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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Ivy League Blues: In March, a Princeton University graduate student in applied mathematics, Michael Lohman, was arrested, suspected by police of being the guy who has been assaulting Asian women on campus for weeks by snipping locks of their hair or by furtively doctoring their drinks with unspecified "bodily fluids" in the dining hall. And a week after that, in Rockport, Mass., a chaired professor of economics at Harvard, Martin Weitzman, was charged with larceny after a farmer said Weitzman has long been trespassing and hauling away manure for his own nearby farm, thus denying the farmer his market price of \$35 per truckload.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today the 179th day of 2005. There are 186 days left in the year.

On June 28, 1914, Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, Sofia, were assassinated in Sarajevo by a Serb nationalist — the event which triggered World War I.
In 1491, England's King Henry VIII was born at Greenwich.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Heresy is what the minority believe; it is the name given by the powerful to the doctrines of the weak."

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL
AMERICAN LAWYER AND STATESMAN

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

The Arthur Reese Memorial Ensemble parades down Abbot Kinney in large, colorful costumes during the Venice Historic Centennial Parade held Sunday.

Hand-outs to be managed on Promenade?

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

PROMENADE — Getting freebies from corporate giants along one of the busiest outdoor shopping malls in the country may soon be curtailed by City Hall.

The business of handing out free products to Third Street Promenade visitors apparently is getting out of hand and needs to be better managed, said Kathleen Rawson, executive director of the

Bayside District Corp., which manages downtown Santa Monica in conjunction with City Hall.

Rawson brought the issue up last week during a Bayside board of directors meeting, informing the board that City Hall staff is in the process of drafting a memo to the City Council that suggests a law ought to be made to manage corporations who use the public street to promote their products.

"We have struggled with this issue on and off for years,"

Rawson told the board. "Right now, it's a free for all."

Earlier this month, there were eight different companies in one week handing out their wares along the three-block-long mall, Rawson said. The Promenade is a public street, which allows people to exercise their constitutional rights. Corporations handing out freebies falls under the First Amendment.

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Lights, computers and staff account for \$1M in spending

(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

CITY HALL — Elected officials tonight are expected to spend \$1.4 million for a litany of community projects, including computer networking equipment for the Main Library, more code enforcement

officers in City Hall and street light improvements throughout Santa Monica.

At \$500,000, a modified contract with JAS Pacific, a temporary administrative hiring service, accounts for the largest expenditure on tonight's agenda. The

money would be used to hire more people in City Hall's building and safety, and planning departments — to ensure that Santa Monicans are complying with city laws.

In July of 2004, a consulting

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County approves \$24.6M homeless package

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — County officials will spend millions of more dollars to fight homelessness, which they say will help address the problem in Santa Monica and other westside cities.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors last week approved an additional \$24.6 million to aid in homeless efforts, part of which local officials hope will go toward the creation of a new, year-round homeless shelter on the westside.

In addition, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the group which helps oversee homeless services throughout the county, will be re-structured so it has broader powers to help the homeless population.

"The purpose of the board's action is to take homeless shelter delivery to a new level," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who along with Supervisor Gloria Molina, successfully pushed for the extra funds. "These are human beings who have aspirations, and problems.

"We want to make a dent on this issue."

Julie Rusk, manager of City Hall's human services division, which oversees local homeless efforts, said the county allocation is a step in the right direction in helping the down-and-out.

"It is a major infusion of energy and resources to move things forward," Rusk said. "The supervisors are bringing leadership on a regional basis to fight this problem."

Rusk said she hopes \$20 million of the allocation — which the supervisors have set aside for new

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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)
★★★★ Finally, you feel better and feel that you make a difference. Others might overload you with their requests or social calls. You might have a longer day than you'd expected, but it will be worthwhile. Tonight: Enjoy others.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Take some time alone. You might need to close your door if you are going to get anything done. Your mind wanders, as you have so much turf to cover. Be careful if you find yourself seeing red. Talk rather than charge ahead. Tonight: Express your feelings so that someone else can hear them.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might not be sure which way to go, but a friend certainly has some strong ideas. This person can be helpful if you use his or her ideas and opinions as a starting place. Your creativity surges. Others respond. Tonight: Where the crowds are.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Whether you like it or not, you become pivotal in a situation. You could easily lose your temper or push others too hard. Center yourself first, and delegate with grace. Others respond better to sugar than to vinegar. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Take the high road rather than get into a fuss. You might be on overload, as so many people want your time. Take time to make a long-distance call. Find an expert or search the Net for more information. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ A partner or associate needs your attention. You might even be witness to a tantrum or some other drama in order to draw your focus. Don't go overboard with spending; use a talent or gift to help make more money. Tonight: Be with that special person.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your present pace could be excessive and a bit tough on you. Others might expect more from you as you deal with their individual situations. Avoid scattering yourself. Prioritize and give 100 percent. Tonight: Talk over dinner.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Dig into a project with the enthusiasm and energy you are known for. Your instincts come through for you. News from a distance could demand more time than you have. You cannot change what is. Tonight: Exercise away stress.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Once more, you serve as the solution-finder. Ideas come to you. With friends or in a meeting, a brainstorming session starts up. Someone wants you all to him- or herself. You might feel pushed. Tonight: Funnel your imagination where it counts.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Build on what is already established. A family member will push to have something go his or her way. Refuse to do anything that doesn't feel comfortable. Check out an investment carefully. Your sense of responsibility takes over. Tonight: At home.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Sometimes you aren't clear enough. Other times, others don't get your message. Right now, you can get your concepts across. Detach and try to think as others think. You will know what to do. Tonight: At a favorite spot.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Expenditures might be rising, but you will be getting more money from another source. You also might want to take a more active role in your spending as well as moneymaking. Yes — if you think you are lucky, buy a lottery ticket. Tonight: Redo your budget.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Martin Sheen endorses Kelly Hayes-Raitt for State Assembly

By Daily Press Staff

In the world of Hollywood, the president of the United States has endorsed a local woman for State Assembly.

In reality, however, it's Martin Sheen, activist, actor and star of television's "West Wing," who has endorsed Kelly Hayes-Raitt for State Assembly. Sheen, a Malibu resident, said he was impressed with Hayes-Raitt's two humanitarian trips to Iraq and her ongoing work for peace.

"Californian taxpayers have spent \$26 billion in President Bush's war on Iraq," Hayes-Raitt said to Sheen. "Now Gov. Schwarzenegger wants to balance our state's \$8 billion shortfall on the backs of college students, uninsured children and teachers.

"Our state has sent more soldiers to Iraq than any other," she continued. "California now has more war widows, more war orphans and more injured soldiers who must rely on our state's social service programs. In Sacramento, I will fight for the true interests that make California special — our vets and their families, our teachers and other public employees and our children."

Hayes-Raitt is running for State Assembly in the 41st District, which encompasses Santa Monica, Malibu, Topanga, Pacific Palisades, Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Oak Park, Port Hueneme and Oxnard.

Sheen and Hayes-Raitt first met in 1993 at a non-profit social service organization that keeps low-income families from becoming homeless, where Hayes-Raitt was a full-time fundraiser and Sheen volunteered. They later met during Santa Monica's Living Wage Campaign.

"I've long admired and been inspired by Martin Sheen's heartfelt activism," she said. "We share a willingness to speak up when no one else dares. Since my campaign reflects the values Mr. Sheen embodies, I am proud he is supporting my Assembly campaign."

Star chefs tour the nation for hunger in Los Angeles

By Daily Press staff

Some of the country's top chefs are battling hunger on the westside. Sharing their passion for food to make a difference in the lives of those less for-

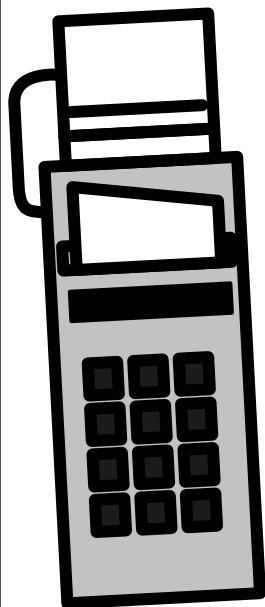
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CORRECTION — In the June 24 edition of the Santa Monica Daily Press there was an article "Class of '05 heads into the world," regarding the Santa Monica High School graduation in which the name of a student, Petey Kass, was misspelled.

Kass said he had reservations going into high school, but by the end was convinced it was an opportunity for students to find themselves while still allowing them to have a shared experience in their bleeding "blue and gold."

In the May 31 edition of the Santa Monica Daily Press, there was a photograph entitled "Muscle Beach" in which Jackie Lee was attributed falsely for her win in the women's grand master class. Lee was the first place winner. She also won a second place trophy in the women's lightweight body building class.

Linda Jassim is this week's mystery photo winner. Jassim accurately described that this photo was taken at the entrance to Cloverfield Park. Jassim has won a 30th anniversary limited edition DVD of Jaws, recently released by Universal Studios. Check out the Monday edition for the next mystery photo contest.



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So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Which plan do you favor — the breakwater rebuild or the gangway? Why? Is there another option that should be considered?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

King Tut's race won't change the world

Editor:

I hate people, all people. Now before you start busting my hump, I'm not using people in any sense as a plural for the word "individual." I specifically refer to the weird herd dynamic that happens to people everywhere when they gather in large groups. An individual will listen to what you have to say even if it is totally opposed to their world view. A group of people will simply close their minds and attempt to make rules to ostracize the weird individual from society.

Groups do some things right, but there are far more things to go wrong with groups and they should be handled like matches: Carefully or not at all. This month, the big pisser is that groups tend to organize on the principle of fighting off the injustices of yesterday instead of getting ready for the injustices of tomorrow. One such group is the pack of well-intentioned African-Americans who protested the opening of King Tutankhamen's swag at LACMA, over what King Tut's face really looked like.

The controversy springs from two slightly different forensic reconstructions of the Egyptian Pharaoh's face made from the mummy's skull. The British Museum has a fiberglass casting that depicts an African face. The traveling show has a digital reconstruction using the same technology cops use to put faces on murdered skeletons showing a more Middle Eastern face. Of course the fabulous golden death mask is no help because that face splits the difference with a blended look.

The protesters are reacting as if there is some "Evil White People Plot" to deprive them of every role model in the universe. Not true. The Evil White People Plot couldn't care less about African role models that have been in their graves a little more than 3,000 years. This conspiracy, if it exists, appears to be more interested in using the schools in the African-American community as test beds for programs designed to make the entire American public, black and white, into an exploitable force of cheap labor. So someone somewhere should have the courage to suggest the protesters go home and protest the crummy schools in their neighborhoods.

No one displayed such courage. Maria Shriver behaved like a politician's wife and said "no comment." The many stars present appear to have listened to their handlers and skipped over the question, because it is very cool to be invited to see King Tut's swag before the unwashed masses while wearing some of the finest clothes money can buy. The expert from the Cairo Museum of Antiquities made the situation a little bit worse by trying to defend the digital face by saying that every other face of every other Pharaoh had those Semitic-Middle Eastern features.

The expert missed the point of King Tutankhamen, as did the protesters. The expert failed because the way to prevent a historical figure from being hijacked by a group with a grievance is to remind everybody that the historical figure belongs to everybody, not just African-Americans. The protesters failed even worse because they attempted such a hijacking so they can have one more role model on which to feel proud about. Never mind that African-Americans already have Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, W.E.B. Dubois, Shaka Zulu and Booker T. Washington.

Speaking as someone who actually watches the History Channel, I would much rather take any of the names on the above list as my role model than King Tutankhamen. These men in their time wrote books, led armies and influenced minds, in some cases well beyond their target audience. Why would anyone pay more than passing attention to a king whose only real claim to fame is that no one robbed his tomb?

The Discovery Channel did a special where the mummy was subjected to what forensics were possible without ruining the ticket value of the body. The agreed upon conclusion was that Tutankhamen was wiped out at about the age of 18 because he was a cripple afflicted with a bone disease called clipophilia. The primary suspect was named as the Grand Vizier who was known to have become the next Pharaoh. For the record, Tut was pushed off a chariot.

The only real historical example that Tutankhamen provides is that leaders who are visibly weak become easy marks for people in their own courts who want to advance. The common people like their leaders strong and manly: The very flower of the human Alpha Male. This explains why Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy went to almost ludicrous lengths to hide polio and serious back injuries from the public.

Getting back to what the face is supposed to look like, I suspect that the death mask which could describe either an African or a Middle Eastern man is closer to the real truth of our collective history. People have been leaving home and checking new places out since before learning about fire. Another way to put it is that sailors get around.

People have been organizing sailing expeditions for almost the same time as they have made spears to hunt food. Certain racists and snobs didn't want to admit that there were any great sea voyages before recorded history. But, seafaring is based on skills that can be taught without writing. A human fist replaces a sextant when a fisherman teaches his son that on a certain day the big red star in Orion's shoulder will be approximately 10 knuckles above the horizon.

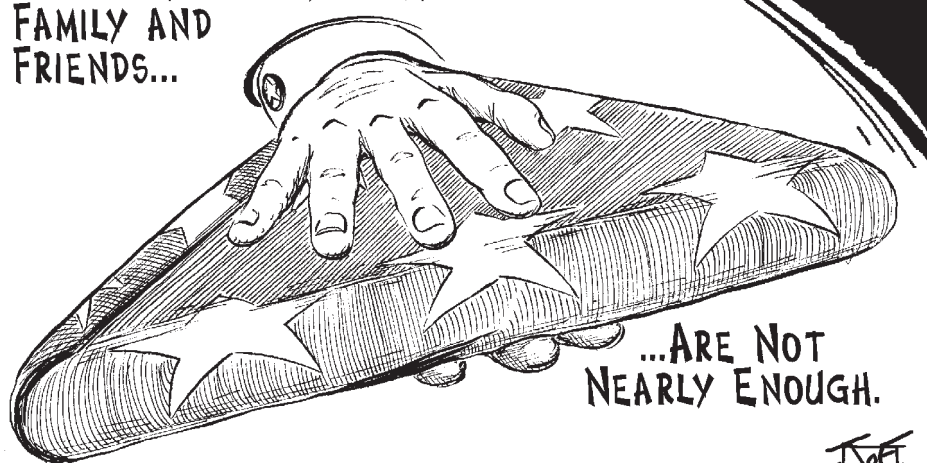
Once these sailors, aviators, truckers and insurance salesmen get where they're going, they start telling lies about the journey. i.e., they really do love the woman they're with, right now. We know about white men mating with black women, but a black sailor may have risked death to be with a white woman for much of history, but what's a little mortal terror compared to sex?

Maybe Tutankhamen was African, or maybe he was closely related to Jews, Arabs, Canaanites and Persians. However, when the protesters pack their signs up and go home, Tutankhamen will still be a boy king who didn't have a chance in life because of birth defects because Pharaohs had to marry their sisters, and the schools in the protesters' home neighborhoods will still suck.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY YOLIE FLORES & BETH OSTHIMER

State and education will come up short without new revenue sources

Each election cycle, political candidates declare their commitment to children and to families. They make promises, kiss babies, visit after-school programs, and use rhetoric in speeches that would lead one to believe that finally, we have a leader who really understands that investing in the health, education, and well-being of our children is not only the morally right thing to do, but a smart investment for our future as well. Fast forward to today, when these same individuals now have the opportunity to make their rhetoric a reality. What we see are our state and national leaders debating budget proposals that will leave the children of California less healthy, less educated, less financially secure, and burdened with debt. At the same time, our wealthiest residents are benefiting from unprecedented tax cuts, while more than 800,000 of California's children lack health insurance coverage and more than 1.7 million live in poverty.

As our representatives aim to curb spending and plan for the future of our state, our children and our families, there are clearly better choices to be made, and some false choices that we must reject. False choices — like those which pit basic human service needs against education investments for our children. Or false choices that posit that the only "solution" to balance our budget is to cut funding for education and health care for our children, rather than explore new revenue solutions supported by the vast majority of Californians who want to make these needed investments.

Clearly, education must be a priority for our state. California is one of the largest states in the nation, yet we rank 29th in terms of per pupil spending and 79 percent of our fourth graders are reading below grade level. At the same time, our children need proper nutrition, good health, and a safe place to grow and thrive in order to learn. Under the proposed budget, the governor's approach is to "save" the state \$2 billion by passing on opportunities to invest in education rather than reinstating the top income tax brackets on our state's

wealthiest residents to help cover critical, needed investments in our children's education, health and well-being.

Although the proposed budget doesn't make indiscriminate cuts in all health and human service programs, it nonetheless represents a real danger to children and families. There is a fundamental lack of balance in the solutions this budget seeks. Our children and their families already are facing a crisis of poverty, which continues to escalate as the state's high housing costs continue to soar. The latest reports indicate that a minimum household income of more than \$120,000 is needed to purchase a median-priced home in California, placing decent, safe housing out of the reach of working families in our state.

There are other, better choices for our children. Rather than reducing CalWORKs grants that help the state's lowest income families buy food, shelter and clothing to "save" \$159 million, the state could raise \$230 to \$380 million by limiting excessive corporate tax credits. Rather than imposing health insurance premiums on low-income families that are expected to result in children losing health coverage, "saving" \$43 million beginning in 2007, the state could adopt a reasonable sales tax on entertainment-related businesses such as golf courses and ski resorts, which could raise revenues by \$1.2 billion. Our children and families are certainly worthy of such a small investment of our recreational spending.

No one doubts that sacrifices will need to be made to ensure our state's long-term financial success. But that responsibility should be shared, and should not primarily fall on the shoulders of California's children and struggling families. We must hold our elected officials to their commitments and insist that our state make cost-effective, proven investments in our children and our future. New revenue sources must be part of any equation for solving our state's long-term budget crisis.

(Flores is executive director of Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council. Osthimer is state director of the Children's Defense Fund California.)

COMMENTARY



Only in LA is alley tennis an acceptable sport

ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL



Sometimes I see children playing tennis in the alley and I have to wonder, how did it all get to here?

When did it get to be OK to substitute an alleyway full of moderate- to expensive-priced cars for an actual playground located two blocks away?

Point, set, \$1,000 body damage. Giggle, giggle.

That's the point of the day when I stare down at the kids playing roulette with my bumper and think, only in LA.

Only in LA is one appalled when you miss the gossip that circulates Hollywood Reporter, Daily Variety and US Weekly. But despite their disapproval, they'll tell you about it anyway on the 5 o'clock "news."

It's one of the few cities where I get a sunburn on my lunch hour. In LA, smoking versus non-smoking is not a restaurant option, and yet nearly every photographed celebrity has one stuck in their mouth.

Only in LA is the soy cheese pizza place is next to the acupressure massage place which is one block away from the low-carb ice cream store. You don't even

have to mention on-the-side. It's pretty much expected.

It's the city where everyone is trying to make it, and the ones who openly critique actual celebrities as if it would make them that much closer to stardom. But then again, I guess it worked for David Spade.

Only in LA can you pay more for valet than you do for your dinner. And once at dinner, the hostess freely gives your table away Jennifer and Ben Affleck. Oh wait, I think I mentioned this before.

Only in LA is your front yard full of palm trees instead of oak and maple. And by front yard I mean the area of sidewalk that you share with 100 of your closest neighbors.

One will watch "The View" during an earthquake and be more alarmed at how much weight Star Jones has lost. Only here do you eat the granola bars from your earthquake prepared kit because you feel the earthquake in your stomach is just much more pressing.

Aerated rubber clogs are sold on Abbot Kinney and Montana for \$35, but good luck finding a pair of low-priced sandals. Only in LA do you have a vehicle specifically designed to pick up all the shopping carts grocery store patrons used for door-to-door service. I don't think they were imagining this scenario when asked if you'd like "help out."

And only in LA does someone lie to you about a used vacuum they found in

the alleyway while you have the flu. "I don't think it works," the girl told me straight-faced as she threw out a large pile of boxes. I explain what she said to my neighbor, eyes glazed over with fever, while I make eye contact with her as she is towing it away for herself. How low do you have to get to lie about a vacuum you found in an alley, while I'm talking about it as you walk by?

But then I'm not talking about Boulder Junction, Wisc., or Ironwood, Mich.. I'm talking about the place people come to pursue their dreams. And the half with shopping carts, underworld vacuum dealings, and ally tennis I will never fully understand.

(Heidi can be reached at anydayin-la@gmail.com.)

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CRIME WATCH

By Daily Press staff

Fight leaves two victims, suspects

By Daily Press staff

At 4:10 p.m. on June 16, the Santa Monica Police responded to the Third Street Promenade regarding an assault. When officers arrived to the scene, they spoke with two men, each accusing the other of assault and both desirous of prosecution. Police conducted an investigation after which Jacob King Doody, 28, and Royal Walter Rall, 35 were both arrested for assault.

At 5:55 p.m. on June 6, the Santa Monica Police responded to the 2800 block of the Santa Monica Beach regarding a suspect who had stolen a bicycle tire off a bicycle locked to a bicycle rack. When officers arrived to the scene, the reporting party identified the suspect, who was sitting nearby. Officers conducted a field show up and the suspect admitted to not being the owner of the bicycle. He was also in possession of methamphetamine in his backpack. Thomas Hugh Bruton, transient, 70, was arrested for theft and possession of a controlled substance. No bail was set.

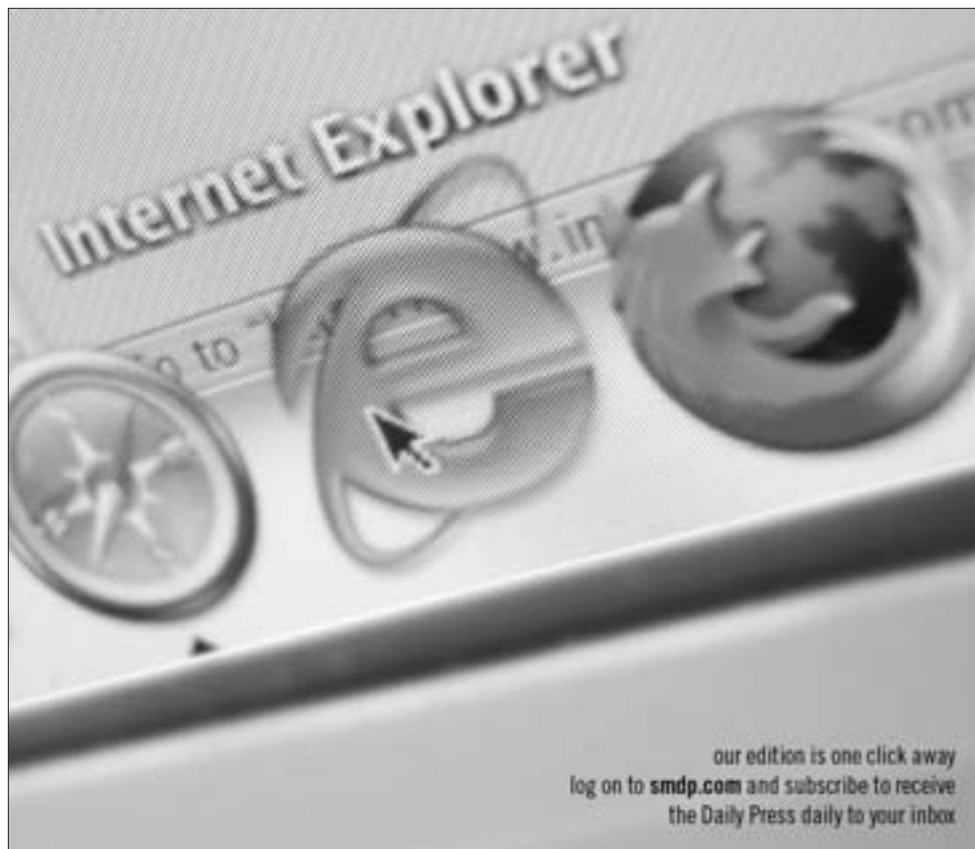
At 1:25 a.m. on June 13, the Santa Monica Police responded to the 2600 block of Lincoln Boulevard regarding a stalking suspect. When officers arrived at the scene, which was the Albertsons' parking lot, they spoke to the victim, who said her ex-boyfriend tried to force her in his car. Officers conducted an investigation and arrested Eddie Park, 24, from Los Angeles, for attempted kidnapping. Bail was set at \$1 million.

At 5:24 p.m. on June 14, the Santa Monica Police responded to the 2700 block of Neilson Way regarding an attempted burglary. When officers arrived at the scene, they spoke to the witness, who said the suspect had been in a subterranean garage and tried to break into a bicycle rack. When approached by the witness, the suspect fled on foot. Thomas Edward Depon, 33, transient, was later located and arrested for attempted burglary and possession of contraband. Bail was set at \$15,000.

At 8:05 p.m. on June 16, the Santa Monica Police responded to the intersection of Fifth Street and Wilshire Boulevard regarding an attempted robbery. When officers arrived to the scene, the victim identified the suspect and said he had taken a pair of pruning-type shears, placed it against the victim's back and demanded his property. The victim fled, yelling for police. The suspect walked to a bus stop and tried to blend in with the crowd. Arriving officers conducted a field show up and the suspect was positively identified. Donald Ray Hardeman, 46, transient, was arrested for attempted robbery. Bail was set at \$50,000. Another suspect involved in the incident is still at large. He is described as a black male age 30 to 40, six feet tall, wearing a dark hooded shirt and pants.

At 6:03 p.m. on June 18, the Santa Monica Police detained a suspect for riding a bike on a sidewalk near 10th and Pacific streets. Mathew Eric Hawkins, 22, was arrested for possession of a stolen credit card and parole violation. No bail was set.

(This report was compiled by staff writer Ryan Hyatt.)



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LOCAL



Supervisors act on homeless plight

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homeless facilities and the maintenance of two existing sites — will go toward the creation of a new year-round shelter on the westside.

County representatives confirmed a westside shelter has been on the table for years, but said it's too early to say which projects the new money will support. Yaroslavsky, however, said Santa Monica will be on his mind when the board decides in 60 days how exactly the funding should be spent.

"This has to be based on where we can make the most impact in the homeless population with these dollars," Yaroslavsky said. "There is clearly a need in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles, and we will be working closely to identify where we can provide a shelter in that part of the county."

Rusk said the city of Santa Monica has its own shelter, called Samoshel. She added that a westside facility has been difficult to secure in the past because community groups have resisted the placement of shelters near their neighborhoods. Earlier this year, the establishment of a regional sobering center for the homeless failed to

materialize in West Los Angeles because of neighbors who opposed the proposed site being too close to their homes.

County officials will seek assistance from a non-profit research group, called the Shelter Partnership, to facilitate the placing of the shelters.

The county allocation comes the same week the Santa Monica City Council added an additional \$370,000 to the city budget to fight homelessness. A significant portion of that money will go toward hiring a regional secretary to coordinate planning efforts among government agencies and service providers.

Councilman Bobby Shriver, who won his election in part due to his promise to better tackle the homeless problem in Santa Monica, said he is glad the county will be providing more shelters, but insists City Hall can't wait for outside entities to lead in service efforts.

"I'm thrilled to see they are following Santa Monica's lead and thinking of changing LAHSA's authority," Shriver said. "We're still looking for our person and not waiting for anybody."

"I think the council leadership on this issue has people's attention."

Bayside looks to City Hall for help managing giveaways

GIVEAWAYS, from page 1

"We'll have two or three different (companies) all over this place (in one day) with no rhyme or reason," Rawson said. "It's really taking advantage of free speech ..."

And just as the Promenade is a draw to activists and performers to exercise their constitutional rights, corporations also use those rights to promote their products.

The difference, however, is that City Hall has a 10-page ordinance regulating street performing, built with layers of restrictions that were designed from experience over the years.

No such law exists for corporations like Pepsi who hire people to hand out free cans of soda on a hot summer day along the Promenade. Or for Wrigley's, which often hands out chewing gum that ultimately ends up caked onto the pavement for city workers to clean up, Bayside officials say.

"I find it so frustrating and unbelievable with all of the

strict laws we have that this kind of activity is allowed," Rawson said. "I've hit my frustration level with trying to deal with it for so many years."

Bayside board member Wally Marks suggested that allowing corporate giveaways provides an unfair advantage for local businesses who are selling the same products the companies are giving away, yet they are paying rent.

"It's interesting we don't allow any vendors and this is like a billboard," he said.

Bayside officials hope the City Attorney's office will draft an ordinance that will manage the companies in terms of where and when they can give out their products, as well as logistical issues like loading and unloading off of the Promenade. A draft ordinance could come to the City Council by October, officials said. A fee might even be assessed to companies in exchange for the benefit they get from the exposure the Promenade offers them.

"We really need some help with this," Rawson said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

tunate, a few of the nation's hottest young chefs on Monday teamed up with "Share Our Strength" and Lexus to launch "A Tasteful Pursuit: Chefs on Tour for Hunger."

The traveling chefs shared their strengths by volunteering their time in Venice at St. Joseph Center, which assists the working poor, homeless individuals, and families to achieve self-sufficiency through food distribution, housing assistance, and more. In cooperation with the culinary training program housed at the Bread and Roses Café, the chefs will share their passion for cooking while teaching new recipes and cooking techniques to students.

Included in the event were chef Brad Thompson of Mary Elaine's at the Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale; chef Cornelius Gallagher of Oceana in New York City and pastry chef Sherry Yard of Spago in Los Angeles.

They participated because one out of every four children live in poverty in LA County and many of them risk experiencing hunger, officials said.

St. Joseph Center provides emergency services, food, child care, job training, and senior services to more than 7,000 homeless and low-income men, women, and children each year in Venice, Santa Monica and West Los Angeles.

The center's culinary training program provides homeless and low-income men and women with six weeks of classroom and practical training in food industry skills, followed by a four-week internship in hospital food service. The program also includes life skills coaching, resume preparation, mock interviews, and bus tokens for transportation to assist graduates to find work. The culinary training program is housed in the Bread and Roses Café that serves 150 hot, nutritious meals to homeless individuals each weekday.

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DEAR DORIE

Solid advice: Creating a 1-year-old menu

Dear Dorie,

I have a beautiful 1-year-old daughter that is now moving from breast milk into solid foods. I know the basic food groups, but what are the typical things that parents give their 1-year-olds for breakfast, lunch and dinner? I'm a little sick of Cheerios.

— Food Rookie

Dear Rookie:

Parents play a critical role in helping their children develop healthy eating habits. Your quest for good nutrition is beautifully timed as you introduce solid foods to your baby. That said, coming up with a menu of "baby" meals can be difficult and tedious. Some standard items are:

Proteins: Scrambled egg, sliced turkey breast and lean ground beef.

Milk products: Whole milk (or breast milk should you continue), yogurt, cottage cheese, string cheese or sliced soft cheese.

Fruits: Applesauce, strawberries, honeydew melon and avocado.

Vegetables: Steamed carrots, steamed broccoli and edamames.

Grains: Whole grain bread, muffin or roll, tortilla, waffle (frozen), rice, crackers and mashed potatoes.

Start with small servings in bite sizes and introduce an item three or four times before ruling it out.

According to the California Department of Health Services, WIC Supplemental Nutrition Branch, you should serve your child three meals and two to three snacks every day, serve a variety of foods, and watch the eating patterns over a few days instead of just one. Also, have your child eat at the table (high chair or booster) and stay nearby for supervision.

From my end, be creative and bring the camera. Good luck.

— 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. Meek answers questions concerning children ages birth to 5 years old. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmusd.org, or call (310) 452-6132; fax (310) 452-6392).

Hot flash: How to beat the heat while pregnant this summer

By Daily Press staff

Summer is here and the Southland is reaching record temperatures. The heat can be hard on anyone, let alone pregnant women, doctors say.

"Just because it's hot there's no reason why you can't spend time outdoors during your pregnancy," advises Jon Matsunaga, M.D., an Ob/Gyn specialist and chair of the Ob/Gyn department at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica. "If you're going to be outside in the sun and heat for any length of time it's important to drink plenty of liquids to prevent dehydration and keep your body from overheating.

"You should also limit your sun exposure to either mornings or late afternoons, when the sun is less intense," he added. "Direct sunlight is particularly strong between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., so it's best to avoid overexposure during those hours."

Expecting women who plan to engage in any outdoor activity, such as walking or gardening, should try to do it in the early morning or evening when the temperature is cooler. When sitting outside, Dr. Matsunaga advises his patients to stay in partial shade, rather than direct sunlight. Keeping a spray bottle of water handy and spraying yourself whenever you start to feel too warm also can be helpful.

"Overheating your body during pregnancy should be strictly avoided, so stay indoors or in the shade if outdoor temperatures exceed 90 degrees or more," he said. "If you do begin to feel lightheaded or dizzy, get out of the sun immediately.

"You should also pay attention to local air quality warnings and limit your outdoor activity on days when the air quality is poor."

Everyone should apply sunscreen if they plan to spend time outside, and pregnant women need to be extra vigilant as hormonal changes during pregnancy can make skin more prone to burning and blotching, doctors say.

The type of clothes you wear outdoors can also help you stay more cool and comfortable, Matsunaga said. Wear light-colored clothing that reflects sunlight and avoid dark colors that will make you feel hotter, he added. Certain fabrics like cotton also breathe more than others, allowing more air to circulate next to your skin, so stick to all-natural fabrics and steer away from clothing made with synthetic fabrics such as polyester and nylon, Matsunaga suggests.

Other tips Dr. Matsunaga suggests include:

■ Putting your feet up and avoiding lying flat on your back will help reduce swelling and improve blood circulation.

■ Jumping into a cool shower or the swimming pool whenever you feel too warm.

■ Staying away from salty foods as they will cause your body to retain more water, which will lead to increased swelling.

■ Taking frequent naps, particularly if you've been outdoors for any length of time. Prolonged heat can sap your energy levels, and pregnant women need more rest in order to feel better.

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Storytelling 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.
Cuentos Para Pequenos – 10:00 a.m., six-week series in Spanish for 24 – 36 month olds.
Lap Time – 11:00 a.m., six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant & Family Support Program. Current session June 21 – Aug. 9 for both. 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.
Summer Activity Program – 2:30 p.m., thru Aug. 16, ages 4 and up.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Toddler Storytime, 10:00 and 10:30. Music, rhymes and stories for 2 to 3 year olds. Current session June 7 – July 12; July 13 register for next session.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis 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

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – walkers to 3 years, (Mon – Fri); Infant & Me Class – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 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.
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Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Summer Activity Program –2:30 p.m., thru July 27, ages 4 and up, tickets required.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
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Lap Time – 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2. Current session June 1 – July 6, then July 20 – Aug. 24.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Summer Activity Program –2:30 p.m., thru July 27, ages 4 and up, tickets required.

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 –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – walkers to 3 years; (Mon – Fri); 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & 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.
Summer Activity Programs – 2:30 p.m. thru Aug. 4, ages 4 and up.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m., for 2 year olds, next session July 21 – Aug. 25.
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 and 10:20. Ages 0 – 2. Next session June 23 – Aug 11.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – walkers to 3 years; (Mon – Fri); 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.

Yoga & Exercise

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA
7:30 – 8:30 p.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Tuesdays at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 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.
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 Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – walkers to 3 years; (Mon – Fri); 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. 1814 14th St., #208, 260-2736

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.

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).

Classes

YWCA – Toddler & Me every other Sat. (July 9 & 23), 9:45 – 10:45 a.m., \$15 per class; Parent Enrichment once per month (July 23), 11:00 a.m. – noon, \$15 per class, \$25 per couple.

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santa-monicyoga.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

Emerging Artists Family Workshop - 10:00 a.m. – noon.
Program varies, ages 6 and up, \$12. Santa Monica Museum of Art, 2419 Michigan Ave, 586-6488, ext. 32.

Alice and the Wonderful Tea Party at the Santa Monica Playhouse
Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m. July 2 & 3, 9 & 10; \$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
Magicalopolis – 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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Lakeshore Learning Stores “Free Crafts for Kids” – Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.

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.
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Breastfeeding

Working Mother’s Support Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd. - Call 826-5774 for more info.

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City Hall and school contract good for student mental health

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group performed an official assessment of the city's administrative processes, including building inspections and the granting of permits. It was recommended that City Hall hire more property plan checkers and inspectors, which was done through a contract with JAS Pacific, city staff said.

On Tuesday, councilmembers are expected to amend the contract for another \$500,000 for additional personnel. The total contract between City Hall and JAS Pacific will not exceed \$1.1 million, city staff said.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

The City Council is expected to authorize a contract with Reedcorp Engineering, Inc., worth \$415,000 as part of an annual street and park lighting project.

The project is an effort by city officials to maintain and rehabilitate public areas, including circuit conversions from high voltage to low voltage throughout the city.

As part of the initiative, councilmembers reviewed two proposals in hopes of finding a source for safe, metered electrical supply for city and park lighting. Staff at the environmental and public works management department recommend Reedcorp Engineering for their prior successes with civil engineering projects. Reedcorp Engineering would be responsible for ensuring responsible and efficient energy use, as well as the maintenance of light posts and lighting facilities.

City staff didn't offer further details as to what neighborhoods would be affected.

ALL HOOKED UP

Santa Monica's Main Library is scheduled for completion in fall 2005. Already included in the project's budget but up for discussion at tonight's council meeting is the distribution of approximately \$366,417 for computer network equipment.

In response to technological advancements, officials say it's necessary for the library to replace the existing network system with new equipment that would meet today's cabling standards. A library-wide computer network would enable library computers to share file information, allowing for optimum communication and efficiency in services, city officials say.

Six network equipment vendors offered bids to complete the job. The lowest bidding price was offered by Insight Public Sector at \$366,417.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Councilmembers are expected to approve a one-year, \$65,000 contract with WestEd to evaluate school-based health and support services. City staff says the issue takes special importance in light of recent gang-related incidents that have occurred in Santa Monica and its surrounding areas.

The assessment would begin July 1 and last through June 30, 2006. During that time, WestEd would survey and assess

mental health programs on school campuses. Research would identify and define the strengths and shortcomings of school programs, and also would determine solutions on how to ameliorate current mental health services.

City staff deem WestEd's service as an integral part of the city of Santa Monica's community and cultural services' campaign to improve the quality of life for city residents. WestEd's official evaluation would inform city officials how to better maintain school-based mental health and support services.

LEGAL GUIDANCE

City Hall heads are expected to draft a contract with Rutan & Tucker, LLP, to provide financial analysis and legal assistance during Santa Monica's transfer to a new cable provider, Time Warner. The company will be paid to ensure that Time Warner is financially, legally and technically qualified to provide cable television in Santa Monica, city staff said.

Time Warner recently acquired the assets of Adelphia Communications Corp. As a result, Time Warner has acquired Century-TCI (Adelphia) in Santa Monica.

During the transfer process, City Hall is seeking the expert legal advice and negotiation assistance of Rutan & Tucker, LLP. The \$60,000 contract would cover legal fees for services provided during the transfer of services, scheduled for June 14.

FORWARD WITH WINDWARD

During the next year, City Hall is expected to take in upwards of \$129,008 in revenue from the Windward School, an increase of \$9,702. The increase accounts for the addition of 22,935 square feet of Santa Monica's property for Windward School use.

For more than 22 years, City Hall has leased to the Windward School a piece of Santa Monica's property located at Sawtelle and Palms boulevards in West Los Angeles. The area is in close proximity to the city of Santa Monica's water facilities. The history of City Hall's negotiations with Windward includes three contract adjustments. Tonight, councilmembers will face a fourth.

The proposed fourth amendment would grant permission for use of additional land for parking; upgrade security measures around the city's water facilities, allow city-sponsored recreation programs to be held on the property, and extend the lease termination date to June 30, 2055 — an extension of 31 years from the current termination date.

As it stands now, Windward pays \$0.423 per square foot. Counting the property increase, Windward would owe City Hall \$129,008 this year. After that, the rent would increase by 7.5 percent each year for two years. The projected amount of increase after two years is \$10,039. Rent arrangements after the two-year term would be determined at a later time, city staff said.

Lawmaker tries again at driver's licenses for illegal immigrants

BY STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — State Sen. Gil Cedillo is making his fifth attempt in seven years to enact legislation allowing illegal immigrants to get California driver's licenses. This time he's hoping to get a governor's signature that will stick.

Former Gov. Gray Davis signed a Cedillo bill legalizing the licenses in 2003, but lawmakers overturned it after Davis was recalled following a campaign in which the license legislation was one of the issues used against him.

Davis' successor, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, signed the repeal bill and vetoed another version of the license bill last year, saying it didn't include adequate security provisions.

Now Cedillo is back with a bill that would implement new federal requirements for the licenses and presumably give Schwarzenegger what he wants — a license with a unique design or color that wouldn't be widely accepted as a valid identification document.

"Our actions are based on a plethora of requests the governor has made," Cedillo said. "He wanted a proposal with marked licenses. We're giving him that. He wanted a proposal that provides licenses for driving purposes only. We're giving him that. ... There's no need to continue to play politics with this important issue."

Schwarzenegger's press secretary, Margita Thompson, said the bill is premature because the Department of Homeland Security hasn't issued regulations spelling out the details of federal requirements.

"We need to see what those regulations

are going to be," she said. "They could come up and say we need to have blue licenses and we're doing red licenses and have a whole bunch of money spent."

Homeland Security spokesman Jarrod Agen said it's too early to say when the regulations will be issued.

But Cedillo said it would be irresponsible for the governor to veto the bill, which would also implement increased federal security requirements for all driver's licenses.

"Nothing prevents the governor from signing this bill and working with Homeland Security to implement it," Cedillo said. "We should be leading the way with the largest immigrant population in the country."

He said it makes sense to provide illegal immigrants with the documents instead of having them driving without licenses.

The bill, which passed the Senate earlier this month, is scheduled for a hearing Monday by the Assembly Transportation Committee.

Here's what else is going on this week at the Capitol:

BUDGET DEAL?

California starts a new fiscal year Friday, but it may not have a new state budget in place by then. Last year, a budget wasn't approved until July 29.

But Schwarzenegger, facing declining poll numbers, has indicated an increased interest in negotiating agreements with the Legislature's Democratic leaders, which may make a budget deal possible

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Rumsfeld says Iraqi forces will eventually put down insurgency

BY DOUGLASS K. DANIEL

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Insurgencies can go on for years, but the violence ravaging Iraq will eventually be quelled by home-grown forces rather than U.S. and other foreign troops, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld says.

The violence could even worsen as Iraqi officials draft a constitution and Iraqi citizens prepare to install a new government by the end of the year, Rumsfeld said in television interviews Sunday.

He and other senior military officials asked Americans to be patient and support their troops as the war progresses.

"It ebbs and flows," Rumsfeld told "Fox News Sunday." "The progress on the political side is so threatening to the insurgents that my guess is it could become more violent between now and the constitution referendum and the election in December."

Deadly attacks are a daily reality in Iraq, where an Associated Press count through Sunday showed 1,736 U.S. troops killed.

"That insurgency could go on for any

number of years. Insurgencies tend to go on five, six, eight, 10, 12 years," Rumsfeld said. "Coalition forces, foreign forces are not going to repress that insurgency. We're going to create an environment that the Iraqi people and the Iraqi security forces can win against that insurgency."

The Sunday Times of London reported that U.S. officials recently met secretly with Iraqi insurgent commanders north of Baghdad to try to negotiate an end to the bloodshed.

Asked about the reported negotiations, Gen. George Casey, the U.S. commander of the multinational coalition in Iraq, said Monday the situation in Iraq "will ultimately be settled by negotiation and inclusion in the political process."

"It will not be settled on the battlefield," Casey said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Speaking generally, Rumsfeld told NBC's "Meet the Press" that those kind of meetings "go on all the time" and that Iraqis "will decide what their relationships with various elements of insurgents will be. We facilitate those from time to

time."

Casey said additional troops were not needed to deal with the insurgents' attacks.

"I just want to assure you and the American people that if we need more troops we'll ask for them," Casey said Tuesday on CBS' "The Early Show." "Right now, we don't."

Recent polls have shown declining support for the Iraq war. The latest Associated Press-Ipsos poll shows public doubts about the war reaching a high point.

Gen. John Abizaid, the top U.S. commander in the Middle East, appealed for public support of the soldiers and their mission. "We don't need to fight this war looking over our shoulder worrying about the support back home," he said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Abizaid said U.S. and Iraqi officials "are looking for the right people in the Sunni community to talk to ... and clearly we know that the vast majority of the insurgents are from the Sunni Arab community. It makes sense to talk to them."

Abizaid made clear that "we're not

going to compromise" with Iraq's most-wanted terrorist, Jordanian-born Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The contacts, the two said, were intended to make it easier for the Shiited government to reach out to minority Sunnis.

The strength of the violent opposition to the U.S.-led coalition since the invasion in March 2003 has raised questions about whether the Bush administration understood such a sustained reaction was possible.

Before the war, Vice President Dick Cheney predicted that Iraqis freed from Saddam Hussein's rule would greet Americans as liberators. Rumsfeld said Sunday he gave Bush a list of about 15 things "that could go terribly, terribly wrong before the war started."

He said they included Iraq's oil wells being set on fire; mass refugees and relocations; blown-up bridges; and a moat of oil around Baghdad, the capital.

Asked if his list included the possibility of such a strong insurgency, he said: "I don't remember whether that was on there, but certainly it was discussed."

Lawmaker's fifth attempt may finally pass test this week

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this week.

BULLET BATTLE:

Committees in the Assembly and Senate will consider bills that would require handgun ammunition contain identifying marks to help police solve crimes.

One of the measures, by Assemblyman Paul Koretz, D-West Hollywood, would require new handguns sold after Jan. 1, 2007 to imprint each cartridge with microscopic characters that identify the make, model and serial number of the gun. It's before the Senate Public Safety Committee on Tuesday.

The other bill, by Sen. Joe Dunn, D-Garden Grove, would require that all handgun bullets sold in California after July 1, 2007 come with serial numbers already on them. It will be considered by

the Assembly Public Safety Committee, also on Tuesday.

Both bills are backed by Attorney General Bill Lockyer and opposed by gun groups.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION:

Sen. Richard Alarcon, D-Van Nuys, continues his efforts to enact legislation regulating workers' compensation insurance rates. His bill is before the Assembly Insurance Committee on Wednesday.

Alarcon says rate regulation is the only way to ensure employers aren't overcharged for the insurance. Insurers contend legislation passed in 2003 and 2004 to control the cost of treating work-related injuries will bring down rates, which have skyrocketed in recent years.

GRADUATION EXAM:

The Senate Education Committee takes up a bill Wednesday that would allow

high schools, with approval of the state school superintendent, to use grades, assignments or other assessments to determine if students who fail the state graduation exam qualify for a diploma.

The author, Assemblywoman Karen Bass, D-Los Angeles, says 19 other states

provide alternatives to their graduation exams. "Students should be allowed other ways to demonstrate proficiency," she says.

Without a change, the graduating class of 2006 will be the first one required to pass the exam to graduate.

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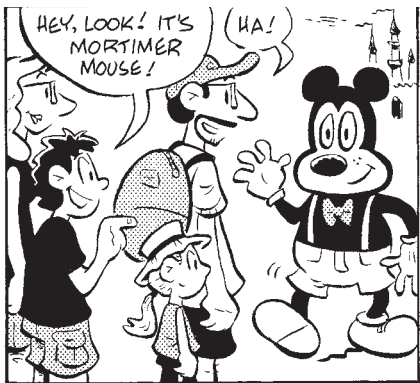



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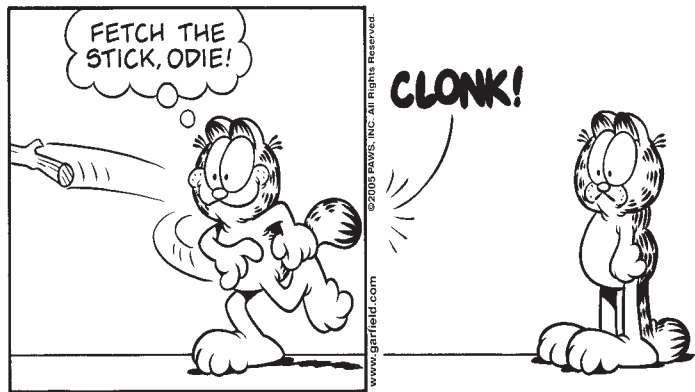
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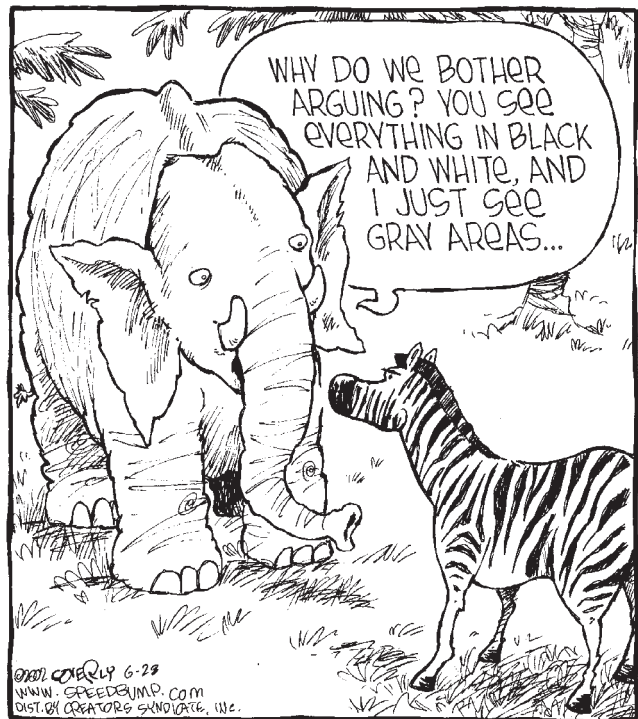
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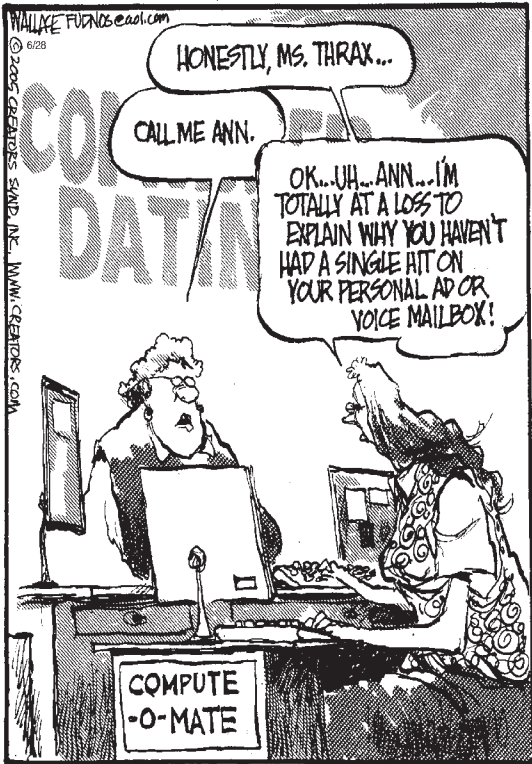


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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Reality TV gets it on with Bobby Brown

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — TV viewers have peeked into the lives of Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey, and Britney Spears and Kevin Federline. Now another celebrity couple is about to take the reality show plunge.

"Being Bobby Brown," which features Brown and his wife, pop songstress Whitney Houston, premieres on Bravo Thursday (10 p.m. ET).

In an interview on "Dateline NBC," Brown said he decided to allow cameras to follow him for six months because "it's easy for people to just have the freedom to be able to say things about me, and me not say anything. That's the easy part."

"But the hard part is to show them me, because I'm scared of being myself, sometimes."

Brown, a former member of New Edition, married Houston in 1992. He took off with singles such as "Don't Be Cruel," but progressively became known more for his drug and alcohol arrests.

On Dec. 7, 2003, Houston called police, alleging that Brown had struck her in the face at their home near Alpharetta, a suburb north of Atlanta.

"Me and my wife play a lot. It was just a misunderstanding," he told Matt Lauer in the NBC interview that aired Sunday. "I mean, we slap box, and she hits hard, hard."

When asked if he hit hard back, Brown responded: "No, I don't. No, come on man, you see how big my hands are? I could hurt her. Huh-uh, no. Me and her are like this. She hits me more than I hit her."

How did the 41-year-old Houston, who recently completed a drug rehabilitation program, feel about doing the reality show?

"When she saw how much fun I was having with the cameras, I mean, because it's like, I didn't change when

the cameras got around, it just ... I think it brought us close together, because it showed us that we're just normal."

Brown, 36, said the couple are "two addictive personalities."

"Heh, it's a daily struggle, and it's just as hard as it is for anybody else, just like somebody that wants to stop smoking, you know, cigarettes. It's hard. It's going to be hard for us also, you know?"

NEW YORK — Rupert Everett, the British actor whose co-stars have included Madonna and Julia Roberts, is writing his memoirs. Not yet titled, the book is scheduled for publication by Warner Books in the fall of 2006.

"I seem to have been everywhere in the last 30 years, maybe not in the epicenter but flying around the periphery of extraordinary events and equally extraordinary people," Everett said in a statement from his publisher Monday.

Besides starring in "My Best Friend's Wedding" with Roberts and "The Next Best Thing" with Madonna, the 46-year-old Everett was in Berlin when the wall came down and was just a few blocks from the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, the day of the terror attacks.

Later this year, he will be heard as the voice of Fox in "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," based on C.S. Lewis' fantasy classic of children whisked to an oppressed land.

GLASTONBURY, England — Kylie Minogue, who withdrew from this year's Glastonbury Festival after being diagnosed with breast cancer, has been invited to the next edition of the event.

The 37-year-old pop star underwent surgery in Melbourne, Australia, last month to remove a lump

from her breast.

"We sent a message to Kylie wishing her well," festival founder Michael Eavis told a news conference on Sunday. "And maybe we can get her for 2007," when the festival will next take place.

A tribute to Minogue was performed by headline band Coldplay late Saturday. The British band covered her hit "Can't Get You Out of My Head."

The three-day event, which attracted some 120,000 fans, got off to a wet and muddy start Friday after about 2 inches of rain fell in a few hours, washing away tents and turning walkways into muddy rivers.

However, by Sunday afternoon, the festival's farm site near Pilton in southwest England had mostly dried out, thanks to bright sunshine.

The Glastonbury Festival is one of the highlights of the summer music calendar.

LONDON — Anti-poverty campaigner and musician Bob Geldof said he was delighted that the European Union has pledged to double aid to the world's poorest nations by 2015, but urged the United States and Canada to make a bigger effort.

"The Europe thing was fantastic and I would like it to be across the board," Geldof said Sunday, speaking at an African cultural event at the British Museum in London.

"The Americans, they need to come to the party. Although they may not bring cash they will bring goal-orientated objectives and that's all right, that's fine," he added. "I want the Canadians and Americans to do a lot more."

Geldof is organizing the Live 8 concerts next weekend to raise awareness of poverty in Africa ahead of the G8 group of wealthy nations summit in Scotland from July 6-8.

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