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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The March 1998 trial in the lawsuit by Lesli Szabo (seeking the equivalent of almost US\$2 million against a Hamilton, Ontario, hospital) started with her testimony that she deserved money because her childbirth had not been pain-free. Physicians said that painless childbirth could not be achieved without the anesthesia's endangering the child, but Szabo said she expected to be comfortable enough to be able to read or knit while the child was being delivered. She admitted to previous run-ins with physicians, explaining, "When I'm in pain, the (words) that come out of my mouth would curl your hair." (After five days of trial, the parties reached an undisclosed settlement.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

ON JULY 27, 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

■ In 1789, Congress established the Department of Foreign Affairs, the forerunner of the Department of State.

■ In 1794, French revolutionary leader Maximilien Robespierre was overthrown and placed under arrest; he was executed the following day.

■ In 1861, Union General George B. McClellan was put in command of the Army of the Potomac.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Teenagers express a burning desire to be different by dressing exactly alike.

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SMRR campaign: Candidates vying for key endorsement

By Daily Press staff

With the election season officially getting underway earlier this month, candidates for the City Council are positioning themselves.

The city's most powerful political group, Santa Monicans For Renters' Rights, at their annual convention this coming Sunday will choose three candidates to endorse for the November election.

The endorsements are important for a variety of reasons, but mostly because SMRR will raise tens of thousands of dollars for their candidates of choice, as well as bombard voters with direct mailers outlining their platforms and going door to door canvassing for them. SMRR, whose members pay \$35 annually, will probably spend between \$60,000 and \$70,000 on mailers — their most powerful election-year tool — supporting its chosen candidates this year.

SMRR was formed in 1979 out of a coalition of organizations that banded together to sponsor the local rent control law. The powerful, left-leaning group since then has spearheaded a variety of progressive local measures. In 1981, SMRR gained a majority of seats on the Santa Monica City Council. It has retained control over City Hall since then — except between 1984 and 1988, when it lost its majority. Five of the seven current council members were endorsed by SMRR.

The organization prides itself on strict environmental and recycling policies to aggressive tenant protections, new affordable housing projects and the success of the Third Street Promenade. Strict building standards put in place by SMRR have helped control growth, party officials said.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 people belong to SMRR on any given year. Before each election, SMRR mails out to targeted groups up to eight "slate" mailers, which list its endorsements on candidates and ballot measures. The cost of doing that makes it prohibitive for most independent candidates to successfully campaign against SMRR-backed opponents.

Opponents of SMRR have long worked to break the organization's

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RICHARD BLOOM



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City forking over \$900K to remain online and on time

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

By Daily Press staff

COUNCIL CHAMBERS — City Hall officials are expected to spend an estimated \$1 million tonight in attempts to clean house and bring their operations into the future.

Most of the money will go towards dusting off Santa Monica's computer software licenses and having them renewed by Dell Software and Peripherals. Meanwhile, the city's banking services contract will remain in Bank of America's basket, after the city tested the waters with several other financial institutions.

Also among the consent items on the agenda, the city will allocate grant funding towards protecting its dive team and bolstering its fight against violent criminals.

In an effort to keep the city's hands clean for the next five years, officials will agree to pay Dell Software \$903,588 to update their computer program licenses. The city is purchasing new Microsoft software licenses, upgrading old licenses and tracking them all through a web-based system.

The contract does not cover the purchase or repair of the actual computers, but the city already has \$180,717 set aside for hardware upgrades and could re-new that amount for the next four years.

City Hall will also sweep \$102,500 to Bank of America this year as part of a four-year contract with the financial institution. Bank of America has worked with the city for the past five years, and

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Brothers take their jabs at hopefuls

BY JOHN F. MULLER

Special to the Daily Press

Two and a half years ago, Gregg and Evan Spiridellis loaded all their possessions into a truck in Brooklyn and started driving. They hadn't a clue where they were headed.

On Monday, the brothers, who both work in Santa Monica, prepared for a guest appearance on Jay Leno's "Tonight Show" to talk up their wildly popular Internet political satire. Their appearance aired after speeches by leading Democrats like Bill and Hillary Clinton, Jimmy Carter and Al Gore implored Americans to support presidential challenger John Kerry at the Democratic National Convention.

Life hasn't been the same for Gregg, 33, and Evan, 30, since the launch of their hit parody at



JibJab.com — which quickly became one of the hottest sites on the 'net after the two-minute feature was first posted July 9.

Set to the tune of Woody

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ What you perceive is going on and the attachment you have to this situation might need some revising. Try to pull back and detach. Think through why someone would do what he or she has done. Understanding helps you pull a situation together. Tonight: Stretch your mind. See a good movie or read a good book.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Much could be popping up in your day that you didn't anticipate. Meetings, friends and associates appear to be masters of surprise. You need to work with someone stable who can help you realize your idea or project. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Bosses seem unpredictable. Clients act up in unusual ways. Knowing what you want helps you settle into a routine and guide your path and others to a goal. Expect some interruptions. Creativity will flow if you detach from the issues at hand. Tonight: Out with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You could be shocked by another's perspective. Maybe you need to change your thinking or see where you might be closing yourself off. Your creativity will flourish when you take off your rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Work late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Plug in your imagination and strong solution-finding skills. You might be jolted by what a partner comes up with. He or she might be refreshingly original. Together you'll find answers that previously might have been dreams. Tonight: Let off some steam.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A family member or domestic matter could come to the forefront of your thinking. You also might be considering starting a home-based business. Listen to others' opinions. You find everyone quite unique. Tonight: Head on home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Work requires creativity and flex. You might be moving around more than you had anticipated in the next few days. Others massively seek you out. Establish limits if need be. Allow your imagination to work overtime. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Although you see no problem with an emotional or financial risk, others do. Taking your time will not hurt you. You find out some surprising, if not shocking, news about a new person in your life or a loved one. Tonight: Work with facts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You are in the thick of things. Everything doesn't always revolve around you, but right now it does. Others seek you out. Flex with each situation. Touch base with your intuition and feelings. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Maintain a low profile. Be subtle when you pinch yourself. You are going to hear or see things that could be unbelievable. The situation that develops needs some research. Finances might look better than they are. Tonight: Think and reflect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your imagination comes through for you and inspires others. You zero in on a long-term goal by working with others. Recognize how much each person has to offer. Use caution with money commitments. Tonight: Celebrate life with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You surprise a boss who might need to sit back before making a comment or two. Don't push; hang out in the space. Count on your intuition to do the right thing with those in charge. If possible, take a walk by water at lunchtime. Tonight: Working again, as late as need be.

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LOCAL



Reporter's Notebook

DNC kicks off its lovefest with dancing, squid satay

Politics, positioning and partying is the name of the game at the Democratic National Convention this week.

Santa Monica Daily Press columnist Dr. Lara Brown is spending the week in the thick of it. Here, she'll give readers on the Left Coast a taste of the Beantown scene.

Saturday's arrival: The airport was papered with welcome delegate signs saying: "Boston 2004: Nothing Conventional About It." We were greeted by rosy-cheeked volunteers holding signs pointing us towards the special delegate taxi lines — it would appear that not all Democrats are equal — which carried us off to our hotels in rapid fashion.

The California Delegation is staying at the Westin Copley (pronounced COP-ly) Place hotel, across from beautiful Trinity Church and the Boston Library. Inside the lobby, which was abuzz with delegates, elected officials and party leaders, we were met with complimentary New England clam chowder and lemonade. Security is tight: Room keys and identifications are required in order to ascend the elevators. Last night, rest was the main priority given that the only real party was a media-sponsored event and several of us heard that the food they had ordered was not worth the trouble of a ticket. The party is just getting started.

Sunday starters: The California Delegation held their early evening welcoming reception at the Franklin Park Zoo. It was a tented affair aglow with vibrant hues and a diverse crowd. Most delegates were a bit hesitant to try the grilled squid satay and the coconut-carrot puree soup, which was served in plastic shot glasses. That being said, the rest of the Asian-French fusion food was tasty and fulfilling. There was a lot of excited banter and most couldn't wait to get to the next party — which if you haven't been to a Convention — that is all you ever talk about at the party you are at because no one ever

has tickets for all the parties and everyone is simply trying to improve their status by getting an invited to the next event. Some VIPs in attendance: California Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres, Los Angeles Councilmembers Antonio Villaraigosa and Wendy Greuel, Boston Mayor Tom Menino, and former Democratic governors Gray Davis (Calif.) and Michael Dukakis (Mass.).

Another notable party ... a private dinner hosted by Los Angeles City Council President Alex Padilla and Boston City Council President Michael Flaherty at Grill 23. In a back room that seated about 50, there was a mix of California and Massachusetts elected officials, delegates, and business representatives from each state. Enjoying some of the best food in Boston — crab cakes, seared ahi tuna, and flourless chocolate cake. Conversation ranged from comparing the Sox-Yankees rivalry to the Giants-Dodger competition to the differences in the geography between San Francisco and Boston. We were briefly graced by the presence of U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein who came in and spoke a few words, and introduced her charming husband Dick Blum. Some other VIPs in attendance: Los Angeles Councilmembers Bernard Parks, Antonio Villaraigosa, Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo and San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera.

Late night was the Blue Dog Coalition (Conservative Democrats) event at the Roxbury Nightclub. Pulsating southern rock and gospel sounds emanated from the stage as excited Democrats, giant prawns and chicken wings circled around the room. Some attempted dancing though that was a sorry undertaking — politicians are not the most hip of folks — others kept to conversing in dark corners of the room. Great fun was had by all. VIPs were ushered upstairs, so it was difficult to corner many electeds, or even in the dark get a good look at who was whom.

'MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES'

Josh Needle is this week's mystery photo winner. Needle accurately described that this photo is in the alley behind the Third Street Promenade, between Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway. Needle has won a gift certificate to Nawab, an Indian restaurant on Wilshire Boulevard. Check out this weekend's edition for the next mystery photo.



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MONDAY	10:11	2.4	N/A	N/A	6:00	3.1	5:13	5.7
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The QLine

A Santa Monica judge recently agreed to release to the public a 914-page police report that details the events surrounding the July 16, 2003 Farmers' Market tragedy in Santa Monica.

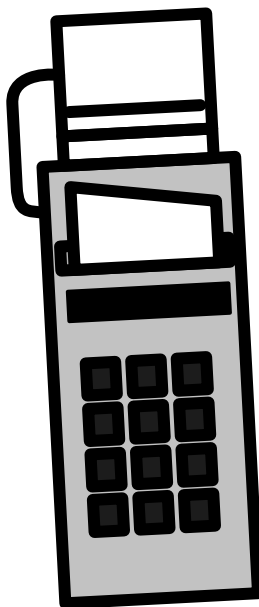
Criminal lawyers — those who are prosecuting 87-year-old Russell Weller, who killed 10 people and injured 63 others — as well as his defense attorneys, argued the report should be sealed in an effort to give him a fair trial.

But the First Amendment won out and the judge ordered that the report be made public.

However, Weller's statements, as well as his those of his wife, remain sealed.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Do you agree with the judge's decision to keep Weller's statements private? If you were a juror, would it change how you looked at the case?"

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OPINION



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We all have ability to shape the world

Editor:

One of the most important acts a United States citizen can do is vote. The Presidential election of 2000 came down to 537 votes, meaning one active citizen with a few phone calls and a few e-mails can change the world.

Some elections are not that exciting and voting for deputy assistant dog catcher is not a high priority for most voters. However, given the importance of the Presidential election this November, I urge every American to come out and vote this year.

I hope our citizenry can take it one step further and get more involved in the process. The next time you are at the post office, grab a few "Register to Vote" forms. When you get home, go to your friends and neighbors and register them to vote.

Additionally, you could send out an e-mail to everyone in your address book, asking them if they are registered to vote. The forms are available at <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/voterreg1.html>.

Since the American Revolution in 1776, millions of men and women have laid down their lives to protect the right "We the People" have to choose our elected officials. Participation in our democracy is critical to ensure our government is accountable.

State laws differ on when an individual can register to be eligible to vote in a particular election. In California, we have 15 days before the election to register.

So I urge everyone to get involved as soon as possible. Register to vote and register your friends and neighbors as well. It is your civic duty. One person can make a difference. One person can change the world.

George Christopher Thomas
Agoura Hills

Show me the money

Editor:

In every story in which he is mentioned, the SMDP invariably takes care to note that Santa Monica City Council Member Mike "Where's The Green" Feinstein declined an opportunity to comment. After all this time of no communication, it would be only natural to assume that Mr. Feinstein has a grudge against the SMDP. As the significant reportage of the alleged conversion of \$10,000 of Green Party funds enters a third year, you are no doubt heartened to realize that it is not a personal vendetta. Mr. Feinstein won't even provide his own Green Party membership with the answer to the oft-repeated query: "Mike, where's the Green?"

Bob Abernethy
Santa Monica

'Red Neck Riviera'?

Editor:

This writing is in regards to the recent Ron Scott Smith column (SMDP, July 22, page 4) concerning the Linda Ronstadt debacle at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas. What would you expect from a concert place full of Bush loyalists. Maybe the Aladdin Hotel should change its name to the "Red Neck Riviera."

Fred Zimmerman
Canoga Park

Poll party: Come one, come all on Election Day

DOSE OF REALITY
BY MATTHEW GLASSER

Everybody sing along: "It's the most wonderful time of the year ... With candidates running and neighborhoods voting ... It's the most wonderful time of the year."

That's right, everyone. It's election time. Since we all know what happens when elections go south — as in South Florida — I thought we should establish some important election rules right off the bat. Follow these guidelines and everything will go smoothly in November. Ignore them and I shutter to think what might happen.

1. You are not allowed to vote for a candidate simply because a special interest group tells you to. Now this can be confusing. Special interest groups come in all shapes and sizes. Some of them use acronyms instead of names and others claim to represent your interests. But these groups have their own agendas and they may or may not have your best interests in mind. Feel free to read their recommendations and attend their events. But you should always question their motivations and then determine for yourself if the candidates they are recommending are the best choices for your particular issues and concerns.
2. You may not vote for a candidate simply because you recognize their name. Incumbents have many advantages when running for reelection. One of the biggest advantages is name recognition. Studies show that many people vote for an incumbent simply because they recognize their name. Other's vote for the incumbent because they assume they are the best qualified for the position since they already won a previous election. Now our incumbent politicians may indeed deserve another term. And they may be the most qualified for the position. But make them prove it to you before you give them another vote.
3. If you don't know anything about the candidates and haven't reviewed the available election material, don't vote. I know what you are going to say. This is America and every vote is precious. But in the words of Gore Vidal, "Half of the American people have never read a newspaper. Half never voted for President. One hopes it is the same half." In other words, every educated vote is precious. Living in a democracy is a privilege and it requires work. If you don't take the time to educate yourself on the issues and the candidates,

- you don't deserve the privilege of voting.
4. You are going to get all kinds of mailers. Some of them will be bigger than a breadbox and others will be slick and colorful. Please take note. A nice mailer does not mean the candidate is the best choice for the office. It only means that the candidate has money and a good campaign consultant. Read the mailers, but consider the source. If the mailer comes from a candidate, it's going to explain why the candidate walks on water and why their rivals pollute it. If it comes from an interest group, remember that they have an agenda and are not obligated to tell the whole truth when publishing a mailer. While they don't necessarily lie about certain candidates, they selectively pick and choose the facts they wish to present. And an omission of an important fact can be as misleading as a lie.
 5. While I am on the topic of fancy mailers, let's talk about the issue of money. As you probably know, running for elected office requires money. Some of the candidates will have money and others will work for food and votes. Remember, it's always easier for incumbents to raise money. Individuals and companies are eager to give money to the campaigns of current politicians in order to gain favor with those folks. Since most incumbents win reelection, giving money to their campaign is usually a good investment in the future. You never know when you'll need a favor or a phone call returned. But it's important that you don't equate money with political success or a candidate's qualifications. Just because a candidate has raised a lot of money and can afford fancy mailers, does not mean you want to keep them in office. Some of the best legislators in United States history came from humble backgrounds with few financial resources to support their campaigns. Go to a candidate forum, read about the candidates in the paper, and get to know the less known names. You might just find a diamond in the rough.
 6. Vote! After you go through the effort of following all of these important rules, why would you skip Election Day? It's downright pathetic how few of us vote in each election. It's an embarrassment to our democracy. Do something about it. Organize a vote party and get your friends together. All of you can walk to the polling place and vote at the same time. Then you can go home, drink beer, eat barbeque and watch the election returns. Trust me. You'll be glad you are an American.

(Matthew Glasser can be reached at mediamattthew@yahoo.com.)

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OPINION



Genser shouldn't throw stones at glass houses

LEGAL NEWS & VIEWS

BY DAVID PISARRA



The life of a politician is a hard one, to be sure. They must seek to appeal to all people on as many topics, at all levels of the socio-economic ladder as possible. They are subject to attack for everything they say and do — the clothes they wear, the cars they drive, the type of food they eat are all the topics of a well-informed electorate. The politicians of this world seek at all times to be all things to all people. It happens on the local level, on the state and, certainly, at the federal level.

I find it repulsive in all of them.

Two weeks ago, I urged people to come and speak to the council regarding a proposed ordinance on zoning in the city, and the permitting process. It was a joint session with the Planning Commission. It started an hour later than the agenda called for, which gave me time to speak with some of the other participants.

City Council Candidate Jerry Peace Activist Rubin was there, as usual, and we had an interesting conversation about the council's practice of holding their closed sessions with legal counsel prior to the meeting. He suggested that they have it on a separate day, or at a different time, rather than have all the citizens who wish to partake in the process come to the council, then have to wait around for them to finish their 'closed session' business, which can be 20 minutes or two hours.

Frankly, it is a great suggestion. Since it is a closed session, there is no reason apparent to me, why they don't move their closed session to a different time. This would allow the public meeting to begin on time, and perhaps that would alleviate the need for the long meetings which are the subject of a lawsuit by sitting council members Katz and Holbrook against the City of Santa Monica.

As I listened to the council, though, as they rambled on, and on and on, and forgot why they had to act that night, and then rambled on some more, I was struck with the level of pandering to their bases that goes on by some members of the council.

Base maintenance is a common practice among politicians. To define it simply, it is the practice of saying what you think people want to hear, to make them like you. It is people-pleasing and it is repugnant.

All politicians likely engage in it at some time. President Bush, for example, does it on a regular basis, anytime he takes a position he is pandering to the fundamentalist Christian right — his base.

On our city council we have members who take extreme and unintelligible positions, solely to appeal to the extremes of our society. At least, I hope that is what they are doing. If they really believe some of the things they say, I think we would be in far worse shape.

For example, Councilman Ken 'No-Growth' Genser, actually said that someone who wanted to build a structure that "was, frankly, ugly" should not be allowed. He came out against "gingerbread" trim on homes to make his point that the Architectural Review Board should have the right to review a proposed home design.

Well, frankly, I'd like to know where a public figure who dresses the way he does, has the right to pass on my aesthetic tastes. I have no quarrel with his description of some unknown building being ugly. That is a matter of opinion, and they are like noses — everyone has one. He is entitled to his opinions that something is ugly. Where I draw the line with him, however, is his pontificating that such a structure should not be built, solely because it is "ugly" in his opinion. Who is he to decide what should or should not be built? If a structure is built to state building codes, it should be allowed. In a city where a teardown can cost over \$750,000, the owners should be allowed to build whatever they want so long as it is safe.

Mr. Genser is representing the Santa Monica community at large, not the world of design and aesthetics. His job, for the last 16 years, is to make laws that are fair to everyone. He is not the arbiter of good taste and design. That's a different position and, last I heard, she got five months in prison and five months house arrest and her television show continues to do well in the ratings.

If Mr. Genser wishes to pass judgment on the design of my home, so be it, but then I want to pass judgment on his shoes, his pants, his shirts, his health regimen and his grooming. If he wants to control what I, or any other builder, do in this city, then I want to control how he appears to the world.

I think it's a fair trade. He can control the building design on my piece of land, and I'll control his life, what he eats, who he is seen with, what car he drives and where he shops. Then let's see how much he likes to be controlled.

Somehow, I think he won't be taking me up on that deal.

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

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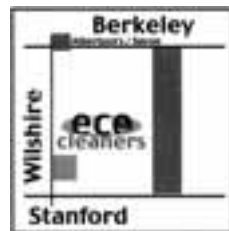


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Candidates weigh in on all things Santa Monica

SMRR, from page 1

stronghold on local politics, saying the progressive group doesn't respond to resident and business complaints about homelessness, traffic and City Hall bureaucracy, among other issues. That's why several political action committees have been formed — to prop up their own candidates and seek to toss out the SMRR-controlled City Council. None of the PACs have endorsed candidates yet, but are expected to by September.

More than 30 people have pulled nomination papers to run for City Council and about half of them are expected to seriously campaign for one of four seats open. Five hopefuls will be vying for SMRR's City Council endorsements, three of whom are incumbents. They are current Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom; City Councilman Ken Genser and Councilman Mike Feinstein; Patricia Hoffman and Maria Loya.

They met with SMRR leaders this past weekend and were asked their views on the state of the city and where they plan to take it if they were elected.

Here the Daily Press asked the candidates to tell residents why they are interested in the SMRR endorsement:

1. Why are you seeking the SMRR endorsement? Why do you think it's important?

2. What do you believe SMRR stands for and how is that aligned with your political beliefs?

3. What do you believe are the top three most important issues facing Santa Monica? How will you specifically address them?

4. With many forces aligning to challenge the SMRR platform, how will you respond to the entire Santa Monica population and its concerns?

RICHARD BLOOM:

Question 1:

SMRR's endorsement means that Santa Monica's premier advocacy organization trusts a candidate to protect tenants and affordability — and much, much more. SMRR has always represented a broad cross-section of Santa Monicans in a democratically run process, in which hundreds of residents participate. As a result, the SMRR platform addresses all of the major issues in our city. The SMRR platform also largely reflects my own personal values. Daily Press readers may wish to see the platform for themselves at www.smrr.org.

Question 2:

SMRR stands for public participation in local government, strong neighborhoods, maintaining an affordable community, support for public education, environmentalism ... and the list goes on. While the SMRR platform reflects my beliefs, I believe that as mayor, one of my most important, and difficult jobs is to try to find common ground. Some residents are not SMRR members — though they are welcome to join. All should know that SMRR's platform encourages broad community participation, including opposing viewpoints. This is one of the many reasons why I believe the organization maintains high credibility and success in our community.

Question 3:

The overriding issue in Santa Monica

continues to be maintaining a great quality of life. The city has begun the process of reviewing its master plan which will provide a critical roadmap for the future of the city. We need to continue to work locally and regionally to improve our transportation system to relieve traffic and parking problems.

Homelessness continues to impact our community and I am committed to making sure that an appropriate regional approach is implemented. I'm proud of my record on parks and have presided over an unprecedented rehab and expansion of our park system. Excellent public education is vital. I spearheaded the effort to double our contribution to our school district. My activism on these issues will continue. There are many other important issues in our great city. Some of them are not citywide, but are extremely important to those who are impacted. For example, we need to fairly revise our approach on hedge heights, we need to work harder still to eliminate jet traffic at Santa Monica airport and to more effectively address issues in the Pico Neighborhood.

Question 4:

I do not believe in the "SMRR vs. the world" paradigm. SMRR is certainly an important factor in Santa Monica politics. However, important as it is, SMRR is not the only meaningful endorsement. I believe voters understand this and use all endorsements as a guide. Frankly, I believe there are groups who will seek to limit the voice of the broad base of Santa Monica residents. For example, it is hard to imagine that the chamber of commerce, whose PAC will likely spend huge sums of money to affect the outcome of the election, is interested in anything more than fostering a development bonanza in Santa Monica. This, in spite of residents' clear opposition to non-sustainable growth. As mayor, I am proud to have facilitated and listened to a broad public debate. I am seeking re-election so that the voice of every Santa Monican will continue to be heard.

MICHAEL FEINSTEIN:

Questions 1, 2 and 4:

As with my previous two campaigns, I plan to seek endorsement from groups and organizations with which I share common goals and objectives.

SMRR has a very positive platform that I support, on quality-of-life issues for our community like housing, environment, education and social services.

Twice before SMRR has endorsed my candidacy. I am forever grateful for that support, because those endorsements have played an essential role in my having the opportunity to serve our entire community. This year, I will again place my faith in the SMRR grassroots membership and seek their support.

I will also continue to listen to and learn from all parts of our community. I've enjoyed broad-based support across political lines in the past, because people appreciate the independent, common sense role I've played on the council. For example, in my successful 2000 campaign, I received the endorsements of a dozen groups and organizations.

Looking forward, I remain committed to being an effective councilmember for all Santa Monicans, as we strive to work in partnership to maintain this unique and

beautiful place we call home.

Question 3:

All issues are important. Which issues stand out vary day to day, person to person.

Our community suffers from a chronic shortage of parks, fields and open space. I will continue to successfully champion the direct purchase of land for open space by the city, and will pursue new interagency cooperation to create even more land acquisition opportunities.

On traffic, parking and development, I've consistently opposed large-scale, inappropriate, traffic-generating developments in our community. I've successfully advocated for increased public transit, more walkable neighborhoods, adequate parking in our commercial districts, and reducing unnecessary commutes by promoting jobs/housing balance and community-serving small business.

As we head into the first update of our city's general plan in over 20 years, I also believe there is an intangible called "community character" that we must preserve, while at the same time welcoming and positively channeling inevitable change.

That includes maintaining safe, friendly neighborhoods of appropriate scale. It includes maintaining what is left of the small-town, beach community atmosphere that brought so many of us here. It includes open and responsive government, where people feel pride and ownership of their civic life. And it includes the ability of youth and families to remain here and thrive.

KEN GENSER:

Question 1:

I am seeking the SMRR endorsement because it validates my commitment to the protection of rent control, more affordable housing, funding for education, and overall, a more livable community. For over 25 years, SMRR has fought for renters' — and all residents' rights. A SMRR endorsement is important because voters recognize SMRR as an organization with a purpose, a history and a track record of advancing the interests of the residents of Santa Monica.

Question 2:

As a democratic organization, SMRR has a comprehensive platform adopted by its members. It reflects the values of most residents of Santa Monica. It includes policies that call for the preservation and expansion of affordable housing opportunities, enhanced support for public education, safeguarding our environment, protecting our residential neighborhoods from the impacts of commercial development, public participation in municipal decisions, and, of course, defending renters' rights. I support the platform and will continue to work to implement these community values.

Question 3:

Limiting the list of issues that are important to our community is not easy; issues that are significant to some are less significant to others. I consider the following three issues as among the most important:

■ **Land use:** The city is embarking on rewriting its General Plan and zoning laws. We must be sure to maintain a livable scale, provide opportunities for more

affordable housing, create more parks, protect neighborhoods from overflow traffic and parking, and ensure that the public has meaningful input in project approvals and future land use decisions.

■ **Education:** The city has significantly enhanced its funding for public education. Unfortunately, the state has not lived up to its responsibilities, so we have further to go. As a community, we must work to provide our public schools with the funds necessary to properly educate our youth.

■ **Public behavior:** Anti-social behavior by some individuals in our community is once again becoming a more significant problem. We must not confuse this with homelessness, as most homeless individuals are law-abiding. We have the policies in place to prohibit the behavior that most of us find offensive. We must redouble our efforts to enforce them.

We must make it absolutely clear that everyone in our city must conduct themselves appropriately in our civic spaces.

Question 4:

The voters of Santa Monica are intelligent and sophisticated, and are able to tell the difference between well-reasoned policy and empty rhetoric.

They understand that there are no simple solutions to the issues that face us. I will continue to be straightforward in expressing my beliefs and explaining my reasons for them. I trust the voters to respond accordingly.

PATRICIA HOFFMAN:

Question 1:

SMRR is a progressive organization with a strong platform and a commitment to the people of Santa Monica. I have been part of the organization for more than 20 years.

The original vision that SMRR had for the city was one where tenants could feel safe and secure in their homes in the same way that homeowners could. This vision evolved into a platform that slowed down the massive development of Santa Monica, supported the schools, recognized neighborhood needs, restored and expanded our parks and expanded social service programs for children, families and seniors, and encompassed award winning environmental programs.

The SMRR endorsement is especially important because it is given following an open democratic process that involves hundreds of politically active members.

Question 2:

SMRR continues to recognize the needs of the people who live and work in our city. The SMRR platform is online at smrr.org. My political beliefs are very aligned with the SMRR platform. It is a broad guide to a caring community.

There are disagreements on implementation strategies and priorities. There is not agreement on questions such as how much growth is too much. And there has never been an expectation of lock-step loyalty within the organization. Because of these things, SMRR is a flexible organization that evolves and changes to meet the needs of the community without losing its core values.

Question 3:

Councilmembers work on so many issues within the city, it is hard to identify

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LOCAL



Council digs down deep to help law enforcement

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after evaluating proposals from nine other banks, City Hall officials are sticking to a successfully tested service.

The new contract will go into effect after the Sept. 30 expiration date of the old agreement. The five-year agreement could be extended to as many as nine years if the city uses its option to renew in five years. The cost of the services will be re-evaluated on a yearly basis.

Santa Monica will also receive \$50,121 in federal grant money to be soaked up for local law enforcement, as long as the city matches 10 percent of the money. City Hall recommends \$26,846 of the grant money and \$2,685 of the city's matching funds be used to buy eight new Viking Pro 100 dry suits for the Police Harbor Unit

dive team. Because the divers spend a concentrated amount of time in the water, even when water pollution advisories are in effect, the suits will serve to protect them from the bacteria in the Santa Monica Bay that could cause respiratory, digestive and skin diseases.

The remaining \$28,844 of the grant and \$2,884 of the city's money will fund DNA and advanced forensic services to help wipe away violent criminals. The DNA and forensic services provide detectives with an important evidence tool in their investigation of violent crimes.

Residents in the 1300, 1400 and 1500 blocks of Fifth Street and 500 block of Broadway could find themselves neighboring with the city some time soon. City Hall is considering the purchase of 11 properties on Fifth Street and Broadway,

and after tonight, officials will be able to explore and possibly negotiate a contract for the properties.

If purchased, the plots could be used for temporary parking while three downtown parking structures are demolished and replaced with fresh new lots. The final cost of buying the properties will be released if and when City Hall strikes a deal.

City Council is also expected to oppose a bill that could give the families of firefighters more time to file a claim for work-related death benefits. Currently, families of Santa Monica's firefighters are able to file a claim for benefits if the firefighter died within 240 weeks of being injured. Under the proposed bill, however, the families would be able to hold the city liable 10, 20, or even 30 years after the

fireman retired or was exposed to a fire.

City Hall wants the bill dumped because it wouldn't be realistic to investigate the cause of death so many years after retirement or any injuries. If the legislation is passed, the city will face an immeasurable and costs that could effect other resources.

The council will also officially bid farewell to one of the city's furriest police officers, Carlo, who has helped eradicate many a felon from the city streets.

Carlo will be retired tonight after serving Santa Monica faithfully for 8 1/2 years. One of Santa Monica's best friends has helped in many felony arrests here as well as in other cities. Carlo, 12, will go home with his best friend — Officer Mario Toti — and from now on, he'll only be seen off duty.

Satirical film is an equal opportunity offender

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Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land," the cartoon is equally insulting to President George W. Bush and Kerry, each of whom takes verbal shots at the other and takes time to dance vaudevillian softshoe to the familiar refrain of "this land will surely vote for me."

Produced in a warehouse on Berkeley Street, the site registered 5 million hits in the week after the parody first appeared and 3.7 million last Friday alone. The intense interest has resulted in intermittent server crashes and a lot of sleepless nights for the Spiridellis brothers.

"It's been absolute insanity," said Evan Spiridellis, who does the animation for the pair's films. "We've been doing this for

five years, and all of a sudden the phones are ringing off the hook. We've got 30,000 e-mails and we're just two guys in a warehouse."

The two candidates-turned-animated-cutout-figures stop at nothing in the short. The animated Bush calls Kerry a "liberal wiener" who offers flip-flops instead of tax breaks. The cartoon Kerry calls Bush a "right-wing nut job" who's "dumb as a door knob" and reminds viewers on multiple occasions that he's won three purple hearts.

"We had no political agenda in making this piece," Evan Spiridellis said. "It was just to try to bring some comedy to a very nasty political season. Maybe that's why it spread so far. It is so nasty. Maybe everybody just needed a little laugh."

The site sure has spread far. Parts of "This Land" have appeared on NBC's "Today Show," CBS's "Early Show," the "NBC Nightly News," Fox News and CNBC.

"We never expected this kind of response," Evan Spiridellis said. "We always were trying to get something out there ... it hasn't quite sunk in yet."

The brothers have been up day and night for much of the past three weeks, eating whatever has been available and drinking lots of coffee. Evan Spiridellis said they have been trying to read each of the responses that have been pouring in, but it hasn't been easy even keeping the site together.

"Our tech guy had gotten a real job," he said. "He had just moved to Florida, but we flew him out here on a red-eye (flight) after we were on the 'Today Show.' He was buying a house."

JibJab Media does contract work for Disney, Cartoon Network, USA Networks and Sony, among other companies. The Spiridellis brothers launched it from a garage in Brooklyn in 1999, shortly after they were drawn to Internet animation in 1998 by a vulgar online cartoon. At the time, Gregg Spiridellis was an MBA stu-

dent at the Wharton School of Business and Evan Spiridellis was an accomplished independent animator. Since then, the two have also published numerous children's books, including their best-selling debut, "Are You Grumpy, Santa," which portrays Santa on a terrible day.

"Basically, we looked at the technology and thought, every new technology offers new opportunities," Evan Spiridellis said. "When you look at the Disney brothers, their big break was putting in sound. Jim Henson looked at a TV and thought of puppets. New technology opens new channels. We thought the Internet would be that for us."

The brothers plan to work on an animated feature film after things die down, but viewers keep on coming. So far, the response has been hugely positive across the board, Evan Spiridellis said.

"One guy said, 'I'm a liberal wiener, my dad is a right-wing nut job, and when we saw the movie together we laughed and talked politics with a smile for a first time in years,'" he said. "And within the office environment, we've gotten a lot of e-mails saying that all the right-wing conservatives and left-wing liberals watched it and were laughing together."

Candidates answer bell

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only three that are the most important.

I will start with growth and development issues. The next Council will be updating the Land Use and Circulation element. This is going to set the standards by which we will grow for the next 10 to 20 years. I would want to ensure extensive public discussion and review before synthesizing a plan based on community input and sound planning principles. Also, under this umbrella, we need to work with the Planning Department on improving efficiency in the delivery of services. The processes need to be more user-friendly. Enforcement should focus on some of the more egregious violations. Implementing the Matrix recommendations is a good first step.

Second, we need to address the issues of housing and homelessness in our community. Homelessness is a national disgrace that is a result of Johnson's "War on Poverty" morphing into the Bushes' War on the Poor. I would like to follow the example of the large cities that are taking a multifaceted approach, such as those in New York, San Francisco and the most recent addition, "Bring LA Home." Housing, social services and work programs are part of this approach. We need job training and livable wages in addition to the safety nets of child care and health care that were once a larger part of the federal and state budgets.

Finally, it is my belief that education

affects all other city issues. It enables people to participate in civic life, and enhances the desirability of Santa Monica as a place to live. Education is a key issue facing not just the School Board, but the entire community. I will tend to education and the other quality of life issues that we cherish; clean air and water, the Big Blue Bus, first-rate schools and college, public art and cultural opportunities, parks, beaches and open space, public safety and neighborhood serving businesses. I would continue to focus the city resources on these issues as well as try to develop partnerships with other agencies.

Question 4:

I work with many different groups of people in Santa Monica. I am a homeowner and a former business owner. I listen well and am a team player who will work with others to solve problems. I have demonstrated active leadership in our community including two years as president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education. I am a vice-president of the Bayside Board of Directors and a member of the Financial Oversight Committee and the Intercultural Committee of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. I have a history as a consensus builder and will continue to work to bring disparate parts of our community together.

MARIA LOYA:

Did not respond to the Daily Press questionnaire.

SMPD nabs trio for robberies

By Daily Press staff

Late Sunday night, Santa Monica police arrested three suspects in connection with a string of street robberies that began only 46 minutes earlier.

Astin Michael Alexander-Harris, 19, was arrested along with another male and female, both under 18, at around 11:46 p.m. The three were taken into custody after police saw them on the 3300 block of Pico Boulevard in a stolen

car reportedly used in the robberies.

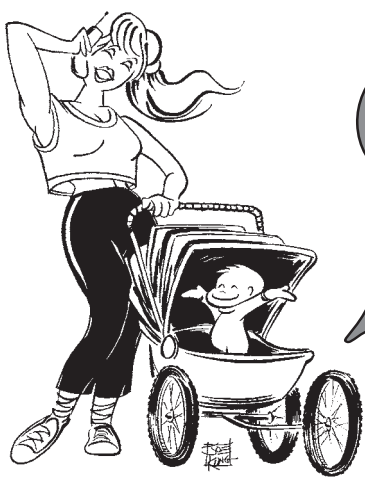
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GUEST COMMENTARY BY BARBARA BISHOP/JULIE WATT

The hospital of choice for three generations of moms

SANTA MONICA — When Marti White was born at Saint John's Health Center, she had the distinction of being one half of the largest set of twins ever delivered at the hospital. In turn, Marti chose Saint John's as the hospital where she would deliver her daughter Hilary.

"I knew my mother had gotten great care during a difficult pregnancy," she said. "Even though I wasn't pregnant with twins, I felt really good knowing the experts at Saint John's would be there for me when my time came."

Saint John's was also the hospital of choice for Hilary — who was expecting twins.

"Twins run in the family," recalled Hilary. "Saint John's was the best hospital for me. I knew the care would be unsurpassed. And with the new Women's Health Center opening this fall, I tell all of my friends that they will get the same personal care and excellent nursing as I did and they will be delivering in a state-of-the-art facility."

Hilary now has two beautiful baby girls, but her pregnancy was difficult.

"I remember talking to my doctor long before my husband and I even started to conceive, and she ran through some of the difficulties you can have while carrying twins," she said. "It didn't stop us from wanting a baby, but it did make me think long and hard about the importance of good medical care."

Early in her pregnancy, Hilary was diagnosed with gestational diabetes and warned to regulate her diet and stay off of her feet.

"The diabetes was hard," she said, "but my doctor and all of the staff at Saint John's gave me lots of support and took wonderful care of me. Thanks to them, I carried my babies until their due date."

When the new Inpatient Pavilion opens this fall, the entire fourth floor will be devoted to women's health care. In addition to 12 birthing suites, two dedicated operating rooms for Caesarian deliveries, a beautiful newborn nursery and a state-of-the-art neonatal intensive care unit, the Women's Health Center will feature a complete array of Perinatology Services.

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Movies for Moms!
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Storytelling

Main Library

Toddler Storytime at Reed Park; 10:00 & 10:30 a.m. thru August 17. For 2 year olds with adult.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Cuentos Para Pequeños – 10:00 a.m., June 22 – Aug. 10. Six-week series in Spanish for 24 – 36 month olds with adult.
Lap Time – 11:00 a.m, June 22 – Aug. 10. Six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant and Family Support Programs.
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Toddler Storytime, 10:00 and 10:30. Music, rhymes and stories for 24-36 month olds with adult. Next session is July 27 – Aug. 31, required registration begins July 14th.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis
 Themes change weekly; for ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove
 Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Summer Activity Programs at the Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.
 Tuesdays thru August 10th at 2:30 p.m. (no program Aug. 3rd). Programs are approximately 45 minutes, appropriate for ages 4 and up.

Yoga & Exercise
Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA
 10:00 – 11:00 a.m and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Thursday nights 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) 393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.
Itsy-Bitsy Yoga at Ocean Oasis Day Spa, 1333 Ocean Ave.
 Tots (crawling to 24 months) – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.; Babies (6 wks. to pre-crawling) – 11:30 – 12:30 a.m. On-going 6-week series; \$120. Pre-register at 458-8190; visit www.khefri.net for more info or contact khefri@earthlink.net.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd, at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-826-5774 - no pre-reg required, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter.

Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling
The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052
 10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m., June 23 – Aug. 11; six-week series for 3-5 year olds with adult.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Lap Time - 10:00 & 10:30 a.m., for children ages 0-2. Next session begins July 21st.
 Toddler Story Time – 11:15 a.m., for 2 year olds. Next session begins July 21st.
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.

Summer Activity Programs at the Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St.
 Wednesday, July 28th at 2:30 and 3:00 p.m. Tickets are required and must be picked up on day of program.
 July 28th – “Comic Cowhands” – stories and puppet show with Mr. Jessie and Lester, ages 3 –7.

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$15
Ocean Oasis Day Spa, 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190. Pre/Post Natal Yoga/Gentle Flow – 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Private sessions available; call Kate Thomas, RN – 408-1717

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

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

THURSDAY

Storytelling
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
 10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Main Library – Reed Park
 Toddler Storytime at Reed Park; 10:00 a.m.; thru Aug. 19th. For 2 year olds with adult.
Preschool Story Time at Reed Park; 10:30 a.m.; thru Aug. 19th. For ages 3-5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Toddler Story Time – 10:30 a.m; June 24 – Aug. 12; for ages 2 –3.
La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m., for 2 year olds.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; for 3-5 year olds.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Lap Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. ,next session July 8 – Aug. 12. 6-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by SMMUSD Infant & Family Support Program.

Yoga & Exercise
Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA
 7:30 – 8:30 p.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Tuesdays at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) 393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.
 Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd, at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-826-5774 - no pre-reg required, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Other
Twilight Dance Series thru Sept. 2 – free concert on the Santa Monica Pier. 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

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. (next meeting May 14)

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45 p.m., \$15.
 Ocean Oasis Day Spa, 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190. Pre/Post Natal Yoga/Gentle Flow – 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.; Yoga for Fitness – noon – 1 p.m Private sessions

available; call Kate Thomas, RN – 408-1717
Prenatal Breath and Movement – a Continuum Movement and Yoga-based program designed to support women through various sound and movement explorations that celebrate pregnancy and labor as powerful rites of passage. 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
 With Deborah Raoult at the Continuum Studio, 1629 18th St., #7. For more info call 625-3739, www.openskymovement.com. \$108 for a six-week session.

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.

Yoga & Exercise
Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. 1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicaayoga.com
Mommy Care – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd. at the Dance Factory, West LA, 394-6711; Pregnancy Exercise – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Ocean Oasis Day Spa, 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190. Pre/Post Natal Yoga/Gentle Flow – 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.; Yoga for Fitness – noon – 1 p.m. Private sessions available; call Kate Thomas, RN – 408-1717

Other
Snowwhite, a brand new musical for kids of all ages, at the Santa Monica Playhouse
 Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m. thru Sept. 26, \$12 adults, \$10 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 1 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
Family Fundays at the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum (also Sundays)
 Ages 4 and up, 11:00 a.m., \$8, 1419 N. Topanga Blvd., Topanga Canyon, 310-455-3723.

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

SUNDAY

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 Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m. thru Sept. 26, \$12 adults, \$10 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 1 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com
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
Magicopolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
Family Fundays at the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum (also Saturdays)
 Ages 4 and up, 11:00 a.m., \$8, 1419 N. Topanga Blvd., Topanga Canyon, 310-455-3723.

MONDAY

Storytelling
Main Library – Lap Time at Joslyn Park, 9:30 a.m., thru July 26th. Ages 0-24 months with adult in conjunction with the Infant and Family Support program of SMMUSD.
“Family Connections” is on summer break. Check back here for the fall start-up date.
 Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804.
“Spanish for Little Ones”, 11:15 a.m., next session is July 12 – August 16.
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Toddler Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

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

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$15
 Yoga Garden, - Restorative yoga for pre/postnatal – 6:30 p.m., 310-450-0133. www.yogagardenstudios.com
Ocean Oasis Day Spa, 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190. Pre/Post Natal Yoga/Gentle Flow – 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.; Yoga for Fitness – noon – 1 p.m. Private sessions available; call Kate Thomas, RN – 408-1717

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SF Mayor conspicuously absent from DNC dais

BY BETH FOUHY
AP Political Writer

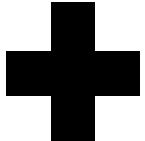
BOSTON — In many ways, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom’s schedule at the Democratic National Convention befits an ambitious young politician on the move — by day, he tours Boston’s low-income housing projects and by night, he’s honored at celebrity-laden parties. But since gaining notoriety last February as the nation’s most prominent crusader for same-sex marriage, there’s one conspicuous place Newsom won’t be seen this week: at the podium, addressing the convention. “Unless there’s an outbreak of the flu or something, and they’re desperately searching for someone,” Newsom said with a laugh. It’s an interesting turn of events for the 36-year-old Newsom, whose combination of glamour and earnest policy wonkishness positioned him as a rising star in the Democratic Party when he was first elected in December. After launching San Francisco’s high-profile gay wedding spree in February, Newsom became something of a political hot potato for top Democrats bracing for a fight over a Republican-backed constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, as well as a Massachusetts court order setting a May 17 date for gay couples to begin

to wed legally in that state. “I had this little idea, you think they would have embraced it,” Newsom later joked. The California Supreme Court ordered a halt to San Francisco’s gay marriage experiment in March, and the court is expected to rule soon on whether Newsom overstepped his authority. Publicly, the Kerry campaign had little to say about the decision not to offer Newsom a speaking spot. “We have so many elected officials and we’d love to have them speak at the convention,” spokeswoman Alison Dobson said. “We’re thrilled to have him as a delegate, and he’s certainly part of the convention.” Some strategists said Newsom probably could have gotten a speaking slot — during the day, away from prime time — had he pushed. Others said the appearance of being snubbed makes Newsom a more visible and influential symbol. “Even though he isn’t speaking, he is one of the most sought-after people at this convention because his courageous deeds have spoken louder than anything that could be said in a speech,” said Democratic strategist Chris Lehane. He’s the guest-of-honor at parties hosted by Salon and GQ magazines. On Friday night, at Salon’s event, former Saturday Night Live comic Al Franken, political strategist James Carville and political commentator Arianna Huffington were among the guests. On Sunday, Newsom appeared nonplussed and said he was too new in his job as mayor to warrant a major role at the podium. But in a recent radio interview, Newsom acknowledged his presence in Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry’s orbit might be a bit too radioactive

for the campaign to handle. “If there is a photo op of Kerry and I ... there are 320 reporters following him around. What are they going to ask?” Newsom told San Francisco radio station KFOG. Newsom said Kerry’s job right now is to appeal to swing voters. Winnie Stachelberg, political director of the Human Rights Campaign, a pro-gay rights organization, said she was satisfied that the Kerry campaign had taken steps to feature supporters of gay rights at the convention as well as prominent gay and lesbian speakers, including Wisconsin Rep. Tammy Baldwin, who addresses the delegates Monday. “I think it reflects the priority of this country at this time,” Stachelberg said. Convention speaker or not, Newsom said Sunday what he set forth in San Francisco had “significantly” helped the Democratic Party and helped eventually defeat the anti-gay marriage amendment in the U.S. Senate. “It took pressure and focus away from Massachusetts and the fact that people are getting married here every day,” Newsom said. “And it forced Bush’s hand early in terms of his support for the constitutional amendment. They miscalculated, they failed, and they were embarrassed.” And Newsom said one goal for his convention week schedule was to witness legal gay marriage in Massachusetts firsthand. “I want to go to a registrar or a county clerk, just to see it,” Newsom said. “To me it’s an extraordinary thing, to see human beings and their relationships being validated.”

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California dairies turning manure to money with help of new devices

BY JULIANA BARBASSA
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO — More than a dozen dairies in California are building contraptions to turn one of their least-valued products — the gases that rise from decomposing manure — into one of the state’s most sought-after commodities — energy. The state’s 1.72 million dairy cows, clustered heavily in the Central Valley, have made California the country’s top dairy state. Their milk and cream sell for more than \$4 billion a year, and the industry brings jobs and tax revenue to counties with double-digit unemployment. But according to air officials, the state’s cows also contribute about 10 percent of the chemical compounds that combine in the atmosphere to produce ozone, a principal component in the smog that plagues the San Joaquin Valley’s air. By capturing the offending gases of dairy air, farmers are not only reducing the emissions that cloud the valley, but cutting their own electricity costs. The decidedly low-tech technology also has the potential to play a role, albeit a small one, in meeting the state’s constant hunger for new power sources. To produce energy, the farmer has to scrape up the manure, mix it with water, and pour it into a lagoon typically covered by an enormous plastic bag. When the mixture is heated, it produces methane, which is trapped by the bag, piped into a generator, and burned to create electricity. The experiment comes a time when the agriculture industry is having to abide by air pollution regulations

for the first time. By the end of the month, the local air district is expected to issue guidelines for clean-air technology that will be required in new dairies — and so-called “methane digesters” are part of the solution, officials said. “This is probably one of the best forms of emission control from dairies,” said Dave Warner, who leads the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District’s permit program. But what really got farmers interested, they said, was that the machines literally turn manure into money. Ron Koetsier, who has 1,200 dairy cows on 160 acres near Visalia in Tulare County, qualified for a matching grant from the state, and since 2002 has been saving about \$30,000 a year on energy costs — about half his annual bill — because he can now produce most of the energy he needs onsite. Once his digester is hooked up to the local utility company, Koetsier said he’ll be able to bank energy with the company. When he feeds excess energy into the system, his electricity meter will run backward. Methane digesters won’t produce enough energy to make a significant dent in the state’s energy demand — or even come close, experts said. Manure from one cow can generate up to two kilowatts per day — enough to brighten two light bulbs, said Warner, and it takes a dozen cows to power an average house. But the other advantages — allowing farmers to save money, trapping gases and other chemicals that would have turned into harmful pollutants, and reducing the volume of animal waste — make the machines an alternative supported by environmentalists as well.

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Clinton in the leadoff spot at Kerry's convention

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — Bill Clinton had the spotlight on Day One of John Kerry's convention, as the soon-to-be Democratic presidential nominee cast for votes in Florida. Amid tight security, convention delegates readied for an evening of speeches with a day of parties.

The prime-time speech by Clinton, the last Democrat to occupy the White House, was to cap a first night of the convention focused on Kerry's stated vision for America: a strong economy, a growing middle class, affordable health care and a beefed-up military.

The former president dismissed any idea he might overshadow Kerry.

"I feel good about the way he relates to voters," Clinton said Sunday. As for himself: "I'm going to give a talk and get out of town."

Kerry was visiting the Kennedy Space Center in the key state of Florida on

Monday to talk about affordable health care. He popped into Boston for a brief surprise appearance Sunday night at the Yankees-Red Sox game, throwing out the first pitch.

"It's great to be back in Boston for a game like this," Kerry said after the Red Sox won, 9-6. He will make a grand entrance at the convention Wednesday, the day before he accepts the party's presidential nomination.

Clinton's wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, was to introduce the former president, after speakers including New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, former President Carter and Al Gore, who lost to Republican George W. Bush in 2000 after a drawn-out ballot recount in Florida.

Kerry said a team of lawyers is looking at voting problems to try to prevent a repeat of that dispute.

But security was the immediate worry. This year's convention is the first since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and

police and military authorities already had revved up.

Camouflaged military police kept watch on elevated rail lines overlooking the FleetCenter, the sports arena where 4,350 delegates will gather through Thursday. Helicopters circled overhead constantly.

Bomb-sniffing dogs and officers with guns patrolled nearby streets. Metal barricades about 7 feet high directed foot traffic and limited access to the FleetCenter. Numerous roads will be closed during the convention, and authorities braced for gridlock Monday as commuters seek alternate routes to and from work.

But despite the precautions and the terrorism threat, the convention's message was relentlessly upbeat, underscoring the unity behind Kerry as the man Democrats hope will deny Bush a second term.

No platform fight loomed, and the relative lack of President Bush-bashing was a strategy conceived in part because of polls indicating Kerry's Democratic base

is already solidly behind him. The relatively small portion of undecided voters instead wants to hear more about him and his plans.

"This is going to be the most harmonious convention we've had in years," Richardson, the convention chairman, said Sunday.

Protests remained mostly scattered. Two groups — about 3,000 protesting mainly against the Iraq war and about 1,000 abortion opponents — exchanged angry words blocks from the FleetCenter on Sunday. A few anti-abortion protesters lay in fetal positions in the street as fellow protesters drew chalk outlines around them.

Police moved them along, but two people were taken into custody.

"This is just the beginning of a week of protests," said Larry Holmes, spokesman for Act Now to Stop War and End Racism, the coalition of activist groups that staged the anti-war march.

Missing woman's husband reportedly lied about his past

BY PAUL FOY

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Three days before her husband reported her missing, Lori Hacking took a phone call at work that left her stunned and sobbing, her colleagues at a brokerage house told The Associated Press.

Several colleagues say that Hacking had been arranging for on-campus housing at the University of North Carolina medical school and that they believe the school was returning a call to say her husband, Mark Hacking, wasn't enrolled there, as he had told her.

Lori Hacking left work early after receiving the call the afternoon of Friday, July 16. Mark Hacking reported his wife's disappearance the following Monday. She is now feared dead, and her husband has become the focus of the police investigation.

At the time of her disappearance, the couple were packing for a move to North Carolina that was to occur within weeks. But after she vanished, police and family members learned that in addition to lying about being accepted to the University of North Carolina, Mark Hacking had not even graduated from college.

Mark Hacking, a nightshift hospital orderly, has been at a psychiatric hospital since police found him running naked in sandals the night after the search for his wife began.

Lori Hacking, a 27-year-old trading assistant who just learned she was five weeks pregnant, was a private woman who didn't share personal troubles, making her breakdown in the office all the more unusual, say colleagues at Wells Fargo Securities Services.

"She was visibly upset. She started to cry and got up to walk away," her supervisor, Randy Church, told the AP on Monday. When co-workers asked her what was wrong, she replied, "It's no big

deal; I'm OK. But I think I will go home," he recounted.

Officials at the University of North Carolina were trying to determine whether one of their administrators made the call.

But Lori Hacking's co-workers gave accounts of the phone call to homicide detectives after she was reported missing.

"We wouldn't have any reason to doubt" the Wells Fargo employee accounts, Detective Dwayne Baird said Monday. He would not comment further, but later dismissed suggestions that an arrest was imminent.

"Our most important focus in this case is the fact we have a missing person and, coupled with that, it's under very, very suspicious circumstances," he said.

Church said detectives showed up at Wells Fargo the day after Hacking's disappearance and inspected her e-mail and computer files.

Thelma Soares was unaware her daughter had received the upsetting phone call, but didn't get a chance to speak to her that weekend before she vanished, family spokesman Scott Dunaway said Monday.

It was about 10 a.m. July 19 that Mark Hacking placed a call to his wife's office, speaking first to Brandon Hodge, another trading assistant she was training. He didn't ask where his wife was, but instead how she was doing, Hodge told the AP.

"By the way, how is Lori?" Hacking reportedly asked. Hodge said he replied, "Well, she's not made it into work yet."

Church then took the phone and recalls Hacking saying she hadn't returned from a sunrise jog at Memory Grove, a downtown park near the office. Hacking made it seem he was calling from his apartment, Church said.

"Oh, my God, her (work) clothes are still here," Hacking reportedly said to Church, who had been expecting Lori Hacking at 7 a.m. and says she was never

late to work.

"I said, 'You need to call police immediately. Just get off the phone,'" Church said.

But Hacking did not immediately call police, and police say he was at a store buying a new mattress shortly before reporting his wife missing.

Three of her co-workers who spoke to the AP said they showed up at Memory Grove before Mark Hacking joined them. When he arrived in his Dodge Durango, they told him his wife already had been reported missing. He then placed a call of his own to police dispatchers.

Hacking began an aimless search, walking and pondering before taking off on his own and abandoning Lori's co-workers. But first, he sat in his sport-util-

ity vehicle with an address book on his lap, making phone calls, apparently to relatives who said they received the news about this time.

Results on some of the evidence collected by police, including a mattress recovered from a trash bin and a box spring taken from the apartment, could come back from a laboratory this week.

The Hacking family has hired Utah defense attorney D. Gilbert Athay, who said Monday that he has spoken to Mark Hacking many times since being hired by the family on Thursday. Athay refused to characterize his conversations with Hacking.

Baird refused to say whether Hacking was being held at the psychiatric hospital involuntarily.

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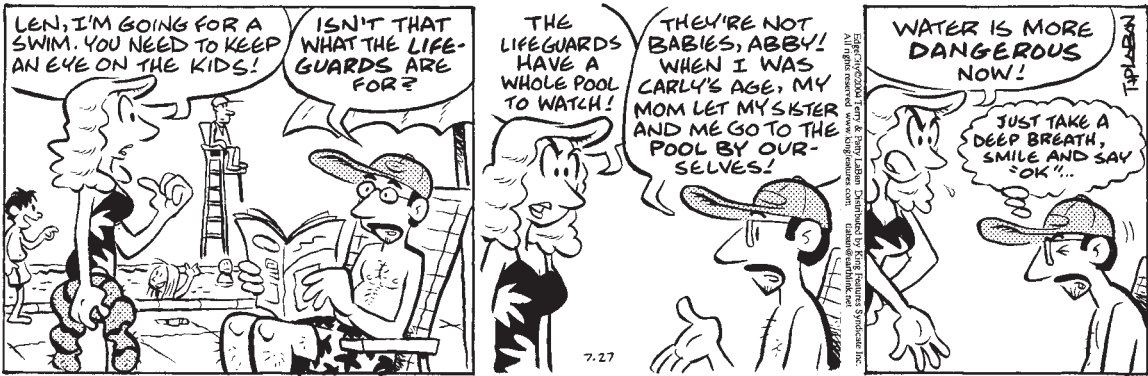


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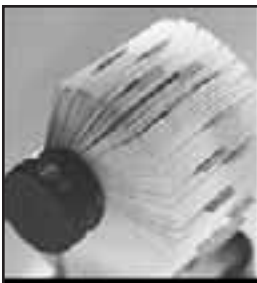
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

'City' star Cattrall finds new 'Life' in London

By The Associated Press

■ **LONDON** — Former "Sex and the City" star Kim Cattrall is to make her London stage debut next year in "Whose Life Is It Anyway," producers have announced.

Peter Hall will direct Cattrall in an updated version of Brian Clark's 1978 drama about a sculptor paralyzed in a road accident who seeks the right to die.

Mary Tyler Moore won a Tony Award in 1980 for playing the role on Broadway. The play was filmed the next year with Richard Dreyfuss in the lead.

Born in Liverpool, England, and raised in Canada, Cattrall played Samantha on the HBO sitcom, which ended a six-season run earlier this year.

Previews for "Whose Life Is It Anyway?" begin Jan. 7, 2005. The play is scheduled to open Jan. 25 for a 16-week run at the Duke of York's theater.

■ **SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.** — Impressed with a tasty sandwich, Oprah Winfrey decided to invest in the Art Cafe and Bakery.

"It turns out this was the most expensive sandwich I've ever had," Winfrey said Sunday after a restaurant photo shoot for the October issue of her magazine, O.

A few weeks ago, Winfrey ate a chicken curry sandwich from the cafe and was overwhelmed. She offered to buy the place. Less than 24 hours later, the talk-show host sent cafe owner and chef Margaux Sky a check. The two had never met, and Winfrey hadn't even seen the cafe.

Sky, who had considered selling the cafe because of the long hours and modest profit, was surprised.

"It was just a sandwich, you know what I mean?" she said.

■ **BATON ROUGE, La.** — Rapper C-Murder, who is awaiting trial in Jefferson Parish on murder charges, has been indicted by a Baton Rouge grand jury on attempted second-degree murder charges in an unrelat-

ed case.

The rapper, whose real name is Corey Miller, is accused of shooting at a Baton Rouge club owner and patron on Aug. 14, 2001. He faces a 50-year prison sentence if convicted of the second-degree murder charge.

Baton Rouge prosecutors Jeff Traylor and Brenda O'Neal said they couldn't comment about why it took three years to bring the case to a grand jury.

Miller's New Orleans lawyer, Ronald Rakosky, said it usually takes prosecutors only a matter of weeks to get a case before a grand jury. He said East Baton Rouge Parish prosecutors did nothing with Miller's case for years and only got "cranked up" after a state judge ordered a new trial for Miller in the Jefferson Parish case.

Miller's Baton Rouge lawyer, Hillar Moore, couldn't be reached for comment last week, but another of Miller's lawyers, Roy Maughan Jr., said his client denies the allegations.

In September, a jury convicted Miller of second-degree murder in the killing of a 16-year-old at a Jefferson Parish nightclub on Jan. 12, 2002. A state judge ordered that Miller receive a new trial because prosecutors withheld information about witnesses.

■ **MIAMI** — Salsa legend Celia Cruz, a Cuban exile who later became an anti-communist icon of the Cuban-American exile community, was refused an artist's visa to visit America at least twice in the 1950s, according to recently declassified documents.

Cruz's once-classified 32-page FBI file said she was a "well-known communist singer and stage star," according to a story published Sunday in The Miami Herald. The alleged activities predate Fidel Castro's 1959 communist revolution on the island, during a time when Cruz was in her teens and 20s.

Cruz died last summer at 77 of a brain tumor in her Fort Lee, N.J., home.

Cruz was first refused a visa in May 1952, the Herald reported based on documents it obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request. She was then refused again in July 1955 under a provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act that weeds out suspected subversives.

The memo quotes reports that claim she was among a group in 1951 that signed a letter published in a Communist Party newspaper that endorsed a Pro-Peace Congress. It also claimed she was a member of Cuba's Socialist Youth movement, at age 20.

None of the records provide proof of the claims, including one that Cruz met secretly at age 27 with Cuban Socialist Party leader, and had used an October 1953 concert as cover to meet covertly with communists in Venezuela.

At the time, these activities were legal in Cuba. But U.S. immigration law forbade entry to foreigners found to have communist affiliations or anti-government sympathies.

Cruz would eventually get permission to visit the United States in 1957. She traveled to New York again in 1960, to perform, and was granted asylum in 1961.

But Cruz was aware of her record and sought to clear her name, according to a confidential Oct. 11, 1961, telegram from the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City.

■ **VERSAILLES, Ky.** — Cameron Crowe said he's happy to be filming his latest movie, "Elizabethtown," in Kentucky — a state he said his father loved and often visited.

Crowe, the director of "Jerry Maguire" and "Almost Famous," said two of his uncles lived in Stanton, and he visited the state as a child. Crowe has been shooting scenes for the movie recently in Versailles, near Lexington.

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