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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

How to Be a Police Department: In California, a police department can be created if a local government gives a transportation contract to a private company, automatically empowering that company to hire its own cops, who, though not allowed to make arrests, can carry guns, access police databases, and receive government anti-terrorist grants. The law achieved notoriety in February when Internet millionaire Stefan Eriksson's Ferrari crashed in Malibu, and he later made confusing statements, including the revelation that he is the "deputy commissioner" of the "San Gabriel Valley Transit Authority" police, a post he acquired by starting a modest bus service for the elderly.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 94th day of 2006.
There are 271 days left in the year.

On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.
In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The only sure thing about luck is that it will change."

BRET HARTE
AMERICAN AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST

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Beach bummer: Suit threatens 415



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BY KEVIN HERERRA

Daily Press Staff Writer

PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

With nearby residents threatening to block the creation of a public beach club at the old Marion Davies Estate, supporters of the project are mobilizing.

A group of Santa Monicans calling itself "Friends of 415" have created a Web site (www.friendsof415.org) to educate the community about the beach club and to drum up support for its completion, which is being threatened by the Palisades Beach Property Owners Association.

The homeowners have threatened to sue if City Hall does not enter into a contract that dictates how the property is used and managed.

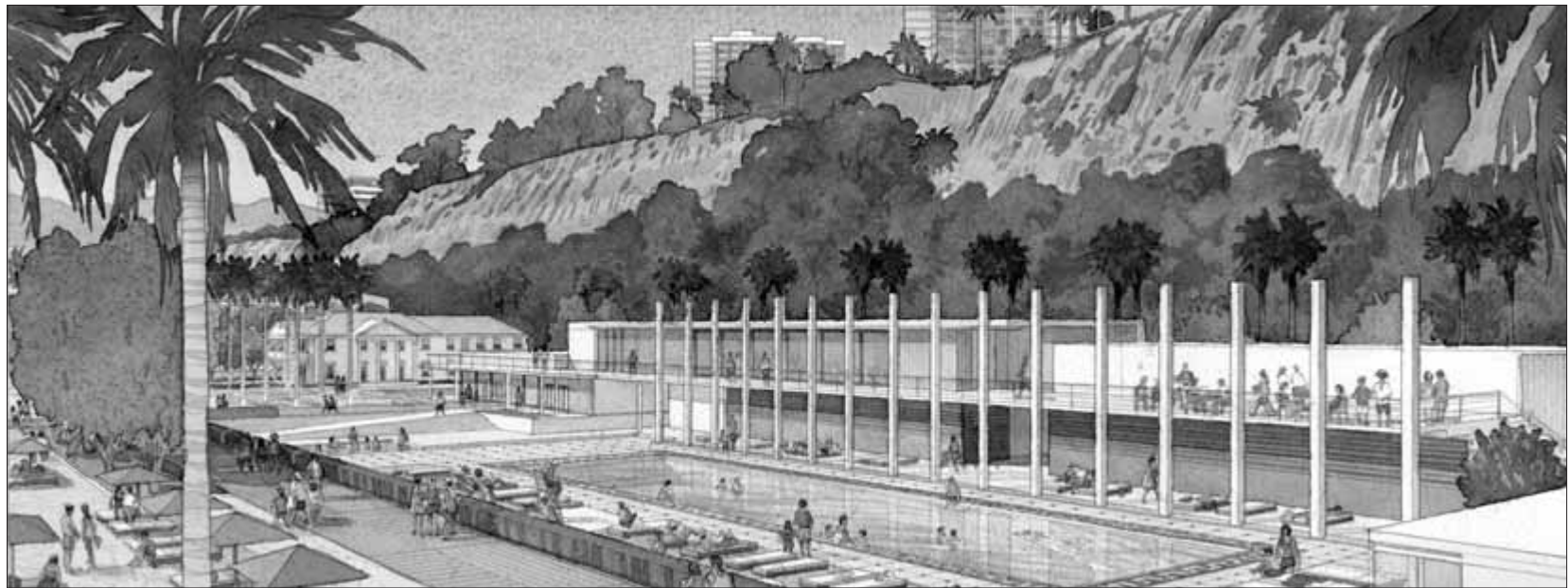
If a lawsuit is filed, there is

concern by supporters that the project will be put on hold, jeopardizing the \$28 million in funding donated by the Annenberg Foundation for the restoration and reuse of the historic, but earthquake-battered facility.

A spokesman for Annenberg could not say whether or not a lawsuit would trigger the foundation to pull its grant, but a significant delay due to a court case could have an impact on funding that would, without a doubt, put pressure on elected officials to make up the difference in construction costs.

"This gift is a finite gift," said Leonard Aube, managing director of the Los Angeles office of the foundation. "With construction costs being what

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Rendering courtesy

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN? The Marion Davies Estate at 415 PCH, as it appeared years ago (top), has become the focus of legal wrangling between city officials who want to renovate the historic property into a public beach club (depicted in rendering above) and nearby homeowners concerned about upkeep and increased traffic.

1906 shaped a state, a science and a still-evolving saga

BY LISA LEFF

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A century later, the people who felt the ground rock that Wednesday morning tell the story best.

"The prelude, or opening, was a very low rumbling noise, like distant thunder."

"The solid earth took on the motions of an angry ocean."

"Buildings were tumbled over on their sides, others looked as though they had been cut off short with a cleaver."

"From the moans and cries coming from below it was evident that a considerable number of people were trapped."

"And all the work of less than a minute!"

A magnitude 7.8 earthquake had struck the capital of the western

United States, a shining city built on the promise of silver and gold with little thought to the destruction rock could also produce under enough pressure. After April 18, 1906, neither San Francisco nor an America just learning about the natural and man-made hazards of urban life could ever again be so willfully innocent.

The earthquake, and the resulting fires that took what the early-morning temblor spared, remains

one of the great disasters in United States history. While no one knows how many people died in crowded rooming houses and other structures that collapsed and burned, reliable estimates put the death toll above 3,000, and possibly as high as 6,000.

As the first modern disaster documented on a mass scale, San

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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)
★★★ Under the circumstances, the less said the better. You are a hotbed of ideas, especially if brainstorming with one particular person. Others might not understand your mental processes the same way this person does. Tonight: In your head.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Examine what keeps getting tossed at you. You will make a great tennis racket as you throw the ball into someone else's court as frequently as he or she does yours. Many ideas come from many different people. Tonight: Hang with your friends.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ An opportunity to learn more could benefit you in multiples, especially financially. Be willing to learn more and open the doors to more mental growth. Travel, a class or someone quite different could be the source of information. Tonight: Put your bills in order.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Wish for more in your life and make it happen. If you don't have the accompanying drive, you will find it harder to achieve. Act on your heartfelt desires. The time is now. Tonight: Smile away.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Knowing when to vanish could be beneficial right now. You have a lot on your mind, as does a key associate. Exchange information and opinions in a quiet manner with decorum and respect. Tonight: Take some time off from life's demands.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be a lot clearer about what you want and need. Others will listen, especially if you tune in to your more emotional side and personality. You might be surprised by what is going on. Examine the end results. Tonight: Where your friends are.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You are called upon to make a judgment and take a stand. Making good decisions requires having the facts -- all the facts. Assume responsibility, and you could hit a home run with ease. Listen to your sixth sense. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Sometimes you see life differently because of events or a new perspective. As intense as you are as a sign is as much as you need to detach. Not every issue is life-or-death, though you might make it so. Ease up and chill out. Tonight: Rent a movie.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others clearly want to be major players, whether you are interested or not. Listen to opinions knowing full well you don't have to say yes or no. Others might give you much more insight without knowing it. Tonight: Schedule time for yourself.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Know when to defer and take the high road. You might have difficulty understanding where others are coming from. Stay quiet, and you'll get the answers you are looking for. Listen rather than talk. Tonight: Let someone else choose.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Make it a point to stay focused. Get as much done as you can at this point. Your sense of dedication and purpose needs to come out. Pace yourself, but don't forget to schedule an important doctor's appointment. Tonight: Early to bed.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to understand a lot comes out in a discussion. Listen to feedback from some other sources. Sometimes you could be too sure of yourself and cause yourself a problem. Be open to different styles. Tonight: Add some playfulness to your life.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Cancer research needs volunteers

By Daily Press staff

Dr. Karen Duvall, a faculty member in the UCLA Department of Family Medicine, seeks volunteers for a research study to examine the breast cells of women considered at high risk for developing breast cancer.

Candidates are women ages 35 to 65 who have not had breast cancer but are considered at high risk due to other factors. The study involves clinic visits every six months for three years, with two years of medical follow-up.

UCLA is one of 17 sites throughout the country participating in the study, which is sponsored by Cytoc Health Inc, makers of technology to help identify breast abnormalities.

"By collecting cells that line the breast ducts, we can look for abnormalities that appear before a cancer is clinically evident," Dr. Duvall explains. "Our hope is to develop an early-warning system by following high-risk women over time."

For more information about the study, including complete eligibility criteria, contact the study coordinator at (310) 794-8900 or by e-mail at cfelix@mednet.ucla.edu.

Venice, as it appeared back in the day

By Daily Press staff

Step back in time by visiting a new photo exhibit highlighting life in Venice before it became the beach resort town it is today.

The Venice Historical Society has a new exhibit at the Venice Library, 501 South Venice Blvd. The historic, on-going exhibit features oversized photographs of old Venice, including a 1906 scene from the Colonnades on Windward Avenue; a typical Venice beach scene from the early 1900s; kids fishing from the canals in the 1920s, before they were filled in; a flooded Venice Boulevard in the 1920s; and various Venice Canal scenes when Venice was only a few years old.

All photographs are courtesy of the Venice Historical Society. For more information, call (310) 967-5170, or log onto www.veniceofamerica.org.



Photos courtesy

The Venice Historical Society exhibit featuring vintage pictures of the city from a century ago is providing today's residents and tourists with a forgotten look at the way things used to be. (Clockwise, from top) A man strolls through the Colonnades on Windward Avenue in 1906; a flooded Venice Boulevard as it appeared in the 1920s; children fish in the canals before they were filled in.

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 - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 27	LIFTS OPEN 11/12
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CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Wet

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 180" - 144"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 6/6
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CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 12"	BASE DEPTH 120" - 204"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 100	LIFTS OPEN 20/28
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CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 36"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 30	LIFTS OPEN 8/16
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CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed, Spring, Wet

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 36"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 22	LIFTS OPEN 4/4
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CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 6:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 26	LIFTS OPEN 14/14
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CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Wet

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 30" - 66"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 30	LIFTS OPEN 7/11
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CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Spring

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 57°

DATA PROVIDED BY WETSAND.COM

SWELL FORECAST (3-6 FT)

Today is when our next SW swell is due, but this system will likely be trashed by weather and winds. This SW is from a dynamic, moderately sized fetch we started watching nearly two weeks on the long-range models that broke off the ice cap near Antarctica. Weather and issues this week...

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

Significant NW midweek...

Smaller SW for end of week with NW...

SW due 9th-10th...

South swell due 11th into 12th...

Weather and issues this week...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

MONDAY	LOW TIDE	8:39AM	0.8FT	6:21PM	2.8FT
HIGH TIDE	12:41AM	5.2FT	4:32PM	2.8FT	
TUESDAY	LOW TIDE	10:14AM	0.3FT	8:21PM	3.2FT
HIGH TIDE	1:37AM	4.7FT	7:23PM	3.2FT	
WEDNESDAY	LOW TIDE	11:40AM	0.2FT	11:29PM	3.1FT
HIGH TIDE	3:08AM	4.3FT	7:31PM	3.5FT	
THURSDAY	LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	12:40PM	0.1FT
HIGH TIDE	4:55AM	4.2FT	7:50PM	3.8FT	
FRIDAY	LOW TIDE	4:28AM	-0.7FT	4:03PM	1.1FT
HIGH TIDE	10:41AM	4.2FT	10:21PM	6.0FT	

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The streets of Santa Monica and across the Southland rang out with the cries of protesters last week, decrying efforts by the U.S. government to enact stricter legislation against illegal immigrants. Many of last week's protests were spearheaded by high school students, who staged a series of "walkouts" — leaving school to march and make their voices heard.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know: **Should students be excused from school to exercise their freedoms of speech, or does this open the floodgates for all students to skip out on classes for any causes?**

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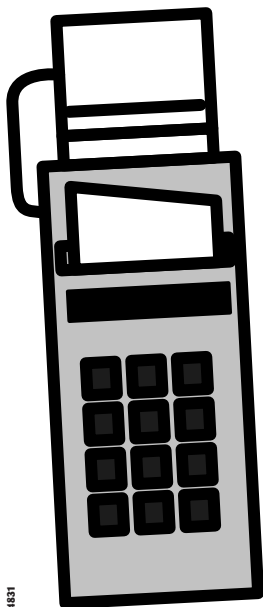
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

U.S. shouldn't cooperate if illegals don't assimilate

Editor:

After the marches this past week I was inspired to write this letter. I listened to people speak and read quotes from students who have no clue as to what they are really marching for. The first, and biggest lie or falsehood, is that those opposed to illegal immigration are somehow racist. Nothing can be further from the truth. While people like myself have the mental capacity to discern the difference between illegal and legal immigration, those in favor of open borders cannot. I and people like me have nothing against people wanting to immigrate to this country. We are, however, opposed to opening the flood gates to allow everyone into this country, regardless of background or need.

Right now, most of liberal Hollywood is a big supporter of illegal immigration, mainly because they are not affected by them. They use illegals to clean their homes, nanny their children and wash their cars. Their ability to make a living is not currently threatened by an illegal taking their job. But I guarantee that if suddenly union workers were replaced on the set with illegals willing to work for one-tenth the cost there would be a change of heart coming from the Hollywood community.

There are constant complaints about the lack of funding for education in this state. But in many schools in California, the majority of the students are either illegal themselves or the children of illegals.

Imagine how much more money would be available to educate the children of citizens if this was stopped.

There has been a recent uproar (finally) about the trouble street gangs have created in not only Santa Monica but around the state. Well, would it surprise you to know that a majority of these gang members are again either illegals or the children of illegals?

The prisons in this state are also now being overrun by illegals who commit crimes in this country. From 1999-2003 the prison population of illegals grew more than 31 percent.

Hospital emergency rooms have been closing down at a record pace due to the fact that illegals use emergency rooms as their health care provider. The state currently spends about half a billion dollars a year on treating illegals that go to emergency rooms. Emergency rooms are going bankrupt and are having to close their doors. This makes health care for citizens more sparse.

Also, illegals immigrants can currently go to college at in-state tuition rates while an American student from another state must pay out-of-state tuition.

Illegals also suppress wages for American workers, minorities and legal immigrants. There was a time in California where a majority of the mechanics were black men. The pay was decent and they could make a living at it. But now, a majority of those jobs have gone to illegals willing to work for half the cost, thus displacing those black American men who are willing to work when paid a decent wage.

There is no job that will not be done by some American, this is just a lie. Americans will not work for slave wages like the illegals do, thus the solution to finding the labor needed to replace the work of illegals is to pay a salary high enough to attract workers.

If you looked closely at the marches over the weekend, what did you see? I saw hundreds of Mexican flags. I did not see one American flag. These immigrants think they are entitled to something from this country. While I am a supporter of Bush and his war on terror, I cannot disagree with him more on illegal immigration. I am not saying we need to stop immigration, but we need to stop illegal immigration.

Bottom line, the legal immigrants of the past learned to assimilate, they become part of this country, they learned English and became part of the citizenry of this country while still maintaining a link and love of their heritage. The illegals refuse to assimilate, they refuse to learn English and they instead want to turn the U.S. into their country instead of accepting America for who she is.

Billy G. Woody
Santa Monica

Vagrants, city administration deserve one another

Editor:

The recent attack on the Ocean Park Librarian is just the tip of the iceberg for what residents in Santa Monica have been putting up with for years. Unfortunate that the attack occurred but it is getting worse. The libraries are not the only places in the city where this kind of out-of-control behavior is going on.

Residents in the older apartment buildings on a routine basis have to deal with transients using the parking areas, alleys and semi-public and open private property areas as their domain to use drugs, urinate, defecate, drink, camp, prostitute them-

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Focus on moochers, not illegal immigrants



WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISSARRA

As the topic of illegal immigrants has become the hot button to get politicians free air time, rally the teenagers and distract the public from the real issues of the day, I thought I'd listen to a talk show which interviewed people from across the country to see what Americans were really thinking.

I listened as the farmer from Fresno explained that without the huge workforce from Mexico to pick our produce, there would be no vegetables in the stores. Perhaps he was exaggerating slightly, but his point was that we should not denigrate those who are willing to do the work that needs to be done.

I listened as the Republicans spouted their party line on "protecting the country and our economy" from the dangers of terrorists, which made me laugh. I've yet to meet a Mexican immigrant who could care less about our geopolitical stance. I've met many who want to trim my trees and clean my floors, but not one has ever asked me about reparations for the land we stole.

The Democrats were not to be outdone. Sen. Hillary Clinton wants to tighten our borders, increase transborder cooperation and have a better tracking system. Stupid. Stupid. Stupid.

The issue is not having borders that are porous because as any border patrol agent can tell you, we simply cannot watch all of our borders all the time. We have an extensive border with Mexico, not to mention that little body of water on the left here called the Pacific Ocean.

That moronic idea of building a fence to keep people out is almost as silly as toppling a stable foreign government and replacing it with one that is not. Though I like the irony that most of the workers who would be hired to build the fence would most likely be the illegal Hispanics who crossed the border to find work. You just know that Bechtel or Halliburton would have to hire subcontractors, who then hire subcontractors, who then hire the guys standing out front of the Home Depot.

Cooperation with Mexico is not the problem either. As President Bush said when asked to define the word "sovereignty," "it means, you're sovereign." Which certainly helps clarify things. But seriously, Mexico is its own country, and has been a refuge for murderers, rapists, bail jumpers, and general ne'er do wells, for centuries. Mexico is where criminals go to hide. Criminals don't flee Mexico, they seek it.

The concept of a tracking system for illegal immigrants is really quite hilarious. The definition of being illegal is that you do not have papers, a visa or a registration card with the government.

Also, please remember, illegal immigrants founded this country. I find that fact reassuring, and at the same time, completely forgotten by most people.

I could be wrong, but I'm reasonably certain that in 1620 when the Pilgrims

landed in Massachusetts, there was no middle level bureaucrat ready to stamp their passports and hand them a form for completion to allow them into the land then occupied by Indians. This curious fact is frequently overlooked by those crackers who the radio interviewers get to make stupid remarks. For example, some woman from North Carolina, who I'm sure was wearing a T-shirt that read, "Jesus was an American," actually said on the air that the illegal immigrants are all just disease-carrying criminals who want to steal our jobs.

It never ceases to amaze me that the people who are so concerned about "job loss" to Mexicans are never field workers. I frequently wonder if they work but they never identify themselves as nannies, maids or gardeners. If they were really concerned about "job loss" they should be concerned about the level of decent manufacturing jobs that are moving across the border to Mexico. Those are the jobs that used to be union jobs which provided for health care, retirement funds, and allowed people to buy a home, raise a family and be a decent member of society.

The fact that manufacturing jobs are moving across the border is of concern to our economy. The fact that Mexican seasonal workers regularly cross our border, work for six months or so picking our fruits and vegetables and go home to spend the next six months spending the money they earned, building a home for themselves and their families is not a concern to our economy. It's a major, driving force.

These crackers who are so concerned that the illegals are coming here to take our jobs are blind to the fact that the jobs being done are available to the cracker they just don't want to work that hard. Stop in at your local Color Me Mine and spend an afternoon. You'll be amazed how Hispanic nannies are sitting with little blond haired angels. Drive by the Home Depot in the Marina, you'll not see a single white guy, black man, or Asian dude hanging out looking for work.

I'd have much more respect for the opinion of the "shut the borders" contingent if they had any idea how much the illegal population contributes to our country and our way of life. Those who scream to shut the borders are always speaking of the unpaid taxes, and the drain on our social services that the illegals cause.

If you want to talk about drain on services, let's talk about the 2,000 homeless in Santa Monica, the hundreds of thousands people in our prison system, the more than one million Californians on welfare, and the six to seven million people on Medi-Cal at a 2005 budgetary cost of \$24.6 billion.

No, illegals are not the biggest drain on our society. They are not even a big drain when you consider how much they contribute in terms on uncollected social security contributions, sales tax, and most importantly, the quality of our life.

(David Pissarra is a business development lawyer in the Santa Monica firm of Pissarra & Grist. He welcomes your questions and comments. He can be reached at dpissarra@pissarra.com or (310) 664-9969.)



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COMMENTARY



GUEST COMMENTARY BY JACK NEWORTH

Sneaker fetish runs amok in Santa Monica

Mark Twain mused the older he got, the smarter his father got. Even though my father passed away years ago I could relate last Friday. It was midnight and I was coming home from Albertson's where, among other things, I bought a frozen pizza. Shopping at that hour is strange, but there are never lines. It was drizzling as I drove home down Main Street when I saw what I thought was a group of about 40 homeless huddled in a doorway. As I got closer, I realized they weren't homeless, but rather a group of teenagers in lawn chairs and blankets. Say what?

I had to find out more so I walked self consciously across the street. But the kids were actually eager to talk and I soon found out why. They were camping out for the next 12 hours to buy limited edition tennis shoes from the store "Undeclared" when it opened in the morning. The price? A mere \$250 per pair. My jaw dropped, alerting the kids they were in the presence of an old fogey, although they probably would have used other words.

The shoes are Nike Air Force and Air Max 95 — only 500 made in the world, and only sold in a single store in San Francisco, New York and Santa Monica, and only one pair per customer. Gee, at \$250 I'd have loved to stock up. They were designed by the renowned graffiti artist "Stash." I never thought graffiti

could be renowned — removed, yes, renowned, no. And I wasn't sure if Stash was his first or last name, as if it mattered.

Mario Rangel, who hails from the Valley, told me he camps out like this about once a month. He graciously showed me the shoes in the window. No offense to Mr. Stash, but I couldn't tell if it was a design or paint splashes. Charles Wang had driven all the way from San Diego and boasted he has 200 limited edition tennis shoes in his closet, all unworn. I bet his parents are proud. Broke, more like it. Was this the end of civilization, or had I become my father overnight?

Not a great sleeper anyway, that evening, I had a nightmare that giant paint-splattered tennis shoes took over Palisades Park. No more pizza before bed. I got up and called Undeclared. The manager, Alex, was courteous but busy selling out the shoes. It seems some kids re-sell them on E-bay for as much as \$600. What a country.

I debated buying \$10 tennis shoes at Big 5 and a can of paint. But I went back to bed instead. I kept thinking how much the price of a single pair of limited edition Nikes could help a homeless person. And oh yes, how smart my father had gotten.

(Jack Neworth is an aging, but long-time resident of Santa Monica.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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selves, etc., and generally threaten residents and visitors when approached.

The police say to call them when a problem happens, but transients know the game. They know when they are confronted to take off and come back later. The police can't really do anything unless they see a crime taking place, and even if they do see it, the perpetrators are let out of jail in a day or a week and then they are back, knowing that the police are not really there to enforce. Previous incidents like this have been occurring in the parks too, especially Reed Park, Memorial Park and along Ocean Avenue. Clearly the City Council's policies create rules and conditions for these kinds of incidents to happen. When residents have brought these issues up at City Council meetings, councilmember Kevin McKeown's response has been vagrants have rights too and that the council knows what's best for residents. Councilman Ken Genser has said the problem is not really that bad. Councilman Richard Bloom said they might not be that nice to look at but they are basically harmless and just call the police because they are there to enforce. Councilwoman Pam O'Connor says and does nothing. The bottom line is that a majority of the City Council just does not want to seriously take on the problem and clean up this city — like Giuliani did in New York. Clearly it's time for residents to speak at the ballot box and say were fed up with this, were not taking it any more, we're voting for new leadership.

Jackie Cruz
Santa Monica

Attacker shouldn't be checking out anytime soon

Editor:

I remember Celia Carroll from her earlier days as the head librarian at the Ocean Park branch library. I recall her as a fair-minded, intelligent and devoted-to-the-job librarian.

Therefore, I was shocked to read of her injuries at the hand of a homeless man named Melvin Winston Hardy. He should have been sentenced to six months, not 60 days.

Librarians have a right to be frightened by persons like Mr. Hardy. And given the "be gentle with the homeless" stance of city officials, they have even more reason to be scared in their jobs.

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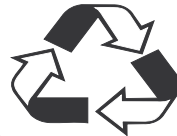
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Quake left behind both facts, folklore

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San Francisco's calamity stands as an enduring benchmark to which all other scenes of devastation are compared.

San Franciscans saw their city wiped out in a matter of days. The disaster gave birth to seismic science, shaping cities the world over.

But even today, historians and scientists work to separate facts from the folklore that envelopes the Great Quake like so much sentimental fog.

"From the Ferry to Van Ness, you're a God-forsaken mess, but you're the damndest finest ruins, nothing more or nothing less."

— Poem by San Francisco businessman Larry Harris, 1906.

Six years before the earthquake, San Francisco officials chose the design for a municipal flag. The dominant symbol was a phoenix, the mythical bird that rises from the ashes to live again. With its downtown destroyed, more than half its 400,000 residents homeless and personal fortunes in the balance, the city labored to live up to that image by rebuilding as quickly as possible.

"The strength and indefatigability of San Francisco — that to me is the most obvious aspect of the earthquake," said

California State Library curator Gary Kurutz. "Yes, it was a disaster, but people did see it with a sense of adventure, too."

Indeed, it can be humbling to realize how few of the landmarks visitors recognize in San Francisco in 2006 existed a century ago. From the Portals of the Past columns in Golden Gate Park — the salvaged entranceway from a flattened mansion — to the Coit Tower, erected to honor the firefighters its benefactress admired, the city is both a monument to and an outgrowth of 100-year-old events.

Chinatown, for instance, did not have its Far East-inspired appearance until after the earthquake. When the city tried to use the disaster as an excuse for driving out Chinese immigrants, a savvy Chinese businessman came up with the idea of using the ersatz architectural theme to turn Chinatown into a tourist draw.

The rebuilt City Hall (the old one, after two decades in the making, was reduced to a steel skeleton in 28 seconds) not only features the world's fifth-largest dome and stands taller than the U.S. Capitol, but has a shock-absorbing foundation that was installed in 1999 to protect it from the next earthquake.

Mission Bay, home to the Giants baseball stadium and one of the fastest-growing parts of the city today, is former marsh that became a landfill for the disaster debris.

But where some see a reason for civic pride, others recount an untold tragedy. In their rush to rebuild, San Francisco's elite did no better job planning for the future than they had before the earthquake, said

environmental historian Philip Fradkin, author of "How San Francisco Nearly Destroyed Itself." Thousands of acres of forest were raided for lumber and thousands of horses were worked to death to protect the city's reputation as "the Paris of the Pacific," he said.

"After 1906, San Francisco loses its dominance in the West. Industry fled, and what it became was a poor imitation of itself through tourism," said Fradkin. "It takes that image of being a gay, giddy city and trades on that image."

Charles Wollenberg, a history professor at Vista College in Berkeley, thinks a lot of the growth that happened elsewhere in California after the earthquake would have happened eventually anyway. Los Angeles, he notes, owes its development to the entertainment and aerospace industries. But the flow of terrified refugees who fled the burning city on ferries bound for Berkeley and Oakland hastened development in other earthquake-prone communities in the San Francisco Bay area.

"It sped things up and happened overnight in a sense," Wollenberg said.

"An enumeration of the buildings destroyed would be a directory of San Francisco. An enumeration of the buildings undestroyed would be a line and several addresses. An enumeration of the deeds of heroism would stock a library and bankrupt the Carnegie medal fund. An enumeration of the dead will never be made."

— Jack London, 1906.

here for the future," Hansen said, adding that the same could be said of people who move to earthquake country today without considering or preparing for the danger.

Another chapter in Great Quake history that continues to shift under the gaze of history deals with the decorum that reportedly reigned in the city in the days and months after the earthquake. Photographs from the period frequently show survivors smiling as they cooked meals on the street and children playing at pristine refugee camps.

Less known is that the Mayor Eugene Schmitz issued an order authorizing soldiers and vigilantes to shoot anyone suspected of looting, or that xenophobic policies directed at segregating Japanese immigrants got so bad that President Theodore Roosevelt intervened to prevent a diplomatic crisis.

"It's not that there weren't heroic things happening, but at the same time there were a lot of terrible things happening," Wollenberg said. "When a disaster of this magnitude occurs, you are going to find both the best and worst in people."

"I am forced to conclude that when the earth shocks become so severe as to cause vibrations far beyond the range of our ordinary experience, our senses fail in comprehension."

— Joseph Harper, engineer, 1908

Another legacy of 1906 is the wealth of scientific information it yielded about earthquakes. California's Gov. George Pardee appointed a team of geologists and astronomers to photograph the damage, map the San Andreas fault and learn what they could about the ground under Northern California. Their findings eventually would be the basis for the theory that earthquakes are caused when the earth's crust slips along a fault and lead to the ongoing monitoring of faults for seismic activity.

The report also showed that earthquake damage resulted both from how a building was constructed and the type of soil it stood on, a discovery that led to building codes that have since been refined by data from more subsequent quakes. Like almonds and raisins, an understanding of what it takes for a home or high-rise to withstand a minute of intense shaking is one of California's biggest exports.

"The pressure on the engineering community at that time was to prove they could design buildings that wouldn't be damaged by earthquakes," said Chris Poland, a structural engineer who is chairing a conference for 2,500 seismic safety professionals during this month's centennial week. "We are still doing that."

After 100 years, he said, they have it about right. Poland is confident that "everything built since the 1970s is going to perform in a safe manner" when the next big quake happens. What is less certain is the fate of the 70 percent of all structures built before then and never retrofitted because of the cost.

To Fradkin, it's no surprise that Californians tend to take an "ahistorical" view of earthquakes and fires. He expects the same to be true a century from now.

"Landscape shapes character. This is a landscape that moves, convulses and is constantly being reshaped over long periods of time," Fradkin said. "It's the same characteristics of the population."

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LOCAL



Preservationists worry suit could shelf project

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they are today, with core materials rising by double digits, if there were to be a significant delay that would have a major impact on available funds ... there isn't the option of going to another source, unless the city can come up with something."

Preservationists are hoping to rally supporters to attend Wednesday's Planning Commission meeting, when the project is expected to be discussed and approved.

"The biggest threat to the community realizing this dream of a public beach club are delays. The longer the project is delayed, the more costs go up," said Friends of 415 co-founder Joel Brand, past president of the Santa Monica Conservancy. Brand is circulating a petition in support of the beach club on the Friends' Web site.

"The money for this project represents the biggest gift to the community for public use ever in Santa Monica," said Brand, "and this is in jeopardy because of this small group of neighbors who are not satisfied with mitigation being made. These are things the public was willing to give up for them, and they're still not satisfied."

The 5.5-acre beachfront estate was built by William Randolph Hearst in the late 1920s for actress and mistress Marion Davies. It was designed by architect Julia Morgan, who created Hearst Castle in San Simeon. The estate had 100 rooms, guesthouses, tennis courts, an elaborately decorated swimming pool and dog kennel.

The property was sold in the 1940s to a private party and converted to a hotel and beach club. The state purchased the property in 1960. Under an agreement with the state, City Hall leased it to a private beach club — the Sand & Sea Club — and later operated it as a seasonal public beach facility.

Damaged in the 1994 Northridge earthquake, all structures except the beach cafe have been "red-tagged," or designated as unsafe to occupy.

Following an extensive community planning process, in 1999 the council approved a re-use plan that determined the site's potential as an important public resource. But the property sat vacant and dilapidated because there was no money available to renovate it — until it was announced last year that the Annenberg Foundation planned to contribute.

If approved as is, the beach club design would preserve and restore the original swimming pool, which was constructed of Italian marble tiles with inlaid designs. The north house also would be rehabilitated along with the interior design, including hand-painted bathroom tile, the marble fireplace, cabinets and a crystal chandelier.

New facilities would include an entry pavilion, an event house and pool house.

Palisades property owners said they are not opposed to a public beach club, but they are concerned with the one being proposed by City Hall.

Homeowners said redeveloping the estate, complete with a banquet hall, expanded pool house and other facilities, is not only a violation of Proposition S, which limits construc-

tion on the beach, but also would attract more traffic, creating the potential for deadly car accidents on an already dangerous stretch of PCH.

There have been several meetings between property owners, the Annenberg Foundation and city staff to see if a deal could be worked out. Most of the conditions set out by residents have been met, a lawyer representing the property owners said.

But negotiations have stalled because residents are seeking a legally-binding agreement that would force the City Council to operate the club in the same manner as when it was opened, meaning in lean budget years council members could not cut security staff or let the club fall into disrepair.

"It's really a simple manner," said William Delvac, an attorney at Latham and Watkins, who is representing the homeowners association. "We are seeking a binding agreement that any private developer would be willing to enter into. This is to be sure that the city will live up to the conditions set out, so in the future there will be no surprises.

"Litigation can be avoided," Delvac added. "All the city has to do is commit in writing."

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie has advised against any such agreement that would bind City Hall indefinitely. Generally speaking, Moutrie believes that local government should have flexibility in managing its properties.

Delvac said his clients also are prepared to sue if a traffic light is not installed on PCH at the entrance to the proposed beach club.

Chuck Levey, president of the Palisades Beach Road Property Owners Association, said he is concerned that without a street light, many people leaving the club will be killed, as he has seen several deadly accidents on PCH during the many years he has lived near there.

City Hall doesn't have the authority to construct a traffic light at that location. California's Department of Transportation, Caltrans, is the agency responsible.

A spokesman for Caltrans said city staff has submitted a request for the traffic signal, along with a study demonstrating need. The study was sent back to City Hall for clarification.

Barbara Stinchfield, director of community and cultural services at City Hall, said city staff is "working aggressively" on getting the traffic light installed.

If the Planning Commission approves the project, the design will go before the Landmarks Commission for review and then to the council for final approval.

There are plans to have the beach club open no later than January of 2009, but City Hall was granted an extension by Annenberg until September 2009 to offer some flexibility in case "unforeseen circumstances arise," Stinchfield said.

"The foundation has been so supportive in every sense of the word, indicated by a second round of funding offered just a few months ago," Stinchfield said. "I think they understand that doing something as visible and as public as this is not simple. We have dealt with frustration from neighbors before ... but because this is a highly visible project funded by a grant, it makes it more urgent to deliver."



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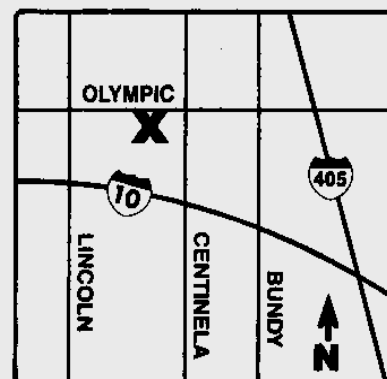
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DEAR DORIE

Bowled over by toddler's progress

Dear Dorie,

I've noticed my one-year old seems to be potty training on her own. Is this possible or just wishful thinking? She seems to really know when she's going to "go" and I can even take her to the potty without upsetment. Any thoughts?

— Lucky Duck

Dear Lucky,

Toilet learning (the politically correct verbage for potty training) is completely unique to each child. Having the ability to sense bodily functions and then respond to them in different environments is complicated stuff. Some children are ready early and some late, but there is no specific age that is "right."

There are some signs to look for that include some of what your daughter is already doing. Does she sense when she has to go or are you noticing the "potty dance?" If she's noticing, does she indicate that she wants help? Is she uncomfortable in a soiled or wet diaper (this could be a skin irritation issue versus interest in the potty)? Does she wake up from naps dry (an indication of developing bladder control)?

If you, as her first teacher, firmly believe she is ready for toilet-learning, progress slowly and gently with great assistance on the potty. Be fully prepared for complete regression to diapers but also support her with reassurance and patience. There are many children that toilet learn early, you just want it to be sure that she is ready and not that you are pushing. Good luck.

— Dorie

(Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. 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; fax (310) 452-6392).

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY LINDA MILO

Putting the fun back into abiding by the rules

Family rules are for everyone in the family. The rules you establish for your family's benefit are the single most important aspect of helping your child learn right from wrong. The purpose of family rules is established so that both parents and children have consistent guidelines that help each family member know what behavior is expected and what isn't expected. Family rules are there to encourage a sense of responsibility for each person's behavior and it also helps a family get along well with each other.

Family rules teach your child what is acceptable behavior and what is not. Family rules are important because everyone in the family has rights. They have the right to be listened to, to be treated with respect, to state their viewpoints, and to live in a world free from violence. Family rules help the family have equal rights and input into how the family operates.

Often parents believe children need rules, but they don't. Children quickly see the injustice when parents are able to do something, but the child gets punished for the same action. You'll hear children say, "that's not fair," or "how come you can do it, and I can't?" These are valid concerns because your child knows you can't explain away these injustices by just saying, "Because I said so." Parents who seek to control their child sometimes say, "Always do as you are told." This statement truly only reflects the parents' inadequacy and authoritarian feelings. Children then learn not to take responsibility for themselves, not to think for themselves, and often blame others for their mistakes and actions.

Infants are too young to understand family rules. But by the time your child is 2 years old, your child understands good from bad, can use words to express how he think and feels, and can contribute to establishing the rules. Two-year-olds also are capable of following family rules.

Here are five ways to establish rules for your family:

1. Everyone should participate. Gather your family around the kitchen table. Suggest to your family that since everyone lives under the same roof, they might as well have rules that apply to everyone.
2. Make a list of rules desired. Encourage each family member to share a list of behaviors they feel are a problem. Then talk freely about the issues your family should work on. No blaming or fault finding, just gather ideas to get started. Then on a large piece of paper, create a list of rules for the behaviors you would like to see, instead of the behaviors that now exist. The written list should have two columns:

"What to do" and "What not to do."

3. Keep the rules simple and very specific. For example, "no running in the house" is too vague because what if there's a fire — certainly everyone should run out of the house. Instead be very specific by stating this rule: "No playing (football, kickball, baseball) in the house. Play (football, kickball, baseball) in the yard." Now you've stated what not to do and what to do. For every "what not to do," there has to be a "what to do." If your child is always shouting throughout the house, the rule should be, "no yelling and screaming. Speak more quietly. Allow your child to yell and shout in his own room with the door closed." This will help your child get out his frustrations, without harming another family member. This is the way to substitute what has been going on, with what you really want to go on inside your home.

4. Create a consequence and reward for each rule. Rules are best kept when there is a consequence attached to the action. When your child chooses to misbehave, then there should be some form of discipline to follow. When your child works at correcting his behavior, then a satisfying reward should be given. The rules can only have meaning when your family understands that discipline and rewards are what makes the rules more meaningful.

5. Limit family rules to five rules to start. Five rules is a very good place to start. This short list of rules will help your child remember the rules and practice them daily.

After your family starts to pay attention to the family rules set up and you notice that the behavior is no longer a problem, drop the rule and add new rules. Gather your family around the kitchen table and have a "rule dropping" party. Tell your family members that even though a rule is being dropped, it doesn't mean the rule is no longer important. It just means that the rule is not needed anymore because the behavior is no longer a family problem. Whenever a new problem behavior appears, have another family meeting and start from family rules No. 1 above. In a very short time your family will share a deeper bond of understanding and hopefully, will realize that having family rules actually benefits each family member.

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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.

BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. An advanced 10-week parent education course. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPInAction.org.

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 workout 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. On break, check back for next session dates.

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.

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.

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!

Storytelling

Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621

Current session thru April 13 for: **Story Time for Twos** – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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. On break, check back for next session dates.

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.

BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. An advanced 10-week parent education course. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPInAction.org.

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 Place, 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.child-splayonline.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 452-3881 for 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. **Stroller Strides Fitness Class** – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

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.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.

Other

AND AWAAAAAY WE GO at The Santa Monica Playhouse Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m., \$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. 1211 4th St, 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

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Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m., \$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

Magycopolis – 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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"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.faeryhunt.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 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

Magycopolis – 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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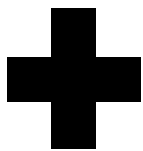
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INTERNATIONAL

Ex-president to answer to charges of war crimes

MICHELLE FAUL

Associated Press Writer

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Nigerian security forces encouraged former Liberian President Charles Taylor to flee and helped him get to the Cameroon border before the same agents turned around and arrested him in a double-cross, his spiritual adviser said.

Meanwhile, Taylor's family accused an international war tribunal of denying him access to lawyers he requested and trying to foist on him court-appointed defenders.

Taylor, the first former African president to be charged with crimes against humanity, is to appear Monday before the tribunal to face 11 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity, including sexual slavery and mutilation. Liberian lawyers hoping to represent him said they will argue for the case to be dismissed.

Many were suspicious when Nigeria's government announced Taylor's disappearance last week, just days after Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo reluctantly agreed to hand him over from the exile haven he had been offered under an internationally brokered peace agreement ending Liberia's 14-year civil war.

Taylor's spiritual adviser, the Indian evangelist Kilari Anand Paul, said Taylor told him in a phone call from jail on Saturday that State Security Service agents came with two vehicles to his villa in southeastern Nigeria the night of March 28.

Taylor said they escorted him north, then released him "in the middle of nowhere," according to Paul, who spoke from his home in Houston. "He said, 'Where are you guys going?' And they said they received instructions to leave him and they left."

Before Taylor could cross into Cameroon, the agents who had freed him "turned up and arrested him ... they had guns and told him to surrender himself," said Paul, who met Taylor in 2003 and says he helped broker Taylor's exile to Nigeria.

Nigeria again denied the allegation. "The story is a far-fetched figment of his jaundiced imagination," a spokesman for the Nigerian leader, Femi Fani-Kayode, told The AP. "He must have been reading too many James Bond novels."

For two days, Nigeria had resisted calls from the United States, human rights organizations and others to arrest Taylor to ensure that he would stand trial. He was arrested Wednesday in northern Nigeria and taken to the war tribunal in Sierra Leone, established to try those seen

as bearing greatest responsibility for atrocities during Sierra Leone's 1991-2002 civil war.

Principal court defender Vincent Nmehielle said he had received calls from lawyers from all over the world wanting to represent Taylor and that the indicted Liberian warlord had told him he wanted time to get together a top-notch team and was happy to be represented by Nmehielle at Monday's hearing, where he will be formally charged and asked to enter a plea.

Nmehielle said Taylor had asked his office to contact two lawyers he was interested in joining his defense team: Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz and British lawyer Karim Khan, who represented Taylor when he challenged the jurisdiction of the war tribunal in 2003.

Louise Edna Taylor-Carter, Taylor's eldest sister, said the former Liberian leader's family brought lawyers with them when they arrived in Freetown on Friday. But she said the lawyers — from Liberia and Ghana — had been forced to leave the court compound and she did not believe Taylor could get a fair trial under the circumstances.

She said the six family members in Sierra Leone had also been denied access to him.

"What I am saying is that he is in a hostile environment and that he will never get a free trial here where we are being denied access to him," she said.

Nmehielle said the family had to go through security and other checks that could not be done over the weekend, and that Taylor had told him he did not want to see other lawyers.

At the war crimes tribunal, Taylor is accused of backing Sierra Leonean rebels notorious for maiming civilians by chopping off their arms, legs, ears and lips. In return for supporting them, he allegedly got a share of Sierra Leone's diamond wealth he used to fund his ambitions in Liberia.

The leader of Taylor's defense team, Francis Garlawulo, said Taylor was president when he was indicted in 2003 and argued the U.N.-backed court had no jurisdiction over Liberia or its head of state. The court's appeals chamber rejected a similar argument made by a lawyer for Taylor after the indictment was filed.

Garlawulo also questioned whether Taylor could receive a fair trial given intense publicity surrounding the case, saying in recent days images of Sierra Leoneans maimed by rebel fighters have dominated the world's television screens.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Cruise couches on wedding plans

By the Associated Press

BERLIN — Tom Cruise has told Germany’s leading tabloid that he and Katie Holmes want to tie the knot this summer, after the birth of their baby and the release of his new movie, “Mission: Impossible III.”

Cruise was in the country to promote the film on the popular “Wetten Dass ... (I’ll Bet ...)” TV show. He said on the show Saturday that two pilots were at the ready to fly him home should Holmes go into labor.

“If Katie calls, I’m gone,” the 43-year-old actor said.

Holmes, 27, is in the final stages of her pregnancy with the couple’s first child.

Cruise confirmed to Bild in Monday’s editions that he and Holmes plan to wed in the coming months. They have been engaged since June.

“First the baby, then the film,” he was quoted as saying. “Then, in summer, we want to get married. I won’t let this woman get away.”

“Mission: Impossible III” will be released May 5.

NEW YORK — Jerry Lewis’ next acting gig is no laughing matter.

This fall, the 80-year-old comedian will play the homeless uncle of Richard Belzer’s police Detective John Munch in a guest spot on “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit,” an NBC spokeswoman said Monday.

In the episode titled, “Uncle,” detectives find Lewis’ character living on the street and arrest him as a suspect in a murder case.

Lewis took a dramatic detour in 1983 as a talk-show host kidnapped by an aspiring comic, played by Robert De Niro, in Martin Scorsese’s “The King of Comedy.”

Belzer will lead a Friars Club celebrity roast of Lewis in New York on June 9.

NEW YORK — The Material Girl/Mom will embark on a world tour this summer.

Madonna will open the “Confessions Tour” in Los Angeles on May 21, work eastward through North America and jump to Europe on July 30 in Cardiff, Wales, it was announced Monday.

“I’m going to turn the world into one big dance floor,” the 47-year-old singer said in a statement.

It is Madonna’s first tour since the 2004 “Re-Invention Tour.” She will be supporting her 2005 album, “Confessions on a Dance Floor.”

Other stops include Las Vegas, Phoenix, Chicago, Montreal, New York, Boston,

Philadelphia, Miami and Atlantic City, N.J.

European destinations include London, Rome and Paris. The tour will also extend to Japan, featuring concerts in Tokyo and Osaka. More dates are expected to be added.

As previously announced, Madonna will make her first festival performance at the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival in Indio, Calif., on April 30.

BEIJING — Mike Tyson said he felt insignificant standing near the preserved body of Mao Zedong during a visit to the deceased leader’s mausoleum.

Tyson, 39, is a longtime admirer of Mao, who founded China’s communist government in 1949. He has Mao’s likeness tattooed on his right arm.

“Standing in front of Chairman Mao’s remains, I felt really insignificant,” the heavy-weight boxer told reporters Saturday during a 15-minute visit, the Beijing Times reported. “To have the chance to visit the memorial hall is a great honor for me.”

Mao died in 1976. His preserved body has been on display in a glass case on Tiananmen Square, allowing visitors to pay their respects.

During the brief visit, Tyson bought three books on Mao, the newspaper said. He rolled down the window and yelled out “I love you” to Chinese crowds on the square as he drove away.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Russell Crowe is under a cloud of suspicion in his country of birth for allegedly smoking while performing with his new band.

Crowe allegedly lit up during concerts in New Zealand — a move that would have breached the country’s Smoke-free Environments Amendment Act, which bans smoking in bars, restaurants and casinos and all other indoor public venues.

The 41-year-old actor and his new band, The Ordinary Fear of God, had been on a three-concert tour of the country.

He did smoke during his first concert at Leigh on North Island, his New Zealand promoter, Brett Eccles, said Monday.

“I saw him smoking at Leigh, but it was very discreet,” Eccles told The Associated Press. He added that he was unaware of whether Crowe had been told smoking onstage was illegal in New Zealand.

Crowe will not face any legal action for the breach since prosecutions are directed against venue proprietors, who each could face fines of several thousand dollars.

As for his music, the Oscar winner wasn’t

completely welcomed back with open arms. Dominion Post reviewer Simon Sweetman wrote that he found Crowe “an OK singer” but a “stunningly average” performer who should stick to his more successful day job, acting.

NEW YORK — Rebecca Romijn is settling down with her fiance Jerry O’Connell in an old brothel.

“It’s called Wagon Wheel Ranch,” the star of the WB’s “Pepper Dennis” told Time for its issue on newsstands Monday. “Jerry was quite a bachelor when we met. There was nowhere to put your cocktail down in his place. Just the pingpong table.”

O’Connell, who stars on NBC’s “Crossing Jordan,” and Romijn share a 1930s home north of Los Angeles. He put in 800 grapevines last year, and the couple plan to produce their own cabernet, Romijn told the magazine.

The 33-year-old actress, who plays a news reporter on “Pepper Dennis,” offered little news on their wedding plans, other than to say it’s “definitely” going to be this year.

Romijn, who split from John Stamos in 2004, also stars in the upcoming film “X-Men: The Last Stand.”

NEW YORK — In a contest among Liza Minnelli, Cher and Barbra Streisand to determine who’s the No. 1 gay icon, Cher would win — or so Minnelli says.

“I think probably Barbra and maybe even Cher and myself in school felt like outcasts because we didn’t have standard looks,” Minnelli told Newsweek for its issue on newsstands Monday.

“Maybe what a gay icon is, is a person who is rooted for — in other words, cheered on — by people who feel different,” the 60-year-old Minnelli said as her 1972 concert “Liza With a Z” aired on Showtime and comes out this week on DVD.

But being a gay icon doesn’t necessarily mean “gaydar” comes with the turf. She says she didn’t find out until two weeks after she married her first husband, Peter Allen, that he was gay.

“Honey, I was 17 when I met him,” Minnelli told Newsweek. “But I was the last one to see him before he died because we stayed friends, and that was tough.”

She may be a legend, but Minnelli said she mingles with all the classes.

“One of my best friends is a taxi driver; another is a maintenance man,” she said. “I go everywhere. People are wonderful. They say hi and I say hi, and we keep going. That’s New York.”

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MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES FOR TUESDAY, 04 2006

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Capote
7:00pm 9:45pm
The Hills Have Eyes
2:45pm 5:25pm 8pm 10:30pm
Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector
1:30pm 4:05pm

ATL
2:15pm 5pm 7:40pm 10:15pm
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1:45pm 4:30pm 7:15pm 10pm

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She’s the Man
11:40am 2:10pm 4:40pm 7:20 pm
9:50pm
V for Vendetta
1:20pm 4:20pm 7:30pm 9:20pm
10:20pm
Ice Age: The Meltdown
11am 11:30am 12:10am 1pm 1:50pm
2:30pm 3:20pm 4:10pm 4:50pm
5:40pm 6:30pm 7:10pm 7:50pm
8:50pm 10pm
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12:20pm 2:50pm 5:10pm 7:40pm
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11:45am 2:10pm 4:40pm 7:20pm
10:10pm
Failure to Launch
12:05pm 2:30pm 5:00pm 10:10pm
The Shaggy Dog
11:40am 1:55pm 4:20pm 7pm 9:25pm
Inside Man
11am 12:45pm 1:35pm 3:45pm 4:30pm
7:00pm 7:40pm 10:00pm 10:45pm
Stay Alive
12:20pm 2:20pm 4:50pm 7:10pm
9:30pm
Transamerica
7:05pm 9:40pm
The Pink Panther
2pm 4:45pm

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The Devil and Daniel Johnston
1:40pm 4:20pm 7pm 9:55pm
Lonesome Jim
1pm 3:15pm 5:30pm 7:45pm 10:15pm
Marilyn Hotchkiss’ Ballroom Dancing & Charm School
1:20pm 4:10pm 7:10pm 9:45pm
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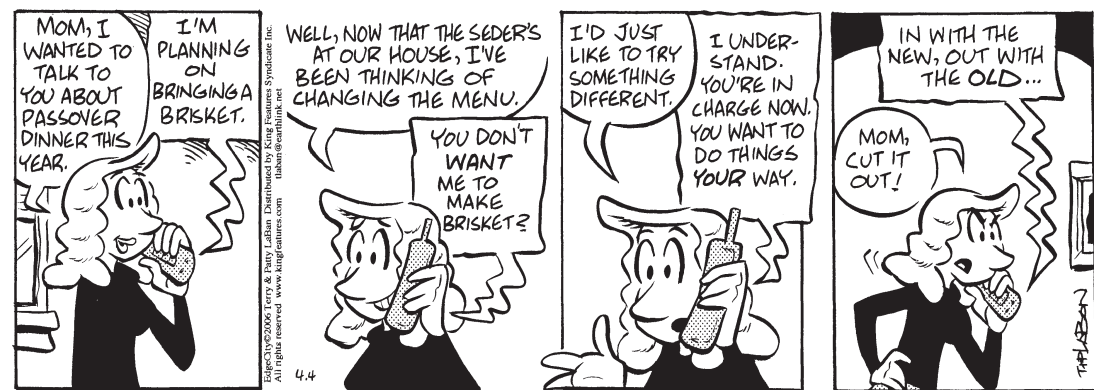


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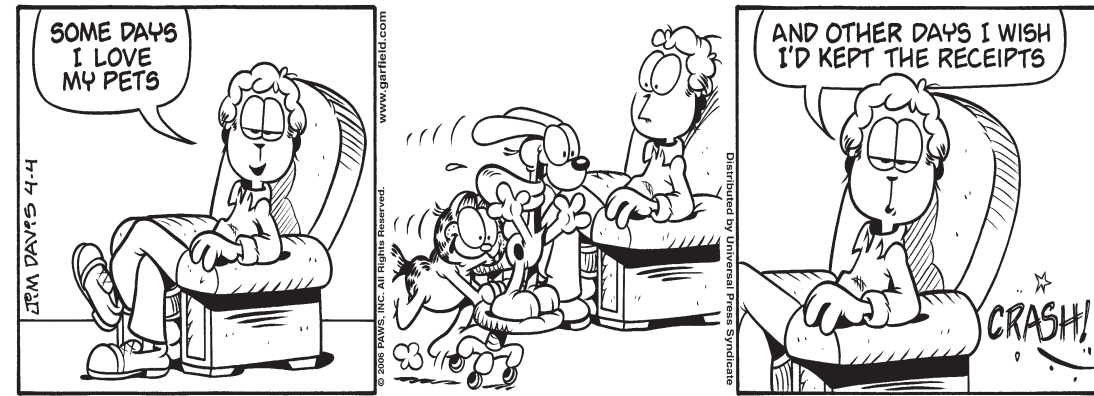
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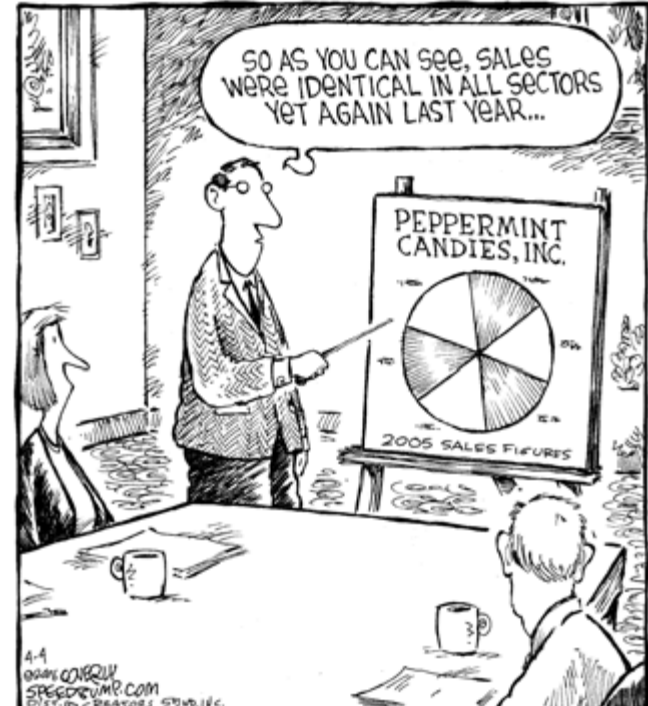
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