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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

According to a May lawsuit filed against the all-girls Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, Conn., Catholic Sister Linda Cusano repeatedly wrestled a student to the floor in a secluded office in incidents in 1991 and 1992, for sexual purposes and to impress upon the student that she needed to join the convent upon graduation and submit herself to God. Cusano was known by students as "the recruiter" because of her aggressive (but more mainstream) encouragement toward sisterhood.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Never argue with people who buy ink by the gallon."

— Tommy Lasorda



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'Chez PAL' feeds kids' growing opportunities

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

Thousands of dollars was raised this week for a police-sponsored program through good old-fashioned community support and hard work.

Dubbed "Chez PAL," a dinner was held at Back on Broadway restaurant and was served by dozens of kids who are part of the Santa Monica Police Activities League. Officials estimate between \$3,000 and \$5,000 was raised for the organization.

"Luckily people had the foresight to get funding like the asset forfeitures to build the youth center."

— PATTY LOGGINS-TAZI

PAL director

Fred Deni, owner of Back on Broadway, donated his restaurant, his staff and enough food to feed hundreds of people for dinner Thursday.

And while much of the funding for PAL is through community support like Deni's, the organization's beginnings were partially funded through drug money taken off the streets by local police.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars were funneled into PAL in the late 1980s and early 1990s from asset forfeitures relating to drug crimes. At the time, there was a lot of drug activity in Santa Monica before local police



Members of the Police Activities League make sure they heard the order correctly during "Chez PAL" earlier this week at Back on Broadway restaurant in Santa Monica.

Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

wiped out the epidemic, officials said.

As a result, money from the assets seized by police went directly into the PAL program, including helping to pay for the Youth Center facility on Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street, as well as the boxing ring at Virginia Avenue

Park, said PAL Director Patty Loggins-Tazi.

Santa Monica PAL was able to grow quickly and become one of the largest in Southern California. Some PALs that aren't as well fund-

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New leadership voted on to planning commission

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Planning Commission has a new leader.

Terry O'Day, 30, took the helm Wednesday, replacing veteran

commissioner Kelly Olsen after a contentious 4-3 City Council vote Tuesday.

O'Day, part owner of a rental car company for vehicles that run on alternative energy, is a five-year resident of the Pico neighborhood.

"For the last five years of running this company, I think I've become myopically focused on the success of my start-up," he said, adding that he began volunteering in his off-time by working with the Coalition for Clean Air last year.

O'Day said he has no set goals or plans walking into the four-year term, but hopes to streamline what have become some of the longest meetings at City Hall, often running into the early morning hours.

"It looks like the time commitment is pretty killer, but I'm open for it," he said. "I think if we're doing our work right we ought to be able to be efficient and direct. And once the community gels, we'll have an understanding of how to make the work happen quickly — while still enabling everyone to have their voice heard."

Kelly Olsen, previous commission chair, was forced out when O'Day received four of seven council votes. Olsen had earned mixed reactions from residents by heavily scrutinizing business and development interests in Santa Monica.

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California election official hopes to avoid Florida-like controversy

BY BETH FOUHY

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — California Secretary of State Kevin Shelley ran for office a year ago on a platform of fixing faulty voting machines and boosting statewide voter turnout.

But with a recall election against Democratic Gov. Gray Davis a growing possibility, the liberal Democrat finds himself at the center of a political

firestorm not seen since the 2000 presidential vote count in Florida. His goal now is to avoid becoming the West Coast version of Katherine Harris, the former Republican Florida secretary of state who was accused by many Democrats of taking sides during that state's historic recount.

"I don't want comparisons to her," Shelley said of Harris, who was widely derided by Democrats who said she let her political views drive her decisions. "Certainly

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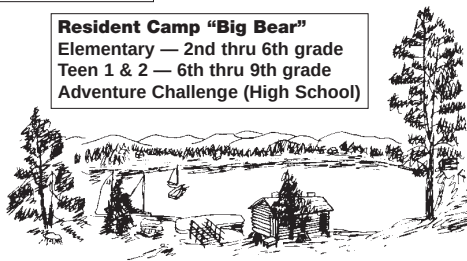
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Frequently, you need to defer to others. You will learn to juggle your needs with that of others, but the key will be understanding others. You learn to walk in others' shoes. You could be unusually tired at times. Make sure you get enough sleep and take good care of yourself. At the same time, you will have unusual charisma and magnetism, which draw many to you. You will be unusually successful if you manifest your innate people skills. If you are attached, sometimes your mate plays devil's advocate. Be grateful for his or her ability to reflect others' views, rather than becoming defensive. If you are single, you will meet many people this year, especially after August. Your social life will expand, as well as the likelihood of meeting that special someone. CAPRICORN can be challenging.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Though you might feel a bit off-kilter or pushed by a family member, you'll work your way through a problem, and quickly at that. Loosen up some free time to really enjoy yourself. Invite others over for a friendly get-together. Tonight: A must appearance.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ A last-minute snafu could change your plans. Bring others together, even if someone doesn't want to participate. You have a very nurturing way of lightening up a situation. Understand where someone is coming from. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You might feel stressed out financially, but you can count on a loved one or dear friend to come through. Use your imagination with this person. Together you come up with unusual plans and solutions. Once you relax, you'll have a great time. Tonight: Emphasize what is good in a relationship.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might be more down than you realize. Carefully consider your options that surround your plans. Detach from your problems, and you'll feel much better. Relax with others and make less judgments. Tonight: Out and about.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Examine what you need to get done. If you don't feel up to snuff, say so. You will get a lot done if you allow others to pitch in. Someone knows how to lure you out of the doldrums. Don't fight his or her efforts too hard. Tonight: Put your feet up. Take it easy.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Express your playfulness, but understand that others might have a strong reaction. In fact, a friend could be nothing less than a downer. Ouch! Find those close to you who seem more in the mood to play away. Tonight: Let your desires speak.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Stay close to your home and family. You might need to rethink a question involving an older relative or associate. Know when to pull back and say "no." You might feel more playful than you have felt in a long time. Play. Tonight: Don't wander too far from home.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Surround yourself with friends right now. News from a distance might have you growling and fussing. Know your limits with a loved one or child. You might need to take a stance. Extremes mark affectional ties. Tonight: Where the fun is.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Don't worry if someone seems distant or remote right now. You might be more fiery or challenging than you realize. If you decide to treat someone, stay within your budget. Problems ensue later when you might least expect them. Tonight: Enjoy who and where.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Others seek you out. Someone in your immediate circle could feel rather negatively. Take that extra step to make this person feel at ease. Listen to a loved one; he or she could happily lure you into a fun project or two. Tonight: A big smile.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Take your time with others, but also be just as patient with yourself. If you need some time off from the here and now, do just that. Follow your instincts with spending. Extremes mark your energy levels right now. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Groups seem to be your thing right now. You have the best time out and about with others; somehow, you are energized and feel wonderful. A child or favorite loved one indulges you. Express your feelings. Tonight: Could be a late night.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC board unanimously supports college president

By Daily Press staff

Noting that Santa Monica College is facing a revenue crisis of a magnitude beyond any in the history of the institution, the college's Board of Trustees on Monday night unanimously declared its confidence in the leadership of President Piedad F. Robertson.

The resolution also called upon the college administration, the academic senate, the classified senate, the faculty association, and the classified state employees association to continue to collaborate in good faith and mutual respect.

Statewide, community colleges have had to absorb the largest single-year budget reduction in their history as a result of a statewide budget deficit, and are now facing budget cuts for the coming year of unknown and potentially far worse magnitudes.

For Summer of 2003, the chancellor of the California community colleges, Tom Nussbaum, reports that the statewide reduction of college courses has been 29 percent.

He also reports that for summer and fall 2003, there have been 4,800 part-time instructors released from their assignment and for the full year there have been reductions in 385 full-time faculty positions.

Cuts at Santa Monica College have included the elimination of administrative positions, reductions in student services, cuts in the number of offerings and the closure of several academic programs. Resolutions of no confidence in Robertson have been approved in elections sponsored by organizations representing faculty and classified employees.

At Monday's board meeting, representatives from the various campus groups spoke positively of recent efforts at developing recommendations and improving collaboration in advancing the college's mission, including the formation of a summit group to address the budget crisis.

"This vote [of no confidence by the faculty] should not be seen as a final word, but as a first call toward building collegial governance at SMC," said incoming academic senate president Lesley Kawaguchi in a prepared statement.

Said board of trustees chair Herbert Roney, "We will need to make a number of choices to protect the institutional stability of Santa Monica College. By tonight's action, we are also saying that we value the opinions, recommendations, and collaborations of the college's representative organizations."

Foundation feels strongly about Barnum Hall

By Daily Press staff

With a donation of \$20,000 last week, the Bruce and Virginia Benson Foundation became the largest donor to commit funds to restoring Barnum Hall, the 1937 theater on the Santa Monica High School campus.

The foundation, during the past four years, has donated \$72,000 to Barnum Hall's ongoing restoration and renovation. Polly Benson-Brown, who has been active in Santa Monica civic issues for many years, and her sister and brothers annually select the foundation's beneficiaries.

The foundation, which is administered by David Benson, was established by their late father and stepmother, Bruce and Virginia Benson, to provide financial support to community-serving organizations that are not well-funded.

"Barnum Hall not only provides a wonderful performance venue to Santa Monica High School students, but also will give the entire community access to the performing arts via both publicly and privately sponsored events," Benson-Brown said. "Barnum is also a historically significant example of Streamline Moderne architecture that is being meticulously restored under the watchful eye of the Restore Barnum Hall Committee. Barnum Hall does not have the luxury of an endowment, so I believe my father would be pleased to see his foundation making a difference to our community by helping to restore the theater."

"We are so grateful for the extraordinary continuing support the Benson Foundation has given us," said Jean Sedillos, chairperson of Restore Barnum Hall!,



Waist-high waves will keep rolling into the bay this week. Look for a mixture of swells to keep the waves fun, with nothing epic headed our way just now.

BAD NEWS: The weekend is only two days long.

GOOD NEWS: Friday saw a boost in both S and NW wind swell and this evening a new SW will slowly fill in.

OUTLOOK: Look for yet another S next Friday with some real juice. There is also a storm off of Baja but it's weak and shadowed and we don't expect much from it.

Get stoked on an epic sesh? Get burned by a bad report? Write us at wood@smcp.com and tell us what the surf is doing at your local break.

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SUNDAY	4:08	-1.5	3:14	2.3	10:45	4.1	9:31	7.0
MONDAY	4:52	-1.4	4:03	2.3	11:28	4.1	10:16	6.8
TUESDAY	5:34	-1.2	4:52	2.3	(12:11)	4.2	11:00	6.4
WEDNESDAY	6:14	-0.8	5:43	2.4	(12:54)	4.2	11:44	5.8
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the volunteer group that raises funds and assists the district with details of the restoration. "Gifts like this, and hundreds of smaller ones, have added up to about \$1 million, and they are making the difference between an adequate restoration and the truly exceptional concert hall the district and the community are creating."

Even though the hall reopened for Samohi's use last December, much work remains: cleaning and restoring the Stanton Macdonald-Wright mural on the fire curtain (scheduled for this summer), replacing 260 balcony seats, refurbishing the upstairs restrooms, installing the donated Wurlitzer pipe organ, landscaping, and building a maintenance endowment. Restore Barnum Hall continues to welcome community support to complete the project.

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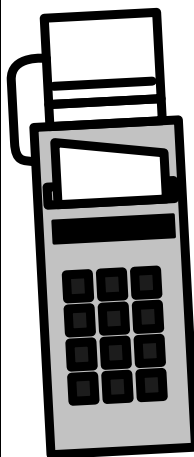
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OPINION

LETTERS

Thinking twice about columnists

Editor:

Regarding the political debates between Evelyn Jerome and Todd Flora (SMDP, July 1 and July 8).

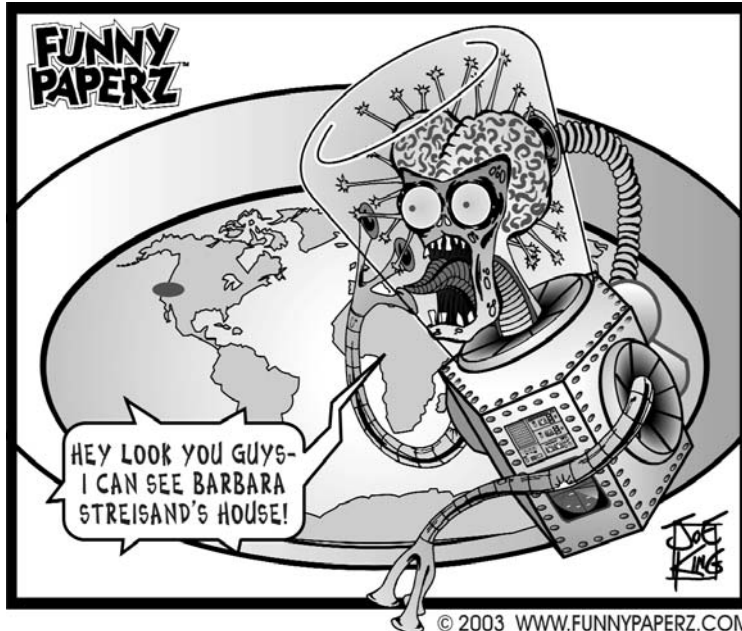
Thank you for presenting the weekly debate between Evelyn Jerome and Todd Flora. In your July 8 issue, they tackled the subject of the Democratic presidential race and the current attention being trained on former Vermont Governor Howard Dean.

They point out that the Democratic Leadership Council has attacked Dean as being too liberal to win a general election. Yet he gets good marks from the National Rifle Association. And he advocates a balanced budget. All of which might indicate that he will not be the McGovern clone in a race against George W. Bush that the DLC fears.

A week earlier, they focused on the Gray Davis recall movement. Ms. Jerome got it right when she wrote that a fall recall election would be "a massive waste of time and privately-raised political dollars." In fact, a special fall election will cost at least \$25 million at a time of enormous state financial problems.

I disagree with Mr. Flora, however, when he states that the state Democratic Party will stand united behind Davis. Clearly, it is not doing so today when 51 percent of a recent Los Angeles Times poll asserted they would vote "yes" to recall the governor.

Joanne Gamlin
Santa Monica



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Lloyd hits a nerve: readers respond to *Modern Times*

MODERN TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

It's time for me to share some of the e-mails that I have received in response to some of my recent columns. So, enjoy:

DREAM DEBATE — In the Feb. 24 Dan Rather-Saddam Hussein interview, the Iraqi President challenged President Bush to a debate. In my subsequent column, I imagined what a debate between the two presidents might be like if it were conducted by Barbara Walters, Dr. Phil, and me. Some of your reactions follow:

PAT: "I loved it. If reason can't stop this madness, maybe ridicule can."

MIRIAM: "It's nice after a long day of reading depressing news to find someone still has a sense of humor."

JEFF: "(You) must be hard up for commentary if they're willing to publish this crap."

When the war with Iraq started, I certainly didn't feel like trying to write anything funny. I started thinking about how different things were today from when I was a kid in terms of feelings of security and attitudes toward our country. I wondered, WHAT SHOULD WE TELL OUR

CHILDREN ABOUT WAR?

Michael: "(Tell the children that) this is the real world, not Mr. Roger's Neighborhood.... (The war) gives bleeding heart liberals something else to whine about other than the demise of the spotted owl."

REVEREND BRADLEY: "As a teacher, I cannot in good conscience, tell my students that the U.S. is doing the right thing by attacking Iraq!... Although the truth hurts, I will not lie to our children!"

THE FIRST SWIMSUIT COLUMN — Reacting to "National Geographic's" swimsuit issue, I wrote a swimsuit edition column. There were no pictures, but I wrote it wearing various swimsuits.

TIM: "Thank you from the bottom of my Speedo!"

DALE: "Thank you for not including any photographs of you writing your article while clad in a swimsuit — I would've spewed my morning coffee..."

Reacting to my having the NEW AUTOMOBILE BLUES and how annoying it can be to buy one, some readers had buying tips for me, including checking out prices online. Still others tried to sell me a new car!

JUDITH: "Why can't they put a fair price on each car and then I will decide if I want to buy or not?"

STANLEY: "Customers lie also. They lie so much and nobody ever says that buyers that lie are sinister."

CHARLES (a retired car salesman): "The new car costs the dealer about 10 percent less than the 'sticker' price. Offer them that and forget about your worthless car."

I expressed my preference for hotels and motels over bed and breakfasts in ALL I NEED ARE CRISP, CLEAN SHEETS AND MY HBO.

ED: "Being pleasant to total strangers across the table in the morning has never been my long suit."

PATRICIA: "Thank you, thank you, thank you for expressing my anti-B&B sentiments so perfectly! Glad I'm not the only uncultured boor out there."

The ultimate e-mail response came from ART, who wanted to sell me a B&B in San Clemente. And the price was "only" \$6,479,000.00! That's a lot more than a new car costs — even for a bad bargainer like me.

In a discussion of THE FASTEST GROWING BEVERAGE, I talked about the current obsession with bottled water and my inability to distinguish the most expensive ones from tap water.

RUSSELL (a chemist): "Congratulations for satirically pointing out what 95 percent of Americans refuse to believe: that all water is created equal."

PAM: "I wonder if those Evian drinkers really know how sparklingly naive they are about retaw!"

In a recent column, I revealed that

REPUBLICAN NUDISM IS GETTING MORE POPULAR EACH DAY.

DAVID: "As a nudist and registered Republican ... I appreciate your humorous and positive, I think, look at the nudist community. Why not join with our founding fathers and give nudism a try?"

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUDE RECREATION: "Let us know if you ever want to stop by one of our clubs or resorts."

JO ANN is not happy that a place that was dear to her when she was a child is now a nudist camp: "May a cloud of mosquitoes descend on their assets and whatever else might be hanging out."

After just having celebrated the Fourth of July and still reflecting on the meaning of America, one thing I know is that the United States is a very special place. Where else in the world would Muslims and nudists be loyal readers of the same column?

So, thanks to all of you for taking the time to send me your e-mails. And remember, reading my column is a clothing-optional activity.

(Lloyd Garver has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Frasier." He has also read many books, some of them in hardcover. He writes the "Modern Times" column for CBSnews.com's Opinion page and can be reached at smdp@lloydgarvermoderntimes.com.)

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LOCAL



PAL designed to keep kids busy, off the streets

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ed operate out of trailers while others even operate out of the back of cars.

Santa Monica PAL first started in 1989 at Virginia Avenue Park with a goal to reach out to 100 kids in the neighborhood. It quickly grew into several hundred kids and outgrew its small facility in a matter of a few years.

"It was 'boom.' One hundred kids were there on the first day," Loggins-Tazi said. "Luckily people had the foresight to get funding like the asset forfeitures to build the youth center."

A \$790,000 state grant also helped pay for the facility, which was built in 1993 and accommodates the 2,300 Santa Monica kids registered in the program.

PAL is a citywide program for kids. It offers free educational, cultural and athletic activities for boys and girls ages 6 to 17. The purpose of the program is to foster positive relationships between youth, the community and police who staff the center and volunteer as coaches and instructors.

PAL operates year-round, offering many programs and special events, such as dances, fishing trips, family picnics and holiday parties.

Santa Monica's PAL is designed to keep kids off the street and provide them with enough activities to keep them busy and out of trouble.

"I had no where to go and I didn't want to go home because you get bored," said 13-year-old Brian Villa who started going to PAL when he was 5. "It's good, clean, supervised fun."

For most kids, the PAL youth center offers them a place to hang out, gives them an opportunity to make friends and provides them with amenities that would otherwise not be available to them. The youth center has a full gymnasium, a computer lab, an arcade, big screen TV and new furniture.

Jose Meyer, 17, has been going to PAL nearly half of his life. He has stuck with it because of the friends he's made and the sports he plays with them.

"They have stuff you don't have at your house," he said. "I didn't have any-



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press
Amber Larkin, 16, serves up plates of cheesecake at "Chez PAL."

thing to do and I was on the street wasting my time."

Many of the kids who worked during Chez PAL sit on the organization's youth district council, which is made up mostly of teenagers. The council helps make decisions on PAL's events and programs. The teens are heavily involved in community service — they are asked to commit to eight hours but many of them put in between 16 and 24 hours a week, Loggins-Tazi said.

The city funds a large portion of PAL's nearly \$300,000 annual budget through its general fund. And well over 100 city employees are voluntarily enrolled in a payroll deduction fund that gives about \$1,600 monthly to PAL.

"We get a lot of community support," Loggins-Tazi said. "For some people they like the Y, others like the Boys and Girls Club and some like PAL. There should be a youth center on every corner."

'Time had come' for new planning chair, official says

COMMISSION, from page 1

"He was not a particularly accommodating, flexible person," said Dr. Mike Gruning, president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. "The time had come. There was universal consensus in the business and residential community that it was time for change and obviously the council saw fit to do that."

Olsen could not be reached for comment.

Councilmen Herb Katz nominated O'Day, who also picked up votes from Councilwoman Pam O'Connor, and Councilmen Bob Holbrook and Mike Feinstein. Mayor Richard Bloom, along with Councilmen Kevin McKeown and Ken Genser voted for Olsen.

The City Council also on Tuesday unanimously reappointed both Barbara Brown and Darrell Clarke to four-year

terms on the commission.

O'Day said he doesn't know Olsen but is looking forward to picking up where the former chair left off.

"I consider myself pretty open-minded," said O'Day, who holds a degree in public policy. "Among my skills is I'm a good listener. So I am hoping to bring a balanced perspective to the issues."

"As a business owner I understand the challenges businesses face in our community. But also, as a resident, I've had direct experience with the negative effects that business can have on local residents."

As to whether he will take the lead on some of Olsen's issues, O'Day said he would wait to assess things for himself.

"I'm not opposed to having an audit of the planning department but it's going to cost us money too, so I'd like to see some evidence that we need it," he said. "I haven't had an opportunity to dig into it yet."

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Suspect's movements before slayings tracked

BY BRIAN SKOLOFF
Associated Press Writer

BAKERSFIELD — Police are searching for a .22 caliber firearm and a "stabbing weapon" as they investigate a school administrator who is a suspect in the slayings of his estranged wife, three young children and mother-in-law, according to an officer's affidavit made public Thursday.

The affidavit accompanied a warrant that Bakersfield police sought to search a Bakersfield apartment and storage unit belonging to Vincent Brothers, 41. They obtained the search warrant Tuesday, less than two hours after they found the bodies of his five family members. He had been living separate from his wife at the time of the killings.

Autopsies of the victims showed they died from gunshot wounds, but the search warrant said "evidence at the crime scene ... indicates that a stabbing weapon was used."

Although police seized a computer from the storage unit, no murder weapons, blood evidence or clothing that may be linked to the crime scene were found, the documents state.

At the time the affidavit was filed, police said they had been unable to account for Brothers' whereabouts during the six days before a family friend discovered the bodies of his wife, Joanie Harper, 39; their three children, Marques Harper, 4, Lyndsey Harper, 23 months, and Marshall Harper, 1 1/2 months; and Joanie Harper's mother, Earnestine Harper, 70.

Witness accounts indicate that while Brothers boarded a bus in Bakersfield headed to LAX on July 2, his blue S-10

pickup was seen parked in front of the victims' home on July 3, the affidavit states. The pickup was found at the Bakersfield airport bus terminal on Tuesday.

According to the affidavit, Brother's mother wasn't expecting him in North Carolina until July 8.

Since then, police have not said whether they have further pinpointed his movements in the days before the murders, but family and friends said Joanie Harper told them on July 4 that Brothers was visiting relatives in North Carolina.

Brothers was arrested Wednesday on probable cause in Elizabeth City, N.C. — where he said he had been visiting his mother — after turning himself into authorities there. He was released hours later because Bakersfield police said they did not have enough evidence to seek a formal arrest warrant and charges.

Brothers has refused to talk to police. His attorney, Curtis Floyd of Bakersfield, was in North Carolina and said a statement would be made at a news conference in Elizabeth City on Friday morning.

According to the affidavit, after hearing of the murders, Brothers contacted his school district, but never contacted police.

Police said that and Brothers' failure to provide an alibi were aspects that led to his arrest, but they acknowledged they had moved too fast.

"I have asked them (detectives) to take a step back and slow it down a bit," Bakersfield Police Chief Eric Matlock said Thursday. "It does not mean we are pursuing other leads than we were before. We just want to do this right ... We will be meticulous, methodical and relentless in our investigation."

Calif. secretary of state not worried about threats

SHELLEY, from page 1

it will draw comparisons. ... But when all is said and done, the question is, 'Have you conducted the process properly?'"

Shelley, a former state assemblyman whose father was once mayor of San Francisco, must navigate murky state election law and uncharted political territory — all the while trying to remain neutral in the unprecedented campaign. No recall attempt against a California governor has ever made the ballot.

His critics said they already see signs that he will take a more partisan approach than his words suggest.

"I think he is trying to delay and slow down the election without looking overly partisan, and it's not working," said Sal Russo, a Republican consultant who is one of the leaders of the recall movement. "He wants to create an appearance of fairness, but he's not following the law."

As secretary of state, Shelley must certify that enough valid signatures have been gathered in the state's 58 counties to put the recall measure before voters. Recall supporters said they have collected about 1.3 million signatures, far more than the 897,158 required by law. The signatures are verified first by county election officials, with the results forwarded to Shelley.

Recall supporters, pushing for a special election this fall, said Shelley has given

county election officials faulty guidance on how to count their signatures. They fear that could push the election into spring, combining it with the state's presidential primary next March. A heavy Democratic turnout during the primary theoretically would help Davis.

Recall supporters said they will sue Shelley and any county that refuses to expedite the signature count.

Shelley said he trusts his lawyers and is undaunted by the threats.

"There's no question we've had to make some hard calls, but we believe they are the right ones," he said. "I welcome them suing. Bring it to the Supreme Court. Let's decide this."

Despite the criticism and possible legal challenges ahead, Shelley, 47, said he's not stressed.

He was considered short-tempered during his days in the Assembly. His frequent rages and high staff turnover led the Rules Committee to hire an attorney to review his conduct. The review led the Assembly speaker to warn Shelley to change his ways.

Shelley, whose wife is expecting the couple's second child next month, has said he sought outside help for his anger problem but would not specify what kind.

Of his role in the history-making recall effort, he said, "I'm not losing sleep over it. My wife is, but I'm not."



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Sale of mansion where murder took place postponed

By The Associated Press

VENTURA — County officials have called off a plan to recover defense costs in the Cora Caro murder trial by selling the mansion where she killed three of her four young sons.

Dr. Xavier Caro, who has since divorced Cora Caro, now lives with their surviving son, Gabriel, in the nearly \$1 million home where the murders took place in November 1999.

Cora Caro is on Death Row, and her ex-husband has objected to the proposed auction.

Deputy County Counsel Matthew Smith said the auction has been postponed indefinitely until Xavier Caro's appeal of the sale is resolved.

"We're very pleased and very gratified," said Keith Sipprelle, Xavier Caro's lawyer.

Cora Caro was sentenced to death for shooting her sons — ages 11, 8 and 5 — in what prosecutors said was an act of revenge over her failing marriage. She also shot herself, but recovered.

Before Cora Caro's trial, a Superior Court judge ruled that under California's community property law, she was not entitled to assets to hire an attorney to defend her. The public defender's office then took over her defense and the bill came to more than \$329,000.

After she was convicted, another judge ruled that she did have the assets to pay for her defense.

County officials then obtained a lien on the hilltop mansion.

Dress-code reinstated for county fair

By The Associated Press

VENTURA — Hells Angels will have to ditch their black leather biker vests if they want to come to the county fair this year.

The county fair board unanimously voted Thursday to reinstate a dress-code policy that bans gang attire. The Hells Angels are included in the list of more than 20 criminal street gangs.

The decision angered Hells Angels national spokesman George Christie Jr., a Ventura resident. He called the policy discriminatory, and said his group poses no threat to families attending the annual event that begins July 30.

"I think Hells Angels have been under immense character assassination by law enforcement," Christie said. "We are not a street gang."

Earlier this year, the board rescinded the policy in the face of legal claims filed by the club.

But President Bill Gallaher said the board reversed that vote after lobbying by law enforcement and assurances from attorneys that the policy was legally sound.

Under the policy, the Hells Angels will not be able to wear their vests, which are emblazoned with the group's trademark winged skull.

City libraries against Patriot Act

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The city's libraries think the government shouldn't have to know about patrons' reading and Internet habits.

The Board of Library Commissioners voted 3-0 Thursday to ask the City Council to take a position against the federal Patriot Act, the Daily Breeze of Torrance reported Friday.

The panel also asked for a report on the city's practice of destroying information on its library patrons.

Librarians across the nation have been mobilizing against the act, which was passed by Congress in the weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and increases the federal government's surveillance powers.

Members of the city Librarians' Guild argue that they have a responsibility to protect people's privacy.

Federal investigators insist the Patriot Act did little to change the way information is obtained. Even before it was signed into law, the FBI relied on grand jury subpoenas or other court orders to obtain records, said Special Agent Michael Dehncke.

"The Patriot Act would have no effect on monitoring a computer at a library," he said.

Woman inside sausage costume wants bat

By The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The young woman inside the Italian sausage costume says she'll accept an apology from Pittsburgh first baseman Randall Simon, but all she really wants is the bat he swatted her with as she ran past the Pirates' dugout.

With one swing Wednesday night, Simon sent 19-year-old Mandy Block tumbling to the ground in the heavy costume. A fellow racer dressed as a hot dog also fell.

Simon, cited for disorderly conduct and fined \$432, issued a public apology before leaving town after the Pirates' 5-4 victory over the Brewers on Thursday. Block said a team representative told her Simon would call her Friday to apologize.

"One of the public relations ladies called me and she talked to me and she was really nice and offered a lot and said, Anytime you're in Pittsburgh ... the best seat in the house is yours," Block said at her South Milwaukee home Thursday night.

"But all I wanted was the bat."

She and the other racer, Veronica Piech, had the day off Thursday from their jobs with the Brewers, but they planned to return Friday. Block said she was told that bats autographed by Simon would be waiting at Miller Park, and hers would be the same bat Simon swung at her Wednesday night.



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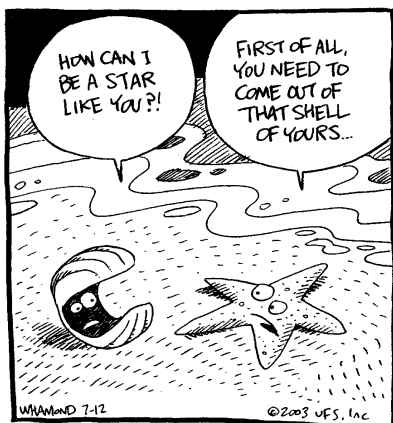


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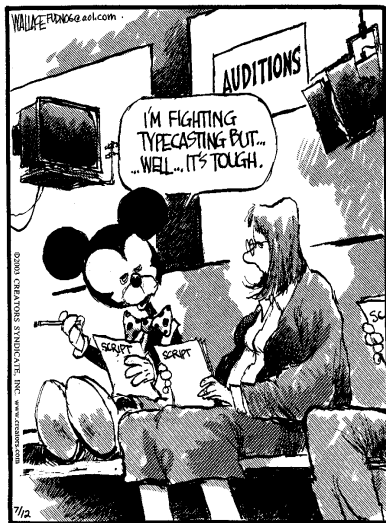
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Terminator 3 R — 11:00, 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25, also: 11:45, 2:20, 5:00, 7:35, 10:20
The Hulk PG-13 — 11:35, 2:50, 6:05, 9:15

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1310 Third Street Promenade
Bend It Like Beckham PG-13 — 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05
Bruce Almighty PG-13 — 11:55, 2:10, 4:35, 7:05, 9:55
Finding Nemo G — 12:05, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55
Legally Blonde 2: Red, White, & Blonde PG-13 — 11:30, 12:10, 2:00, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 10:10
Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas PG — 11:35, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:35
Washington Heights R — 11:50, 2:05, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30

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1313 Third Street Promenade
Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle PG-13 — 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 5:00, 7:05, 8:30, 9:40
The Italian Job PG-13 — 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen PG-13 — 10:30, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30, 12:20
Pirates of the Caribbean PG-13 — 11:45, 12:00, 3:15, 3:45, 6:45, 7:15, 10:05, 10:35

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Sony being sued for half of 'Charlie's Angels' profits

By The Associated Press

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Robert Wagner is suing Sony Pictures Entertainment for half the profits from the "Charlie's Angels" movies, saying he played a role in the development deal for the 1970s TV show that inspired them.

In the Superior Court lawsuit filed Tuesday, Wagner says that he and his wife, Natalie Wood (who died in 1981), made a deal with Spelling-Goldberg Productions in 1973 to develop five television shows. One eventually became "Charlie's Angels."

The production company later was bought by Sony-owned Columbia Pictures, the studio behind the 2000 film "Charlie's Angels" and this year's sequel, "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle."

A call seeking comment from Sony wasn't immediately returned Thursday.

The action-adventure films, starring Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu, have grossed \$125 million and \$67 million at the box office, respectively.

The lawsuit contends that Columbia refused to pay Wagner's rightful share of those earnings under the original contract and asks for half of the net profits from both the films and related merchandising.

It accuses Sony Entertainment, Columbia Pictures Industries and several related businesses of breach of contract, unfair dealing and unjust enrichment.

"Our view is that the 'Charlie's Angels' movies are an exploitation of the television series," said Sam Pryor, an attorney for the 73-year-old actor.

The TV series "Charlie's Angels" aired from 1976-1981. Original cast members included Farrah Fawcett,

Jaclyn Smith and Kate Jackson.

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Lakers forward Rick Fox is playing a new role this summer — as the romantic interest of Gloria Reuben on the new Lifetime series "1-800-Missing."

He'll appear in five episodes of the series, starring Reuben as an FBI agent, which debuts Aug. 2.

Fox had a recurring role in the HBO prison drama "Oz," and appeared in the films "Holes," "He Got Game," "Eddie" and "Blue Chips."

"I saw him on 'Oz' and said, 'Can we get him, please?'" said William Laurin, executive producer and writer of the Lifetime series. "He's a very intelligent guy and takes his craft very seriously."

It's possible Fox could appear on additional episodes, Laurin said Thursday.

Fox, 33, has said he'd like to pursue an acting career when his pro basketball days are over. He's married to actress-singer Vanessa L. Williams.

Fox tore a tendon in his left foot in the first round of the NBA playoffs, had surgery in May and is rehabilitating. He is off crutches and able to tape the series, Laurin said.

■ **LONDON** — The White Stripes have canceled two weekend dates in Scotland and Ireland because guitarist Jack White has broken a finger, a British representative said Friday.

White was injured Wednesday in an auto accident in his hometown of Detroit, said Colleen Maloney of Beggars, a London firm representing the duo.

The White Stripes had been booked at two festivals this weekend: the T in the Park festival in Kinross, Scotland, and the Witness festival in Naas, Ireland.

They have been critically lauded in Britain, and their latest album, "Elephant," entered the British charts at No. 1 earlier this year.

■ **NEW YORK** — In her new memoir, Traci Lords recalls that her centerfold in Penthouse at age 15 was overshadowed and how an FBI raid that ended her career in adult films "saved my life."

Lords, 34, says she used a fake ID to pose for the magazine — in the same 1984 issue with nude photos of Vanessa L. Williams, who was forced to resign her title as Miss America.

"The ID said I was 22 or 23 and of course I had a made-up name and a fake ID and the whole thing, but I look like a kid," Lords told AP Radio in an interview Thursday.

Lords, who made dozens of adult films while a teenager, remembers subsequently being happy about an FBI raid on her apartment.

"I'm really glad that they did what they did," she said. "I perhaps would have liked them to have done it in a different way because it wasn't right they took me out of bed half-naked and took me downtown."

"But ultimately, they saved my life so I'm really glad that that happened because I have no doubt in my mind that I would have ultimately ended up OD'd dead someplace and I would've been another statistic."

The actress instead got mainstream film and TV roles, most notably on Fox's "Melrose Place."

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