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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

During his 17 months' federal incarceration in Atlanta, Wayne Milton sneaked out nights at least 50 times in order to continue the high-stakes mortgage-fraud business that had landed him in jail in the first place. In May, he received a fresh, 20-year sentence for having bribed the prison guards who allowed his freedom. The smooth-talking Milton (who deftly quoted the Bible, preying on small-town preachers in the South) is such a relentless promoter that within days of his re-incarceration, according to an Atlanta Journal-Constitutional report, he was secretly recorded on a prison phone lining up another mortgage loan.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 199th day of 2006.
There are 166 days left in the year.

On July 18, 1947, President Truman signed the Presidential Succession Act, which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The two most common elements in the universe are Hydrogen and stupidity."
HARLAN ELLISON

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TALARICO

Schools get super

District's new lead educator to head west next month

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS. — Looking for an experienced educator with a proven track record of raising student achievement and collaborating with teachers, students and their parents, education officials on Monday selected a 20-year veteran of public education to serve as the next superintendent of schools.

Dianne Talarico, the lead education official in the Canton City School District in Canton, Ohio, has accepted an offer and is expected to start Aug. 15, said Julia Brownley, school board president.

"I think she philosophically holds the same values that the school board does and the community, and she has been a superintendent for five years in Canton, during which time she has made great strides in

closing the achievement gap and raising achievement for all students," Brownley said.

Talarico is known for getting her district off the state's academic emergency list, raising student achievement and graduation rates, and managing a \$200 million renovation of the district's facilities.

Talarico, who served as a special

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Wheeling and dealing



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A bicyclist tries to maneuver through foot traffic as he heads east on Santa Monica Boulevard. While cycling on the sidewalk is illegal, many bikers look to avoid downtown streets in Santa Monica for fear of perilous traffic.

City a dead-end for riders

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — The billboard for REI at Fourth Street and Broadway enticed its customers to "Get There Any Way You Can," but local residents may think twice before taking the model's lead and hopping on a bicycle in order to do so.

That's because Santa Monica — a city which knows full well it isn't easy being green — rates surprising-

ly low among comparably-sized communities in terms of being a bicycle-friendly metropolis. With just 3 percent of its busiest streets featuring an exclusive path for cyclists, the city gives itself a "poor" ranking in its Sustainable City Progress Report last year.

With more than 160 miles of arterial streets — those roadways designed for a high degree of mobility and traffic — the city has in place less than five miles' worth of designat-

ed paths; hardly a means of encouraging more commuting via bicycle, something a city grappling with traffic congestion, parking and energy conservation would seem to embrace.

A Federal Highway Administration study has concluded that the public generally considers bike paths useful in facilitating recreational bicycling, but not commuter riding. Bike lanes within arterial streets have proven

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Cyclists tripped up by a lack of enforcement

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH — The kisses may have been hers and hers and his, but three isn't always company on an increasingly crowded Santa Monica bike path.

Jack Tripper taking a tumble off his bike into the sand is an indelible image of Santa Monica, with its venerable bicycles-only pathway along the beach serving as a proverbial postcard to the world.

Only, Jack didn't crash because a family of four was fanned out across the paved route, food coolers and sun umbrellas in tow.

"The pedestrians are out of control," said Sabrina Champi, of Venice, echoing the sentiments of a large number of cyclists growing ever-more frustrated by the throngs of walkers on the pathway. "They clog up the path and it leads to trouble. I've nearly crashed into pedestrians several times. Mostly, it's people that don't realize it's a bike path. It's not the locals."

Ironically, Champi and her boyfriend Jim Embrescia were roller skating on the bike path at the time, walking their leashed dog Frankie — also a violation.

The city's municipal code states: "No vehicle of any type shall be permitted except unicycles, bicycles, bicycles with train-

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Extremes punctuate your day, whether you like it or not. Keep a firm hold on your finances, if you know what is good for you. Use solid thinking. You might find that a gentle approach could calm down a hot situation. Tonight: Count on yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You could be challenged by different situations and perhaps be a touch negative. You might find that others might be limiting your natural ebb and flow. Consider bypassing an offer that seems too good to be true. Tonight: Just ask.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Step back, especially if you hit controversy wherever you go, no matter what you do. Some days you might simply be better off keeping to yourself. Treat yourself to something you want, without breaking the bank. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Although everything doesn't fall into place today, keep smiling, as it can and will in the near future. Venus enters your sign, spiking your magnetism in the next few weeks. Do what you want in order to make yourself happy. Curb spending. Tonight: Hook up with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You easily could be raining on your own parade. If matters, meetings and life in general aren't tumbling the way you would like, then look in the mirror. You could be the source of your own problems. Change your attitude, and you'll change the results. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Take the high road; look at the big picture. You find that many people around you look at life differently. You will start seeing them in a different light. Observe and don't react. You will like what develops. Tonight: Music and friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Work with someone directly. You might be confused about which way to go with a project or partnership. Keep your attitude positive, and you'll come out a winner. Think about your options. Tonight: Say yes to possibilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others have much more control than you realize. As a result, you accomplish a lot, and very quickly at that. Good news comes from a distance or a more intellectual perspective. Don't buy into someone's story. Tonight: Say yes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ An easy attitude gets better results than negativity or getting stuck in a rut. Relating to a key associate or partner makes you much happier than in the recent past. This person's attitude is changing. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Relating becomes a pleasure, with the possible exception of a money matter. Go where the going is good rather than fuss about a difficult situation. Others start acting a lot friendlier. Tonight: Allow playfulness to be your theme.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your possessive side emerges when dealing with a family member or a personal issue. You need to just do and not get uptight. Your perspective could change a lot if you imagine what someone else is going through. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

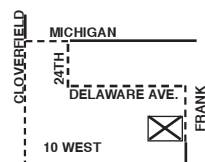
★★★★★ What you say could easily warm up the present emotional climate. Sometimes you want or expect too much. Right now, the world can be your oyster if you just make an effort. Others easily respond to you. Tonight: Out visiting.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Photo courtesy

Turning Point volunteer coordinator Viveca Cole (left to right) and project director Virgil Hill celebrate their successes with Shelter Plus Care patrons.

S+C plus Mexican food equals a milestone

By Daily Press staff

Twenty-four Shelter Plus Care (S+C) patrons feasted on Mexican cuisine catered by Teddy's Café earlier this month at Turning Point to celebrate eight years with what the RAND Corp. has described as "the best Shelter Plus Care program in the United States."

S+C is a HUD-funded rental assistance program designed to provide housing, supportive, and rehabilitative services for homeless persons with chronic disabilities and their families.

"We are part of the 'Original 26' who came to Turning Point to get help from this wonderful program," said one enthusiastic celebrant. "There are at least 10 of us here today."

Turning Point also provides intensive case management, counseling and support groups, job counseling, money management, health education, computer classes and independent living skills.

"I was homeless with an addiction problem and a young son with a behavior problem," said Kathy, who would only give her first name. "Today, thanks to Shelter Plus and Turning Point, we live in our own apartment and can give back something to the community."

"You can't imagine how grateful I am," said another participant, "to have my own bedroom and my very own kitchen."

S+C now aids more than 650 persons per year nationwide.

"Shelter Plus Care gives men and women the opportunity to stay independent while working toward self-sufficiency," said Virgil Hill, Turning Point Project director. "We want to thank the city of Santa Monica Housing Authority for their ongoing support."

Turning Point is one of OPCC's 11 programs on eight sites in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles, providing food, outreach, emergency services, transitional and permanent housing, mental and medical health programs, battered women and children services, case management, job counseling, leadership training, peer support, and in-depth preparation for independent living for more than 10,000 homeless and low-income men, women, at-risk teens, and children each year. For more information call (310) 264-6646 or visit www.opcc.net.

Youth can take their shots for free

By Daily Press staff

In partnership with Saint John's Health Center, Westside Family Health Center's Shots for Tots & Teens next month will provide free immunizations and TB skin tests to all infants, adolescents and teenagers under 18 years old. California law requires that all children must have up-to-date shot records to attend school or child care centers. The immunizations will protect against diphtheria, hepatitis B, measles, rubella, hemophilus influenza, mumps, polio, tetanus and whooping cough — diseases known to infect small children, as well as teenagers.

The free shots will be given out on Aug. 5 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westside Family Health Center, 1711 Ocean Park Blvd. For more information, call (310) 450-2191.

CORRECTION A headline on the front page of the Monday, July 17, edition mistakenly said that the Santa Monica Watershed Management Plan would cost the city \$200, when it should have read \$200 million.

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LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
LIGHT SW ON AND OFF THROUGHOUT THE WEEK...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA

The Q-Line

Market on the rebound ...
Last week marked the three-year anniversary of the Farmers' Market crash, when an elderly driver plowed through the bustling market on Arizona Avenue, killing 10 people and injuring more than 50 more. The criminal and civil cases against the driver, Russell Weller, have been delayed numerous times, with a September trial date now scheduled.

This week, Q-Line wants to know:
"From what you know of the case, what is the best possible scenario for the defendant, the victims, the city and the Farmer's Market to close this painful chapter in the city's history?"
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hating homeless is a slippery slope

Editor:

This is in response to all you who take such great pride in bashing the homeless population. I'll tell you what — why don't you just get out your white sheets out of the closets and burn crosses in the homeless campsites? Or let's just take the homeless population out and line them up and shoot them.

Good old Rush Limbaugh, hypocrite that he is, gave you that idea.

Even better yet, let's do it to all the impoverished in LA. You know, you could stop homelessness that way. Nip it in the bud before it gets started.

Then, after the homeless and impoverished are gone, who could you run out of town next? Let's see, well the lower middle class would be the next target, yeah they will be poor soon under this great economic recovery, and then who?

I hope you who are so high and mighty get the message: You have shown your true colors very well.

Charles Springer
Homeless in Santa Monica

Seeking more Office space

Editor:

Here's the solution for the Father's Office permit problems (SMDP, July 10, page 1): Serve the burgers "Raw." The Santa Monica City Council seems to be willing to waive all permit restrictions if the food is simply served "Raw," just ask the neighbors around 6th Street and Broadway.

Eric Cooper
Santa Monica

Let the homeless fix themselves

Editor:

I read Kitty Monsalud's letter to the editor (SMDP, July 10, page 4) and I was absolutely amazed at your true ignorance to the problem of homelessness and even more amazed at your idea on how to solve it by raising taxes and throwing more money at it.

Billions upon billions of dollars have been donated, spent, taxed, raised, etc. on homeless problems in the United States. Yet for some reason, we still have homeless folks. So it is obvious — throwing money at the problem does not solve it. The reason Santa Monica has such a huge homeless population is because Santa Monica is an enabler. Santa Monica is like that "friend" who brings a case of beer to an AA meeting and says, "why are you looking at me?"

There are legitimate homeless folks out there with real disabilities who need and deserve the help of the people of this country, and there is plenty of money already there for that. But if you ever walk down the Santa Monica green, as I do everyday for four miles, you will see that the majority of these homeless folks are more than able bodied enough to work their way out of their problems. Many of the homeless choose to stay that way because the shelters often require that they do not drink, smoke or do drugs while staying there. Many choose not to do this and thus remain outdoors.

Now Kitty, if you want to give more money and open your door to your house to take in some homeless folks, please, be my guest. But don't try to get everybody else to do something because if "feels" like the right thing to do. We have been doing the "right thing" for this war on poverty for decades and it remains the same. The time is to now change it.

And for you to group together those truly disabled and poor with those low-life's who choose to turn to booze and drugs as a way to escape is incentive at best. Nobody forces anyone to get addicted to drugs or anything else. You make a decision to do it. Yes, some people have more addictive genetic make-ups, but you still have the ability and free will to decide not to go that route and instead take a more positive route to getting yourself out of poverty.

And this ludicrous idea that raising taxes creates jobs. Where did you get that crazy idea?

And how dare you call our society hostile and inhumane. This country and its people give more to the needy of this planet than just about all other nations combined. We have program after program and layer after layer of entitlements for the needy in this country. We spend billions on education and most of that is wasted on the children of illegal aliens. Image what kind of education system this state could have if we removed 50 percent of the students because either they are illegal or their parents are? Imagine how much more money we would have to build better and more advanced schools and hire better teachers? You see Kitty, this is a real solution to the problem. Not just taxing more and spending more on the same damn system that is broken.

Open your mind and stop trying to open everyone else's wallets except your own.

Billy Woody
Santa Monica

Extending people's lives isn't a healthy practice



WHAT'S
THE POINT?
BY DAVID PISARRA

We have too many people on this planet. And we're having too many babies. And we're too focused on keeping everyone alive for as long as possible.

We should stop it. We should put the focus on the quality of the lives we have and enjoying them as much as possible.

As a society we have become so obsessed with controlling the life environment and in extending healthy living to everyone that we have banned smoking in public, at the beaches, at the parks, in restaurants and workplaces. We force parents to be hyperactively paranoid about the dangers posed to children riding a bike without a helmet.

We decree that people must wear seatbelts in cars so that should they be involved in an accident, they won't perish. We demand that jet skiers wear life jackets and snowboarders under 18 wear helmets.

We spend billions of dollars on health care prevention campaigns, and drug abuse campaigns, and stopping smoking campaigns, all so that the people we have can live longer, better lives.

I think we should pull back on all that. We should let the controversial theory of Darwinism take over and let the stupid people die off. If people do things that cause their lives to end quicker, who are we as a society to say that it is wrong? If someone enjoys smoking today, let them keep smoking, it will only lead to their leaving the planet sooner and what's so wrong with that?

Now I know that the argument against smoking is that "Their smoke invades my space and then I get cancer and die." News flash: You're going to die anyway. If you don't like someone smoking around you, move, and feel confident that while they are hooked up to a respirator, gagging on their own fluids, you can be strolling down the boardwalk studiously avoiding the sun so that you won't get skin cancer.

The other argument is that medical care for smokers and cancer victims is a huge financial drain on society — possibly. But their presence on the planet also is a drain on its resources. On balance, which is greater? I don't know, but I think that we have more people than we need and are going to need for the foreseeable future, so if the people who don't care about their health die off, what's the loss?

Here are the statistics from the CIA Factbook: In the U.S. for every 1,000 people there are 14.14 births a year, that equals 4.2 million new U.S. citizens each year minus the ones that do not survive a year, which is approximately 27,000. We have a population decrease due to death of about 2.5 million people each year. At the end of the year, we

have a net increase of 1.7 million people each year.

The Chinese, who long ago recognized that population is a major problem and have tried to limit their population growth, have 13.25 births per 1,000, and subtracting for their infant mortality they end up with 13.25 million new births each year. They lose 6.97 million people a year for a net population increase of 6.28 million new people annually.

India, the other sleeping giant on the world stage, has staggering numbers. With a birth rate of 22 per 1,000 they have 22 million new births each year, they lose 1.2 million of them in the first year, and that, combined with the death rate of 8.2 million people results in a population growth of 13.8 million people annually.

Those numbers reflect just the U.S. and the two largest population centers. Add in the rest of the world, and we have a very large population on the planet.

I think that it is wonderful that men like Bill Gates and Warren Buffett are spending their fortunes on saving human life. Medical research is a fantastic thing. If I had cancer, diabetes, polio, or any number of other ailments I would want the cure. I don't have a problem with curing diseases, I have a problem with the fact that as we find cures, life expectancies are growing, productivity is expanding, and we don't need as many people.

With all the focus on global warming, and the blaming of carbon dioxide, and petrochemicals and the effects of man on the planet, who is saying anything about limiting our growth?

The politicians simply see that more people means more of a constituency, and more hands to shake, and get donations from.

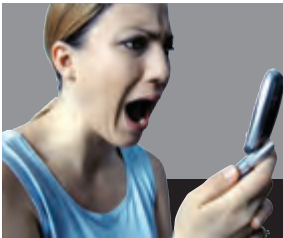
We should let people smoke their brains out, eat to their heart's content, drive without a seatbelt, and ride a bike without a helmet. Once we've told people about the dangers, it should be their choice to shorten their life.

We should stop trying to legislate good health for everyone, unless we also try to legislate population growth. We should be saying that contraception is a great idea. We should be in the forefront of limiting the birth rate.

The planet has huge resources, but as we all know, everything is limited at some point. The planet as a whole does not need more people. In the U.S. we are fast approaching 300 million people. It is thanks to efforts like the stop smoking campaigns, the cancer awareness efforts, the medical research that is done, and the huge boom in children each year that we have so many people. The problem is that we don't need them, can't afford them, and our economy is changing in such a fashion that there is less work for them.

More population is good and bad for an economy — it helps keep the Santa Monica land prices high but it also will lower income levels as more workers are competing for fewer jobs.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN WHITEHEAD

Lords of War

"There are over 550 million firearms in worldwide circulation. That's one firearm for every twelve people on the planet. The only question is: How do we arm the other eleven?"

Yuri Orlov

In the 2005 film "Lord of War," jet-setting arms dealer Yuri Orlov, played by Nicolas Cage, has nebulous yet very real connections with the U.S. government. In light of the massive use of arms employed in the present Israeli-Lebanon war, the fictional plot of "Lord of War" comes alarmingly close to mirroring our own reality, given the United States' role as the world's leading arms exporting nation.

For example, it was recently revealed that the Pentagon has secretly shipped tens of thousands of small arms from Bosnia to Iraq in the past two years using a web of private arms dealers, at least one of which is a noted arms smuggler blacklisted by both Washington, D.C., and the United Nations. According to Amnesty International, which investigated the sales, the U.S. government arranged for delivery of at least 200,000 Kalashnikov machine guns from Bosnia to Iraq in 2004-2005, reportedly to arm the fledgling Iraqi military. However, as The Guardian UK reported, the guns may have fallen into the wrong hands.

The American arms trade is undeniably a highly profitable business. Each year, billions of dollars flood into the U.S. from foreign entities and countries in exchange for weapons and military technology. Unfortunately, at least for key decision-makers, the profit seems to outweigh the lives lost. And American taxpayers seem to be caught in the crossfire.

In addition to unknowingly paying billions of dollars yearly to fund the exportation of weapons, American taxpayers are experiencing the backlash from increasing instability overseas. For example, in 1999 alone, the U.S. supplied arms and training to more than 92 percent of the world's conflicts, outfitting non-democratic regimes and soldiers committing human rights abuses. Between 1998 and 2001, over 68 percent of world arms were delivered to developing nations where conflict and societal violence linger.

Arms are exported from the U.S. through two channels: Foreign military sales and direct commercial sales arms profiteers. U.S. weapons, spare parts, construction and services to foreign governments through the U.S. Department of State make up the majority of the transactions, with new contracts totaling \$13.1 billion in 2001. Transfers negotiated directly between the manufacturer and foreign buyers with the approval of the State Department are much less prevalent but still deadly, with deliveries totaling \$821.1 million in 2001. Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Greece each made purchases of nearly \$2 billion in 2003.

While arms sales skyrocket, the U.S. also provides military financing for foreign countries, funding military grants to foreign governments and underwriting their purchases of weaponry and services. For example, the 2001 foreign military financing portion of the international affairs budget was \$3.6 billion, with \$3.4 billion going to the Middle East. An additional \$58 million funded military training in countries at war or with horrific human rights crimes, such as Indonesia and Rwanda.

Indeed, a World Policy Institute (WPI) report found that the majority of American

arms sales are to governments that have been declared undemocratic by the U.S. State Department. A majority of the world's active conflicts have also been supplied by U.S. goods and services.

"Billions of U.S. arms sales to Afghanistan in the 1980s ended up empowering Islamic fundamentalist fighters across the globe," states William D. Hartung, director of the WPI's Arms Trade Resource Center. "Our current policy of arming unstable regimes could have similarly disastrous consequences, with U.S.-supplied weapons falling into the hands of terrorists, insurgents, or hostile governments."

The U.S. government also has a consistent record of supporting governments with histories of serious human rights abuses, such as Colombia, Turkey and Uzbekistan.

As a result, the U.S. military finds itself facing off with foreign troops trained in its own techniques or equipped with its own weaponry. Such has been the case in Panama, Iraq, Somalia, Haiti and Afghanistan.

Military governments have been aided as well. Pakistan, whose government was overthrown in a military coup in 1999, has been receiving emergency military aid as a U.S. ally in the war on terror. The Bush Administration recently decided to provide Pakistan with F-16 fighter planes, while also promising comparable equipment to its rival, India. Critics argue that this is a prime example of U.S. greed directly fueling the flames of decades-old conflicts.

"Arming repressive regimes while simultaneously proclaiming a campaign against tyranny undermines the credibility of the United States and makes it harder to hold other nations to high standards of conduct on human rights and other key issues," said Frida Berrigan of WPI.

The growing sale and availability of small arms have also contributed to the increasing number of conflicts. In recent years, over 80 percent of conflicts have been civilian, with 90 percent of those involving small arms.

The duplicity involved in arms sales is shown by the U.S. relationship with Iraq. The Bush Administration justified the war in Iraq after citing its government's stockpile of chemical weapons, nuclear and biological programs and Saddam Hussein's contact with international terrorists. However, the fact that these offenses date back to when Hussein was a strong political ally of the U.S. is often ignored. A review of thousands of declassified government documents and interviews with former policymakers shows that U.S. intelligence and logistical support played a crucial role in aiding Iraqi defense attacks against suicidal Iranian troops. And amazingly enough, the administrations of Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush authorized the sale to Iraq of numerous items that had both military and civilian applications, including poisonous chemicals and deadly biological viruses such as anthrax and bubonic plague.

In "Lord of War," Yuri Orlov makes a very real point when he asks: "You know who's going to inherit the world? Arms dealers. Because everyone else is too busy killing each other."

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New super to get crash course in schools

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education teacher, principal and associate superintendent for the San Francisco Unified School District before becoming the top educator in Canton in 2001, will replace former Superintendent John Deasy, who left Santa Monica-Malibu in April to fill a similar position in Prince George's County, Md.

Mike Matthews, formerly the assistant superintendent of human resources, has served as interim superintendent since Deasy's departure.

Talarico comes to Santa Monica from a school district she once attended. Canton City is said to be similar in size to Santa Monica-Malibu, with approximately 11,000 students, two high schools, four middle schools, 17 elementary schools and an early childhood education center, according to the district's Web site.

School board members in Canton could not be reached for comment on Monday. However, at least one member, Nadine McIlwain, reportedly said on a previous occasion that she wanted her colleagues to make a counter offer and retain Talarico.

"She is an outstanding superintendent," McIlwain said last weekend, in an interview with The Repository, a newspaper in Canton. "I think if board members are willing, we can offer her something. I think we can offer her something to keep her in Canton — she's a real asset."

District officials have not settled on a salary for Talarico, but school board members said they will want to stay competitive

with other districts and should offer something comparable to Deasy's salary, which was more than \$150,000, including bonuses.

Talarico, who was recruited by the firm of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates during a nationwide search, was picked from more than 60 candidates. That group was narrowed down to five applicants who most closely represented the qualities expressed by parents, staff, students and community leaders during a series of meetings this past spring.

The school board interviewed the candidates twice and conducted reference checks and site visits on two of the most promising candidates. The search was confidential.

Oscar de la Torre was one of the school board members who visited Canton and interviewed school board members there, as well as principals, teachers and community members to get a better picture of Talarico. Kathy Wisnicki, vice president of the school board, also attended.

"One of the things that impressed me, and something which we heard from everyone we spoke with, is that Ms. Talarico put the students first," de la Torre said. "She would always ask the question, 'Is this good for students?' She would not compromise a program, a policy and initiative that is going to have a positive impact on young people ... I think we're headed for more national recognition."

Talarico, who is married to Enrique Navas-Vásquez, a specialist in school business services, began her career as a special education teacher in Ohio, was a principal and special education teacher in San

Francisco, and was principal of the American Overseas School in Rome, Italy, for a year. While in San Francisco, she also was an adjunct professor at San Francisco State University, district officials said.

Talarico received a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education from Bowling Green State University, and a master's degree in educational administration from San Francisco State University.

As superintendent of Canton schools, Talarico provided the leadership that resulted in raising academic achievement at every level and the high school graduation rate by 25 percent, district officials said.

She also was instrumental in establishing partnerships with local colleges, the business community and education foundations to initiate an early-college high school program and a pre-school-through-college compact to entice students to graduate and continue their education.

Talarico's administration also secured \$42 million in competitive grants, oversaw a \$178 million reconstruction project and secured voter approval of a \$7 million annual tax levy, all while curbing expenditures and streamlining district operations.

That is particularly important for Santa Monica-Malibu, as the district is heavily involved in a community-wide effort to shape the future of school construction and land use for the next 20 years. The school board also is considering whether or not to place a bond measure on the ballot to fund new school construction and maintenance.

"Her connections with the grant commu-

nity will be very helpful for us as we move forward," said school board member Emily Bloomfield. "She has been extremely successful in getting grants for her community, which shows that she is a hard working and intelligent person."

Canton schools also have seen significant advances in the utilization of technology for instruction and improved home-school communication.

Talarico will have some significant challenges ahead of her, school board members said.

She will have to become familiar with the district fairly quickly, as school starts in September. She also may be called on to fill key leadership positions at Santa Monica High School and John Adams and Lincoln middle schools.

Then there is the issue of a November bond measure and the district's facility master plan process.

"She's really going to have to show strong leadership without much time to get to know her way around," Bloomfield said. "But we're confident and enthusiastic."

The school board will officially approve the selection Thursday during a special meeting that will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the board room at the district's central office, 1651 16th St. To welcome Talarico, a reception for central office and school-site administrators and union leadership will be held at 4 p.m., according to information released by the district.

A community-wide reception is planned for the coming weeks.



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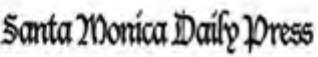
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Whose path is it anyway?

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ing wheels, wheelchairs and single-person tricycles operated by a person 18 years of age or older" should be lingering on a pathway set aside for bicycles, such as the 3.11-mile long stretch of the Pacific Coast Bicycle Routes within the city's borders.

The beach path is the city's lone dedicated bike path. There are separate walkways set aside for pedestrians that run along the coastline from the south end of the city to just before the California Incline, but posted signs are oftentimes ignored or disregarded.

When it comes to enforcing the rules of the bike path, more confusion arises. Beth Rolandson, a senior planner with City Hall's transportation management division, said it was the Santa Monica Police Department's responsibility to oversee.

However, Lt. Frank Fabrega, a spokesman for the department, declined to be interviewed for the story, intimating it was not the police's responsibility.

"Maybe we better start enforcing the laws there," said Mayor Bob Holbrook, alluding to a recent lawsuit in which a woman roller skating on the path tripped over a water hose and successfully sued the city for close to \$60,000. "There is no enforcement, but it was built with dollars set aside for bicycles."

On any given day, the bike path that runs the length of the city along the beach is stacked with roller skaters, skateboarders, beach-goers, joggers, Segways, and some bicycles too.

It's become so commonplace, and accepted, said Holbrook, that people have just given up complaining to the city about it. Holbrook warned that the city better take a closer look if it wants to avoid more accidents that could end up costing the city thousands in taxpayer dollars.

"The only thing you can do is get pedestrians off it," said a bicyclist from Santa Monica, identifying himself only as "John." "Maybe we should have a fence and some real access points."

The New York native reported having rode bicycles in a number of countries, and in most cases pedestrians seemed to know their place wasn't on the bicycle path.

"Any pedestrians are hazardous, they're just not going as fast (as cyclists)," Embrescia said. "Either way, someone's going down."



Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II/Daily Press

GET A GRIP: A bicyclist on the beach path warily rolls past pedestrians. The path is intended solely for cyclists, but the law is seldom enforced.

Searching for road less traveled

CYCLING SM, from page 1

more effective in prompting would-be air-conditioned gypsies to don a helmet and utilize pedal power.

City planners have their work cut out for them if they intend to meet their stated goal of having 35 percent of their arterial streets lined with bike paths by 2010, as outlined in the sustainable progress report.

"I would say there is a need for more (designated bike paths), but we need to make sure they are in places that are safe for bicyclists," said Mayor Bob Holbrook. "People riding bicycles expect to be safe."

Aside from the dearth of bike paths, the safety of bicycling about the city, especially in a congested downtown area, keeps its fair share of bicycles stored away in the garage.

Holbrook acknowledged as much, pointing out that the northern part of the city is conducive to alternative means of travel, but those looking to negotiate the thoroughfares in an increasingly congested downtown "have to have a death wish."

"You got to be careful out there,"

Holbrook said. "Sometimes it'll show a bike lane, but they are narrow. People open car doors. I can't imagine trying to squeeze between cars sometimes, even though they are marked as bike lanes."

Holbrook recounted one episode in which he was driving on Ocean Avenue, preparing to park, when he noticed a girl in the street tangled up in her fallen bike. The girl thought Holbrook was going to back up.

"I didn't hit her, but I never saw her," he said. "I think these things happen more than we imagine."

SPINNING THEIR WHEELS

In the March issue of Bicycling Magazine, editors examined more than 500 cities in an effort to determine the "Best Cities for Cycling." They used a formula based on a given region's number of bike routes, bike racks, plans or projects in the works, bike culture, geography, the quality of its roads, weather, expert surveys and reader polls.

While Santa Monica didn't warrant an official ranking in its bracket of cities with a population between 75,000 and 200,000, it was evident what cities separated themselves from the rest of the proverbial peloton.

The best of the bunch were deemed to be Boulder, Colo., Eugene, Ore., and Ann Arbor, Mich., a city that surprisingly cracked the top three via a 5-percent gas tax being earmarked for the development of non-motor vehicle transportation. In Boulder, city officials removed close to 40 parking spots from one well-traveled street in favor of additional bike lanes.

"That shows real commitment," said Loren Mooney, an executive editor for Bicycling Magazine. "One thing we know — the more bike lanes that are built, the more people will use them. The more cyclists on the street, the more cars are aware of them, and then we have safer streets."

Mooney feels it's a good sign, at least, that Santa Monica officials admit they are dissatisfied with the bicycle culture on the local level, but adds plenty more focus will be required to foster such an environment and achieve their stated goals.

"The city hasn't necessarily gotten on board," Mooney said.

PEDAL AT YOUR OWN RISK

On a positive note, the city of Santa Monica is currently pursuing the development of an additional bikeway and adjacent pedestrian path for 1.3 miles along the Exposition right-of-way corridor, between Centinela Avenue and 17th Street. The project will ultimately be the westernmost segment of an envisioned continuous bikeway from Santa Monica to downtown Los Angeles. Phase one of the Exposition Light Rail Project incorporates an adjacent bike facility from downtown Los Angeles to Culver City.

As it stands now, the 3.11-mile stretch of bike path on the beach is the city's lone dedicated bike path.

"They really don't have a lot of bike lanes. They could have more," said Carol Acutt, of Venice, while locking up her bike alongside husband Robin last week near Chess Park. "Downtown, you feel like you're taking your life in your hands. I don't feel comfortable. The buses are scary ... very aggressive."

Two years ago, Sabrina Champi, also of Venice, saw a bicyclist killed when a car turned to get onto the I-10 freeway.

"I've been cut-off before," said Champi, who prefers Venice's side streets to cycling around Santa Monica. "Downtown is a dangerous area. It's a real bitch."

Cyclists taking to the sidewalk in efforts to escape the traffic is not an uncommon site in the downtown district — defined as Ocean Avenue to Lincoln Boulevard to the east, and from Wilshire Boulevard to the north to Pico Boulevard to the south.

Bicycling Magazine's Mooney insists fleeing to the pedestrian pavement is never advisable, not to mention illegal.

"It's virtually always a better idea to be on the streets, but never try to beat a bus. Who do you think is gonna win?" posed Mooney, an avid cyclist. "Of course, the best thing to do is talk to the city government so a cyclist doesn't have to choose between battling a bus or battling a pedestrian."

"Bicycling should be a viable option."



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NOT-SO FRIENDLY CONFINES: Riding a bicycle in downtown Santa Monica can be a ride on the wild side, with just 3 percent of the city's arterial roads containing a dedicated bike lane.

SANTA MONICA

A WEEKLY LOOK AT EVENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR SA



Dear Dorie
Dorie Meek

Beach blankie bingo

Dear Dorie,

I am wondering about beach safety for my toddlers this summer. Is there anything I can do to prepare for the beach days? I've looked into swim lessons, but that's not really my concern as they're going to play in the shallow waves all day anyway.

SoCal Mama

Dear Mama,

You are to be commended for taking toddlers to the beach, many parents just won't deal with the sand and water until their children are school age. That said, there are a few tips for having fun in the sun. Start with major doses of sunscreen, and follow with carrying plenty of water and a few healthy snacks. If possible, bring a portable shade source like an umbrella or pop-up tent. This provides space for naps and cool down time.

Be emotionally prepared for sand — no matter what you do, it will end up everywhere.

As far as water safety, explain to your oldest toddler that he or she must always be able to see you. Then enforce the rule with a simple phrase that can be yelled loudly like, "too far." You stay one-on-one with the youngest child and keep your eye on the toddler playing in the waves. If the distance between you feels unsafe, yell your code phrase. Toddlers have so much fun in the waves, they really want to experience the environment as long as possible. Getting full cooperation is pretty easy.

I also found that checking in with the lifeguard and sitting near the tower was a great source of comfort.

Dorie

(Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmud.org).

Putting kids to test

Four questions should determine if a child is overindulged



HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

BY JEAN ILLSLEY CLARKE PH.D.

"Don't let her in Katrina's room. She'll see that Katrina has 30 stuffed animals and she will know that Katrina is overindulged. We like having her come for dinner but ..."

Yes, but ... who wants to be judged? Not I. And I, Jean Illsley Clarke, am the "she" who came to dinner. Sure I knew about overindulgence. Yes, I am part of the research team for the overindulgence studies. And I do know some of the signs of overindulgence. But I certainly don't know if 30 stuffed animals are an overindulgence for Katrina.

We don't know about other people's overindulgence because only they can determine that. I can tell you what I observed and you can use the "Test of Four" to make a guess about 30 stuffed animals.

Here is what I know.

- Katrina is the first child. She may well be the only.
- Katrina is the first grandchild.
- All of the grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins live in other parts of the country.
- All of the adults involved are people of means.
- Katrina loves stuffed animals and whoever comes to visit brings one. Just one.
- She invents extensive zoo or wild animal games.

■ The animals are all clean and in good repair. They do not appear to be abused or neglected.

LOOK AT THE 'TEST OF FOUR'

1. Does having 30 pets keep Katrina from doing her developmental tasks? Remember that both learning to take care of toys and developing creativity through imaginative play are developmental tasks of a 4-year-old.

2. Does having 30 stuffed animals take an inordinate amount of the family resources? The pets are not elegant, designer creations. They look like regular \$2 to \$10 toys. The toys are suitably housed in her room.

3. Does this do harm to others or the environment?

4. Whose needs are being met? Do these toys meet some parental need to impress someone or compete with someone? Are the toys there because the parents didn't have enough toys when they were young? Or are the parents buying toys because they feel guilty about being away at work so many hours a day? Only the parents can answer this one.

And what about your family? In your situation, considering your space, your child's interests, your income and your tolerance for stuffed animals, would 30 of these toys be overindulgence for your 4-year-old?

Remember, abundance is what makes life better for a child; too much makes it worse.

There is more about the "Test of Four" in the *How Much Is Enough?* book and on the Web site: www.overindulgence.info.

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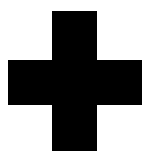
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THURSDAY, JULY 20
22nd ANNUAL TWILIGHT DANCE SERIES – 7:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, JULY 22
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10:00 a.m., Saturdays thru the summer. This series runs through the summer and features music, theatre and more. Ages 4 – 11, \$5. Ford Amphitheatre, 2580 E. Cahuenga Blvd., LA, 323-461-3673, www.fordamphitheatre.org.

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SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMS at the LIBRARIES
Main Library – Mondays at 2:30 p.m., July 3 – Aug. 7
Montana Ave. Branch – Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., June 27 – Aug. 15
Fairview Branch – Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m., June 28 – July 26
Ocean Park Branch – Thursdays at 2:30 p.m., June 29 – Aug. 3
All programs ages 4 and up unless specified.

TUESDAY
Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Current session thru Aug. 15 for:
Baby Time – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years.
Spanish and Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.
Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3.
Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2.
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304
Story Time for Twos – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., register now for session beginning July 25.
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. – 12 to 36 months; 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.
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Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – Newborn group - call for time.
4:30 p.m., separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling
The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2, July 19 – Aug. 23.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
Border's, Westwood – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

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

THURSDAY
MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 – 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03, Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Current session thru Aug. 17 for:

Story Time for Twos – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 11:20 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m., July 20 – Aug. 24.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years, July 6 – Aug. 10.
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 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. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Groups
La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups
11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05. Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for 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.childsplayonline.net

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; Playtime/Parent Support - 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881 for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise
Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa – 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 – 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Other
Cinderella at The Santa Monica Playhouse – Family Theatre; Fridays & Saturdays, July 21 – Aug. 27; 6:00 p.m., 394-9779 ext. 1 for reservations. \$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

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., every other Sat., 310-559-BOOK.
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 - 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.; Parent Enrichment once per month , 11:00 a.m. – noon, call Barbara Olinger at 452-3881 for rates and dates.

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

Other
All the World's a Stage and Cinderella at The Santa Monica Playhouse

Family Theatre; All the World's a Stage - Saturdays & Sundays, July 15 – Sept. 23; 12:30 & 3:00 p.m., 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations,
Cinderella- Fridays & Saturdays, July 21 – Aug. 27; 6:00 p.m., 394-9779 ext. 1 for reservations.
\$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. www.santamonicaplayhouse.com
Big! World! Fun! Family Series At The Ford - 10:00 a.m. This series runs through the summer and features music, theatre and more. Ages 4 – 11, \$5. Ford Amphitheatre, 2580 E. Cahuenga Blvd., LA, 323-461-3673, www.fordamphitheatre.org.
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicipolis – 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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"A Faery Hunt" – 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! \$10, call for reservations – 818-324-6802. www.faeryhunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.
Artful Weekends at the Getty Villa – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Create your own works of art inspired by objects in the collection. Free admission; timed tickets required. 17985 PCH, Pacific Palisades.

SUNDAY

Main Street Farmer's Market – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., corner of Main St. and Ocean Park Blvd. Pony rides, live music, lots of vendors and great family socializing.
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicipolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA
9:30 – 10:30 a.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. 393-2721for more info.
All the World's a Stage at The Santa Monica Playhouse
Family Theatre; Saturdays & Sundays July 15 – Sept. 23; 12:30 & 3:00 p.m., \$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

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Boston	54	36	.600	—
New York	53	36	.596	1/2
Toronto	51	40	.560	3 1/2
Baltimore	43	51	.457	13
Tampa Bay	39	53	.424	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	62	30	.674	—
Chicago	57	34	.626	4 1/2
Minnesota	50	40	.556	11
Cleveland	41	50	.451	20 1/2
Kansas City	32	59	.352	29 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	48	44	.522	—
Texas	47	45	.511	1
Angels	46	45	.505	1 1/2
Seattle	44	48	.478	4

Tuesday's Games

Kansas City at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
White Sox at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland at **Angels**, 10:05 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	54	37	.593	—
Atlanta	42	49	.462	12
Philadelphia	41	48	.461	12
Florida	40	50	.444	13 1/2
Washington	39	54	.419	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	52	39	.571	—
Cincinnati	49	44	.527	4
Houston	45	48	.484	8
Milwaukee	44	48	.478	8 1/2
Chicago	35	55	.389	16 1/2
Pittsburgh	32	61	.344	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	48	42	.533	—
San Fran	46	45	.505	2 1/2
Dodgers	46	46	.500	3
Arizona	45	45	.500	3
Colorado	44	47	.484	4 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Colorado at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Houston at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Fran, 10:15 p.m.

Music to their ears



Photo courtesy

Neil Portnow, president of The Recording Academy, internationally known for the Grammy Awards, presented a check in the amount of \$2,500 to various members of the Santa Monica Little League Softball All-Star team and their coaches last week at Memorial Park. The funds will be used to purchase new equipment for the entire league and provide scholarships for those who would not otherwise be able to afford the entrance fee. The gift was part of The Recording Academy's local giving program, which focuses on community, children and education.

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World leaders mull Middle East plan

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — World leaders sought to halt escalating violence in the Middle East, giving consideration to the possibility of sending international peacekeepers to stop Hezbollah from bombing Israel, an idea that Israel quickly rejected.

The escalating violence overshadowed the summit of world leaders where President Bush, not realizing his remarks were being picked up by a microphone, bluntly expressed his frustration with Hezbollah, a militant Islamic group believed backed by Iran and Syria.

"See the irony is that what they need to do is get Syria to get Hezbollah to stop doing this s--- and it's over," Bush told British Prime Minister Tony Blair in a discussion before the Group of Eight leaders began their final lunch.

Bush also suggested that U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan call Syrian President Bashar Assad to "make something happen."

In Damascus, Iran's foreign minister said a cease-fire and an exchange of hostages would be an acceptable and fair deal in resolving the conflict. "In fact, there can be a cease-fire followed by a prisoner swap," said Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki, who spoke after talks with the vice president of Syria.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is opposed to sending international forces to Lebanon to help end bloodshed in the region, Israeli senior officials said. Olmert instead wants Lebanese forces to take control of the border area with Israel and wants the Hezbollah militia disarmed.

The warfare between Hezbollah and Israel generated reaction from around the globe, and several nations made

plans to evacuate their citizens.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, closing out the first G-8 summit on Russian soil, said his nation would contribute troops to a U.N. peacekeeping force. The European Union said it also was considering deploying peacekeepers in Lebanon.

France said it is sending Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin to Beirut to express support for Lebanon's government. And French President Jacques Chirac, who attended the summit, said he believed "some means of coercion" may be needed to enforce a U.N. resolution that calls for the disarmament of Hezbollah and other militias in Lebanon.

After his talks with Annan on the sidelines of the G-8 summit, Blair said, "The blunt reality is that this violence is not going to stop unless we create the conditions for the cessation of violence. ... The only way we're going to get a cessation of hostilities is if we have the deployment of an international force into that area that can stop the bombardment over into Israel and therefore gives Israel a reason to stop its attacks on Hezbollah."

Asked about the comments on an international force, White House national security spokesman Frederick Jones said, "We're open to the possibility of that force being necessary."

The White House said it had nothing to announce about a trip to the Middle East by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, even though Bush was overheard telling Blair, "She's going. I think Condi's going to go pretty soon."

Annan, in a joint press appearance with Blair, appealed to Israel to abide by international law, spare civilian lives and infrastructure. "We should not inflict any more suffering on them," Annan said. "Both parties should bear that in mind and respect international humanitarian law."

Sinking teeth in 'Shark'

By The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif.



WOODS

James Woods is among the movie actors who will be starring on the small screen this fall.

Woods, 59, a two-time Oscar nominee for "Salvador" and "Ghosts of Mississippi," will play Sebastian Stark, a supremely confident defense attorney who brings his cutthroat tactics to the prosecutor's office, in CBS' "Shark."

"I had always said I didn't want to do a series — not that I was a snob about television," Woods told the Television Critics Association on Saturday. "I didn't want to play the same character again and again and again because it was hard to imagine how he would evolve."

"I chose this job because it's the best thing I've read in 10 years," he said. "This is where the action is. This is better than the movies. I love this show. We're going to deal with some very sophisticated issues."

Woods has won two Emmy Awards, for his roles in the TV movies "My Name Is Bill W." and "Promise."

Other film actors in new CBS series include Skeet Ulrich, who will star in "Jericho," and Ray Liotta, Virginia Madsen and Shohreh Aghdashloo, who will star in "Smith."

LONDON

Jen still wants to be 'Friends'



ANISTON

Jennifer Aniston says she would like to reprise her role as Rachel Green in a reunion show of TV's most famous group of "Friends."

"The only thing I can think of doing is maybe for fun doing a Thanksgiving episode," Aniston said in a TV interview that was set to air Monday on Channel Four. "Our Thanksgiving episodes were really fun."

"Friends," which centered on the lives of six young friends living in Manhattan, ended its 10-year run in 2004. The NBC comedy also starred Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc, Matthew Perry and David Schwimmer.

Aniston, 37, was in London to promote her new film, "The Break-Up," co-starring Vince Vaughn. She gave little away when asked to comment on speculation that she and Vaughn are dating.

"Where did you hear that?" she said to Judy Finnigan, co-host of the "Richard and Judy" talk show.

"Listen, he's a great man, he's a great friend, he's a great actor and so much fun," Aniston said.

HONG KONG

Chan sleeps one off

Jackie Chan has apologized for disrupting a recent concert by Taiwanese singer-songwriter Jonathan Lee.

Chan climbed on the stage and then exchanged insults with the audience during Lee's July 10 concert. The Ming Pao Daily News quoted Chan, star of the "Rush Hour" movies, as saying onstage that he was drunk.

The 52-year-old action star was filmed by an audience member, apparently by a cell phone. The footage was posted on the video-sharing Youtube.com Web site.

The video showed a surprised Lee asking Chan, "How come you came up?"

When audience members began yelling for Chan to get off the stage, Chan responded with a Cantonese insult. As he prepared to sing, Chan motioned Lee's band to start playing, then abruptly stopped the music. The crowd eventually applauded after Lee and Chan began singing a duet.

Chan had been an invited performing guest at Lee's July 9 concert.

Meeting with reporters after a promotional event Sunday for his new film, "Rob-B-Hood," Chan was initially reluctant to address the incident, but later apologized.

"I was wrong. I shouldn't play with my friendship with Jonathan Lee in public," he said. "I apologize to Jonathan Lee and I apologize to the audience that night."

Asked about the video footage of his disruption, Chan said: "I don't care. I'm not a saint. I'm an ordinary person."

Separately, Chan said he is set to film "Rush Hour 3" this summer. He said filming will take place in France, New York and Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES

Pageant is getting an O'Dell



O'DELL

Nancy O'Dell is back on the beauty queen beat.

The "Access Hollywood" co-anchor will co-host Sunday's Miss Universe pageant on NBC with actor-singer Carlos Ponce.

O'Dell served in the same role at last year's Miss Universe and Miss USA pageants.

Carson Kressley of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" and Miss USA

2004 Shandi Finnessey will provide roving commentary during the two-hour pageant.

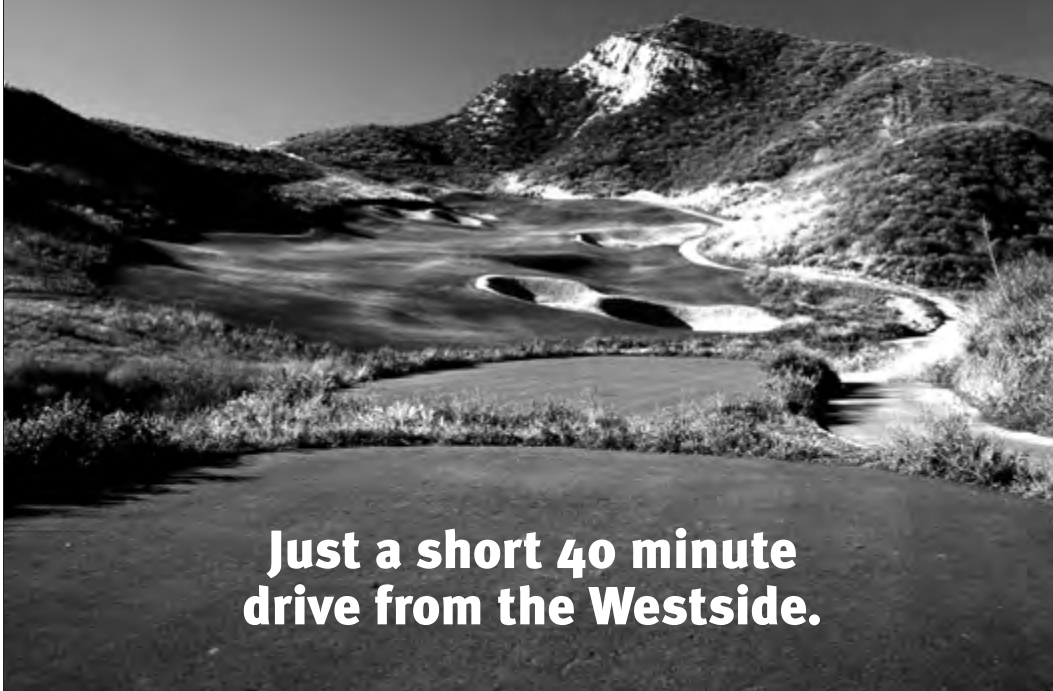
Latin singer Chelo will be the musical guest. His English-Spanish single "Cha Cha" was featured during Mexican coverage of the recent World Cup soccer tournament. His debut album, "360 Degrees," is due out July 25.

Reigning titleholder Natalie Glebova of Canada will crown her successor during the 55th annual pageant airing live from the Shrine Auditorium, the first time since 1998 that the United States will be the host country.

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SHOWTIMES: TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2006

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Avenue
(310)395-4990

Friday, July 21
7:30 PM TOMMY

Saturday, July 22
3:00 PM THE WIZARD OF OZ
7:30 PM JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR & HAIR

Sunday, July 23
7:30 PM PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Monday, July 24
Call theatre for showtimes

Tuesday, July 25
Call theatre for showtimes

Wednesday, July 26
7:30 PM FLASHDANCE

Thursday, July 27
7:30 PM CALIFORNIA SPLIT

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Pirates of the Caribbean:
Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)
10:30, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:30, 11:15, 11:50
Superman Returns (PG-13)
10:15, 12:30, 1:30, 4:00, 5:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:50, 11:30
Nacho Libre (PG)
10:10, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30
Cars (G)
11:00, 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 3rd Street
(310) 458-6232

Little Man (PG-13)
11:55, 2:15, 3:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:15
The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13)
11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 5:20, 6:45, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30
The Break-Up (PG-13)
11:40, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30

Landmark Nuwilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd
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Strangers with Candy (R)
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
Who Killed the Electric Car? (PG)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 2nd Street
(310)394-9741

A Scanner Darkly (R)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man (PG-13)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
Wordplay (PG)
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
An Inconvenient Truth (PG)
12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 3rd Street
(310) 395-1599

You, Me and Dupree (PG-13)
11:20, 12:00, 2:00, 2:40, 4:40, 5:20, 7:20, 8:00, 10:00, 10:40
Click (PG-13)
11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
The Lake House (PG)
1:20, 7:10
A Prairie Home Companion (PG-13)
11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30
The Da Vinci Code (PG-13)
4:00, 9:30
Mini's First Time (R)
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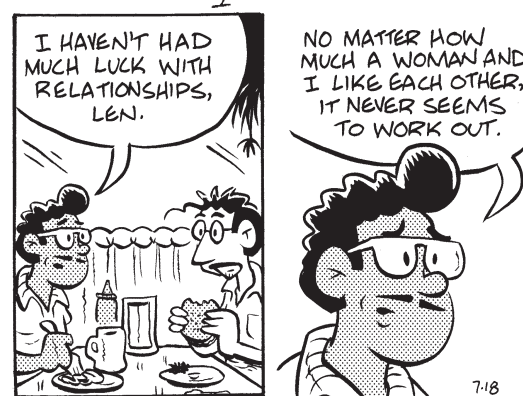
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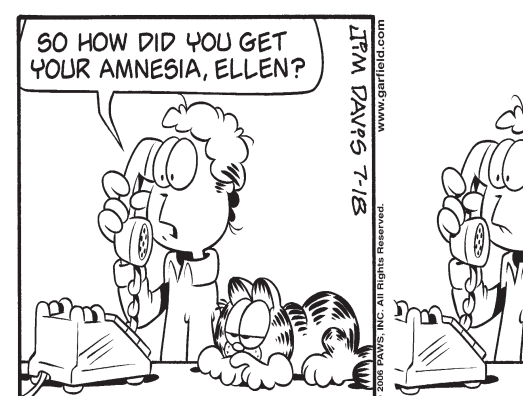
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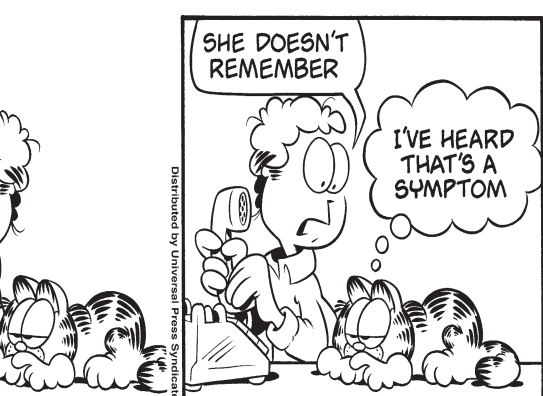
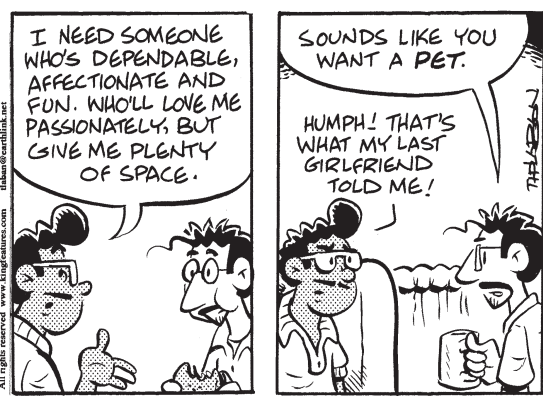
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SANDRA M. PEARMAN aka SANDRA MAE PEARMAN Case No. SPO06887

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SANDRA M. PEARMAN aka SANDRA MAE PEARMAN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Alice Kathleen Love in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Alice Kathleen Love be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 22, 2006 at 9:15 AM in Dept. No. F located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: VLASTA CERNNIK CASE NO. SPO06888

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of VLASTA CERNNIK.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ZDENEK CERNNIK in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

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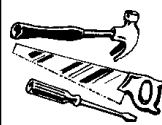
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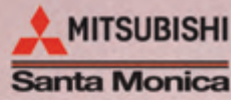
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