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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Undignified Deaths

An 81-year-old school crossing guard was accidentally struck and killed by a 70-year-old crossing guard who was driving to his own post (Park Ridge, N.J., October). And a 62-year-old woman was found dead, having apparently suffocated under a pile of debris that fell on top of her in her home (Shelton, Wash., January). (Clothes and trash were piled almost to the ceiling in every room in her house, and rescuers searched the home for 10 hours before locating her body.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 87th day of 2006.
There are 278 days left in the year.

On March 28, 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa. In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Guess, if you can, and choose, if you dare."

PIERRE CORNEILLE
FRENCH DRAMATIST AND POET

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Council wants its 'Fair Share'

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Frustrated with the lack of support from neighboring cities on the issue of homelessness, the City Council is expected tonight to back state legislation that will force others to get involved.

The law, part of a package of bills addressing chronic homelessness and prevention, would require cities and counties to identify sites in their land-use plans where emergency homeless shelters and

residential service providers can be located. Once identified and adopted, the local governing body couldn't change the plan.

This is known as "Fair Share Zoning," which attempts to distribute the burden of caring for the homeless, meaning all must get involved, including those cities where there is a small homeless population.

"For me, this reinforces the idea that homelessness is a regional problem and not just one for individual cities to deal with on their

own," said Councilman Bobby Shriver. "We can't just continue to send people to downtown or to Santa Monica. Other cities need to do their fair share, and if necessary, be required to do so."

The legislation, SB 1322, was recently introduced by State Sen. Gil Cedillo, D-Los Angeles, in part to respond to reports that cities, law enforcement agencies and hospitals in the Southland are taking homeless in their care and "dumping" them in downtown's Skid Row or in Santa Monica,

where there is a concentration of services set up to help the less fortunate get back on their feet.

Dumping, as it has been called by advocates for the homeless, became the leading news story last week when a camera located outside the Los Angeles Union Mission in Skid Row captured a taxi dropping off an elderly woman and then drove away. She was dressed only in a hospital gown and was delirious, it was reported.

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Cop cars set to bust out the upgrades

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

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Elected leaders will be looking to give public employees a helping hand tonight as they consider whether or not to spend more than \$310,000 on new computers for patrol cars, and new uniforms and floor mats for Big Blue Bus mechanics.

The majority of the money — \$270,405 — will come from state grants intended to help finance front-line law enforcement projects not funded under the budget approved by City Hall. The remainder — \$40,000 — will come from the city's general fund, according to a city staff report.

In 2000, City Hall purchased 75 mobile computers that were installed in police department vehicles. Since then, nearly 50 new computers have been purchased to replace older, outdated models.

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Kevin Herrera/Daily Press

MISSION STATEMENT: Students from Palisades Charter High School march through Santa Monica on Monday to protest an anti-immigration bill before Congress. Santa Monica students joined the rally at the Federal Building in West Los Angeles.

Students say 'yes' to immigrants

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BLVD. — Thousands of students from across the Southland — including hundreds from local high schools — skipped classes Monday and marched through the streets to protest an immigration bill being debated in Congress that, if passed, would penalize illegal immigrants and those who support them.

About 200 students from Palisades Charter and Santa Monica high schools waved

Mexican flags and carried hand-made signs with slogans denouncing immigration reform as they walked from their schools east on Wilshire Boulevard towards the Federal Building in Westwood.

Protesters chanted "Si Se Puede," or "Yes, We Can," in honor of the late civil rights leader Caesar Chavez, whose birthday will be celebrated this weekend with a march in downtown Los Angeles. Chavez led the fight to organize farm workers, many of whom were illegal immigrants.

"We are here to support our

people," said Araceli Huratato, 15, a student at Palisades.

"We just want to represent, show we have a voice and that we are opposed to this immigration law," said Mariela Dominguez, 18, a senior at Palisades. "It's ridiculous to think that if you help your grandma you could be considered a criminal because you are helping an illegal. A lot of my friends at school are illegal, but they came here when they were 2 (years old). They didn't have a choice. Now

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

All keyed up? Lodge your landlord complaint online

By Daily Press staff

City Hall has made it easier for consumers to lodge complaints about their landlords or report illegal business practices.

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office has launched a new Web site designed to make it easier for residents to file consumer complaints — and to find information about issues such as consumer protection, landlord-tenant relations and disability rights. The Web site is smconsumer.org

The City Attorney's Consumer Protection Unit enforces city and state laws to assure that local businesses treat customers fairly. The consumer unit also enforces many fair housing and landlord-tenant laws, including the Tenant Harassment Ordinance. The unit also addresses disability rights, smoking laws and illegal discrimination. Another service the unit provides is helping consumers with small claims cases against local businesses.

The new Web site has online complaint forms for both consumer and landlord-tenant disputes. It also includes a variety of fact sheets and press releases issued by the unit since 1997.

"Our No. 1 goal is for people to know that we're here and ready to help them," said Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky. "We hope that local residents will come to us with any consumer questions or complaints. If we can't address their problem ourselves, we'll get them in touch with the right agency."

Shots for tots, 'tweens and teens

By Daily Press staff

Children can get a shot in the arm this weekend.

On Saturday, April 1, in partnership with Saint John's Health Center, Westside Family Health Center's Shots for Tots & Teens will provide free immunizations and TB skin tests to all infants, adolescents and teenagers under the age of 18.

California law requires that all children must have up-to-date shot records to attend school or child care centers. The immunizations will protect against diphtheria, hepatitis B, measles, rubella, hemophilus influenza, mumps, polio, tetanus and whooping cough — diseases known to infect small children, as well as teenagers.

The event will occur from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westside Family Health Center, 1711 Ocean Park Blvd. For more information, call (310) 450-2191.

Beach fun may require paperwork

By Daily Press staff

Organized fun at the beach for kids this summer must be permitted.

If you are planning a beach activity in Santa Monica that involves a group of 20 children or more — 17 years old and younger — entering the ocean, you must have a permit. The issuing of beach/water activity permits allows City Hall to better manage the increased demand for use of the beach by large groups and assists the Los Angeles County Lifeguards in determining proper staffing of the lifeguard towers.

Examples of activities requiring a permit are surf instruction camps, day camps, school, church or youth groups entering the ocean. A limited number of permits will be issued for the period of July 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007. Permits are site and time specific and are issued for Monday through Friday only. Permits are not valid on weekends or holidays.

Charging a fee for a service, such as surf lessons or day camp activities, is a form of vending. All non-permitted groups that vend on Santa Monica Beach, regardless of the size of the group or the day of the week, will be in violation of the city's vending ordinance. Violations of the vending ordinance are punishable as infractions or as misdemeanors.

To request an application for the upcoming season, call Wendy Pietrzak at (310) 458-8974 by March 31.

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS

DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM

BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 27	LIFTS OPEN 12/12
CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Spring, Wet				

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 96" - 120"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 6/6
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 168" - 192"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 150	LIFTS OPEN 25/28
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 48"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 29	LIFTS OPEN 8/16
CONDITIONS: Spring				

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 30"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 20	LIFTS OPEN 4/4
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed				

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 26	LIFTS OPEN 14/14
CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Spring, Wet				

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 31	LIFTS OPEN 7/11
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed, Spring				

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 56°

DATA PROVIDED BY WETSAND.COM

SWELL FORECAST (1-4 FT)

Today looks downright crappy. A hefty rainmaker is due to bring 1-2 inches of rain, and southerly winds to 20 mph are expected early on. Some wind swell is expected with only 8-second periods from a WSWerly angle of 250-270 by the afternoon, with AM sessions nearly flat, but waist high + once the storm really kicks into gear in the afternoon.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

Storm-driven NW wind swell Today through Thursday...

Minor SW 4/2...

Better SW due 4/4...

Tracking SW for 7th...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

MONDAY	LOW TIDE	1:19AM	0.8FT	1:57PM	0.9FT
	HIGH TIDE	7:23AM	5.8FT	8:12PM	5.2FT

TUESDAY	LOW TIDE	2:06AM	0.2FT	2:29PM	-0.6FT
	HIGH TIDE	8:12AM	5.7FT	8:42PM	5.6FT

WEDNESDAY	LOW TIDE	2:15AM	-0.4FT	3:01PM	-0.2FT
	HIGH TIDE	9:00AM	5.4FT	9:13PM	6.0FT

THURSDAY	LOW TIDE	3:46AM	0.6FT	3:49PM	0.6FT
	HIGH TIDE	9:47AM	4.5FT	9:57PM	4.9FT

FRIDAY	LOW TIDE	12:08PM	-.57FT	11:35PM	2.3FT
	HIGH TIDE	4:28AM	5.0FT	7:00PM	3.7FT

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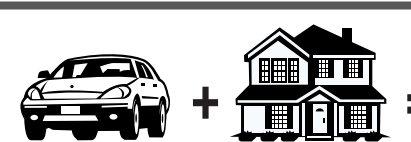
So this week, Q-Line wants to know:
"What is your current perception of Santa Monica? How can Santa Monica best brand itself as an 'unforgettable beach city?'"

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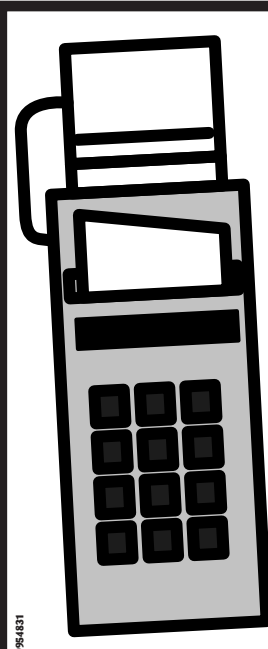
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bauer's red flags are, like, so last season

Editor:

I recently had the misfortune of reading Bill Bauer's commentary (SMDP, March 13, "Sensible Priorities' politics lack sense," page 4).

Even if there is some credit to be given to Mr. Bauer for his complaining and personal attacks — which is doubtful — all of his efforts have not solved one thing. The issues facing Santa Monica need a new infusion of ideas and activists. Mr. Bauer, your best behavior has got us to where we are today. To me, that's not good enough. Isn't it time to encourage new coalitions, new people and new ideas?

My ex-boss Bill Clinton is fond of saying "The more personal the attacks, the more likely it is that your detractors themselves are unsure of their own beliefs." And Mr. Bauer clearly likes to play fast and loose with the facts, and most of all prefers innuendo and platitudes to action. I took a minute to scan a variety of his past editorials and press, and realized that aside from writing a column, I couldn't find one reference to him having gone to voice his concerns in front of the City Council to propose real change, nor did my research find any instance where he applied to work on a board or commission, and I can't find any mention of him in any article in nearly three years of research where he actually did anything other than complain.

Mr. Bauer seems personally upset about the fact that Santa Monicans For Sensible Priorities is recruiting new people to create positive change in Santa Monica. His resentments and hostility and obvious panic about losing power seem psychological not political. I've always told activists not to use politics as therapy. Therapy is good. I do it. But let's not let our own issues confuse the debate over what's best for the City. Deal with your issues Mr. Bauer and then join in the debate with positive suggestions, not rancor and personal resentments. We would all be better off if you could make that change.

I am not here to defend the statements made in previous columns or stories, but I do know that I would not lend my name to an organization if I believed it was a "sham" or "deceitful." Here are the facts.

- Nothing about this organization is covert or hidden. Those that have expressed interest in the organization, and have signed petitions pleading with the City Council to act on the homeless issue now number more than 2,000. There are people of all walks of life, all political persuasions, young and old, Asian, Latino, African American — most importantly we are all Santa Monicans that want action not just words.

- There are more than 100 businesses joining in. Large and small, nail salons, restaurants and bakeries. Anyone is welcome to come see the hundreds of letters and petitions that sit in our offices.

- The individuals that recently joined me in writing to my fellow residents have impeccable credentials: Ann Greenspun, chairperson of the Santa Monica Red Cross, and someone who has done what she believes in for more than 20 years in our community. Don Ha, an immigrant who worked his way up the ladder to success in our town and only wants the best for the community, and hundreds of others.

- Yes, the organization has received funds from travel and tourism interests. Is that a sin? Are they to be chastised for trying to make the community a better place to do business?

- Yes, the organization is concerned about homelessness and will make it a central issue in their efforts. And I am glad to hear that because the majority of Santa Monica residents agree it is the No. 1 issue that needs to be tackled by our leaders.

- Yes, we have sent mailers into the community, and highlighted the concerns of our members. Someone has to raise awareness of what is going on. Crime, illegal, covert. I think not.

- Yes, we are just as concerned about "Renters Rights" too, but do we need another organization in this town to focus on that issue? I think not.

- Yes, our organization would like to see "sensible" individuals elected to the City Council, but that is months away and what we are focused on now is raising awareness and want to work with all members of the current the City Council to see that our community continues to grow and prosper.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, change is scary to those that like the status quo. And Mr. Bauer and his handful of friends that like to complain and do nothing are clearly threatened by people that want to do more than talk. That's a good sign. It means we are making headway, and are steering a course in the right direction.

So yes, Bill send up the red flag, because we are going to make things happen, and if you want to be part of a real fundamental change, I suggest you put down your pen, and come stand with us as we go door-to-door, working tirelessly to see that our community really can be held to a higher, better standard.

Bob Hattoy
Santa Monica

Time to put 'rebel' back in our lexicon



WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISSARRA

The American public has generally become so benighted, so lost, so stupefied in their own juices of Big Macs, Wal-Mart low prices and Chevy Excursions that they don't even realize the stupidity of their statements, or how easily they are exploited, manipulated and made to dance to the tune of a village idiot.

I speak not of the countless jobs that are lost each year because of our obsession with lower prices over supporting our countrymen's businesses. I do not look to the poor quality of today's television — which is probably no worse than it has always been, thank God for cable. I'm not considering the terrible food that is passed off as "nutritional" or "healthy" in its pre-packaged, flash-frozen state of microwave easy to preparedness.

No, I speak of the people who are so drunk on their own self-righteousness, and holier than thou sense of superiority that they deserve to be banished to a land of Jell-o molds and big hair, and forced to watch endless re-runs of "Leave It To Beaver" and "Fantasy Island."

The fools who have ignited my ire this week are none other than the people who blindly follow the Republican logic that allows a sitting president to issue an executive order which allows the National Security Agency (NSA) to wiretap our phones and monitor our e-mails without the benefit of a warrant process. A process, one might add, that has granted to the government thousands and thousands of warrants, and denied them only four or five times, depending on the reference source.

It is not as if this is an unduly burdensome process on the government. They had seven judges on the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC), which has now been increased to 11 judges thanks to the Patriot Act. One of those judges had to be on call at all times. Seven days a week, 24 hours a day, there was a judge available to review an application and grant a warrant. And just to make it easier, the government had the option of going in after the search to get a warrant. A nice trick that is denied to our local constabulary, thanks to a little thing I like to call the U.S. Constitution.

A fool, according to the dictionary, is one who acts unwisely or imprudently. It also means a court jester, or one who is duped. I use the term knowingly, as it seems to me that this term completely describes the people to whom I direct my frustration and anger. They are nothing but puppets for the administration. They drink in the moronic sayings of a village idiot as if they had been lost in a desert for a month.

These are the people who solidly back him at his most inane, with trite sayings, clothed in the rhetoric of the Bible and wrapped in the U.S. flag to protect their idiocy. When asked about the legality of warrantless wiretapping these people fall back on that childish stupid argument of, "well, if you're not doing anything wrong, what are you

afraid of?"

This level of analysis is more appropriate for kindergarten than the discussion of our Constitutional rights. It smacks of an inability to think deeper than the headline of a publicist's press release.

To begin with, one might want to look at applying that logic to the need for warrantless searches, and turn the argument back on itself. If the NSA is not doing anything "wrong" then why isn't it getting the warrants, even after the fact, for the searches it is doing?

Then there is the discussion of what is "wrong." Wrong is not a legal term. It is a moral term. It is packed with judgment, moral superiority, and smugness. It is a term that priests — now there's a group who are deserving of the high ground these days — as well as ministers, KKK leaders and rednecks like to use to set themselves up as deserving and to create a sense of otherness.

This argument that there is security in the government's snooping is only acceptable to those who are used to blindly doing what they are told to do by their religious leaders. We were founded on the basis of rebellion to government intrusion into our lives. We are a nation that is supposed to revere personal freedoms and to fight the tyranny of despots.

Yet there are those in this country who think it is not only acceptable for the government to wiretap its citizens without a warrant, but actually believe that if they just do nothing "wrong" they are safe against the government's power to inspect and destroy their lives.

I was listening to NPR the other day and they were interviewing people's reactions to the wiretapping issue and there was a woman who said, with the just the mildest southern twang, "I just don't see what the big deal is. If you're not doing anything wrong, what's to worry about?"

Obviously I don't know what she looked like, but my immediate mental picture of her was of a 40-year-old white female, about 50 pounds overweight, driving a Tahoe, and going to church on Sunday with her salesman husband, their two obese kids, and her hair teased and Aquanetted into a hair-helmet. I immediately disliked her Pollyanna view of the world.

I am sure that any of the 174 men and one woman, who were freed by The Innocence Project at the Cardozo School of Law would agree that a government that has fewer controls on it is a bad thing. I am fairly certain that any black man who has been stopped by a police officer, and humiliated in front of his wife and kids for "driving while black" will agree that stronger controls on police conduct are required, not weaker ones.

We started this country with a rebellion against tyranny from a king. Fools were kept in the royal court to please the king. True Americans don't tolerate fools well. Don't be fooled by a fool when they say the king is benevolent. They're just being foolish.

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COMMENTARY



GUEST COMMENTARY BY ALEX EPSTEIN

Oil companies deserve every penny

The recent announcement of record profits by ExxonMobil and Chevron is being met by widespread denunciations of oil companies' "windfall profits" — and the demand that these profits be "given back" to society via a proposed \$20 billion tax. As Representative Dennis Kucinich and others say, they seek "to tax only excess profits, leaving ... reasonable profits unaffected." Such taxation is justified because the recent low supply and high demand that led to higher profits, explains economist Dean Baker, "is kind of (the oil companies') good luck. They didn't do anything to earn it."

But America's oil companies have earned every penny of their profits. To characterize any portion of them as an unearned "windfall" — like manna dropped from heaven — is a vicious smear. It is to evade what is truly responsible for their profits this and every quarter: The great value they create and the tremendous thought, effort, and risk-taking that goes into creating it.

Virtually forgotten in the condemnation of oil profits is that the great — and growing — global demand for oil reflects its great value. Producers and consumers have been willing to pay \$70 a barrel for oil because it is worth that much to us. Oil is used by us to get quickly from point A to point B by car, train, or jet. It is used by efficient factories overseas to produce the ever-cheaper goods we get at Wal-Mart. In the event of a natural disaster, it allows us to drive to a safer place or to generate power to begin a recovery.

The critics of oil profits take all the benefits of free-flowing oil for granted — with not a word of acknowledgment to those who sell it to them at agreeable prices. They treat oil production as an effortless, risk-less task that requires little more of oil executives than shuffling paper and watching their coffers fill up with mega-profits.

But the continuous mass-production of oil, under all economic conditions, is a tremendous achievement. Oil companies invest billions on new exploration projects. They construct skyscraper-high oil rigs to extract oil from the ocean floor. They develop new technologies like 3-D seismic surveys or new extraction methods to get hundreds of billions of barrels of oil from sand deposits in Canada.

And to profit, they must do all of these things efficiently, while assuming a great amount of risk: the uncertain nature of oil exploration and research

and development; the need to deal with unstable foreign governments; the new and shifting government regulations on exploration and refining; the machinations of the OPEC cartel of dictatorships.

Critics emphasize the fact that the oil companies' profits this quarter are partially due to factors that they did not anticipate or control, such as the massive increase in demand from China and India. But every business venture involves factors that its leaders do not and cannot anticipate or control — factors that can affect it positively or negatively. These factors are part of the risk that businesses assume. Since they undertake the risk, they deserve any losses or rewards that result. In the 1990s, the oil companies had no right to a bail out when oil unexpectedly fell below \$10 a barrel. Likewise, we now have no right to seize their profits when oil unexpectedly rises to over \$70 a barrel.

To earn a profit does not mean to be fully responsible for every factor that went into it; it is to take the action necessary to create a product or service — to develop the skills, to invest the time, money, and effort — and to assume the risk that others will value one's product or service, and that one will not be driven out of business by a superior competitor, a new invention, etc.

This principle applies equally to employees as to business owners. Did the many former "nerds" who made hundreds of thousands at Microsoft and elsewhere not deserve their money — should they be forced to "give" it to society (i.e., to other people) — because they had no idea that cultivating programming skills would be so profitable? No — they chose to develop those skills, they staked their livelihoods on them, and their high salaries rightfully belong to them.

Given the value oil companies create and the effort and risk involved, to call their profits a "windfall" is an intellectual crime. A "windfall profits" tax would punish producers for working hard, taking risks, and succeeding. Nothing could be more un-American than that. Let us drop the "windfall" smear, and congratulate the oil industry for a job well-done.

(Alex Epstein is a junior fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute in Irvine. The institute promotes the ideas of Ayn Rand — best-selling author of "Atlas Shrugged" and "The Fountainhead.")

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City expected to sign on with state homeless bills

FAIR SHARE, from page 1

It was later discovered that the woman, Carol Ann Reyes, 63, of Gardena, was taken from a Kaiser Permanente hospital in Bellflower last Monday to Skid Row, authorities said.

Cedillo's legislative package, which includes nine bills dealing with homelessness, would not only create stiff penalties for dumping, including a \$10,000 fine for each offense, but also increase penalties for dealing drugs within 1,000 feet of drug treatment centers and homeless shelters across the state. Law enforcement agencies would also be required to identify those in their custody who are homeless and move them to a "stabilization center" for the last 10 days of their jail sentence so that they may make a smooth transition once released. Inmates who do not have access to transportation after their discharge would be transported by the Sheriff's Department to a Sheriff's substation or detention facility that is closest to the point of arrest or to the person's residence, according to Cedillo's staff.

There is also a bill — SB 1288 — that would increase benefits contained in Medi-Cal for youth substance abuse treatment. Youth would have access to a continuum of

care in treating their substance abuse disorder. Another bill — SB 1289 — would extend foster care, on a voluntary basis, for youth up until the age 21 to help them transition into independence.

The City Council is looking to support the majority of the nine bills authored by Cedillo.

City Hall staff has asked the council to support SB 1322, or Fair Share Zoning, but with an amendment that would exempt Santa Monica in recognition of the city's efforts so far.

City Hall staff is asking the council to remain neutral on SB 1320, which would prohibit those on probation for selling drugs from living in or visiting Skid Row, unless ordered by the court to enroll in mental health or drug rehab located in that area. This may result in an increased demand on Santa Monica and other regions in the county, city staff said.

"Without increased funding for the development of additional services and housing in those areas outside of Skid Row, the effectiveness of this bill may be diluted," a staff report said. "Also there may be an issue as to the constitutionality of mandated 'stay-away' orders."

There is no doubt that many of Cedillo's bills will face strong opposition in the Legislature, particularly the fair

share zoning law, which is already opposed by the California League of Cities. Political analysts said Cedillo will also have a tough time passing measures that call for more money to be spent, such as expanding foster care and Medi-Cal.

"I understand the concerns, but I think we have to work really hard as a collaborative of communities around the region to make sure that there are solutions to this problem," said Councilman Richard Bloom, who accompanied Cedillo on a trip to New York City where they studied the city's efforts to deal with homelessness. Many of the bills sponsored by Cedillo came as a result of that trip, his aides said.

"The council's efforts to support these bills is the first step in getting every community to understand this needs to be a collaborative effort," Bloom added.

With a resolution supporting Cedillo, the council is expected to also direct its lobbyists in Sacramento to push for the amendment recommended by staff, and report back to elected officials here on the progress of each bill. Staff could also be called to testify on the council's behalf in support of the bills. Individual council members could also use their contacts in Sacramento to push for passage, Shriver said.

Big Blue mechanics to clean up their acts and look spiffy doing it

CONSENT, from page 1

The remaining 25 are still in service, but need to be replaced to be compatible with the latest software used by the police department for in-vehicle reporting and in-vehicle video cameras, according to a report by city staff.

The existing network of computers use equipment and technology developed by Motorola, which will be the sole provider of all computers if a contract is approved tonight.

The mobile computers use a wireless communication system to send and receive information, including call for service data and CLETS (California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System) information. The police department operates a licensed radio frequency to transmit the data using Motorola equipment. The computers must use radio modems to communicate on this network, modems which are only provided by Motorola.

Any remaining grant funds will be used in conjunction with other funding to expand the wireless, mobile computer network to give officers greater access to data when they are patrolling certain areas in the city that are not covered by the current wireless network.

KEEPING IT CLEAN

To prevent Big Blue Bus mechanics from tracking grease and grime into buses and break rooms, the City Council is expected tonight to enter into a contract with Aramark Uniform Services to provide new uniforms, towels and floor mats for Big Blue employees.

The contract would be for one year, with four additional one-year renewal options. The estimated annual cost is \$40,000, which totals \$200,000 over a five-year period, according to a report from city staff.

Big Blue Bus maintenance employees are required to

wear uniforms, which are supplied by City Hall and approved by the transit maintenance manager along with any safety equipment, according to city staff. Shop towels are used by mechanics to keep clean when repairing and maintaining buses. Floor mats are used to prevent dirt and grime from being tracked into the auto shop or other areas.

City Hall began looking for a new provider of clean uniforms, towels and floor mats in September of 2005, according to a city staff report. Bids were received and read publicly on Oct. 18, 2005. Bid forms were mailed to 19 vendors and notices were advertised in local publications. Five bids were received and evaluated based on pricing, annual usage and references. Aramark won the contract.

Three other companies offered lower prices, but they couldn't comply with the city's living wage ordinance, according to a city staff report.

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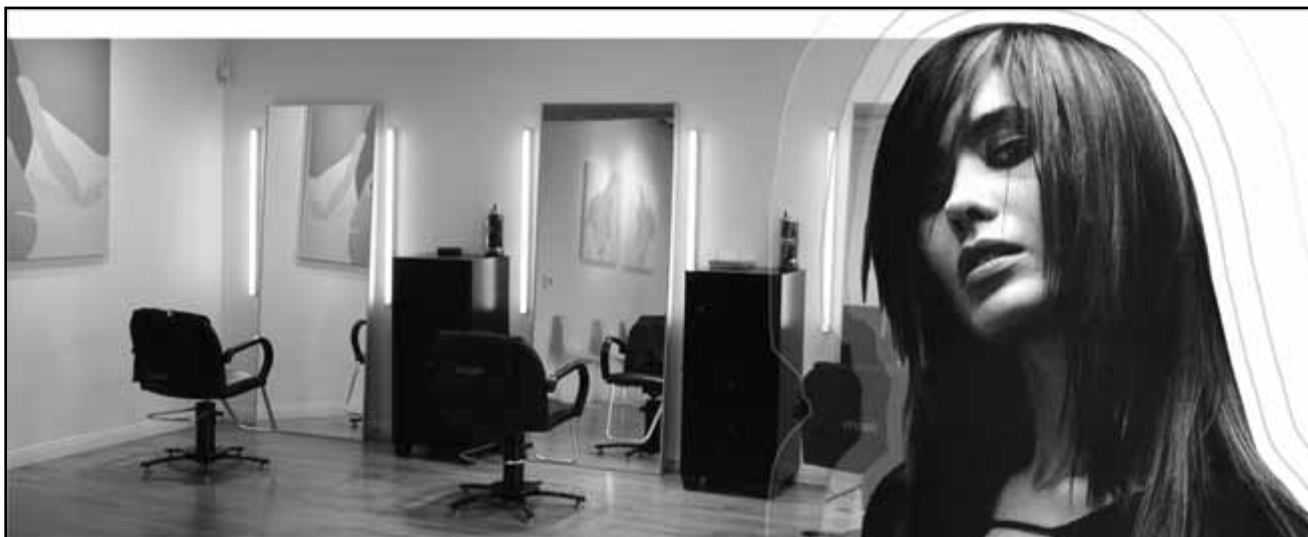
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Students take to the streets in protest

WALKOUT, from page 1

they may have to leave their home and go back to a place they don't even know. That's just not right."

Monday's march was a continuation of a mass protest staged Friday when hundreds of students left the campuses of Huntington Park, South Gate, Montebello, Jordan, Garfield, Roosevelt, Washington Preparatory and Bell high schools. Hundreds of thousands turned out in downtown Los Angeles on Saturday to protest the proposed bill.

The bill was introduced by Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. and would crack down on employers hiring illegal workers and people smuggling illegal immigrants into the country.

The bill, HR 4437, would require employers to verify Social Security numbers with the Department of Homeland Security, increase penalties for immigrant smuggling and stiffen penalties for undocumented immigrants who re-enter the United States after having been removed.

Under the bill, local law enforcement agencies would

be reimbursed for detaining illegal immigrants. Refugees with aggravated felony convictions also would be barred from receiving green cards.

The House of Representatives approved the bill in December. The Senate will begin debating the legislation today.

Students from Palisades said they organized Monday's walkout over the weekend using the Internet and their cell phones. School administrators said they had no idea the march was going to take place until they arrived on campus Monday morning and saw fliers posted indicating there was going to be a walkout.

Palisades Assistant Principal Margaret Evans said administrators at the school contacted the Santa Monica Police Department and Samohi to coordinate security efforts.

The SMPD blocked traffic along the route to the Federal Building and students were accompanied by Palisades and Samohi staff, school officials said.

"We have clear procedures we follow when we have a student walkout, and that includes notifying the police

and the parents to let them know their children have left school," said Samohi Principal Ilene Straus. "We don't physically restrain the students. We take away their I.D. cards and let the parents know. If they excuse them, (the students) do not get (reprimanded) for being absent. But if not, there are consequences for cutting school."

Straus said the district recognizes local students are active politically and she encourages it, as long as it is done in an orderly and safe manner.

"So far, we have received no complaints," Straus said.

Still, some students marching said they didn't know much about the immigration bill and were using the issue as an excuse to get out of class, including Andres Manjarrez, 14.

"But now that I'm here, you know, I'm learning just how bad this law would be," he said. "We need another way."

Students said they would like to see amnesty granted for those who have been working in the U.S. and have stayed out of trouble with the law.

"They didn't come up here to kill people," said Briana Orellana, 16. "We came here to work."

Pupils on parade all across California

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Tens of thousands of students walked out of schools in California and other states Monday, waving flags and wearing white shirts in a second week of protest against a law making it a felony to be an illegal immigrant.

In Washington, where lawmakers were haggling over immigration reform involving the nation's estimated 11 million illegal immigrants, advocates rallied supporters at the Capitol.

Protesters organized by immigrant supporters, including the Roman Catholic Church, have rallied in cities across the country over the past week, loudly objecting to legislation that would make it a felony to be in the U.S. illegally, impose new penalties on employers who hire illegal immigrants and erect fences along one-third of the U.S.-Mexican border.

The protests drew more than 500,000 in Los Angeles on Saturday and tens of thousands in Phoenix and Milwaukee last week.

President Bush attended a naturalization ceremony for 30 new citizens from 20 countries and lobbied for his proposal to let some illegal immigrants remain in the United States.

On Monday, California's Cesar Chavez Day, at least 8,500 students walked out from Los Angeles-area schools from the San Fernando Valley to the wealthy coastal

enclave of Pacific Palisades, said Monica Carazo, spokeswoman for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Hundreds of other students walked out in other communities around the state. About 200 Orange County students marched in Anaheim, passing by Disneyland on their way.

In Los Angeles, teachers and administrators walked with some students "as a safety measure," Carazo said.

Los Angeles police went on a city-wide tactical alert but no arrests were made and no major confrontations were reported.

At City Hall, more than 1,000 students from local schools protested.

"Of course there should be amnesty. We've been here for many years. We work hard. We contribute to the economy of the U.S.," said Belmont High School student Fermin Vasquez, 18.

Said Rosa Martinez, 15, of Virgil Middle School: "We're Latinos. We have to look out for our people. What would the U.S. do without Latinos?"

The student-organized boycott had tacit approval in some of the heavily Hispanic downtown schools, where word was passed through hall posters and public address systems. However, a handful of schools chose to bar their doors to prevent walkouts, which cost schools the daily government funding they receive for each student.

Postings were also carried on the popular social network MySpace.com.

At Huntington Park High School south of downtown, officials locked the gates after classes started but students climbed over a chain-link fence to join marchers in this Hispanic and heavily immigrant community.

There was a brief tug-of-war at South Gate High School as administrators struggled to close a main door while protesters from Huntington Park High tried to keep it open so students could dart out.

In Detroit, protesting students waved Mexican flags and wore white T-shirts, a sign of peace, as they marched from the southwest side of the city where many Latinos live toward a federal building downtown.

In Ceres, a city south of Modesto, 101 students who rallied against the bill on Friday remained suspended from school for protesting longer than school officials allowed.

Ceres High School students had permission to walk out on their first two classes Friday for a rally held on school grounds, said Walt Hanline, superintendent for the Ceres Unified School District.

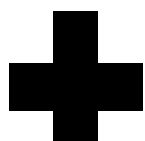
When school officials tried to usher about 350 students back to class after second period, many stayed outside, he said.

The students were originally suspended for five days, but protests from parents reduced the suspensions to three days. Students will be allowed to return to classes on Wednesday.

"Kids were given the opportunity to express their point. We wanted them to exercise their right to free speech," Hanline said.

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Kids shouldn't run roost



HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

BY JEAN ILLSLEY CLARKE PH.D.

Chuck's shoulders tightened as the shrill voice in back-seat chanted, "I'm thirsty, I'm really thirsty."

"We'll be home very soon, Aaron, and you can have a drink." Chuck's voice was patient, but somewhat strained.

"But I'm thirsty now!" Young Aaron had truly desperate down pat.

"We'll be home soon and you can have a drink of water." Chuck sighed.

"No, no, I don't want water. I want a soda!" Aaron switched from truly desperate to stubbornly insistent.

"When we get home." Chuck tried the patient approach again.

"No, not at home. From the store!" Aaron's voice ricocheted around the car.

Chuck was weary, really weary. "We have passed the store. I'd have to drive back 12 miles."

Aaron's ear-splitting screams were too much. His dad turned the car around and backtracked to the store. "You stay in the car. I'll bring your soda!" Chuck's voice was firm. Aaron shot a look of total disbelief at his dad and jumped out of the car. It was hard to choose from so many brands. It was hard for Dad to wait at the end of a long

line at checkout.

At home Aaron bounded into the house chanting, "I got a soda, I got a soda!" He danced around his sister, holding out his soda and then snatching it away.

Chuck's wife scowled, "You're half an hour late. What took you so long?"

"Don't even ask," Chuck shoulders drooped. "Don't even ask."

Chuck may be in the driver's seat in the car, but a 4-year-old boy is driving the family. Poor parents. Poor boy.

Aaron's parents had been told that children need love and lots of it. That's true. That's reasonable. Nobody had told them that children also need limits and structure. In order to grow beyond the baby world where they are the center of attention, children need boundaries to push against. They need to learn gradually that they must take the needs and wishes of other people into account. They need to start learning the early rules for being a member of a group. Aaron needs a dad who is in charge. Aaron needs rules that are firm enough so he can push against them and learn to handle his own discomfort when he doesn't get his way.

Chuck didn't get it until someone told him "A river without banks is a muddy pond." The metaphor tripped his mind. "Aaron is a muddy pond. He has no banks so he can't move on."

How do you build banks for a 4-year-old? He is such a high-spirited kid. We have high-spirited guys at work. They do some of our most creative work. We don't want to squash Aaron. What do we do at work that keeps these guys functioning as part of the group and that still lets them be creative?"

Chuck transferred some of the skills he had learned in Overindulgence workplace to his child rearing. He figured out that he, the dad, needed to be in charge. Not the dictator, but in charge. He and his wife set two basic rules that they would both insist upon: Start small and be consistent.

- The driver is in charge of when the car stops.
- Parents are in charge of time: bedtime, getting-up time and meal times.

"We'll get these in place and then decide what to add next. Basics first. Social skills and manners can come later."

Letting children run the family is one way of overindulging them. You can learn more ways to take back the family in "How Much Is Enough?"

(Jean Illsley Clarke Ph.D., Connie Dawson Ph.D., and David J. Bredehoft Ph.D. are co-authors of "How Much is Enough? Everything You Need to Know to Steer Clear of Overindulgence and Raise Likeable, Responsible, and Respectful Children." Illsley-Clarke can be reached at jiconsults@aol.com. To read more about overindulgence go to www.overindulgence.info.



DEAR DORIE

Knowing when to say 'wean'

DEAR DORIE,

My daughter is two years, two months old and I am still breastfeeding. I had planned from the beginning to let breastfeeding "play out naturally", letting her wean herself when she was ready, if possible. She is still very much interested in the "nunu" and usually wants her free hand all over the free breast — this is getting annoying and uncomfortable for me. I can usually work it out, but I just thought that by now, she would be a little less attached to my breasts. What's going on with her?

FYI — Lately, I have sometimes been able to direct her toward food or another activity fairly easily if she asks to nurse during a time that is not appropriate. She is independent, very social and active, and otherwise seems to have a healthy attachment to me.

DEAR MOM,

First, congratulations! The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that all infants be breastfed for a year or more while the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) recommend continuation for two years or more. Not all women can do this. You did. Well done.

Second, your daughter's behavior and attachment to your "nunu" is completely appropriate for her age and breastfeeding history. She is "self-soothing" in a very natural and normal manner. In fact, her relaxed arm reaching for you while feeding is a sign of comfort and confidence. She will wean on her own pace, especially if her eating habits are healthy. It is quite common for 2-year-olds (including my second-born) to appear as if they're going to be "nunuing" to kindergarten and then, all at once, lose interest and be done.

What I can't tell from your letter is, what's going on with you? Breastfeeding is extremely demanding — physically and emotionally. Weaning, therefore, is inherently difficult. It is a personal choice and completely subjective. You are allowed to say, "I can't take it any more!" or "I can't stop!" When you know it is time to quit, use honesty and respect with a toddler. A common phrase is, "Mommy's body needs to stop making milk now." Above all, allow your daughter to talk about the "nunu" in real dialogue, stories or dramatic play. You'll both work it out together. Good luck.

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SAT. & SUN., APRIL 1 & 2

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TUESDAY

Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/feelmoms for details.

Storytelling

Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Baby Time – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years. Current session thru April 11.
Spanish and Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.
Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3, current session thru Apr. 4.
Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2., current session thru Apr. 4.
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis

For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove
Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

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

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150;
Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15.
Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and work-out at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – Newborn group - call for time.
4:30 p.m., separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling

The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5. Current session Mar. 1 – Apr. 5.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2. Current session thru Mar. 29.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
Border's, Westwood – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me Class - 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 5 to 36 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
Rhythm Child Parent & Me Rhythms, Santa Monica Studios, 3025 Olympic Blvd., 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Children explore rhythms through drum play. For toddlers. \$100 for 8 weeks. Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythmchild.net for more info and session dates.
Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre at Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., 394-9779 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For ages 3 – 5 with parents. This theatrical adventure includes story time, theatre games, crafts, play building and lunch. Reservations required 24 hours in advance, \$19.50 includes lunch for child and lunch.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150
Pre/Postnatal – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., \$15
Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Step Aerobics, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

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Other

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

THURSDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 – 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

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Preschool Story Time – 11:20 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m. Current session thru Mar. 30.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Currently on break, check back for next session dates.
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590 10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
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Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150;
Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15.
Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Groups

La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups
11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05. Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.
Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.
Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. ww.childsplayonline.net
Planetarium Show at SMC's John Drescher Planetarium, 7:00 p.m. - Night Sky Show, 8:00 p.m. – featured program. \$5 adults, \$4 children. Pico and 17th St., 434-3000.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; Playtime/Parent Support - 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa – 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 – 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Indoor Cycling, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15.
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SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.
Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-BOOK.
Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.
826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info @825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Classes

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

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga– Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicaayoga.com
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:00 a.m., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Other

AND AWAAAAAY WE GO at The Santa Monica Playhouse
Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m., thru April 9 , \$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, 1211 4th St., www.santamonicaplayhouse.com
Puppetolio – 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.
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.
Lakeshore Learning Stores “Free Crafts for Kids” – Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.
“A Faery Hunt” – 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! \$10, call for reservations – 818-324-6802. www.faery-hunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.

SUNDAY

Main Street Farmer's Market – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., corner of Main St. and Ocean Park

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Magiopolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
Picasso's Fair – 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Weekly community fair featuring local music and art. Call for admission pricing. 115 S. Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga, 455-9977.
Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA
9:30 – 10:30 a.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. 393-2721for more info.
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Storytelling

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Baby Time – 9:30 a.m. Storytelling for babies up to age two. Followed by Family Connections. Joslyn Park Craft Room, 633 Kensington Rd.

Family Connections – 10:00 a.m. Learn about child development, family relationships and many other parenting topics from well-respected experts in fields related to early childhood development and growth. This series is presented FREE! by the SMMUSD's Infant and Family Support Program. This is a great chance for moms with young babies to socialize and meet other moms. For moms with babies up to age two. Come at 9:30 a.m. for Baby Time Storytelling. Joslyn Park Craft Room, 633 Kensington Rd.

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Fate of immigrants rests with Senate

BY NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Founded by immigrants and praised as a haven for the oppressed, the United States now is struggling to decide the fate of as many as 12 million people living in the country illegally.

The Senate takes up the emotional debate on the heels of weekend rallies that drew hundreds of thousands of people protesting attempts to toughen laws against immigrants. Among the ideas that President Bush and members of Congress are considering:

- Erecting a fence on the Mexico border to deter illegal immigration.
- Treating people who sneak across the border as felons to be deported.
- Allowing foreigners to stay in the country legally as custodians, dish washers, construction workers and other low-paid employees.
- Allowing those working in the U.S. a path to citizenship.
- Requiring them to get in line behind everyone else back in their home countries who want to become Americans.

On Monday, the Senate Judiciary Committee takes up the issue and Bush headlines a naturalization ceremony for 30 new citizens at Constitution Hall. Demonstrations are planned near the Capitol, including a prayer service with immigration advocates and clergy who plan to wear handcuffs to demonstrate the criminalization of immigration violations.

Bush is going to Mexico this week for a meeting with the leaders of Mexico and Canada. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Sunday it's important that Mexico "recognize the importance of defense of the borders and of American laws."

Protests raged across the country over the weekend, led by more than 500,000 people who marched through downtown Los Angeles on Saturday in one of the largest demonstrations for any cause in recent U.S. history. On Sunday, about 3,500 people marched in Los Angeles.

Marchers have also taken to the streets in Phoenix, Milwaukee, Dallas and Columbus, Ohio.

The president, working hand-in-hand with the business community that relies on cheap labor, is pressuring Congress to allow immigrants to stay in the country legally if they take a job that Americans are unwilling to do.

Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., also supports the idea and has vowed that his committee will advance a bill to the full Senate on Monday, even if they have to work "very, very late into the night."

"If they're prepared to work to become American citizens in the long line traditionally of immigrants who have helped make this country, we can have both a nation of laws and a welcoming nation of workers who do some very, very important jobs for our economy," Specter said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., has said that whether or not a bill gets out of the Judiciary Committee, he is opening two weeks of debate on the issue Tuesday. He has offered a plan that would tighten borders, add Border Patrol agents and punish employers who hire illegal immigrants because he says the most important concern is improving national security in an age of terrorism. His bill sidesteps the question of temporary work permits, but he has said he's open to the idea.

Democrats have said they will do everything they can to block Frist's bill. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said Sunday that legislation creating tougher enforcement

does not do enough.

"We have spent \$20 billion on chains and fences and border guards and dogs in the southern border over the last 10 years," Kennedy said on "Face the Nation" on CBS. "And it doesn't work. What we need is a comprehensive approach. I think President Bush understands it."

Where Kennedy and Bush differ is on the question of what to do with foreigners who are already living and working in the United States. Kennedy and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., have a bill that would allow those immigrants to apply for citizenship once they pay taxes and a fine and learn English.

Critics like Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., say that would give amnesty to people who have broken the law by entering the country without permission.

"It's a slap in the face to every single person who has done it the right way, and to everybody who's waiting out there to do it the right way," Tancredo said. "It's bad policy. And it's also, I think, for the Republican Party especially, bad policy."

Bush wants to give foreign workers a guest permit to stay for a specific amount of time to do a job, without a path to citizenship. Sens. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., propose to let employed illegal immigrants stay for five years but then leave, pay fines and apply to re-enter the country.

If the Senate can agree on the bill, the work won't be over to get legislation to Bush's desk to become a law. The House passed a bill last year that increases penalties for illegal immigration activities, requires employers to verify the legal status of their employees and provides \$2.2 billion for a 700-mile fence across the border. But it did not address the guest worker issue.

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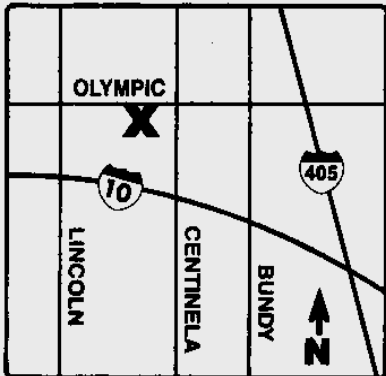
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Frankly, Scarlett, you’re pretty smokin’

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK —Scarlett Johansson tops a love-ly list of the “100 Sexiest Women in the World,” in a poll of readers by FHM magazine.

“One of the best things for a woman to hear is that she is sexy,” the 21-year-old actress, star of “Match Point” and “Lost in Translation,” said in a statement. “I’d like to thank FHM’s readers for the huge compliment.”

Angelina Jolie is No. 2 on the list, followed by Jessica Alba, Jessica Simpson, Keira Knightley, Halle Berry, Jenny McCarthy, Maria Sharapova, Carmen Electra and Teri Hatcher.

Johansson ranked ninth on last year’s list. Jolie was No. 1.

“It’s remarkable how Scarlett Johansson has caught the attention of our readers,” said Scott Gramling, the magazine’s U.S. editor in chief, in a statement. “Her sultry voice and striking beauty certainly have a lot to do with that, but so does the confidence she exudes.”

“She seems to be one of those women who would be equally at ease on the red carpet as she would just hanging out with the guys.”

The magazine’s May issue goes on sale April 4.

KIGALI, Rwanda —"Shooting Dogs," a British-German film on the 1994 Rwandan genocide, focuses on the moral lessons of what happened in the country more than a decade ago, one of its stars said.

“It’s a wake-up call ... to the fact that the world is not made up of goodies and baddies but of people who can be twisted and bent in all kinds of shapes,” British actor John Hurt told reporters.

Hurt plays a priest who runs a school that is caught up in the violence in Michael Caton-Jones’ film, which premiered Monday at a soccer stadium in the Central African country’s capital.

The screening was disrupted by a heavy rainstorm, but still produced a deeply emotional response among survivors. Speciose Kanyabugoyi, 55, was among some 1,500 people who attended the showing.

“I have no words to explain what I feel,” he said after seeing the movie, which included massacre scenes filmed where they actually took place in Kigali. “We were abandoned, I hope this film explains that reality to the world.”

“Shooting Dogs” depicts the first six days of the genocide as it happened at a high school. The capital’s main sports stadium, where the film was shown, was also the scene of the slaughter of hundreds of Rwandans.

Students of the Ecole Technique Officielle who survived the genocide were invited to attend the screening. Some of those survivors were extras in the movie, which was shot documentary-style.

In 100 days, extremist Hutu officials and militias killed at least 500,000 ethnic Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus.

“Shooting Dogs” is the latest foreign film on the genocide to be released. Recent productions include 2004’s “Hotel Rwanda,” which starred

Don Cheadle and was shot in South Africa.

RIVIERA BEACH, Fla. —Patti LaBelle struggled through a weekend show after taking the stage at midnight, at one point sitting down and crying.

“I’ve never been this embarrassed in my life,” LaBelle told the crowd Saturday at the Riviera Beach Jazz & Blues Festival. “It’s the worst show I’ve ever done in my life.”

As temperatures dipped into the low 50s, LaBelle explained that she’s nearly 62, has diabetes and a heart murmur — and the cold weather wasn’t agreeing with her.

The R&B singer tried to belt out a few notes, then told fans huddled under blankets that she understood if they walked out on her.

A steady stream of people left the show during her 45 minutes onstage after having waited hours through opening acts.

“I’ve never ever given you less than I can give. I’m gonna give you everything you deserve,” she said.

LaBelle struggled through “Lady Marmalade” with assistance from a few in the crowd, sang some gospel songs and “On My Own” before retreating.

NEW DELHI —Here’s the hitch _ and it involves Will Smith: Aishwarya Rai has charmed the Hollywood actor, who wants her to appear in his new film. But Rai is busy on the dates he wants.

Smith, 37, raved about Rai during his first visit to India last month. He wants her to shoot with him for three months starting in July _ the same dates she has committed to Indian director Ashutosh Gowariker, the DNA newspaper reported Saturday.

Gowariker is working on a period film, “Jodha Akbar,” the story of an arranged marriage between Emperor Akbar and his wife that later blossomed into love.

"We are in a bit of a situation. Aishwarya will obviously stick to her earlier commitment to ‘Jodha Akbar’ as she is very professional. But if she loses out on Will Smith’s film, it would be a great loss. Let’s see what happens. We’re hoping for the best,” Hari Singh, Rai’s business manager, was quoted as saying.

Smith has said he wanted Rai to star with him in the 2005 romantic comedy “Hitch,” but was told she was filming “Bride & Prejudice.”

The newspaper said Rai planned to ask Gowariker to free her up on those dates, but that might not be possible because co-star Hrithik Roshan, a major Bollywood star, would also have to reschedule.

LAS VEGAS —Barry Manilow’s loyal fans, known as “Fanilows,” have something to cheer about.

The 59-year-old singer will keep crooning at the Las Vegas Hilton through 2008, the hotel announced Sunday.

“The shows at the Hilton are the most excit-

ing shows I’ve ever done,” Manilow said in a statement. “The stage is huge, but the theater is intimate, so we can have a magnificent production and still connect with the audience.”

Manilow opened his “Music and Passion” show at the Hilton in February 2005 after his “One Night Live! One Last Time!” tour in 2004 was thought to signal the end of his concert career.

But he got a boost when his new album, “The Greatest Songs of the Fifties,” debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart on Jan. 31 and then went platinum, selling over a million copies.

Manilow’s four-nights-a-week show changes nightly and features a cast of 14 in a 1,700-seat theater. Tickets cost from \$95 to \$225.

VERACRUZ, Mexico — Filming of “Guerrilla,” a U.S. production on the life of Ernesto “Che” Guevara, is set to begin next month in six locations around Mexico’s Veracruz state.

Benicio Del Toro, who won an Oscar for his role in 2000’s “Traffic,” stars in the movie, directed by Steven Soderbergh.

Officials plan to construct six sets in the central Veracruz area, Ricardo Rodriguez, film and audio visual coordinator for the High Mountains Regional Tourism Concession, said Sunday.

Guevara helped Fidel Castro lead the Cuban revolution in 1956 and tried to spark leftist uprisings throughout the region until he was killed while battling army forces with a band of guerrillas in rural Bolivia in 1967.

Rodriguez said Mexican territory will be made to look like the countryside of Cuba and Bolivia.

BEIJING —Jet Li is being sued by relatives of a Chinese kung fu master who say the actor’s new film dishonors and misrepresents the life of Huo Yuanjia.

Li’s name was added to a March 7 lawsuit against producers and distributors of “Fearless” because he “not only played the lead role but participated in the making and production of the movie,” the official Xinhua News Agency said Sunday, citing lawyer Yang Zhonghai.

Huo Yuanjia’s grandson, Huo Shoujin, doesn’t want the movie released worldwide, Xinhua said. He also wants “Fearless” pulled from theaters in Asia and is demanding a public apology from the filmmakers.

The offices of Wolf-Kasteler, the California-based company that represents Li, were closed Sunday. Li’s screen credits also include roles in “Cradle 2 the Grave” and “Romeo Must Die.”

“Fearless” traces Huo Yuanjia’s evolution from a vain fighter keen on total domination to one who uses fighting as a means of self-betterment.

Huo Shoujin has claimed it contains numerous fabrications about his grandfather’s life and besmirches his reputation.

The Beijing Film Studio under the China Film Group Corp. and distributor Anle Film Co. are also named in the lawsuit.

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(310) 458-6232

Capote
1:15pm 4:15pm 7:00pm 9:45pm
The Hills Have Eyes
2:00pm 5:00pm 7:45pm 10:15pm
Find Me Guilty
1:45pm 4:35pm 7:20pm 10:00pm
Larry the Cable Guy:
Health Inspector
1:00pm 3:15pm 8pm 10:30pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 3rd Street
(310) 395-1599

Aquamarine
12:50am 3:20pm 5:50pm
The Libertine
1:30pm 4:30pm 7:30pm 10:20pm
Munich
11:40am 8:30pm
The Pink Panther
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4:30pm 7:00pm 7:40pm 10:00pm
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Transamerica
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Nuwilshire Theatre
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310) 281-8228

Tsotsi
1pm 4pm 7pm 9:30pm
ThankYou For Smoking
11:45am 2:15pm 4:45pm 7:15pm
9:50pm

Laemmle 4-Plex Theatre
1332 2nd Street
(310) 394-9741

Ask the Dust
1:20pm 4:10pm 7:10pm 9:55pm
CSA: The Confederate
State of America
1:15pm 3:30pm 5:45pm 8:00pm
10:15pm
Don't Come Knocking
1:40pm 4:20pm 7:00pm 9:40pm
Ballets Russes
11am
Going Shopping
11am
L'Enfant (The Child)
1:55pm 4:30pm 7:20pm 9:50pm
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Melquiades Estrada
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Why We Fight
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Friday, March 31, 7:30 PM

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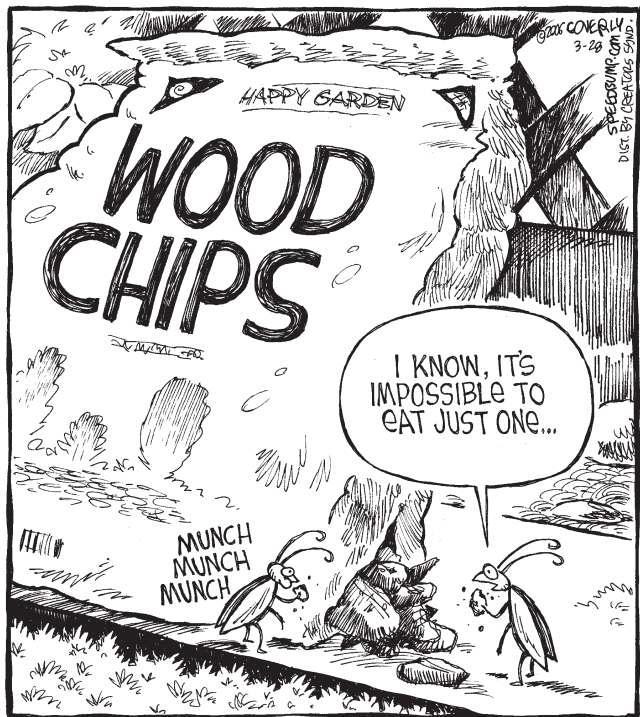
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