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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

News of the Weird reported in September on Koko, the gorilla that knows about a thousand words in American Sign Language, and in February, she was back in the news at her home at the Gorilla Foundation in Woodside, Calif. Two of Koko's female handlers filed a sex discrimination and wrongful discharge lawsuit against the foundation because its president, Francine Patterson, had allegedly pressured them to display their breasts to Koko in order to better "bond" with her. According to the lawsuit, Patterson herself had been bonding with Koko for quite some time and thought Koko needed a little variety.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 88th day of 2005.
There are 277 days left in the year.

On March 29, 1973, the last United States combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.
In 1943, World War II meat, butter and cheese rationing began.
In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Tolerance always has limits — it cannot tolerate what is itself actively intolerant."

SIDNEY HOOK
AMERICAN PHILOSOPHER AND AUTHOR

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Kim Calvert/Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica gardeners with leased plots at the community garden on Main Street could lose their slice of nature if City Hall decides to relocate a three-room "shotgun" house from the 1880s to the location. The gardeners, many of whom have waited for as long as seven years to secure a plot, are protesting the house relocation plan, as well as other reforms put forth by City Hall that would alter the size of plots and how long they can be leased.

Seniors activist Cohen dies

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

Daniel Cohen, who moved to Santa Monica more than 50 years ago and committed himself to a bevy of political causes, died on Friday at the age of 90.

He remained a resident at his 11th Street home until his passing.

"Dan was very active in the senior community who often lobbied and argued forcefully to help older members of the community and throughout the state," said Councilman Ken Genser. "He was straightforward and plain speaking and carried on an important tradition of activism from the '40s and '50s. Dan led a full and productive life, and we need more people like him today."

Cohen, who worked as an electrician, was known as an active union member and participant in Santa Monica's Democratic Club, helping lead the renters' right movement in the 1970s.

Cohen also served fellow seniors throughout his retirement as a regular member of Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community from

November 27, 1979 to June 30, 1999, and as a member emeritus from November 15, 1999 until June 30, 2004.

In addition, Cohen was one of the original organizers for the West Side Center for Healthy Aging and was involved with the Los Angeles County Committee on Aging. He also served as a senator for the California senior legislature.

"Dan was a progressive thinker who worked for justice and to help all people," said Millie Rosenstein. "He was a great friend."

Cohen is survived by two sons; Ron, his wife Jane and their daughters Larissa and Elizabeth; Richard, his wife Linda, their children Scott and Stephanie and one grandchild, Austin.

A memorial will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, on the second floor of the Masonic Lodge at 926 Santa Monica Blvd.

In lieu of flowers, family would appreciate a contribution in the name of Daniel Cohen toward the Center for Healthy Aging, 2125 Arizona Avenue, Santa Monica, 90404.

For further information, contact Pierce Brothers Westwood Village Mortuary at (310) 474-1579.



DANIEL COHEN
1914-2005

City has SMC on standby

College's offer to finance Airport Park in return for an underground garage on hold

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM AIRPORT — Santa Monica College wants to save local taxpayers more than \$8 million, but not without some strings attached.

SMC is willing to spend \$8.2 million to pay for a new city park at the airport in exchange for permission to construct a parking garage underneath it. However, city officials don't necessarily want SMC's money.

City officials were caught off guard last week when SMC mailed a flyer to residents who live near the airport inviting them to comment on its idea to cover the costs of the already planned Airport Park while covering some of its own long-term plans for a satellite campus.

City Hall already has commented, and it doesn't appear too favorable for SMC. In response to

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Ban on hunting mountain lions could be lifted

BY STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — California's long-running debate over the sport hunting of mountain lions resumes this week as an Assembly committee considers a bill that would lift a 33-year-old ban and allow hunters to kill up to 116 of the big cats annually.

The measure by Assemblyman

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Hook up with a pal, Gem

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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)
★★★★ Be willing to bottom out and look at a primary issue. How you see a situation could change with a conversation. You are unusually verbal and direct. Count on your ability to maintain a viable discussion. Tonight: Take the high road.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Others delight in having a discussion as long as you are honest and express what is going on. Your ability to discuss pertinent information helps another reveal his or her feelings. You don't need to agree. You simply need to listen. Tonight: Time for a quiet chat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your work demands a lot of attention. You have the wherewithal to clear out everything you need to. If retired, you still have quite a few projects on the horizon. Handle them. Express your feelings in a way that others can hear and respond to. Tonight: Hook up with a pal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your ability to use situations creatively separates you from many. Brainstorm. An innate flirtatiousness comes out whether you want it to or not. Try to use it where it counts. A discussion about feelings is way overdue. Start up talks. Tonight: Relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Deal with basics. Don't hesitate to express your thoughts. You might be a little taken aback by a close loved one, but it is better to clear the air. Your genuineness comes through. Anything is resolvable, as you will discover. Tonight: Let the romantic Lion out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Your inquiries bring about a very forthright discussion in which you can deal with the feelings of both of you. What might not have been a problem could develop into one. Loosen up and work with facts — you'll gain. Tonight: At home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Despite your focus on material gain, you have the ability to move past that realm. A relationship opens up because of a talk and an open exchange. You can count on a partner to tell it like it is. Make room for more intimacy. Tonight: Chat over dinner. Be yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You're in a position to clear up problems and handle them in different ways. A conversation will open a door if you allow it to. Good relationships with the people you deal with on a daily basis might be as important as the one with your sweetie. Tonight: Pay bills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Take your time right now responding to someone's very caring gesture. He or she is sincere, but you need to know your feelings. A discussion warms the atmosphere when you are ready to share. Tonight: Just be yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Zero in on what you want. Sometimes you might feel that others demand way too much. Considering what is happening, be willing to take a leap of faith. You're coming from a grounded space. You can deal with the unexpected. Tonight: Retreat and take some personal time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Many dump responsibilities on you, but you accept what is happening pleasantly. You want to understand what makes a key person in your life tick. Start conversations and ask questions. You have a way with others. Tonight: Find your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Financial matters take a different slant when you do some research. Still, you might not want to sign an agreement today. Take your time and don't allow someone to push you. You have excellent questions. Tonight: Check in with a parent or older friend.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Read between the lines and connect with kids

By Daily Press staff

Adults are connecting with children this weekend through literacy. Connections For Children presents Raising Readers — A Literacy Festival, a celebration of commitment to early education and school readiness. The family festival is sponsored by Santa Monica College in collaboration with the North Bay Association for the Education of Young Children. Raising Readers — A Literacy Festival focuses on the importance of children’s early literacy and language development as the foundation for all children’s learning.

The festival takes place Saturday, April 2, from noon to 4 p.m., at the clock tower quad at Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd. Raising Readers — A Literacy Festival is free and open to the public. Free parking will be available.

Entertainment emphasizes the joys of reading and storytelling. Performers will include Dan Crow and the Thunderwear Band, Parker Bent, Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre and Rhythm Child.

An entertainer who rivets the attention of audiences from age 2 to 92, Crow serves up a fast-paced non-stop show of inspired zaniness, organizers said. Bent is a local favorite among the preschool set. A former preschool teacher, Parker now teaches music in the Beverly Hills School District, incorporating preschool curriculum into his original songs. Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre invites children and their families to join in their storytelling. Clifford The Big Red Dog will be in attendance, greeting children at a book fair sponsored by Scholastic Books. Local early childhood education programs will offer the opportunity for young children to explore a variety of creative, literacy-based activities. In addition, there will be numerous storytellers and theatre productions which enhance language arts and promote cultural awareness.

Connections For Children, a child care resource and referral agency, focuses on child development, advocacy for quality early learning experiences for children, and providing community resources for families, teachers and caregivers. For more information, call (310) 452-3325, ext. 237.

Boys and Girls Club leading the way

By Daily Press staff

Kids at the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club are being primed to be tomorrow’s leaders. Applauding a proven track record of helping local children reach their full potential, Southern California Gas Co. and United Way of Greater Los Angeles have recognized the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club for improving children’s grades in school and their relationships with others.

“We congratulate the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club for its achievements in United Way’s Tomorrow’s Leaders program, which delivers meaningful and measurable results in building children’s skills in math, English, computer literacy and social abilities,” said Lee Stewart, senior vice president of gas transmission for The Gas Company, a founding sponsor of Tomorrow’s Leaders.

Last year, the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club provided 10-week training programs for 175 children in computer skills, homework assistance, and adult-supervised social activities.

Founded in 2001 with 11 participating community agencies, Tomorrow’s Leaders has provided 10-week training programs to more than 10,000 children in Los Angeles County. The program now has 32 participating agencies.



Rachel Balingit is this week’s mystery photo winner. Balingit accurately described that this photo was taken outside of Cha Cha Chicken on Ocean Avenue. Balingit has won a gift certificate to Izzy’s Deli. Check Monday’s edition for the next mystery photo winner.



SURF REPORT

On Tuesday the swell peaks with a 10-percent increase from Monday; however, winds are expected to be dominantly onshore, and conditions may be less than favorable.

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SUNDAY	3:52	0.1	3:36	0.9	9:55	4.5	9:52	5.6
MONDAY	4:34	0.0	3:58	1.3	10:38	4.0	10:20	5.7
TUESDAY	5:23	0.0	4:20	1.8	11:33	3.4	10:54	5.6
WEDNESDAY	6:26	0.1	4:40	2.3	12:54	2.9	11:39	5.4
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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?”

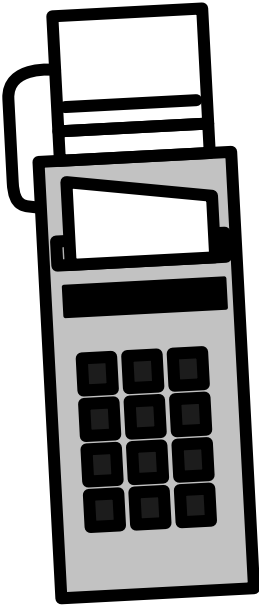
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cell phone companies could be deactivated

Editor:

(This was originally sent as an e-mail to the Santa Monica City Council as a response to a decision made on March 24 to approve an AT&T wireless cell tower on a commercial building at 3010 Wilshire Blvd.)

If you do not already know, today, Wednesday, March 23, the Los Angeles Times carried in its first section on page 19, an article titled "Cities Get Break on Permitting of Cell Towers."

I quote the first two paragraphs:

"WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court made it easier Tuesday for cities to say no to new cell phone towers in their neighborhoods. In a 9-0 ruling, the justices said the federal law that was designed to encourage the growth of the telecommunications industry did not allow cities to be sued for damages for refusing to permit a cell phone tower."

We all understand the delicacy of having either voted "no," or abstaining in the vote on the Cingular/AT&T issue last night. However, this Supreme Court decision effectively removes a lot of the potential financial liability of cities saying "no" to the FCC in order to protect its taxpayers. Once that load is removed, the only other burden on local officials is that of grinding through the democratic machinery to fight to assist its citizenry in order to change laws that are fundamentally biased in favor of large corporations, and dare I say it, a little fascist?

For all of you who voted in favor of Cingular/AT&T, it really boils down to being just about the money, one way or another, correct. Whether it is the threat of a lawsuit over performing your jobs by taking a risk in favor of us, the citizens; or protecting the planning department from losing a permit fee, or some other city revenue mechanism not making a profit, at this point it boils down to a question of money, pure and simple, yes? At least to us, this is what it seems to have become.

We have elected you to represent our needs. We live in Santa Monica because we like it here, and because our lives are theoretically better if we do so. Property owners here pay high taxes to live here. We do not want this thing in our backyards, or the backyard of anyone else who might feel negatively affected by it. Have we, therefore, arrived at some kind of new crossroads of "taxation without representation?" In view of this latest Supreme Court ruling, and a complete and total lack of gaps in the coverage area for Cingular/AT&T, how is the City Council going to best serve the public now?

John J. Hogg, Matt Baird
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY VIVIAN ROTHSTEIN

Government doing right by its workers

Congratulations to our City Councilmembers Bloom, Genser, McKeown, O'Connor and Shriver for joining more than 150 cities across the country in establishing a living wage for city employees and the employees of city contractors.

The living wage concept is based on the belief that a person who works full time should be able to support themselves and their family in dignity without relying on public welfare benefits to put food on the table.

This is a belief as American as apple pie. It is a belief on which our country was built. Each generation toils so that the next can live a good life.

Yet, with millions of jobs going abroad, many business interests seem to believe that people holding service sector jobs — jobs that can't be exported — do not deserve to live above the poverty level.

Our country cannot survive with only doctors, lawyers, university professors and scientists. We also need cooks, waiters, parking lot attendants, gardeners, crossing guards and others who devote their lives to making society productive and pleasurable. There is no reason why the people who hold these jobs, which are important to our well-being,

should be forced to live in poverty.

The living wage movement asserts that by paying workers so little that they cannot meet their basic needs, businesses are benefiting from a form of "corporate welfare." A case in point is the huge public subsidies enjoyed by Wal-Mart. Numerous studies have shown that Wal-Mart employees rely heavily on taxpayer programs for their medical care. By withholding health benefits from their employees, Wal-Mart is depending on the public to provide their employees' health care services.

The Santa Monica living wage was set at \$11.50 an hour so that workers employed by city contractors earn enough to provide for their own basic needs.

The living wage concept is embraced by a majority of Santa Monicans and has been for several years. A broader living wage law was narrowly defeated at the polls in 2002 only after a \$2.3 million campaign, funded largely by the luxury hotels Shutters and Casa del Mar and other local business interests, which utilized misleading campaign literature in the last weekend before the vote. This strategy was investigated by a panel of leading citizens, including former state Supreme

See **LIVING WAGE**, page 5

Seeing red: Those bending bankruptcy may just need it

WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA



The Senate this month passed bankruptcy legislation which the president has pledged to sign that will overhaul a person's rights to be relieved of their debts and start over. The bill is currently pending in the House, and has passed the House Judiciary Committee.

This bill has been roundly decried by consumer advocates, bankruptcy attorneys and loudly supported by banks, credit card issuers and big business.

Bankruptcy as we know it is about to be radically changed, and that change has dramatic and far reaching implications for all Americans. Mostly for those in the middle class, who are big Bush supporters and voted Republican in the last election. The chickens they have sent to Washington on the wings of gay marriage and the war on terror, are coming home to roost in the form of limits on the Constitutional rights we have.

In sending a Republican/pro-America band of headline-grabbers and panderers to our nation's capital, the middle class, the rednecks and the ignorant underclass, have consigned themselves to a life of debt service, limits on their medical care and damages, and the erosion of their precious freedoms. These are the Wal-Mart wonders who believe in God, the sanctity of their three marriages and the inherent

righteousness of the Ford Excursion.

The pro-life lobby that is for the death penalty has created another Congress that is selling itself to the highest bidder. This year, there are enough of them in one place that they can accomplish their goals.

One of those long-standing goals has been the overhaul of consumer bankruptcy laws. As the bill now stands, it will make filing standard Chapter 7 filings extremely difficult and expensive. Chapter 7 is what the individual files who has suffered a reversal of fortunes. The bill has provisions in it which require a consumer who meets the state's median income to repay some of their debts. The minimum standard that this sets is if the debtor has the ability to pay \$100 a month for five years, he will be expected to go through a repayment program. This is similar to the Chapter 13 bankruptcy filing where a person who has a regular income, but has become overwhelmed, works out a repayment program.

The new regulations will require a debtor to go for both pre- and post-filing credit counseling. They will also require the attorney filing the petition to verify the accuracy of the debtor's taxes, income, debts and assets. Additionally the attorneys are now going to be liable for any legal costs that the trustee or the creditors incur in fighting illegitimate claims. This set of changes in the bankruptcy code is guaranteed to make the basic Chapter 7 filing, which now costs generally under \$1,000, far more. Attorneys will have to expend a great deal more time with their individual Chapter 7 debtors and therefore will have to charge more. They will be liable for other attorney's

fees and those costs will be passed on to the consumers.

This also will cause the current trustees to become more aggressive in their repayment plans and in what they are looking to recoup for the benefit of the creditors. This process is sure to take longer, cost more and be denied to more people.

The average American who is living within two paychecks of homelessness is going to get caught in a web of overextended debt, and a system that has become actively hostile to their interests.

Medical debts are one of the great causes for people to file bankruptcy. In a country that has no universal payer system, and a rising tide of uninsured, more people who now are on the edge will find themselves under the water of financial ruin with little or no ability to access legal help to get them out from under.

As a lawyer, I generally charge a few hundred dollars for a basic Chapter 7 filing. Once this legislation hits the president's desk and is signed, it will go into effect approximately six months later. At about that time, I will stop helping consumers get a new start. The liability is becoming too great, and it is impractical to charge someone who is on the verge of bankruptcy the amount of money that is needed to justify the work and the risk involved.

In America, we have a long and revered history of allowing people to reinvent themselves. Beginning with the founding fathers and mothers who built a new country from nothing, Americans, more than any other nation, believe everyone deserves a second chance.

When the Constitution was drafted this American trait of forgiving one's past

mistakes, was incorporated so that Congress shall have the power, "To establish ... uniform Laws on the subject of bankruptcies throughout the United states." That means bankruptcy, the right to start over, is guaranteed to us as citizens.

It also means that Congress can make the rules on bankruptcy — when you can do it, how often, what you can get relief for and what you can't. This Congress is making it almost impossible for many of those most in need of it, to get the relief they deserve.

It's ironic to me that the red states, those traditional values pockets of bigotry who have created this Congressional assault on the Constitution, also have the highest divorce rates, use of depression-fighting drugs and rates of bankruptcy because their union jobs are being exported to manufacturing facilities in China who make products for Wal-Mart to sell to the people who lost their union manufacturing jobs and need to go bankrupt on the credit card debt they racked up buying their Excursion and getting always low prices — always — at Wal-Mart.

The sad part of all this is that most of these people have no idea that they are causing their own ruin. They can't connect the dots and see how they were manipulated. They just vote their emotions and are too busy poking their noses in their neighbors business to see the hand that is stealing their wallet.

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COMMENTARY



Unique frame of mind sets our fair city apart



ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL

As a writer living in Santa Monica you don't need to look far for good subject matter. The idiosyncrasies of the town lend ready ammunition for any writing war.

If I were a tile worker, I would fashion you a mosaic of all the eccentric happenings I see here in a single month. While I don't have tile pieces, I do have collected memories that make up an eclectic picture of the LA I've come to love, enjoy, or bemusedly tolerate.

Drive with me to work. I notice an elderly woman who has the ritual of pushing her shopping cart two feet ahead, and slowly shuffling towards it. Upon reaching it, she mechanically pushes it again two feet further.

The whole process takes about a minute and a half in front of oncoming traffic, allowing for the stoplight to successfully cycle from green to red.

Step out of your car and head to Barnes & Noble on Third Street. There was a homeless man here who heard me talking about the GRE. Concerned, he came over to help me pick out the perfect GRE prep book, saying that one in particular looked nice because it had three practice tests.

Or I don't know ... talk to the man who tried to sell me backpocket Vodka. He explained it came in a liquid pouch so you don't get glass shards when you sit down at parties. Be warned that this is also the man who introduced me to Passion (sex) Gum.

Those types of interactions usually happen only one time per outing. However, there were a slew of off-guard people I saw last night, specifically at the Pico Lane bowling alley.

The Pico bowling alley was a breeding ground for the odd and normally challenged. I don't know if it's the striped bowling shoes, grip gloves or skip-hop-jump throwing techniques. But every-

where I looked, LA was at its finest.

And by finest I mean a man with pink hair bands sectioning off his long beard/goatee.

I never really noticed this fusion of oddness here before, but I think waiting two hours for an open lane gave us adequate time to observe.

70 ... 70 ... the sign maintained a steady holding on the number 70 for a solid 40 minutes. Our ticket was for 80. Eyes started to wander to families enjoying bowling/bonding time, teenagers dressed to impressed and, finally, to the man with Pippi Longstocking beard bands.

As you know, bowling alleys are a hot spot for birthday parties. Here was what looked to be an 18-year-old celebrating her birthday in mid bowl. Dressed in a light pink, Wet Seal outfit and a flower in her hair, she jumped like a schoolgirl as her ball made connection with the pins. I must have lost a year off my life as my eyes made connection with her well-defined brow line, indicating that she had done this perhaps 45 times prior.

I'm not saying everyone there was a bit off track. The large majority of people were just shuffling along in blue/red bowling shoes gyrating in wild gestures every time they got a spare. Completely normal. It's just once in awhile I'd happen upon a screaming little girl in a party dress trying to lodge her third bowling ball successfully into the gutter.

Just as we were waiting in line to return shoes, a friend pointed out to me our going-away present — a bowling pirate. There stood a 30-year-old woman with black bandana, high, black buckle boots, and near-to-be eye patch. The only thing I could think to say was "gharrrrrrr."

And there you have it. In the mix of the everyday people you see in this lovely town, you're bound to happen across the ones that give it its distinct flavor of powdered sugar and crack. But it's cool, they help to add the sequined and chartreuse tiles to the lovely, or at very least living Mosaic of LA.

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Corporate culture has lost its focus

LIVING WAGE, from page 4

Court Justice Cruz Reynoso, which strongly condemned the tactics employed by living wage opponents in a report (available at DemocracyDistorted.com). This report deserves a review by any Santa Monican who values the integrity of our local electoral process.

The commission found that living wage opponents distributed last minute slate mailers suggesting that feminists, educators and Democrats were against Measure JJ, the living wage ballot measure, while in reality leaders of all these groups had endorsed it.

Some may say it is useless to review a past election in discussing the living wage concept. But I think it is instructive to understand the lengths to which large corporations will go to deprive ordinary people of the right to decent pay. The reason is not that corporate salaries and profits are hurting. It is that the corporate culture in

our country has lost its sense of responsibility and accountability to the people who do the work, buy the products, and live in the communities affected by their policies.

And that is why our Santa Monica City Council is so precious. It is a body, elected directly by us, which over the past three decades has been willing to stand up for the community and the little guy in the face of huge financial interests that want to dominate our town.

This liberal council majority has defended rent control, limited development, protected the environment, built affordable housing, and now has passed a city living wage law. In the process, these public servants have made Santa Monica a financial success and a model of humane governance.

All I can say is, keep up the good work.

(Vivian Rothstein is the director of Santa Monicans Allied for Responsible Tourism and is a Santa Monica resident.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sex shop is a risqué proposition

Editor:

(This letter was originally addressed to the Santa Monica City Council.)

I am writing to you and asking for your support in the matter of a new and undesirable business that is about to open up at 2412 Lincoln Blvd. The business name as of yesterday is "Secret Desires" and deals in adult XXX entertainment, AKA sex shop. It is a large, very large store.

I know you already have complaints regarding the matter from area residents and I don't expect that this will be your last. Just please understand that this type of business is simply unacceptable in our neighborhood and will not be tolerated. Our intention and goal is for its relocation and or closure.

"Secret Desires" is currently located approximately half block from Joselyn Park, a half block away from a private nursery school located on Lincoln Boulevard, one block from a Santa Monica city elementary school, directly across the street from a massage parlor that was recently involved in a prostitution arrest and is surrounded by residential neighborhoods. It is simply outrageous that this type of adult business was allowed to open by the city. Especially since we have asked for city assistance in improvements on Lincoln Boulevard.

Please inform us at to what our options are regarding our concerns. Is there a formal complaint we can make through the city?

We ask each councilmember for your support in this matter and ask that you join our residents in front of the business in what will be the first of however many it takes, peaceful protests in front of the business with our families including media resources. Date to be announced later for interested residents.

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SMC to expand airport campus this summer

STANDBY, from page 1

the mailer, city staff released a report on March 25, which makes the case why City Hall should go forward with the Santa Monica Airport Park as originally planned, providing little information why the City Council would accept the college's recent call for a joint project.

SMC has proposed to pay for Airport Park, which will include two new soccer fields and a dog park, in exchange for the right to build the underground parking structure at the college's expense.

The city's staff report is addressed to policy makers and those who expect to attend SMC's "visioning" workshop — to include public comment on the long-term planning of SMC's Bundy satellite campus near the airport — scheduled for 7 p.m. today at the Barker Hangar, 3021 Airport Ave. City staff indicated in its report to elected leaders that the results of tonight's meeting would have little impact without City Hall approval.

One reason why SMC is offering to pay for the park could lie in the fact that it will lose a crucial shuttle parking lot,

which serves 1,700 students a day. SMC uses the lot to shuttle students to its main campus on Pico Boulevard — and it must remove it in order to accommodate the park — unless the college can come to an agreement with the Santa Monica City Council, according to city staff.

The city's airport park project was created in response to unmet community demand for active recreation space, the city report said. A feasibility study was completed in 1997 to determine how to best meet the demand for available land at Santa Monica Airport.

The resulting project includes the development of 8.3 acres at the southeasterly end of the airport. The park will have one lighted regulation-size soccer field that also can serve as two smaller fields; a picnic area; a children's playground; an off-leash dog area; a park restroom building; a paved walking/jogging path and 116 spaces of on-site parking.

SMC is proposing to contribute between \$6 and \$26 million to the project in exchange for parking use at the city-owned facility, but the proposal would require City Hall to overhaul its plans, an option elected leaders say has been sprung on them at the last minute.

"It amazes me that the college would circulate a proposal to develop land that is not their own," said City Councilman Ken Genser. "If the college says it wants to work more cooperatively with the city, I think we have a much further way to go than we thought."

City Hall has budgeted for the \$8.2 million project from capital improvement and general fund money and has received a \$1.5 million grant from the state for the

installation of synthetic turfs for the soccer fields.

The city staff report said plans for the project are final and bid documents for construction are to be circulated and awarded by May, with construction expected to be completed in fall of 2006.

SMC plans to open its Santa Monica Airport campus this summer. SMC has a 10.4-acre satellite campus at 3171 S. Bundy Dr., purchased from BAE Systems in December 2001 for \$30 million. A number of site improvements, including the removal of a 100,000-square-foot building, a new sound wall and landscaping were completed in 2004 with neighborhood consensus, according SMC officials.

An existing 64,000-square-foot building is currently being renovated to house programs to be offered starting this summer, including nursing, teacher training and professional development.

SMC officials say the shuttle lot relieves parking and traffic conditions in residential neighborhoods around the college's main campus.

Herbert Roney, a member of the Santa Monica Community College Board of Trustees, said he sees how the proposal could be good for both the city and the college.

"It could be a win-win situation," Roney said. "The airport will continue to be used for many types of events. It would be good to have plenty of parking on the site that could be utilized by everyone."

City staff said a date has yet to be determined when the SMC airport proposal will be presented to the City Council, but will likely occur in April.

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GUADALUPE GUTIERREZ

1921-2005

Guadalupe Gutierrez passed away on March 25, Good Friday, in Santa Monica at age 83. Born April 8, 1921 in Pomona, Calif., "Lupe" lost his mother when he was an infant and was left by his father in the care of another family who took him to Mexico when he was 9 years old.

Before he left, he told his childhood sweetheart, Carmen, that he would someday return to marry her. At 13, he left his step-family and spent several years traveling by foot through central Mexico, supporting himself with any work he could find. He re-entered the states at Juarez. A Texas judge told him that if he could prove his American citizenship he could obtain a passport. With the help of family friends who vouched for him, he was able to establish his identity and return to California. He married Carmen when he was 21 years old.

As his family grew, he worked hard to

support them, delivering the LA Times and running a landscaping business while working full time for the city of Beverly Hills in a job he held for 41 years.

As hard as he worked, Lupe loved to play. He and Carmen went to clubs in Los Angeles and Santa Monica, dancing to the music of Harry James and other big bands. In retirement, he became an avid golfer and a member of the Mexican American Golf Association. He bowled as well, continuing into his 80s on a Santa Monica league with his daughters. He always had a story or joke to tell and made friends everywhere he went.

Lupe is survived by Carmen and five children: Ysabel, Manuel, Anne, Richard and Theresa, as well as 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren who will all miss him greatly. There will be a viewing and rosary for him at Gates Kingsley Gates Mortuary at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and funeral mass and burial at 9:30 a.m. at the Risen Christ Chapel, Holy Cross Cemetery at 5835 W. Slauson Ave. in Culver City.

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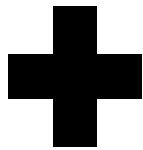
STATE BRIEFS

By The Associated Press

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"We were getting nowhere, and we need to keep this project on track," Campbell said.

CATS' TALE, from page 1



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NATIONAL

It's elementary: Immigrants lack diplomas

By The Associated Press

PHOENIX — More than half the Hispanic immigrants who entered the United States in the past four years didn't have a high school education, according to a new census report.

Experts say the low academic achievement carries upsides and downsides for the nation.

"In the long run, an uneducated society is never beneficial," said Louis Olivas, an Arizona State University vice president.

But if the immigrants were more educated or better skilled, they would not longer take the menial jobs and low pay that many are offered, said Olivas.

Steven Camarota, research director at the Washington-based Center for Immigration Studies, agreed.

"You have to decide how you feel about that trade-off," he said.

"The benefit is that they are less educated, and the cost of it is that they are less educated," said Camarota, whose group describes its vision as "pro-immigrant,

Eighth grade has long been the accepted cut-off point for school in low-income families in Mexico. The nation has just begun emphasizing the need for secondary education

low-immigration."

The Census Bureau says roughly 52 percent of recent Hispanic immigrants hadn't graduated from high school. That's little different from the measurement over the last three decades.

The low educational attainment of foreign-born Latinos is the largest factor in keeping Arizona and other immigration-intensive states below the national average in residents, 25 and older, who have completed high school.

The census study estimates that 84.4 percent of Arizona's residents in the age group have high school diplomas or GED certificates. The state ranks 38th national-

ly, below the 85.2 percent national average.

The 8.7 million Hispanics who are 25 and older and not U.S. citizens have the lowest education attainment of any group surveyed, according to the Census Bureau. Sixty percent hadn't completed high school, and 35 percent had no more than an eighth-grade education.

Olivas said he wasn't surprised. "Those immigrants don't come here seeking education. They're seeking work."

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Woman survives after SUV falls 60 feet off bridge

By The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A woman was left amazed, but only slightly injured, after her sport utility vehicle fell 60 feet off a bridge and sank another 55 feet to the bottom of a river.

"You're in a car going off a bridge — you think you're done," Melissa Borgaard told The Oregonian newspaper for Monday's editions.

She said she had been speaking on a hands-free cell phone while driving across a rain-slicked bridge in downtown Portland on Saturday when she lost control of her SUV. It smashed through the guardrail and plunged into the water.

Borgaard — who said she doesn't remember everything — apparently unbuckled her seat belt, crawled through the broken windshield, and kicked her way to the surface of the Willamette River.

As she floated on her back, she said she could hear cheers from a crowd that had gathered. She could also hear sirens because several people had called 911 on their cell phones.

Rescuers plucked Borgaard, 31, out of the river. The next day, she walked out of the hospital with minor cuts and bruises.

Officer Greg Pashley, a spokesman for the Portland Police Bureau, said Monday that Borgaard went off the roadway after crossing slick metal grating.

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INTERNATIONAL



Relaxing mad cow standards won't hurt safety, panel says

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press Writer

TOKYO — Japan's food safety panel ruled Monday that relaxing domestic cattle testing standards for mad cow disease won't put consumers at risk, raising the possibility that Tokyo will reopen its lucrative market to U.S. beef imports.

The Food Safety Commission found that tests for the fatal bovine illness on cattle 20 months old or younger were unable to detect the proteins linked to the fatal bovine illness. Scientists believe the proteins associated with mad cow disease do not accumulate in cows that young.

"We have concluded that the risk of excluding cows younger than 21 months old from inspections is negligible or extremely small," Yasuhiro Yoshikawa, chairman of the panel's scientific experts, told reporters.

Still, scientists don't know enough about the disease to rule out risk completely, the panel said in a statement, which urged Tokyo to improve testing methods.

Japan banned U.S. beef imports in December 2003 after the discovery of the United States' first case of mad cow disease. Washington has been steadily pushing Tokyo to drop the ban, but Japanese officials have insist-

ed that all imported beef come from animals tested for mad cow disease, also called bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

Japan has tested all cattle for mad cow disease since discovering its first case in 2001. Japan has found 16 animals with the disease, most recently a Holstein cow on Sunday.

The issue has caused discord between the two major trading partners, with some U.S. lawmakers threatening possible sanctions against Japan if the ban on beef trade isn't lifted soon.

During her March 19 visit to Tokyo, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice pressed Japan to end the costly ban. Before the ban, Japan was American beef's most lucrative overseas market, estimated at \$1.7 billion a year.

Monday's ruling by Japan's Food Safety Commission allows Tokyo to begin considering whether to lower restrictions on American beef imports. The health and agriculture ministries will now consider revising food safety standards, which would allow Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's administration to restart discussions with U.S. officials about resuming American beef imports.

Last month, a Japanese government panel backed a U.S. proposal to exempt younger cows from testing.

Iraqi interior minister warns against protests after bodyguards open fire

BY TRACI CARL

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interior minister warned citizens Monday not to hold protests, saying the gatherings were an invitation for a large-scale terrorist attack. His comments came a day after government bodyguards opened fire on a group of employees demanding higher wages, killing one person.

Interim Interior Minister Falah al-Naqib, likely to be out of job once the new government takes over, said the protest was among "attempts to destabilize the situation" in Iraq. He accused the protesters of trying to enter the office of Science and Technology Minister Rashad Mandan Omar and said the bodyguards were just doing their job by protecting the official.

Haithem Jassim, one of three people injured in the melee, said the demonstrators were unarmed.

Iraqis elected a new parliament on Jan. 30 in the first free elections in 50 years, but progress in forming the new government has been slow. Officials have acknowledged that has caused a gap in some services, frustrating citizens.

Al-Naqib warned against future protests, saying they are a perfect target for insurgent bombings.

"Iraq has witnessed more bloodshed than it should," he said. "We are witnessing a situation in which Iraqi blood is becoming very cheap."

He added that Iraq's most-wanted terrorist, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was "surrounded in more than one area, and we hope for the best. He's moving between more than one area."

Iraqi and U.S. officials have arrested several people linked to al-Zarqawi's al-Qaida in Iraq, but he has eluded detention.

Al-Zarqawi's organization has claimed responsibility for kidnappings and killings across Iraq. On Sunday, militants posted a video on the Internet showing the purported execution of a man identifying himself as Interior Ministry official Col. Riyadh Gatie Olyway.

Al-Naqib outlined progress by the fledgling security forces, predicting that U.S. troops would be able to slowly begin pulling out of the country, and that "hopefully, within 18 months we will be capable of securing Iraq." He did not talk about a timeline for a complete withdrawal.

In an interview Sunday with CNN's "Late Edition," Army Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of U.S. Central Command, said Iraqi forces had made progress but still faced challenges.

"By the end of 2005, provided the political process continues to be successful, you will see the Iraqis more

and more in charge, and in some areas completely in charge," Abizaid said.

He also expressed concern about the delay in forming a new government, saying: "The more uncertainty, the greater chance for escalated violence."

Also Monday, the U.S. military said an Iraqi driver was killed when his car pulled in front of a tank in Ad Duluiyah, 60 miles north of Baghdad. Coalition forces were not injured. The incident, which occurred Sunday evening, was being investigated.

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Violence continued, with gunmen opening fire on a car carrying Abdul Karim Fahad Abbass as he headed to work in Baghdad's sprawling southeastern Doura quarter, killing the neighborhood station chief and his driver, Capt. Falah al-Muhimadawi said.

Across the Tigris River that bisects Baghdad, a roadside bomb exploded near a police patrol in the Hay Al-Amil area, killing one policeman and wounding five others, Capt. Thalib Thamir said.

In Musayyib, 40 miles south of Baghdad, a suicide bomber on a bicycle blew himself up near a police patrol protecting Shiite pilgrims heading to Karbala for a major religious ceremony, Capt. Muthana al-Furati of the Hillah police force said. Two policemen were killed, and five others were wounded.

In the northern city of Mosul, two Iraqi army soldiers were injured when attackers opened fire on their car, Dr. Bahaa al-Deen al-Bakry said. The two were dressed in civilian clothes at the time of the attack, he said.

A university professor, Waad Mohammed Hussein, was also fatally shot as he was driving from home to work in the Zanjely neighborhood, said al-Bakry said.

In Kut, 100 miles southeast of Baghdad, 150 special forces and 50 border guards graduated Monday, the latest additions to Iraq's growing security forces.

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DEAR DORIE

There's something about 'Sengy'

Dear Dorie,
My preschooler has an imaginary playmate. "Sengy" is very active and has a really different personality from my son. This concerns me. How normal is an imaginary playmate? Do I need to intervene in any way?
— *On the Outside Looking at Sengy*

Dear Outside,
Studies indicate that between one third and two thirds of all preschoolers (ages 3 to 5 years old) have invisible playmates. Anyone around young children has seen this kind of relationship and, yes, it is completely developmentally appropriate.
Each imaginary playmate serves a different function, but they all offer children a sense of control over life and provide a coping mechanism for events they don't understand. They also can function as a scapegoat, or stifle feelings of loneliness or isolation, even boredom.
Do your best to understand why "Sengy" comes around. Support the belief, but don't overdo it. If your regular routine is compromised as a result, include "Sengy" in the necessary activities (e.g. "It's time for you and Sengy to brush your teeth.") And remember that, in most cases, imaginary playmates lose their popularity around 6 years old so you only have a few more years until, "See ya Sengy." Good luck.

— *Dorie*

(Dorie Meek answers questions concerning children ages birth to 5 years old. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmusd.org, or call (310) 452-6132).

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Taking the tot for a test drive: Some rules for the road ahead

By Daily Press staff

"It was amazing," said Karen, a Santa Monica resident, three weeks after delivering a healthy infant son. "They let me take him straight home. You have to take lessons and pass a test before you can drive a car. Taking care of a baby is much more complex."
Caring for a delicate newborn is complex, and many new parents feel less than prepared and more than a little frightened, doctors say.
Pediatrician Dr. Jeffrey Penso, who works at Saint John's Health Care Center offers some advice:

- Holding your baby**
Babies can't hold their heads up for several weeks. Always support your newborn's head and neck. There are several ways to safely carry a baby:
- Hold your baby against your chest, with his head resting on your shoulder. With one hand, support his head and neck, and with the other hand, support his bottom.
 - Lay your baby across one arm, resting his head in the crook of your elbow and supporting his bottom with one hand. Your other arm offers additional support.
- Burping your baby**
Babies hate having gas. It's uncomfortable and they have no way to help themselves burp. Try some of the following burping methods:
- Sit your baby upright on your lap. Lean him forward over one hand and gently pat his back with the other.

- Hold your baby upright with his head against your shoulder. Gently pat his back with your other hand. As a bonus, many babies are soothed by the close body contact and may drift off to sleep.
- Lay your baby face down on your lap and gently pat his back.

- Bathing your baby**
Babies only need two or three baths a week. Over-bathing can dry out their skin and cause discomfort. However, if your baby loves being bathed, you can bathe him more frequently if you avoid using any soap or shampoo.
- Until the umbilical cord stump has fallen off (usually in the first week), give your baby sponge baths. Lay him in a portable tub or on a dry towel and gently bathe him using a warm, wet sponge.
 - When your baby is ready to use an infant tub or regular bathtub, fill the tub with only an inch or two of water. Gently lay your baby on his back and wash him with a warm washcloth or sponge.
 - Wash your baby's face first, moving on to his arms, legs and trunk, and finishing with his diaper area.
 - Never leave your baby or toddler unattended in the bath. Not even for a second. If the phone rings or someone knocks on the door, wrap your baby in a towel and take him with you. You can finish the bath later.
 - It's a good idea to set your water heater's thermostat no higher than 120 degrees. Hot water can easily scald your baby's sensitive skin.

(For more information, log onto www.stjohns.org.)

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Learn about the civil rights activist through creating artwork and special activities. Kidspace Children's Museum, 480 N. Arroyo Blvd., Pasadena, 626-449-9144. Free with admission: \$8.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 – NATURE WALK – 10:00a.m.

The Children's Nature Institute presents a guided walk for young children and families. Temescal Canyon, 15601 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades. Reservations required – 998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org.

COMING UP – SATURDAY, APRIL 9 - YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY!

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Put Play in Your Day! is the theme of this YMCA Open House featuring community vendors, arts and crafts and activities for the whole family. 1332 Sixth St., 393-2721.

COMING UP – SATURDAY, APRIL 17 – 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

DAWN BARNES KARATE KIDS hosts Martial Arts Extravaganza and Scholastic Author's Book Signing to benefit Kids Kicking Cancer. This fundraiser features famous martial art Masters demonstrations, book signing by nationally acclaimed instructor and author of "The Black Belt Club" Sensei Dawn Barnes, silent auction and raffle. For more info contact Santa Monica Karate Kids at 449-1700.

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What is a doula? "A woman experienced in childbirth who provides continuous physical, emotional and informational support before, during and just after childbirth." (Klaus, Kennell and Klaus in *Mothering the Mother*)

TUESDAY

Movies for Moms! Mar. 28 – The Ring Two starring Naomi Watts, Simon Baker and David Dorfman. Horror/Suspense, Rated "PG-13." 11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling

Main Library – held at Reed Park, corner of 7th and Wilshire. Toddler Storytime; 10:00 a.m. For 2 year olds with adult.

Preschool Story Time; 10:30 a.m.; for ages 3-5.

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

Cuentos Para Pequeños – 10:00 a.m., six-week series in Spanish for 24 – 36 month olds with adult. Mar. 1 – April 5 and April 26 – May 31.

Lap Time – 11:00 a.m, six-week series for

babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant & Family Support Programs. Mar. 1 – April 5 and April 26 – May 31.

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

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS – 3:30 p.m., stories and crafts for ages 5 – 9.

(Every other Tuesday, April 12 & 26, May 10 & 24).

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

Toddler Storytime, 10:00 and 10:30. Music, rhymes and stories for 2 to 3 year olds.

Register March 30 for next session – April 19 – May 24.

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 – Infant/Toddler & Me Classes -

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – Walkers to 3 years; 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. & 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. – ages 0 to 1 year; classes in partnership with the Infant and Family Support Program. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA

10:00 – 11:00 a.m and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Thursday nights 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) 393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15.

Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711.

Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Itsy Bitsy Yoga – Tots (crawling to 24 months)

– 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Baby (6 weeks to pre-crawling) – 11:00 – noon. With Khefri Riley at Ocean Oasis, 1333 Ocean Ave. Register at www.khefri.net or call 323-549-5383.

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Kids' Yoga Circle – Yoga for ages 4 -7, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. (Students may be dropped off at 3:30 for indoor play, song and snacks). \$18 drop-in, discounted multiple week passes available,

reservations required. 1814 14th St., #208, 260-2736

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-826-5774 - no pre-reg required, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052

10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.

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

Toddler Story Time – 9:30 a.m., for two year olds.

Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; six-week series for 3-5 year olds with adult.

Session dates are Mar. 2 – April 6 and April 27 – June 1 for both..

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Lap Time – 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2. Current session thru March 31.

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

Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.

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

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

Classes

Rhythm Child Parent & Me Rhythms, Santa Monica Studios, 3025 Olympic Blvd., 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Next session is April 16 – May 4.

Children explore rhythms through drum play. Ages 6 mos. – 3.5 years; \$100 for 8 weeks. Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythmchild.net for more info.

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Parent Support (3 – 5 years) – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Infant /Toddler and Me (0-12 mos.) – 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.; Parents of Adolescents Support Group – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Classes

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

Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Step Aerobics, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info.

Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Kids' Yoga Circle – Mommy and Me Yoga (ages 4- 6), 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Includes 15 minutes of indoor play and song. \$165 for an 8 week session, \$75 for additional sibling.

Other

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

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THURSDAY

Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590

10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Main Library – held at Reed Park, corner of 7th and Wilshire.

Toddler Storytime; 10:00 a.m.; for 2 year olds with adult.

Preschool Story Time; 10:30 a.m.; for ages 3-5.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park

Blvd – 310-450-0443.

La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m., for 2 year olds. Session dates are Feb. 24 – March 31 and April 14 – May 19.

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

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me Classes, Walkers to 3 years – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.; classes in partnership with the Infant and Family Support Program.

Yoga & Exercise

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Tuesdays at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) 393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.

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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.

Kids' Yoga Circle – Yoga for ages 6 - 10, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. (Students may be dropped off at 3:30 for indoor play, song and snacks). \$18 drop-in, discounted multiple week passes available, reservations required.

Family Yoga, 5:15 – 6:30 p.m., includes 15 minutes of indoor play and song. 8-week series for parents and 1 child, \$250, \$100 each additional child.

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FRIDAY

Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum.

Reservations required, 470-4997. www.child-splayonline.net

La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call 310-390-2529 for info.

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 (1-3 years) – 9:20 – 10:20 a.m.; Parent Support (1-3 years) – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Mommy and Me Dance– celebrate the wonderful world of imagination Fridays at the Electric Lodge. 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. ages 14 - 24 months; 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. ages 2 – 4.

6 classes for \$75 or \$14 per class. First class free! 1416 Electric Ave, Venice, 306-1854.

Yoga & Exercise

Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Indoor Cycling, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info.

Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.

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

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Kids' Yoga Circle – Yoga for ages 8 - 11, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m., includes 15 minutes of indoor play and song, \$18 drop-in, discounted multiple week passes available, reservations required.

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Other

Baby Attuned - Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., A new program promoting sensitive parenting and developmental awareness. Parent-completed developmental screening, with review and feedback from a licensed clinical developmental psychologist and experienced pediatric nurse practitioner, Eileen Escarce, PhD, MSN. (PSY 18819). Introductory fee: \$15 per screening with feedback. 1137 2nd Ave, Suite 213. By appointment only 310-367-1155.

SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144.

Children's Book World – 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., 310-559-B00K.

Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m. – 454-4063.

Yoga & Exercise

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

1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicyoga.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.

Kids' Yoga Circle – Yoga for ages 6 -10, 9:45 – 10:55 a.m., includes 15 minutes of indoor play and song; Yoga Girls (ages 12 and up), 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. \$18 drop-in, discounted multiple week passes available, reservations required. 1814 14th St., #208, 260-2736

Other

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

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

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

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Breastfeeding

Working Mother's Support Group

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

SUNDAY

Main Street Farmer's Market

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

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

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

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MONDAY

Storytelling

Main Library – Lap Time at Joslyn Park, Craft Room, 9:30 a.m. A series for babies up to two years old. (no lap time or Family Connections on Mar. 28)

"Family Connections" – 10:00 a.m., immediately following Lap Time - a series of discussions related to early childhood development and growth. Children welcome, free.

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

"Spanish for Little Ones", 11:15 a.m.

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

MOMS Club of Santa Monica

– New Mother Group – for new moms with babies ages 0-6 months. Meet for conversation, support and playtime. All new Moms welcome!

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

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me (1-3 years) – 9:20 – 10:20 a.m.; Parent Support (1-3 years) – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-826-5774 - no pre-reg required, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Yoga & Exercise

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

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

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

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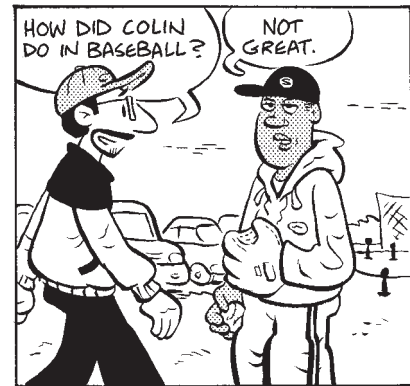
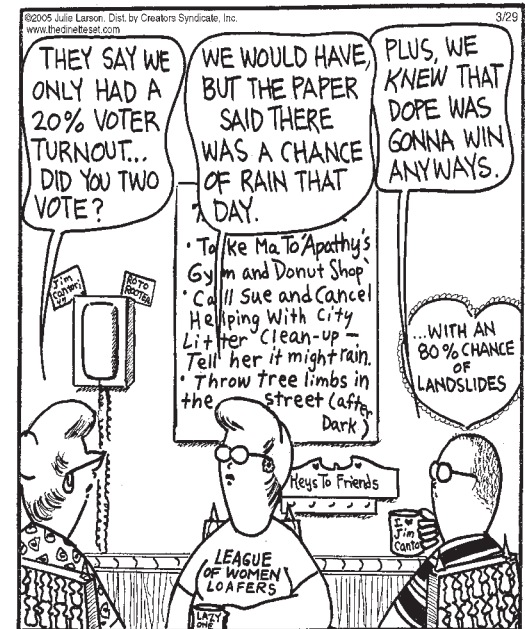
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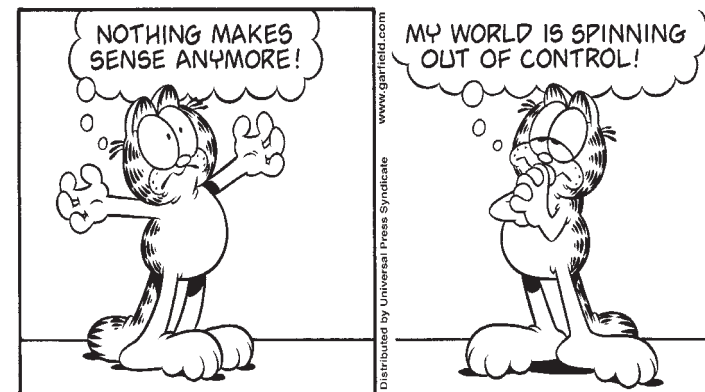


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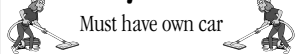
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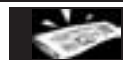
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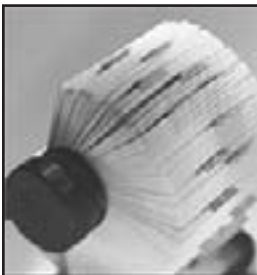
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Reagans are found to have had hearts of stone

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LOS ANGELES — The way President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, would carry on about their love for each other, one might have gotten the impression their romance was carved in stone.

A part-time estate liquidation consultant who was looking for anything the Reagans might have left behind at a Pacific Palisades home they lived in 50 years ago recently uncovered a slab of concrete. Carved into it was a heart and the initials ND (for Mrs. Reagan's maiden name, Nancy Davis) and RR.

"I got a hose and washed it off and said, 'Oh my goodness,'" recalled Terre Hirsch.

Instead of rushing to eBay with his treasure, he decided to turn it over to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. The former first lady, whose husband died last year, couldn't be happier.

"Mrs. Reagan remembers well the day her husband drew a heart with their initials inside in the concrete patio of their home," the former first lady's office said in a recent statement.

"In a time when so many people are motivated by financial gain, she was moved and very grateful that Mr. Hirsch offered the piece to her," the statement added.

The slab is expected to go on display at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley this fall.

NEW YORK — Irwin Winkler and Sydney Pollack are among the movie veterans who will sit down to discuss their work during the Tribeca Film Festival.

Winkler produced "Rocky" (1976), winner of the Academy Award for best picture, and was nominated

for best-picture Oscars for "Raging Bull," "The Right Stuff" and "GoodFellas." He's also directed movies including "Life as a House" and "De-Lovely." He'll be talking about how to make a political thriller.

Pollack directed "The Interpreter," the festival's opening-night film starring Sean Penn and Nicole Kidman. He won best picture and directing Oscars for "Out of Africa" (1985) and received nominations for "Tootsie" and "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" — which is another film Winkler produced.

Also on the schedule is Jon Brion, who has composed the score for films including "Magnolia" and "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," talking about the use of music in movies.

Now in its fourth year, the Tribeca Film Festival runs April 19-May 1 at locations throughout lower Manhattan. More than 150 screenings are planned, as well as outdoor events including a family street fair. The festival was created to help downtown Manhattan rebound economically from the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

NEW YORK — Celine Dion reminds fans that she's a wife, mother — and confident woman — with her new perfume, *Belong*.

"In *Belong*, Celine reveals a little bit more of the woman Coty has come to know behind the scenes," Eric Thoreux, president, Coty Beauty Americas, said in a recent statement.

"The new fragrance reflects where Celine is right now in her life — enjoying her family when she is out of the spotlight."

Dion was involved in every aspect of the develop-

ment of *Belong*, which has a modern floral Oriental scent, including the design of the bottle, a pentagon shape that represents her lucky number five.

"This fragrance is about celebrating life," Dion said. "It's about a woman's inner beauty, her confidence, her passion and her sensuality. It's the way I like to feel about myself."

In 2003, Dion began a three-year gig at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. The 36-year-old singer and her husband, Rene Angelil, have a son, Rene-Charles, who was born in 2001.

HONG KONG — Stephen Chow, who's aiming for greater global fame, was the big winner at the 24th Hong Kong Film Awards with "Kung Fu Hustle."

Chow's action-comedy was named best film at Sunday's ceremony — one of the premier events for the Chinese-language movie industry. "Kung Fu Hustle," the biggest grossing local film in Hong Kong history, won five other awards, including best action choreography for Yuen Wo-ping of "The Matrix" fame.

The actor-director paid tribute to Bruce Lee, who was named "Chinese Film's Bright Star of the Century" at the ceremony that marked the first 100 years of Chinese filmmaking.

"He changed the way we looked at kung fu, changed the way we look at movies," said Chow, whose "Kung Fu Hustle" is about gangsters who try to take over a neighborhood populated by kung fu masters.

Chow's "Shaolin Soccer" was a blockbuster in Asia in 2001, but did poorly in the United States. He has said that one of his biggest goals is to have a hit outside the region.

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