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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In April, Florida Highway Patrol officers in Miami-Dade County had set up surveillance, including an airplane, to catch a notorious motorcyclist who at least twice before had sped past officers, at speeds up to 140 mph, and escaped. On April 24, he blew by again, going the wrong way in rush-hour traffic, but with the help of the plane, officers tracked him to his apartment and arrested him on six counts. The motorcyclist turned out to be David Carpenter, 24, who was at that time on track to become a Florida Highway Patrol officer, with his physical exam only a week away. (He was advised to forget about the new career.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 208th day of 2005.
There are 157 days left in the year

On July 26, 1947

In 1947, President Truman signed the National Security Act, creating the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I THINK THAT THE FILM CLUELESS WAS VERY DEEP. I THINK IT WAS DEEP IN THE WAY THAT IT WAS VERY LIGHT. I THINK LIGHTNESS HAS TO COME FROM A VERY DEEP PLACE IF IT'S TRUE LIGHTNESS."

- ALICIA SILVERSTONE, ACTRESS

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Santa Monica Police officer Mike Von Achen, a 17-year veteran K-9 handler, and patrol/narcotics dog Duke, a 6-year-old Belgian malinois who hails from Holland, gave a demonstration of the canine's ability to sniff out narcotics during drug awareness day, held on Saturday at the Santa Monica Elks Lodge. Children of all ages enjoyed hot dogs, lemonade and other snacks.

Suit targets performer law

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES — A Santa Monica man is suing City Hall over what he says are violations of his constitutional rights that are preventing him from selling philosophy on the Third Street Promenade.

Stewart Lamle filed a complaint against the city of Santa Monica in U.S. District Court earlier this month claiming City Hall illegally restrained his First Amendment right to disseminate on the Third Street Promenade the Philosophy of Farook, a non-violent social and moral way of thinking he created. It's also a game that he sells for profit.

The complaint asks the



File photo

Stewart Lamle, inventor of the game Farook, displays his creation on the Promenade. Lamle, claiming City Hall has restrained him from disseminating the game, has filed suit in district court.

court to declare that City Hall's street performer law

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Neighbors in dispute over height of bamboo hedges on property

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK — Residents living in a two-story apartment building are in dispute with a woman who has restored a 1911 Craftsman home next door and has no intention of cutting the bamboo hedges that separate her from them.

Citing health and safety reasons, tenants living in a 20-unit complex on the 400 block of Raymond Avenue would like their neighbor, property owner Gail Howell, to cut the hedges that line the east side of the apartment building in which they live to a "manageable level."

The bamboo hedges in Howell's backyard stand higher

than 30 feet. Howell said they expand outward for a month and a half once a year, but are otherwise well contained.

The dispute continues as the Santa Monica City Council is set to adopt a new hedge ordinance tonight that will increase the size of such growths allowed on side and

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City Hall walks toward safety

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

By Daily Press staff

COUNCIL CHAMBERS — Having residents be able to walk safely across the street is worth nearly \$140,000 to elected officials.

The City Council tonight is

expected to spend \$139,008 to improve the downtown traffic light and crosswalk system, as well as to improve communication between public and private parking lots.

In late 2004, Advanced Traffic Management Systems (ATMS) were installed downtown, with the intent of expanding them throughout the city. City staff have previ-

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City talks go down the drain

BY ROBERT FATURECHI

Special to the Daily Press

COUNCIL CHAMBERS — In an effort by City Hall to become more environmentally friendly, the conversation among elected officials will boil down to urine.

The Santa Monica City Council will consider a measure tonight that would make way for non-flush urinals in private developments around town.

Proponents of the measure hope the new urinals — which are estimated to save 40,000 gallons of water a year per fixture — will reduce Santa Monica's reliance on imported

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
 ★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★★★-Average ★★★★★-So-so ★★★★★-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ A meeting makes you even more enthusiastic than you've been in the past. Brainstorm with others. Ideas flow out of you and others as if thoughts were water in a fountain. You don't have to make any decisions right now. Tonight: Continue tapping into your imagination.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ With others, ideas will flow. You want to add a greater sense of security to your life. A discussion with a partner or financial expert could help you make solid choices. Listen rather than negate. Tonight: Take some time off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Others want to hear your opinions. Bring everyone up to speed on news. Allow an open discussion and refuse to take anything personally. You might be delighted by what occurs. You are on the right path. Tonight: Zoom in on what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★ Your intuition works with someone you really care about or with someone whose support you need. You have many financial ideas. Test them out on others before diving in. Another person might not be handling your money as you'd like. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Delve into new possibilities, especially as the tried-and-true might not be working well. Find experts. Brainstorm. Detach. You will come up with powerful solutions to a situation. You don't need to make a decision just yet. Tonight: Rent a movie.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ You have a sixth sense about which way to go on a personal matter. You might not be up to disclosing your thoughts yet, even to that special person. Observe and see what comes up. Add more flourish to your day. Tonight: Walk by water.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Others have their opinions. Meetings prove to be networking or brainstorming sessions. Let go of control, and you will get more of what you want. Others might be quite insistent. Zero in on what is important to you ultimately. Tonight: Just say yes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Investigate different ways to streamline your daily must-do list. Someone around you has many suggestions. Don't debunk this person's ideas. A family member might be holding back right now. Tonight: Ask for a massage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Once more, your spontaneity helps out in a situation. Be aware that someone might have a crush on you. Be careful with this person's feelings. You hear important news from a distance. Share the information. Tonight: Romp away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★ You might think that an investment is perfect. Be very careful if you are dealing with your own finances. You could easily make a mistake. Keep your risk to a minimum. You will be happier. Tonight: Take some personal time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ A friend plugs in some important information that helps you ask the right questions. Others reveal much more of what they are thinking. Carefully consider your options before making a call. Tonight: Chat with a friend or loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★ What appears to be a good idea, especially with your work, might need to be tested first. Your intuition is right-on with a money matter. Buy a lottery ticket if you want. Just don't risk beyond what you can afford to lose. Tonight: Your treat.

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica renews grants for landscaping

By Daily Press staff

City Hall is giving money to residents to watch their gardens grow. Santa Monica has introduced a second round of grants in order to promote California-friendly landscaping concepts. Many homes in Santa Monica use more than 200 gallons of water each day to irrigate landscape, with much of it running off into streets, alleys and sidewalks, city officials say. Research shows that converting turf and other water-thirsty plants, and traditional, high-volume sprinkler irrigation systems to California-friendly plants and water-efficient irrigation systems can save up to 80 percent of water and 60 percent of maintenance costs, city officials say. Additionally, California-friendly gardens produce less yard waste, reduce the need for harmful chemicals and polluting maintenance equipment, and provide habitat for beneficial birds and insects, officials say.

The competitive landscape grants awarded provide partial funding for new or remodeled innovative gardens that include the design and the potential installation of one or more of the following: California native plants, water-efficient plants, water-efficient irrigation systems, storm-water management systems, graywater systems and other innovative water-saving features.

The landscape grant program is just one of 15 programs the city offers to save water and reduce ocean pollution. By managing water demand through California-friendly landscaping, the city hopes to further the goal of reducing citywide water use 20 percent by 2010.

Applications for the next round of grants are due Oct. 3. Visit www.smepd.org or call (310) 458-8405 for more details.

Cheese for charity

By Daily Press staff

Pizza really is wishful thinking. Domino's Pizza in Santa Monica will continue its contribution to the community by teaming up with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Los Angeles, a philanthropic organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. Domino's Pizza will make a \$1 donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for every complete order placed on Mondays in August that includes one or more pizzas. The offer is valid on Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Domino's Pizza in Santa Monica is located at 1865 Lincoln Blvd., and can be reached at (310) 396-9696. Founded in 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation was the vision of a group of individuals who helped a young boy fulfill his dream of becoming a police officer. In addition to celebrating its 25 years as a wish-granting charity, Make-A-Wish celebrates having granted more than 11,500 wishes a year and 127,000 wishes worldwide since its start. The foundation has 74 United States chapters and 28 international affiliates on five continents. The West Los Angeles chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation is among its most successful, officials say, granting more than 5,200 wishes to children. The chapter has flourished since its inception in 1983. For more information on the Los Angeles chapter, visit www.wishla.org or call (310) 788-9474.



Nick Steers is this week's mystery photo winner. The photo was taken in a downtown parking structure, where a wall was spray painted. Steers has won a 30th anniversary limited edition DVD of Jaws, recently released by Universal Studios. Check out the Monday edition for the next mystery photo contest.

CORRECTION — In the Saturday, July 23, issue of the Santa Monica Daily Press, an article entitled "SMC to hold special board meeting" incorrectly attributed the amount of parking available at the Santa Monica College Airport campus. The only parking available on the campus is surface parking for 609 vehicles.



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The QLine

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Board members of the Bayside Business District Corp. are looking for ways to bring in more revenue to increase services — such as hiring ambassadors to assist visitors and monitor for illegal activity — in and around the Third Street Promenade. Ways of increasing revenue could include increasing the amount of fees assessed on businesses by City Hall.

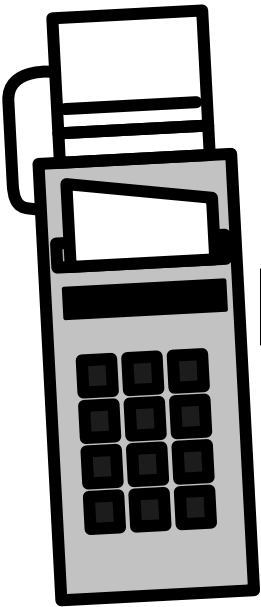
So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Do you support requiring businesses to pay more to provide additional services downtown? Why or why not?"

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LOCAL

New law will grandparent in existing hedges

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rear yards. Hedges such as Howell's are to be grandparented in when the law takes effect in August. The new law attempts to update a hedge ordinance that dates back to 1948, while acknowledging some property owners might prefer taller hedges than previously allowed.

Residents will be required to maintain the 42-inch height limit for any new front yard hedge installation, while side- and rear-yard enclosure limits will be bumped from 8 feet to 12 feet. The council directed staff to establish rules to permit the grandparenting of hedges, fences and walls, as well as establish a procedure for appeals with the planning commission.

Grandparenting permits will cost \$100.

Some tenants argue Howell's bamboo "severely blocks the sunlight and restricts

the airflow and breezes into the apartments." They said the lack of light and cross ventilation has "exacerbated the growth of mold and mildew" in their homes.

"It's ridiculous," said Harvey Kalikow,



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Bamboo hedges in this Ocean Park neighborhood rise more than 30 feet.

a tenant who opposes the size of the hedges. "Someone could easily go out there dressed in black and cut the bamboo with a machete late at night, but he'd probably be thrown in jail."

Harvey said tenants would be charged \$25,000 to retain a private attorney to help fight the size of the hedges. Meanwhile, the apartment property owner is taking Howell to court seeking \$5,000 for damages to a parking garage wall supposedly related to over-watering.

Howell bought the Craftsman home more than a year ago and lives in it. She said she has since restored the one-story house at tremendous expense and always had the intention of putting up the hedges to block the view of the two two-story apartment buildings between which her home is squeezed.

City Hall began revisiting its hedge ordi-

nance shortly after Howell began renovating the Craftsman. Howell said she would not have bought the home if she knew she would not be able to put up the barrier.

Howell said it is wrong for City Hall to enforce a law that has been ignored for decades. It is an issue she said she feels so passionately about she would be willing to take it to the California Supreme Court.

"Why would I have invested my life savings into this place if I couldn't obliterate that view?" Howell said, pointing at the faded-white apartment building next door. "When's the last time they painted their walls?"

Howell said she would trim the bamboo so they are level with the top of the two-story apartment buildings, but no lower, since she is concerned about the tenants being able to gaze into her backyard.

Lamle developed Farook while in Vietnam

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is unconstitutional and the city should be prohibited from enforcing it. The complaint also requests that Lamle be granted a Santa Monica business license and street performance permit, both of which he has previously been denied. Also, Lamle wants City Hall to agree to not lease public space on the Third Street Promenade to any groups that are not protected under the First Amendment. Finally, Lamle wants \$1 million in lost wages, embarrassment and emotional distress.

Over the past several years, Lamle has been slapped with numerous criminal charges for performing on the Promenade without a permit, using a table with illegal dimensions, possessing milk crates, which is against California law, and operating a business without a license.

Lamle has for years argued that City Hall is violating his constitutional rights by not allowing him to sell or showcase his game and refusing to grant him a business license. He contends that it's his First Amendment right to express himself by playing and selling Farook, a high-level strategy game with similarities to Chinese checkers and chess.

At issue is how City Hall can regulate the public space of the Promenade without over-stepping civil liberties. Unlike the work produced by other artists, the city's

attorney's office contends the game Lamle sells is not a "tangible art object," which is what the street performer ordinance dictates.

"The city regulates street vending," said City Attorney Marsha Moutrie. "(Lamle) doesn't have the same status as artists who sell their products."

Chief deputy city attorney Jeanette Schachtner and deputy city attorney Anthony Serritella are both working on the case. Neither were available for comment.

Lamle, who is representing himself in the case, is an inventor who holds dozens of patents, several in the field of games. Based on his experiences as a news correspondent in Vietnam during the 1970s, he said he began developing a way of thinking he called the "Philosophy of Farook." According to this philosophy, human progress can be well served if people seek to attain goals by following certain "negotiation-oriented, non-violent, multi-step algorithms that form a new type of high-level game play."

Lamle developed a new board game in the 1990s based on the principles of his philosophy, the "Farook Game," which has since received an award by the High IQ Society, he said. The patent was submitted in May 1994 and was issued a year later.

Lamle made his living in the past selling the Farook Game to onlookers to whom he demonstrated it on the

Promenade. His lawsuit claims he was interrupted at least 200 times between 1996 and 2004, during which he accused City Hall of "falsely citing, arresting and prosecuting" him for performing Farook.

Lamle was denied a performance permit in 2002 because City Hall considers his game a personal service and not a performance. Under city laws, Lamle would have to apply for a license as a vendor.

Deputy City Attorney Linda Moxon argued that Santa Monica couldn't issue a business license to Lamle because only a limited number of certain types of vendors — including carts, sidewalk cafes and farmers' market retailers — are allowed to sell their items on the Promenade, she said.

Lamle lost his appeal of City Hall's decision not to grant him a business license in March 2003.

Lamle was issued 41 misdemeanor citations and incarcerated twice. He faced 11 criminal charges including doing business without a license, and performing at a table higher than what's legally allowed and located outside of designated performance zones. Each count carried a maximum of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Bernard Kamins dropped the last of the criminal charges in August 2003 against Lamle. Kamins said he wanted to give Lamle the opportunity to take his civil case against City Hall to a higher court and the pending criminal charges were prohibiting Lamle from doing so.

Deputy City Attorney David Fairweather said City Hall agreed to drop the charges, but only on the condition that Lamle not return to the Promenade to sell his game.

In his ruling, Kamins indicated that denying Lamle a business license may have been unfair. He also ordered Lamle's games and the table on which he sells them, which were confiscated more than a year ago, to be returned.

Lamle said it has taken him a while to prepare his civil case against City Hall, in part due to litigation he has been embroiled in with Mattel, Inc., the international toy company.

Mattel allegedly agreed to a contract that would help Lamle produce and distribute the Farook Game worldwide. Mattel backed out of the deal and claimed the contract was never binding. Lamle spent years going head-to-head with the toy giant.

Lamle, who also represented himself in that legal battle, said he still has the 52 boxes filled with paperwork used to help make his case. Seeking \$28 million in damages, he settled out of court with Mattel in April.

He would not specify how much he received.

"It's a bundle," Lamle said. "Let's just say it's very nice to have Mattel's money."

While he was being interviewed by the Daily Press, Lamle was in New York and soon heading to China on business, he said.

Freed up from the Mattel case, Lamle said he has time to focus his energies against City Hall's street performance law.

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LOCAL

Money slated for better parking communication

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ously deemed Advanced Traffic Management Systems an effective way of directing the flow of pedestrian traffic as they provide synchronized timing of traffic signals. The crosswalk signals indicate via a posted screen how many seconds a person has to cross the street.

Following through on their 2004 commitment to efficient traffic management, City Hall will install ATMS at the following locations:

- Wilshire Boulevard between Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard
- Broadway between Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard
- Colorado Avenue between Ocean

Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard

- Pico Boulevard between Fourth Street and Lincoln Boulevard
- Lincoln Boulevard between Wilshire Boulevard and Marine Street

Additionally, the \$139,008 will go toward the goal of replacing all existing leased communication lines between public and private parking lots, and the parking management office, which are now leased from Adelphia. The lease agreement expires in seven years, and it is city official's hope to support a self-sufficient communication infrastructure by that time.

City staff received proposals from six engineering firms in April of 2005, and chose Meyer, Mohaddes Associates, a division of Iteris, Inc., to do the job.

New urinals estimated to save money, water

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water.

"The technology has been available now for a number of years," said Craig Perkins, the director of environmental and public works management for City Hall.

Though the water-saving fixtures already are in place at City Hall and other public places in Santa Monica, current plumbing code requires all bathroom fixtures in private developments to have a water supply.

The City Council is being asked to make an exception for non-flush urinals.

"Outside of the U.S. this is very prevalent," Perkins said. "In Australia it's hard to find a urinal that isn't a waterless urinal."

"The U.S. is sort of lagging behind in the times."

While traditional stalls flush urine down with jets of water, new non-flush urinals get rid of the yellow stuff through a trap seal that flows into a gravity drainage system out to the sewer.

One concern swirling in the minds of non-flush pessimists is odor, though that argument may have gone down the drain after a recent UC Los Angeles study.

The research team discovered that non-flush urinals and traditional bathroom stalls produce comparable odors and bacteria growth rates, according to a City Council staff report.

"Odor is always a very personal thing, but I've been using these in City Hall the past three years and I believe there's no difference in odor," Perkins said. "Bacteria really needs water to thrive so (waterless urinals) can actually reduce odors."

Though Perkins estimated that the new urinals cost about a couple hundred dollars more than their traditional counterparts, he said the extra expense would be more than made up for in water savings.

Maintaining the non-flush urinals requires special training but costs the same, he added.

"It takes a little bit of training in terms of maintenance, but we've gone through that with our custodians at City Hall and it's all very doable," Perkins said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Care for your cat

Editor:

In reading Ryan Hyatt’s article regarding the alleged kidnapping of a cat in Santa Monica (SMDP, July 20, page 1), I am struck by the comment made by Vera, who states that there should be a law protecting pets because their guardians think of them as their children. There is such a law. It is illegal to allow a cat to roam outside in Santa Monica. All cats must be on leashes. I cannot imagine that anyone would allow their child to roam outside unprotected and unsupervised. Nor, I imagine, would anyone allow a dog to roam outside by itself. Yet, some people feel that cats prefer an indoor/outdoor existence. The average lifespan for an indoor/outdoor cat is three to five years. For an indoor-only cat, it is 16 years.

Cindy Lambert states that her cat would not get hit by a car because he is too smart. That is only one of the dangers cats face. If a cat is trusting enough to be picked up by a good person and rescued, the cat can just as easily be picked up off the street by an evil person, one who will sell the cat to a research laboratory, or to be used as a bait animal by those who train dogs for dog fighting. The list goes on. As any wildlife expert knows, there are coyotes in urban as well as rural areas, and coyotes spell death for cats who are allowed outside. Allowing a cat to roam outside is the height of irresponsible pet guardianship.

Heidi Mastrogiovanni
Santa Monica

Downtown’s bright future

Editor:

As a member of the Santa Monica City Council and an architect, I am compelled to respond to the article by Los Angeles Times staff writer Martha Groves (Should This Place Be the Next Big Thing? Tuesday, July 19, page B1).

Let be begin by complimenting Ms. Groves on presenting a helpful and generally accurate overview of the Santa Monica Place community-outreach process, now in its seventh month — a process we on the City Council voted unanimously to initiate.

As Ms. Groves herself makes clear in citing the statistics, this is an extraordinary process: 46,000 written invitations encouraging residents to participate in one of four community design workshops, each workshop attended by city staff and facilitated by Moore, Iacofano, Goltsman, Inc. (MIG), one of America’s foremost design/workshop firms.

More than 400 residents showed up to participate, another 2,000-plus registered their preferences by mail, and still another 500 expressed their views on revitalizing Santa Monica Place by responding to a professional public opinion survey. Not mentioned in the article were 10 additional meetings held with key business and civil organizations representing constituencies and interests throughout Santa Monica.

No approach to redevelopment in my memory has received quite so extended and thorough a public vetting as the proposed revitalization of Santa Monica Place. And this is just the beginning of the public review and discussion.

I found it strange, therefore, that Ms. Groves constrained her coverage of the pub-

lic workshops to the reactions of a single participant who seems pretty clearly to have misunderstood what was going on.

Within the context of heeding a few real-world constraints (e.g., the physical area and geometry of the site and certain legal restrictions), the design groups were free to include as much or as little density, or green space, or retail, or other mixes of uses as each group liked.

To my knowledge, no one was pressured to add density. Indeed, the only strong encouragement or pressure received was to free everyone’s mind of constraints and be as creative as could be. I would encourage your readers to visit www.reimagine-SantaMonicaPlace.com to see the variety of design concepts and densities that emerged from the workshops.

Finally, I am likewise puzzled by Ms. Groves’ interview of one of Santa Monica’s planning commissioners, whom she quotes as saying, “There is no confidence that the report that comes out will be a real reflection of what the city wants.”

On the contrary, the MIG report reflects a broad range of wants including those expressed by city staff, the City Council, the Planning Commission, Macerich Company and the aforementioned roughly 3,000 residents of Santa Monica.

The various development approaches that emerged from the process are presently being studied by financial experts who will identify among them a handful of specific project alternatives judged to be physically and economically feasible. These, in turn, will be presented to the public in September in three separate community meetings.

Out of this process, a single best-project proposal is likely to emerge. Macerich Company will make application to the city, and the proposal will be further debated and discussed in public before the Planning Commission and the City Council.

This project — which will reflect the broad interests of Santa Monica’s many and diverse stakeholders perhaps better and more truly than any project in our city’s history — will then advance or fall on its merits. Publicly, transparently, honestly.

Councilman Herb Katz
Santa Monica

Deception masked as sensibility

Editor:

Last Monday, (SMDP, July 18, page 4) I was appalled to read in Seth Jacobson’s letter to the editor that identified me as an active member of Santa Monicans For Sensible Priorities. For the record, I have not been in contact with Mr. Jacobson or his organization since last September. At that time Mr. Jacobson had intentionally misrepresented some issues to me so that I would write a letter in support of some key City Council campaign issues. Once I discovered the deception, I confronted Mr. Jacobson and have not heard from him since. In light of his recent letter to the editor, it appears that Mr. Jacobson is still up to his old tricks. It also appears that Santa Monicans For Sensible Priorities is deserving of its shadowy reputation.

Tom Viscount
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY ANDREW BERNSTEIN

Lance Armstrong’s heroism is a moral inspiration

When Lance Armstrong rode through Paris on Sunday, crowning his unprecedented seventh consecutive victory in the grueling Tour de France, he put an exclamation mark on what is more than merely an extraordinary athletic career.

By this time, the entire world knows Armstrong’s story — his remarkable recovery from what was feared to be terminal cancer, his exhausting training program, his legendary endurance, his dauntless determination, his unequaled dominance of cycling’s premier event. Millions around the world properly celebrate him and his lofty accomplishments.

But what explains the enormous interest in Armstrong’s success — or that of any other sports hero? Why do sports fans set such a strong personal stake in the victories of their heroes? After all, little of any practical significance depends on such victories; a seventh Armstrong win won’t get his fans a raise or help send their children to college. Why do sports have such an enormous, enduring appeal in human life?

The answer lies in a rarely recognized aspect of sports: their moral significance. What athletic victories provide is a rare and crucial moral value: the sight of human achievement.

Athletic competitions are staged with the goal of achieving victory. By their very nature, they seek and honor champions, i.e., those select few who, in a given field, outdistance their brothers and sisters. The result of this policy is that sports reward exceptional achievement, not equality; they glorify the elite, not the ordinary; they celebrate towering heroes, not “the little guy.”

Sports do not seek to “level the playing field” in an attempt to give a less-talented competitor a better chance of defeating a superior rival. Properly, there are no penalties imposed on a champion for being superior to his foes. Lance Armstrong, for example, is not required to heft a 20-pound weight up the steep ascents of the Pyrenees. Michael Jordan

was not banned from springing skyward. The PGA does not require Tiger Woods to use an inferior brand of clubs. The only equality permitted is that every competitor gets the same opportunity to showcase his talents and determination.

With artificial handicaps or advantages eliminated, sports provide an undiluted example of the pursuit of excellence. In an era when the anti-hero is dominant in intellectual culture, sports provide the purest arena in which to pursue, observe and appreciate human aspiration, achievement and greatness. The reality of an athlete striving to hone his skills to the utmost — enduring pain, overcoming injury, testing his mettle against the world’s best — provides a noble vision of man’s potential.

Those of us who, physically, cannot cycle 2,000 miles or run the 100 meters in nine seconds can still aspire to significant achievements. The vision of Armstrong’s magnificent abilities and dauntless determination engenders in the best of us the questions: What might I accomplish in my field and in my life if I embodied the same degree of dedication? How high might I go in my own life-promoting endeavors if I put into them the identical indefatigable qualities of spirit that Armstrong does?

The motto of the Modern Olympic Games is: “Citius, Altius, Fortius — Swifter, Higher, Stronger.” Lance Armstrong embodies these principles perfectly.

A great athlete like Armstrong is inspiring, because he reminds us how much is possible to a human being. He is living proof that an individual can reach great attainments and that profuse exertion in pursuit of a daunting goal need not be fruitless.

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OPINION



Marriage: Stop the fools from rushing in

WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA



Marriage is that great social institution to which so many of us aspire. It is the subject of hot debate these days, since it is allegedly under attack by the homosexual agenda, at least according to the experts on gay life and political goals: Pat Robertson, Sen. Bill Frist and of course, President Bush.

I believe that marriage is under attack, but because it is too easy to get into and too hard to get out of. As a society, we have chosen to make marriage a convenience and divorce a burden. That is a backwards way of handling the complexity of human relationships.

We require more from a 16-year-old in order to get their driver's license than a couple of 18-year-olds who are in the throws of hormonal "I'll love you forever." As a society we have clearly placed our priorities on the process of getting married, and ignored the realities of married life and human emotions and desires.

There are foundational reasons why we put so much emphasis on getting married. Traditionally the purpose of marriage was for land preservation, sharing of life expenses, and protection of the young

through a stable division of labor between husband and wife. Dad brought home the food, whether it was killing a boar or selling a new and innovative toilet bowl cleaner. Mom was to cook the boar, or clean the toilet bowl, bake the cookies, kiss the boobies away and do the laundry.

It was a logical division at the time. Men are physically stronger and have an easier time killing wild beasts. Women are required to be present when an infant breast feeds so those two should be kept together and in a safe environment, presumably the home.

But times change. The work of modern society requires less actual killing and more linguistic skills. People tend to have lifestyles where domestic safety is less of an issue, at least from wild animals.

Women are no longer required to stay at home and do the cooking in a society where fast food and pre-packaged dinners are commonplace and cost effective.

One might think that with the added conveniences of modern life, and with the now common two-income homes, life would be easier and happy marriages would increase.

That is slightly true. The overall divorce rate has been improving — slightly. There are many reasons for this: The aging boomer generation has become more stable, rates of marriage are down, thus there are fewer people who are eligible to get divorced, and times are good economically.

Then there's the Bible Belt theory. They think that their tactics of fighting the homosexual agenda are working and they are defeating the Godless, hedonistic gays in their pursuit of the destruction of married life for all.

They'd be right of course, except, statistically it is the Bible Belt states of Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana, Arizona, Kansas, Utah, etc., that have the highest divorce rates. That's "Bush Country" for those who don't know it.

In the Democratic Northeast — Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island — the divorce rate is approximately half that of the Bible Belt.

So why the difference? The reasons seem to be that one's chance of divorcing are decreased when one has an annual income more than \$50,000; marries past the age of 25; has college experience or an advanced degree; and has children after the first seven months of marriage. This, by the way, is pretty much the definition of a gay or lesbian couple.

The reasons are obvious. What do most couples fight about? Money and kids. Money troubles are the primary wedge between most couples in my experience. Children, of course, put a huge financial drain on any couple, thus causing additional stress.

In the Bible Belt, people are encouraged to marry young, be fruitful and multiply. This is the exact opposite of what

leads to a successful marriage. By marrying young, the participants are more likely to forego a college career, which means they are less likely to have professional success, which directly translates into take-home pay.

Poor people have kids, rich people have real estate. Young married couples who have no money are going to entertain themselves the only way they know how — with each other's bodies. That leads to children. Which causes financial stress, thus the cycle of marital stressors feeds itself.

What's the answer? We should not allow couples to marry until they are past 25 years old. We should make marriage an arduous process of counseling, classes and qualifications prior to taking vows.

If as a society we truly wanted to make the divorce rate plummet, we should make the front end of the process more educational and less emotional.

Divorce should be a quick and easy process of division of property and child-rearing responsibilities. Marriage should be a gauntlet of tests.

It is said that fools rush in where angels fear to tread. If we want to protect marriage, we need to stop the fools from rushing in.

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Things may be less caustic than they appear

ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL



Just like the side view mirror of an Audi A6, things aren't always as they appear. That goes hand in hand with learning to discern people from your first introductions to them.

"Wow George, you're much ... shorter than I expected."

"You're not as attentive as when we first met."

"You have more facial hair in a woman than I was looking for."

No one is hardly who they seem to be at first. And apparently from the responses I've received from SMDP readers, this is particularly the case with me.

"You're nicer than you appear in your column," a friend of the family admitted to me after I spent some time with her.

She's not the only person that's told me I come off as caustic.

From this, letters to the editors and e-mails I've received, I've come to surmise

that some readers think I'm ridiculing the city of Santa Monica with my column. Who knew I could do so much with a laptop and SpongeBob screensaver?

I know I should take this seriously, but those of you who know me, just picture me planning out my maniacal scheme to undermine Santa Monicans with my underling Gazpacho.

We're in a dark alleyway behind Gotham Hall, dressed for evil success. Gazpacho keeps a lookout for lost tourists that could reveal my plan in no discernible language. I hold the map to the city's demise in one hand and my Maglite in the other.

"Let's put a comment about parking here, no air conditioning here ... (rubs hands together) Yes, Gazpacho, I think our plan to piss off Santa Monica is coming together quite nicely."

Those of you who don't know me, take a seat. Not because I'm going to tell you anything riveting. It's just hot outside, and there's no reason to over exert yourself.

It's so odd. All my life I've gotten nothing but "darling" and "sweetie" from Von's baggers, customer service reps and the masses of people I don't even know. They're all ready to pinch

my cheeks and feed me butterscotches from out of their lapels and pants pockets.

But individuals I've encountered through my column think I'm this bitter grandmother, waiting for my weekly Tuesday visit so I can complain about my raging hemorrhoids.

How am I labeled saccharine sweet or maniacally underhanded by people who don't even know me?

Basically it comes down to me either being a Precious Moments figurine or a '50s horror movie (Heidzilla) with bad special effects.

And with those choices, I can't decide which one is better to be associated with. Also as an aside, I'm curious how people would find me menacing from that goofy picture of me attached to my column. I think it shouts more "Do you know where my neck went?" than anything else.

For the record, it's not that I don't like Santa Monica. The weather is great — except this warm streak right now — the city is fun, artistic, etc. I even like my neighbors. And no, I don't cut people off with my cart at Ralph's or take Little Debbie oatmeal cream pies away

from young children at recess.

I do take their milk, though.

But why wouldn't you have qualms about where you live? No city is perfect, and it's much more fun to talk about the shared frustrations of people rummaging through your garbage at 8 in the morning than say how nice the beach is every week.

Maybe Santa Monica is that perfect to some, and maybe Arnold was never on steroids.

But I would worry if I didn't think it was bizarre when strange men propose to me on the beach, and homeless men try to help me pick out books at Borders. If I didn't think twice about situations like that, I would have to address a letter to myself:

Heidi,

Don't take books or engagement presents from strangers. It's for the best.

Sincerely,

Heidi

Odd things do happen in Santa Monica, and what would be even crazier is to not write about them.

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



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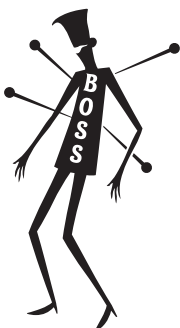
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STATE

Health officials puzzled over recent abortion pill deaths

BY ALICIA CHANG

AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — Federal health investigators are baffled: Why have four California women died from a bloodstream infection after using a controversial abortion pill?

"On the surface, this appears unusual," said Dr. Marc Fischer, a medical epidemiologist at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. "That's why we're investigating."

Two of the deaths — one this year and one last year — were reported last week by the Food and Drug Administration. The other two deaths occurred in 2003. All were caused by sepsis, a bloodstream infection, although the women didn't have all the usual symptoms for sepsis, such as fever, health officials say.

Only one other U.S. death linked to the drug has been reported since it went on the market in 2000, and the cause of death in that case was different.

Sold as Mifeprex, and also known as RU-486 or mifepristone, it is taken as two pills at different times. None of the women who died followed FDA-approved instructions for taking the drug, and authorities are looking into whether that may have played a role in their deaths.

The FDA said it believes Mifeprex is safe enough to stay on the market and that there is no proof it caused the deaths. However, the label will be updated to alert women and doctors in more detail to unusual, dangerous infections that are not always accompanied by fever.

More than 460,000 women in the United States have used Mifeprex since it was invented in France in the 1980s. The pill already contains a "black-box" warning highlighting the risk of bacterial infection, sepsis and death. Reports of fatal sepsis among the pill's users are rare, occurring one in 100,000 cases.

The drug's maker, New York-based Danco Laboratories, has defended the pill's record, saying there is no evidence Mifeprex caused bacterial infection and sepsis. However, the company agreed to change the warning label so patients and doctors know about the risk of rare infections.

Mifeprex is approved to end a pregnancy up to 49 days after the start of a woman's last menstrual cycle. It is a two-part treatment — one drug blocks a hormone

required to sustain a pregnancy and the other, taken days later, ends the pregnancy.

The FDA calls for both pills to be swallowed, but the agency says it is aware that many abortion clinics and doctors recommend that the second pill be inserted vaginally based on studies that have shown its effectiveness in ending a pregnancy.

Dr. Vanessa Cullins, vice president of medical affairs at Planned Parenthood Federation of America, said she believes vaginal insertion is safe. Abortion clinics counsel women on making sure their hands are clean before they insert the pill to avoid infection, Cullins said.

Federal drug regulators are unsure whether this so-called "off-label use" might have contributed to the deaths, but it is one of the areas being investigated.

Health investigators also will do tests to make sure the pills weren't contaminated. Two of the infections were caused by a common bacterium called *Clostridium sordelli*, which can cause nausea and diarrhea, but is rarely fatal. Investigators will study whether the germ might have mutated and become more lethal.

Authorities can't rule out simple math as one explanation for the group of deaths in California: Perhaps more women of child-bearing age are using the abortion pill in the nation's most populous state. There's also the possibility that California doctors may be more inclined to file the voluntary reports of adverse effects.

Monty Patterson, whose 18-year-old daughter Holly died of septic shock after taking Mifeprex to end an unplanned pregnancy in 2003, said the pill should be pulled from the market.

Patterson has been lobbying to halt sale of the pill since Holly's death, which was the first of the four California cases to be reported to the FDA.

"This drug is not safe," said Patterson, who lives in Livermore. "Holly never thought she would take a drug that would kill her. She wouldn't have done it."

Patterson sued Danco last year for an unspecified amount, claiming wrongful death and product liability.

The other U.S. death associated with Mifeprex was a case of a ruptured tubal pregnancy in 2001. Health officials have warned that the pill should not be used in women with suspected or confirmed ectopic pregnancies.

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STATE



Mayoral hopefuls see dark times ahead

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — When voters cast ballots for mayor today, they won't be considering campaign promises to open new libraries and parks, add police officers or pave streets.

Candidates trying to replace Dick Murphy after he resigned amid a wave of scandal have nothing but bitter medicine for the nation's seventh-largest city.

Debates are filled with dark talk about filing for bankruptcy, slashing jobs and turning over the city's beleaguered pension fund to a court-appointed trustee.

The political turmoil will likely last long after the ballots are cast. With no one expected to win a majority of votes, the top two finishers in the non-partisan race could compete in a Nov. 8 runoff.

"What is the matter with San Diego?" a debate moderator asked six contenders in a television studio ticking off a litany of political problems in the city.

"Sometimes I say it's sun poisoning," quipped front-runner Donna Frye, a Democratic councilwoman and surf shop owner.

The election comes as "America's Finest City" is being roiled by uncertainty.

Murphy, a Republican and former judge, left office only seven months into his second term, after a disputed election and amid widening federal investigations

of a pension fund that has a deficit of at least \$1.37 billion.

The city's failure to complete overdue audits of its finances has hamstrung its ability to borrow money and fueled talk of bankruptcy.

Last week, a jury convicted two councilmen — one who was filling in as acting mayor — of federal corruption charges in a failed scheme to repeal San Diego's ban on touching dancers at strip clubs.

The councilmen quickly resigned, leaving one of every four people in this seaside city of 1.3 million without a representative on the City Council.

"Whoever becomes mayor is going to inherit a gigantic mess," said Marjorie Wegner, 61, a former social worker who has been attending campaign debates. "Hopefully we don't need bankruptcy."

Frye, 53, promises to end what she sees as a culture of secrecy at City Hall — the same platform that nearly carried her to victory in a write-in bid last year. She lost to Murphy only after a judge tossed out more than 5,000 ballots on which voters wrote her name but failed to darken the adjoining bubble.

Frye is the only Democrat among the leading candidates, the only woman and the only opponent of a measure on Tuesday's ballot that aims to keep a Christian war memorial cross on public land.

She has often been on the losing side of lopsided City Council votes. She cast the lone dissenting vote in 2002 on what would become a disastrous decision to

enhance city pension benefits.

The wife of legendary surfer Skip Frye and a former clean-water activist is a favorite of environmentalists.

"She's for clean government, clean air, clean environment — Mrs. Clean," said pollster John Nienstedt Sr., president of Competitive Edge Research & Communication in San Diego. "She's got the left side of the political spectrum."

Still, Frye probably won't win enough votes to avoid a runoff, political analysts said, making it a likely race for the second spot on the runoff ballot between former Police Chief Jerry Sanders and businessman Steve Francis, both Republicans.

Francis, who founded a hospital staffing company, estimated he has poured at least \$1.6 million of his own money into the campaign. He has stuck closely to his theme that City Hall needs an outsider to run it like a CEO. His ubiquitous television ads promise, "No New Taxes. No Bankruptcy."

His alternative is slashing up to 10 percent of city jobs, excluding police and fire protection.

"We don't need a mayor who's going to throw in the towel on bankruptcy the first day in office," he said in a debate Thursday, trying to set himself apart from Sanders and Frye, who haven't ruled out bankruptcy.

Francis, 50, got off to a rocky start when he announced his bid in May — getting chased by television crews after he refused to answer reporters' questions. He has since gained ground with a blizzard of television ads and campaign mailers,

some attacking Sanders as a big spender.

Sanders, 55, ran the Police Department from 1993 to 1999 and is making his first run for elected office. He touts himself as a turnaround specialist for his work reviving local United Way and Red Cross chapters.

He insists he won't raise taxes to solve the financial mess. He says bankruptcy is a last resort, only if the city's powerful labor unions refuse to make concessions.

Others in the field of 11 candidates include Republicans Patrick Shea, an attorney who insists bankruptcy is the only way out of the financial problems, and Myke Shelby, a Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealer who has campaigned to save the war memorial cross.

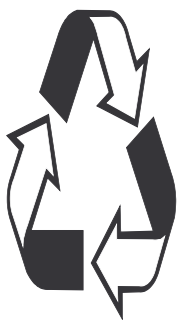
With no state or federal measures on the ballot and many voters on summer vacation, turnout could suffer. More than 65,000 of the city's 600,505 registered voters have already mailed in ballots.

At a recent debate, several candidates looked stumped when a questioner asked what new projects they would launch. It wasn't long ago that the political debate in San Diego was dominated by efforts to build sport stadiums.

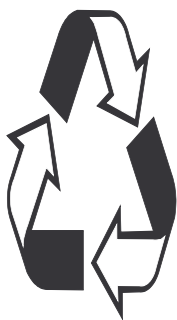
"That's not where we live," said Shea, the husband of pension-board whistleblower Diann Shipione.

"I'd love to run as the mayor of Fantasyland," said Libertarian Richard Rider. "Sadly, I have to run as the mayor of San Diego."

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DEAR DORIE

Preparing for preschool is elementary

Dear Dorie,

I'm wondering exactly what my toddler needs to learn before being ready to start preschool in September. Should I be working on letters or colors? I don't want to push him before he's ready, but I also want to give him a healthy start to school.

— Preschool Prep

Dear Prep,

Your search for information and concern for your son's well-being on that first day of school is endearing. It is a huge step for both of you. Be sure to bring the camera and, between the tears (yours, not his), take lots of pictures.

I'm guessing your son has just turned 3 years old, and hopefully is actively playing for a good part of each day. If you've been spending quality time with him reading, singing, exploring, chatting, etc. then your prep work for preschool is done. You may want to check out some library books that deal specifically with the first day of school, or stop by and visit the new classroom and teacher, but other than that, no academic preparation is necessary.

You seem like a good parent — alphabet, number, shape or color memorization won't ever change that. Relax and enjoy your last summer with your baby.

— Dorie

(Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Meek answers questions concerning children ages birth to 5 years old. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmusd.org, or call 310-452-6132; fax 310-452-6392.)

Sick of morning sickness? Here are a few ways to cope

By Daily Press staff

It's one of the less pleasant aspects of pregnancy, but nausea and vomiting are common complaints, affecting about 70 percent of all pregnant women during the first trimester, doctors say.

Morning sickness is unpleasant, but it doesn't harm the woman's or the baby's health and it doesn't mean the baby is sick, say doctors from Saint John's Health Center.

The nausea and vomiting are thought to be caused by an increase in hormone levels during pregnancy. In general, morning sickness is considered to be a good sign because it means the afterbirth — the placenta and fetal membranes — is developing well.

"Although morning sickness is more common in the morning, it can last all day," warns Jon Matsunaga, M.D., an Ob/Gyn specialist and chair of the Ob/Gyn department at Saint John's. "It usually starts during the first month of pregnancy and most often continues until the 14th to 16th week. There is no set time for it to end as each woman and each pregnancy is different. Some women never experience it at all."

Stress, traveling and/or some kinds of foods can aggravate the condition.

Following are a few suggested tips from Dr. Matsunaga to help ease the symptoms of nausea and vomiting:

- Sit on the side of the bed for a few minutes before getting up slowly.
- Eat dry toast or crackers before getting out of bed or whenever you feel nauseated.
- Eat small meals throughout the day so you're never too full or too hungry. An empty stomach may increase nausea.
- Avoid rich, fatty foods. Increase your intake of carbohydrates and choose easy-to-digest foods such as jello, potatoes and white rice.

• Avoid foods with smells that bother you. Many women find that specific smells trigger their morning sickness. Citrus juice, milk, coffee and caffeinated tea may make nausea worse.

• Drink fluids often during the day to avoid dehydration. I often recommend my patients carry a water bottle with them to sip during the day. Herbal teas and cold drinks that are bubbly or sweet also may help quell nausea.

• Get plenty of fresh air and try sleeping with the window open.

• Try wearing acupressure wristbands, which are sometimes used to prevent seasickness. They appear to help some women who have morning sickness.

• Iron in prenatal vitamins also may cause nausea. A chewable vitamin with folic acid taken at the end of the day may be helpful.

"In rare cases, the nausea and vomiting can be severe," Matsunaga said. "The condition is called hyperemesis gravidarum, and can result in significant weight loss and dehydration. You should contact your doctor or health professional if you vomit more than three times a day as medication or other treatment may be necessary."

Matsunaga also advises calling your doctor immediately if vomiting is accompanied by pain and/or fever, as those symptoms may indicate an infection is present.

Morning sickness can cause a great deal of discomfort but is generally not harmful. Tell your doctor if you have morning sickness at your prenatal visits, as he or she may want to specifically monitor your morning sickness as your pregnancy continues. He or she also may have other suggestions to help you cope with this problem.

To find a physician, log onto the Saint John's Web site at www.stjohns.org. Select "Find a Physician" and respond to the computer prompts. Browsers can choose from a wide range of specialists, which are then sorted by location, gender and language.

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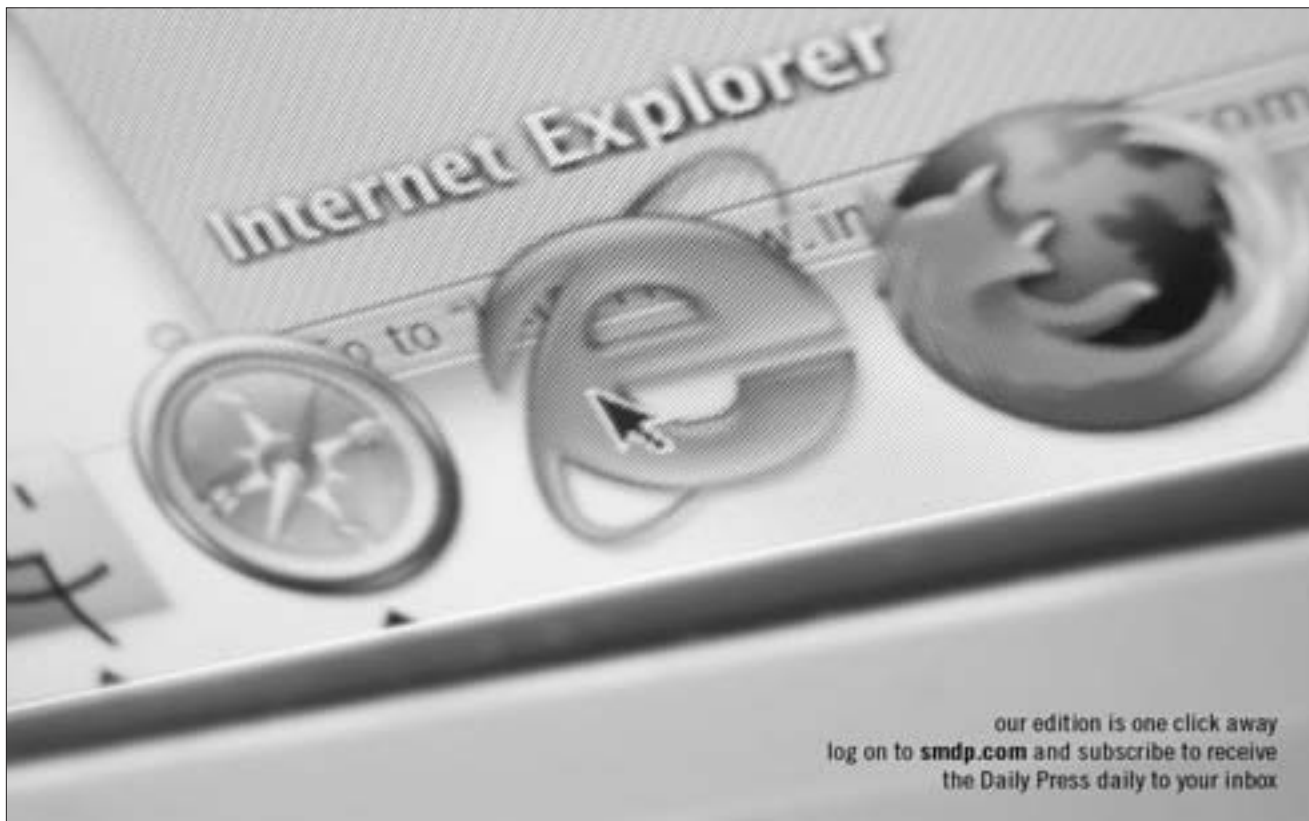
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SATURDAY, JULY 30

RAY HARRYHAUSEN TRIBUTE – 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Enjoy the classic Harryhausen films The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad, First Men on the Moon and The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms as well as a talk with the director. \$9, Aero Theatre, 1328 Montana Ave.

BIG! WORLD! FUN! FAMILY SERIES at the FORD Today's performance is from Inca, the Peruvian ensemble who tells stories of the Inca through traditional music. Ages 4 -11, \$5. John Anson Ford Theatre, 2580 Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood, 323-461-3673, www.fordamphitheatre.org

HENRY MANCINI ORCHESTRA CONCERT – 7:00 p.m.
Doc Severinson is the guest artist at this FREE jazz concert. Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey. Call 305-9545 for more info.

SAT. and SUN., JULY 31 – SEPT. 25
BARNYARD MADNESS at the Santa Monica Playhouse
12:30 & 3:00 p.m. This finger-snapping, toe-tapping, zany courtly and western romp is great musical theatre for kids' ages 2 – 102. \$12 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 and under. Call 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com, 1211 4th St.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

FAMILY FUNDAY at the WILL GEER THE-ATRICUM BOTANICUM
Live music and theatre. All ages, \$8. 1419 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga, 455-3723.

SPECIAL NOTE – Kids' Yoga Circle is closed from July 10 – 31. Check back for the summer schedule that resumes Aug. 1.

TUESDAY

MOMS Club of Santa Monica Playgroup – 11:00 a.m., for children born 1/04 – 9/04. Call or email Alison at 393-4481/riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Movies for Moms! July 26 - Bad News Bears starring Billy Bob Thornton, Greg Kinnear and Marcia Gay Harden. 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 – held at Reed Park, corner of 7th and Wilshire.
Toddler Storytime; 10:00 a.m. For 2 year olds with adult.
Preschool Story Time; 10:30 a.m.; for ages 3-5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Cuentos Para Pequenos – 10:00 a.m., six-week

series in Spanish for 24 – 36 month olds.
Lap Time – 11:00 a.m., six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant & Family Support Program. Current session June 21 – Aug. 9 for both.
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Summer Activity Program – 2:30 p.m., thru Aug. 16, ages 4 and up.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Toddler Storytime, 10:00 and 10:30. Music, rhymes and stories for 2 to 3 year olds.
Current session thru Aug. 30 (register now).
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis
For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove
Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – walkers to 3 years, (Mon – Fri); Infant & Me Class – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
YMCA – Attachment Parenting Classes - 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., 1332 Sixth St., 393-2721 (ask for Shelana Philip-Guide or Audrey Meyer). This new class for mothers/dads and babies up to 12 months is presented by Karol Darsa, PsyD, a licensed psychologist with extensive experience working with children and families. Fees: Members – 1 class - \$40, 5 class pass - \$180; Non-members - \$50, 5 class pass - \$200.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
An advanced 10-week parent education course. Culver City/Westchester, \$30 per class/\$40 materials. Also Thursdays, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., West LA, \$40 per class/\$40 materials. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

Yoga & Exercise

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA
10:00 – 11:00 a.m and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Thursday nights 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) 393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Itsy Bitsy Yoga – Baby IBY (6 weeks to pre-crawling) – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. With Khefri Riley at Ocean Oasis, 1333 Ocean Ave. Register at www.khefri.net or call 323-549-5383.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group

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

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of Santa Monica Playgroups – 4:30 p.m., separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 393-4481/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.
Toddler Story Time – 9:30 a.m., for two year olds.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; six-week series for 3-5 year olds with adult.
Current session thru Aug. 10 for both.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Lap Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2. Current session July 20 – Aug. 24.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
Border's, Westwood – 11am – 310-475-3444.

Classes

Rhythm Child Parent & Me Rhythms, Santa Monica Studios, 3025 Olympic Blvd., 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Children explore rhythms through drum play. Ages 6 mos. – 3.5 years; \$100 for 8 weeks. Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythm-child.net for more info and session dates.
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – walkers to 3 years; (Mon – Fri); 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$15
Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Step Aerobics, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

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Other

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

THURSDAY

MOMS Club of Santa Monica Playgroup – 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03, Call or email Alison at 393-4481/riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling

Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.
Main Library – held at Reed Park, corner of 7th and Wilshire.
Toddler Storytime; 10:00 a.m.; for 2 year olds with adult.
Preschool Story Time; 10:30 a.m.; for ages 3-5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Summer Activity Programs – 2:30 p.m. thru Aug. 4, ages 4 and up.
Youth Chess Club – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. All levels welcome.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m., for 2 year olds, current session thru Aug. 25.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; for 3-5 year olds.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Lap Time, 9:20 and 10:20. Ages 0 – 2. Current session thru Aug 11.

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

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of Santa Monica – New Mother Group – for new moms with babies born from 10/04 to present. Meet for conversation, support and playtime. All new Moms welcome! Call or e-mail Alison at 393-4481, 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.child-splayonline.net
La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call 310-390-2529 for info.
Planetarium Show at SMC's John Drescher Planetarium, 7:00 p.m. - Night Sky Show, 8:00 p.m. – featured program. \$5 adults, \$4 children. Pico and 17th St., 434-3000.

Classes

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

Yoga & Exercise

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

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

SATURDAY

Storytelling
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.
Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA – 10:30 a.m., 310-559-BOOK.
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 @826LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Classes

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

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicayoga.com
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 6:30 – 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

Emerging Artists Family Workshop - 10:00 a.m. – noon.
Program varies, ages 6 and up, \$12. Santa Monica Museum of Art, 2419 Michigan Ave, 586-6488, ext. 32.
Barnyard Madness at the Santa Monica Playhouse
Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m, July 31 – Sept. 25; \$12 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com, 1211 4th St.
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magiopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
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Station, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.preciousprintsstudios.com for more info.
Lakeshore Learning Stores "Free Crafts for Kids" – Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.

SUNDAY

Main Street Farmer's Market – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., corner of Main St. and Ocean Park Blvd. Pony rides, live music, lots of vendors and great family socializing.
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
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Family Funday at the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum – 11:00 a.m Live music and theatre for all ages. \$8, 1419 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga, 455-3723, www.theatricum.com.

Breastfeeding

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

MONDAY

MOMS Club of Santa Monica Playgroup – 9:30 a.m., for children born 1/02 – 2/03, Call or email Alison at 393-4481/riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling

Main Library – Lap Time at Joslyn Park, Craft Room, 9:30 a.m. A series for babies up to two years old, July 18 only. ("Family Connections" is on summer break.)
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804.
"Spanish for Little Ones", 11:15 a.m., July 11 – Aug. 15.
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Toddler Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

Classes

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Yoga & Exercise

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Itsy Bitsy Yoga – TOT IBY (crawling – 2/3 years) – 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. With Khefri Riley at TURNOUT Performing Arts Center, 12113 Santa Monica Bl., St. 201. Register at www.khefri.net or call 323-549-5383.
Yoga Garden, - Restorative yoga for pre/postnatal – 6:30 p.m., 310-450-0133. www.yogagardenstudios.com
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

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San Jose serial molester was writing his memoirs

BY KIM CURTIS
Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE — Police say Dean Schwartzmiller was crafting a lengthy memoir about his sexual exploits with boys when he was arrested. They also say they've cracked "99 percent" of the code in the notebooks he kept, which apparently chronicle crimes both real and imagined, and have learned much about the man who may prove to be one of the nation's most prolific child molesters.

Schwartzmiller isn't talking to police, and apparently hasn't been very forthcoming with his public defender, either.

Police say they're only beginning to document the extent of his alleged crimes. But as investigators follow up on the hundreds of phone tips from all over the country, they're confident he won't go free again, as he has in the past despite at least three molestation convictions and a dozen arrests across the Pacific Northwest in the past three decades.

"This time we've got him," San Jose Police Lt. Scott Cornfield said in an interview. "This guy's not going anywhere."

Schwartzmiller, 64, is being held without bail on seven felony counts of child molestation involving two 12-year-old cousins from San Jose. His next court hearing is scheduled for Tuesday.

His public defender, Melinda Hall, said she's just starting to evaluate the evidence, still knows very little about the case and isn't getting much information from her client. "I've learned more from the newspaper," she said.

Schwartzmiller, a self-taught jailhouse lawyer who successfully sued to improve prison conditions in Idaho, hasn't said whether he'll want to represent himself, she added.

Some of the investigators' hard work is already reflected on their office walls, where large maps of

California, Alaska, Oregon, Washington and Idaho show the names and addresses of at least 16 alleged victims. A blown-up copy of Schwartzmiller's mug shot hangs nearby, with this provocative question written underneath: "Child Molester of the Month? Year? Career?"

The information in Schwartzmiller's notebooks — 36,700 entries, with codes for each boy's anatomy and personality — is being entered into an Excel spreadsheet. Police haven't determined how many victims they represent — many of the line items are duplications, and some may describe his fantasies, Cornfield said.

Police also confiscated CDs, DVDs and videotapes, including child pornography, as well as computer servers and hard drives, which are being evaluated by specialists at the FBI's Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory in Menlo Park.

Cornfield said they also seized a memoir Schwartzmiller had been writing — a narrative about his exploits with boys, composed in "Penthouse Forum" style. Typed out, the manuscript is about an inch-and-a-half thick. If you believe Schwartzmiller, "every boy was beautiful and every one wanted him," Cornfield said.

Schwartzmiller, who went by a variety of aliases and earned a living doing stucco work, is by all accounts smart, savvy and manipulative, repeatedly avoiding trials and getting out of jail or prison early. Despite his lengthy criminal record, he wasn't required to register as a sex offender.

As it turns out, it was a fender bender that finally brought him to the attention of San Jose police. On May 17, he was involved in a minor traffic accident. Police said he appeared ready to exchange information until the other driver suggested contacting the police. Schwartzmiller took off.

Police tracked down his address, went to his home and spoke to Schwartzmiller's roommate and former prison buddy, Fred Everts, 34. Schwartzmiller wasn't home. Suspicious, they checked Everts' background, found his two previous molestation convictions, and arrested him

on an outstanding warrant for a parole violation in Oregon.

Meanwhile, Schwartzmiller heard about Everts' arrest and quickly fled to Washington state. From there he called one of the boys he's accused of molesting and asked him to go to his house to "remove and destroy paperwork, CDs, computer drives and other items," according to a police report. He allegedly told the 12-year-old he had been in an accident, left the state and probably wouldn't be back.

The boy brought along his siblings, who spotted some pornography on a DVD and paperwork describing Schwartzmiller's criminal past. That's when they decided to tell their mother. Two days after she went to police with evidence, including a CD containing photos of her semi-naked son, Schwartzmiller was arrested.

The boy's family has since moved out of their modest apartment building in San Jose and couldn't be tracked down for comment. The woman's sister — the mother of the second alleged victim, who lives a few blocks away — said police asked both families not to speak to the media.

"I just want this to be worked out the best that it can be," she said in Spanish. "I want this to come out into the light."

Schwartzmiller may not be talking, but Everts, now also charged with molesting one of the same San Jose boys, is apparently desperate for a deal with prosecutors. He's met with police at least seven times, helping to put together a case against his roommate, according to Everts' public defender, David Hultgren.

Both defendants face life in prison if convicted under California's "three strikes" law.

"He's freaked out about the whole thing, understandably so," Hultgren said. "I said, 'Look, he wants to help.' I said, 'Fred wants to cooperate.'"

Hultgren says Everts, 34, is no "angel," given his previous convictions and his "unhealthy obsession" with boys. But he portrays him as more of an observer than an equal partner in crime who idolized Schwartzmiller, understands the damage molestation causes and "does have true remorse."

Prosecutor Steve Fein won't discuss how many alleged victims they've heard from, or whether any of the reports might result in additional charges against Schwartzmiller. Meanwhile, Cornfield, for one, is eager to talk to Schwartzmiller. He wants to use what he learns to train investigators on interrogation techniques.

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Mercedes Benz Cup begins without Roddick

BY TOM A. MCFERSON

Special to the Daily Press

Different year, same problem for organizers of the 2005 Mercedes Benz Cup.

Late Friday evening, world-ranked No. 4 and massive box office draw Andy Roddick withdrew due to a tender right knee. It was the latest in what has become an annual ritual for tournament officials: Bracing themselves for the eventual big-name withdrawal. The tournament is scheduled for July 25-31 at the Los Angeles Tennis Center-UCLA.

"I am deeply disappointed I will be unable to compete in the Mercedes-Benz Cup due to soreness in my right knee,"

Roddick said in a statement. "After consulting with my coach and trainer, we feel that it is critical that I have some recovery time."

Andre Agassi, three-time Los Angeles champion and eight-time Grand Slam king, is entered as the No. 1 seed at the Mercedes-Benz Cup. Agassi will play a qualifier in the first round, scheduled for Tuesday evening.

Agassi, who has been battling a sciatic nerve problem in his back and leg, is playing his first tournament since losing his opening match at the French Open last May.

Other seeded players are Dominik Hrbaty; 2004 finalist Nicolas Kiefer;

Taylor Dent; Mario Ancic, Sebastien Grosjean and Greg Rusedski.

Defending champion Tommy Haas of Germany is seeded fourth and is looking forward to the possibility of a repeat performance this year.

"I do not think I have ever repeated a tournament win in my career, but it is definitely always nice to come back to a tournament that you have won," Haas said. "For me, it is something I have not accomplished yet but would definitely like that."

Wild cards were extended to James Blake, Cecil Mamiit and Paul Goldstein. Mamiit earned his wild card by winning Friday's All-American Shootout.

The Mercedes-Benz Cup presented by Countrywide features a 32-player singles draw and a 16-team doubles competition. Entering its 79th year, the landmark Southern California tournament is the longest running annual professional sporting event in Los Angeles, and offers total player compensation of more than \$1 million.

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AFL-CIO president blasts heads of unions

BY RON FOURNIER

AP Political Writer

CHICAGO — AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, anticipating plans by a major service workers affiliate to bolt from the labor federation, charged Monday that such a move would be a "grievous insult" to working people and their unions.

"At a time when our corporate and conservative adversaries have created the most powerful anti-worker political machine in the history of our country, a divided movement hurts the hopes of working families for a better life," Sweeney said in a text of his keynote address to an AFL-CIO convention marred by division and boycott.

The Teamsters and the Service Employees International Union, the largest AFL-CIO affiliate with 1.8 mil-

lion members and one that Sweeney once headed, intended to announce Monday they are leaving the federation after failing to reform it, according to several labor officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The unions are part of the Change to Win Coalition, seven labor groups vowing to accomplish what the 50-year-old labor giant has failed to do: Reverse the decades-long decline in union membership. But many union presidents, labor experts and Democratic Party leaders fear the split will weaken the movement politically and hurt unionized workers who need a united and powerful ally against business interests and global competition.

Two other Change to Win Coalition unions signaled their intentions to leave the AFL-CIO: United Food and

Commercial Workers and UNITE HERE, a group of textile and hotel workers. But they were not scheduled to take part in Monday's news conference.

A few blocks away, a shrunken AFL-CIO met to hear Sweeney say he was "very angry" at the dissident leaders. They include SEIU President Andy Stern who was a protege of Sweeney's when the AFL-CIO chief was leader of the SEIU.

"The labor movement belongs to all of

us — every worker — and our future should not be dictated by the demands of any group or the ambitions of any individual," Sweeney said.

"But it is also my responsibility to hold our movement together — because our power is vested in our solidarity. So I want you to know I will overcome my own anger and disappointment and do everything in my power to bring us back where we belong — and that's together," he said.

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NATIONAL

Kids are upping the ante on dangerous stunts

MARTHA IRVINE

AP National Writer

Two young people have died in Idaho, each suspected of trying to catch a buzz by cutting off the blood supply to their brains. Also in recent weeks, a college student in Kentucky and another youth in Michigan have fallen to their deaths while "surfing" atop moving vehicles.

Dangerous activities like these aren't new, but experts say today's teens are increasingly likely to try them — and to take more risks than previous generations.

"It's certainly part of the teenage psyche — but we're seeing an enormous amount of it of late," says Frank Farley, a psychologist at Temple University in Philadelphia who's been studying risk-takers since the 1960s.

The trend not only includes stunts that clearly cross the line of common sense — such as "the choking game" that may have caused the Idaho deaths — but also more calculated risk-taking, such as extreme sports with trick-heavy competitions involving skateboards, snowboards or BMX bikes.

"My generation is looking to be different; they're looking for ways to be individuals," says Christopher Sorichetti, a 20-year-old from San Diego who's been doing high-flying bicycle stunts since he was 12. "My sport is almost like a rebel sport. For the guys, it's kind of like a bad boy image. You're popular, pretty much, because you're known as a bad boy."

Sorichetti has ruptured a kidney, punctured a lung and broken many ribs doing bike stunts that have gone wrong. And this summer, he broke his right forearm in two places after falling.

Still, he plans to get back on his bike when he recovers.

"I do it for the feeling of knowing it's dangerous and knowing you can get hurt doing it," Sorichetti says from his hospital bed. "I couldn't see my life without it."

It's an attitude that causes many adults to scratch their heads. But experts say that young people today are wearing their wounds as a badge of courage — and constantly looking for ways to outdo one another.

"As stuff becomes more common, then the degree that you have to go to be uncommon — to be unique — is a little more extreme," says Dr. Jeffrey Smith, the orthopedic trauma surgeon in San Diego who put Sorichetti's arm back together.

Others note that young risk-takers may react the way they do because they've grown up with constant stimulation from video games and TV.

"They have become adrenaline junkies," says Dr. Lynne Tan, a psychiatrist at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center in New York. "They also have to keep upping the ante in order to get the same thrill because, after a while, the body gets used to the activity."

Technology also has given young people the ability to share their stunts with one another by way of the Internet — whether it be their latest skateboarding trick or an outrageous stunt, such as friends pepper-spraying a buddy for a laugh, or even jumping off buildings.

"In this wired world, you can link with other people doing these things instantly. And it develops a kind of camaraderie — almost a license to do it," says Farley, the psychologist at Temple. "In an earlier time, we didn't have such instant access to peer validation."

Parents and others can, of course, talk to their kids

about avoiding really dangerous stunts — sharing the many instances when car surfing, for example, has turned deadly or resulted in massive head injuries. The choking game, which flares up every so often in various regions across the country, also claims at least a couple of lives a year.

"Parents need to be aware of what teenagers are doing so they can talk to their kids," says Jennifer Collette, a mother in Valparaiso, Ind., whose daughter played the choking game with friends at a neighbor's house last December. Her daughter, now 13, didn't pass out, but the choking — done by a 17-year-old boy — caused blood vessels in her eyes and face to burst.

"She was pretty scared, and she said she'd never do it again," Collette says.

Extreme sports are a trickier call. As the popularity of pro competitions increases, so does the emphasis on safety.

Still, a spokesman for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Smith in San Diego says he regularly runs across young patients who injure themselves — and who plan to return to a dangerous sport.

So he does what he can: He stresses the importance of wearing safety equipment, such as helmets and wristguards and hopes for the best.

Other physicians agree that this kind of risk-taking can be dangerous — but they point out that, more often, young people die in car accidents or from violence.

"Our kids are getting shot," says Dr. Karen Sheehan, a physician at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago who is also the medical director of the Injury Free Coalition for Kids. "They get enough of a thrill trying to make it to school safely."

Black leaders to re-enact lynchings to spur leads

BY ERRIN HAINES

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — As a 20-year-old civil rights activist in 1968, Tyrone Brooks drove 40 miles from Atlanta to Walton County to meet Dan Young, who ran the county's only black funeral home.

Young wanted Brooks "to know where he was."

"Young man, I want to show you something," Brooks remembers Young telling him.

In the basement of the funeral home, Young opened an old file cabinet and pulled out a manila folder containing photographs of bodies — the victims, Young told Brooks, of the last open public mass lynching in the United States.

"That really got my attention," said Brooks, who is now a representative in the Georgia House.

Nearly 40 years later, those disturb-

ing photos still have Brooks' attention.

On Monday, the 59th anniversary of the lynchings that took place on July 25, 1946, he and other civil rights activists hope to stage a re-enactment of the violent act in hopes of gaining support for the arrest and prosecution of anyone still alive who may have been involved or responsible.

Just one month ago, 1,000 members of the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials unanimously passed a resolution urging prosecutors to bring charges for the first time in the unsolved lynchings.

The photos were of Roger and Dorothy Malcom and George and Mae Murray Dorsey, four young black sharecroppers who were gunned down on July 25, 1946, along the Apalachee River.

The re-enactment will start on what is believed to be Barney Hester's property, where Roger Malcom had been arrested

not long before the lynching. A fight between the two men hospitalized Hester, who was white, and landed Malcom in jail.

A few days later, according to the FBI's 500-page report on the killings, the Malcoms and Dorseys were riding with a white farmer when 20 to 25 white men stopped the car on the Moore's Ford bridge. The mob forced the couples out of the car, dragged them down a wagon trail about 50 yards from the bridge and shot them with pistols and shotguns. The farmer was spared.

The FBI report named 55 suspects. Brooks said he knows of two living in Walton County, and a few others still alive outside Georgia.

"This is a stain on our history, and a burden on our soul," Brooks said. "But the stain can be erased, and the burden can be lifted. The eyes of the nation shall now focus on Monroe, Georgia, just as

the eyes of the nation focused on Philadelphia, Mississippi, and Birmingham, Alabama," he said, referring to the recent prosecutions and convictions in civil-rights era slayings in those cities.

Walton County District Attorney Ken Wynne has said he understands the desire for justice, but that the case lacks sufficient witnesses and evidence.

The FBI was ordered to investigate the case in 1946 by President Harry Truman but were thwarted by lack of witnesses. Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent Fred Stephens said recently that his office is pursuing every lead it gets.

"They are sparse," he said, "but we have no doubt that there are still people in that community who have specific information about this case."

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INTERNATIONAL



Police release names of two bombing suspects

BY PATRICK QUINN

Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Police on Monday released the names of two of the four men suspected of taking part in the failed July 21 bombings and said a fifth device similar to others used in the botched attacks was found in a west London park.

Prime Minister Tony Blair apologized Monday for the police killing of a Brazilian electrician mistaken for a terrorist. Britain's police complaints commission later said the man, Jean Charles de Menezes, 27, was shot eight times.

Peter Clarke, head of the Metropolitan Police anti-terrorist branch, released new images of some of the men who tried to bomb three subway cars and a bus. He identified two of the suspects as Muktar Said Ibrahim, also known as Muktar Mohammed Said, 27, and Yasin Hassan Omar, 24.

Police also said they arrested two more suspects Monday in connection with last week's attempted attacks, bringing to five the number in custody.

Police did not release any details of the arrests, except to say they were not carried out at the home of one of the four suspected bombers being searched. A police spokeswoman, who asked not to be identified in accordance with British practice, would not say where the two were arrested.

Two other men were arrested in London's southern Stockwell neighborhood Friday and one was arrested

Saturday in nearby Tulse Hill — all "on suspicion of the commission, instigation or preparation of acts of terrorism" for the July 21 attacks, when bombs only partially detonated and no one was injured.

Clarke said one of the suspects, who was not identified but was shown in a closed-circuit TV image wearing a "New York" sweatshirt, was chased in the Oval station by "extraordinarily brave members of the public who tried to detain him." Giving them the slip, the man ran out into the Brixton neighborhood, where police found his sweatshirt.

Police believe the other unidentified man, who tried to set off a bomb near the Shepherd's Bush station, probably climbed through a window at the end of the carriage when the device failed to go off.

"He then made his way along the track for about 200-300 yards, before climbing down into back gardens and making good his escape," Clarke said.

Omar was last seen vaulting over a ticket barrier at Warren Street station and running toward the exit.

Said, wearing a white baseball cap and a shirt with a palm-tree design, was caught on camera stepping off the bus in the Hackney district.

In making his apology, Blair also defended the police for Friday's shooting.

"We are all desperately sorry for the death of an innocent person and I understand entirely the feelings of the young man's family, but we also have to understand the police are doing their job in very, very difficult circumstances," Blair

said.

"Had the circumstances been different and had this turned out to be a terrorist, and they had failed to take that action, they would have been criticized the other way."

The British Broadcasting Corp. reported that Menezes' visa had expired, suggesting this may have been why he ran from police Friday before being shot. However, Menezes' cousin said the visa was still valid.

Menezes' family on Monday threatened to take legal action.

"They have to pay for that in many ways, because if they do not, they are going to kill many people," his cousin, Alex Pereira, told BBC television. "They killed my cousin; they could kill anyone."

Menezes was followed by plainclothes officers after he left an apartment bloc in Tulse Hill that was under surveillance. Wearing a padded jacket, he boarded a bus and traveled to the nearby Stockwell subway station. According to officials, his clothing and behavior aroused the suspicions of police, who ordered him to stop.

Witnesses said Menezes ran into a subway car, where officers shot him. It was unclear why Menezes, who spoke English, did not stop.

Investigators are pursuing leads that seemed to indicate a link between the July 21 attacks and the suicide bombings two weeks earlier that killed the four bombers and 52 other people.

Police say they are looking for more suspects because investigators believe a

wide network of al-Qaida-linked operatives staged the attacks. The network could include bomb-makers and those who coached the young suicide attackers before their mission, according to police.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Ian Blair said he believed al-Qaida terrorists were involved in both attacks.

"The way in which al-Qaida operates is not a sort of classic cell structure," Ian Blair told Britain's Sky News television on Sunday. "It has facilitators, so we're looking for the bomb makers, we're looking for the chemists, we're looking for the financiers, we're looking for the people who groomed these young people, so it will be a wide network that we're trying to penetrate."

Asked if the two attacks were connected, Ian Blair said "we have no proof that they are linked, but clearly there is a pattern here."

In releasing the two suspected bombers' names, Clarke said an "initial forensic examination of the four partially detonated bombs has revealed clear similarities" with a fifth device found in west London's Little Wormwood Scrubs park. The bomb, in a dark-colored backpack, was found Saturday and blown up Sunday.

All five of the bombs were in the same type of plastic food storage container and put into dark-colored backpacks, Clarke said. He said the food containers, manufactured in India, were sold in about 100 stores around Britain, and he appealed to shopkeepers to call police if they remembered anyone buying them.

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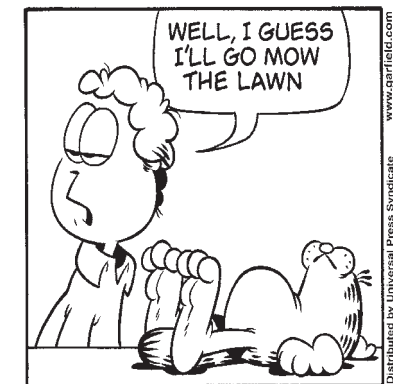
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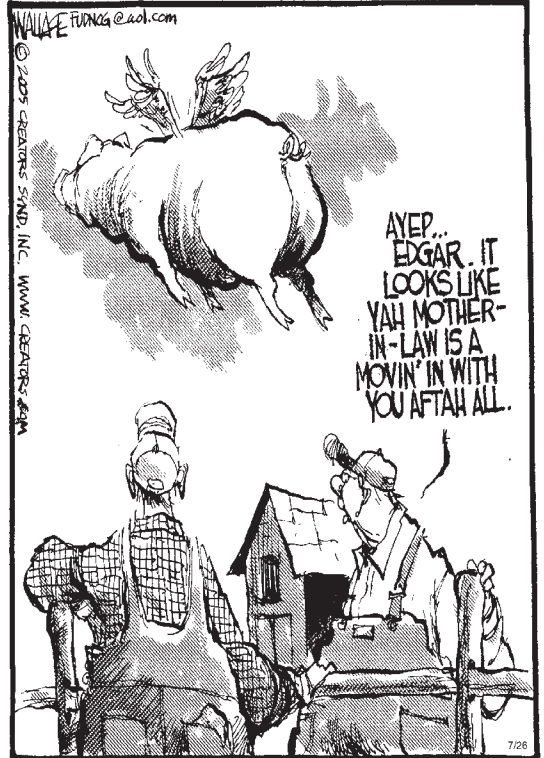


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Obituaries

Obituaries**ROSIE INEZ JONES**

ROSIE INEZ Jones, of Venice, CA was called home to be with her "Good Lord" on Sunday, July 17, 2005 at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, CA.

Rosie was born on August 31, 1930 to Fred and Dolly Mae Parker-Jones of Olyphant, Arkansas. She was the ninth of ten children.

Rosie was also an active member of the National Council of Negro Women and loved to travel yearly to the National Baptist Conventions. She saw all events as a source of pride of the black community. She also enjoyed bus trips taken with the Oakwood Senior Citizen Organization.

Servicing "The Good Lord", family, church and the community was her passion. For over 30 years she worked as a private duty nurse at local hospitals caring for the sick and elderly. Her loving touch will be greatly missed.

Rosie was a loving, caring and devoted Christian mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She is survived by her children: Richard James Carter of Venice, CA, Carlen Gwenette (Wiley) McNeal of Stockton, CA and Kinnie Arlando Wiley of Inglewood, CA; Daughter-in-Law, Laura Renee Wiley of Inglewood, CA; Grandchildren, Anthony McNeal and LaToya McNeal both of Stockton, CA, Stanley Atkins and Joshua Wiley both of Culver City, CA; great grandchildren, Jaemond McNeal, Jamari McNeal and JaNaeya McNeal all of Stockton, CA.

Rosie's family and friends will deeply miss her frequent and to the point phone calls. Her cooking will be deeply missed by her children/grandchildren and great grandchildren (Peach Cobbler were one of their favorites) and her great appreciation for how the spirit worked in her life.

On behalf of the family we would like to thank all who have sent a card, special prayer(s), flowers and words of sympathy.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, 07/26/05 at 4:00 pm at Spalding Mortuary, 3045 S. La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, CA. 90016.

Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, 07/27/05 at 10:00 am. at New Bethel Baptist Church, 503 Brooks Avenue, Venice, CA

Interment will be at Inglewood Park Cemetery, 720 East Florence Avenue, Inglewood, CA.

Repast will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 20th & Broadway, Santa Monica, CA. @ 1:00 pm.

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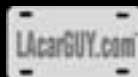
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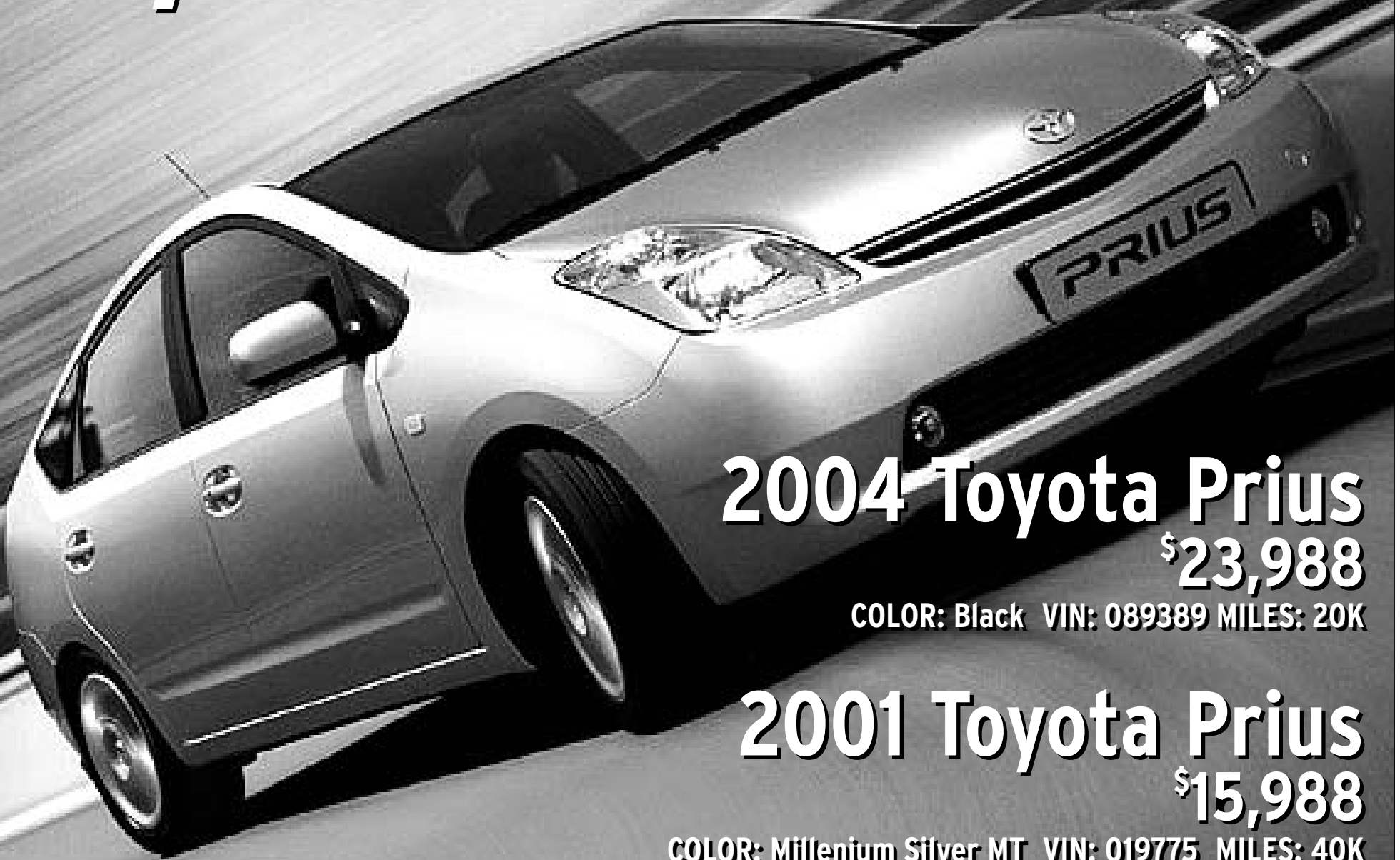
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