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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

New York City health officials are still investigating the October death of a baby shortly after a circumcision by Rabbi Yitzchok Fischer, who uses a rare, ultra-Orthodox procedure of drawing the infant's blood with his mouth. Officials found that the baby and two others circumcised by Rabbi Fischer had contracted herpes. (The rare procedure was condemned by Israeli physicians in a medical journal article mentioned in News of the Weird in September 2004.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 139th day of 2005.
There are 226 days left in the year.

On May 19, 1935, T.E. Lawrence, also known as "Lawrence of Arabia," died in Dorset, England, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash.
In 1958, the United States and Canada formally established the North American Air Defense Command.
In 1962, during a Democratic fundraiser at New York's Madison Square Garden, actress Marilyn Monroe performed a sultry rendition of "Happy Birthday to You" for guest-of-honor President Kennedy.
In 1964, the State Department disclosed that 40 hidden microphones had been found in the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There could be no honor in a sure success, but much might be wrested from a sure defeat."

T.E. LAWRENCE,
ENGLISH SOLDIER AND AUTHOR (1888-1935)

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A little off base



Coach Palmer runs his Little League Yankees team through fielding drills on Wednesday afternoon at Memorial Park.

Crill Hansen/Special to the Daily Press

Residents enjoy being in the zone

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The city's parking crunch has found some relief once again with the approval of more preferential parking.

The Santa Monica City Council voted on Tuesday, at the insistence of residents, to create a preferential parking zone for six

blocks on the eastern city border. Preferential Parking Zone "S" will limit parking through permits on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Berkeley and Franklin streets between Colorado and Pennsylvania avenues. Pennsylvania Avenue between Stanford Court and Centinela Avenue and the north side of Nebraska Avenue between

Berkeley Court and Centinela also will be part of the new parking zone.

Those councilmembers in attendance Tuesday voted unanimously in favor of creating the new zone.

"Sometimes I have to park two blocks away from home and carry

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Scientists tread on shaky ground

BY ALICIA CHANG

AP Science Writer

PASADENA — Californians wondering if tomorrow's forecast will be sunny can now find out if there's also a chance of afternoon tremors.

Scientists launched a Web site Wednesday that calculates the probability of strong ground-shaking at specific locations over a 24-hour period.

The forecast maps, updated hourly, would be most useful after a temblor strong enough to break windows and crack plaster, according to U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Matthew Gerstenberger, who developed the site.

After a big earthquake hits an area, scientists know there will be aftershocks, but they can't pinpoint when or where. Now residents rattled by a quake can go online and check for the possibility of more jolting in their area.

Details appear in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

The chances of the maps showing when and where a significant earthquake will strike, however, are slim most of the time, scientists say.

"It doesn't tell us when the 'Big One' is coming," said Lucy Jones, scientist in charge of the USGS office in Pasadena. "It tells us there's an increased chance of

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Council props up Prop R housing

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — For the average worker, living in Santa Monica may become more affordable in the future.

That's if the City Council's plan to make developers pay more into a citywide affordable housing fund and provide them with incentives to build more units proves successful.

The council provided city staff with multiple suggestions on Tuesday designed to entice developers to increase the number of affordable housing units produced in Santa Monica over the next decade. The move comes on the heels of a presentation that indicates there are irregularities in the number of affordable housing units produced in the city since 1995.

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Without a care



Winter Johnson/Special to the Daily Press

The old Saint John's Health Care Center is being reduced to rubble. In its place will rise a four-story, 275,000-square-foot diagnostic and treatment facility, scheduled to be completed in 2009. The construction is part of an extensive rebuilding plan begun after the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

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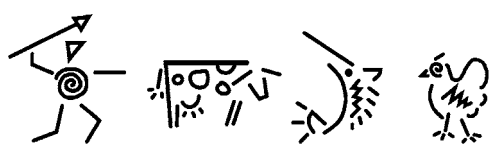
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Talk to an expert, Aquarius

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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)
★★★★★ Others hold the cards. The good news is that their good intentions come through. A friend who might be holding back reveals what has been bothering him or her. Seize the moment for a discussion. Understand rather than criticize. Tonight: Go along with another's wishes.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You pace yourself and get a lot done. You have a way of encouraging others to pitch in. A boss who has been vague becomes a lot clearer. You can help a concept become a reality. You'll gain financially if you are careful. Tonight: Do something relaxing.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your humor comes out, even when dealing with a problem. You have answers when others are stumped. Allow your imagination to play out. Others come to you for suggestions. Visualize and seek answers. Tonight: Be spontaneous.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Your family needs to become your highest priority. An investment involving property or a family member will come back in multiples. A partner might have a different suggestion. Listen. He or she might be right-on. Tonight: Your home is your castle.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Ask and don't assume. Others delight on your interest and feedback. Your Leo charm emerges and touches those around you. Make calls. Make inquiries and don't stand on ceremony. Schedule meetings. Tonight: Out and about.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be careful with your finances. You could easily go overboard. Don't worry about pleasing others. Take care of yourself first. Re-evaluate a health program. Know that you don't need to make a decision immediately. Tonight: Pay bills.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your positive attitude quickly melts barriers. You find that someone who has been holding back opens up to you. Understanding grows. Refuse to make judgments; revise your thinking where you have been wrong. Tonight: Others are happy with whatever you choose.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Know when to assume a low profile. Your instincts are on the mark. You don't need to make assumptions — just listen more carefully. Follow through on a money hunch. You could be right-on. New facts come up involving family or real estate. Tonight: Take a personal night.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You know what you're doing. Gatherings, networking and meetings all play significant roles. You might be surprised or touched by how willing others are. You finally clear out a problem. Tonight: Go to a ballgame or join friends.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take charge and be willing to lead others. You might not be sure about a money decision, but a lot of information comes forward. You must follow your instincts but still get as many facts as possible. Others need your leadership. Tonight: Out late.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You need to get the whole story. You might not be sure about what you are hearing from others. Break past present thinking, and you'll find unusual answers. Not everything is as it seems. Get the facts. Tonight: Talk to an expert.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A partner or associate only means well. If you listen and follow through, you will build a better relationship. Trust this person. Be more in touch with your public image. You might want to buy a new item or two. Tonight: Togetherness.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Library looking for volunteer tutors

By Daily Press staff

A local library is recruiting tutors this summer to aid area students who need extra help.

The Fairview Branch Library is recruiting volunteer tutors for its 10th annual summer reading tutorial. Every volunteer is matched with a student in grades one through five, and the pair meet at the library, said librarian Sylvia Anderle. It helps to be a native English speaker, but no teaching knowledge or experience is needed. The library supplies tutors with books, worksheets, activities and continuing support.

Tutors often develop a warm relationship with their children, Anderle said. A typical session involves reading, speaking and writing. Volunteers offer warmth and patience, and communicate clear expectations to the students, Anderle said.

Anderle started the outreach program when she saw a need for free, community-based remediation for students who need individual attention. Most of the children enrolled have parents who are not English speakers, so the children need extra help to boost their reading skills.

Volunteers include high school or college students, professionals and seniors. They work with individual students at the library for one hour per week, and need to commit to the full six-week session. Hours are flexible. The application deadline for this summer is May 31.

To volunteer or for more information, call Anderle at (310) 450-0443. All volunteers 18 years old and over are required to be fingerprinted as part of a background check.

Athletic excellence honored

By Daily Press staff

Sixteen Santa Monica College students — one from each of the campus' intercollegiate teams — have been named 2004-05 Student Athletes of the Year.

Awards will be presented at the annual awards breakfast sponsored by the SMC General Advisory Board, a community support group, at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, May 19 in the SMC Pavilion, 1900 Pico Blvd.

In addition, the college will honor Alexis Lanman, a member of the SMC Cheer Squad, whose coach is Susan Corpus.

The students, selected by coaches, are honored for their academic and athletic achievements. The honorees, and their coaches, are:

- Women's basketball: Kristine Jensen (Lydia Strong, coach)
- Men's basketball: Efreem Lawrence (Trevor Shickman, coach)
- Women's swimming: Denise Tran (Steve Contarsy, coach)
- Men's swimming: James Parrish (Steve Contarsy, coach)
- Women's track & field: Lisha Burch (Eric Barron, coach)
- Men's track & field: Chinedozi Foster (Tommie Smith, coach)
- Women's volleyball: Claudia Jacobs (Wendy Dreher, coach)
- Men's volleyball: Brian Schirripa (Mark Lee, coach)
- Football: Charles Searcy (Robert Taylor, coach)
- Women's cross-country: Maria Bautista (Eric Barron, coach)
- Men's cross-country: Mo Elmi (Eric Barron, coach)
- Women's soccer: Liz Angermeier (Aaron Benditson, coach)
- Women's softball: Amanda Salvestrini (Tamara Ivie, coach)
- Women's water polo: Sally Sachs (Mike Santo, coach)
- Men's water polo: Jake Sands (Steve Contarsy, coach)
- Women's tennis: Masami Hashimoto (Richard Goldenson, coach)

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SURF REPORT

On Thursday, the SW swell should decline, dropping size towards the waist-high + zone. A small mix of NW wind swell is expected, keeping west-facing breaks in knee- to waist-high surf, but that's all going to change by Friday, when we have some significant NW swell due from a system that formed in the Western Pacific and is traversing towards the California coast.

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MONDAY	11:11	0.6	11:57	2.6	3:31	3.8	6:33	3.9
TUESDAY	11:51	0.7	12:46	2.0	4:57	3.7	6:50	4.3
WEDNESDAY	12:46	2.0	12:25	0.8	6:06	3.7	7:07	4.6
THURSDAY	1:25	1.4	12:55	1.0	7:04	3.7	7:27	5.1
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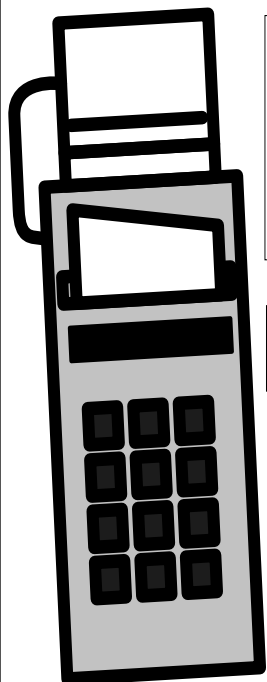


City Hall is eyeing more than a dozen properties in downtown Santa Monica that could potentially be used for more parking. Tens, if not hundreds of millions of dollars could be spent over the next decade expanding parking opportunities throughout Santa Monica. How to pay for it is the big question.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Are

you willing to pay more for hourly parking to fund more spaces?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The streets are mean

Editor:

I am Ricardo Christopher Cruz. I am a divorced homeless man. I have read a lot of letters in your local paper that are from local residents who are very upset with what they call "the homeless problem" in Santa Monica.

I have looked for work in many states over the last four years. I have worked full time from the age of 14 to the age of 28 — and graduated from high school. I cannot fully explain to the good people of Santa Monica why or how I have become unemployed and homeless, except to say that it is an act of God. I have received a lot of help from a lot of people and I am very thankful for the kindness, though much of it comes with a slap or a little spit. I don't know why.

I have at times, overcome by anger and depression given in to a night of beer or whiskey, a cigarette or two, but, as the truth is, I am neither an alcoholic or a drug addict. I am not addicted to any substance as such, though, I love chocolate. I wash my clothes at a coin laundry on Pico. I pick up my trash from where I sleep — alley, doorway, parking lot. I brush my teeth, comb my hair, buy my soap and toothpaste at Sav-Ons at Lincoln. I shower at the pier every chance I get, 'bout every day. I am very thankful for the amenities for the homeless like myself. There seem to be a bunch of us — acts of God.

I am cursed, it seems. I wonder if there are others like myself who are aware of it. I see a bunch of people who really seem to enjoy the suffering that others do. They smile a lot but I can see how sharp their teeth are. The same folks who pass over the homeless as job candidates do the majority of complaining. I do admit, I see a great number of homeless men and women that are at the threshold of the absence of hope. They do not bathe, seek shelter or food, smoke cigarette butts, drink from discarded bottles, and relieve themselves of all consciousness.

We had families too, we had friends, we had pets, TVs and toasters, bills, chore lists, noisy neighbors and crappy bosses. Maybe what we are going through, a lot of you good folks of Santa Monica will go through one day. I hope not. Being unemployed, homeless, unloved, unwanted and yet, able bodied, and willing to do the right things to become established just plain bites ass.

Anybody who calls the ability to love and forgive and remain determined to make an effort to be of worth in the face of hatred and indifference is a damn jackass. What good are your empty voices of empathy? All these things are just beyond my understanding.

I consider myself a simple thing. I have absolutely no idea of why my life is like this. Or why with the skills that I have, I can find not a job, home, girlfriend, art gallery to sell my work, a place to paint, cook, build. I am sure that as before, I'll make an effort everyday to do something positive, and I am sure that I will suffer for it, beyond reason.

I encounter people who are aware of why myself and others are homeless, and some of them are still willing to beat us own further with words or deeds. Whatever the reason is for these painful people, I can only hope that they will stop, or at least make an effort not to put weights or knives in the backs of the homeless in the great, good city of Santa Monica.

I am going to continue to draw and paint, and look for work and keep a positive attitude about my situation. I can accept the name calling, and isolation, and such, even with a smile. I am willing to leave here if necessary, don't know where I may go if and when I do, I really am homeless. I really did lose my family and friends. I really did die four years ago. I really am an angel of the Lord, and I really will put my foot down if I feel like it.

I'm really not bragin (sic), 'bout the angel thing, hell, I have trouble spelling. I have been left behind and I can accept that. Why society treats me the way it does is something that I do have a time with, when it comes to accepting what is. It's as if I am being mistreated by others who want to get back at God herself. There surely will be hell to pay for that. I know that every act has its reward, so be it. I make good decisions and I make bad decisions, I suffer judgment too. That's why I am homeless and unemployed. I have not given up on the hope that one day I will have a place of my own, a friend or two, a girlfriend, a pet, a flying squirrel to be exact. A means to have food in the fridge, a room to sleep in, a pot to cook with. I hope to wake up one day and not feel like society wants to hang my balls in the local square. I look forward to not being in my current situation, balls intact. Whatever the future holds for me, you, us, them, it's coming whether we like it or not. Wherever I go, there I am, and I might as well put forth an effort for myself and others if they let me.

R. Chris Cruz

Homeless in Santa Monica

At the end of the day, stupid is as stupid does

NEWS ON THE EDGE

BY RON SCOTT SMITH



Quote No. 1 of the week: "People are dead and that's unfortunate."

Earth to Rummy ... hello.

Very astute and — for putting "unfortunate" in there — compassionate of the Secretary of Defense to say that this week. One would imagine it was a hard word for him to spit out because he wasn't speaking of the 1,600 American GI dead people who got that way under his watch in the great unsolvable riddle that has become Iraq. He was speaking of Average Joe, Muslim dead people, victims of unruly mobs who took to their streets in unison throughout the Middle East in anti-U.S. rioting over the weekend.

No matter that an epidemic strain of virulent hatred for America has been slowly attaching itself to millions in Arab nations for decades. No matter that an unprovoked, ungodly war against a sovereign nation because it didn't do sovereign the way we do sovereign has left seemingly all of that part of the world in an anti-U.S. fervor so intense that it compels an endless stream of willing, breathing human beings to drive cars full of explosives into any target that may have anything to do with the American occupation. No matter any of that. The true culprit for stirring up and unleashing all the nasty venom against America has been fully revealed, and it's ... Newsweek magazine?

Well, they did use faulty intelligence in preparing an article for last week's edition about American interrogators at the Guantanamo Bay terrorist prison cages flushing copies of the Muslim bible down toilets, and a conveniently outraged White House screamed for an immediate retraction to restore the tarnished name of the U.S. Now we who comprise the great American Joe Public have come to know a little bit about this faulty intelligence thing whether we were supposed to or not — intelligence coming from shady guys with names like "Curveball," about non-existent yellow-cake uranium and phantom mobile bio-weapons labs used to justify savage war. Yes, we've come to know full well that faulty intelligence can be the reason "people are dead." And "that's," as Rummy would say, "unfortunate."

Quote No. 2 of the week: "Things do not happen overnight."

Earth to Condoleeza ...

Walking down a Baghdad street with a bulletproof vest strapped across her torso and a camouflage helmet slung over her head, the Secretary of State said exactly that about "things" to the few wary press corps members who snuck out of barricaded compounds in armored vehicles with armed bodyguards to cover her surprise visit. She was answering a query about the some-500 lives that have been taken in the last two weeks alone by roadside and suicide bombers, part of the fiery resistance to U.S. military might that the Secretary and all the Secretary's men

never saw coming. The "things" she referred to, one would guess, were things like peace, law, order, sanity and the ability to walk down a street without a helmet on your head for fear of being blown into the next world by the next person or the next automobile that may cross your next path.

Quote No. 3 of the week: "I wish I could just wave a magic wand and lower the price at the pump."

Earth to President Bush ...

With one fell swoop of the presidential wand his wish could come true. He'd send shockwaves through OPEC, and drive the price of gas back down to levels approaching economic decency by calling on Congress to raise the CAFÉ (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) standards that are imposed upon auto manufacturers. Raising that standard by one measly mile-per-gallon (your Hummer would be manufactured to get four instead of three miles per gallon) would save us 1.5 million barrels of oil per day, and a projected 67 billion barrels over the next 40 years, an amount 10 to 20 times greater than the potential oil supply from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge that Bush so desperately wants to drill holes in.

It would curtail the blatant price-gouging by the cartels that hold us hostage while breeding terrorists who fly planes into our skyscrapers because we have our armies in their lands to make sure nothing



Photo courtesy

Condi makes a 'happening' fashion statement.

funny happens with the oil. It might even eliminate the need for us Joe Sixpacks to send our youth off to sacrifice their lives for our Ford Expeditions. The only trouble is, it would seriously dip into the record profits being reaped by the oil barons of America — barons who held secret meetings with Dick Cheney to set the nation's energy policy at the onset of the Bush Administration.

The Supreme Court, with Justice Antonin Scalia leading the way, recently denied public access to records of those secret meetings and that's the same Scalia who goes duck hunting with the vice president on oil company tabs, the same Scalia who, when asked if he would recuse himself from the Cheney matter, answered with all jurisprudent dignity, "Quack, quack."

Earth to Joe ...

Are things getting stupider around here or is it just me?

(Ron Scott Smith may be from another planet, but at least he's down to Earth. To reach him in cyberspace, e-mail to edge-of-thewest@aol.com.)



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SANTA MONICA BUSINESS BRIEFS

Rocker runs into Santa Monica

By Daily Press staff

Famed '90s rocker Marty Lloyd Fleet has opened a specialty retail store in Santa Monica geared toward runners, walkers, triathletes and fitness enthusiasts of all levels.

Feet Sports lead singer/songwriter of the Freddy Jones Band.

"As a musician I was constantly on the road or in the recording studio, running was my therapy," said Lloyd, the lead singer and songwriter of the Freddy Jones Band. "Because athletics are such a part of the California culture, I was surprised at the lack of specialty stores located in the Los Angeles area. I became familiar with Fleet Feet through my travels. Over the years I became friends with the different owners and started to formulate the idea of opening my own franchise. I knew I could take my passion for athletics, running, and triathlons and turn it into a successful endeavor on the westside."

The Personal FIT Process is what sets this Fleet Feet apart from other running shoe retailers, Lloyd said. Running shoes belong to one of four categories: neutral, mid stability, high stability and motion control. This detailed analysis involves a customer interview to capture their needs, a series of arch measurements, video gait analysis, and finally a shoe trial.

In addition to their technical knowledge of fitting footwear, Fleet Feet prides itself on community involvement and avidly supports the running/fitness population in Los Angeles. Partnering with local clubs, teams, health clubs, races, events, and the medical community is a major priority to Fleet Feet. Clinics and in-store events on running and related topics are common.

Every Thursday night Lloyd hosts a fun run as well.

"The run is usually between four and six miles depending on who attends," he said. "It is a great opportunity for me to actually run with my customers and learn more about their needs."

Fleet Feet is located at 925 Montana Ave. in Santa Monica.

New art gallery owners say 'aloha' to SM

By Daily Press staff



Photo Courtesy

Trisha Toyota won the grand prize at the MAUI HANDS Art Gallery opening this past weekend. Toyota (center), a local television celebrity, is flanked by Lina and Rob Kerr, MAUI HANDS Santa Monica Gallery co-partners.

It was about as close to Maui as you can get in Southern California. The first mainland location for MAUI HANDS art gallery celebrated their grand opening this past weekend with real Hawaiian style.

The events included a spiritual Hawaiian blessing performed by Reverend Kekoaakalani Yap; Hawaiian melodies performed by Duke's celebrated Hawaiian entertainer Titus Napoleon; Hawaiian pupus with organic wine, and an array of art mediums including glass, wood, ceramic, oil, watercolor, mixed media, silver, gold, nature, silk and metal.

New Santa Monica store co-owners, Rob and Lina Kerr, and Panna Speas, MAUI HANDS founder and owner from Maui, greeted

ed the multitudes of family, friends, MAUI HANDS art patrons, and new customers to the new art gallery at 1431 Ocean Ave.

Renowned Maui artists, Ed Lane, Piero Resta, Steve Sundram, Hettie Saaiman, Linda Whittemore, Lali Groth, Coco Hayward, Monica and Michael Sweet and Carol Armstrong, attended the grand opening to show some of their latest works. The gallery will soon be announcing a calendar of events, which will begin in July.

In Hawaii, MAUI HANDS is considered one of the best venues for local artwork, representing more than 275 fine artists, jewelers, woodworkers and sculptors, all 100 percent local to the state of Hawaii.

Speas opened the first MAUI HANDS gallery in the spring of 1992 in Makawao. Other Maui locations include Paia, Lahaina and Ka'anapali at the Hyatt Regency.

"Maui Hands was born of a desire to work with good people while being surrounded by beauty. Dreams do come true," Speas said.

MAUI HANDS Santa Monica Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday.

Some simple strategies for building nest eggs



MARKET MATTERS

BY BRIAN HEPP

Careful planning can help you decide how to best meet all your needs.

PAY YOURSELF FIRST

If it's not already a part of your regular routine, make saving a habit, just like paying your bills. To make it automatic, see if your employer offers some form of direct deposit, and then divert some of your paycheck directly into a savings or investment account — even if it's just a small amount. Over time, you won't even notice that part of your paycheck is "missing," and you can always increase the portion that's siphoned off for savings.

CONTROL AND REDUCE YOUR DEBT

Although we mentioned earlier that some forms of debt are manageable, there are others that can do serious damage to your savings plans. Every dollar you spend paying the interest on your credit card is a dollar you could be putting to more productive use. That money could be accumulating in a savings or investment account, but when you have to use it to pay down your credit card interest charges you're really getting absolutely nothing in return.

TEAM UP

Outlining your financial goals and what you would like to accomplish is certainly a great way to begin, but it's easy to be thwarted from your plan if you try to go it alone. Talking about your goals with your spouse, parents or significant other may provide the support you need to actually make it happen. If you're married, it's especially important to communicate with your spouse to set mutually agreeable goals and decide on ways to achieve them. You also may consider enlisting the aid of a financial consultant who can provide expert assistance in tailoring a savings plan to help accomplish the goals you've set.

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LOCAL

Council seeking more affordable housing

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Spearheaded by Councilman Kevin McKeown, the suggestions were also supported by Councilmen Richard Bloom and Ken Genser and Mayor Pam O'Connor, each of whom voted to increase affordable housing "in-lieu" fees for developers to a higher citywide average. The council also directed staff to create a new housing ordinance that would encourage the creation of more affordable housing on or close to free-market developments.

Councilman Bobby Shriver was the lone dissenting vote, saying the steps were too dramatic, lacking sufficient financial analysis and developer input.

Councilmen Bob Holbrook and Herb Katz were absent from Tuesday's meeting.

"We are doing well with housing production overall in Santa Monica, but we need to do something to increase the proportion of affordable housing being built," said McKeown. "We need to focus (on the future), because affordable housing is going south."

Proposition R — a measure approved by Santa Monica voters requiring 30 percent of housing units constructed in the city each year to be affordable — has been met or exceeded five out of the last 10 years, according to information provided by Hamilton, Rabinovitz and Alschuler, the firm helping Santa Monica manage its affordable housing portfolio. However, that rate of production has been declining steadily in the past few years, prompting elected officials to take action.

The City Council agreed city staff should draft a resolution which would increase the in-lieu fee for apartment developments from \$6.14 per square foot, a rate established in 1998, to \$21.68 per square foot citywide. Condominium development fees, which were \$11.01 per square foot as of 2000, would be bumped to \$25.63 per square foot citywide.

Jim Kemper, a senior systems analyst at City Hall who is familiar with affordable housing financing, said developer "in lieu" fees comprised approximately \$500,000 of the \$12 million that went toward the affordable housing fund in Santa Monica last year. The vast majority of the affordable housing fund — \$9.2 million — came from re-development taxes accrued and distributed through Los Angeles County, which the city has no direct control of.

Kemper said it was difficult to speculate what effect bumps to in lieu fees might have on development in Santa Monica and the affordable housing fund since the two factors are inter-related. He said the fees could contribute significantly to the affordable housing fund if development continues at the same pace or increases, but he said an adverse effect of slowing development was a possible result.

In addition to increasing the developer fees, McKeown directed city staff to explore incentives for new housing projects which would offer more multiple-bedroom housing units for families. He also suggested that affordable housing be built for moderate-income households, not just low-income families.

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In order to increase economic diversity within housing projects, McKeown also suggested that developers be required to produce twice as much if they choose to build affordable housing off site from their free-market developments.

The City Council plans to meet behind closed doors next week to discuss implications of any changes to the city's affordable housing plan in anticipation of possible legal challenges.

Meanwhile, staff will continue to develop the City Council's suggestions. Any permanent changes to the housing plan will be brought back to the City Council for review and final approval in coming weeks.

Santa Monica attorneys Ken Kutcher and Chris Harding, who represent numerous developers and property owners, shared Shriver's concerns that the actions may be premature.

"The current program is working," Kutcher said. "To take dramatic steps to change it, in our view, would not be wise without knowing the implications."

Shriver compared the affordable housing suggestions to a broad change in a business plan without considering its effect on customers.

"While I support the idea (of considering affordable housing changes), I would like to know, say, if this were my business, what effect we might expect on my customers," Shriver said. "Right now, I don't know what developers would have to say about these changes. We need more financial analysis."

The majority of councilmembers appeared confident the direction they chose was supported by a majority of residents. They also added that the public will have a chance to comment on the plans before they are approved.

"If (the affordable housing changes) did not satisfy development, I don't think the community would be upset with that," Genser said.



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LOCAL



Residents happy with preferential treatment

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my groceries," said Robert Chavez, a resident of the 1600 block of Berkeley Street. "We pay taxes to live in these houses and apartments and we should let the people who do so get preferential parking themselves."

A city staff report indicates that the majority of the neighborhood voted for the new parking zone, which is surrounded by a light manufacturing and studio district to the north and east, and Preferential Parking Zone "VV" to the south.

The five residents who spoke to the City Council at Tuesday's meeting shared concerns that parking in their neighborhood was limited due to employees who work in the area and park in their neighborhood.

"Businesses adjacent are clearly block-

ing our parking," said John Gonzalez, a resident of Berkeley Street. "They need to maximize their rooftop parking."

Others complained that those attending services at the Santa Monica Baha'i Center, at 3102 Colorado Ave., also tended to park in the streets and not the religious center's parking lot.

To qualify for the preferential parking, neighborhood residents within the new parking zone submitted petitions starting in June 2003. The last petition was received in March.

Mayor Pam O'Connor supported the new parking zone.

"I'm not a big fan of preferential parking," she said. "But this will at least put the parking burden on the businesses, not the residents."

There are more than 50 preferential parking zones in Santa Monica.

Californians can shake in their boots ahead of time

QUAKE, from page 1

shaking."

California residents already can view real-time earthquake maps with the click of a mouse, but those are usually posted and updated within minutes of a temblor occurring. Now they can click on real-time, color-coded maps that provide earthquake probabilities in a specific region. Areas shaded in red represent a high chance of strong shaking within the next 24 hours (less than a 1 in 10 chance) while those in blue represent a very remote chance, say, more than 1 in a million.

"If there's a red spot, then make sure you've done what you need to do in terms of earthquake preparedness," Gerstenberger said.

While the forecast maps are not a "silver bullet" in quake prediction, they are

the first steps in providing the public with more refined quake probabilities, said Tom Jordan, director of the Southern California Earthquake Center.

The earthquake forecast maps are created by considering a variety of factors, including seismic monitoring of the San Andreas Fault and other active faults in California. Scientists also factor in any recent history of small and large temblors and aftershocks on those same faults.

In an accompanying commentary, Duncan Agnew of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego, noted that the latest forecast maps give earthquake victims a "much more precise answer" about the risk of aftershocks after a strong tremor. Agnew, who was not part of the project, also said he would like to see the same method used in other countries that are vulnerable to earthquakes.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

Seeking some friendly poets

By Daily Press staff

The Friendly Poets Society is offering a \$1,000 grand prize in their latest poetry competition, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all worth almost \$5,000. The contest is seeking poems on any subject, using any style, with a life-affirming inspirational theme.

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Time to get a job

By Daily Press staff

Now that the school year is nearly over, it's time to get a job.

Santa Monica High School students can find one next week during a job fair, where employers are looking for motivated youth, ages 14 to 24, that want to work during the summer, and beyond. Students are asked to come dressed for success, bring at least 20 copies of their resume and a photo ID.

They can also hear about several employment opportunities with local Santa Monica companies, as well as interview and compete for seasonal and permanent jobs. The fair will take place on Wednesday, May 25 from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Santa Monica High School cafeteria, 601 Pico Blvd.

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STATE

Secretary of state casts doubt over election

BY STEVE LAWRENCE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Secretary of State Bruce McPherson cast more doubt Tuesday on the need for a special November election, saying the new legislative and congressional districts sought by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger can't be in place for elections next year. "There's no way I can see that we can make 2006," McPherson, California's top elections official, told members of the Sacramento Press Club. "Maybe 2008, but that's a question mark."

Schwarzenegger announced in January that he wanted to take the power to draw the districts away from the

Legislature and have a panel of retired judges draw new lines in time for 2006 balloting.

He's threatening to call a special election in November to give voters a chance to approve an initiative that would make that change. Schwarzenegger proposals to cut state spending and lengthen the amount of time new teachers remain on probation could also be on that ballot.

But county election officials have questioned whether there would be enough time for the former judges to draw new districts and for counties to do the extra work needed to put the new lines in place by the June 2006 primary.

On Tuesday, McPherson, a former Republican state

senator appointed by Schwarzenegger in February to replace former Secretary of State Kevin Shelley, agreed with his local counterparts in a question-and-answer session at a Press Club luncheon.

A spokeswoman for McPherson, Caren Daniels-Meade, said the secretary of state felt that logistical problems, questions about the accuracy of population figures that would be used for a mid-decade redistricting and a flood of lawsuits would hold up implementing the new districts.

McPherson said new districts could probably be in place by 2010. But doing it then would raise questions about timing, since the panel of ex-judges would have new population figures to work with from the 2010 census if they waited until 2011 to act.

Schwarzenegger's press secretary, Margita Thompson, said the Republican governor was "more optimistic" than McPherson about the chances for new districts to be in place for 2006.

"The bottom line is we need it as soon as possible," she said.

Bill Mundell, chairman of Californians for Fair Redistricting, a group involved in gathering signatures to put the redistricting initiative on the ballot, said significant advances in technology have made drawing new lines for 2006 "eminently doable."

He predicted that court challenges to the new lines would be dealt with quickly and that the population figures available for a mid-decade redistricting, while out of date, would be good enough to produce fair elections.

But Assemblyman Tom Umberg, the chairman of the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee, said there was "no need to rush to judgment with a wasteful special election."

"Bruce McPherson recognizes what reality is and why it's futile to pour so much money into a special election and a redistricting process that can't have any impact until after the 2006 elections," the Santa Ana Democrat said.

Schwarzenegger contends that districts drawn by lawmakers in a bipartisan compromise following the 2000 census tended to lock up districts for the incumbent's party.

He says a panel of retired judges wouldn't have a conflict of interest and would be more likely to produce more competitive seats, although California's pattern of heavily Republican and heavily Democratic areas may make that difficult.

Some Democrats see Schwarzenegger's push for mid-decade changes as an attempt to elect more Republicans.

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STATE BRIEFS

Suspected gang members charged with football player’s murder

By The Associated Press

CORONA — Two reputed gang members were arrested for allegedly stabbing to death a 15-year-old football star in an apparently racist attack.

The youths, ages 15 and 16, were arrested Monday for investigation of murder. Their identities were not released because of their ages.

Detectives planned to ask the Riverside County district attorney’s office to file murder charges with enhancements of gang affiliation and committing a hate crime, police Sgt. Jerry Rodriguez said.

It was undecided whether the suspects will be tried as adults, Supervising Deputy District Attorney Brian Sussman said.

The teens allegedly yelled racial slurs as they chased Dominic Redd, who was black, authorities alleged. The Centennial High School freshman stabbed several times in an apartment complex about a mile from school on May 11. A third reputed gang member was being sought.

Redd, a running back for the Huskies football team, was not affiliated with any gang, said his father, Jerome Redd.

“It is still unclear what the motive was for the attack,” Rodriguez said.

City agrees to pay woman who was shot 10 times

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Supervisors agreed to pay \$200,000 to a woman who was shot 10 times by sheriff’s deputies and left permanently injured.

Simona Wilfred was wounded on Nov. 11, 2003, when deputies fired 65 rounds at her car. She suffered nerve damage to her arms and left leg.

County lawyers said the shooting was justified but they recommended settling with Wilfred because she might have received much more money from a jury if she sued.

Deputies opened fire on a car driven by Wilfred’s boyfriend after following it from a house that was under surveillance. They contend that they fired because the car was backing towards them.

Wilfred’s lawyer, Burton Jacobson, said the couple never realized they were being chased by law enforcement officers, instead believing that the men were armed gang members.

The shooting remained under investigation to determine whether it might have been a case of “contagious fire,” in which deputies open fire because they see or hear colleagues shooting, said Michael Gennaco, head of the Sheriff Department’s Office of Independent Review.

A similar investigation is under way into an incident last week in Compton in which deputies fired 120 rounds, wounding a suspect after a car chase.

Former TV host snags City Council seat

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Longtime cable television host Bill Rosendahl won election to the City Council, representing the westside, and he pledged to fight developers and fix traffic problems.

Rosendahl defeated Flora Gil Krisiloff 56.56 percent to 43.44 percent Tuesday for the District 11 seat being vacated by Cindy Miscikowski, who could not run again because of term limits.

Krisiloff, 53, and Rosendahl, 60, campaigned more than a year to represent an area that includes Venice, Playa del Rey, Mar Vista, Brentwood and the Pacific Palisades.

Rosendahl, a former cable television executive, is best known for the public affairs programs he hosted from 1987 to 2003.

His campaign stressed the environment and his opposition to large developments without traffic fixes. He also opposes the second phase of the \$11 billion Los Angeles International Airport restructuring that includes tearing down three terminals and building a remote check-in facility near the San Diego Freeway.

Merrill Lynch burned its bridges in Orange County

By The Associated Press

SANTA ANA — The Merrill Lynch & Co. brokerage, blamed in part for Orange County’s bankruptcy in 1994, won’t be considered to help refinance the county’s \$800 million debt.

Merrill Lynch isn’t on an approved underwriters list of 13 firms invited to bid on restructuring the remaining bankruptcy debt, supervisors were told. It means the brokerage firm will lose out on an estimated \$2 million in fees.

“Merrill paid millions to the county for past misdeeds, and to put them on the list would almost look like we’re giving them some money back like a reward,” Supervisor Tom Wilson said Tuesday.

“I can’t see anyone allowing the county to pay Merrill for something that they created,” Supervisor Jim Silva added.

Treasurer-Tax Collector John M.W. Moorlach said enough companies were on the list approved by the county’s Public Financing Advisory Committee to ensure competitive bidding.

“Interest rates are at historic lows,” he said. “We don’t want to waste time.”

In the early 1990s, Merrill helped Orange County broker transactions in which then-Treasurer-Tax Collector Robert L. Citron borrowed about \$13 billion and placed it in risky investments tied to low interest rates. When rates rose, the county lost \$1.6 billion.



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NATIONAL

Animal welfare extremists grow more bold

BY FRANK ELTMAN
Associated Press Writer

COMMACK, N.Y. — Last month, animal rights extremists followed the wife of a pharmaceutical company executive to her job, rifled through her car and stole a credit card. They used it buy \$20,000 in travelers checks, which they then donated to four charities.

A Web site announcement boasting of the act included a more sinister threat:

"If we find out a dime of that money granted to those charities was taken back

we will strip you bear (sic) and burn your (expletive). This is OUR insurance policy."

The actions by the radical Animal Liberation Front appear to be the latest salvo in an ongoing battle pitting scientists, businesses and labs involved in animal research against those intent on stopping them — at almost any cost.

The president of the Foundation for Biomedical Research, a group backed by institutions that rely on animal research, said ALF members operate like terrorists.

"These are unbelievably mean-spirited

people who operate under this delusion that they are on a higher moral ground than the rest of us," President Frankie Trull said. "They operate in a classic terrorist organization mode. There are individual cells, and, as we understand it, one doesn't know what another is doing. Regrettably, I think this is actually a growing industry."

ALF's credo on its Web site claims the group "carries out direct action against animal abuse in the form of rescuing animals and causing financial loss to animal exploiters, usually through the damage and destruction of property."

The FBI is investigating a number of incidents over the past year that ALF claims its members committed against Manhattan-based Forest Laboratories and its executives. Forest, which employs 3,000 people in several Long Island communities, specializes in medicines for depression, anxiety, Alzheimer's disease and hypertension.

ALF wants Forest to end ties with the British company Huntingdon Life Sciences, which it says kills animals in testing. A Huntingdon spokesman did not respond to requests for comment, but the company has said it does not violate laws in its experiments. Forest officials also did not return requests for comment.

Jerry Vlasak, a physician and ALF sympathizer who operates a Web site in California that posts the group's communiqués, said some of its members claimed responsibility for making the \$20,000 donations with the stolen credit card of a Forest executive's wife.

Vlasak — who said he is not an ALF member, although he supports many animal welfare initiatives — said the group also has claimed responsibility for vandalizing a Forest plant in Inwood, on Long Island, last June.

ALF also claims it used a bullhorn at night for a week last October to harass a Forest Laboratories executive, glued the locks on the homes of other company executives in Nassau and Suffolk counties and spray-painted their homes and cars with words like "puppy killer" and "murderer."

The Foundation for Biomedical Research on its Web site has a 44-page

spreadsheet detailing incidents of vandalism and other crimes across the country allegedly committed over the past several decades by ALF and other groups, including Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty.

"The Internet has been a huge boon for their kinds of activities," Trull said. "You can get people to promote their messages above ground, and it's easier to coordinate tactics via e-mail."

The targets don't even need to be directly involved in animal testing or research, said Tim Horner, managing director of the international security firm Kroll Inc.

"Their tactics don't just target a CEO or chairman of the board," he said. "They go after assistants, engineers, lab technicians ... it could be anybody."

Seven people are scheduled to go on trial next month in federal court in Trenton, N.J., for operating another Web site that encouraged the terrorizing of Huntingdon Life Sciences and businesses associated with it.

Prosecutors say the defendants encouraged vandalism in July 2002 at the Meadowbrook Golf Club in Jericho, on Long Island. One of the players in a charity tournament scheduled there was an executive of a company that insured Huntingdon.

"There is no question that the fringes of the animal welfare and environmental rights movements have become increasingly radicalized," said Mark Potok, director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project. "These sectors see themselves in a war against the entire government and industrial democracy itself."

Although ALF says it dissociates itself from actions that harm people, Potok said it's "fairly miraculous" no one has been injured, noting that some ALF members have allegedly set fire to homes and factories.

Trull was not optimistic the situation will change soon.

"My fear is that in this climate they have managed to drive away really brilliant minds from this endeavor," she said. "Is the next lab they target the one that is about to find a cure for Alzheimer's or cancer?"

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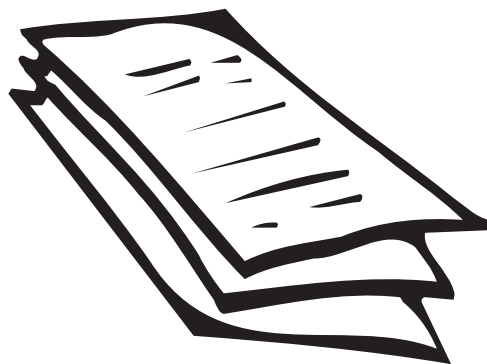
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Walden Media blends education, entertainment

BY SANDY SHORE

AP Business Writer

DENVER — Walden Media is approaching the movie business a little bit differently than some of its competitors.

While many movies draw kids to theaters with animated fish (think Nemo), unlikely superheroes ("The Incredibles") and intergalactic battles a la "Star Wars," Walden Media is making family friendly films that not only target young people but come with an educational component.

For example, James Cameron's documentary about diving to the wreck of the Titanic, called "Ghosts of the Abyss," led to a nationwide robotics contest for young people. "Because of Winn-Dixie," the story of a girl who learns about friendship through a dog named after the grocery chain, led to a children's reading program.

The company also consults teachers and librarians in its search for books to make into movies and it provides activity guides for teachers.

"Everything Walden does is really meant to create and show the relevance to kids in schools of what they're learning through the use of film media and publishing and other outlets — but mainly film," says David Weil CEO of the Anschutz Film Group, an umbrella company over Walden.

Industry observers say Walden's approach may work because its movies attract a broad demographic of kids and families and are based on books already popular with the young target audience.

Walden, with offices in Los Angeles and Boston, is the brainchild of Cary Granat, a former president of Miramax Films' Dimension label — which produced "Scary Movie," "Scream" and "Spy Kids" films — and Boston educator Micheal Flaherty.

Their premise proved to be a hard sell: They spent a year meeting with skeptical venture capitalists to no avail.

When they mentioned film and education in the same breath, potential investors would almost always ask, "Do you mean tuberculosis film strips or driver's ed videos?" Flaherty recalled. They would often ask Granat, "Why don't you make 'Scream 4'?"

Down to their last dollar, the two met Denver billionaire Phil Anschutz, who has had a knack for turning undervalued assets into moneymakers.

Soon after their pitch began, Anschutz politely said, "OK," and Flaherty figured they had been rejected again. But Anschutz started asking questions and the end result folded Walden into AFG.

"Phil was the last meeting that we had," Flaherty said. "He completely got it

and also helped shape the vision, and he's just been fantastic in terms of really making sure we deliver on the education mission and mandate."

AFG also owns Bristol Bay Productions, best known for "Ray," based on Ray Charles' life. Both Bristol and Walden produce family friendly movies.

Walden produced "Holes," based on a book in which two youths bond at a detention camp after one teaches the other to read. The company arranged to have about 20,000 school children participate in an interactive program where they could hear and ask questions of author Louis Sachar, director Andy Davis and cast members.

With "Because of Winn-Dixie," from the best-selling book by Kate DeCamillio, Walden coordinated a reading program where students read the book to residents of Sunset Senior Living Centers.

John Kneisley, 11, and Sarah Higginbotham, 10, both students at Merritt Academy in Fairfax, Va., were among the readers.

"When I was little, my parents always used to read to me and I was reading to people even older than I was and it made me feel more grown up," John said.

Sarah said it was fun: "I think it made the residents feel good that their neighbor school was coming to read to them."

The academy's executive director, Toni Crouch, said the program supplemented her efforts to keep students in touch with the nearby seniors.

"It's good for the children to realize that people's lives cover a wide range of years, both in their lives and in world history, and (that they) can appreciate what's still here," she said.

Professional education groups say they support film- and movie-related material or cable TV in classrooms as long as education remains the focus.

"If kids come home from the movie and are talking about reading and going out to read, that's good," said Linda Hodge, president of the National Parent Teachers Association.

Walden's most anticipated film is due in December when, working with Walt Disney studios, it will release "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," the first installment from the popular children's fantasy series by C.S. Lewis.

Granat, Walden's chief executive officer and AFG president, said they look at it a years-long initiative to bring the series to film.

"For us, this is one of those franchises that we hope will be like 'Lord of the Rings' and Harry Potter, a legacy franchise for many years to come," he said.

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College president tells dean to say he's sorry

BY SUSAN GALLAGHER
Associated Press Writer

HELENA, Mont. — A University of Montana dean has been directed to apologize for releasing a letter from a media foundation that said it would not give money for a new journalism building until Montana attitudes about nonresident landowners improved.

UM President George Dennison confirmed Wednesday that he instructed Journalism Dean Jerry Brown to apologize to James C. Kennedy, chairman of the Atlanta-based media company Cox Enterprises Inc. and vice president of the James M. Cox Jr. Foundation.

Brown declined to comment. But in copies of an e-mail made available by another source and reviewed by

The Associated Press, Brown wrote: "At the president's direction, I am going to apologize to Kennedy, though his lawyer called me first to apologize for Kennedy's broadside."

However, lawyer Lance Lovell of Billings said Wednesday that Kennedy "did not broadside the school and the dean knows that I did not call to apologize for a broadside."

The e-mail was addressed to Deborah McWhinney, a fundraising chairwoman for the University of Montana Foundation. Projects for which it has sought money include a new journalism building.

An assistant to Kennedy, Debbie Aldrich, said that as of Wednesday, no apology had been received.

Dennison told Brown to apologize after the dean gave

the AP a copy of the letter in which the Cox foundation snubbed a request for money to build an auditorium in the \$11 million journalism building. The auditorium is now on hold for lack of money.

The letter touched on a sensitive topic in Montana. For years, some residents have complained that rich people looking for a new lifestyle move to the state, only to question Montana's way of doing things, particularly access to hunting and fishing.

"Many Montana residents are making it known that they are not happy with nonresident landowners in their state," the Cox foundation letter said. "In addition, stream and river access issues are also being raised. Until these issues are resolved and our presence in the state is more appreciated, we have decided not to make any further contributions in Montana."

The letter was signed by a secretary but expressed the views of Kennedy, whose Montana property includes land along the Ruby River, a prized trout stream where public access to the water is controversial. Kennedy later said a donation to the university was denied chiefly because Cox does not have businesses in the state.

In an e-mail under the heading "Damage Control," McWhinney criticized Brown for releasing the letter and wrote, "Now how do we win friends? Hopefully you have a lot of ideas how we can make amends and fill the gap you have created."

McWhinney was not available to return a call seeking comment Wednesday, said a spokeswoman at her office in San Francisco.

The criticism of Brown brought broadcast journalist Don Oliver, a UM graduate and president of a School of Journalism advisory board, to the dean's defense.

A dean of journalism has many functions, the most important being to champion "the highest journalistic practices" and serve as a role model for students, Oliver wrote McWhinney. By releasing the letter, Brown served the public's right to know, said Oliver, who worked in radio and television news for more than three decades, mostly for NBC.

"As the head of a journalistic enterprise it is inconceivable (Kennedy) believed the comments would not be disseminated for public appraisal," Oliver wrote. "He made no reference in the letter to anything being treated as confidential."

But Dennison said the letter from Kennedy was never intended to be public and its disclosure was "an unfortunate thing."

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Utah braces for a season of swollen rivers

BY PAUL FOY
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The Sevier River ran over its banks Wednesday in central Utah and flooded farmers' fields as mountain snowpacks gave way to warming temperatures. Other rivers throughout Utah are expected to be swollen by this weekend.

The National Weather Service put southern Utah under a flood watch for a possible deluge on the Virgin River by Sunday, when temperatures are expected to climb to 100 degrees.

"We've been warning about this for months — and we're doing it now," National Weather Service hydrologist Brian McInerney said Wednesday.

The Sevier River, which drains two mountain ranges, jumped its banks at about 1 a.m. Wednesday and was expected to surge to 1,900 cubic feet per second by Sunday — 400 cfs more than any recorded flow in history, McInerney said.

"It's not as dramatic as TV crews would like because it's only field flooding — but it's big and all over the place," he said.

Farther south, The Narrows in Zion National Park "are just roaring," McInerney said. "If you were in there you'd be swept away and done for."

Zion park is open and running bus shuttles for visitors, but isn't allowing hiking in the 16-mile Narrows framed by tight cliffs soaring 2,000 feet high. "It's full of water," park spokesman Ron Terry said Wednesday. "We definitely do not want to encourage anyone to try that."

The Virgin River's north fork runs through Zion at 50 cfs for much of the year, but was measured at 2,500 cfs Wednesday at Springdale, a community outside Zion park built on a historic flood plain.

Cedar City fortified Coal Creek against a monster snowpack — still nearly 13 feet, enough to bury cabins to the roof, and unusually waterlogged. Residents at low-lying housing tracts outside Cedar City were sandbagging their houses.

Coal Creek was running close to 900 cfs on Wednesday and expected to reach 1,300 by Sunday, enough to spill over onto flat areas outside of town.

The high-plateau snowpacks feeding Coal Creek and the Virgin River piled up to as much as 400 percent of normal this winter, McInerney said.

Flooding also could break out this weekend in eastern

Utah, on rivers draining the Uinta Mountains, and along the Wasatch Front, where the American Fork River and the streams of Little and Big Cottonwood canyons were picking up a torrent of mountain snowmelt.

Snowbird ski resort reported a snowpack of 14 feet on Wednesday, an accumulation that came from 52.4 feet of snowfall since Oct. 1. It continued to snow until last week.

This season's cool spring temperatures "are going to change in a big way" starting Thursday, when southern Utah will start warming into the 90s, McInerney said.

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Senate is debating Bush’s judicial nominee

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Concluding the time had come to act, the Republican-controlled Senate began debating one of President Bush’s most contested judicial nominations Wednesday in a showdown that could lead to a historic decision over whether the White House can place like-minded judges on the federal bench over the objection of minority Democrats.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., rebuffed last-minute Democratic attempts to avoid that showdown, pushing Texas judge Priscilla Owen’s nomination toward confirmation despite Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid’s efforts.

“I’m trying to move to a qualified nominee, Priscilla Owen and we hear these attempts to delay even right now, to sidetrack, to even consider somebody else and that’s the challenge,” Frist said. “That’s why we’re on the floor of the United States Senate, with the light of day, with the American people watching.”

Reid had suggested that Frist skip over Owen’s nomination to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, and instead confirm consensus nominees to two other courts.

Reid also suggested that Frist call a senator-only meeting in the Capitol’s Old Senate chamber where they could hash out the controversy on their own, just as they did to work out how senators would handle President Clinton’s impeachment.

“Have all of us retire to the chamber, sit down and talk though this issue to see if there’s a way we can resolve

this short of this nuclear option,” Reid said.

Frist said he was ready to move forward. Reid then told Frist that Democrats would block all committee hearings from going on while the Senate debated Owen. Committees may meet while the Senate is in session only with the unanimous consent of all of the 100 senators, so a single senator can block committee meetings.

With the Owen nomination now pending, time is running out on senators who want to find a compromise and avoid a vote in the Senate to block Democrats from filibustering the White House’s judicial nominees. If majority Republicans opt to change the rules to disallow filibusters of judicial nominees — a move labeled the “nuclear option” — parliamentary warfare between Democrats and Republicans could escalate and stall Bush’s legislative agenda.

Senators expect to debate Owen’s nomination all this week and take a test vote early next week. If that vote is not successful, then Frist plans to call a vote on banning judicial filibusters, aides said.

Frist insists that all judicial nominees deserve confirmation votes. “I’ve made it clear what the principle is, a fair up-or-down vote,” he said.

After meeting with Owen and California judge Janice Rogers Brown, who were blocked by Democrats during Bush’s first term, Republicans announced that Owen’s nomination for an appeals court seat would be the vehicle for the attempt to prohibit Democrats from filibustering judicial nominations.

The two women, who are among Bush’s most-wanted judicial nominees, met with the president at the White House

on Tuesday and later with Senate GOP leaders at the Capitol.

Owen is praised as an ideal candidate by conservatives but criticized by liberals as being biased toward business interests and anti-abortion.

Reid refuses to give up Democrats’ ability to block Supreme Court and lower court nominees they consider too extreme. Court watchers think a Supreme Court vacancy could happen sometime this year.

“The goal of the Republican leadership and their allies in the White House is to pave the way for a Supreme Court nominee who would only need 50 votes for confirmation rather than 60,” the number of senators needed to maintain a filibuster, Reid said

Democrats have prevented final votes on 10 of Bush’s first-term appeals court nominees, and have threatened to do the same this year to seven the president renominated, including Owen and California judge Janice Rogers Brown. Frist has threatened to try to keep Democrats from blocking judges by use of the filibuster, a parliamentary device that can be overcome only by a majority of 60 votes or higher.

Just 51 votes are needed to approve a nominee once a vote is called in the 100-member Senate, and only 50 if the vice president, who breaks ties, votes in favor of a nominee. Frist could prevail with 50 votes supporting his move to rule filibusters out of order when used to block a confirmation vote because Vice President Dick Cheney has said he will break a tie in favor of ending judicial filibusters.

Neither side appears certain it has enough votes to prevail if the issue is put to a test.

Awe, humility mark 25 years since eruption

BY DAVID AMMONS
Associated Press Writer

MOUNT ST. HELENS NATIONAL MONUMENT, Wash. — Hundreds of tourists, foresters and government dignitaries reflected with humility and awe Wednesday on the 25th anniversary of the eruption of Mount St. Helens, a blast that devastated the landscape, killed 57 people and turned day to night across Eastern Washington.

“We commemorate the 25th anniversary of an act of God, and we remember those who died,” Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns told visitors who gathered at Weyerhaeuser Co.’s Forest Learning Center near the volcano. “It seems to me this calls for a certain amount of humility, so let us commit to one another that we will

wisely use this hard-won 25 years of insight to guide our future efforts to manage our natural resources.”

Clouds obscured the horseshoe-shaped crater left by the May 18, 1980, eruption, which blew off the iconic cone of the mountain’s top 1,300 feet, spawned mudflows that choked the Columbia River’s shipping channel, leveled hundreds of square miles of forest, and paralyzed towns and cities more than 250 miles to the east with volcanic ash. The roiling plume that rose from the volcano eventually circled the globe.

Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire recalled that at the time, she was a young lawyer in the state attorney general’s office, on vacation with her family and newborn daughter in a rustic cabin near Idaho’s Hayden Lake. Without radio or television, their first clue to the eruption was the ash: “It was like a black curtain came down,” she told the crowd.

There has been a renewed interest in Mount St. Helens in recent months, and not just because of the anniversary.

The volcano rumbled to life last fall for the first time since 1986, drawing thousands of visitors who wanted to witness its power. Small earthquakes shook the crater, and clouds of steam escaped thousands of feet into the air as magma moved toward the surface.

The mountain is rebuilding itself, just as plant and animal life have returned to the moonscape left by the 1980 eruption. Inside the crater, a lava dome that grew until 1986 was destroyed by last fall’s activity, only to be replaced by one that is 500 feet taller and still growing.

Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski called the eruption a remarkable reminder of the catastrophic power of nature and the uneasy relationship humans have with their environment. But speakers also described the mountain’s recovery as a cause for celebration.

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Tests begin at Grand Canyon to hear nature

BY MICHELLE ROBERTS

Associated Press Writer

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz.

— Standing about ear high on tripods, microphones attached to sound level meters and computers are trying to capture the sound of quiet at the Grand Canyon.

When the chatter of hikers, the rumble of idling cars and the buzz of air traffic are removed, what does nature sound like around the landmark? Grand Canyon National Park officials hope to help answer that question with data now being collected.

The information will be used in computer models that will help determine how noisy the park would be without human intrusion and whether current regulations on tour flights adequately limit noise.

"We're trying to get what the natural ambient levels are," said Ken McMullen, overflights and natural soundscape manager for the park.

Although the data collection and the models that will be used to determine the ambient noise level are new, the effort to determine whether the park is as quiet as it should be goes back a generation.

Congress said in 1975 that natural quiet is a resource at the Grand Canyon — the way that animals and vegetation are — and therefore must be protected.

The determination came at a time when flights over the canyon were virtually unregulated.

Tour operators started flying passengers over the canyon in 1927, and even as tour flights grew in popularity, flight routes, altitude and traffic control were

left to individual operators.

Environmental activists complained that more regulation was needed to preserve the Grand Canyon's natural state. But little was done until a midair collision in 1986.

Twenty-five people, mostly foreign tourists, were killed when a helicopter and a sightseeing plane collided 2,000 feet above the canyon floor.

The National Parks Overflights Act passed the following year. The law required that natural quiet be substantially restored to the park.

The problem, said McMullen, was that no one defined "substantial restoration" and no one knew what "natural quiet" sounded like at the canyon.

Tour operators immediately saw a threat to their business and chafed at what they saw as unfair regulations. What ensued was nearly two decades of fighting on all sides and over nearly every issue.

"Everybody seemed to want to fight. The environmental groups wanted to fight. The air tour operators wanted to fight," said Steve Bassett, president of the U.S. Air Tour Association. "Instead of figuring out how to do it, we just fought all the time."

Flight corridors, altitude requirements and caps on the number of total flights were established, but tour operators continue to object to many of the rules.

In 2003, about 83,000 air tour flights went over the canyon; current rules cap the total at 90,260 flights annually.

It remains unclear whether natural quiet has returned to the park.

What constituted substantial restora-

tion of quiet remained unsettled until 1994. The standard was set at half or more of the park having no audible aircraft noise at least 75 percent of the day. That didn't settle the issue though.

"Even what we meant by the 'day' was a contentious issue for many years," said McMullen.

Officials finally defined "day" as 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., a standard the air tour operators still don't like.

But without knowing what decibel "natural quiet" is at the Grand Canyon, it's impossible to say whether substantial restoration has occurred.

Canyon officials just began gathering data last month using microphones placed in the four major types of canyon vegetation, away from developed areas of the park. They'll be able to take out human noise if it's accidentally picked up by the sensors.

The data measuring the sound of wind in trees and birds chirping can then be used to fill in a model that will determine what the decibel level of nature is estimated to be at the Grand Canyon. Collecting data everywhere in the park is far too costly, so modeling provides a close approximation.

Getting to this point hasn't been easy. The topography at the Grand Canyon is unique. Many existing models used to determine ambient noise levels focus on big cities and airports, making them of limited value in more rural settings and prompting more challenges from the air tour community.

It took four years of study, until January 2003, for the National Park

Service and the Federal Aviation Administration to find a model that seemed valid for Grand Canyon conditions, McMullen said.

The data collection will continue over the year because sound levels are different with seasonal change.

By winter, Grand Canyon officials should have an assessment of how close they are to natural quiet in the summer and whether current regulations are adequate. By next year, they hope to have an assessment that covers the winter months as well, McMullen said.

"That would be a huge step," he said.

It will not, however, be the end to the ongoing questions about quiet in the park.

Air tour operators still want changes to the regulations, and Bassett said he couldn't say whether they'll accept the results of the sound model the park plans to use.

"We think it's probably getting better," he said. "I really do have some sense that they are going to try to get it right."

But he said the industry is more interested in plans to sit down with the Park Service, the FAA, environmentalists, tribes and other groups as part of a dispute resolution process that may finally end the fighting.

That process is just starting and will likely take a couple of years to complete. Bassett said everything — including current limits — is up for negotiation, but he and McMullen both said they hope the negotiations will keep the decisions out of costly and time-consuming litigation.

"It just seems like all the stars are starting to align, and we will get something done," Bassett said.

Hispanic groups plan national boycott of Arizona businesses

BY AMANDA KEIM

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — Civilian border watch groups. Laws that limit government services illegal immigrants can use. Lawmakers trying to declare English as the official state language and require government functions be conducted in English.

Immigrant rights activists say the recent groundswell of anti-immigration measures in Arizona is making the lives of immigrants, and anyone who looks like one, miserable and must be countered in kind: by making the lives of Arizonans more difficult through lost business and tourism.

To do that, activists are planning a national boycott of Arizona businesses and tourism sites in early July to draw attention to the contribution undocumented immigrants make to the state.

The national effort follows a Phoenix-area boycott of businesses last week that caused a few businesses to limit their services and at least one to close for the day.

Activists say the recent groundswell of

anti-immigration measures are making the lives of immigrants miserable.

They hope the planned boycotts — one a long-term national effort to divert conventions and sporting events elsewhere and the other a three-day economic protest of local businesses — will put political pressure on Arizona legislators to take a more moderate stance on immigration issues.

Breaking the Chains, the group organizing the national boycott, hopes to kick off its campaign July 1.

Organizers plan to convince groups sponsoring large sporting events, conferences and other events that generate a lot of revenue, to take their activities to other states.

"We tried to have meetings, we tried everything, but we found it is impossible to go through the legislative process," said organizer Salvador Reza. "There was no dialogue. It was just a one way street."

Reza said the boycott will be ongoing until Proposition 200, an initiative voters approved in November that limits the government services illegal immigrants can use, is repealed.

Activists say the immigration enforcement measures affect not just immigrants, but everyone who looks like one.

"It's the way I look, it's the language I speak. That's racial profiling," said Elias Bermudez, director of Phoenix's Centro de Ayuda, or Center of Help, and organizer of the local boycott.

Bermudez's group is asking Hispanics around Arizona to not spend any money from July 2-4.

By closing their wallets for three days, the Hispanic community will show local businesses how vital they are to the state economy, according to Bermudez.

"We are saying if we are needed, come to our side and help us live without being harassed," he said.

The two protests are not directly related, although Bermudez said his group is supporting Reza's boycott.

These efforts follow a Phoenix-area work stoppage last week that caused a few businesses to limit their services and at least one to close for the day.

Arizona last saw a large-scale boycott

of tourism and convention sites in the late 1980s, after former Gov. Evan Mecham rescinded an executive order signed by his predecessor, Bruce Babbitt, to create a holiday honoring slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

At that time, Arizona was a contender to host the Super Bowl in 1996 and angry executives threatened to take Arizona off the short list unless the state enacted a King holiday. Voters approved the holiday a few years later.

Alberto Gutier, a longtime state government worker, said he doubts the planned boycotts will have be as effective as the Super Bowl threat. Most national organizations probably won't avoid bringing national conferences to Arizona unless they want to make a political statement, he said.

But Brent Wilkes, national director of the League of United Latin American Citizens, said his organization is paying close attention to Arizona's legislative actions and activities like the Minuteman project — a controversial civilian patrol group that has been monitoring the Mexican border for illegal immigrants.



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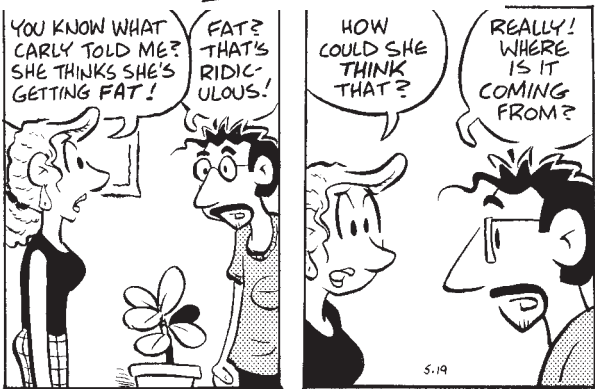


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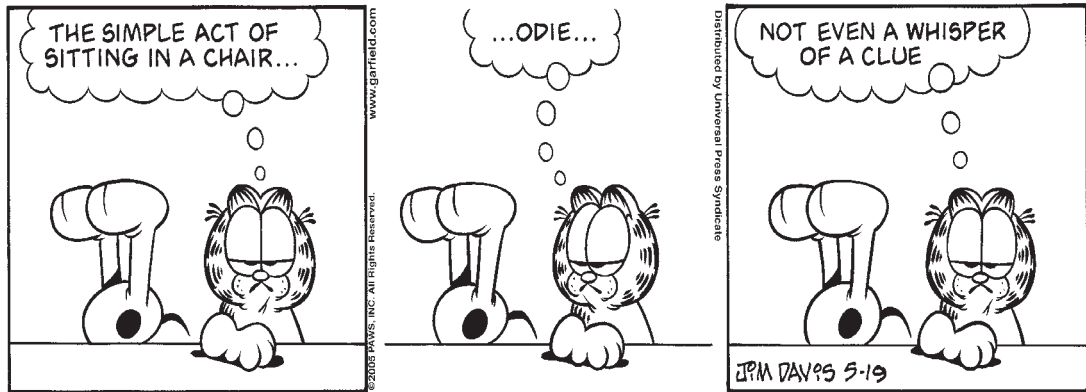
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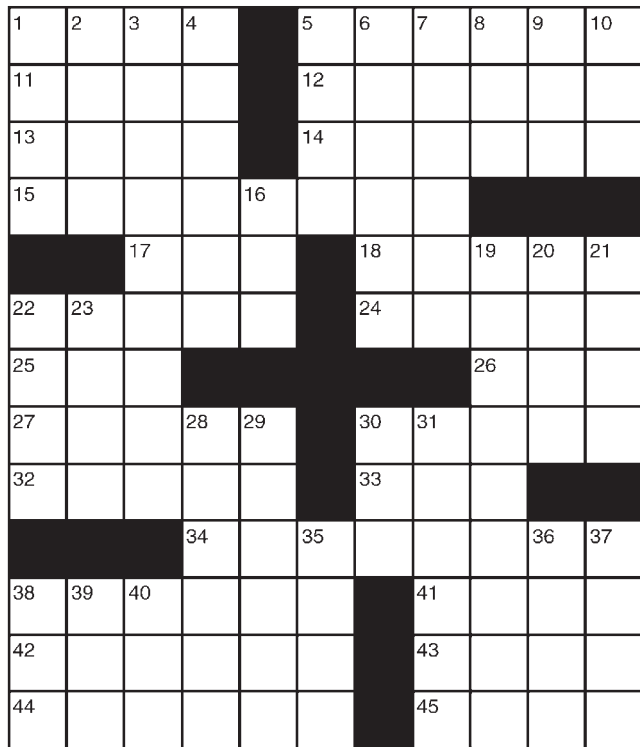
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DOROTHY BAUER QUANDT

Dorothy Bauer Quandt, born May 15, 1907, gently passed away on May 14, 2005.

She moved to Willits in 1990 to be near her daughter Emmy Good and family. During her time here she became involved in many activities, including AAUW, PEO, Book Lovers, Senior Center, Literacy Volunteers, and her Tuesday Bridge. She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church.

She was a dedicated teacher who began her career in a one-room schoolhouse in New Mexico and was part of the original faculty at Beverly Hills High School, where she met her husband, William Carl Quandt.

She was the devoted and beloved mother of Emmy Good of Willits and William Bauer Quandt of Charlottesville, Virginia. She was a noted educator and speaker on parent education, establishing early childhood programs for the Santa Monica School system, where she was on the faculty of Santa Monica City College.

She retired and was widowed in 1969. She then founded and co-owned with her daughter her own preschool, where she directed until her second retirement at the age of 79.

Mrs. Quandt loved to travel, always with an interest in the educational systems of the many countries she visited, which included Canada, Mexico, Central America, Europe, the former USSR, Japan, China, the Middle East, India, Samoa, and most of the United States. She took pictures and shared her adventures through slide shows.

In the 1950s she became involved with the AFS student exchange program, taking in an exchange student from Japan, which led to an enduring connection to the Hiroshi Murai family.

For 15 years she was involved in elder hostel programs and went each year to Ashland, Oregon, to indulge in her passion for theater. Her hands were talented. She knot and crocheted countless sweaters, afghans, did needlepoint, and painted both oils and watercolors.

She will be greatly missed by her daughter Emmy Good and husband Bill and their three children: David Good, Edward Good and Keena Good and great grandson Wilson Good" and by her son Bill Quandt and wife Helena Cobban and granddaughter Lorna Quandt; her many nieces and nephews, and friends worldwide.

A celebration of her life will be held at Anker-Lucier at 3 pm on Wednesday May 18, followed by ice cream and birthday cake in the courtyard of Goods' Stamp Shoppe.

In-lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Dorothy Quandt AAUW Scholarship Fund, the Dorothy Quandt PEO Scholarship Fund, or Friends of the Library or Willits Community Theater.

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MEISENHOLDER, GREGORY
 Born August 20, 1938 and passed away on May 12, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Ghislane; his son, Christopher, and his daughter, Stephanie.

Greg graduated from University High School, Santa Monica City College and the University of Southern California. Upon graduation from the USC School of Industrial Design, he started his professional career as a licensed landscape architect, focusing on a combination of both commercial and residential projects in Southern California.

He was a man of many interests including classic cars and airplanes. He was actively involved in Santa Monica's Museum of Flying from its inception to its closure. He was a world traveler and went on various adventures in over 40 countries during his 66 year existence. He also had a love of gardening and could name almost every plant there is. He will be missed greatly.

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