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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Public Servants in Action: (1) New Hampshire state Rep. Christopher Doyle, 26, was arrested in March and charged with slapping elections supervisor Gail Webster, 61, to the floor on election night after learning that he had lost his race for town selectman in Windham. (2) Shirley Martin, a member of the school board in West Orange, Texas, was convicted in February of disorderly conduct for threats against colleague Beth Wheeler. At a meeting, Martin had continued speaking after her colleagues had ruled her out of order, and subsequently Martin angrily told Wheeler, "I'm going to stomp a mud hole in your ass."

Despite state funding problems in health care and other areas, New York's Department of Transportation completed a \$3.3 million beautification project in January in which intricately decorated "flora and fauna" designs of bronze were inlaid in two 2,400-square-foot granite wall coverings whose purpose was merely to decorate an underpass below New York City's Brooklyn-Queens Expressway. According to the New York Sun, the walls are beside an off-ramp that's across a pedestrian-unfriendly street from a Burger King, and the site was selected primarily because it is at the intersection of the jurisdictions of three community boards (thus making possible a seemingly always-desirable joint petition for funds).

QUOTE OF THE DAY

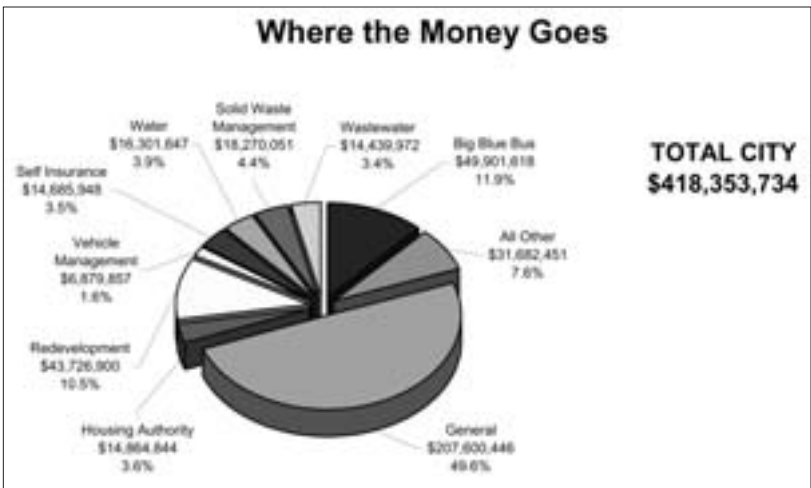
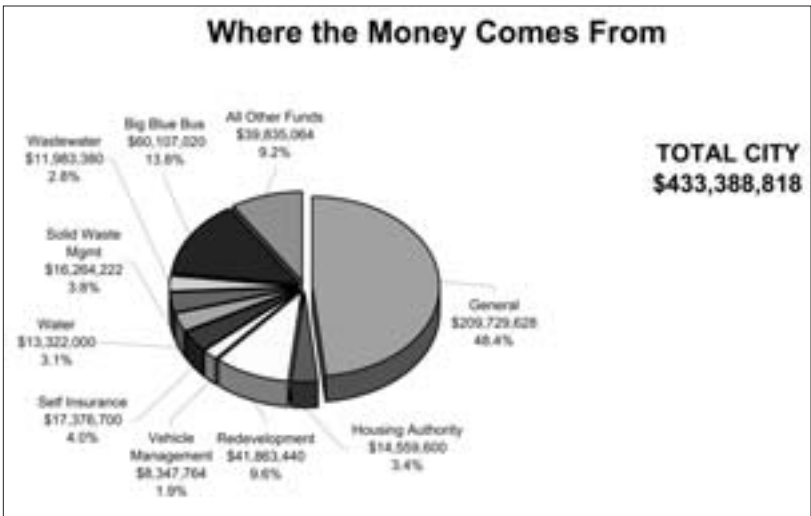
"It is the weakness and danger of republics that the vices as well as virtues of the people are represented in their legislation."

HELEN MARIA HUNT JACKSON

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We're in the money: Budget grows



Source: Santa Monica Finance Department

City Hall projects surplus for first time in three years, unveils \$418 million spending plan for 2005-06

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — A recovering post-9/11 economy is starting to pay off for City Hall, where officials project that next year's budget will have a surplus for the first time in three years.

Officials last week unveiled next year's proposed city budget, which has grown more than \$50 million since last year. The surplus is attributed to a strengthening local economy and marks the first time after the recession City Hall has gone into a financial year with revenues exceeding expenditures — pegged at \$433 million and \$418 million, respectively, for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

However, despite the upswing in the local economy, city officials are still proceeding with caution.

"Economic conditions are improving and we're very encouraged, but not exuberantly encouraged by what's happening," said City Manager Susan McCarthy on Monday. She added that the rising cost of living in Los Angeles, increased fuel and energy costs,

and additional money going toward city employees' benefits all add strain to City Hall's expenses. Next year's budget also accounts for additional operating expenses to staff new facilities like the new Main Library and the Virginia Avenue Park expansion.

IT'S PAYBACK TIME

Next year's \$15 million surplus will most likely be spent immediately — all in the form of paybacks from various City Hall coffers, including \$10 million to pay off a loan from the water fund so the city could purchase the old Fisher Lumber site for a possible park at 14th Street and Olympic Boulevard.

An estimated \$300,000 surplus is expected for the 2005-06 budget after loans are paid back and money is set aside for various anticipated projects, like the renovation of the old Marion Davies Estate at 415 PCH. City Hall's contribution, along with a \$21 million grant from the Annenberg Foundation, will be used to reha-

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Home business taxes, fees to be reconsidered

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Artists, writers and other Santa Monica residents working from home may soon qualify for city tax and fee exemptions that would save them money.

The Santa Monica City Council directed staff last week to come up with a proposal to amend City Hall's current business license law to provide a small business exemption and to lower the home business planning fee and assessment on a one-time only basis.

City staff has prepared the change so that small business owners with annual gross receipts of up to \$40,000 would be exempted from paying the city's business license tax.

The council is set to discuss the change on Wednesday, with the hope of adopting it in time to be

"Everyone benefits with fewer cars on the road going from home to work and back."

KEVIN MCKEOWN
Santa Monica City Councilman

part of the July 1 billing cycle.

Councilman Kevin McKeown said he has been pushing hard for a repeal of the small home business tax for a number of reasons, including sustainability issues — arguing that people working at home don't commute and pollute as much, and tend to dine and shop close to home.

"Everyone benefits with fewer cars on the road going from home to work and back," McKeown said.

McKeown also said he believes local businesses and restaurants thrive on neighborhood customers

who don't spend their money out of town, near their respective places of employment.

"Santa Monica seeks sustainability — environmentally and economically — and removing the small home business tax would be an incentive for creating a more sustainable local lifestyle," McKeown said. "Any revenue loss to the city might be partly balanced by a bump in local sales tax, as Santa Monica neighborhood businesses gain home-working daytime customers."

City Hall's audit of the number

of home businesses within Santa Monica over the past year has shown there are a significant number of very small businesses located within the city.

As of April, approximately 75 percent of the new businesses licensed during the audit reported less than \$40,000 in gross receipts during 2004. In many instances, those businesses are operated from the owner's home.

Officials discovered the non-paying businesses by comparing the city's business license database against state tax returns, documents they've had access to since legislators passed AB 63 in 2001, according to Steve Stark, City Hall's director of finance.

Any business that grosses less than \$60,000 a year in Santa Monica must pay an annual \$75

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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)
 ★★★★★ You might be mellow and easy-going as the sun rises, but by sunset you'll have difficulty curbing your temper. What will help you stay in control? Try taking a walk to gain deeper insight. Try to stop running that inner tape in your mind over and over. Tonight: Feelings flourish.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ A partner tosses another view into the mix. Don't negate this option; work with this person's idea. You'll develop a sound path of action. Teamwork draws you into the winner's circle. Relax more. Feelings heat up to a point of discomfort. Tonight: Be a duo.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Often, you think you are right; but then that is your opinion. Open up and listen to another's pros and cons. You might be amazed at how solid a project or concept becomes if you incorporate others' suggestions. Let others lead. You might like the results. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ You might be a bit bogged down by work and others' expectations. Verify what you hear. Confirm meetings. Once you relax with a partner, you'll become a lot happier. Give up a need to control. Sometimes you sabotage yourself this way. Tonight: Put your feet up.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Where others flounder, you come up smelling like a rose. Though others can be difficult or contentious, you use their disagreement positively. Combine the many different ideas that come with a superb thought. Tonight: Act as if there is no tomorrow.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Pressure builds, and you might want to cocoon, for good reason. The problem lies in the fact that you might have difficulty vanishing. Others want and need your feedback. Try to avoid losing your temper, if possible. Tonight: Screen calls.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Though you might be taken aback by someone's attitude, don't react. Be the ever-diplomatic Libra as you decide how much you want to play into this situation. Communication tosses you into the limelight. Tonight: Talk business or news over dinner.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Your finances take precedence. You are not getting the full story about a key situation. Take your time. A partner wants to indulge you. Why not enjoy his or her treat? Lose your judgmental ways. Be open to different styles. Tonight: Gather your bills.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Just because someone doesn't agree with you doesn't mean you won't find a midpoint or solution. You have magnetism, wit and the ability to read between the lines. Push for what you want. Tonight: Beam in what you want.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ As you gather information, you might want to test the concepts on others. Still, you might not want to reveal the whole story or everything that you are thinking. Follow a hunch with a gift or new purchase. Tonight: Curl up with a book.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Do not compromise a dream or long-term desire. A friend or group of people plays a role in your success. Don't overspend, but buy what you believe is necessary. Your values and affection for key people encourage a celebration. Tonight: Live for the moment.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Others seek you out. Accept additional responsibility gracefully. At some point you could be irritated — curb your temper. Look to the long term. You will know what to do. Check in with an authority figure. Tonight: Late dinner.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Musical memories of college

By Daily Press staff

Even theater can be a time to reminisce. The Santa Monica Oceanaires Barbershop Chorus, a non-profit group founded in 1976 and an official chapter of The Harmony Society, will present their annual show, “College Daze,” which recalls the days of college when the Oceanaires get together for a reunion. “The Oceanaires’ shows are always meant to be fun for the entire family,” said chorus president Marty Mitnick. “The Stage Hogs,” an award-winning barbershop quartet with their own unique brand of comedy, will be the featured guest performers. The Oceanaires men’s chorus will perform old and new favorites, including “Goodnight Sweetheart,” “California, Here I Come,” “Slow Boat to China” and “Aura Lee.” The show will commence on Saturday, May 28, at the Westwood United Methodist Church’s Fellowship Hall, 10497 Wilshire Blvd. Free parking is available. Show times are 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, and \$10 for seniors and children. Mail checks to: The Santa Monica Oceanaires, 2821 Anchor Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064-4605. For group sales, please contact Ken Scholtz at (310) 837-9640.

Friends of Sunset Park to hold annual meeting

By Daily Press staff

Friends of Sunset Park, one of Santa Monica’s largest and most active neighborhood organizations, has announced its annual general membership meeting, open to all residents of Sunset Park. Formed in 1989, Friends of Sunset Park (FOSP) is a non-profit, all-volunteer city-recognized organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Sunset Park area of Santa Monica. Sunset Park is bordered by Lincoln Boulevard on the west, Pico Boulevard on the north, Centinela on the east, and Dewey Street and Ozone Avenue to the southern city limits. Discussion topics will include the new SMC Bundy/airport campus; the update of the city’s general plan; how to reduce noise and fumes from Santa Monica Airport; desired improvements on Lincoln, Ocean Park, and Pico boulevards, an

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Walter Soriano accurately described that this photo was taken in front of 515 Ocean Ave. Soriano has won a gift certificate to Izzy’s Deli. Check out Monday’s edition for the next mystery photo contest.

CORRECTION — In the Weekend, May 21-22 edition, there was an error in the article regarding a regional dispatch system for the fire department. The City Council didn’t approve the system at its May 17 meeting. It was only discussed.

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Write us at alex@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

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MONDAY	4:00	-1.0	3:00	1.9	10:23	3.7	9:22	6.5
TUESDAY	4:44	-1.3	3:37	2.1	11:16	3.6	10:02	6.6
WEDNESDAY	5:33	-1.4	4:18	2.3	12:14	3.5	10:46	6.5
THURSDAY	6:25	-1.3	5:08	2.6	1:17	3.4	11:36	6.2
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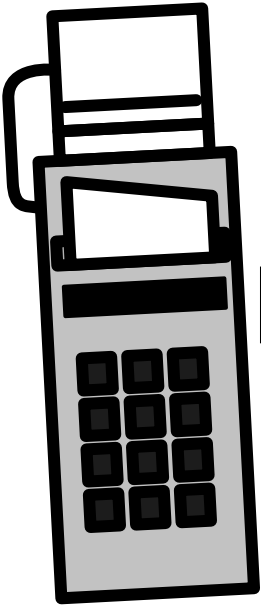
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The Q Line

Santa Monica College is looking for a new president to replace Dr. Piedad Robertson. A search committee has been formed to find the best candidate. Meanwhile, Tom Donner is serving as interim president until the end of this year. SMC in the past has had a tumultuous relationship with City Hall, with many elected leaders and community members accusing the college of disregarding the fact that the institution is growing at a rapid rate, therefore

negatively affecting residents’ quality of life here. So this week, Q-Line wants to know, “What qualities should the next president of SMC possess and what issues will he or she need to address?” Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we’ll print your responses in the weekend edition. Please try to limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City spending isn't adding up

Editor:

Councilman Shriver won a landslide by promising to eliminate the arrogance rampant at City Hall. I hope he does a better job of checking staff's propaganda than the Daily Press did in "city service fees overflow." Council and taxpayers must demand the facts of where our money goes, not just write blank checks.

First, the rate increase figures given by the Daily Press are simply wrong. Under staff's proposal, the three-year and four-year rate increases would be 11 to 15 percent each year, not just the first year. Any graduate of our school system should be able to do the math: household water rates rise from \$52 to \$76 under the three-year plan and to \$89 under the four-year plan. Your numbers are equally wrong for the waste fund, where the rate today is \$62 and the proposed increases vary from \$78 to \$109. The numbers you cite for multi-family and commercial properties are wrong for the same reason.

The problems are worse in the "talking trash" paragraphs. The article's comment that the solid waste fund being close to reaching "a \$3 million comfort level" has no basis in fact. About waste, finance director Stark said Tuesday night that "this fund doesn't really have reserve funds." The reality is right there in the city presentation: this year the solid waste fund will go deep into the red, with a \$1.2 million deficit. The water and wastewater funds follow waste into the red in 2006 and 2007. This is not a "comfort level." This is a total failure by the manager of these funds: Craig Perkins.

Revenues have not declined. In fact, revenues already go up every year. So why are the funds going broke? Out of control spending. Councilman Ken Genser said it Tuesday night: let us have information, not a request for a blank check. Where did the \$43 million reserve go? And where does staff propose to spend the new millions that it wants from us?

I request that the Daily Press correct your errors. And I hope the council will ask the hard questions before raising taxes. "Trust us" should not work, especially after \$43 million disappears.

Frank Jones
Santa Monica

Being taxed to death

Editor:

A city government that gloats a booming local economy, a \$350 million annual budget and over-spends hundreds of millions on ego-driven projects is proposing 20- to 50-percent utility fee hikes. Unbelievable. Oh, and don't forget to add the 10 percent utility tax to the rate hikes.

If you thought the criticism of City Hall hubris was exaggerated, think again while you write the check and then another and then another and then another.

The only way to stop City Hall is vote out the incumbents and hire new staff.

Peter Tigler
Santa Monica

Take it easy on the homeless

Editor:

After reading Mr. R. Chris Cruz' letter to this fine newspaper (SMDP, May 19, page 4), I am elated. Mr. Cruz has shown the initiative which all the homeless in Santa Monica should show. He has used his voice to tell his story. He has used his voice to show those who would show contempt prior to investigation for the Santa Monica homeless community of that we who belong to the homeless community are human beings. We are not refuse that is cast upon the doorstep of this great city, but a people who are living on the brink of and sometimes falling into despair. Living our lives one day at a time just to survive.

We are a people, whom in some circles of society are deemed worthless, stereotyped as dirty smelly drunk drug-addicted criminals whose only contribution to society is to live off the fortunes of others through begging, robbing or drug dealing, or through the homeless agencies which are supported by the city and people within this city who care. And while I am not saying this does not go on within this community, it is not a representation of the community as a whole. Mr. Cruz has chosen to have a voice within this society, chosen to use his right to free speech and speak out against those who would undermine the self-esteem of anyone who is homeless, who is trying to put his or her life back together through any legal means necessary.

This feeling of being cursed, which most of us who are homeless feel at one time or another to some lesser or greater degree, is a by-product of the unkind words and treatment of the homeless community by those who do not want us around. And, I feel these people and entities do not want us around because we are but a very visual symptom of the real disease — that of which is the greed and avarice which has permeated this society and is one of the major causes of homelessness and poverty within this great country of ours. They do not want anyone to notice their hand in the cookie jar and have to have a smokescreen up so we will not notice this is going on behind the scenes, thus any loss of income within the business is blamed upon the Santa Monica homeless community as a whole, not on the high cost of virtually everything needed to sustain a quality of life.

He has shown through this short synopsis of his story the discrimination which has been shown to those of us who are homeless in finding work and housing because of the fact that we are homeless. Discrimination being in the form of not

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Racism has become the battle cry of weak



WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA

I guess I'm in good company these days since I've been labeled a racist. That puts me in the same company as Mexico's president Vicente Fox and world-famous comedian Bill Cosby.

I personally don't agree with that characterization, of me, or of them. I think that the sledgehammer of being called a racist is used by those who are hearing what they don't want to hear in an effort to squash the truth of the statements.

If Social Security is the Third Rail of American Politics, then race, and its discussions, is the nuclear core that one should not go into without an asbestos suit.

Racism — the Oxford dictionary defines it as "the belief that all members of a race possess specific characteristics or abilities so as to distinguish them as superior or inferior." It continues on, to state that racism "is also comprised of a prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed at someone of a different race based on such a belief."

Thus, to be a racist, by the dictionary definition, one must believe that all members of a race have a specific trait, and then use that belief to discriminate against an individual member of the race.

So in order for me to be a racist, I would have to believe that all black people have one thing in common, which is unique to them as a race. According to the African Population Project — a collaborative effort between Colorado State University and the Poudre School District — the African population is 10 percent of the world. For the sake of discussion, let's just assume it's correct, and guesstimate that population at 200 million people.

But that is not all the black population in the world. There are black people in America — they are called African Americans. They make up 10 percent of America, so that's another 30 million or so.

Then there are the blacks in the Caribbean, Central and South America, and throughout Europe. Let's just pick a round number, again for discussion's sake and call it another 30 million people.

That makes about 260 million black people in the world, or about one-eighth of the total population globally.

What kind of trait would possibly be so endemic that it could cross cultures, languages, geographic boundaries, biology, and not mutate? Beyond the obvious answer that all members of the black race are at risk for a certain type of disease, the same way that the Ashkenazi Jewish, some French Canadians, and the Louisiana Cajun people are at risk for Tay-Sachs disease, there is very little that every member of the 260 million black population has in common with each other.

As humans, we categorize. We think in pictures and we try to make life manageable by breaking it down into the smallest parts so that we can think in the quickest manner. Frequently this human trait is

invaluable. We need to be able to discern who is a crazy lunatic and who is just eccentric. We need, as humans, to make decisions and determinations about people in every transaction and interchange we have.

The problem is that the trait which is useful most of the time is sometimes not so accurate. For example, there's a man I know who has a grey scraggly beard, and long stringy grey hair, and he wears paint-covered old ratty jeans, and a well-worn baseball cap. Frankly, he looks like a homeless person. Turns out though, he is an artist, is self-supporting and leads quite a respectable life.

Judging people based on a few pieces of information is usually faulty. I've had business relationships with people who looked, and grew up, like me, and they lied and cheated, stole and embezzled from me and their other business partners. They committed heinous fraud and mismanagement, and then slunk away in the middle of the night without the good manners to at least forthrightly tell us that the business had been run into the ground.

I've had business relationships with people who were nothing like me superficially, and they were the nicest, most honest, trustworthy people I could imagine.

It is a mistake to say that all people of any group are a certain way.

True racism comes from ignorance and an inability to look at one's self squarely. The inability to face facts and truth is the heart and soul of the racist.

This is not to say that I don't have racist thoughts. I do. I believe most of us do — particularly when we are angry, scared or frustrated. The question is what do we do with those thoughts. Our thoughts are not our actions. And in life it is our actions that matter and upon which we are judged.

President Fox said that Mexicans are doing "jobs that even blacks won't take in America." His statement was poorly worded, his use of the word "blacks" was inelegant and inaccurate, but the truth of its meaning is real. Mexicans are doing work that no one else is willing to do.

Cosby stood up and said that parents who spend \$500 on sneakers but don't buy education materials are at least partly to blame for their own lack of success in society. That's a true statement. Of course, it could also be said about white crackers who go to Monster Truck rallies rather than read a book.

The terms "racism" and "racist," have become the battle cry of the weak, those people who are incapable of clearly articulating their thoughts and emotions. It has become the sledgehammer used to end discussion, when, if anything, it should be a source point for discussion to begin.

Racism exists. I don't deny that. I just think that we need to discuss what it is before we go hurling it about as the nuclear weapon of politics.

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COMMENTARY



Is it hot in here? Try these tips to keep cool



ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL

It's only May and LA is already incurring days of 92 degrees and higher. It wouldn't be so bad if buildings actually ventilated. But, unfortunately, many LA apartments feel like 80 at 8 p.m. I don't get how, in a town with landlords charging exorbitant prices, they can't install air conditioning in their apartment units.

I think mistaking my purple soap dispenser as my hair gel was a tip off that I'm not getting enough sleep because of the heat. In a nod to all the magazines with their "Top 10 moves that drive a guy crazy," or "Top 10 blishes that make your cheeks boom," that I've been reading as of late, I decided to make my own list. The Top 10 ways to say, "Screw you, heat" — or more appropriately,

Top 10 ways to stay cool this summer:

1. Fan City. Make your own air conditioning unit by buying two fans to ventilate your windows. If you have a window with a ledge, buy flat fans, and place one facing towards you to draw in the cold air at night, and one away from you to get the hot air the heck out of your building. If you don't have a ledge, buy taller standing fans that can do the same purpose. This makes my room about 10 degrees cooler than the rest of the apartment.

2. Cooler comforter. I myself have a down-like duvet (worst way to go in the summer). I traded it out for my cotton comforter that actually breathes. If you want the comforter feeling without all the heat, roll up the comforter so that it hits your calves and mid back, but does not completely swallow you whole.

3. Cold shower. Not just for hormone-driven boys anymore. This is the best way to start a new day when the temperature is already 80 degrees outside.

4. Barnes & Noble. Heck, any store that has an air conditioner will do. Barnes & Noble and Borders stores are great, though, because you can go under the pretense that you're "reading," and just mooch off the air conditioning all day. Midday movies aren't a bad idea either.

5. Get your own. They have fairly inexpensive window air conditioners at Fry's for about \$100. If you can do this, I'd say it's definitely worth the investment. I've looked into it, and unfortunately, mine would fall on passing pedestrians in the alleyway.

6. The cool liquid game. Not the dating game. Cool sodas and Slurpees can temporarily cool your body from the inside out. You can even make meals out of Jamba Juice and homemade protein shakes. Or, just eat somewhere that has air conditioning.

7. Order out. Have someone else heat up their kitchen and deliver the food to you. Ovens are one of the quickest ways to make your living rooms unbearable. Microwaves will do the trick in reducing heat, too.

8. Think cool thoughts. You think I'm kidding? You can cool your body part off by thinking of glaciers, tundra, and miles of arctic ice ... but use this as an absolute last resort. Cool thoughts, if living in the Valley, only take you so far.

9. Public pool it. I know, I know, LA isn't really a YMCA-friendly place. But if you could "slum" it for about 15 minutes, I say take the plunge. If you can't, find a rich friend who doesn't mind being taken advantage of. I hear baby pools with garden hose water do all right, too.

10. You can always move. No one's making you live in LA. Who dragged you to live by the beach? Oh wait, no one. If they did, this could be the perfect reason to break up with them — over air conditioning. Just tell them you need to cool things down.

(Have any other ideas to cool off for summer? Let Heidi know at anydayin-la@gmail.com.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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having an address or being red-flagged for the address we use as our mailing addresses, which are the various homeless agencies in the area, who by their very inception and design, are there to help us get on our feet.

I strongly feel in my heart Mr. Cruz's story is not unique to any of us who reside within the Santa Monica homeless community. As a matter of fact, his story is quite common and is very familiar to those of us who live our lives on the streets of Santa Monica. Yes, the Santa Monica homeless community is comprised of people who have had wives, husbands, children, places to live, jobs, girlfriends, pets, cars, and paid taxes and lived normal lives, at one time, like anyone who is reading this paper that is housed. Many of us were and can be again productive members so society if given the right opportunity to do so. If shown the tolerance, love and compassion as human beings and American citizens, not kicked and treated like trash, as some of those who read this think we are.

The reason I say this is this, you never know, in today's severe economic maelstrom in which we all inhabit, when you yourself will be the next Mr. Cruz. You never know when there might come a day when the same agencies and people you deride as being failures, as being refuse within society, you yourself find yourself there among the Santa Monica homeless community.

Charles Springer
Homeless in Santa Monica

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LOCAL

Staffers to present balanced budget in June

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biliterate and create community recreational space on the five-acre site.

The council this week will hold study sessions to pour over the budget, which contains thousands of pages and details line item revenue streams and expenditures. City staffers plan to present a balanced budget to the City Council for approval during a June 21 public hearing.

City Hall's general fund grew about \$9 million over last year, with \$3.2 million extra generated from the hotel bed tax increase, passed by voters last November. Another \$5.8 million in growth stems from increased sales taxes, according to Steve Stark, City Hall's finance director.

BREAKING IT DOWN

Local taxes will make up \$146 million, or nearly 70 percent of City Hall's funding. They include: the utility users tax (\$30.6 million); sales tax (\$30.3 million);

transient occupancy tax (\$27 million); property taxes (\$26.1 million); business license taxes (\$19.2 million) and all other taxes (\$13.5 million).

In addition to the money it receives from taxes that go directly into the general fund, City Hall also receives \$60 million from its Big Blue Bus service; \$41 million from its water, wastewater and solid waste services; \$42 million from its redevelopment; \$17 million through its self-insurance; \$15 million through the housing authority; and \$8.3 million through its vehicle management.

Of City Hall's \$418 million in estimated expenditures, "general expenses" account for roughly half, or \$208 million of overall projected expenses — 67.7 percent go toward city salaries, benefits and retirement. In addition, supplies consume roughly \$52 million, or about 25 percent, of the general expenses. Money earmarked for capital improvements make up a smaller portion of next year's budget,

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SUSAN MCCARTHY
Santa Monica City Manager

roughly \$15 million, or 7 percent of the general expenses.

City Hall's Big Blue Bus system makes up \$49 million, or 12 percent, of next year's overall projected expenses. Redevelopment will likely account for another \$43.7 million. City Hall's solid waste, wastewater and water management services together will account for \$48 million (or 12 percent) of the expenses. All other expenditures, including the housing authority, vehicle management and the city's self-insurance will account for \$36 million, or nearly 9 percent of the budget.

PRIORITIZING

McCarthy said in putting together the proposed budget, staff considered the ongoing requests of elected officials and members of the community, which were discussed during the mid-year review process earlier this year.

Priorities that the City Council have voiced its support for include better management of the impacts on the community from the homeless community; improving the quality of life for the Pico neighborhood and improving customer service at City Hall, to name a few.

Two additional "homeless liaison" police officers will be hired specifically to assist homeless individuals, and more park rangers also will be employed to patrol the city's parks. A graffiti technician will be hired to address increased street art in the Pico neighborhood, and another position is to be created to assist with an at-risk youth program run by City Hall.

"The budget plan is to meet the growing needs of the community," McCarthy said.

According to McCarthy, a number of Santa Monica's capital improvement projects, conceived during the economic boom of the 1990s, also are coming to fruition.

"People in Santa Monica will have some wonderful things from the legacy of the '90s," she said.

McCarthy said in addition to the Virginia Avenue Park expansion, Santa Monicans can look forward to the new Santa Monica Library opening in January, followed by the creation of the Airport Park, expected to be ready in August of 2006.

But with those projects come increased

operational costs, which next year's budget takes into account.

City Hall plans on hiring two new staff members for the Virginia Avenue Park expansion, slated to open this October. The expansion underway at the 9.5-acre park will include a campus of buildings to house the Police Activities League gym, community meeting rooms, a youth center and a police substation.

One of the new staff positions for Virginia Avenue Park would be an adult and youth programming coordinator. The other post would be a neighborhood services coordinator. City Hall is not planning on hiring any additional officers for the new police substation at the park, instead, officials hope to reconfigure current police staffing to accommodate the site.

McCarthy said other investments will be made in improving the city's Web site to enhance its customer service online and improving wireless communications at new facilities such as the library.

"We are trying to take advantage of the city's fiber optic network," she said.

TURNING THE LIGHTS BACK ON

Over the past three years, City Hall has made cuts in nearly every department to account for multi-million dollar deficits. As a result, many city services have been cut.

"One of the things about belt-tightening is that it makes you look at your programming more closely," McCarthy said. "There were little budget decisions in each department, and most of what went on were small changes designed not to harm. There was no high drama."

But ignoring landscaping, street lighting and other neighborhood upkeep projects for too long could become problematic. That's why next year's budget aims to restore many services left by the wayside.

McCarthy said extra efforts will be made to trim trees and maintain city landscaping throughout Santa Monica, efforts presently on the backburner.

"As usual, we tried to listen to what the council and community has been saying it wants," McCarthy said. "We are always trying to respond to those issues. Fortunately, we are more capable this year than we have been in the past couple of years."

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LOCAL



Billed home businesses have seen fees waived

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licensing fee, plus \$20 for having the fee processed. Businesses that earn more than \$60,000 pay a percentage depending on the services they offer.

MBIA, an outside consultant, was hired to bill unlicensed businesses under a contract that entitled them to 30 percent of any revenue collected. Businesses were billed for unpaid licenses dating back to 2001, plus penalties of 100 percent — but those penalties and fees were later waived.

Not just home businesses were targeted, according to Stark, who said any unlicensed business that turned up by comparing the two documents was billed for back fees. Though there are exceptions for things like garage sales and lemonade stands, nearly any business that generates revenue requires a license.

A few business activities, such as administrative offices, taxicabs, delivery services and lunch trucks, are taxed on a basis other than gross receipts and excluded from the proposed exemption.

The tax revenue the city receives from small businesses with up to \$40,000 in gross receipts represents a little less than 3 percent of business tax collections, according to city staff. Business license tax revenue would be reduced by an estimated \$320,000 per year. In addition, City Hall would forgo other fees and charges collected in connection with the business license tax — such as late payment penalties and planning review fees — of approximately \$220,000 for a total potential reduction of up to \$540,000.

There would be no reduction in administrative costs since all self-employed individuals will continue to register for an annual business license in order to both ensure that only qualified businesses are exempted from the tax and that all city permitting and other requirements are met.

However, the staff report said impacts of a tax on small businesses can be significant.

Former City Councilwoman Cheryl Rhoden, a representative of the Screen Writers Guild, suggested that City Hall consider creating a special tax exemption applicable to screenwriters who work in their homes as independent contractors for studios or production companies.

Such independent contractors fall into a special category under state law, and the Guild has requested that City Hall give those in that category special tax treatment by exempting them from the business license tax on the general theory that they do not operate businesses.

The staff report said the Guild made the same request to the city of Los Angeles, which reportedly denied their request, but instead created an exemption for all creative talent in the industry earning gross receipts of under \$300,000 per year.

“The artists I represent are not businesses, they are employees working for employers,” Rhoden said. “In any given year, half of the writers do not work. There are long cycles of unemployment.”

Rhoden said that if the city reconsidered the way it taxed and charged the types of workers represented, it might go far to help support the endeavors of these individuals.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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how to set up a neighborhood watch program. Members also will vote for the board of directors for 2005-06. The meeting will be held on Saturday, May 28, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 14th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard. For more information, call (310) 358-7117.

Poetry contest for Santa Monica area residents

By Daily Press staff

Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest, open to everyone. There is no entry fee, and nothing to buy.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 1626 N Wilcox Ave., # 126, Hollywood, CA, 90028. Or enter on-line at www.famouspoets.com.

The winner will take home \$1,000.

The deadline for entering is June 11. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. Editors reserve the right to publish winning poems online or in a pamphlet.

Corsair wins 22 awards in statewide competition

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College's Corsair newspaper won 22 awards, including first-place honors for photo story/essay, in the Journalism Association of Community Colleges' statewide competition held in Sacramento.

The awards reflect achievements of the staff under fall semester editor Komfort Akyempon — who also won a \$100 scholarship from JACC — and current editor Maliha Jafri. The faculty advisor is Barbara Baird.

Capturing a first place award was Randal Nachenberg for his photo story/essay on the “Body Worlds” exhibit at the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles.

Also in the mail-in portion of the competition (from the fall semester Corsair staff), second-, third- and fourth-place awards and honorable mentions went to Andi Liu, Morgan Genser, Akyempon, Nehemiah Slaughter, Chad K. Uyeno, Jonpaul Balak, Margaret Molloy, Ryan Duncan, Alejandro Arpiza, Fernando Aguirre, Jesus “Z” Aguirre, Josef A. Hern and Brandie Harris.

Capturing second- and third-place honors and honorable mentions in the on-the-spot competition were Jafri, Gathering Marbet, Marcia Brito, Uyeno, Balak, Geoffrey Dunn, Genser, Alex Distefano and Cam Sanders.

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DEAR DORIE

Bribing will beget brats

Dear Dorie,

What do you think of rewards for good behavior? Aren't they the same thing as bribes? I have four children and I find that I'm relying on the "rewards" a lot more for the younger two. Are there any other options?

— Payola Mama

Dear Mama,

It's a fact. The younger children in the family are parented in very different ways, no matter how consistent you try to be. When it comes to rewards, however, the same rules apply to all children.

Ask yourself: are you starting the phrase with "if" as in "If you clean up the blocks, I'll give you a cookie?" That's a bribe. And let's be clear, if you're offering a cookie at 2 years of age, you should be to the Porsche by 16.

If, however, you're rewarding good behavior with legitimate praise, you're right on track for "Mommy of the Year." The key is walking that very fine line. Praise must be specific as in "You played a great game of soccer. I liked your passing technique." Praise also must be non-manipulative. Avoid those back-handed compliments, "You played a great game of soccer, now next time you should ..."

There are always those wonderful parenting moments where you can gush over their beauty and brains in vague and sappy comments, but children are smart. They know real praise when they feel it, and with enough of it, the good behavior comes naturally.

— Dorie

(Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmud.org, or call (310) 452-6132; fax (310) 452-6392).

Kids dancing with danger when overindulging at prom



How Much Is Enough?

By David J. Bredehoft, Ph.D.

"Once a dance, prom has ballooned into a spendy extravaganza of lavish limos, dinners and parties. Prom night is huge, price tag's gigantic" states the front page of the Minneapolis Star-Tribune headline on April 30, 2005.

Web pages such as PerfectProm.com, PromSpot.com and Promsnet.com are fueling this industry by creating an aura surrounding proms which elevate these events to the same status that weddings once held. They suggest in order for your teen to have the "perfect prom," plans have to be made months in advance and must include: Tickets, prom dresses/tuxedos, accessories, a boutonniere/corsage, photographs, getting hair/nails/make-up done, renting a limousine, dinner plans and after-prom parties.

Total tab for this extravaganza for one couple, according to PromSpot.com:

- Hair: \$60-\$150
- Clothing: \$225-\$625
- Flowers: \$17-\$105
- Transportation: \$0-\$400
- Dinner: \$0-\$150
- Tickets: \$100-\$200
- Photos: \$25-\$75
- After party: \$0-\$150
- Total: \$427-\$1,855

■ In some areas the costs are higher with moms paying \$4,000 or more for the prom dress.

Is this price tag shocking? And to market it all to your teen, schools and local businesses are joining together by creating "prom days." Sponsored by schools, these prom days showcase florists, local restaurants, photographers, and tuxedo and limousine companies — a kind of one-stop shopping experience. Has the quest for the perfect prom turned into overindulgence?

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With that kind of marketing, is it surprising that "mini prom nights" are now a common event in junior high and middle schools? The junior high school in which my wife teaches has always had an end-of-the-year ninth grade dance, but now this dance has turned into a "mini prom." On the day of the dance, girls are absent from classes, with parental blessing, to get their hair and nails done. It doesn't stop there. Boys rent tuxes and arrive with their

dates in Humvee stretch limos with after-party reservations at high-dollar restaurants.

IS THIS OVERINDULGENCE?

"How Much is Enough?" a book based on three research studies with 1,195 adults describes overindulgence this way: Overindulging children is giving them too much of what looks good, too soon, and for too long. It is giving them things or experiences that are not appropriate for their age or their interests and talents. It is the process of giving things to children to meet the adult's needs, not the child's.

WHY SHOULD PARENTS CARE IF THEY OVERINDULGE OR NOT?

Overindulging children can cause them pain in their adult lives. Our research found that those who were overindulged often have difficulties such as:

- Delaying gratification.
- Becoming competent in everyday skills.
- Taking personal responsibility.
- Knowing what is enough.
- Giving up being the center of attention.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO INSTEAD?

There are many ways that parents can resist prom overindulgence. Some of them are:

- Have a co-parent discussion and come to agreement about how your values factor into the decisions you make to further your teen's development regarding the prom.
- Have a prom budget discussion with your teen early in the planning stage.
- Once a reasonable budget amount has been jointly established, ask your teen to contribute half of the amount and you offer to contribute the other half.
- Set reasonable expectations about prom night curfew and enforce it.
- Remind your teen that attending school is a requirement and going to the prom is a privilege. Missing school for hair appointments, etc. is not allowed
- Review and discuss rules about sex and alcohol.

To participate in a new study on overindulgence and relationships, log onto www.overindulgence.info.

(David J. Bredehoft Ph.D., Jean Illsley Clarke Ph.D., and Connie Dawson Ph.D., are co-authors of "How Much Is Enough? Everything You Need to Know to Steer Clear of Overindulgence and Raise Likeable, Responsible and Respectful Children — From Toddlers to Teens." Bredehoft is chair of the social and behavioral sciences department at Concordia University-St. Paul and can be reached at bredehoft@csp.edu. To read more about overindulgence go to www.overindulgence.info.)

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

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For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com

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Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Infant/Toddler & Me Classes -

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

YMCA – Attachment Parenting Classes -

2:00 – 3:30 p.m., 1332 Sixth St., 393-2721 (ask for Shelana Philip-Guide or Audrey Meyer).

This new class for mothers/dads and babies up to 12 months is presented by Karol Darsa, PsyD, a licensed psychologist with extensive experience working with children and families.

Fees: Members – 1 class - \$40, 5 class pass - \$180; Non-members - \$50, 5 class pass - \$200.

BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES –

7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

An advanced 10-week parent education course. Culver City/Westchester, \$30 per class/\$40 materials. Also Thursdays, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., West LA, \$40 per class/\$40 materials. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

Yoga and Exercise

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA

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

393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.

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

Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Itsy Bitsy Yoga – Tots (crawling to 24 months) – 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Baby (6 weeks to pre-crawling) – 11:00 – noon. With Khefri Riley at Ocean Oasis, 1333 Ocean Ave. Register at www.khefri.net or call 323-549-5383.

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

Kids' Yoga Circle – Yoga for ages 4 -7, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. (Students may be dropped off at 3:30 for indoor play, song and snacks). \$18 drop-in, discounted multiple week passes available, reservations required. 1814 14th St., #208, 260-2736

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

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

Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m., for 2 year olds. Call for next session dates.

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

THURSDAY

Breastfeeding Group

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

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

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

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

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

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

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

Current session April 27 – June 1 for both..

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

Lap Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2.

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

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

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

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

Classes

Rhythm Child Parent & Me Rhythms, Santa Monica Studios, 3025 Olympic Blvd., 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Children explore rhythms through drum play. Ages 6 mos. – 3.5 years; \$100 for 8 weeks. Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythm-child.net for more info and session dates.

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Infant/ Toddler and Me (0-12 mos.) – 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga and Exercise

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

Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Step Aerobics, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.

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

Kids' Yoga Circle – Mommy and Me Yoga (ages 4- 6), 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 – 3:00

p.m Includes 15 minutes of indoor play and song. \$165 for an 8 week session, \$75 for additional sibling.

Breastfeeding Group

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

Other

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

THURSDAY

Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590 10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m., for 2 year olds. Call for next session dates.

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

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me

Classes, Walkers to 3 years – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.; classes in partnership with the Infant and Family Support Program. Parent Support (3 – 5 years) – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

An advanced 10-week parent education course. West LA, \$40 per class/\$40 materials. Also Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Culver City/Westchester, \$30 per class/\$40 materials; Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

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Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-826-5774 - no pre-reg required, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

Call Cassandra at 451-1827 for time, location and more info.

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

Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. www.child-splayonline.net

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

Planetarium Show at SMC's John Drescher Planetarium, 7:00 p.m. - Night Sky Show, 8:00 p.m. – featured program. \$5 adults, \$4 children. Pico and 17th St., 434-3000.

Classes

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

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

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

Yoga & Exercise

Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Indoor Cycling, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.

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

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

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

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Other

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

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

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

Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m., for 2 year olds. Call for next session dates.

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

SATURDAY

Storytelling

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

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

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

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

826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info @825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Yoga & Exercise

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

1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonica-yoga.com

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

Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:00 a.m., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

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

Other

Lakeshore Learning Stores "Free Crafts for Kids" – Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.

Barnyard Madness with the Three Little Pigs at the Santa Monica Playhouse

Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m, thru June 26; \$12 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com, 1211 4th St.

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

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

Precious Prints – Ceramic Heirlooms for a Lifetime

Second Saturday every month at The Pump Station, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.preciousprintsstudios.com for more info.

SUNDAY

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

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

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



UC seeking to bolster its fundraising efforts

BY MICHELLE LOCKE

Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. — The University of California raised more than \$1 billion in private support last year, which was fivefold the amount raised 20 years ago and took some of the punch out of state budget cuts.

Still, it wasn't enough to send UC to the top of the fundraising heap. An Associated Press review of campus fundraising nationwide put the UC endowment at No. 7, trailing powerhouses like Harvard and Yale and the public University of Texas system.

Some think UC could do more, particularly in light of state budget cuts that have forced administrators to cut programs and raise student fees.

"My perception is that throughout UC, for the most part, people have been in a dream land expecting that sometime soon the Legislature will wake up and do the right thing. That's what I call faith-based fund-raising, and it is an unacceptable business strategy," says Christopher Edley, dean of UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall law school, who is engaged in a \$100 million campaign, a huge jump from the school's last effort which raised \$14 million more than a decade ago.

Why hasn't UC, which is after all often ranked as THE premier university in terms of academics, done better?

Brad Barber, who as UC's director of institutional

advancement oversees fundraising, says UC has consistently placed high in terms of charitable donations and, according to figures from the most recent annual report of the Council for Aid to Education (CAE), outperformed Harvard and UT in the past five years.

However, UC hasn't done as well as other schools in attracting alumni donations. Barber said he's not quite sure why, although one factor may be that UC historically has enrolled more low-income students than other top colleges.

For grads who have done well and are now moving into prime giving years, there may be a disconnect. They went to school at a time when state support was high and fees were low.

But state funding is not the bulwark it once was. In 1971, 50 percent of UC's core academic programs came from state dollars. Today, it's dropped to 27 percent, something UC officials say they need to communicate to alumni.

Both UC and the state's other public 4-year system, the 23-campus California State University, have plugged some of the gaps in their state-funded budgets by raising fees and applying for federal funds.

Fees are scheduled to increase 16 percent over the next two years, but federal funding is expected to dip as the national economy struggles, which makes the hunt for private dollars even more important.

Chasing dollars is something another California col-

lege, Stanford University, has been doing well for years. Stanford, No. 5 on the AP's list, has a \$9.9 billion total endowment, compared to \$4.7 billion for the 10-campus UC system.

Other California schools on the top endowment list are the University of Southern California, Cal Tech and Pomona College.

Private money comes at a cost. Donors often specify how money must be used, but occasionally administrators have direct it elsewhere. Barber recalls some gifts that came with untenable political agendas or attempted to set up new academic programs, which would usurp faculty authority.

Often, a compromise can be reached — such as the proposal to endow a chair in vampire studies that was toned down to "medieval studies."

This year, a number of UC campuses and graduate schools are campaigning to raise billions of dollars.

That includes Boalt Hall, where Edley has a big wish list: More faculty and research centers, enough financial aid to keep a diverse student body afloat — and a new building to house these ambitions.

"My mantra is that our future excellence requires burden sharing, by donors, students and the state," he says. "I don't expect a miraculous turnaround in levels of state support given the broader realities, but we need to hold on the baseline we have."

Atheists say it's time to 'push back' fundamentalism

BY GREG SANDOVAL

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — To the uninformed, this weekend gathering here may have seemed like a church revival, full of zeal and fervor. But worshipping God was most decidedly not part of the agenda.

The attendees of the "All Atheists Weekend" gathered to discuss what they call the rise of fundamentalism in the U.S. and the blurring of lines between church and state.

Attendees also took time to view documentaries that question the historical accuracy of the Bible — and to hear lectures about the dangers of religious icons on public property and problems with President Bush's so-called "faith-based initiative," which seeks to give religious groups equal footing in seeking federal grants to provide social services.

Organizers said they expected more than 250 people to take part in the event, which featured a lecture by Ellen Johnson, the president of American Atheists. The gathering began Friday and continued through Sunday at various spots throughout the city.

The religious right's increasing involvement in U.S.

politics has triggered an angry backlash among the godless, say Bay area atheist groups, five of which organized the weekend event.

"It's time for us to push back," said psychologist Jaime Arcila, 52, of San Francisco, who was accompanied by his two children, Javier, 15, and Amanda, 12, in a tiny theater Saturday night just south of downtown.

Arcila, who is not an official member of any atheist group, said he was prompted to attend Saturday's showing of "The God Who Wasn't There," along with about 100 other people, because of what he sees as a growing intolerance in the U.S. for people with alternative views and lifestyles.

Arcila, who was raised by Catholic parents, said the nation needs more dialogue about "peace, tolerance, justice, and love," not exclusion based on a difference of ideas.

Ali, a 36-year-old native Iranian, agreed. He declined to give his last name because he said he wants to return to his Muslim-dominated homeland someday and fears that he could be persecuted should he be identified as an atheist.

Ali said he knows all too well the effects of religious fundamentalism on a society from his own experiences in

his native country.

Nations that accept only one set of values or beliefs are "restrictive and stifling," Ali said.

"I was a Muslim but stopped believing after a lot of pain and after a lot of thought," he said. "Being here at this event is encouraging me not to be afraid. It strengthens me and helps me stand up for what I believe."

But just how tolerant of Christianity and other religions are the atheists?

"We don't hate Christians," said David Fitzgerald, 40, an insurance broker and member of San Francisco Atheists. "People in this country are free to believe in whatever they want."

Nonetheless, during the Saturday night movie, the crowd booed and hissed when a photo of Pat Robertson was displayed on the screen.

Robertson, the founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network and a former U.S. presidential candidate, is a leader in the efforts by some religious groups to return America and its government to Christian values.

Fitzgerald offered no apologies.

"Robertson and other Theocrats scare the hell out of us," Fitzgerald said. "They want to turn a democracy into a theocracy. Even Christians are afraid of that."

Beef: It's what the Supreme Court says producers must market

BY HOPE YEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday ruled that the government was within its rights to force beef producers to pay for a multimillion-dollar "Beef: It's what's for dinner" marketing program, even when individual cattle producers disagreed with the campaign.

The 6-3 decision is a defeat for farmers in several agricultural sectors who oppose paying mandatory fees for advertising they may later oppose. Currently, there are dozens of similar federal and state ad campaigns for products including milk, pork and cotton, many of which are being challenged on free speech grounds.

The beef campaign is a form of "government speech" immune to First Amendment challenge, the court said.

"The message set out in the beef promotions is from beginning to end the message established by the federal

government," Justice Antonin Scalia wrote in an opinion joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist as well as Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Clarence Thomas and Stephen G. Breyer.

At issue was a 1985 law requiring producers to pay a \$1-per-head fee on cattle sold in the United States. That fee, which generates more than \$80 million per year, goes to an industry group appointed by the Agriculture Department to support advertising and research programs.

Justice David H. Souter, joined by Justices John Paul Stevens and Anthony Kennedy, said the campaign was not government speech. In a dissent, Souter said if the government seeks "to compel specific groups to fund speech with targeted taxes, it must make itself politically accountable for indicating that the content actually is a government message."

The government was sued by ranchers who sell cattle

in South Dakota and Montana. They won an appeals court ruling that found the 20-year-old program violated the First Amendment.

The federal government and Nebraska cattlemen appealed to the high court, which has dealt before with questions about government authority to force farmers into joint programs.

In 1997, the court upheld advertising programs for California fruit. But in 2001, justices struck down a mandatory campaign for the mushroom industry.

The court had never decided, however, if such programs are government speech.

Many groups and 34 states supported the government. In California alone, 48 mandatory programs are used to promote produce like grapes and lettuce, and lower courts already have struck down the "Got Milk?" dairy promotion and advertisements calling pork "the other white meat."



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Bush says American troops stationed in Afghanistan will still report to U.S. commanders

BY JENNIFER LOVEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Monday that U.S. troops in Afghanistan will remain under U.S. control despite Afghan President Hamid Karzai's request for more authority over them.

"Of course, our troops will respond to U.S. commanders," Bush said, with Karzai standing at his side at the White House. At the same time, Bush said the relationship between Washington and Kabul is "to cooperate and consult."

Bush also said that Afghan prisoners under U.S. control in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and elsewhere, would be slowly returned to their home countries.

"We will do this over time," he said. "We have to make sure the facilities are there."

Bush had high praise for Karzai as a valued anti-terror partner and credited the Afghan leader with "showing countries in the neighborhood what's possible."

Karzai came to their meeting with a long list of grievances. Among them: more control over U.S. military operations, custody of Afghan prisoners held by the United States and more assistance in fighting opium trade.

As for the opium trade, Bush said, "I made it very clear to the president that we have got to work together to eradicate the poppy crop."

Karzai said that he hoped Afghanistan would be free of poppy crops within five to six years and that Afghan farmers could find alternative crops like honey dew melons and pomegranates.

There are about 20,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan,

costing about \$1 billion a month. That is in addition to approximately 8,200 troops from NATO countries in Kabul and elsewhere.

Karzai commented on recent reports of abuse of Afghan prisoners by their American captors. "We are of course sad about that," he said, speaking in fluent English. But, he added, "It does not reflect on the American people."

A report in Newsweek magazine earlier this month that alleged mistreatment of the Quran by American prison guards does not reflect American values, Karzai said.

While claiming the original report was not responsible journalism, Karzai said, "Newsweek's story is not America's story."

Saying that he himself had been to a mosque in Washington, Karzai noted that "tens of thousands of Muslims are going on a daily basis to mosques in America," without incident.

The two leaders addressed reporters in the East Room of the White House.

Bush and Karzai pledged to work more closely together amid continued instability and protests in Afghanistan.

"It's important for the Afghan people to understand we have a strategic vision for Afghanistan," Bush said.

He said the United States and Afghanistan had signed a "strategic partnership" that establishes "regular high-level exchanges on political security and economic interests — economic issues of mutual interest."

"We will consult with Afghanistan if it perceives its territorial integrity, independence or security is at risk," Bush said.

First lady endorses Mubarak election plan

BY NEDRA PICKLER

Associated Press Writer

GIZA, Egypt — First lady Laura Bush on Monday endorsed Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's plan for presidential elections as "bold and wise" despite complaints from opposition groups that the voting is designed to keep Mubarak in power.

"I would say that President Mubarak has taken a very bold step. He's taking the first step to open up the elections and I think that's very, very important," Mrs. Bush said. She spent a day in Egypt, much of the time with Egyptian first lady Suzanne Mubarak.

Speaking to reporters in front of the Giza pyramids, Mrs. Bush noted that the United States' democracy also took time to fully develop.

"As you know, you have to be slow as you do each of these steps," Mrs. Bush said. "You know that each step is a small step, that you can't be quick."

Egyptians are deciding in a referendum whether to accept changes to the constitution that would allow for the country's first multi-candidate presidential election in September. Mubarak, Egypt's president for 24 years, has been regularly re-installed in yes-no referendums in which his name is the only one on the ballot. He hasn't formally announced he will run again but is widely expected to do so.

Opponents say the new system is being set up to ensure Mubarak's ruling National Democratic Party still controls the election outcome.

Last week, the White House said President Bush supports Mubarak's plan to hold free and competitive elections for president and urged Egypt to allow for full campaigning as well as international observers.

Winding up her five-day trip to the Middle East, Mrs. Bush echoed her husband's praise of the Egyptian leader.

"I think he's been very bold and wise to take the first step," she said.

Earlier Monday, Mrs. Bush said she was not surprised to encounter protesters over the weekend during her tour of Mideast holy sites and pledged the United States will do all it can to help resolve age-old conflicts.

"As we all know, this is a place of very high tensions

and high emotions," the first lady said while standing in the garden courtyard of the Church of the Resurrection in Abu Ghosh, Israel, a predominantly Muslim town where some believe Jesus appeared on Easter. "And you can understand why when you see the people with a deep and sincere faith in their religion all living side by side."

Mrs. Bush visited sites sacred to all three major religions born in the region. As she toured the 12th century church, nuns and monks sang Psalm 150 in Hebrew as a symbol of the religious cultures coexisting in the region.

President Bush talked with his wife by telephone Monday and she told him the trip was going well, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. McClellan dismissed the protests as "a little commotion" and said the demonstrators were few although they got a lot of coverage.

From Israel, Mrs. Bush traveled to Cairo, where she met with Mrs. Mubarak at Ittihadiyya Palace. The two women then taped a segment for "Alam Simsim," the Egyptian version of "Sesame Street," with a peach-colored puppet named Khokha. "Mama Suzanne" and "Auntie Laura," as Khokha called the first ladies, talked about the importance of reading to children.

Mrs. Bush's low-key travels Monday were in contrast to her stops Sunday at sites sacred to Muslims and Jews.

Asked about the protests during an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America," Mrs. Bush said she understands resentments that have been built up, in part because of reports and pictures of prisoner abuse.

"I know from visiting Afghanistan ... that many, many people are glad our troops are there, that we are giving them a chance to rebuild their country," she said. "All of us, everyone ... deplore the photographs that we've seen, the reports that we've heard of prisoner abuse, but that's not really not what happens (with U.S. forces) ... This is a handful of people."

She said she feels that the American presence in the Middle East and Southwest Asia "is really wanted and is needed" to ensure nation-building and peacemaking.

Asked on NBC's "Today" show if she had felt endangered during the tours in the Middle East, the first lady replied, "No, I did not at all. I think maybe the reports that you all have seen have been slightly exaggerated. ... I have never felt at all unsafe."

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the repair of an existing outlet structure, construction of 24-inch and 54-inch reinforced concrete pipes, concrete collars attached to concrete piles, and other appurtenant work under Project ID No. FCC0000962, Project No. 248, Montana Avenue Storm Drain Repair, in the City of Santa Monica.

The Bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2005. The Bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The Work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The Work is estimated to cost between \$300,000 and \$350,000 and shall be completed in 45 working days. The Work requires a Class A or C42 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Joseph Li at (626) 458-7839.

The Bids must be submitted on the Proposal forms included in the Bidder's package of the Contract Documents, which may be purchased for \$15, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$19, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the Bid to guarantee that the Bidder will enter into the Contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the Work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The Bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms included as part of the Proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the Bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible Bidder is a Bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful Bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the Contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the Contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the Contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such Bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated May 17, 2005.

Violet Varona-Lukens
 Executive Officer
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Lawrence come home: O'Toole to star in 'Lassie'

By The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Kylie Minogue's cancer treatment may force her and boyfriend Olivier Martinez to postpone plans to have a baby, New Idea magazine reported.

Minogue was recovering in her hometown of Melbourne after a cancerous lump was successfully removed from her breast Friday. Doctors were confident they had caught the disease early enough to prevent it from spreading.

The Daily Telegraph newspaper in Sydney printed a photo Monday of the singer wearing dark glasses and holding Martinez's hand as she left a Melbourne hospital.

No details of her follow-up treatment have been released.

Martinez was quoted as saying the couple had been planning to have a child.

"We were going to start working on it after the tour was over," the French actor was quoted as telling New Idea magazine. "Now it will be put off; not forever — we pray and hope — but for the time being."

Minogue, who will be 37 on Saturday, has called off a tour of Australia and Asia.

A message posted on her Web site said the pop star "has friends and family around her, and her spirits are high."

Olivier co-starred with Diane Lane in the 2002 film "Unfaithful."

NEW YORK — Perhaps looking to capitalize on that "new mom" glow, Estee Lauder has named Gwyneth Paltrow as one of the faces of the makeup and fragrance brand.

The Oscar-winning actress has signed a multiyear

contract. She will first appear in a new global print and TV ad campaign to begin this holiday season for Pleasures fragrance, Estee Lauder announced Monday.

"I am very proud to be a part of such a fine company," Paltrow said in a statement. "Its roots have been deep in the culture of classic American beauty for decades."

Elizabeth Hurley, the primary spokesmodel for Estee Lauder since 1995, when Pleasures was launched, will become the new face of the company's Re-Nutriv skin care line. Models Liya Kebede and Carolyn Murphy remain as representatives of various Estee Lauder products.

The 32-year-old Paltrow and her husband, Coldplay lead singer Chris Martin, celebrated the first birthday of their daughter, Apple, on May 14.

Paltrow won an Oscar for her role in 1998's "Shakespeare in Love." She'll appear in "Proof," an adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize winning play set for release this fall.

NEW YORK — Goodbye Mr. Chips, hello Lassie.

Peter O'Toole, whose screen credits include "Lawrence of Arabia," "The Lion in Winter" and "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," will star in "Lassie," a new adaptation of the 1938 novel "Lassie Come Home" by Eric Knight.

The 72-year-old actor will play the Duke of Rudling. He will co-star with Samantha Morton and Peter Dinklage.

Directed by Charles Sturridge, the movie was to begin shooting Monday on location in Ireland and the Isle of Man. In it, the Carraclough family, who live in a Yorkshire, England, mining town, fall on hard times on the eve of World War II, forcing them to sell their beloved dog to the Duke of Rudling, who lives in a

remote castle on the northern coast of Scotland. Lassie then embarks on a long journey of several hundred miles to return to her family.

Elizabeth Taylor and Roddy McDowall starred in 1943's "Lassie Come Home." There have been a string of other films and more than 675 half-hour TV episodes. The collie also has been frequently parodied for her uncanny ability to communicate with people by barking.

O'Toole received seven Oscar nominations before being given an honorary award in 2003. He had a supporting role in the 2004 Brad Pitt epic "Troy."

UNIVERSITY CITY, Mo. — Hundreds of fans lined a city block in this St. Louis suburb to catch a glimpse of stars like Adam Sandler, Chris Rock and Burt Reynolds at the premiere of "The Longest Yard" to benefit rap star Nelly's charity.

Nelly, who has a role in the film, requested the event. Proceeds will help his JesUs4Jackie campaign, a national bone marrow initiative in honor of his sister Jacqueline "Jackie" Donahue, who lost her battle with leukemia on March 24 at age 31.

Nelly, who emerged from the theater dressed in white with a popcorn box in hand, spoke about the importance of the marrow drives and greeted screaming fans, who stood 10 deep in places. A few enthusiastic fans sat on the shoulders of others or peered from the upper levels of a parking garage for a better view.

A donor was never found for Donahue, but Nelly said her legacy continues and others have been helped through the drives.

"We're going to continue, you know, to push and help save lives," he said. "You know, no matter what happens in my career, I know that I've helped to save a few lives and no one can take that from me."

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