (even though the network had run the same image, intact, five years earlier). Also in January, the Design Review Board of Snohomish, Wash., rejected the mural planned for the side of the BBQ Shack restaurant, in part, reported the owner, because its five pink pigs were naked.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 87th day of 2005.
There are 278 days left in the year.

On March 28, 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit Two reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa. In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf died in Lewes, England. In 1942, during World War II, British naval forces raided the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire. In 1953, athlete Jim Thorpe died in Lomita, Calif.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Humanitarianism needs no apology... Unless we ... feel it toward all men without exception, we shall have lost the chief redeeming force in human history."

RALPH BARTON PERRY
AMERICAN AUTHOR AND EDUCATOR

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Dozens of children race around Hotchkiss Park on Saturday during a speed Easter egg hunt.

Take it out: Styrofoam has got to go

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

Take it to go, as long as it's not in styrofoam.

The non-biodegradable plastic may soon be banned from Santa Monica.

The City Council voted unanimously last week to direct city staff to investigate the feasibility of a citywide ban on plastic food packaging and containers, following a recent recommendation from the city's environmental task force.

City staff will consult with the

local business community to determine the possible economic impacts of the ban.

The city of Malibu approved a ban in February and officials are currently finalizing the law. The ban in Malibu is set to begin in July.

The Malibu ordinance will include "food packaging," which means all bags, sacks, wrapping, containers, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, cups, straws and lids not intended for consumer re-use. Food items that are packaged

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File Photo

A citywide ban on styrofoam is intended to reduce garbage on the beach.

COMMUNITY PROFILES

COMMUNITY PROFILES IS A WEEKLY SERIES THAT APPEARS EACH MONDAY AND DELVES INTO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY IN SANTA MONICA.

Rosemary Regalbuto: Driving away homebound hunger

BY LESLIE ANNE JONES

Special to the Daily Press

Everyone has to eat and Rosemary Regalbuto makes sure hundreds of homebound Santa Monicans do everyday.

Regalbuto, 57, is the executive

director of Meals on Wheels West, a non-profit program that provides nutritious meals for people who can't leave the house or can't cook for themselves.

Meals on Wheels West serves about 650 different clients in a year. The majority of clients are

the elderly, but the organization doesn't discriminate. About 300 volunteers deliver meals to homes in Santa Monica, Malibu, Topanga and Pacific Palisades.

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Keep on smiling, Scorpio

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Work with just one other person. Your attention and focus help you perceive a situation very differently. Discussions open doors rather than close off options. Confusion surrounds your important goals. Tonight: Go along with another's wish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others think they have better ideas than you do. Go along with their premise for now. Remain confident that you do make a difference and have a lot to offer. A boss's suggestions will be as confusing as he or she is crazy. Tonight: Let others play their cards.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Pace yourself and take your time with a child or loved one. You could be exhausted and not able to communicate and respond as clearly as you would like. If a situation seems hazy, back off for now. Time is your ally. Tonight: Pace yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Investigate and read past the obvious. What is hazy or confusing will not clear up for a while. Avoid partnership and financial decisions if possible. Your imagination proves to be an endless resource. Use it! Tonight: So what if it is Monday?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Stay anchored, keeping in mind what you need to do. Others demonstrate a remarkable ability to get situations and information confused. Your steady management might be just what is needed. Come from a position of basics. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Speak your mind, but don't be surprised if the responses you receive have you scratching your head. A lot of what you hear might not seem logical. Use your strengths to move a project, talk or situation along. Tonight: Out and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ Expenses could be overwhelming and tiring. Question what might be happening within your immediate circle before you look elsewhere. Confusion and chaos could earmark any creative venture. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You are the cat's meow, but that fact doesn't mean you aren't vulnerable to faulty thinking and confusion, like many at the moment. What appears to be a good investment might not be. Get more facts tomorrow. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ Know when to step off the stage and let others jump up. Though you might have a lot of feelings, you might not be able to distinguish which are applicable to the present situation. Know when to pull out. Tonight: Enjoy a good book.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Survey all "good" ideas, especially if they have financial implications. Under the present stellar configurations you cannot make a sound decision. An element of deceit could be earmarking what is happening. Tonight: Keep it light. Find your pals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Listen to news, knowing that you might only be hearing what you want to hear. Your imagination works overtime and could distort some core facts. Confirm what you think you hear. You might have an interesting revelation. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to rethink your opinions. New information will come forward soon enough. You have to deal with facts and not conjecture. Accept that you might not be reading a situation clearly. Give yourself time and space before making a decision. Tonight: Find an expert.

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Open the door



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No one has successfully described where this photo was taken in nearly a month. Here's a clue: When it's open, are you going for the chicken or the egg? Cha-ching! The first person to figure it out will win a gift certificate to Izzy's Deli. E-mail answers to sack@smdp.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica 'Idol' to take the stage

By Daily Press staff

The voting is over and the winners of the Downbeat Showdown talent competition will be announced and perform this week.

Find out on Tuesday, March 29 at the Miles Memorial Playhouse at 7:30 p.m. who will be the winning local "idols" in the three talent categories of singer, poet and band?

It could be Gabrielle Michel, Morgan Mills or Caitlin Tortorici, who faced off in the singing category.

The potentials for the poetry category include Kristina von Hoffman, Cornelius Rex and David Kim.

And the three bands that battled it out from the beginning are Parchment Farm, Exposition and Four Letter Word.

So, sit yourself down in your favorite easy chair and watch the final Downbeat Showdown show when it airs on Thursday, March 31 at 11 p.m., Friday, April 1, Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3 at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. on CityTV of Santa Monica Channel 16. The program will also air Friday, April 1 at 11 p.m. on LA36.

All of these local "idols" are students between the eighth and 12th grade. Some of the prizes winners will receive have been donated by Fatburger, Wild About Music and the Santa Monica Karate School.

"The audience response has been even more enthusiastic than I was hoping for ... and I was hoping for a lot," said CityTV Station Manager Robin Gee. "We at CityTV feel so validated by our efforts because local community television is there to present local culture as well as community issues."

For more information, call (310) 458-8590.

Students hit the spotlight

By Daily Press staff

Two local students recently had the spotlight shined on them for their visual talents.

The Music Center of Los Angeles County this month announced the winning high school artists in the 2005 Spotlight Awards Visual Arts program. In the two-dimensional design category, the runner-up is Erica Everage, 17, of Santa Monica. In the photography category, the winner is Zach Susskind, 19, of Santa Monica.

The awards celebration took place at the Bobby Greenfield Gallery at Bergamot Station in Santa Monica where the artwork of all 30 semi-finalists was exhibited. Winners received \$6,000; runners-up, \$3,000; and the honorable mentions received \$250 each. The top students will receive their trophies during the Spotlight Awards finals show at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on April 16.

More than 320 high school students from across Southern California submitted original artwork for this year's Spotlight Awards Visual Arts competitions. As part of the educational program, semi-finalists met and shared their work with renowned artists.

The Spotlight program is a support project of the Fraternity of Friends — a volunteer membership organization of businessmen and entertainment professionals who support the Music Center.

Surgical separation of Guatemalan twins topic of talk

By Daily Press staff

The surgeon who helped separate a pair of twins will be hand this week in Santa Monica to talk about the experience.

The surgical separation of the conjoined Guatemalan twins will be the topic of the kick-off talk April 1 in Santa Monica College's spring 2005 "Distinguished Scientists Lecture Series," a free series of talks designed for lay audiences.

The lecture — being given as part of SMC's Second Annual Embryology



SURF REPORT

A new NW swell is due today and is expected to build. However, the swell isn't looking that killer because of localized wind swell from activity that formed last week in the Gulf of Alaska. This swell is a short period (8-11 seconds) with waist- to chest-high surf from about 290. Winds and weather could likely trash conditions.

OUTLOOK: There will be weather and wind issues early in the week. On Tuesday, the swell peaks with a 10 percent increase but winds are expected to be dominantly onshore, and conditions may be less than favorable.

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MONDAY	4:34	0.0	3:58	1.3	10:38	4.0	10:20	5.7
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The Q Line

Terri Schiavo's parents last week asked the same federal appeals court to order the reinsertion of their brain-damaged daughter's feeding tube. Their move came hours after a federal judge refused the same request. Bob and Mary Schindler argue that their daughter's due process and religious rights were being violated.

Schiavo's husband, Michael, said she has no hope for recovery and wouldn't want to be kept alive artificially. Meanwhile, the Republican Congress has intervened and opined on the issue, and Florida Gov. Jeb Bush last week

ordered his legal team to scour state laws for a way to reconnect Schiavo's feeding tube.

So this week, Q-line wants to know, "Is it the government's place to intervene in families' private matters, or on moral issues? 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

Katz called out on car camping

Editor:

I agree with Councilman Herb Katz's compromise position from last Tuesday's City Council meeting regarding the homeless sleeping in cars. Councilman Katz feels the homeless should be allowed to sleep in their cars but only in designated areas. I would like to nominate Councilman Katz's neighborhood as the first designated area.

Ron Yukelson
Santa Monica

We can't turn our backs on the homeless forever

Editor:

Three cheers for Randy Walburger's eloquent letter (SMDP, March 24, page 4). He correctly outlines some of the major problems which affect our homeless population. I can only echo some of his concerns.

There are many hundreds of people in our area who go without safe shelter, adequate food and medical attention, or viable employment options. Surely the wealthiest country on the planet has the resources to deal more effectively with this crisis.

It appears to me that there is indeed something fundamentally wrong with a society of people who can rationalize this neglect and poor management of our resources. The current trend of society is to treat this as if it were a criminal issue. More laws are created and vast amounts of money are spent for police, courts and correctional institutions. It is simply not economically feasible or morally correct to pursue this as our only option while we ignore the true roots of homelessness and continue on our path of providing inadequate services for those who are in need.

D. Gene Murray
Santa Monica

God is most definitely part of the Constitution

Editor:

I had to ice my computer down after viewing Jeff Bender's hell-fire-and-brimstone response (SMDP, March 23, page 4), to a previous writer's opinion. In his response, Bender inquired — stated really — as to why "God" wasn't included in the U.S. Constitution. Hmmm, thought I. And so after dusting off my own copy of that wondrous old document, gave it a read ... lo and behold, Jeff Bender was right. "God" isn't included in the Constitution. Perplexed and bewildered, I conferred with my Santa Monica friend, Jimbo — a bible scholar who also worked at the White House. Luckily, I caught him just before he set out to camp in line for the new Star Wars film that comes out in two months. Jimbo's smart but also a dork. Anyway, here is some of what I learned and verified.

The U.S. Constitution ends in part with, "... in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventeen ..." The reckoning of the date is obvious, it's from the estimated date of the Lord Jesus' birth. Everyone knows this but chooses to pretend it doesn't really mean that at all. Now, the Articles of Confederation, our first basic charter of the federal government — and out of which the U.S. Constitution had its birth, not only uses the term "... in the year of our Lord ..." (twice) but also adds insult to Bender's injury by stating in Article XIII, "And whereas, it hath pleased the Great Governor of the world ..."

Jimbo assures me that, "They sure as hell weren't talkin' 'bout Darth Vader."

And then there is that pesky old Declaration of Independence that mentions, "... nature's God, man's Creator, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world ...," and "... protection of Divine Providence ..."

Finally, and I swore Jimbo was making this up, but I checked and it's true. In 1782 Congress used tax money to print thousands of the very first American bible printed in English — the Aitken Bible — named for the printer that was hired. It was the only bible officially recognized by the U.S. Congress. Tax money.

The preamble of the Constitution of the State of California begins thus ... "We, the People of the State of California, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom ..."

You can take a breath now Mr. Bender.

Cheryl Strong
Colorado City, Colo.

It's not about 'me,' it's about love

Editor:

In response to Ed Silverstein and Jeff Bender (SMDP March 23, page 4).

Faith, the eye of love — the absence of which makes the world seem too evil for goodness to exist — seems not of my own determining, but a grace that I hope to receive despite myself, in spite of my brokenness. It is often closely related to the only fundamental choice that I can truly call my own — my choosing to say "yes" or "no" to God, which I despise and want removed on some level. And this "yes" or "no" characterizes my participation in life, for to say "yes" is to participate in something much larger than myself, to magnify that something, and to realize that it is not about "me." To say "no" is to remove myself from that which loves infinitely, which leaves me with the impossible task of becoming my own God, and to all the evil mentioned in Ed's article — evils which do not discriminate between subscribed religion or lack thereof.

We should love one another.

Jason Farmer
Santa Monica

Middle class shouldering the illegal immigrant burden



COMMON SCENTS

BY CAROLE ORLIN

I am having a lot of back pain lately. It's hard to describe, kind of like something heavy is on it and is weighing it down. The doctors can find nothing wrong. Finally, after listening to the news one night, I realized my true problem. I am suffering from a syndrome called "severe middle-class taxpayer-itis," known to occur when the middle class gets saddled with more and more taxes while the rich and poor get to live off our labor. I was able to isolate the news segments that made my pain worse. The subject always seemed to be about illegal immigration and its effects on our health care system. In order to help cure my back pain, I decided to confront the issue of illegal immigration, especially as it impacts health care costs. Knowledge is power, or at least potential power — it depends on what we do with the knowledge.

Immigration always seems to be a hot button issue. For now, I'm only going to focus on its impact on our health care system. I'm not going to discuss the fact that the New Mexico Senate passed a bill earlier this month that would allow New Mexico State University students living illegally in the United States to receive financial aid, for which they are currently ineligible. NMSU Provost William Flores said, "If you can give it to athletes or Texans, why not to illegal immigrants? They are simply one more group." I'm also not focusing on the tremendous effect it has on our schools, jobs, quality of life, etc. No, today I am focusing solely on the impact illegal aliens have on our health care system.

I realize there are many reasons besides illegal immigration for the steep rise in our health care costs: Pharmaceutical companies and their consumer targeted advertising make it very hard for doctors to prescribe generics instead of the costly brand name drugs; inefficiency, mismanagement and waste within the system; not enough focus on prevention and well-care; increase of chronic diseases; malpractice lawsuit awards have greatly increased insurance costs, which of course the patient pays for by increased medical bills. With that said, immigrants factor into this equation in many crucial ways. One out of every four uninsured persons in the United States is an immigrant. Almost half of immigrants have no insurance or have it provided to

them at taxpayers' expense. In some hospitals, as much as two-thirds of total operating costs are for uncompensated care for illegal aliens. Border hospitals reported losses of almost \$190 million in unreimbursed costs for treating illegal aliens in 2000, with another \$113 million in ambulance fees and follow-up. Immigrants (both legal and illegal) who arrived between 1994 and 1998, and their children accounted for 56 percent of the growth in the size of the uninsured population in the last 10 years. This increase in uncompensated care for immigrants has forced some hospitals to reduce staff, increase rates, cut back services, and close maternity units and trauma centers.

So much of the focus on illegal immigration now is about tightening up our borders out of a legitimate fear of terrorism. Yet not much ever seems to really be done about it. I recently was watching a news report which played a tape put out by the Mexican government instructing its citizens on how to cross our borders, where the best locations to cross were located, when the best time of year is to cross, what supplies to bring, etc. It is no secret that Mexico depends on the money sent back to it from the illegals in the United States.

Only last Monday, a report was released by private research group, Pew Hispanic Center, which suggests through government data that by March 2004, the nation's undocumented immigrants rose to 10.3 million. This was an increase of about 23 percent from the preceding four-year period. This would put the undocumented immigrant population now at approximately 11 million. Nearly one-fourth of the total undocumented reside in California. The more I read about our government's inability or unwillingness to stem the tide of illegal immigration, the more shocked and confused I become. I can't see how this situation has gotten so out of control. Has the government completely lost concern for its backbone — the middle class taxpayers? Any immigration policy should serve the needs of the citizens of that country. What is our policy? Is it serving our needs? If the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, and president can enact a bill over the course of a weekend, as was the case with the amazing passage of the Schaivo bill, why has there been persistent inaction in passing any meaningful legislation to control and eliminate the flow of illegal immigrants entering our country every hour? Is the government listening to us, its backbone? Remember when the backbone breaks, the whole structure falls apart.

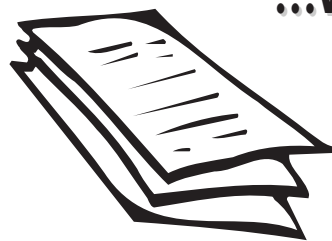
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COMMENTARY



The only way to cope is to hope



HIP TO BE SQUARE

BY CAROLINE BODKIN

Life offers the possibility of greatness so we'll persevere when things are most difficult.

Carrots. Everyone has his or her own. Every situation has its own.

A teen-age boy has his dream Mustang, a little girl imagines her prince, a working woman focuses on a promotion, a student earns a grade.

Symbols of hope come in many forms: an engagement ring, an acceptance letter, a spot on the team, a pregnancy test, a letter, a smile. For each missing thing in our lives, there is some thing, some event, some relationship that we believe will fill it.

And we go step by step, placing one foot forward, with the hope that one day we will meet it.

A friend of mine has moved to New York City to pursue her dream of becoming a modern dance choreographer. She's a beautiful mover and makes amazing work, but in spite of her talents, the chances of her "succeeding," i.e. making a living in the field, are slim. That particular pursuit is beyond difficult because even those who are successful struggle.

And unlike other artistic endeavors, such as writing or acting wherein there's a chance you might really make it "big," no one pursues modern dance with even the slightest expectation of earning big money or fame.

It's something you pursue, as a teacher once told me, "Only if you must."

My friend must.

Hopes beckon us forward. When you're single and wish you weren't, you go on the blind date because you hope you'll find someone. When you're failing at school, the hope that you'll graduate is what compels you to study harder.

The belief that our hopes can come true is what makes us put one foot in front of the other at times when there's no other reason to move.

The world was not designed around modern dancers. There is no obvious need for them like there is for restaurateurs or doctors. Yet, I believe humans need art in a big way.

Some would say art is the clearest expression of humanity, the thing that most clearly distinguishes human intelligence. But the need for art is the kind of subtle, subsurface yearning that often goes unrecognized until it has been unintentionally filled.

When you're hungry you know to go to a restaurant, but rarely do you find yourself with a midday craving for a good dance concert. However, once you go to one — because your friend is performing or the new girl you're dating wants to — you realize how badly you needed it — to see it and lose yourself in someone else's language, to relate, to be affected. Poetry, paintings, music, all work similarly.

I remember one conversation I had with her after rehearsal. We were taking one of our regular drives. It was sunset and the mountains were swallowing the silky fall orb and we were talking about what we'd do after school. I told her about a dream I kept having in which I was carrying on a conversation with someone who felt right next to me, but wasn't there. The need to find the other half of the conversation was a hope.

I told her about moving to a new city and how I had no idea what I'd find there. The uncertainty and insecurity of my quasi plan was countered by a hope that things would work out.

She told me about her plans to move to New York and the hopes she had for her future and I knew that though our paths would part, our feelings were identical.

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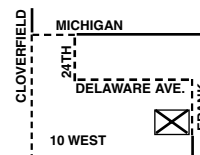


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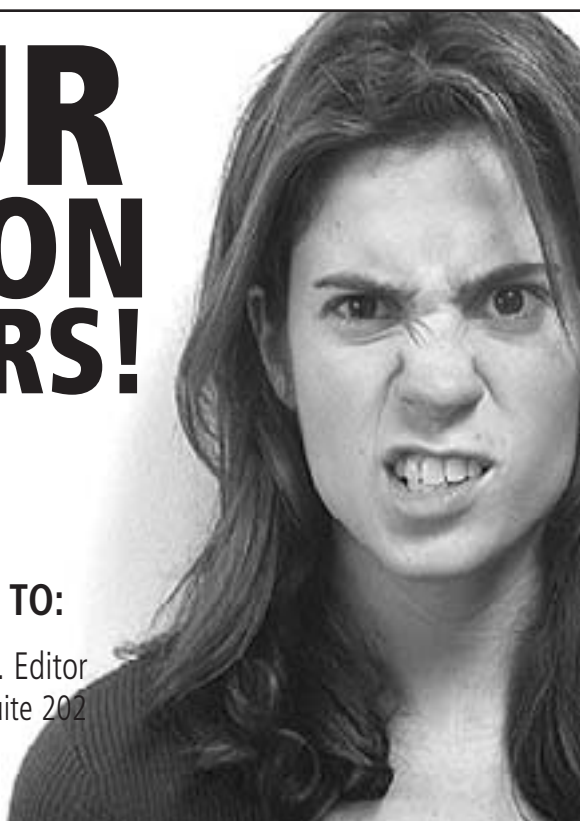
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"Know Before You Go" is a weekly series that highlights construction projects throughout Santa Monica for the upcoming week, provided by the city of Santa Monica.



Street and park lighting project

Work has begun on upgrading street lighting with new fixtures and circuits. Construction for this project occurs in the sidewalk area and may impact pedestrians. Parking restrictions also will be in place immediately adjacent to the work areas. This work is currently occurring on Ocean Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and Arizona Avenue.

Beach Pedestrian Access

Due to the recent rains and the saturated conditions of the bluffs, the Montana and Idaho avenue stairs are closed between Palisades Park and PCH. This closure is expected to last until early summer. A final geotech evaluation will be made at that time.

Civic Center parking structure

Construction of a new 900-space Civic Center public parking structure located on Fourth Street, next to the Public Safety Facility has begun. Parts of levels one and two along the north and east elevations of the building will be dedicated for retail/office use. Construction will require the closure of Avenida Mazatlan, and portions of the west side Fourth Street sidewalk. Completion is scheduled for summer of 2006.

Franklin Reservoir roof strengthening project

This project involves the strengthening of the Franklin Reservoir roof. During the course of this project, Franklin Street will be closed to both vehicles and pedestrians between Lipton and Montana.

Gas main replacement

Southern California Gas Co. is replacing a four-inch gas main on Maple Street between 16th and Euclid streets. There will be detours around work areas.

Main Library

Construction is underway on the new main library, located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd. During construction, visit the temporary library at 1324 Fifth St., or any of the branch libraries. There is currently no sidewalk access on Santa Monica Boulevard, and Sixth and Seventh streets, which are adjacent to the project.

Memorial and Los Amigos Park building replacement

Demolition of existing park buildings and construction of new restrooms, concession stands and storage buildings. Access to Los Amigos Park bleacher areas and baseball field has been restored. Pedestrian and disabled access through Memorial Park has been restored. Park buildings are still under construction and inaccessible to the public. Memorial Park is located at Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street, and Los Amigos Park is located at Fifth and Hollister streets.

Memorial Park skatepark

Construction of a new skate park facility at Memorial Park, located at Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street, is underway. During construction there will not be access to the previous site of children's playground, which has been relocated northerly within the park.

Virginia Avenue Park

Major renovations at the park, located at the corner of Pico and Cloverfield boulevards, are expected to continue through spring 2005. The park is closed. This project also includes construction of new turning lanes, traffic signals, striping, and irrigation and landscaping on Cloverfield and Pico boulevards adjacent to the park.

Water main construction

Centinela Avenue. City water crews will be working on the water main in Centinela Avenue from Wilshire Boulevard to Lipton Avenue. There will be detours around the work area.

(For more information, log on to http://santa.monica.org/engineering/projects/kbug_project_list.asp or call (310) 458-8721.)

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Symposium — will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 1 in science lecture hall 145, 1900 Pico Blvd. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The speaker will be Dr. Henry Kawamoto Jr., director of craniofacial surgery for UCLA's Craniofacial Clinic and a UCLA clinical professor of plastic and reconstructive surgery. In the past 27 years, he has earned international respect from his peers for his surgical skill in reconstructing children's faces after correcting disfiguring skull and facial defects caused by birth, disease or trauma.

Recently, Kawamoto received international attention for being part of the UCLA team that successfully separated twin Guatemalan girls who had been attached at the head.



SF organization joins SM in tenant harassment issue

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harassment by landlords.”

Radinsky said City Hall regularly uses the ordinance to sue landlords who terrorized their tenants.

“We also responded to many dozens of formal complaints by tenants, and settled a lot of those cases short of a lawsuit,” he said.

Rosario Perry, a lawyer for Action Apartment Association, the landlord advocacy group that filed the lawsuit, said City Hall abused the ordinance to harass property owners, their managers and their lawyers.

“I’ve gotten letters from the city threatening me with fines and jail time for representing housing providers,” he said. “Other lawyers got similar letters and called me scared to death.”

In 1995, California passed a law allowing landlords in rent control jurisdictions to raise rents in newly-vacated units. Later

that year, Santa Monica adopted the tenant harassment ordinance in response to complaints about landlords throwing tenants out to capitalize on the new law, Radinsky said.

Rent control cities statewide, including West Hollywood, San Francisco and Oakland, adopted similar laws. But “virtually every large city in the state has a prohibition against illegal evictions,” Radinsky added.

Perry and local landlord Doreen Dennis sued in 2002 to invalidate the Santa Monica ordinance, claiming the law was preempted by a state statute that protects against liability for filing lawsuits. In two 2004 decisions, the Court of Appeals agreed, and held that landlords serving eviction notices and filing eviction suits are immune from suit, “even if the motivation is malicious.”

The California Supreme Court’s decision to review the law “will be binding on all cities in the state,” Perry said. “We’re

“I’m thrilled the law is back on the books, but I’m concerned that landlords will still try to harass people.”

— Paul Haber, renter

going to win. If we lose, it’s a disaster.”

Randy Shaw, of the Tenderloin Housing Clinic in San Francisco, said they joined Santa Monica’s request for Supreme Court review because the appellate decisions “would get rid of just cause eviction laws in California.”

Shaw said many buyers of San Francisco apartment buildings speculate by buying cheap and then trying to evict low-rent tenants.

“Tenants have to be able sue them or it’s hopeless,” Shaw said.

Under California rules, the Santa Monica ordinance is back in force until the Supreme Court finally decides the

matter, which may take a year. Until then, Radinsky said City Hall will resume its actions against “bad apple” landlords.

“I’m thrilled the law is back on the books, but I’m concerned that landlords will still try to harass people,” said Paul Haber, a Santa Monica actor whose landlords refused his rent checks and then tried to evict him for non-payment of rent. In 1999, City Hall sued the landlords under the ordinance. The case settled for \$20,000.

Perry doubts that City Hall will be as aggressive in enforcing the law while the case is before the Supreme Court.

“The City Attorney has cooled it,” he said.

Councilman wants local restaurants to turn ‘green’

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outside the city of Malibu will be exempt from the ordinance.

Malibu city staff said it lacks the resources to conduct proactive enforcement for a plastic-ban ordinance. However, a city report said resources are available to conduct complaint-driven enforcement with the understanding complaints would be prioritized accordingly.

While the Malibu Chamber of Commerce opposes the ban, Santa Monica’s chamber hasn’t yet taken a position on the issue, said Kathy Dodson, executive director.

Councilman Kevin McKeown, who suggested the ban, said replacing foam plastic product packaging is one of his top priorities.

“I first brought it up six years ago, but there was only one product to replace it at

the time,” McKeown said. “Now there’s a number of biodegradable products available to replace plastic.”

McKeown said foam plastics can’t be recycled and often end up in landfills, littering the beaches, or washed into the bay. He said environmental task force members have told him the plastic collects in the ocean and fish end up feeding on it, thinking it’s plankton.

McKeown said he has received a letter from the California Restaurant Association urging him to not support a ban. He said he would prefer measures that provide incentives for businesses to use biodegradable packaging instead of taking a purely punitive-based approach.

“I don’t want to make it impossible to operate restaurants in Santa Monica,” McKeown said. “I just want our restaurants to be environmentally responsible.”



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years and for the past 15, the program has been wait-list free. Over half of the Meals on Wheels programs nationwide have waiting lists but in Santa Monica all those who need receive.

The Meal on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) this month is touting its "March for Meals" campaign to raise awareness of the elderly who go hungry, which Regalbuto has been busy promoting.

Born in England to German and Austrian parents, Regalbuto spent her childhood hopping between countries where her father sought employment. She received her undergraduate degree in business administration from New York College and later received her master's degree in industrial psychology from the New School of Social Research.

In New York, Regalbuto met and married her husband, Joe Regalbuto, a television actor and director who has worked on numerous shows such as "Murphy Brown," "Smart Guy," and "Friends." Regalbuto has three grown children, two who work in the film industry, and one still in school.

Before her job at Meals on Wheels, Regalbuto worked in urban education, and held a position at the New York College of Optometry, where she was in charge of eye screenings at schools and nursing homes.

Regalbuto keeps herself busy organizing, fundraising, and meeting with people to discuss the program and advocate for the homebound.

"I've gotten a lot more out than I've given," she said. "It feels really, really good. I love coming to work."

This is Regalbuto's third year as vice-president of MOWAA. She was president of the California Statewide Association of Nutrition Directors for the elderly and next year she will be secretary of the Santa Monica Rotary Club. Regalbuto recently caught up with the Daily Press at her offices at Sixth Street and Arizona Avenue to talk about her work in the community.

How long have you been doing this?

"I've been doing this for 18 years ... It's been a challenge, you know, because you always have to do everything — PR, marketing — I find myself wearing a lot of hats because we're a small, part-time agency ... But it's been very rewarding for me. It's something I plan on doing forever. You'll have to cart me on out of here."

How did you land the job?

"... I probably was lucky. I had my children going to a Unitarian Sunday School because I wanted them to get a concept of all different religions and make their minds up. There was an ad in the Sunday school newspaper, looking for a director of Meals on Wheels."

What drew you to the program?

"... I'd been here three days, I started on a Wednesday, and on Monday I said, 'OK, I sort of got a sense of what's going on, now I want to go out on a route

and see what that's like.' And we went to a person's house ... So the person didn't respond, so then we said, 'Meals on Wheels,' and we heard a faint noise coming from the bath and the client had taken a bath on Saturday and been unable to get out of the bathtub. So she drained the water and she was there waiting until Monday, when we delivered the meals. That sort of sold me."

That must have a life-altering experience for you.

"I really realized the importance of Meals on Wheels, and how much it means to those we deliver to. I mean, the meals are very important, everybody needs to eat well ... And more than that it was the social contact, and you know, letting someone know that we care about them. We remember their birthdays, we share the holidays with them. It's very important because it's a very depressing time of year — holidays and birthdays — for clients. But to me, that social contact is really the most important thing."

Is there anything in particular that draws you to the geriatric population?

"We're definitely overlooked in this community. The homebound are not seen, they're not heard from, they don't like to make waves, they're afraid they're going to be kicked out of their home. I mean it's a population that isn't really thought of a lot, and because they're not, I believe that we need to be there to advocate for them and to assist. If we're the only ones aware of their plight, and aware of what their needs are, in going to their homes everyday, then it's our responsibility to do whatever we can, and the community has been wonderful."

What types of people volunteer?

"The average volunteer is retired, although we do have a lot of younger people now ... It's really interesting, we keep our volunteers and I think that's because the impact that they're making on another person's life — you can see it, they're on the front line, so to speak. They deliver that meal, that person is just sitting there in their chair, with their little tray table, in front of the television, and that volunteer may be the only person they see that day, or maybe even that week ... That contact with the outside world is so important, and that's one of the things that I love about Meals on Wheels, that they provide that ... The Daily Press is delivered to our office here every morning and we send them out with our regular deliveries ... A volunteer on Wednesday brings flowers to their client, they'll bake cookies. They form attachments, they keep in touch with our clients. And our volunteers stay with us. We have volunteers here who have been volunteering for over 25 years. I mean, it's amazing."

What's the time commitment to be a volunteer?

"Two hours, once a week, at a minimum. Some people like to do more, but that's really all we ask, and that's why we keep our volunteers, because the time commitment is so small and the reward is so tremendous."

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Describe your day-to-day duties.

"The assistant director and I will take care of everything regarding the program. The PR, the marketing, the fundraising, thank-you letters, speaker bureaus. We'll entertain requests from people that need to have a speaker to find more out about what we do. So far, today, I went to three meetings, and I've got another one, so it's sort of an endless process. We're involved in a lot of different things in the community. I'm a commissioner emeritus on the commission for the senior community that used to be called the Commission on Older Americans and again, I see that in our role as being advocates for the homebound."

Do you cater to specific meal requests?

"There's no point in bringing someone broccoli if they don't like broccoli. They won't eat it. So it's really important that we acknowledge that they have these special likes and dislikes and also special dietary requirements. Diabetic, low-fat, low-cholesterol, vitamin K diets, I mean there's a wide range. And we have a number of different food providers who enable us to meet those requirements."

Who provides the food?

"We have a number of different food providers. We contract with a company for our frozen meals that we might deliver. During the week we have a frozen meal program for those who are a little more active. We have a hot and cold meal program where we'll deliver two meals a day and we'll purchase those meals from St. Vincent's Hospital. We get some meals donated by the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel; Pepperdine University does our Malibu route. At different times we've had other hotels and skilled nursing facilities, Santa Monica home health care involved in meals. Ocean House senior retirement community donates meals. We've had Casa Del Mar and the Doubletree hotel."

"Hotels are a good resource for us, especially the ones that have five-star status. They have to maintain a restaurant in order to keep that five-star status. And they're already preparing meals in a restaurant, and I think that there's a lot of waste for them, too. We don't give our clients leftovers by any means, but for them to incorporate 10 clients and prepare two meals a day for those clients, seems to be something they've been able to do. We have gotten that support for a good number of years."

Is there a menu?

"Yes, the menu is on a six-week cycle. There are substitutions that are made for a special diet or for certain likes or dislikes, within the menu and then that rotates, and changes — we don't serve the same food all the time ... You can imagine you wouldn't want to eat the same thing over and over again. And we have a number of different services. We deliver liquid nutrition, that we'll deliver in the form of Ensure or Ensure Plus, we deliver that by the case. We have our daily meal delivery, which is a hot meal for lunch and a cold meal for supper, and we have our weekend frozen meals, which are precooked meals that are then frozen and just need to be reheated by the instructions on the package. Because we're not open

on the weekends to do the delivery, we do our weekend deliveries on Thursday and Friday along with our regular delivery."

"And there are people in the past that have gone through dumpsters, that are starving for food, or have eaten cat food, you know, for fear of how much money do they have. And it's sad, it's sad in a community such as ours."

Does it surprise people that you have clients in Malibu?

"Meals on Wheels is all over the world and it's not an issue of how much money you have. It's not a function of that. If you are homebound, if you're unable to get out, if you're unable to shop and cook for yourself, what are you going to do? I mean, sure they can call restaurants, they can do take-out, but trust me you are not going to get two nutritiously balanced meals. And it's really important that the meals be balanced because if someone isn't eating well, in a healthy manner, other things will start happening. The body breaks down — it really needs to be maintained, you need to eat balanced meals. So it really has nothing to do with how much money you have."

Do clients pay for their meals?

"I think that those who can afford to do it, do it. One big thing ... It's not charity. There are a lot of older people who say, 'I don't want Meals on Wheels, it's charity.' I keep telling them, we're there to make things a little bit easier for you. I have no problem with you contributing to your meals, in fact I think a lot of people feel better about it. They like to contribute whenever they can. Our fee, that we would love to get, is \$5 a day, for the two meals that we deliver. Everyone cannot afford the \$5 per day, and no one is ever turned away because of inability to pay."

As a celebrity, has your husband been able to endorse the program?

"Yeah, and he's done a number of things for us — celebrity related things, or a show that he'd be working on that would bring us visibility, and that definitely helps ... So I've gotten him to do a bit, but working with celebrities is just a pain ... He was on Murphy Brown and we had the cast of Murphy Brown at Loews Hotel. We've done celebrity golf events, we've done restaurant openings."

Has your husband delivered meals?

"It was interesting, in the Enquirer they printed a bunch of stories about my husband, Joe, and Candace Bergen delivering meals for us, on a Saturday. Now the interesting thing was, they didn't do it, we don't deliver on Saturdays, but the Enquirer had it, so it must be true!"

Where does most of your funding come from?

"It comes from all over, some money from the city of Santa Monica, some from the city of Malibu, fundraisers that we participate in. We're gearing up now for our golf event where we're partnering with the Mercedes dealership and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce in the annual city golf championship, so that's an event we have coming up in August. We participate in the American Wine and Food Festival, which benefits several Meals on Wheels programs in September. I do a lot of grant writing, and whatever fundraising events I can think of in order to raise funds and increase awareness of Meals on Wheels."

Who is the average client?

"We serve all ages. We have a client as young as 30 and as old as 102. The majority of our clients are seniors, but we're not restricted to seniors. We have a huge population of 85-plus, the majority are women and living alone. We may have a couple where both the husband and wife are on the program, or there's a mother and a child perhaps, both of whom may be on the program."

What is the most pressing issue that your program is dealing with right now?

"For us, one of the biggest problems is rising gas prices. Gasoline is so expensive, our volunteers are using their own cars and they're paying for their gas themselves ... Gas is very expensive and people are noticing it now. And that's a problem nationwide, in fact in all Meals on Wheels programs."

What's your favorite thing about your job?

"Love to talk. Love to be a spokesperson for Meals on Wheels."

What's your least favorite thing about your job?

"We lose clients, they pass away. We form attachments, you know as long as we're there for them, and make it as comfortable as we can for them, you know they really are so grateful and they share so many things with us. You know, they're lonely and they call up and they want to chat for a little bit. You know what? That's what we're there for."

How would you sum up the philosophy of Meals on Wheels West?

"The mission of our program is to deliver two meals a day to our homebound, elderly and disabled clients, enabling them to live in their own homes independently, with dignity, for as long as possible. They don't want to go into a nursing home, they don't want to leave their home. Plus, we can feed somebody for a year for what it costs to be in a hospital for one day. I think emergency and intensive care costs are skyrocketing. And we can feed somebody for under \$2,000 a year, for a whole year, that's definitely the best way to go."

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Orange County city gives its OK for community to shoot bothersome bunnies

By The Associated Press

MISSION VIEJO — Bunnies beware.

Just days before Easter, the City Council has given a gated community permission to allow a sharpshooter to kill bothersome rabbits that have been nibbling on landscaped lawns, shrubs and plants and doing their bunny business everywhere.

Residents in the south Orange County retirement community Casta del Sol have complained for years about the proliferating population of rabbits.

"We're not trying to get rid of the rabbits at Casta del Sol," Bob Burdick, board president of the community's homeowners association, said Friday. "We're trying to eliminate them down to the point where their presence can be tolerated relative to the amount of landscaping and plants that they destroy and the amount of fecal matter they leave on patios and streets and sidewalks."

Approximately 3,000 older people live in the 1,927 homes at Casta del Sol, where rabbits have been an issue for years. About 1,000 residents participated in a survey and 88 percent were in favor of gaining permission from the city to shoot rabbits, Burdick said.

Pellet guns were used to shoot rabbits at Casta del Sol from 1991 until 1997, when Mission Viejo adopted a state Department of Fish and Game rule that banned the use of guns to ward off animals unless crops were at stake.

Residents at Casta del Sol then relied on the poison diphacinone to control the bunny population. State officials, however, banned the poison's use in urban areas in 2001.

Eleven months ago, the state attorney general ruled that rabbits could be exterminated with pellet guns, if they harmed shrubbery, and state Fish and Game officials adopted the policy in July 2004.

Casta del Sol residents then sought a variance of the city's firearm ordinance, which was granted this week by an unanimous City Council vote.

The council gave the homeowners association permission to hire a licensed pest control professional to shoot rabbits with a pellet gun from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m.

Shooting won't start until May 1 at the earliest because the homeowners association still needs to find a licensed pest management company and notify all of its residents, Burdick said. Casta del Sol has been trapping rabbits, capturing about 100 a month, Burdick said.

Animal rights advocates said the rabbit problem can be managed without using guns or killing rabbits.

"There are nonlethal solutions to control the rabbits coming into a closed community," said Nicole Paquette, a lawyer with the Sacramento-based Animal Protection Institute. "There are repellants, there are alternative shrubbery you can plant and fencing mechanisms that can be done all rather than using lethal force to kill these animals."

Shooting the rabbits doesn't address the root problem and will only create a vacuum for more rabbits to come in from the community's neighboring public golf course and arroyo, she said.

"They are simply taking the easy route and they are basically going to keep a sharpshooter or pest control company in business for a long time," Paquette said.

Meantime, Mission Viejo planned to celebrate its annual Bunny Days family festival on Saturday.

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Associated Press Writer

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But now, this facility is the only decommissioned uranium mill overseen by the Department of Energy that hasn’t yet been cleaned up, despite falling under the jurisdiction of three different federal agencies that have produced hundreds of pounds of paperwork over more than 50 years.

Energy officials are poised to decide what to do with this waste, sitting in a floodplain, 750 feet from the banks of the Colorado River, which provides drinking water to an estimated 25 million people in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Phoenix and other cities throughout the Southwest.

A chain-link fence checkered with biohazard warnings and “no trespassing” signs surrounds a ramshackle metal building and about 12 million tons of nuclear waste on the old mill site — all that remains of what once was the best thing to happen to this region.

Now, it’s one of the greatest sources of fear. The waste has given rise to sharp debate over what should be done with the remains of uranium ore processing, which contain potentially deadly chemicals like ammonia, residual uranium and radon, which can cause lung cancer and leukemia and won’t decay for thousands of years.

“The pile has a lot of fluid in it from treatment,” said Dianne Nielson, director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality. “All of those contaminants just leak out of the bottom of the pile right into the shallow groundwater. It leaks right into and under the river, and into wetlands on the south side of the river.”

Scientists on both sides of the issue are at odds over how likely it is for flooding to damage the site, how the river has changed since waste began piling up in the 1950s and even how dangerous current contamination is.

The site is the Department of Energy’s responsibility, and the agency in November outlined four plans for it — three of them moving the waste by truck, rail or pipeline and burying it somewhere else, the other leaving it on the river and covering it with dirt and rocks so it’s no longer exposed.

The fourth option would cost hundreds of millions of dollars less than hauling the pile somewhere else, but the notion riles opponents — including Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, the Environmental Protection Agency, the state’s congressional delegation and scores of activists who say it’s environmentally unconscionable.

Don Metzler, who manages the site out of the Energy Department’s Grand Junction office, said he expects the agency to make a decision sometime this summer. Meanwhile, no one in the department is tipping their hand over what might finally come of the waste.

“I understand these concerns. This site has particular high interest among lots and lots of people,” Metzler said.

The DOE, Metzler said, is considering several factors — economic, environmental and political — as it mulls a final decision. But the agency has insisted there’s no risk the waste would face catastrophic collapse even in the biggest probable flood if it were covered.

Though no final decision has been made and that’s only one of several choices, the fact that it’s even being considered has spawned strong opposition. The fear is that a big Colorado River swell rushing through the desert would swallow the poisonous pile, pushing it into a freshwater supply that flows hundreds through the Southwest on its way to the sea.

“I don’t think the people of California would ever forgive us, ever forgive the Department of Energy,” Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, told Metzler and other site officials on a recent visit to the pile.

The pile covers 130 acres and contains about 12 million tons of dirt and waste. The worst of the waste — about half — is sandy and purplish, and fills in an earthen berm made of less radioactive dirt, left over from uranium processing, like a jelly doughnut.

deep bed of ore near Moab was struck. The industry collapsed in 1962, and the Uranium Reduction Co. sold its mill in 1962 to Denver-based Atlas Corp., which ran it sporadically until declaring bankruptcy in 1998 — after realizing the company couldn’t afford to clean up the site.

All decommissioned mills are the responsibility of the Energy Department, but this one took a circuitous path. Most of the sites were transferred to the DOE by congressional order in 1978, but since this one was still processing small amounts of uranium, it was not included. The DOE finally took control of the site in 2001 from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission — part of the reason it remains while all the other sites are already taken care of.

Three sites located 17, 28 and 85 miles from the waste

have been proposed as new homes for it. The cost estimates range from \$407 million to \$543 million, depending on whether truck, rail or pipeline is chosen to move it.

Simply capping the pile and leaving it in place would cost just \$249 million.

The DOE is required to take public comments on the plans released in November, and received about 1,600. An overwhelming majority favored transporting the waste, Metzler said.

Nielson said that besides flood danger, leaving the waste in place and capping it doesn’t protect the river from groundwater contamination, which is already

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killing fish. If the waste were taken away, it would be buried inside a hole lined with clay and then covered, better sealing it, she said.

Metzler acknowledges that some of the waste is seeping through groundwater into the river, but said DOE tests have shown it dissipates within a half-mile downstream.

"Nobody's at risk," he said. "Nonetheless, I consider that any contaminants getting into the river is something that no one wants."

The EPA has joined the chorus of other agencies against leaving the pile in place, reporting in a letter to the Energy Department the option would be "environ-

mentally unsatisfactory."

Metzler concedes it would be hard to sell the public on keeping the waste where it is, but insists the DOE is on solid scientific ground in considering it.

"We think that (the pile) could be protected if one would choose to do that," he said.

Metzler pointed to an early-1980s flood that brought the Colorado 4 feet high on the pile, but didn't sweep the waste into the river.

"When the waters come out of the bank in a huge flood, the velocities are very low — almost like a big swimming pool. There's not that much erosion," he said.

But Sarah Fields, a Moab resident who's followed the issue and advocated moving the pile since the early 1990s, said that flood is a small demonstration of what

the river could do — and the next time, the 25 million people who get water from it might not be so lucky.

Even worse, she says, is that the true health effects of the pile might not be known for years.

"That's the problem with radiation exposure. Sometimes it takes so long for any physical reaction," she said.

Either way the DOE goes in the coming months, the decision must be approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Though Congress has no direct oversight, Utah's delegation is expected to try to leverage congressional authority over DOE funding to get the waste moved.

In the meantime, pressure building for more than a decade continues from environmentalists and state officials on the same issue Nielson tackled when she took over as head of environmental issues in Utah in 1993.

"That's the discouraging point," she said. "After all these years, we're just finally here."

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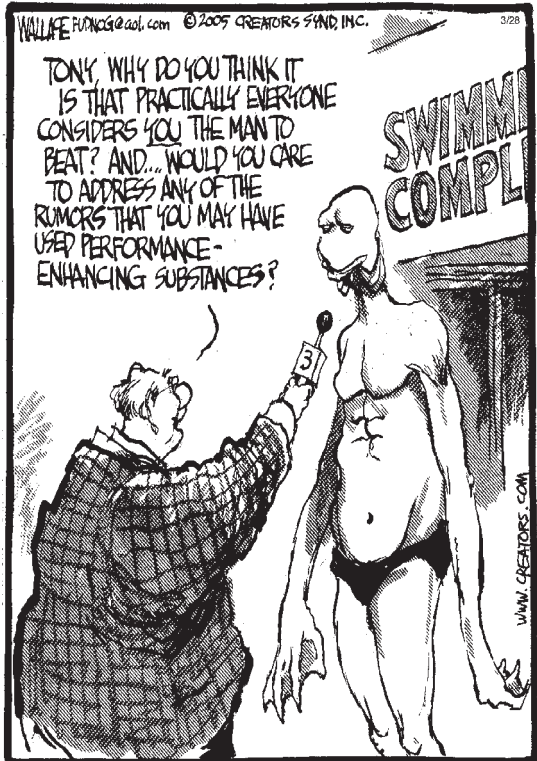
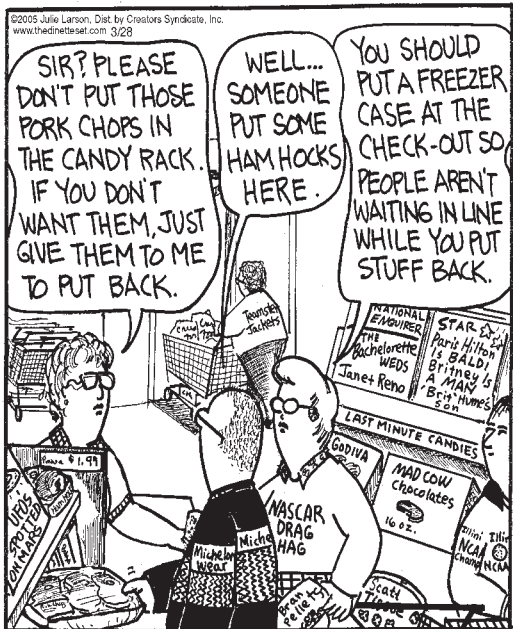
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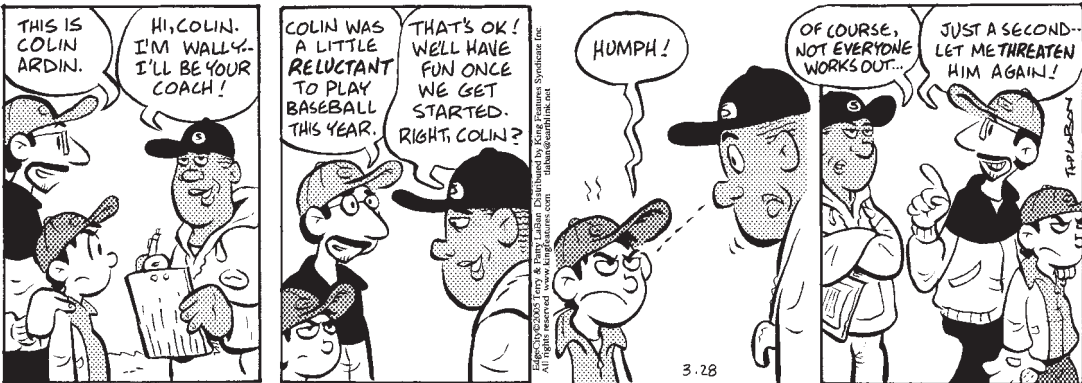
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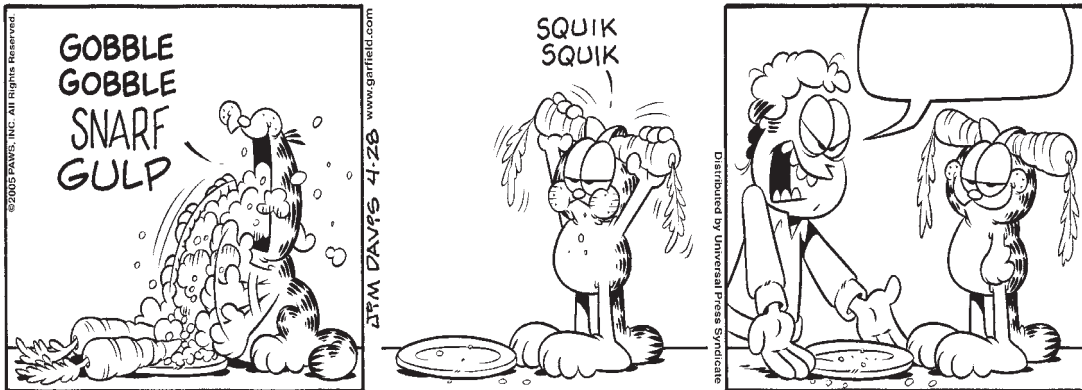


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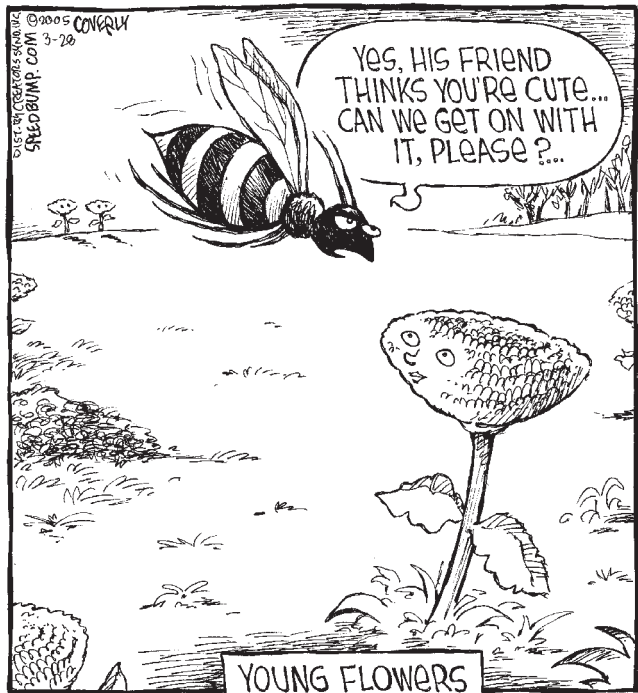


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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0607308 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TreasuresEtc.com, 27614 N. Spencer Ct. #104, Santa Clarita, CA 91387. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Judith J. Simonet, 27614 N. Spencer Ct. #104, Canyon Country, CA 91387 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/: Judith J. Simonet This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/28/2005, 4/4/2005, 4/11/2005, 4/18/2005

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 054015118 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ASAP Courier Service, 1825 Saragossita St., Pomona, CA 91768. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Kimberly Flores 1825 Saragossita St, Pomona, CA 91768 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/: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/7/2005, 3/14/2005, 3/21/2005, 3/28/2005

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0518528 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as B&A Auto Sales, 264 S. Rampart Blvd #272, LA, CA 90057. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Antonio M Valadez, 264 S. Rampart Blvd #272, LA, CA 90057 This

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VICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0515513 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Mora Realty, Mora Financial Services Al #C26143-04, 1025 W. Arrow Hwy #205, Glendora, CA 91740. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Active Alliance Group Inc., 1025 W. Arrow Hwy #205, Glendora, CA 91740 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)3/4/2005. /s/ Samuel Lopez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/4/2005. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/21/2005, 3/28/2005, 4/4/2005, 4/11/2005

Name Changes

Petition for Change of Name:
Conformed Copy of original filed in Los Angeles Superior Court February 25, 2005: John A. Clarke, Executive Officer/Clerk By A. Washington, Deputy Case # SS013259

Petitioner or Attorney: Babak bnaficy, California Bar number 177709, 1204 Nipomo St. San Luis Obispo, CA 93401; phone no. (805) 593-0926, e-mail address bnaficy@ix.netcom.com, Attorney for: Ali Getmiri. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St Rm 101, Santa Monica, CA 90401-3299, Santa Monica Courthouse. Petition of Ali Getmiri for change of name. To all interested persons. Petitioner for a decree changing names is as follows: Present name: Ali Getmiri filed a petition with this court for the proposed name of ali Ghetmiri. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: 4/21/05 @ 9:00am in Dept. A, Room 104 Signed this date 02/25/05 by Judge Linda K. Lefkowitz, Judge of the Superior Court. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the Santa Monica Daily Press on the following dates: 03/14/05, 03/21/05, 03/28/05, 04/04/05

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DR. SIEGFRIED G. KNORR

Dr. Siegfried G. Knorr, 65, Founder and CEO of Colby Instruments, Inc., designer of world's fastest high precision measurement instruments, passed away on March 20, 2005 of sporadic Creutzfeldt-Jakobs Disease. He was the holder of many patents. Dr. Knorr is known for his highly innovative designs (such as the programmable microwave and RF delay lines and modules series), which are still unsurpassed in the world today for their functions.

He was a gifted teacher and mentor, and former professor in the Henry Samueli School of Electrical Engineering at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Throughout the years, he has sponsored students from Germany for specialized studies and laboratory experience in high-frequency electronics. His former students now hold industry and university leadership positions in the United States and Europe.

Dr. Knorr was born in Germany, studied at Oxford and Bristol Universities in the United Kingdom, earned his BS in Electrical Engineering at the Fachhochschule Furtwagen in the Black Forest in Germany, and his MS and PhD in Electrical Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, CA. His early work experiences were in TV and communications in Bremen and Wilhelmshaven in Germany, and at the Royal Air Force Airbase in Jever, Germany. Prior to his teaching and research at UCLA, he was an electronic design engineer at Tektronix, Inc., Portland, OR.

He is recognized as a brilliant scientist of high integrity, friend and colleague, and a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, son. He is survived by his devoted wife, Betty Chang Knorr; his daughters, Katherine Knorr and Rena Chinn; his son-in-law, Victor Chinn; his grandchildren Joshua and Rebecca Chinn; as well as his sister and brother-in-law, Inge and Franz Cornelius; his sister Gitta Andersen, and other loving relatives in Germany.

A memorial service will be held on April 8, 2005 at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Santa Monica, CA. Remembrances may be sent to the Knorr-Chang Neurological Research Fund, c/o UCLA School of Nursing, Development Office, Factor Building, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1702.

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Schwarzenegger gets extreme on solar electricity push

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is taking his latest campaign to television. For Sunday’s episode of the ABC’s “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition,” the governor had a cameo promoting the use of solar electricity — something he’s backing in California with his Million Solar Roofs Initiative. In the program, a home was renovated with a solar photovoltaic system that allows the house to produce its own electricity. Schwarzenegger’s legislation would create a 10-year incentive fund to encourage both residential and commercial buildings to install solar power systems.

KULA, Hawaii — Oprah Winfrey may be getting into the vacation rental business. The Maui County Council has given preliminary approval to a bill granting O.W. Ranch LLC a five-year conditional permit to operate a 12-bedroom vacation rental in Kula. Tom Welch, attorney for O.W. Ranch, would not confirm the celebrity’s involvement in the venture, saying Winfrey likes to keep her personal life private. Gideon Kaufman, an Aspen, Colo.-based legal representative for Winfrey and an officer of O.W. Ranch, said: “I’ll let the initials stand for themselves.” O.W. Ranch lists an address in care of Bob Greene, Winfrey’s friend and personal trainer, according to Maui property tax records. Winfrey and Greene bought 102 acres on Maui’s Hana Coast in 2002 with plans to build separate homes. A year later, O.W. Ranch bought the land in Kula.

LOS ANGELES — Will Smith and Jon Voight are help-

ing bring an Italian film festival for children to Los Angeles. The pair announced the Giffoni Hollywood Film Festival on Friday. It is scheduled to run April 28 through May 1 and will feature more than 20 films geared toward children, the pair said Friday. “We’re lending our support because of its focus on young people,” Smith said in a statement. “It will provide a forum for young film enthusiasts and open the doors to Hollywood for a new generation.” The festival’s judges and jury will also be youngsters between the ages of 9 and 17 from the United States and 15 other countries. “I’ve been working to bring this festival over to Hollywood for years, and I couldn’t be more excited to see it finally taking place,” Voight said. “The first time I had the privilege of participating in the festival I was captivated by the honesty, passion and energy that the kids bring to the cinematic experience,” he said. **GRETNA, La.** — The lawyer for rapper C-Murder, who angered authorities by recording parts of his upcoming music video and compact disc behind bars, has agreed to take only a pencil into jailhouse meetings. The rapper, whose real name is Corey Miller, has been inside the Jefferson Parish jail for more than three years on a second-degree murder charge in the killing of a 16-year-old inside a nightclub. During that time, a music video for his new album’s single showed Miller in an orange prison outfit in jail complaining that he and other poor blacks must endure racial profiling. Ron Rakosky, Miller’s attorney, was barred from bringing anything but a pencil and pad into jail. Rakosky objected, saying Sheriff Harry Lee was “ille-

gally intruding on the right of counsel” by barring documents related to Miller’s criminal defense. Under a March 16 agreement, Rakosky can bring legal documents into the jail, but he can only use a pencil. Lee’s attorney said pens were barred because they are hollow and can be used to carry song lyrics. Rakosky has also asked the 5th Circuit Court of Appeal to reconsider its March 10 decision upholding the rapper’s conviction. If the conviction stands, Miller would spend the rest of his life in prison. **NEW YORK** — Russell Crowe’s band is no more, but the Oscar-winning actor is still rocking. Crowe announced his band, Thirty Odd Foot of Grunts, “would seem to have dissolved/evolved.” In a posting on the group’s Web site, Crowe said a new album is forthcoming, but with a new lineup. “While that holds certain disappointments, they pale in comparison to the joy of writing unrestricted, of talking from my heart and mind simultaneously about things that are important to me right now ... as a 41-year-old father/husband/lover/man,” Crowe writes. Thirty Odd Foot of Grunts was formed in 1992 and has been a frequent musical release for the actor. Crowe has remained committed to producing albums and touring despite his acting career. “For me, music is its own reward,” writes Crowe. “Anyone else’s enjoyment of it is purely an extension of the experience I’ve already had as a writer.” Crowe anticipates releasing the disc — which he describes as “soft, gentle, expressive” — by some method outside of the “formalized corporate structure of music.” The actor will next star as Depression-era boxer Jim Braddock in “Cinderella Man,” which hits theaters in June. The film is helmed by Ron Howard, who also directed Crowe in 2001’s “A Beautiful Mind.”

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