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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ In March, a 62-year-old man was ejected from the Spring Haven Retirement Community (Winter Haven, Fla.) after he punched one resident (age 86) and bit another (age 78) in a brawl over his apparent habit of foraging at the communal salad bar for his favorite kind of lettuce. (His 80-year-old mother, also a resident, conceded that "it did appear that he was playing with the food.")

■ And in February in Tamarac, Fla., the family of a 74-year-old man who died in 2002 after being sucker-punched by a 69-year-old man in a theater-line fight, filed a lawsuit against the movie house for not providing security, claiming there had been several other theater-line altercations between seniors.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Do not fear mistakes. There are none."

— Miles Davis



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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

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David Smith: Living life simple in Santa Monica

Community profiles is a weekly series that appears each Monday and delves into the people who live, work and play in Santa Monica.

Street performer in the upper crust of street life



BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

PROMENADE

When David Smith goes home after playing a two-hour set on the Third Street Promenade, he pulls his Ford van into a familiar spot off of Lincoln Boulevard and kills the engine.

"I don't want to get specific, but there's a bar and a crack motel — I park there," said Smith, 39, in an interview last week. "I figure I'm the least of the cops' problems."

Smith referred to him-



Street performer David Smith's office is the Third Street Promenade. His home is his van.

self as "upper echelon" homeless — crediting the van he shares with three guitars, a PA system, a futon and some other personal odds and ends. He's been in Santa Monica since September of 2000 and plays four to six sets on the Promenade each week.

He moved here with his brother Chris, 41, after his marriage went south and his daughter chose to live with his ex-wife. Chris, also a guitarist and singer, left Santa Monica last fall, and Smith now plays solo.

But that hasn't dampened his enthusiasm. Bankrolled partly by a local reverend and by a woman who asked him to

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Man's lawsuit against City Hall dismissed

Beverly Hills man may no longer enjoy his rent-controlled beach apartment

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE

— A Santa Monica judge tossed out a lawsuit levied by real estate investor Robert Bisno, who sued City Hall for allowing his landlord to raise the rent on his rent-controlled beachfront apartment.

Bisno, a Beverly Hills homeowner, claimed class discrimination in the lawsuit. He sought to overturn a year-old law that allows landlords to charge market rates on rent-controlled units used as vacation homes, or office and storage space. Bisno pays \$1,094 for a penthouse in the Shores Apartments on Santa Monica Beach that could command as much as \$5,000 on the open market.

The ruling by Santa Monica Superior Court Judge James Bascue follows a 10-month dispute that prompted the Santa Monica Rent Control Board to redraft Regulation 3304, which was passed in March of 2003. Now, officials set the higher rent levels — not landlords. Before, it was up to landlords to choose rent levels for part-time tenants, something Bisno argued was unconstitutional.

Doris Ganga, an attorney for the rent control board, said the ruling affirms the strength of Reg. 3304, which was passed under lobbying

pressure from landlords.

"We vigorously defend our own regulations. When we pass something, we don't do it frivolously," said Ganga, who now must draft a judgment for Bascue to sign. "Frankly, we get sued a whole lot more often by landlords than we do by tenants."

Tenants initially feared the law would be an invasion of privacy because it encourages landlords to keep tabs on their comings and goings, even rifle through their refrigerators and mailboxes looking for signs that tenants are using the units part-time. Those fears dissipated when Reg. 3304 case filings dropped off after the first few

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Tourist survey disses LA

BY JAMIE WETHERBE

Special to the Daily Press

LOS ANGELES

— Los Angeles is far from the "City of Angels" moniker used to describe the second largest city in the country, according to tourists.

In fact, they think the locals here are downright rude.

Nearly half a million people ranked LA out of 25 U.S. cities as the least friendly place to visit — behind New York, Miami and Washington, D.C., according to an online survey released this month.

"I'm not surprised," said Yossi Langer, the

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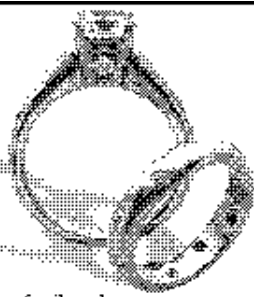
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might need to focus just to get out the door. If there is a possibility of taking the day off, do so. Emphasize your personal life more. Sometimes you need an extra touch of grounding. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Consider that you might be worrying a bit too much. Know when you are going overboard. Understand that a lot of what is going on could be very different if you change your perspective. Why not? Try it. Tonight: Join up with a pal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Expenses could be extravagant and inappropriate. Consider your long-term goals and act accordingly. A budget might leave a bad taste in your mouth, but it might be exactly what the doctor ordered. Apply this thought at work, too. Tonight: Do it: Pay bills; deal with finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your smile wins over a nervous boss or authority figure. You feel much more in sync as a result. Also, don't worry so much about pleasing others. Be your own person. Live life for yourself, not in reaction to the outside. Tonight: For you, please.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ Evaluate disturbing news. Your perspective could transform in another environment. Take a walk or, if need be, take off from work. Develop a sense of detachment, and you'll gain. Your understanding carries you far. Tonight: Renew and recharge those batteries.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Fussing will get you nowhere, especially with a partner or associate who controls the purse strings. Know when to call a spade a spade. Assume greater responsibility in your life choices and direction. Take control of the helm. Tonight: Slow down. Chat with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Think through a decision that involves a friend or someone in charge. Is there a possibility that you aren't getting the whole story? Your ability to accept leadership and responsibility emerges. Tonight: Work late if need be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Sometimes others miss details that could have you racing to fill in the gaps or redo a project. Although you could be annoyed, fussing will not help. Aim for the end results; detach from the emotional scenario. Tonight: Relax your mind. Listen to music. Eat a favorite cuisine. Hop on the computer. It's your call.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Deal with others. You might not be giving or getting the right message in a budding relationship or with a child. Clear out any confusion by sitting down and having a face-to-face chat. Tonight: Closeness is the name of the game.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ When you wake up you might not be sure what to do concerning a personal matter. As the day progresses, solutions evolve. A lot gets tossed on your plate — problems, people and calls. Tackle as much as you can. Tonight: Out the door. Be with people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ What you think you heard could be incorrect, whether it is the information or the way it was communicated. Sift through your work, messages and plans with this concept in mind. You gather a greater perspective as the day continues. Tonight: Choose to relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ How you visualize a change could be very different from how others do. You might be off with costs; check out your figures and start compiling a list. Make sure you have all the facts and not just imagination. Tonight: Romp as if it were Friday.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC kicks up its heels

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College's Synapse Dance Theater will present an eclectic program of modern dance, jazz, hip-hop, performance art, video and mixed media. The event will be held at 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, at the SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd.

The program will showcase choreography by SMC dance professors, guest artists and students.

The theater is under the artistic direction of SMC dance professor Linda Gold, who has created a video for the program that reflects the dancers' production process. Gold is a dancer and choreographer who has toured throughout the world and won critical praise from such publications as The New York Times.

Pieces also have been choreographed by adjunct dance professors Damien Davis and Loretta McCray.

Davis has had experience as a dancer, choreographer and teacher, and has several television commercials among his choreography credits.

McCray's career has taken her throughout the world as a singer, dancer, choreographer, educator and lecturer.

Guest choreographer, Kindra Windish, based in New York, currently dances with Douglas Dunn and Catherine Solaas. An SMC alumna, she recently performed in the SMC production of "String Theory," a modern dance concert accompanied by an original arrangement of jazz music.

The student choreographers are Faye Lim, Zorami Samuelson, Alexander Rice, Tatiana Johnson, Jeremy Hale and Stephan.com.

Synapse, SMC's contemporary dance ensemble, performs regularly at SMC and throughout the Southwest. Past performances have been at the American College Dance Festival in New Mexico, Cast Theater in Hollywood and Electric Lodge in Venice. Synapse also tours schools throughout the Los Angeles area and is participating in the Los Angeles Junior College Dance Consortium.

Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 students and senior citizens. For tickets, call (310) 434-3000.

City doles out the green for green building

By Daily Press staff

City Hall is launching a two-part grant program to promote green building in the private sector.

Green buildings are healthier, more energy efficient, and easier on the environment than standard buildings, officials said. City Hall's goal is to have every building in the city incorporate those qualities.

The first grant under the program promotes the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification by offering financial incentives for new private sector buildings that are built using the LEED standard. Grant amounts are based on the level of certification attained under the standard.

All new construction and major renovation in commercial, affordable housing, mixed use, and multi-family residential that register for LEED certification are eligible to apply.

In the interest of promoting the adoption of new technologies designed to reduce the environmental impact of buildings, City Hall also will be offering innovative technology grants for both energy-efficient systems and urban-runoff mitigation measures. The grants will cover 50 percent of the cost of eligible systems up to a maximum of \$5,000. Innovative technology grants are available for all building types, including commercial, affordable housing, mixed use, and single- and multi-family residential in both new and retrofit applications.

For more information about program eligibility and details about the grant programs, go to <http://greenbuildings.santa-monica.org/mainpages/whatsnew.htm>. For more information about U.S. Green Building Council or LEED, go to www.usgbc.org.



On Monday look for a mix of building SW swell and small NW wind/ground swell. The good summer breaks will be seen in the morning. A larger SW swell will be on the rise by the afternoon with overhead sets at top spots and building more on Tuesday and into Wednesday. Winds will be light and variable in the morning and will build out of the W to WNW through the afternoon.

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MONDAY	11:34	-0.4	11:30	2.7	3:36	4.8	6:55	3.8
TUESDAY	NA	NA	12:33	-0.5	5:11	4.8	7:27	4.2
WEDNESDAY	12:41	2.1	1:18	-0.5	6:24	4.9	7:56	4.6
THURSDAY	1:32	1.4	1:55	-0.4	7:21	5.0	8:22	4.9
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The Q-Line

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So this week, Q-Line wants to know,

"If we have another terrorist attack, will it change your view on the politics of Washington and possibly change your vote in the presidential elections?"

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OPINION

LETTERS

Homeless come first in Santa Monica

Editor:

I'm truly at a loss to explain some of the ridiculous comments made by two of Santa Monica's elected officials who attempt to justify the city's pathetic and continued persecution of small business owners over their business signs (SMDP, April 22, page 4).

First, you quote councilman Herb Katz, who tells us that the city "can't take on bigger issues," that is, the homeless problem, "without solving the smaller ones first," like these awful business signs. Then, incredibly, this guy goes on to blame businesses and Santa Monica's citizens for not doing anything about the homeless problem. No wonder this city is in such a mess.

The article then quotes another councilman, Kevin McKeown, who prattles on about how an "attractive, uncluttered environment is good for business." I guess that he means an environment that doesn't permit businesses to advertise with signs.

But I, and I'm sure I'm not alone here, have a strong suggestion for McKeown. It's not the removal of innocuous signs that will create a good environment for businesses and will otherwise improve the quality of life for us and our families in this city. No. Getting rid of the unattractive clutter like the homeless and the piles of feces and puddles of urine this city enables them to deposit on our streets and in our parks will make a better environment for businesses and our families to work and live in.

Councilmen Katz and McKeown seem to never have met a program they don't like that enables the homeless to continue their anti-social behavior. They are the reason why we have so many homeless in our parks and on our streets, which constantly reek from the stench of urine and feces deposited by the homeless these misguided politicians so warmly enable.

God forbid if you are a business operator or a citizen who makes a positive contribution to this community, because responsible people like us are the easy targets for the foolish policies wrought by our City Council.

Only councilman Bob Holbrook tells us like it is when he says the City Council doesn't care about the business community.

But I, and I know I'm not alone here, would take that a step further. By taking a look at our streets, parks and beaches this City Council doesn't care about Santa Monica's residents either, unless of course they are the homeless residents of Santa Monica.

KATHERINE MARIE ANDERSON
Santa Monica

The fetus in his own right

Editor:

This is a reply to the commentary by Glenn Woiceshyn (SMDP, April 14, page 4).

First: It has been stated by doctors that partial birth abortion is never medically necessary for the health of the mother. The writer stated that malformed babies can be killed that way. Hitler would have approved that statement, since he wanted a master race with no imperfect people in it. There are many disabled people in the world which gives us a chance to reach out in love and caring. The world is better because of this.

The writer says a woman has a right to her own body. Fine, but if she is carrying an unborn child, that is a separate body, with separate heart and organs, which develop until birth, even a different blood type. He never refers to an unborn as a child, only using the medical term "fetus," even a biological parasite. Our nation is concerned with terror. Abortion is the ultimate act of terror to a helpless innocent child. The child has rights which cannot be ignored. Our nation is founded on the rights of all people, born and unborn.

KATHERINE DAUGHERTY
Santa Monica

Although boring, home is still where the heart is



On day two of this year's Easter visit home, as I was giving my boyfriend a driving tour of my hometown, pointing out the pretty, clean tidy homes, beautiful mountains, my grand old high school, making note of how the downtown's really becoming more interesting, I began to hear swelling pride and joy in my voice.

He heard it too, and asked me, "Do you want to move back here?"

At age 18 we leave home because home is boring. It's known, it's calm, it's safe, it's settled. We leave to unsettle ourselves, to shake up that safety. I think that's a good thing. No matter where you grow up, be it Minnesota or Manhattan, you should leave the place you're from if you can. You must leave it, to give yourself room to see your shape outside the place and people that helped shape you.

So, compulsively, we move away.

But even so, we love the place we're from. Easterners love the East, Westerners love the West. Small towns beckon to those who grew up in them, desert sand softens children of that dry heat, and mountains soothe those who were young in their shadow.

No one place is better than another. Home has its own spell on each of us.

And as far as moving back, I never thought I'd want to and was always quick to say I wouldn't. But when I was asked that question this time, I paused. Home. I missed it, I loved it. And after spending so many years rejecting it, it seems that although I might not have moved back, I've welcomed it back.

So I have to ask, is it the place I welcomed back, or do I crave the feeling of peace it provides?

For a friend of mine, it was the latter. She also never thought she'd move back,

had rejected it as wholly and fully as I had, moved when she was 18 and never checked the rearview. But last year, when she and her 3-week-old son left his cheating father, she came home.

Why? Because she was in trouble? Because she needed help? Maybe, but maybe it also just made sense. It's where her mom and dad and aunt and cousins are. It's familiar, it's beautiful, it's safe. And she has another friend who just had a baby, and they'll be able to raise them together.

Her choice was pretty clear: life in chaos, must raise small child, time to go home. It's so strange, but the truth is, I sort of envy her that clarity.

For the rest of us, the choice to return to peace isn't quite so clear.

We grow up thinking we need to conquer the world, be so many things both big and bigger, do it all and see it all, and we push ourselves. Keep moving, keep going, keep finding. Do it all.

But having it all is not possible, and it's not life's purpose — it can't be, that'd be too depressing.

For my friend, her purpose is to make life simple so she can raise her kid.

We think that what's simple or comforting is just easier, or a cop out. Even failure.

But really, life's hard and sometimes the seemingly "easier" road isn't easier at all (do you think she'll have it "easy" even now?). The "easy" road home might just be more sensible.

You want peace, find peace.

It's OK.

"Do you want to move back here?" my boyfriend asked. And my gut says, "maybe," even while I'm listing all the things I love about our life together elsewhere.

Everything in its time, for a reason, I think.

I had to leave home in order to know I love it. It's where I'm from. It's a part of me even still, maybe even more than ever.

But until I make it back (and maybe I never will ...) I hold onto it.

Home is settled, but home settles inside.

(Caroline Bodkin is from Salt Lake City but lives in LA ... for now ... like we all pretend to. You can e-mail her at hip-tobesquarebybodkin@yahoo.com).

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Tenant's case to go before Rent Control Board

months

To date, City Hall has received 121 cases from landlords. Of those, 31 was dismissed because they failed to establish a case against the tenants and another 17 were granted automatically because the tenant didn't object.

– **DORIS GANGA**
Attorney, Rent Control Board

Of those that have gone before a hearing officer, 28 were granted and 15 were denied. Another 15 were withdrawn, presumably because the tenant moved out or

Bisno couldn't be reached for comment. While he is appealing the administrative officer's ruling, it's unknown whether he will appeal Judge Bascue's ruling.

City survey results out this month

"While we're a part of LA, we're

"I think (Santa Monica) is pretty friendly," said a first-time visitor

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help her write a song about her son who committed suicide, Smith recently finished producing a 10-track CD called "Wounded Bird" for just \$950.

"If it wasn't for them, this never would have worked," he said.

The veteran musician said playing on the Promenade can be difficult, but he's hoping his new CD will help land him in front of a music executive and things will take off from there. There's talk among street performers about making it big — one reportedly was picked up for a European tour, another was recently spotted by an industry scout.

"I'm just grateful that I have this place," Smith said. "I don't have to deal with bar managers, mailing lists, booking agents, all the business. I just show up, and I play. It's saved my life in a lot of ways. I'm really grateful I have this. I mean, I want more, but I'm grateful for it. And I feel like I'm part of the community, even though I live in a van."

Here, the Daily Press sat down with Smith and asked him how he's made it work for four years on the streets of Santa Monica.

What kind of music do you play?
"I would say folk, rock, blues with a jazz mentality — if I can squeeze them all in there ... My favorite songwriter is Jackson Browne. He's the man. He's my professor. But I also love Hendrix. I was born in the '60s and raised in the '70s, so all that stuff."

Why live in a van?
"Cause I don't make enough money off music to support an apartment or anything else — and I don't want to do anything else. I don't make a lot of money. Some of these guys make \$100, \$200 a night. Hell, \$100, \$200 a set."

How much do you make?
"Twenty bucks. That's for a two-hour set, and I could do another set and make \$5 or \$20, but the voice can't take it. I tend not to hold back. I live every note ... That's an average. The other night I did a \$20 set, and then a guy walked up at the end and bought eight (\$10) CDs. Another night I'll make \$5."

Is it enough to get by?
"Barely. I am just squeaking by. When I first came out I had savings ... Now I'm down to the last 200 bucks, literally. You know there are so many food programs. Santa Monica is great that way — it really helps out ... I keep the tank full, my belly full, and I manage to get drunk enough."

You mentioned the food programs — what about showers, other services?
"There are public showers. There are a couple of different places to go. We go to Memorial Park. It's good. I've had a lot of people pulling for me."

"At the park I go to, the maintenance guys are always pulling for me. Then there's an old guy, every time he sees me he shakes his head at me. There are people that think I'm getting away with something, the life I'm living. They seem to think that it questions the way they're living. I think it's a defensiveness ..."

"In another life I'd like to raise a family. I'd like to see my daughter right now. I had to give up a lot. It's hard. What it comes down to is I'm not great at a lot of things, but when it comes to writing a song and singing it, I think I'm as good as anyone who's ever done it ..."

"There are a lot of people that would disagree. There are a lot of people that wouldn't even consider the question."

How did you wind up on the Promenade?
"When we first got here I had some savings, (but) I didn't have a plan. I'm sure I had some dramatic plan of busting down some record execs' doors and saying, 'Here, look at me,' but I just came. I was desperate."

"My friend Steve Goodie, he's got a studio out here ... he told me about the Promenade. He said, 'You might want to try this to make money.'"

"Industry towns, like Nashville, there aren't a lot of paying gigs, 'cause everyone's willing to play for free."

Origins of Smith

David Smith, 39, is the youngest of six kids born to a high school English teacher and homemaker who later returned to school to earn a master's degree in counseling.

Raised: On the northwest side of downtown Chicago.

Residence: A 1990 extended Ford van. About the move from Chicago, Smith said: "I know if I have a van — I know the weather in California — I can live in it. I don't need a day job. I got tired of working 40-50 hours a week for somebody I hated."

Family: Divorced with one daughter. Aubrey, 15, lives with her mother in Chicago.

Education: Smith quit high school to pursue music.

Background: After spending a few years working in a warehouse, Smith spent seven years playing bars and clubs in Chicago. He moved to Nashville for five years to write songs before heading back to Chicago after his divorce. He moved to Santa Monica in September of 2000.

Hobbies: Writing, reading, basketball.

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Vegas strippers turn to 'house moms' for support

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LAS VEGAS — Clad only in a pair of bikini bottoms and a lobster-red sunburn, a stripper at Sapphire Gentleman's Club turns to the one person allowed to touch her at work.

"Mom, can you put some lotion on my back?" she asks sheepishly.

Marcy Perez — the club's official "house mom" — has just the remedy. She uncaps some aloe vera gel and massages it into the girl's back.

"There's somebody that always needs something," says Perez, a cheerful 46-year-old woman who is dwarfed by the girls in their eight-inch heels.

At a number of strip clubs across the country, house moms do more than just help the performers get ready for the next shift. They listen when the girls need to vent and console when a customer gets abusive. They are part coach, part guidance counselor and very much a surrogate mother.

"They're good for everything," says Vye, a 26-year-old stripper from Las Vegas. "They're better than a real mom."

For many of these young women, a stripper's world is one of stigma and isolation. Many refuse to tell their loved ones how they earn a living. Instead, they pass themselves off as cocktail waitresses or bartenders.

"There are a lot of parents that would disown their daughter if they knew they were strippers," said Charlotte Andrews, a longtime house mom at Club Paradise.

For many, family consists of other strippers and the women paid to care for them.

"That's why they come to us," Perez said. "You're the only one who knows the real them."

On a recent night, Andrews busied herself backstage at Club Paradise, helping one stripper hide her tattoo with makeup and talking to another about an upcoming baby shower.

"They know they can talk to us about

anything, where they can't talk to their own families," said Andrews, 58.

At Sapphire, Perez provides everything a stripper might need for the night. Bins filled with hair products, makeup and bite-sized snacks line an enormous dressing room mirror. Scents of "vanilla fantasy" and "night-blooming jasmine" permeate the air as the girls sample from a perfume collection also provided by Perez.

But rather than amenities and treats, it's often the free advice and comfort the girls seek.

"They make you feel like a princess, no matter what you have on," said September, a 23-year-old stripper at Sapphire. "They tell you you're beautiful."

House moms are trusted confidantes. They are older and wiser. They know what to do about a cheating boyfriend, a missed car payment and a family argument.

While Perez and the two other house moms at Sapphire work solely on tips, Andrews and her two Club Paradise counterparts also earn an hourly wage.

The job rarely ends when the shift is over, and Perez's cell phone rings frequently.

Mom, do you have the name of a good doctor?

Mom, where's a good place to eat? Not all house moms are as nurturing, according to the girls.

"At other clubs, they just sit there and collect money," said Leilani, a 25-year-old stripper from Las Vegas.

"Here the house moms pamper us," said Samantha K., a 23-year-old stripper at Sapphire who has worked at several East Coast clubs.

From fixing ripped costumes to taking food orders, house moms see to the girls' needs. They keep an eye on belongings backstage and serve as mediators when the girls' competition for wealthy customers and tips leads to disputes.

"I use them for emotional support. And candy," giggled Charlene, a 24-year-old

stripper from Las Vegas. "If you forget your G-string at home — God forbid! — they sell them."

Despite the odd late-night hours, the house moms enjoy their jobs for the chance to feel useful and to connect with young women who could be their daughters.

"I get involved with the girls because I miss the mother-daughter thing," said Perez, whose own daughter is 27 and mentally disabled. "When they need you, you're there."

For Andrews, a divorcee who never had children, it's a change of pace from working in an office most of her life. It's also a chance to be something of a mother. She speaks proudly of the strippers who have gone on to take business classes and obtain college degrees.

"This is not an easy profession for the girls to be in," Andrews said. "They've chosen it, but it's not an easy job."

Away from the dressing room, strippers navigate the dark strobe lights alone, selling the illusion of sex. Lap dances bring big tips, but also conflict over what exactly a \$20 bill

will buy. There is unwanted groping, insults and daily rejection as men pick and choose from a band of beautiful women.

Backstage is a stripper's sanctuary, where no men are allowed and the young women can be themselves. A "freedom area," Perez calls it.

It can also be a place to cry.

"There's a lot of emotions back here. Girls crying that they don't want to do it, but financially they have to," Andrews said.

Like other moms, Andrews and Perez are fiercely protective of their young charges.

"Some people think because they are strippers, they are low-class. Druggies," Perez said. "They're not. They're just like you or I. Just trying to make a living."

At the most popular clubs in town, a good night can net \$400, while an excellent one could exceed \$2,000.

"This is just a temporary means to an end," Andrews said. "This is a good opportunity for them to make a good amount of money in a short amount of time."

After a short pause, she adds, "Hopefully they'll do the right thing with it."

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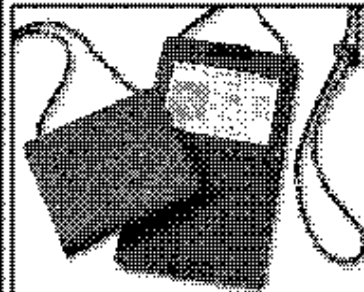
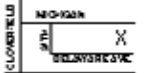


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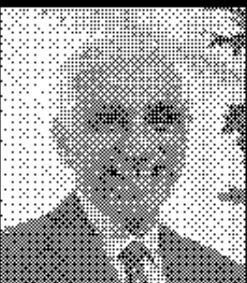
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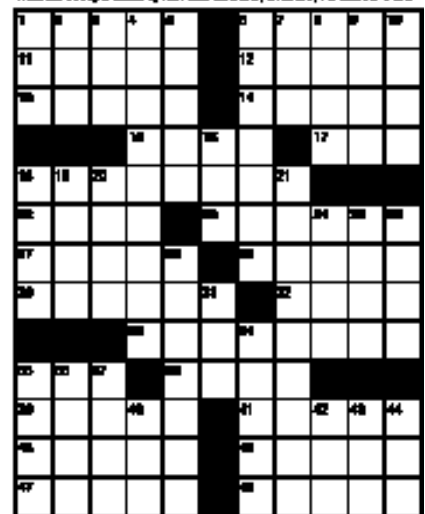
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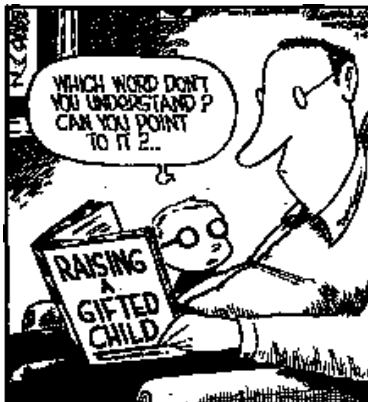
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FILE NO. 04-0924390 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Executive Health Services, 853 16th Street, #3 Santa Monica, CA 90403 The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Donald Richard Furnival, Leslie Ann Furnival.

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DANIEL BYRAM MAY

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Beyonce brings some bounce to the court

■ **PHILADELPHIA** — Pop diva Beyonce and her rap-star boyfriend Jay-Z brought glamour and glitz to a Philadelphia courtroom.

The famous couple was in town Friday for the trial of Beanie Sigel, a rapper and protégé of Jay-Z. Sigel faces attempted murder charges related to the shooting of Terrence Speller outside a West Philadelphia bar last summer.

Beyonce, a singer and actor, drew plenty of stares from jurors and others when she appeared in the courtroom dressed in a white blouse and seersucker pants.

She and Jay-Z giggled and chatted in a row of seats also occupied by Sigel's mother and fiancée and Roc-A-Fella Records executive Damon Dash.

After the jury was released for the weekend, Beyonce was swiftly escorted out a back door.

■ **ATLANTA** — Talk-show host Oprah Winfrey realizes many women wish they could have her successful life.

"I know what that's like because I grew up wishing I could be Diana Ross," Winfrey said.

Winfrey spoke Saturday during her "Hi Gorgeous" tour, which promotes health, body acceptance and individuality. The sold-out event was geared toward subscribers of O, The Oprah Magazine, but also drew fans of her TV show.

Nearly 3,000 women paid \$45 each to hear Winfrey speak and to learn lifestyle tips on healthy eating, match-

ing wine with food and yoga.

"It's OK to be who you are," said Zannett Meeks, 39, who brought her 82-year-old grandmother to the event. "We all have the potential to reach high goals."

The tour stops in Kansas City and Jersey City, N.J., next month.

■ **TULSA, Okla.** — Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Arthur Miller has been named the winner of the 2004 Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award.

The selection committee chose Miller on Friday, citing his body of work, which includes classics such as "The Crucible" and "Death of a Salesman," for which he won the Pulitzer Prize.

The award, which includes a \$25,000 cash award, will be presented to Miller on Dec. 4.

Miller's work also includes "All My Sons," "A View From the Bridge" and "The Misfits," written in 1961 for then-wife Marilyn Monroe.

Although approaching 90, Miller continues to write and lecture. In 2001, he published a collection of essays titled "On Politics and the Art of Acting."

■ **PORTLAND, Maine** — Anti-nuclear activist Helen Caldicott warned of a continuing global threat posed by U.S. and Russian nuclear stockpiles.

Caldicott said Saturday in a speech sponsored by peace groups that the former Cold War rivals still have thousands of nuclear weapons aimed at each other and a single mistake could result in mutual annihilation.

"Anything that happens in the world that triggers anxiety could blow us all off the face of the Earth," Caldicott said. "No one knows about it now. In the eighties, people were scared out of their brains."

The 65-year-old Australian activist and author's spoke mainly about problems of command and control, especially inside Russia's aging nuclear program.

She said problems with nuclear weapons programs could lead to a mistaken belief that the country is under attack, prompting a decision to launch a retaliatory strike.

Caldicott, who lives in Washington, D.C., was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985.

■ **BOSTON** — Retired General Electric CEO Jack Welch brought a host of high-profile executives and media celebrities to Boston during the weekend for his marriage to former Harvard Business Review editor Suzy Wetlaufer.

"It's never been better, man," said Welch, 68, giving a thumbs up as he descended the rose petal-strewn front steps of the Park Street Church.

Wetlaufer became involved with Welch after interviewing him for a Harvard Business Review profile, and left the magazine shortly after the relationship was disclosed.

After the relationship came to light, Welch's wife at the time, Jane Beasley, filed divorce papers that described their lavish lifestyle and the retirement package that Welch received after leaving the company.

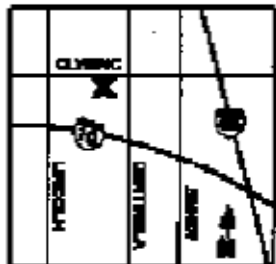


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