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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Robert Hesketh was acquitted of drunk-driving in Chilliwack, British Columbia, in March because police were actually too zealous in getting him a lawyer. After arresting Hesketh, Constable Rick Murray asked him several times if he wanted a lawyer, but Hesketh each time refused, until Murray himself called one on Hesketh's behalf. Only after the lawyer and Hesketh talked did police administer a breathalyzer test, and Judge John Lenaghan ruled that that was too much of a delay and tossed out the test's results.

■ From a police report quoted in Seattle's newsweekly The Stranger (April 29): "(A) witness stated that he and another witness watched the suspect walk up to several different men (at the University Book Store on the University of Washington campus), get on his knees, and sniff their anuses. He would then lean forward as though he was getting a book off the lower shelf. (One witness) also said that when one male got up from a bench and walked away, the suspect walked over and started smelling the area where the male had been sitting. When the witnesses confronted the suspect about the incidents, the suspect said, 'Sometimes I forget myself and get carried away.'"

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In Heaven all the interesting people are missing."

— NIETZSCHE [1844-1900]

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Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II/Daily Press

COST OF LIVING: The asking prices of homes in Santa Monica, like this one on 11th Street, have skyrocketed in recent years, says one realtor.

Lap of luxury keeps getting more pricey

By staff and wire reports

Luxury home values climbed dramatically in Los Angeles and San Diego and approached record levels in San Francisco during the first quarter of 2004, according to a recent Luxury Home Index (LHI) report.

Santa Monican real-estate developers and residents have also seen an increase in local home

values this year, attributing the rise in prices to affordable housing laws, low interest rates and the city's attractive environment.

"Certain price ranges have skyrocketed more than others," said Juliana Rose, a realtor for REMAX West Side Properties in Santa Monica. "Like those between \$300,000 and \$600,000 have just gone off the map."

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Globe trotters: Elected leaders paid for travel

(Editor's note: This is the first article in a two-part series on City Hall's travel expenses. The second article will look at what's spending by department heads.)

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The pay stinks, but there's at least one perk to being an elected leader in Santa Monica — access to a \$43,000 pot of travel money.

Professional conferences as far away as Athens, Greece, and Washington, D.C., attracted members of the City Council this past year. Taxpayers picked up the tab for those trips, including plane tickets, cab rides, hotel rooms, meals and other expenses.

Santa Monica's \$43,000 in travel money for its City Council appears to be slightly more than what surrounding communities set aside. Manhattan Beach and West Hollywood both earmarked \$25,000 a year, while Culver City and Malibu save close to \$11,000 apiece. Each of those communities

have councils consisting of five people, while Santa Monica has a seven-person council.

Local council members said travel money is a key benefit to the part-time job, which pays just over \$10,000 annually. The conferences allow council members to learn new skills, broaden their professional expertise and build up their list of contacts, they said.

"When I do take time to go and do these things, I am arranging my free time to go and do this, and then I have to arrange to get my work done ... in some other compressed period," said City Councilwoman Pam O'Connor, who spent \$5,450 on travel this year and \$11,800 last year, which was more than any of her colleagues, according to a City Hall report.

Mayor Richard Bloom was second on the list, spending \$2,743 to attend conferences in Washington, D.C., San Francisco and Portland, Ore. City Councilman Mike Feinstein ranked third with \$2,018 in

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Costs for parking are parallel to last year

(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures which appear on the upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agenda. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the city council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

By Daily Press staff

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Santa Monica city officials will spend an estimated \$4 million Tuesday night on improvements for everything ranging from parking operations and homeless shelters to cemetery and fire department needs.

The largest expenditure of the evening will be the \$2,446,700 earmarked for the care and operation of the city's parking garages on the pier, downtown and on the beach. Parking operations in the 2004-05 year will cost the city the same amount as what was spent in

2003-04, but will be taken care of by another firm.

Parking Concepts, Inc., the company set to be hired with the new contract, will be responsible for the 11,000 parking spaces that generate over \$11 million in revenue each year. The contractor will provide parking attendants for the garages, communicate with both the visitors and merchants of the spaces, and will manage all work within the facilities.

Although the contract's term is for three years, the costs that will be approved on Tuesday will only account for the first year of opera-

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People begin to gather outside of SAMOSHEL on Monday afternoon. The 100-bed emergency shelter, located at 505 Olympic Blvd., will receive more than \$441,000 from the city for structural improvements.



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★★★★★ Reach out for those who charge your vitality and help you think beyond your normal limits. You might be "blown out" by a realization. Work with new insights rather than reject them. Ultimately, you will only gain. Tonight: Do what you love, but also get a good night's sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Home and domestic life are major concerns. You might not be exactly sure of what you want, but what you receive could be a shock, in any case. Brainstorm with a close associate about finances and long-term investments. Tonight: Connect with family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You're likely to say what is on your mind and jolt an associate or superior. You might not like the long-term implications of a business deal. Someone switches his or her position, making you wonder where he or she honestly is coming from. Tonight: Question and chat with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You must deal with finances and work-related matters. An opportunity to travel or go back to school to learn helps you spice up your resume and/or increase your personal knowledge. Be willing to break patterns. Tonight: Order in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your popularity increases because of your willingness to discuss some tough ideas. You aren't locked into one way of thinking. Experiment. Brainstorm. Others find this openness positive. Tonight: The Lion roars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You read others cold. How you verify information and come to conclusions might be largely intuitive at this point. You might not want to admit to that fact, but you will find others agreeable to your ideas. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Listen well to others at a meeting. Brainstorming could provoke a different response than anticipated. As a result, you'll change your mind about a major goal or friendship. Be open to disagreement. Through the process of resolution, a dynamic concept will grow. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Maintain a high profile, and you'll gain. Information stimulates your imagination. Others find you ingenious. Be open to different types of solutions. You are in the driver's seat. Use your power well, and lead co-workers and associates. Tonight: A must show.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your ability to adjust to the twists and turns of life leads you down a new trail. Investigate options that surround a trip and/or education. You express a willingness to break past present patterns and go toward uncharted territory. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Work with one special associate or partner individually, and you'll get results. Understand that often others don't think like you do. Openly review how you come to the your conclusions. You might like to revamp the process. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others dominate, and you might have a difficult time breaking through another person's resistances if you push money too hard. Look to the common ground you share with this person, and emphasize it. Tonight: Take a risk!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Move through work before you make a decision. You might not see eye to eye with someone else. Don't push a superior or associate. You might run into a hard opponent if you do. Be creative and innovative in your approach. Tonight: Put your feet up.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Mind your own business

By Daily Press staff

A free workshop for small businesses sponsored by California Businesses For Sale will be held today at 5 p.m. "How to Value & Sell Your Business — A Workshop For Business Owners" topics include: how to secure financing, how business buyers analyze acquisition opportunities, how to identify value enhancement opportunities, and how to develop long range-business and strategic retirement plans for selling businesses.

The event will be held at 10940 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1600. Space is limited. Call Bill Kobayashi at (310) 766-4303 to make a reservation or get more information. See www.bizben.com.

Reality TV goes to the dogs

By Daily Press staff

A new reality TV program is accepting applications for participants. "Who Gets the Dog?" is a one hour program in which dogs decide where and with whom they want to live. Each week, a dog travels to three different homes to sample a new family.

The dogs are from local animal shelters in the Los Angeles area and will spend 24 hours in each home. Dogs then decide which family to join with the help of three pet experts.

Animal Planet and LMNO Productions developed "Who gets the Dog?" with the Humane Society of the United States to preapprove families for dog adoption. The organizations created a questionnaire for the show's potential dog owners modeled after animal shelter adoption applications and HSUS recommended activities to acquaint the dogs with the families. Go to www.whogetsthe dog.com or call (888) 751-8088 for more information.

Of cowboys and catechisms

By Daily Press staff

La Crescenta Church of Religious Science is holding a free concert on the Fourth of July. "Cowboy Church" features cowboy music by the "Riders of the Purple Sage" starting at 10 a.m.

A Western Barbecue that costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids will follow the event. Call (818) 249-1045 for more information.



SURF REPORT

Look for a mix of building SW swell to go along with steady NW wind swell today. North LA spots will work the swell mix for inconsistent waist- to chest-high surf at the better exposed SW/combo breaks in the morning, along with some occasional shoulder-high sets at best breaks, especially on the tide push. South Bay spots pick up the mostly wind swell for 2-3' faces, while best combo breaks in the north half of the Bay see occasional chest-high+ sets. Look for light wind in the morning to build out of the SW to W in the 8-12 knot range for the afternoon.

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SUNDAY	6:07	-0.4	4:43	2.8	1:06	3.4	11:02	5.5
MONDAY	6:45	-0.2	5:29	3.0	1:52	3.5	11:40	5.2
TUESDAY	7:23	0.0	6:32	3.0	N/A	N/A	2:39	3.6
WEDNESDAY	8:03	0.2	7:56	3.0	12:24	4.8	3:22	3.8
THURSDAY	8:45	0.5	9:32	2.7	1:20	4.3	4:01	4.1
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The **Q** Line

A group of citizens in Santa Monica is launching a campaign in favor of converting a portion of Santa Monica's beach into a leash-free zone where dogs would be allowed to run and play under the supervision of their owners. The idea has sparked debate among city residents. Some argue that a dog beach would be an important addition to Santa Monica's community. Others worry that allowing dogs to run free on a portion of the beach would bring serious safety and

public health concerns with it.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Should a portion of Santa Monica's beach be designated an off-leash zone for dogs? Why or why not?"

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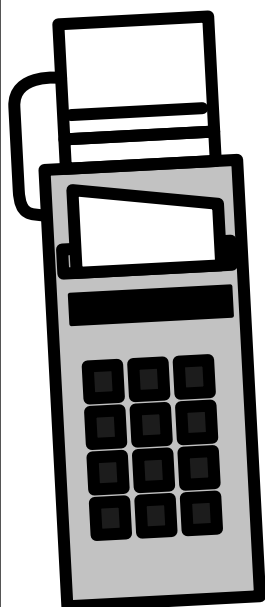
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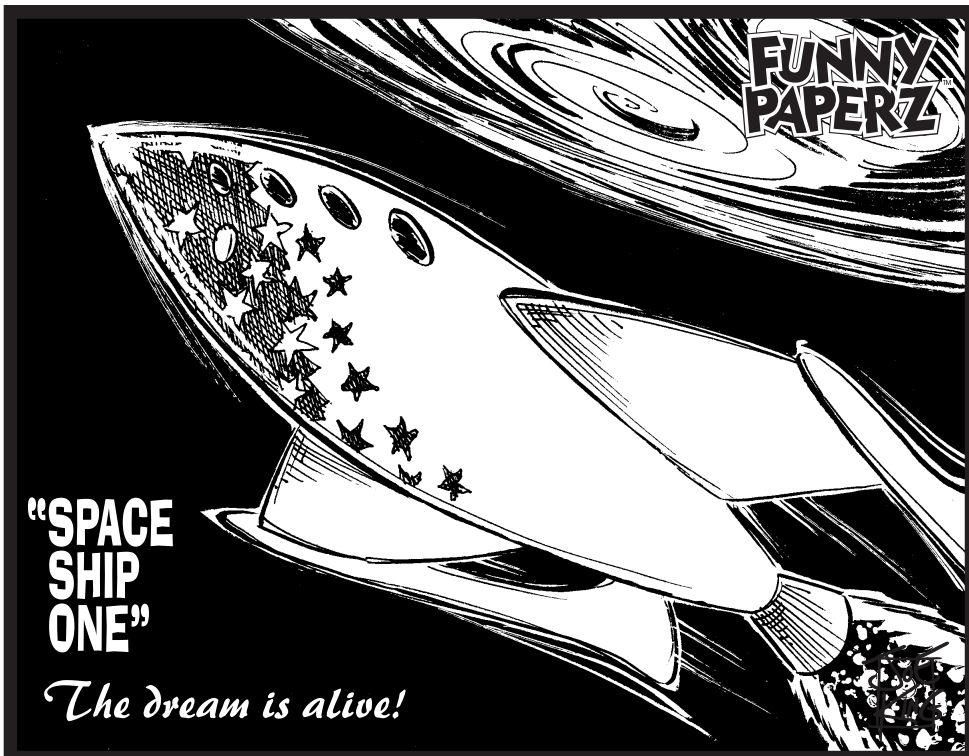
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We all share the blame ... and the shame

Editor:

The response to yet another shooting directed at or around 1845 17th Street is pathetic. The question is really whose inaction or lack of outrage is worse. Is it the Pico Community, who quietly accept shootings as part of life in the Pico neighborhood? Is it the property owner, who keeps stating we are working on it, but our hands are really tied? Is it the police, who have not addressed the series of violent acts associated with a single property or for not interviewing a community member who saw the car driving away before calling 911? Is it the City Council, who relegates Pico violence somewhere far behind helping the homeless and/or making sure businesses meet the sign code? Is it SMRR, an organization that has controlled Santa Monica politics for 25 years without addressing this issue? Is it the media, whose coverage is sporadic and never provides depth into these issues? Or, is it the Santa Monica community at-large, who appears to be content that the violence is confined to a three- or four-block area far away from them?

It seems to me that each group, including some not mentioned, shares some responsibility and shame. However, it is the silence of the Pico community's majority that speaks the loudest. If the recent violence does not keep us up at night searching for an answer, then why should anyone else really care? There may not be a single answer to this problem, but I fear that our silence and inaction will lead to yet another death.

We each know members from the stakeholders listed above. Never let them forget violence is a real concern for us. We have four Council seats open this election cycle. Let's make sure we support candidates willing to address the issue of violence in our community.

Jim Ries

Pico Neighborhood Board member

Not loving that dirty water

Editor:

I am appalled by the high level of governmental apathy when it comes to our oceans. Like many California kids, some of my best memories involve the ocean. It is a travesty that future generations may not experience the joys of carefree family beach excursions or the excitement of seeing a sea otter off shore, since pollution is forcing thousands of beach closures and much of California's marine life is at risk of extinction. The federal government has been sitting idle while commercial fishing's bottom-trawling practices destroy critical habitats and cruise ships dump raw sewage into the same waters where our children swim. We cannot afford to wait in hopes that (President) Bush and his corporate cronies have a moral epiphany and change their ways; we must act locally and we must act now. Our representatives must be reminded that they serve us and our concerns — including the need for a sustainable future for our coastal heritage — not the short-sighted needs of corporate greed. Much of the damage being done is irreparable, but it can be stopped if we demand a change. And when we see more oil derricks than animals off our coasts, isn't it time for a change?

Kate Forrest
Los Angeles

GUEST COMMENTARY

BY THOMAS A. BOWDEN

Thy will be done, not that of Ashcroft

In upholding Oregon's assisted-suicide law, the federal appeals court in California has reached the right result for the wrong reasons.

The court sidestepped the real issue — whether an individual has a right to commit suicide — and decided the case on a technicality. Normally, the court said, it is a state government, not Washington, D.C., that decides what constitutes the practice of medicine. So when John Ashcroft's Justice Department decreed that a doctor's prescription of lethal drugs to terminally ill patients can serve no "legitimate medical purpose," the federal government overstepped its authority.

Notably, the court expressed no opinion on whether the Oregon law was correct in allowing doctors to make such prescriptions. "This case is simply about who gets to decide" that issue, said the court. And so Oregon's Death with Dignity Law survives another day, and desperately sick patients will — for the moment at least — be allowed to choose the hour of their death, and to die with dignity.

The California court's decision merely sidesteps the fundamental moral issue. Hopefully, the Supreme Court will soon revisit its erroneous 1997 decision in *Washington v. Glucksberg*, which held that individuals have no constitutionally protected right of suicide, and hence no right to obtain assistance in that act.

What the courts must grasp, if they are to justly resolve the debate over assisted suicide, is that there is no rational, secular basis upon which the government can properly prevent any individual from choosing to end his own life. Rather, it is religious mysticism that energizes Ashcroft and the Bush Administration into intimidating a doctor who dares to defy their dogma.

The conservatives' outrage at the Oregon law stems from their belief that human life is a gift from the Lord, who puts us here on earth to carry out His will. Thus, the very idea of suicide is anathema, because one who "plays god" by causing his own death, or assisting in the death of another, insults his Maker and invites eternal damnation, not to mention divine retribution against the decadent society that permits such sinful behavior.

When religious conservatives like Ashcroft use secular laws to enforce their belief in God's will, they threaten the central principle on which America

was founded. The Declaration of Independence proclaimed, for the first time in the history of nations, that each person exists as an end in himself. This basic truth — which finds political expression in the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness — means, in practical terms, that you need no one's permission to live, and that no one may forcibly obstruct your efforts to achieve your own personal happiness.

But what if happiness becomes impossible to attain? What if a dread disease, or some other calamity, drains all joy from life, leaving only misery and suffering? The right to life includes and implies the right to commit suicide. To hold otherwise — to declare that society must give you permission to kill yourself — is to contradict the right to life at its root. If you have a duty to go on living, despite your better judgment, then your life does not belong to you, and you exist by permission, not by right.

For these reasons, each individual has the right to decide the hour of his death and to implement that solemn decision as best he can. The choice is his because the life is his. And if a doctor is willing to assist in the suicide, based on an objective assessment of his patient's mental and physical state, and on objective evidence of his patient's consent, the law should not stand in his way.

Were John Ashcroft to contract a terminal disease, he would have a legal right to regard his own belief in God as paramount, and to instruct his doctor to stand by and let him suffer, just as long as his body and mind could endure the agony, until the last bitter paroxysm carried him to the grave. But the Attorney General has no right to force such mindless, medieval misery upon doctors and patients, in Oregon or elsewhere, who refuse to regard their precious lives as playthings of a cruel god.

In the end, only the Supreme Court can thwart the designs of conservatives who, by injecting religion into the bloodstream of American law, seek to assist in our own national suicide.

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OPINION



Knowing when to say when is a best-case strategy



LEGAL NEWS & VIEWS

BY DAVID PISARRA

Just as every senator sees a President in the mirror, every new entrepreneur sees a Bill Gates or a Mary Kay Ash in the mirror also.

But a new business is a risky venture, no matter how much experience or backing the leadership team has. One need only look at the 'dot bomb' experience to know that knowledge and money are not going to guarantee success.

Thus, every good strategic planner will develop a worst-case scenario. When business is being conducted in the big leagues, with an IPO and lots of lawyers involved, the risks are minimized among the stockholders for financial losses, and the vendors are generally not so concerned with acquiring the ever-popular personal guarantee.

A new small company, on the other hand, has very little, if any, shared risk. In fact, for the most part, if you are going into business with a partner or two, many vendors will require personal guarantees of any credit that is extended to the company. Frequently, they will want at least one of the partners, if not all, to sign personal guarantees which will now bind their personal assets for any business debts.

Every business writer in the world will tell you not to sign a personal guarantee for corporate or LLC debt. It is what those "incorporate in Nevada" seminars charge \$100 to tell you. This is great advice, except for one small problem — the vendors won't extend sizable credit to a new small company without the personal guarantee, unless you have some great leverage against them. This is highly unlikely in most cases.

Continuing with my sleep lab example. We were opening up a sleep lab, and part of the equipment we needed is diagnostic medical equipment. There are three manufacturers in the world that we would consider using. Each one has their own program for purchases and leases.

Our company uses from \$80,000 to \$100,000 worth of equipment, so as a start-up, I did not want to use a large part of my operating capital into equipment before I had a proven business. Therefore, I chose to pursue a lease. Each company wanted a semi-long-term lease, 12 to 24 months apiece, and I had to personally guarantee any deficiencies. But that was too long for my tastes, and if

the company went under, I didn't want to be paying for equipment that I wasn't using.

We have management with a proven track record of developing the business model we are operating under. This proved to be our leverage with the companies. By having a proven executive at the helm of the development, we were able to pit the companies against each other, and consequently secure a month-to-month lease, which I was then comfortable personally guaranteeing.

This way, if the company went under, I was only personally liable for a month or two of the lease.

Our hotel space also required a personal guarantee, but because I knew that if we were not profitable quickly I could shut down the operation and the hotel would absorb the vacancy quickly, I knew that my losses were limited. I was also able to get the manager to agree to a short-term lease with options to extend in six-month increments, which also was a safety factor for us, when most landlords want at least a year's lease, and in commercial spaces frequently longer if any type of major improvements are being done.

We had to review our capital expenditures. Where were we spending money that we would not be able to recover if the company tanks. Obvious categories are in the office equipment like desks, chairs and fax machines, which can be sold off at a modest loss, but the less obvious categories are cabling for phone lines, cabling for the equipment, marketing materials, phone line start-up costs, etc. These are expenses that we can never recoup if we have to move, or the company goes under.

Because costs like cabling are one-time expenses, I don't need to be concerned about long-term exposure, but I do need to be aware that these are generally not moneymaking expenses. More importantly, they are not recoverable at an auction or by sale to a used equipment dealer. Also, I am not going to get a return on my investment in cabling. I need it to have my company operate properly, but it is certainly not something that I can show to a group of doctors and extol the virtues of and convince them to send patients to us based on the quality of our cables.

As a new company, we are not offering any fringe benefits like a retirement plan or any long-term contracts that we would have

to honor past next month. This is really a third-year category of benefit that we will offer once we have achieved profitability and recouped our investment.

By being aware of the potential downside, I have been able to limit our exposure should the company fail. We will not be locked into long-term yellow page ads, office space, equipment leases and personnel contracts. This is all part of a solid exit strategy for the worst-case scenario.

The more exciting and enjoyable part of an exit plan, is what do you do if you make it big. How do you handle fast growth? And what are the possibilities for the company that is successful? More on that next week.

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

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LOCAL



Living large gets harder to come by in California

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"By and large, I'm finding as a realtor that sellers are getting greedy, ethics are starting to get a little questionable and the quality of life in Santa Monica is not being improved by all this building going on," said Rose, a six-year resident of the city.

Along with a higher asking price from sellers, developers are also playing a role in the increase of home values in response to the affordable housing laws. The inclusionary zoning laws require developers to sell a percentage of new homes at prices below the market value to lower- and middle-income families. Government officials have inadvertently contributed to increased prices by mandating these restricted zones and forcing developers recoup their losses by hiking new home prices between \$33,000 and \$66,000, according to a report published by the Reason Foundation.

"Luxury home values in California rose sharply in the first quarter of 2004 due to strong demand, limited inventory, an improving economy and concern that interest rates, which are still low by historic standards, will continue to rise," said Katherine August-deWilde, chief operating officer of First Republic Bank, the sponsor of the LHI report.

LOS ANGELES HOMES

In the Los Angeles area, luxury home values posted their fifth consecutive quarter of double-digit gains, with average values rising \$252,000 compared to a year ago. The average home price in Los Angeles for 2004 surpassed the previous record set in 1990.

"People are asking prices and the normal reaction is to laugh, but buyers are accepting these prices," said Alan Mark, of Alan and Tony Mark Prudential Malibu Realty. "The biggest difference now is that there is so much less inventory."

Mark said Los Angeles still remains affordable compared to other big cities. He also noted that almost every offer is compelling. Mark said that one buyer offered one-third over the asking price on a multi-million dollar property.

"It's a scarcity of inventory and a deep well of buyers," he said. "This is just constant, steady, solid gains."

In Orange County, the market also is robust.

"Obviously, the market is on fire," said Cammy Leslie of Strada Properties in Newport Beach. "I have multiple offers on all of my properties. The inventory is just not what we need."

Leslie said that some home buyers have been motivated to purchase properties because they fear rising interest rates will limit their options.

"People are buying now because they think interest rates are going up," she said.

In Santa Barbara, the market also remains strong, although not at the same

level as in Los Angeles and Orange County.

"Between \$1 million and \$2.5 million, the market is pretty strong," said Dan Encell of Prudential California Realty in Montecito. "The estate market above \$2.5 million is still absorbing inventory, but it is starting to get strong. As inventory is absorbed, the prices will start to creep upward."

Encell said that as the economy improves and interest rates rise, the higher end of the luxury market will likely experience the greatest gains, while homes valued between \$1 million and \$2.5 million may soften somewhat.

Past Santa Monica residents have seen the change in home values simply by comparing the price they sold their home at to the current estimated value of that home today.

"When my parents sold their home in Santa Monica in 1995, it was worth about \$400,000," said Shawn Billings, a former resident of the city. "Now, I bet that house is worth close to a million bucks."

SAN DIEGO/SAN FRANCISCO

San Diego values rose \$215,000 compared to the first quarter of 2003 and are up more than \$565,000 over the past four years. Agents said the lower end of the luxury market accounted for the largest gains.

"We don't have the crazy market that Los Angeles has, but good homes that are priced well don't last," said Ann Brizolis of Coldwell Banker in Rancho Santa Fe. The market between \$1 million and \$3 million is quite strong and is being fueled by interest-sensitive buyers seeing to purchase homes before rates go much higher.

In the San Francisco area, values recorded their largest quarterly increase in almost three years. Average values were \$2.37 million in the first quarter, slightly below the record set in the second quarter of 2001, when values stood at \$2.39 million.

"It's like 2001," said Pattie Lawton of Clegari and Associates in San Francisco. "It's crazy. We are seeing multiple offers, and we're seeing homes sell for prices over the asking on certain properties. This is on properties that are well priced, in a good location and are in good condition."

The First Republic Prestige Home Index is the first statistical model of its kind customized to measure changes in homes valued at more than \$1 million in key California urban markets, officials said. Some common features of luxury homes in the Index are properties that are 3,000 to 6,000 square feet, have three to six bedrooms, and three to six bathrooms.

Properties in Los Angeles represent a cross-section of luxury homes in Arcadia, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, La Cañada Flintridge, Encino, Los Angeles, Malibu, Marina del Rey, North Hollywood, Pacific Palisades, Pasadena, Playa del Rey, Santa Monica, Studio City and the West Los Angeles enclaves of Bel Air, Brentwood and Westwood.

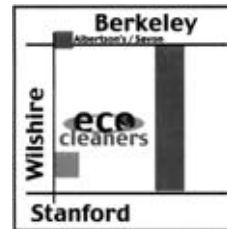
Prestige Home Index by First Republic Bank*

	Avg. Luxury Home Values	% Increase**
Los Angeles	\$1.66 million	17.9%
San Francisco/Bay Area	\$2.37 million	8.3%
San Diego	\$1.64 million	15.1 %

* First Republic Bank has tracked luxury homes since 1985

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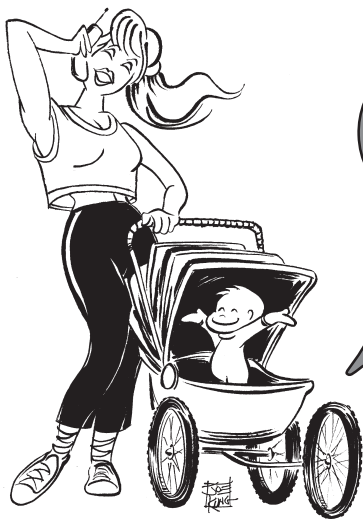
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GUEST COMMENTARY BY **CONNIE DAWSON, PH.D.**

Oh Brother, look what happens when you smother

Greg was the youngest of three boys and just 13 at the time of his dad's death. His mother, of course, was devastated. How could this situation, which was enormously sad for all concerned, lead to overindulgence and harm?

The answer may lie in how Mom, deep in her grief, tended to direct more care, caution and concern toward her youngest son. Much more than he needed. His brothers resisted Mom's urge to smother them, but Greg had no option but to give in.

It never occurred to Mom that she was keeping Greg from growing up in order to meet her needs, not Greg's. But others noticed. Greg's oldest brother, George, recounts his view of what happened.

A BROTHER'S PERSPECTIVE

"Right after Dad died, Mother grabbed on to

Greg and didn't let go. Today, he's 47. He's never kept a job for any length of time, he drinks too much, is divorced (and to his credit, he's always paid child support), and he continues to be the biggest manipulator on the planet.

"Mom has always bailed him out from every bad situation. She practically did his homework for him. She paid his fines. Money for this. Money for that. Much, much, much more understanding and leniency than was good for him.

"Just recently, he was behind in some payment or other and she ponied up the money. He went out and bought himself a new set of golf clubs. I couldn't believe it. She didn't even seem to be disgusted with him.

"I've been very critical of Greg over the years, but now that I've taken the shades off, I can see it wasn't his fault. Mom took (and still takes) care of him for her own reasons. Maybe

using Greg to meet her needs has helped her, or it helped her at one time, but it sure hasn't helped Greg. She's a really nice person, so I don't think she sees how what appeared to be so nice when he was young, isn't really so nice. I have to believe that hurting Greg was the furthest thing from her mind.

"At this point, if I were Mom, I don't know if I'd be eager to change my rescuing ways. If she says 'no' now, I'm sure she wonders how he'll get along. I repeat, my mother is not a bad person. I can understand why she got into rescuing Greg. I'm sure she'd say she wanted to make up for his not having a dad, but I don't think that's all there is to it. Anyway, her efforts have really backfired."

George took a deep breath.

"My brother and I tend to avoid him. I

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JUNE 26, SATURDAY
The JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM has two family events today. 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Family Day: Journeys – the Issei Story. Hear Allen Say's touching tale of his grandfather's travel to America. Families create their own stories and don period costumes. Ages 4 – 12. 1:00 p.m. – Craft Class features cut paper flower pop-up cards with artist Rysosen Shibata. \$11, reservations required. 369 E. First St., LA, 213-625-0414, www.janm.org

JUNE 27, SUNDAY
FAMILY FUNDAYS at the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum. Featuring storyteller Gayle Ross sharing entertaining myths and legends from her Cherokee ancestry. Ages 4 and up, 11:00 a.m., \$8, 1419 N. Topanga Blvd., Topanga Canyon, 310-455-3723.

The SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER has two events related to June's theme "Exploring Egypt." **FAMILY BELLY DANCE WORKSHOP** invites families to learn about festive dance styles from Egypt. Ages 6 and older, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., \$9, reservations required. **STORIES on SUNDAYS** offers stories for families in the Kids's Corner read by actors from BookPALS. Ages 3 and older, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., free. Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., 310-440-4636, www.skirball.org.

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The **YMCA** is currently accepting registration for the summer session of programs for infants, toddlers and children, including Parent and Me Gym/Swim, Toddler Time, Tiny Tumblers and more. Call 393-2721 or stop by the YMCA at 1332 6th St. for more info.

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TUESDAY

MOVIES FOR MOMS! FREE ADVANCE SCREENING THIS WEEK. **"The Notebook"**, starring Ryan Gosling, Gena Rowlands and Rachel McAdams. 11:00 a.m., *Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable.* www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms. "The Notebook" is based on Nicholas Spark's novel about two young people who meet in their teens and are reunited after World War II. The story of the young couple is told to at woman in a nursing home by an old man who visits to read to her from a notebook.

Storytelling
Main Library
Toddler Storytime at Reed Park; 10:00 & 10:30 a.m. Stories for two year olds with adult.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Cuentos Para Pequenos – 10:00 a.m., June 22 – Aug. 10. Six-week series in Spanish for 24 – 36 month olds with adult.
Lap Time – 11:00 a.m., June 22 – Aug. 10. Six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant and Family Support Programs.
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Toddler Storytime, 10:00 and 10:30. Music, rhymes and stories for 24-36 month olds with adult.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis Themes change weekly; for ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com

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

Yoga & 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.
Itsy-Bitsy Yoga at Ocean Oasis Day Spa, 1333 Ocean Ave.
Tots (crawling to 24 months) – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.; Babies (6 wks. to pre-crawling) – 11:30 – 12:30 a.m. On-going 6-week series; \$120. Pre-register at 458-8190; visit www.khefr.net for more info or contact khefr@earthlink.net.
Yoga Baby (Venice) – 310-306-9381 – Mommy & Me (ages 0-5 years) – 10 – 11 a.m.; Pre-natal yoga – 7- 8:15 p.m.
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 – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd, at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

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.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m., June 23 – Aug. 11; six-week series for 3-5 year olds with adult.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Lap Time - 10:00 & 10:30 a.m., for children ages 0-2.
Toddler Story Time – 11:15 a.m., for 2 year olds.
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
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Puppetolio – 1:00 p.m., 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

THURSDAY

Storytelling
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.
Main Library – Reed Park
Toddler Storytime at Reed Park; 10:00 a.m.; for 2 year olds.
Preschool Story Time at Reed Park; 10:30 a.m.; for ages 3-5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Toddler Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; June 24 – Aug. 12; for ages 2 –3.
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.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; for 3-5 year olds.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Lap Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. ,next session July 8 – Aug. 12. 6-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by SMMUSD Infant & Family Support Program.

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Ocean Oasis Day Spa, 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190. Pre/Post Natal Yoga/Gentle Flow – 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.; Yoga for Fitness – noon – 1 p.m Private sessions available; call Kate Thomas, RN – 408-1717
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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-BOOK.

Yoga & Exercise
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Yoga Baby (Venice) – 310-306-9381; Prenatal yoga – 9:15 – 10:45 a.m., \$13
Mommy Care – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd. at the Dance Factory, West LA, 394-6711; Pregnancy Exercise – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and work-out at the end)
Ocean Oasis Day Spa, 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190. Pre/Post Natal Yoga/Gentle Flow – 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.; Yoga for Fitness – noon – 1 p.m. Private sessions available; call Kate Thomas, RN – 408-1717

Other

Snowwhite, a brand new musical for kids of all ages, at the Santa Monica Playhouse
Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m. thru Sept. 26, \$12 adults, \$10 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 1 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magiopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
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Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.preciousprintsstudios.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Working Mother's Support Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd. - 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., \$12 fee, led by Ilka Sternberger, certified lactation educator. Call 826-5774 for more info.

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MONDAY

Storytelling
Main Library – Lap Time at Joslyn Park, 9:30 a.m., thru July 26th (no Lap Time on July 5th) Ages 0-24 months with adult in conjunction with the Infant and Family Support program of SMMUSD.
"Family Connections" is on summer break. Check back here for the fall start-up date.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804.
"Spanish for Little Ones", 11:15 a.m., call for next session dates.
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Toddler Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

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.

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$15
Yoga Garden, - Restorative yoga for pre/postnatal – 6:30 p.m., 310-450-0133. www.yogagardenstudios.com
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LOCAL

City not over extending itself with Transit Mall

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tional fees. The remainder of the contract costs will be determined on a yearly basis.

This year's agreement does not include expenses for the operation of the new Main Library's lots nor Santa Monica Place's garages, but the contract can be modified to include both parking locations in case the City Council and Macerich decide to start charging for parking in those locations.

Another expenditure on Tuesday's agenda is the \$483,000 that will be spent on design services for the Pedestrian Extension to the Downtown Transit Mall Project. The extension will provide improvements on eight blocks of streetscape along 2nd and 4th Street between Wilshire Boulevard and

Colorado Avenue. The expenses for the design firm will come from the \$2.1 million grant managed by Caltrans.

From a selection pool of 10 design firms, the City Council retained the services of Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership based on the quality of the staff, their experience with similar projects and innovative design, according to City Hall's staff report. The council does not expect the project to create access problems for the businesses during the construction process.

In a humanitarian effort, the City Council is expected to spend \$441,020 on improvements for the SAMOSHEL Homeless Shelter. The 100-bed emergency shelter was constructed in 1994 and allows the homeless to reside in the shelter for up to 6 months, during which time they can receive counseling, apply for

employment and locate permanent housing, according to City Hall staff.

The funding will be used to complete necessary upgrades, such as adding an air conditioning system, constructing a commercial-grade kitchen, and installing a sprinkler and fire alarm system to meet safety requirements. The council approved using funds from the Federal Community Development Block Grant for some of the upgrades in November of 2001, and additional costs were approved in the subsequent years to maintain an effective shelter.

Even though six contractors asked for bid packages from the city, AWI Builders, Inc. was the only company to submit a proposal due to the high volume of projects underway in the other five firms. The city has contracted AWI in previous projects such as the Santa Monica Animal Shelter, and it will also retain the builder's services for the additions to the Woodlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum's office.

Woodlawn's office addition will cost an estimated \$523,480 that the council is expected to approve tonight. The City of Santa Monica is responsible for Woodlawn's operation, and in May 2000, the council approved a long-term operating plan, which encouraged the construction because of its currently inadequate conditions.

The cemetery's current office does not have a reception area or waiting room,

and it does not comply with Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The project has been designed to include cost-effective, energy-efficient lighting, motion-sensor light switches, and materials that are non-toxic and have a highly recyclable content.

The City Council has also been asked to purchase a new ambulance for the Fire Department at the cost of \$129,810 to replace an aging 1996 model. The new ambulance, like the one it is replacing, will be reserved for use in case the department's other two paramedic ambulances experience mechanical difficulties or there is a need for an extra ambulance.

The city manager will also be approved to accept and execute a \$23,000-grant contract with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to install a demonstration urban runoff management system. The contract will be in compliance with federal and state regulations that require the city to reduce runoff pollution from storm drain discharges into the Santa Monica Bay.

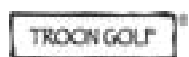
The infiltration project will treat runoff from gutters and then augment existing groundwater supplies with the cleaned water. Because the total estimated cost of the project is \$50,000, the remaining \$27,000 will come from the Stormwater Fund account.

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By George, his brother stays too tight to mother

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don't respect him. I feel sorry for him. He's one sad pup."

USING THE TEST OF FOUR

Apply the Test of Four to this situation:

1. Did Mom's actions hinder Greg's development?
2. Did Greg receive a disproportionate share of Mom's money and attention?
3. Were Mom's actions apt to be more for her benefit than for Greg's?
4. Were others harmed by the attention Greg received?

What do you think? Is this a case of overindulgence? A "yes" answer to any one of the four questions is a red flag and a yellow light. Go slow. Be cautious. Reconsider.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

We adults whose needs are met are far less likely to get our needs met at the expense of children. Some things we can do are:

- Get clear about what we need.
- Remember that we all have needs that deserve to be met.
- Adults can make conscious and informed choices about how we meet our needs.
- If we aren't clear about what we need, visiting a counselor or therapist should help.
- The art of rescuing is learned in one's family of origin. How was rescuing oth-

ers rewarded in your family? Was that your role in the family?

■ Review development: The job of kids, the job of adults, helpful and unhelpful parenting at each developmental stage in 'How Much Is Enough?'

■ Be a loving observer of your own thoughts, impulses and behaviors.

■ Consult 'Growing Up Again' (Clarke and Dawson, 1998) for more ideas on meeting needs.

THE END OF THE STORY

Back to George: "Can you believe that Greg got one over on me last month? I offered to let him share my motel room when we went to the out-of-town funeral of our aunt. Free room. I took him to breakfast the next morning. Free board. He asked me for a small loan. I gave him \$50. He went right over to the counter and bought \$40 worth of lottery tickets. Go figure."

A BRAVE HEART

To "scrub" our motives for overindulging takes courage. It may be one of the best gifts we can give our children ... and ourselves.

(Connie Dawson, Jean Illsley Clarke and David Bredehoft are co-authors of *How Much Is Enough? Everything you Need to Know to Steer Clear of Overindulgence and Raise Likable, Responsible, and Respectful Children, Toddler's to Teens*. Connie can be reached at cdawson@whidbey.com. To read more about overindulgence, go to www.overindulgence.info.)

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Commission to suggest CIA, FBI get act together

BY PETE YOST

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A member of the Sept. 11 commission predicts the panel will support centralization of the nation's intelligence agencies as the only way to prevent future terrorist attacks.

"You're going to see unanimous recommendations on the intelligence community ... They couldn't distinguish between a bicycle crash and a train wreck," commissioner John Lehman, a Republican, said this weekend in previewing a final report due for completion next month.

Centralization will enable information to get to people "in a position to make a difference," the former secretary of the Navy said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Change must be fundamental, Lehman said, "not just tweaking and moving the deck chairs or the organization boxes around," and the FBI should undergo a transformation as well.

He said FBI Director Robert Mueller is on the right track, but "we probably will go further in our recommendations to institutionalize changes" at the bureau.

The comments came amid a debate over the Bush administration's insistence that there were close ties between al-Qaida and Saddam Hussein, an assertion that provided the White House with an important justification for invading Iraq.

A commission staff report, released last week, said there were contacts between Osama bin Laden's terror network and the Iraqi government, but they did not appear to

have produced a collaborative relationship.

Commission chairman Thomas Kean, a former Republican governor of New Jersey, said "we don't see any serious conflicts" between the panel's and the White House's positions. At the same time, he said, "We believe ... that there were a lot more active contacts, frankly, with Iran and with Pakistan than there were with Iraq."

"Al-Qaida didn't like to get involved with states, unless they were living there. They got involved with Sudan, they got involved ... where they lived, but otherwise no," Kean told ABC's "This Week."

Along with differences over ties between Saddam's government and al-Qaida, a new question arose over whether President Bush or Vice President Dick Cheney gave the

order on Sept. 11, 2001, to shoot down the fourth of the hijacked airliners.

Newsweek magazine reports in this week's issue that an early draft of the commission staff report reflected skepticism by staffers about the account of Cheney getting Bush's approval for the shoot-down order. After objections by the White House, the panel removed the wording from the draft, it said.

On the issue of al-Qaida's ties to Iraq under Saddam, Lehman defended Cheney, the most aggressive promoter of that idea.

Lehman said new intelligence that "we are now in the process of getting" indicates one of Saddam's Fedayeen fighters, a lieutenant colonel, was a prominent al-Qaida member.



WORLD BRIEFLY

Ex-Universal chief in world of trouble

By The Associated Press

PARIS — The former chief executive of Vivendi Universal, Jean-Marie Messier, was taken into police custody Monday in an investigation into financial wrongdoing during his time at the telecommunications giant, police said.

The investigative unit on financial crime could hold Messier for questioning for up to 48 hours, police said.

Messier was ousted in July 2002 as the company's finances crumbled and its debt spiraled out of control.

Earlier this month, Vivendi's former chief financial officer, Guillaume Hannezo, was placed under investigation as part of a probe into alleged insider dealing and share price manipulation.

Hannezo served as Vivendi's chief financial officer under Messier, who had dreamed of transforming the Paris-based company from a water utility into a media titan.

He went on a buying spree that racked up billions of dollars in debt, and company shares lost more than 80 percent of their value. The company is now working to sell most of its entertainment assets.

North Korea demands aid

By The Associated Press

BEIJING — North Korea renewed its demand for aid in exchange for freezing nuclear development as it began talks Monday on ending a standoff with the United States over its weapons ambitions.

Diplomats from North Korea, the United States and four other nations met to discuss the agenda for high-level talks due to start Wednesday.

Negotiators discussed North Korea's demand for "corresponding measures in response to (nuclear) freeze," South Korea's Foreign Ministry said, using the phrase employed by diplomats to describe aid to the North. The ministry said the other governments also presented their positions on disarmament but gave no details.

The other participants are host China, South Korea, Japan and Russia.

The United States says it would offer aid only if North Korea proves its willingness to become nuclear-free. It says any freeze must lead to a "complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantling" of the North's nuclear weapons facilities.

The high-level meetings this week would be the third round of talks on the dispute.

Kerry is so very ... scientific

By The Associated Press

NANTUCKET, Mass. — Democrat John Kerry, touting the endorsement of 48 Nobel Prize-winning scientists, is accusing President Bush of putting his conservative ideology ahead of sound scientific research.

"We need a president who will once again embrace our tradition of looking toward the future and new discoveries with hope based on scientific facts, not fear," the presidential candidate said in a speech prepared for

a Monday afternoon appearance in Denver.

In those remarks, Kerry said Bush's anti-science initiatives included limiting stem cell research; removing information about the global warming threat from a 2003 Environmental Protection Agency report; ordering changes to a report that described damage that would be caused by oil-drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and deleting information about condoms from government Web sites.

Kerry pledged to listen to the country's scientists and make decisions based on their advice. He also repeated his pledge to fund new stem cell lines. Aides said he would announce proposed increases in federal spending on science Tuesday.

Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt said the president has made an unprecedented commitment to the sciences and funding levels are at record highs.

Anti-Islam sign raises awareness

By The Associated Press

EAGLESWOOD TOWNSHIP, N.J. — The leader of an anti-discrimination group called for tolerance after a sign reading "Stamp out Islam" was posted in the hometown of an American contractor murdered in Saudi Arabia.

Aref Assaf, president of the state chapter of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, issued an advisory to its members telling them to be vigilant following news reports of residents angered over the death of Paul M. Johnson Jr. His organization had not heard of any violence committed against Muslims or Arab-Americans in New Jersey.

Johnson, 49, was kidnapped by militants who followed through on a threat to kill him if the kingdom did not release its al-Qaida prisoners.

"It's sad because we have lost a fellow American from New Jersey, but added to that our entire community is being castigated and blamed for the crimes of others," Assaf said Sunday.

Phil Galasso posted the cardboard sign saying "Stamp out Islam" on a utility pole near his house in Eagleswood Township. It depicted a hand-drawn boot over a crescent and star. "I'm getting a little fed up with the mindless violence against civilians who had nothing to do with the war in the Middle East," Galasso said.

Joy of giving proves contagious

By The Associated Press

Helped by an improving economy, charitable giving in the United States last year rose by the highest rate in three years, according to a national survey released Monday.

The Giving USA annual report said donations by individuals, estates, foundations and corporations totaled \$240.7 billion in 2003. Researched by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, the survey showed a 2.8 percent increase over 2002, when giving amounted to \$234.1 billion.

Adjusted for inflation, donations rose only 0.5 percent in 2003, hovering at about the same rate of growth of 0.6 percent in 2002.

But the estimated contributions amounted to 2.2 per-

cent of the country's gross domestic product, falling just short of the nation's all-time charitable giving high of 2.3 percent of GDP in 2000.

"Charitable giving above 2 percent of gross domestic product is one demonstration of our nation's renewed commitment to the good works done by charities and congregations," Henry Goldstein, chairman of the Giving USA Foundation, said in a statement.

Goldstein attributed last year's increase to a higher household net income, a stronger stock market and improved corporate profits.

Washed up bodies identified as family

By The Associated Press

PLEASANT PRAIRIE, Wis. — Three bodies lashed together with nylon rope that washed ashore over the weekend have been identified as a father and two sons, and police are considering the deaths as homicides.

The bodies of 45-year-old Kevin L. Amde, 3-year-old son Tesla E. Amde and 6-year-old Davinci Amde were found by a resident Saturday on Lake Michigan's Pleasant Prairie beach, Police Chief Brian J. Wagner said.

"We consider these deaths to be very suspicious and this case is being handled by law enforcement as a homicide," Wagner said Sunday.

The three, from Chicago, were last seen May 6, when the father and younger son picked up the older boy from his school, Wagner said. Veronica Amde, Kevin Amde's wife and the children's mother, reported them missing to Chicago police on May 11.

No official cause of death was released.

Wagner said they were tied together with nylon rope, either through belt loops, a belt or around one child's waist. Also tied to the bodies were two nylon book bags, each containing personal belongings and two plastic bags filled with sand.

Kerry cashing in on popularity

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry outspent President Bush by about \$10 million in May and started this month with less than half as much campaign cash left as his GOP rival.

Kerry spent \$32 million in May and began June with about \$28 million left, a monthly campaign finance report he filed late Sunday with the Federal Election Commission showed.

Bush used up \$22 million last month and started June with \$63 million on hand, according to his monthly FEC report.

Kerry now holds the Democratic presidential record in both areas, reaching at least \$148.5 million raised _ including roughly \$6 million in loans _ and just under \$121 million spent.

Bush has set an all-time presidential record with at least \$218 million raised and \$152 million spent.

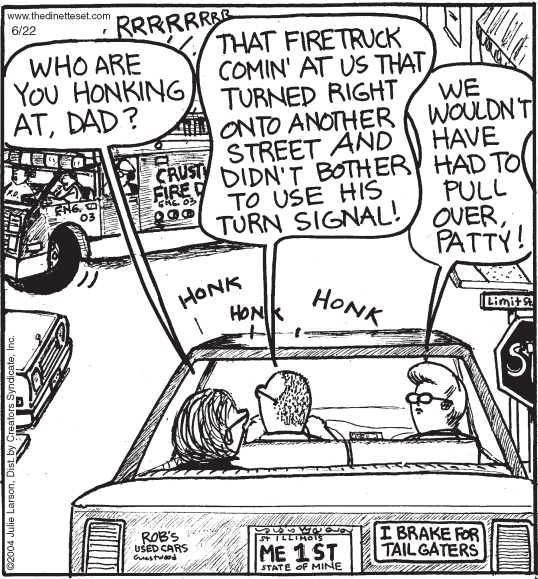
Kerry has been holding fund-raisers for weeks to rebuild his finances after the Democratic primaries.

Bush stopped throwing fund-raisers for himself in April and has started raising money for other Republicans.

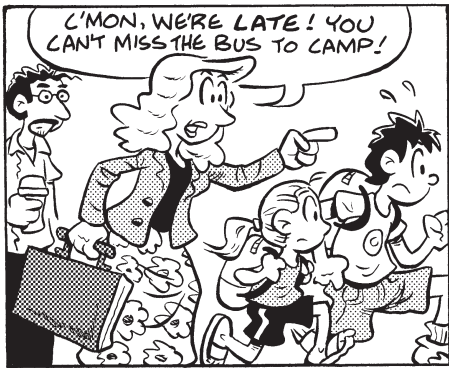


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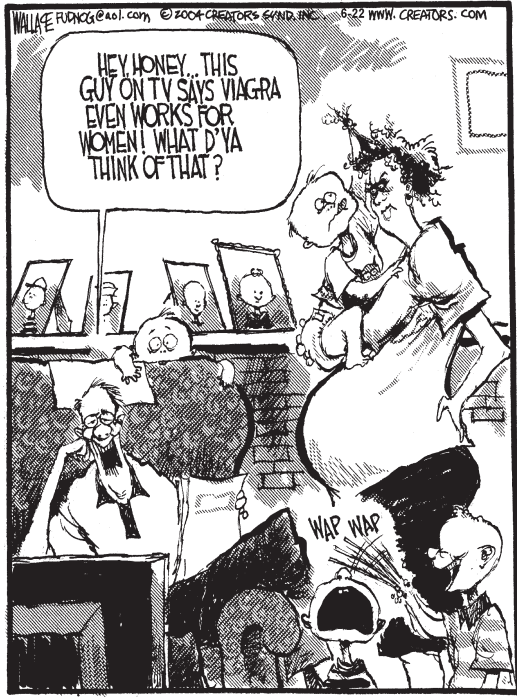
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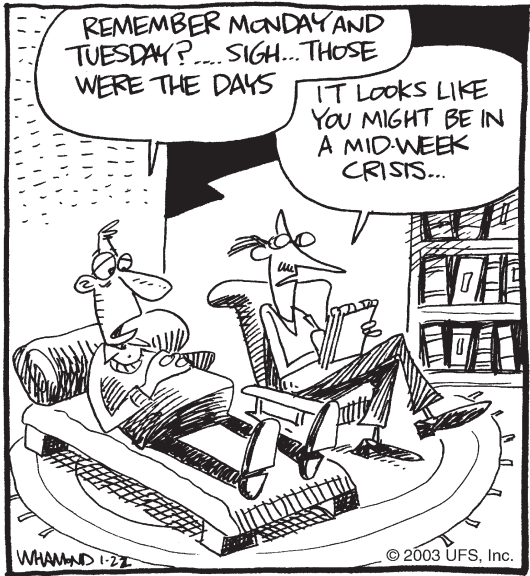
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Tarantino to make another killing ... in 15 years

By The Associated Press

■ **MADRID, Spain** — Quentin Tarantino said Monday he plans to shoot a third part of the "Kill Bill" vengeance series.

"I have plans, actually not right away, but like in 15 years from now, I'll do a third version of this saga," the director said at a news conference to promote "Kill Bill — Vol. 2," which opens in Spain next month.

Tarantino said part three would focus on the daughter of a hired killer that Uma Thurman's character bumps off early in her revenge spree.

Thurman plays The Bride, who goes after her former lover and boss, Bill, after he kills her fiancé on their wedding day and leaves her in a coma.

Tarantino said he set his goals high in shooting the two films.

"'Good' — that wouldn't have been good enough. 'Well done' would have been an insult. I was doing the movie to do some of the greatest action scenes ever made," he said.

Asked whether violence seduces audiences, Tarantino said: "You better believe it. I mean that's one of the reasons why it's so cinematic. It can be very enthralling. I've always said Thomas Edison invented the movie camera to show people killing and kissing."

■ **HANOI, Vietnam** — Concert organizers on Monday blamed communications glitches for forcing the last-minute cancellation of what would have been the biggest international music show ever scheduled in Vietnam.

The 2nd annual World Peace Music Awards had been set for Tuesday at Hanoi's My Dinh National Stadium, with performances from artists including Lionel Richie, Gloria Gaynor, Hootie and the Blowfish and the Black Eyed Peas.

During a news conference Monday, the concert's executive producer, Matt Taylor, restated his earlier explanation that "completely unforeseen and insurmountable circumstances" forced the show's cancellation.

When pressed for specifics, Taylor blamed a "glitch" in communications between organizers and Vietnam Airlines, the national carrier and one of the show's sponsors, for botching arrangements for ticketing and transportation of performers and equipment.

A joint statement from Taylor and the Ministry of Culture and Information, which initially approved the concert, said an underwater Internet cable that broke in early June, leaving millions of users off-line in Vietnam for nearly a week, caused "interruptions of contacts."

Taylor said he hoped to reschedule a scaled-down show in amid-September in Hanoi.

Do Quang Quy, head of the Ministry's Performing Arts Department, said Taylor's suggestion of Sept. 23, 24 or 25 would conflict with other events already planned near those dates, including the Independence Cup soccer tournament and the Asia-Europe Meeting.

The concert, supported by the United Nations, was to honor musicians including Bob Dylan, Joan Baez and Peter, Paul and Mary for their protest songs during the Vietnam War.

Twenty-five artists from around the world were expected to participate with some proceeds benefiting victims of Agent Orange — a chemical defoliant the U.S. military used during the Vietnam War.

■ **SHANGHAI, China** — Whitney Houston will make her debut concert appearance in China with a July 22 show in Shanghai.

"Whitney has said that China is her favorite country, so it will definitely be an emotional show," chief sponsors Shanghai Wenguang News and Media Group said

in a news release.

Houston, 40, is widely known in Asia for her rendition of "I Will Always Love You," from the movie "The Bodyguard."

The Grammy winner entered a drug rehabilitation center in March but received a lifetime achievement award at the Women's World Awards earlier this month in Germany.

Backed by China's highest family incomes, Shanghai has recently hosted shows by acts ranging from Mariah Carey to Deep Purple to Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli.

The Backstreet Boys and Britney Spears are also planning upcoming China shows.

■ **DURBAN, South Africa** — A South African finalist in a Bollywood talent search said organizers of the British-based event told her she was "too dark."

Rivona Essop, 23, told the Sunday Times that film producer Pooja Bhatt, one of three "Bollywood Star" judges, told her off-camera she wasn't fair-skinned enough and instead should audition for south Indian movies.

She was eliminated Wednesday from the contest, which is airing on Britain's Channel 4 TV station.

"The whole experience was farcical. I had received rave reviews throughout the process, only to be suddenly told that I was not the right color," Essop was quoted as telling the South African paper. "What further incensed us was that the whole thing appeared to be rigged."

Bhatt called Essop's claims "ridiculous," saying skin color had nothing to do with the judges' decision.

"She wasn't rejected for her color," Bhatt told The Associated Press. "She was rejected for her poor acting skills, and for the amount she shook her head. And her face was too harsh."

Favored to win is Briton Heidi Mumford, 23. Judges said that her being white helped, as this was rare in Bollywood.

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