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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

In December, Saskatchewan's Court of Queen's Bench upheld a ruling of the province's human rights commission that four Bible verses (referred to in a newspaper ad) created illegal hate speech because they subjected gay men to "ridicule." The ad consisted of citations to verses that are considered by many Christians to condemn homosexuality, and a silhouette of two men holding hands, inside the symbol for prohibited behavior (a red circle with a red line through it).



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"One should never know too precisely whom one has married."

— Nietzsche



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Civil rape case given to jurors

By Daily Press staff

Deliberations resume today in a civil lawsuit that accuses the owner of a Santa Monica surf shop of rape.

Stacy Peters, a 29-year-old freelance graphic designer, is suing Randy Wright, 41, owner of Horizons West on Main Street, for an undisclosed sum of money.

Criminal charges against Wright were never filed because of a lack of evidence.

The jury of eight women and four men heard the defense's rebuttal and closing arguments from both sides on Friday before beginning deliberations.

Jurors reconvene today at 9 a.m. to continue deliberations.

At issue in the case is whether Peters, a close friend of Wright's who invited Wright to sleep in her bed in January of 2001, was raped as she slept.

Wright, who bought Horizons West in 1987 from "Dogtown" skateboarder Nathan Pratt, said he was courting Peters.

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Mother's Day



Paul Kibbey/Special to the Daily Press

Peace activists gathered at the Ocean Park Beach on Sunday, where they re-created Pablo Picasso's painting, "Motherhood," shown in this photo taken from the air. The Mother's Day event was dubbed Peace on the Beach.

Longtime downtown diner to close its doors

Dee's has fed Santa Monicans since 1941

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Finding a solid, home-style breakfast downtown will be harder this summer.

Dee's Restaurant, the family-owned coffee shop on Santa Monica Boulevard between Third and Fourth streets, is planning to close its doors forever, perhaps in as little as five weeks, owner Bob Moini said on Friday.

Le Pain Quotidien, an upscale French bakery, will take its place. Managers for the bakery are currently waiting on the final permits from City Hall.

However, not everyone is looking forward to the change.

A DINER FOR EVERYONE

The coffee shop, which opened in 1941 and has remained virtually unchanged as

Santa Monica has built up around it, will be missed by a broad swath of locals.

"Everybody comes in here — firemen, police, business people, homeless people, movie people, council people — everyone," said Mike Moini, 19, son of owners Bob and Debra, who bought the restaurant in 1979.

On any given morning, the shop's dedicated band of regulars can be found sitting at the old counter scarfing down generous portions of bacon and eggs with side orders of hashbrowns.

Tiffany lamps hang from 18-foot ceilings to flower-print booths that run six-rows deep. The diner seats 60 but rarely hits capacity and workers at Dee's said there's never a long wait for a table.

On Friday, Frank Sinatra crooned quietly over the shop's stereo, as he regularly does, and Robert Barnas, a retired newspaper cartoonist for the now-defunct L.A. Herald-Examiner, ate breakfast at the counter before a movie.

"I know what I'll get here," said

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Dee's Restaurant owner Bob Moini and his son, Mike, sit outside the Santa Monica Boulevard cafe.



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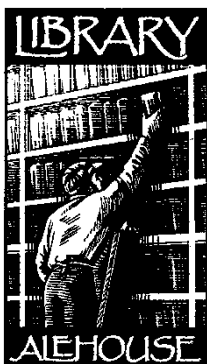
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, May 12, 2003:

You will often need to clarify what you believe is happening. My dear Bull, facts count this year. Zap hunches. You need to stay anchored and verify information. Opportunities show up like rainbows over the horizon. Just make sure that what you are seeing is reality. Sometimes others don't have the same perspective as you. Variety might be good, but certainty might be better for the Bull. If you are single, this birthday year presents you with unusual options. You're likely to meet someone through your work who is quite special. You'll really enjoy this person. If you're attached, allow more silliness into your relationship. LIBRA can be quite the taskmaster.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Others run with the ball, whether you like it or not. Don't assume a meeting will provide clarity, because it might not. Think through what seems important, with an eye to getting out of the present maze you're in. How can you simplify the process? Tonight: Go with the flow.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Dig into the trenches, recognizing just how much needs to be done. Though a boss recognizes your accomplishments, your instincts take you in another direction. Listen to this person and defer to him or her. Make sure he or she knows what he or she is asking. Tonight: Work late.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your imagination comes through when you see a barrier or conflict. Sometimes you're overly serious. Logical works. Responsible works. Stern bombs out. Touch base with your creativity, especially if you hit a snafu. You find solutions. Tonight: Separate work and play.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Allow more fun and playfulness to come forward. Your sense of humor emerges with a family member when reviewing a twisted communication involving a partner or friend. Don't worry about what might be happening. Stabilize the situation when you can. Tonight: Run home as soon as possible.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Understand more of what might be going on within a relationship by communicating. A boss or authority figure might confuse a matter more than you're willing to deal with. Do as much as you can on your own. Tonight: Swap the day's tales with a pal.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Expenses might be building, and you might not be up for more work or putting in overtime. Consider a doctor's appointment if you're not feeling up to snuff — at least before you start to self-medicate or start an exercise program. Tonight: Pay bills.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your smile wins many. You still might not have a complete perspective. You might not be sure what is going on, especially as a partner might not be a complete source. Your creativity might solve the problem, but only if you have the facts. Tonight: As you like it.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Take your time making decisions. You aren't getting the whole story, which might be coloring your perspective. Confusion surrounds a personal matter. Carefully rethink a decision that revolves around a child or family member. Tonight: Observe rather than act.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Listen to friends and associates. Defer a decision if possible. Friends help you head in a new direction, and you still might not be as sure of yourself as you would like to be. Take your time. Check out different facts. Not everything is clear. Tonight: Find your pals.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ For the life of you, you cannot get figures and facts straight. This activity should probably clue you in to the fact that you cannot make a decision just yet. Pull back and get more feedback. On Tuesday, you get the information you need. Tonight: Work late.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Without intending to, you could be clouding someone's vision. In fact, could it be yours? Try as you might to get facts and figures straight, you keep hitting the same roadblock. Give yourself a rest. By Tuesday, you gain more insight. Tonight: Do some housecleaning or get into a project.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You need to step back and do a lot of sorting. If you think about it, you might not be getting the complete picture because of how someone is presenting the "facts." Time is on your side. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

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LOCAL



Who loves their Mom?



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

The crowd at Sunday's Peace on the Beach event at the Ocean Park Beach reacts to one of the rally's speakers, who included Arianna Huffington and Democratic presidential candidate, Dennis Kucinich. The Mother's Day event was billed as a celebration of women's political engagement.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC faculty member wins Stanford fellowship

By Daily Press staff

Dale Franzen, Santa Monica College's Madison Site Theater project director, has won a fellowship from the Stanford Center for Social Innovation to participate in the executive program for Nonprofit Leaders-Arts Program.

The program is held June 29 through July 11 at Stanford University, and her fellowship's funding has been matched by the Roth Family Foundation.

Franzen has been the Madison project director since 1998 and is heading up the campaign to build the \$15 million, 500-seat performing arts center at SMC's Madison campus, located on Santa Monica Boulevard at 11th Street.

Franzen has taught voice and opera at SMC and has been involved with numerous community education and arts organizations.

A professional opera singer, Franzen also spearheaded the creation of SMC's Academy of Entertainment and Technology.

Living wage fundraiser set for next weekend

By Daily Press staff

Renowned vocalist Barbara Morrison will headline a benefit for Santa Monica's living wage campaign Saturday, May 17.

The fundraiser, which will also benefit Santa Monicans Allied for Responsible Tourism, will be held from 2-5 p.m., at the Jazz Bakery, 3233 Helms Ave., in Culver City and will also feature performances by the Bel Arts Trio and the Putter Smith Trio. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

surf report

NW wind swell slowly winds down while SSW swell holds. The Southern Hemi swell shows mostly in the north half of the county with waist-to-chest-to-shoulder-high surf at many exposed spots and some head-high sets at standout breaks. Winds start out light and variable in the morning and build out of the NW in the 8-10 knot range by the afternoon

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SUNDAY	5:56	-0.1	4:33	2.3	(12:32)	3.1	11:02	5.2
MONDAY	6:43	0.0	4:48	2.6	(1:45)	2.9	11:35	5.0
TUESDAY	7:41	0.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WEDNESDAY	8:50	0.3	N/A	N/A	12:19	4.7	N/A	N/A
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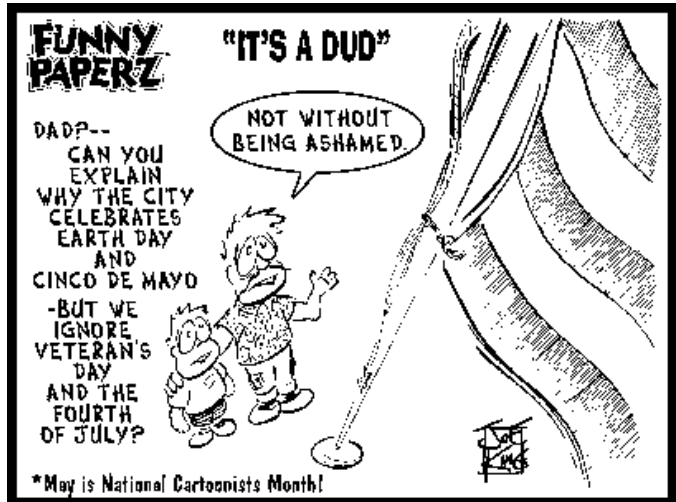


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Angels are out on the streets of Santa Monica



A few weeks back as I was sitting in my usual spot after work doing my character designs for a story I am currently working on, a woman stopped to drop her friend off at the Jann's Court apartment complex.

She got out of her car, went into her trunk and grabbed this nice, thick comforter and gave it to me. I was truly and honestly grateful for this as it had been getting cold out. It was a gesture that I had come to expect from the good people of Santa Monica.

It shows me that the few who have come to control this city's policies regarding the homeless population have not spread their taint as far as they would have you believe.

It also shows me that they are not taken as seriously by the majority of you who read their comments on homelessness.

I am not saying that there are not some out here on the streets who do not create problems, but that homelessness reflects the society that spawned this growing problem in the first place. I am saying that there are good and bad people in all strata of society.

Take, for example, the person who constantly disrupts the neighborhood with anti-social behavior or the bad elements in your own neighborhoods. It is the same out here on the streets, only it is all out in plain view.

The person who gave me the blanket, as well as the person who recently let me move in with him, are examples of people who are not listening to what those who are only out for personal gain and looking for scapegoats to cover up their loss of income because of pricing themselves out of the market, say about all homeless in Santa Monica.

People such as these two are perfect examples of this city's caring and tolerant nature. I really think we all as human

beings should learn from and emulate this practice. Especially since there is no real economic recovery going on at any level at this time. And corporate greed is running rampant, with CEOs laying off thousands and taking record paychecks, bonuses and government "bail outs."

These kind and compassionate people are the ones who obviously see clearly through the smoke and mirrors tactics of the government and have probably come to realize that it is going to get worse before it gets better. They have come to realize that it doesn't matter who you are or what economic background you come from. We are all in this boat together and instead of shooting more holes in this sinking economic ship created by our King and his court of fools, we should be working together to try to keep the ship afloat.

That means we should be working together on all levels of the economic spectrum and this elitist attitude of some is only a defense mechanism which, in my opinion, covers the fear and anxiety over the failing economy.

So I say don't be afraid to show your compassion in the light of all that is going on. Any compassion shown to the homeless, no matter how anti-social we seem out here, is honestly more than appreciated by those who are and were formerly homeless.

I say let the angels who reside in Santa Monica come out and be who you are regardless of what is said by the angry elite in this city. I say that acts of kindness, such as have been shown to me in the past few weeks, are what we as human beings and Americans are known for throughout the world. It shows that the government and the people of this great nation and fine city are two separate entities. It shows the handful who spread the anti-homeless sentiment what the majority of us truly believe.

I say let the angels in Santa Monica come out and be known.

(Charles Springer is, for the time being, no longer homeless thanks to the intervention of an angel. He is still a freelance writer and artist living in Santa Monica.)

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COMMENTARY



The value of an attorney and when to speak to one



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pizarra

Lawyers, attorneys, shysters, sharks, over-paid bottom-feeders.

These are some of the terms used to describe the profession of law — a profession that takes four years of college and three years of law school before one can even sit to take the test to practice.

The job of a lawyer is to champion the client's rights and tell them when they are barking up the wrong tree. As a lawyer, frequently our job is to deliver bad news. The reason for that is quite simple: The world does not play fair. Bad things happen, people make bad deals and someone gets hurt.

The lawyer is actually the clean-up guy, like the song says, "... and the lawyer has to clean up all the messes." This costs money because a lawyer has only one product — his or her knowledge and it is doled out in increments of time.

Knowledge is expensive to acquire. A lawyer has spent a great deal of their life getting to the place where they can answer a client's question with an answer that is true and reliable.

So what is the value of an attorney?

That is determined by several factors, not the least of which is whether the attorney is doing planning for you, or cleaning up a mess.

In the law, as in most of life, the saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," is famously true. As a business lawyer, I frequently have clients come to me, after they have signed the contract.

Let me give an example: I have a client who calls me up and says, "David, I leased a new car but the dealer won't pay off the prior lease completely. What do I do?"

Now, depending on the car dealer, I might or might not be able to unwind the deal and get my client out of the lease. But in looking over the lease, I see that it calls for only 12,000 miles a year to be allowed. Afterwards he is charged 30 cents per mile.

One of the easiest things to get is the dealer to kick up the mileage allowance to

15,000 miles. This is a \$900 per year savings, which over the course of a four-year lease is \$3,600.

My client didn't call me beforehand because he didn't want to pay an attorney's bill of some nominal amount — under \$500 — for a few phone calls and perhaps a meeting with dealer. Instead he is going to have pay \$3,600 if he drives 15,000 miles a year for the next four years, which in Los Angeles is not that difficult to do.

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So what's the value of an attorney?

Five hundred dollars on the front end with a phone call, saves \$3,600 on the back end. That's a 700 percent rate of return — not a bad day's savings. They might be expensive to call, but they can save thousands of dollars on the front end of a deal.

On the other hand, to unwind a deal, if possible, may cost several thousands more and you will have had to go through the turmoil of a lawsuit to get there.

Lawyers, attorneys, shysters, sharks, over-paid bottom-feeders.

Champions, saviors, knights-in-dented-armor — it all depends on your perspective and that depends on when you call them.

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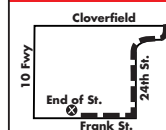


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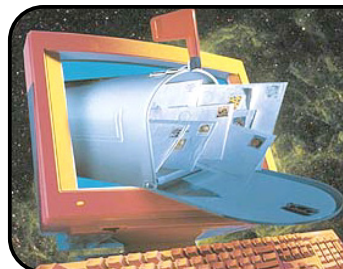
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LOCAL □ SPORTS

Bakery to take the place of Dee's Diner downtown

DEE'S, from page 1

Barnas, a Hollywood resident who has frequented Dee's for more than 20 years. "It doesn't change."

WHY CHANGE A GOOD THING?

Moini has offered the same menu items at more or less the same prices for decades. The only changes he's made to his restaurant over the years occurred when he put a new coat of paint on the walls and installed some earthquake retrofits at the city's request.

Even the employees at Dee's seem to have found their groove.

Reginald Aguayo, the diner's cook, has been with Moini for more than 23 years. Moini hired him when the A&W Drive-in, where they both once worked, folded in 1980.

"They treat me like part of the family," said Aguayo, who has already found a cooking job next door at Brittanica, a British-style pub. "There's not really

much of a difference between boss and employee here."

Moini said he's gone out of his way to make sure his employees will be looked after when he closes his doors.

Maribel Garcia, a waitress at Dee's for the past eight years, has been offered a slot at the new bakery. And if she doesn't like it, Moini, who boasts numerous connections downtown, said he will help her find a spot that she likes.

Sandy East, who's been waiting tables at Dee's for more than three years, won't need Moini's help. East said she's leaving for Las Vegas with her husband, where she can play the slots and the two can start a heating and air conditioning business.

All of Moini's employees who need it will receive full pay while the bakery remodels, a process that is expected to take about three months, Moini said.

WHAT ABOUT BOB?

After nearly 25 years as a coffee shop owner, Moini is proud of his track record.

"Everybody comes in here — firemen, police, business people, homeless people, movie people, council people — everyone."

- MIKE MOINI
Son of diner owner

He's closing Dee's because he wants to and not because creditors are knocking at his door.

While he hasn't gotten rich from the business, he is quick to point out that he put two daughters through college — one at Georgetown, the other at UCLA — and said Mike is headed to UCLA next year and maybe on to law school.

When he talks about his diner, Moini gets wistful but retains a touch of a Mafioso in his demeanor.

Mike, whose been working shifts at the diner since he was 15, jokes that Moini tells friends and customers that he is from Sicily. In reality, Moini is proud of his Iranian heritage. He moved to the United States in 1972 and worked a handful of jobs in service stations, delis and local hotels.

When the two twin German brothers named Dietrich — which is where "Dee's" comes from — put the coffee shop on the market in the 1970s, Moini bought it for \$400,000.

The Dietrich brothers, then in their 70s, passed away just a few years into retirement, said Moini, adding that he doesn't want the same to happen to him.

"I'm going to miss (Dee's)," he said. "But I'm going to remember the four o'clock morning wake-ups — go to central market and get vegetables every day."

CROQUE MADAME, ANYONE?

Moini spent two years finding the right business to take over his space.

Though it is a chain — there are more than 100 Le Pain Quotidien in Europe and another handful in L.A. and New York — Moini said the French bakery is a perfect fit.

"It's not like the kind of chain that looks like McDonald's where everything is uniform," he said, calling the soon-to-be operators "very nice" people. "The food is the same but everything else is different."

The bakery will serve high quality, fresh breads and other French-style meals, Moini said. There will be a counter, several tables and a small patio on Santa Monica Boulevard.

The new tenants will pay Moini \$7,000 a month in rent, a far cry above the \$400 a month he paid briefly before buying the building.

Then again, the building is now worth more than \$2 million, Moini said, adding that it's actually worth more but that "it's always smart to say low."

Moini, who says he'll be making more as a landlord than he ever did as a restaurateur, plans to try his hand at the retired lifestyle and do some traveling with Debra.

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"It's the last real Mom-and-Pop cake around," said Rashada Odom, who works at the upscale shoe store next door. "This place is becoming so big that they're forgetting about the little things that make Santa Monica wholesome — the important stuff."

Criminal charges never filed against defendant

RAPE, from page 1

He showed receipts from a pair of diamond earrings and other gifts he'd purchased for her.

Peters said the two were just friends. She said she invited Wright to sleep in her bed out of convenience so he wouldn't have to push together sofas in the living room, as he'd done three times before.

Early in the morning, Peters testified she woke to Wright raping her.

Shepard Kopp, Wright's defense attorney, said the two were engaged in consenting foreplay before Wright tried to have sex with her but was rebuffed. Wright did not continue to try and have sex with her after she said no, both sides testified.

Both sides said they went back to sleep immediately after the incident.

The pair had consumed approximately two bottles of wine that evening, both Peters and Wright testified.

Peters called Los Angeles Police Department officers on Jan. 27, 2001, 17 days after the alleged rape occurred.

Kopp characterized Peters' lawsuit as a money-making ploy and said she is trying to profit off of a mistake she made after drinking too much.

Kopp works with the firm Geragos & Geragos, which is defending Scott Peterson, who is accused of killing his wife and unborn child in the San Francisco Bay area. The firm's client list also includes Winona Ryder and Susan McDougal.

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Without Jackson, Lakers hold on to tie San Antonio series 2-2

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Without coach Phil Jackson, the Los Angeles Lakers turned to their two stars.

Kobe Bryant made four free throws down the stretch along with a key steal, and Shaquille O'Neal had 29 points and 17 rebounds Sunday as the three-time defending NBA champion Lakers beat the San Antonio Spurs 99-95 to even their Western Conference semifinal series 2-2.

Game 5 in the best-of-seven series will be played Tuesday night in San Antonio.

Jackson, whose teams have won a record 25 straight playoff series and nine championships, missed the first postseason game of his 13-year career as an NBA head coach after undergoing an angioplasty Saturday to unblock an artery leading to his heart.

Assistant coach Jim Clemons served as head coach. Bryant led the Lakers with 35 points and made 14 of 17 free throws. O'Neal was 17-for-23 from the foul line, along with five assists. Derek Fisher scored 17.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 36 points and nine

rebounds. He made 16 of 20 free throws. Stephen Jackson added 15 points and a playoff career high 10 rebounds and Tony Parker scored 14.

Stephen Jackson's 3-pointer with 1:31 remaining capped a 6-0 run and gave the Spurs a 95-93 lead, but the Spurs wouldn't score again.

O'Neal made two free throws 14 seconds later to tie it, and after the Spurs committed a turnover, Bryant made a free throw with 48 seconds to play to put the Lakers ahead for good.

Stephen Jackson missed a 3-pointer with 24 seconds to go, forcing the Spurs to foul. They got to Bryant with 14.2 seconds left, and he made two more foul shots, making it 98-95.

Bryant then stole Parker's inbound pass and added another free throw. Duncan missed a 3-pointer, and after the Spurs got the ball back, O'Neal deflected Danny Ferry's pass to Bryant, who dribbled out the remaining time.

The Spurs led 64-55 when Duncan went to the bench with 2:54 left after picking up his fourth foul.

The Lakers quickly took advantage, outscoring the Spurs 16-3 for a 71-67 lead.

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Powell protest



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Palestinian students at the university of the northern West Bank town of Nablus burn a U.S. flag, right, and an Israeli flag, left, during a rally to demonstrate against Secretary of State Colin Powell's visit to the region on Sunday.

For exonerated prisoners, getting free is first hurdle

BY JENNIFER FRIEDLIN
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Scott Hornoff could use some financial help. Anthony Robinson wants more psychological services. Jim Bromgard would like to come to peace with the years he lost.

The men have different needs, but they share one thing: They were imprisoned for crimes they did not commit, and face numerous hurdles as they try to rebuild their lives.

"I went to prison an 18-year-old kid and I came out a 34-year-old man starting from zero," said Bromgard, of Kalispell, Mont., who was freed last year after a DNA test cleared him of child molestation charges.

Bromgard was part of a group of 34 wrongly convicted men in New York this weekend to kick off The Life After Exoneration Project, a nationwide program to help former prisoners readjust to daily life following wrongful convictions.

Organized by the Innocence Project of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and the DNA Identification Technology and Human Rights Center of Berkeley, Calif., the project brought the men together to learn what social services they need most.

The groups plan to use the suggestions to establish a nationwide support network for the exonerated that includes housing assistance, job training and mental health services.

Several of the participants said financial

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— JIM BROMGARD
Exonerated prisoner

assistance is a top priority, particularly since they lost most of their savings and borrowed from friends and family to fund the legal battles that proved their innocence.

Hornoff, a former police officer from Warwick, R.I., was dismissed from his job after his wrongful murder conviction. He spent more than six years in prison and has never been able to collect benefits or back pay.

"I still depend on my family for financial support," said Hornoff, who now speaks at colleges and police academies about problems in the criminal justice system.

Anthony Robinson of Houston said wrongly convicted prisoners suffer emotionally, both when they arrive in prison and when they are released.

"There needs to be some concern about the psychological injuries and the double trauma of reintegration," said Robinson, 42, who spent 10 years behind bars for rape and was exonerated while he was on parole.

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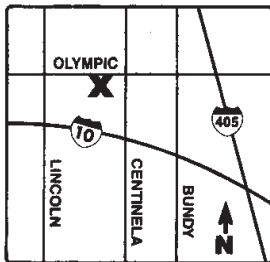
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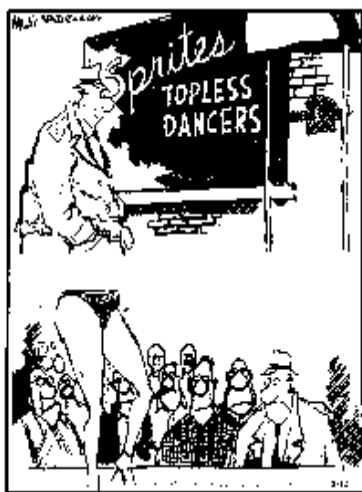
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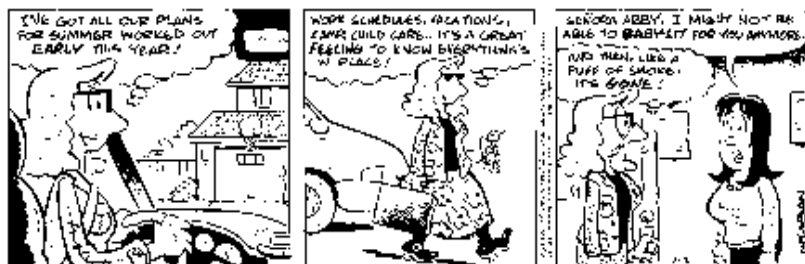
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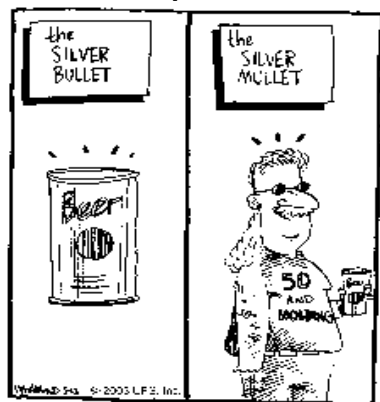
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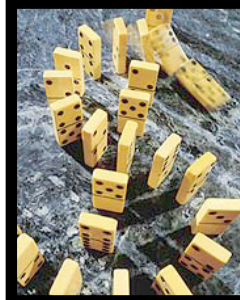
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Deodorant company to sponsor town's armpit festival

By The Associated Press

BATTLE MOUNTAIN, Nev. — It didn't take a major deodorant company long to hear opportunity knocking after this rural northeast Nevada town was dubbed the nation's armpit by a national magazine.

The company that makes Old Spice deodorant has agreed to sponsor Battle Mountain's "Festival of the Pit" from Aug. 15-17 under a new name: "The Old Spice Festival of the Pit."

In response to the Washington Post Magazine article, the town last year launched the quirky celebration, with events such as a deodorant toss to replace the old-fashion egg toss.

"(The festival) will be wonderful publicity for Battle Mountain," Old Spice spokeswoman Heather Bandura told the Lahontan Valley News and Fallon Eagle Standard newspaper. "We'll have specialists from our PR firm travel to Battle Mountain for the festival and help the people there with their celebration."

The company plans to spend about \$75,000 on the festival, with events such as an Old Spice Girl Contest, an armpit beauty pageant, and a "quickdraw" antiperspirant and deodorant contest.

Old Spice, marketed by Procter & Gamble, plans to hold the festival annually in the town along Interstate 80 about 220 miles east of Reno.

Shar Peterson, executive director of the local Chamber of Commerce, said the town is coming together to support the

festival after initial mixed feelings over it.

The town has erected billboards along I-80 reading "Battle Mountain. Voted the Armpit of America by the Washington Post," and "Make Battle Mountain Your Next Pit Stop."

Peterson cited the mining town's poor economy and need to lure more visitors.

"Most of the area's gold mines have closed or substantially reduced opera-

tions," she said. "Go over to the post office and you'll see an entire wall plastered with government notices for houses that have been foreclosed on."

"Battle Mountain used to have about 4,000 people. Today, our population is about 2,800. Several businesses have closed," she added.

In his humorous Post magazine article, Gene Weingarten chose Battle Mountain

for the armpit award, citing what he described as its "lack of character and charm," its "pathetic assemblage of ghastly buildings and nasty people," and its location "in the midst of harsh and uninviting wilderness."

Still unrepaired last month was the Shell sign that illustrated the Post article — with the letter "S" in "Shell" burned out, the Fallon newspaper reported.

Possible reamains of Jesse James exhumed

By The Associated Press

NEODESHA, Kan. — Authorities have exhumed the remains of a Kansas farmer who died in 1935 in an effort to determine if he could have been the legendary outlaw Jesse James.

As about two dozen people watched Saturday, Wichita State University anthropologist and criminal justice professor Peer Moore-Jansen oversaw the removal of Jeremiah James' remains. Samples of hair, bones and teeth will be obtained for DNA analysis.

The observers included family members and cowboy re-enactors who wanted to honor the outlaw's legacy.

Some historians believe it's possible the outlaw faked his own death in 1882, although others believe James was killed by a fellow bandit who wanted to collect a \$10,000 reward.

Bill Kurtis, who is documenting the exhumation and DNA analysis for the History Channel, said the story is good even if Jeremiah James does not turn out to be Jesse James — since 120 years later family and historians still can't agree on how and when the outlaw died.

"So, was Jesse James shot in the back of the head by the cowardly Bob Ford, as conventional wisdom has led us to believe?" he asked. "The truth is, we still don't know for sure. Which leads us to explore other theories as they emerge."

Nancy Haviland, a great-granddaughter of Jeremiah, initially opposed the exhumation, but changed her mind when the family was assured the grave site would be restored by Memorial Day.

Nevertheless, she remains skeptical. Her 99-year-old aunt remembers Jeremiah James for his sparkling brown eyes; Jesse James had blue eyes. The Jeremiah James

she knows about was born in 1847, a farmer who lived into his late 80s and whose wife died less than two months before him.

"I love American history," said Chuck James, a descendant of Jeremiah. "If this isn't him, then there are other avenues to pursue."

There have been several other attempts in recent years to identify Jesse James' real burial site, including an exhumation of the wrong body in 2000, when searchers were hoping to prove that Jesse Frank Dalton of Granbury, Texas, was Jesse James.

James was among the most notorious Old West outlaws, his exploits sensationalized in dime novels. With his brother Frank, James was a member of the feared Quantrill's Raiders during the Civil War. After the war, he joined with other former Confederates to rob banks and trains.

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