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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

A New Hampshire judge was suspended, and the state's attorney general resigned, both over allegations of sexual misconduct stemming from their after-hours behavior (in separate incidents) at the same conference, which had been called in May as a workshop on preventing sexual and domestic abuse. Five women complained of being groped by Judge Franklin C. Jones, 55, and one woman complained that Attorney General Peter Heed had touched her inappropriately on the dance floor. (The local prosecutor later said there was not enough evidence to file a criminal charge against Heed.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote his poem "The Star-Spangled Banner" after witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry in Maryland during the War of 1812.
■ In 1847, U.S. forces under Gen. Winfield Scott took control of Mexico City.
■ In 1901, President McKinley died in Buffalo, N.Y., of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I venture to suggest that patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."

ADLAI E. STEVENSON

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CAMPAIGN 2004

(Editor's note: This is the second article in a multi-part series this week on the Chamber of Commerce's political action committee interviews with City Council candidates. Monday's issue covered homelessness).

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE —

How much and what kind of development will occur in Santa Monica will largely be decided by the City Council over the next four years.

And the visions that City Council candidates vying for four open seats have for how Santa Monica should be developed matters to many people, including the Chamber of Commerce's political action committee members. The committee interviewed 11 candidates last week, and most of them were questioned on where they stand on future development, particularly downtown.

Although Santa Monica is built out, there are plenty of opportuni-

ties for redevelopment, and many properties are expected to be overhauled in the next several years. Just in the downtown district alone, the movie theaters on the Promenade will likely be revamped, as well as the Santa Monica Place Mall and the Civic Center area. Plans also are in the works to redevelop the Fairmont Miramar Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue. Conceptual plans could include towers nearly as high as the 100 Wilshire building, a landmark of Santa Monica's skyline.

Conceptual plans also are drawn up for Santa Monica Place Mall and the Civic Center, which combined will cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Officials from Macerich Co., which owns the mall, have been meeting with current City Council members, as well as candidates, to gauge their reactions on their redevelopment plans. The plans include an apartment building, retail space and opening the mall so it looks like the Third Street Promenade; the idea is that the mall would be open-aired to Colorado Avenue.

City Council candidate Bobby Shriver said he saw the plans and was stunned.

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The Santa Monica Place Mall (at top), which serves as a barrier between the Third Street Promenade and the Civic Center area, is slated to be razed and redeveloped. Many other areas in the downtown district also are expected to be redeveloped over the next decade.

File photo

Incumbents look for their edge in hedge debacle

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — With seven weeks until the election, three incumbents vying for local political seats want to reverse course on City Hall's policy of criminalizing people because their hedges are too

high — a tactic that was met this summer with a vengeance by residents throughout the city.

Two proposals that toss out a 56-year-old law that governs hedges in Santa Monica will be floated by elected officials tonight — one from Mayor Richard Bloom and Councilman Ken

Genser, and the other from Councilman Mike Feinstein.

The new proposals are viewed by some as a way to diffuse the severe public relations problem City Hall has experienced since inspectors from the building and safety department mailed letters to alleged hedge-law violators that

indicated they could be fined up to \$25,000 a day if they didn't trim their hedges.

It appears that the councilmen are acting separately. Genser and Bloom have proposed what's been referred to as the "hedge pledge," which is a revision of the current

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Rewiring Santa Monica to tune of \$1.5 million

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

By Daily Press staff

CITY HALL — Nearly \$2 million is expected to be spent tonight on everything from new street and

traffic lights to surfing lessons for less fortunate kids.

The most expensive expenditure on tonight's agenda is a \$1.5 million contract to replace deteriorated electrical circuits and lighting throughout the city. The following locations have been identified as priorities:

■ Ocean Avenue from Montana Avenue to Colorado Avenue.

■ California Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Seventh Street.

■ Fifth Street from Wilshire Boulevard to Colorado Avenue.

■ Wilshire Boulevard from Sixth Court to 12th Court.

■ Santa Monica Boulevard from Sixth Court to 12th Court.

■ Colorado Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Sixth Street.

■ Michigan Avenue from Seventh Street to Lincoln Boulevard.

■ Douglas Park, Marine Park

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Invigorate your daily life on this New Moon. Where you feel you are lacking, you can change if you want to. You can become more physically fit or organize your life and work, freeing up more time. Soon you will want to socialize more. Tonight: Exercise away stress.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** If you want to, make an adjustment in a relationship today. If you want more affection, throw a penny in a fountain and make that wish today. Your libido soars. Employ an innate talent, drawing out the child in you. Tonight: Play as if there were no tomorrow.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Deal with the basics. Don't push a key associate. A new beginning in your home life makes all the difference. A conversation clears the air with a family member. Good feelings abound. A new purchase or a bigger home might be likely. Tonight: Stay close to home.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You are a sign that is ruled by the Moon. Make a new beginning or resolution today. Your commitment might be to a new car, a class in communication or being more sensitive to your siblings or neighbors. Tonight: Visit with a pal, in person or on the phone.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Push as hard as you need to, as you are full of good ideas and have the drive to carry them to the finish line. A new financial beginning becomes possible. Check off an offer that could have positive long-term security ramifications. Tonight: Talk over your ideas.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** The New Moon in your sign enhances your vitality and energy. Use that high energy to accomplish more of what you want. Lady Luck drops on you out of the blue. Use good sense, yet be willing to risk. You will come out a sure-bet winner. Tonight: You are top dog!



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Maintain a subtle profile, but be aware of what you might need to do in order to enhance a lucky situation. You have the capacity to understand a difficult boss. Just don't allow this person to know how clued in you are. Tonight: Clean up a project.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Teamwork pays off in whatever realm you focus on. You lead others, be it in a meeting or through taking action. Your unusual perspective and winning streak emerge once more. Network. Make it OK to have a long lunch. Tonight: Out and about.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Your leadership allows you and those around you to hit a home run. A partner could be especially down and looking for answers and support. Be there for him or her. Express your energy by dotting your i's and crossing your t's. You help invigorate others. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Take an overview. Find several advisers who specialize in investments, and you'll come up with a solution. Your ability to detach and seek out a realistic perspective marks your success. Schedule a getaway in the near future. Tonight: Go to the movies or listen to a favorite piece of music.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You have what it takes to convince others about a joint investment, or perhaps someone has what it takes to help you go along with his or her plans. In either case, teamwork counts. Be a friend first. Tonight: Deal with a surprise expenditure.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Let others lead, and go along for the ride. You will like what comes your way. Not everything happens as you would like it to or think it should. A boss changes his or her opinion — one more time! Tonight: Accept an invitation.

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LOCAL



A long road from the RNC to the Left Coast



Lance Schmidt/Special to the Daily Press
Hordes of sign-bearing anti-Bush protesters march in New York City during the Republican National Convention.

EASY WRITER NOTES FROM THE ROAD



(Editor's note: Santa Monica resident Lance Schmidt has just returned from a road trip across America, on his way back from Grandma's house. This is the last installment of a weekly series).

BY LANCE SCHMIDT
Special to the Daily Press

SANTA MONICA — There is an old adage within the motorcycle community that there are two types of riders — those who have gone down and those who are going down. Although I belong firmly in the former category, I count my blessings when it comes to crashes.

With the exception of my meeting with my four-legged friend (SMDP, Sept. 9, page 3), my trip across America was free of major incidents. In fact, I feel much safer on the open road than simply driving around the city, which I hardly ever do. I have tremendous respect for those bikers, such as the motor cops at the Santa Monica Police Department (who also

drive BMWs), or messengers who use their motorcycles for work on a daily basis. The level of concentration required in order to keep safe in city traffic is huge. Cars simply do not see motorcycles.

Generally speaking, most drivers across America are courteous and respectful of two wheels. However, there are exceptions.

Some Americans do not grasp the idea that the left lane is for faster traffic even when prominent "Slower Traffic Move Right" signs practically hit their windshield. Many drivers across the United States believe it is their God-given right as junior highway patrol officers to enforce their will upon everyone on the highway even though they are backing up traffic for miles.

Another group of Americans that I noticed was less than courteous on the open road was the category of long-haul truck drivers that I termed "Rubber Duckers." These mastodons of the road travel in packs with their buddies and work in tandem to draft each other, all the while backing up traffic behind them without concern. They look upon the motorcycle as an inconvenient flea. I was

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SURF REPORT

On Tuesday look for primary NW wind swell to join building SE swell. Northern LA spots with decent wind swell exposure see 1-3' surf, with more consistent waist high and occasional bigger sets at best breaks. South Bay breaks will work the NW energy for knee-waist high waves at many breaks and sets to chest high at standout spots, mainly in the north half of the bay. Winds will be generally light in the morning, with light S winds possible. Look for onshore W wind to build in the 8-12 knot+ range in the afternoon.

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MONDAY	3:27	-0.1	3:15	1.5	9:44	4.8	9:17	5.9
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Earlier this year, the Chamber of Commerce established a political action committee to endorse City Council candidates, which has never been done before. The chamber will raise hundreds of thousands of dollars and tirelessly campaign for their candidates. How it proceeds from here will be critical for the future of Santa Monica, political observers say.

Through local voters, the chamber hopes to overthrow a city government that has been dominated by a more liberal-thinking group called the Santa Monicans For Renters' Rights for the majority of the past 26 years. It's widely known that the chamber and City Hall have for years had an adversarial relationship.

The business community laments that policies set by the current administration create an unfriendly environment for residents and visitors.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Do you think the Chamber of Commerce and its endorsements will represent your issues and views in the upcoming election? Why or why not?"

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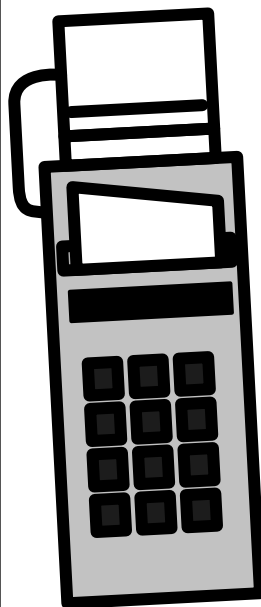
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Donut shop using racial epithets

Editor:
(This letter was originally addressed to the president of Yum Yum Donut Shops, Inc., Lincoln Watase).

I noticed in business reports of late your intention to acquire Winchell’s Donut House. Yum Yum, it has been reported, has 71 Southern California stores at present. Winchell’s has 200 outlets in the U.S. and several overseas.

To wit: Chocolate donuts have been singled out to receive a most dastardly name. Chocolate is named “spook” and chocolate is named “double spook.” Plain and simple, it’s a vile racial epithet under the sugary coating of a donut, an obscenity calculated to keep the diverse ethnic groups of the U.S. and throughout the world at odds with each other. It is particularly aimed at African Americans calculatedly to invest them with life-and-liberty-despoiling stress, humiliation, degradation and a subliminal coercion for them to lash out at internecine random (of late, foreign terrorist groups have been vociferously asserting among infiltration of Black congregations that such an obscenity as that, is an example of “what causes self-hatred” and that it ought to dissuade African Americans from their “ridiculous” allegiance to the U.S.)

Winchell’s insistence on being obdurate about it is contemptible (it originated by Verne Winchell himself, the founder, has a long history of unfairness toward African Americans, when it took over the ownership of Winchell’s some years later, and it continues flagrantly indeed to this date with Shato Holdings as the owner, since 1989).

As the incipient new owner of Winchell’s Donuts, may I request to know Yum Yum’s position on this serious matter? In fact, will your acquisition arrive with good faith intentions and strenuous efforts to correct a most inexcusable wrong doing and corporate frivolousness?

William Cook
Santa Monica

Lincoln Watase’s response

Thank you for your August 13, 2004 letter. Yum Yum Donut Shops, Inc. is a

minority-owned company. I was not aware of the despicable naming practice of certain donuts as described in your letter. Please be assured that such naming practices will not be tolerated after we take over as the new owners of Winchell’s later this year.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to our company.
Best wishes to you.

Lincoln Watase
President

Pisarra’s ideas don’t hold water

Editor:
Like Julia Reeves, I disagree with David Pisarra’s second essay on the employer in an age of international trading (SMDP, Sept 7, page 4).

“We (meaning American employers) must provide employment globally,” he asserts.

Imagine: A prospective employee enters a CEO’s office for a job interview. Immediately, the CEO informs the prospect that “I am a global employer who provides jobs to people in India, China and elsewhere, including the United States.” Even if he gets the job, the prospect will probably never feel secure there. Will he ever honor that employer in the way that Mr. Pisarra believes he should?

Or imagine: A long-time employee is called into the boss’ office to be introduced to a Chinese female executive type. “You are to train her for your job, which she will perform in China,” the boss instructs. How much honor would this employee ever be willing to extend to this boss?

Although Mr. Pisarra’s idea should be acceptable on paper, it is doubtful they would be well received in the real world. In fact, Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul A. Samuelson recently argued that in the long run, all forms of international trading, including job outsourcing, will hurt the American economy by reducing wages. Protectionism, Mr. Pisarra maintains, will weaken the U.S. economy. But if the U.S. unemployment rate rises to double digits, so does job outsourcing.

Joanne Gamlin
Los Angeles

Attention voters: Paradise on the Pacific in peril



WHAT’S
THE POINT?
BY DAVID PISARRA

Santa Monica is an idyllic little town on the coast, holding all the promise of that golden vision of California that is so often pictured in the media.

It’s a vision of golden-tanned beauties bouncing along the beach, fair-haired young men competing in friendly contests on the water, and kindly seniors relaxing and enjoying their retirement as they play shuffleboard on the bluffs, with the red-orange glow of a tremendous sunset as a backdrop.

But the reality is, the city is changing. It’s becoming a city of single people, a population of non-families who inhabit apartments and condominiums in greater numbers. The retired folks no longer populate Palisades Park in the great numbers they once did. They have been driven out by hordes of homeless who make camp for the day in what was supposed to be a pleasant environment for all.

The gentle city of yesteryear is dying quickly. We have a city that is fast approaching the congestion and density of Manhattan. As land values have increased, the developers are no longer building single-family homes. They can’t afford to. Instead, they build apartments

and condominiums.

This is simply a matter of economics. It’s so expensive to do any development in this city that the only thing that makes sense is to build a building that will provide maximum return on investment. I have a choice with my home. We can build a second story, and it will take up to nine months to get a permit to build, or we can spend 18 months and build condos that are going to make us a handsome profit and provide much-needed housing in a tight market.

In a city that has a housing shortage, this is not morally wrong. It might be the only ethical and morally responsible thing to do.

The problem is development leads to congestion and greater use of our public assets. It puts a drain on our public services and that impacts the quality of life.

We don’t have time for leaders who claim to “see the future.” The future is here, and the problems are real.

We need leaders who are prepared to deal with today’s problems, today. We don’t need leaders who hire the Matrix Consulting Group — at a cost of \$70,000 — to tell us what we already know. We need leaders who are ready to step into the breach and make the hard calls. If I hear one more politician say, “It’s a complex problem, and we have staff looking into it” — as more than one local leader has said about zoning, the homeless and traffic — I think I will vomit.

We have a city that is 62 percent non-

family households. We need leaders who are going to build a city for their issues. It’s sad that families in Santa Monica are disappearing.

This is a city that has approximately 25 percent of its resident population living in single-family homes. The rest live in apartments and condominiums. That is the future of this city. The concentration of people is increasing. It will continue to increase as more people desire to live here. That will drive property values up, which means people want to develop their land.

The current City Council has faced the tough issues of streets, sewers, parking structures, parks and public transit. Though they frequently prove themselves to be a group of blathering bureaucrats, they have acted to protect our city.

They have recognized that we need to build for the future. We need to invest in our infrastructure — those items that economists call “public assets.” And I don’t just mean traffic circles and islands.

Now the question is who pays for it.

There will be a large outcry that there is no money for infrastructure. But there was lots of money just a few years ago. It seems to me that this used to be a city that was attractive to business and development, and had positive cash flow. It has become unattractive to business, has brought development to a mere trickle and is running on financial fumes. Could there possibly be a connection?

There is an old saying, “It is never too

late to turn back when going down the wrong road.”

This situation can be turned around. In fact, it must be turned around. The question is, who will do it? A good boss is sometimes brusque, sometimes yells, occasionally kicks a few rear-ends, but in the end, has the wellbeing of all as their goal.

We don’t need pandering politicians who preach on one topic. Even if that topic is the homeless, or the evil landlords, or hedge heights, or how bad developers are. We need leaders who understand where money comes from. We don’t need leaders who play to the lowest common denominator. We need leaders who understand finance.

This is not the time of the feel-good choice. Now, more than ever, we need to evaluate our candidates as complete leaders. We don’t need one-trick ponies. We need people with varied experience and who can see the big picture.

Now is when we should look at each candidate with a jaundiced eye and make some hard choices. Because they will have to make hard choices for the next four years.

(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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OPINION

Sorry, I can't hear you, I live in Santa Monica

ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL

I left Calabasas knowing I'd never hear the tunes of deafening rap music pummeled through my apartment ceiling again. However, I quickly learned that I traded this for a myriad of other noises, occurring at erratic times throughout Santa Monica at all times of the day.

Some of them I feel are warranted, and don't jar me too badly when I catch them outside my window. Hairdryers, cars backing in and out of alleyways, vacuum cleaners and the like are permissible. You know they're supposed to be there, so you allow them a page somewhere in your Lillian-Vernon noise catalog.

However I don't remember ordering the 30-minute CD of waste and recycling disposal cranked to a nine on the amps every other day of the week.

I quickly noticed in Santa Monica that there's always some "music" to leave work to and go to bed listening to. Whether it's incessant drilling, a couple yelling for their cats that try to escape them (I would too if I were them), or neighbors watching "Showboat" at an unprecedented volume — there's always some feast for the unwilling ears.

If you don't believe me, imagine waking up to dissonant chanting music on a regular basis. Thankfully it's really loud chanting music. If you're lucky, you can hear a "hmmmm..." accompanied by "shut-the-heck-up" for 40 minutes at a time.

And just because there's no back yard where I live doesn't stop the kids that decided the alley was their playground. Because who doesn't like hearing a three-hour kickball game while simultaneously having large rubber balls propelled at your car as children scream at twilight?

I think my all-time favorite, though, was the construction company that decided to renovate an apartment at 9 p.m. At first I thought it was some obnoxious person cleaning with a gas station vacuum while the working world tried to sleep.

But when the vacuuming didn't end an hour later, I stomped off in my velour pajama pants to uncover where the jerk lived. I walked through the alleyway to search for the source of the noise, only to find a sand blaster left running while workers painted the side of the building.

Though weak, there is thankfully some sort of noise ordinance in effect in Santa Monica. So I'm able to call in cases such as these, as well as easy-listening FM being projected at decibels greater than the sound barrier. But you can't cry wolf too many times or eventually you'll be stuck listening to 95 FM.

So what deems a "shut-the-heck-up" phone call in Santa Monica? What noise is permissible, and what isn't? Or, the question should be, what noise is livable?

As I see it, livable noises are sounds you don't want to hear but aren't worth calling the cops over. You don't think it's fair, or appropriate, but you know you make noise on a daily basis that no one wants to hear either. You don't necessarily like it, but you aren't going to do anything about it besides complain.

An example of this was the drums played outside my apartment recently. I looked out my window to see who had the nerve to start a jam session in the middle of the neighborhood. It turned out to be a homeless man and his friend playing a set of bongos in the mid-afternoon sun.

My anger turned slightly to guilt as I listened to the livable noise so many of us find ourselves allowing. It wasn't fair that someone who didn't even live in the neighborhood was making noise I had to tolerate. But then I wondered, when you don't live anywhere, where are you supposed to make noise?

So this morning as I hear the whirring of a shopping cart and a man sorting through glass like nails on a chalkboard, I remind myself it's livable noise, and unfortunately or not, for now I just prefer to bear it.

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LOCAL

Two similar proposals on agenda

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law and created in part by a group of homeowners this past summer. The proposal is scheduled to be discussed at tonight's City Council meeting.

Feinstein put his own proposal on the council's agenda before Genser and Bloom did. The proposal is similar to that of his colleagues, but asks that an interim ordinance be adopted in October.

The proposed revisions come on the heels of months of controversy over how City Hall handled people whose hedges were too tall. Late last year and this past spring, hundreds of letters were sent by City Hall that threatened criminal proceedings and a maximum of \$500,000 in fines.

The crime? The residents were apparently violating a 1948 ordinance that dictates local hedges be kept at or below 42 inches in front yards. More recent updates set the limit to eight feet in side yards and back yards.

One of the so-called criminals was Bobby Shriver, the brother-in-law of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and nephew of Sen. Ted Kennedy. An inspector had photographed Shriver's hedges in front of his house on Adelaide Drive at 6 a.m. two days before Thanksgiving and sent a letter warning that if he didn't correct the violation by the following Monday, he would face fines.

"It was just mean," Shriver said. "I think in good faith, Richard and Ken came up with a good proposal, and it makes the point they are not unreasonable and mean."

City Hall's handling of the situation incensed Shriver enough to run for one of the four City Council seats open this November. Before announcing his candidacy, he mobilized a group of homeowners and met with City Council members, as well as city planning officials.

The councilmen's proposal is built upon months of work done between themselves, Shriver and a committee made up of residents after the hedge issue reached its peak this summer. The goal of the committee was to persuade elected officials to agree to a new law. But those discussions ended with no resolution.

That's why Genser and Bloom have introduced the proposal now. They maintain it's not an election issue. However, many speculate that it is and are worried that Shriver could win the election. Feinstein said his proposal is a gesture of goodwill by moving forward.

"The idea was to come up with a new policy, the 'hedge pledge,' that everyone can sign on to," Genser said. "This wasn't

because of Shriver's candidacy."

In the meantime, City Hall has stopped enforcing the hedge ordinance until it is rewritten, which could be up to 10 months from now.

But Feinstein wants to settle the issue by creating a new law with the public's input and adopt it before the Nov. 2 election. The law would put a height limit on hedges according to what's reasonable to the public.

"I don't see the point in waiting until after the election," he said, adding the letters were a "diplomatic blunder." "People are waiting to see what their government is going to do to them."

"We created an uncertainty and the mistrust for handling it inappropriately," Feinstein added. "People are organized now, and I don't think we should have this hanging over their heads."

Genser and Bloom's proposal is to have city staff make revisions to the law by incorporating the "hedge pledge" and then bring a draft ordinance to the public for comment. Unlike Feinstein's proposal, there is no set time for the ordinance to be introduced to the public.

The two proposals are similar in that they both suggest property owners with hedges taller than what the 1948 law allows be grandparented in, as long as they don't impede public safety or create negative effects for neighbors.

Genser and Bloom's proposal also asks for the City Council to agree that "the criminal process should never be used in the first communication between the city and residents."

During his interview on Friday with the chamber of commerce's political action committee — which will announce its endorsements next week — Shriver said he still hasn't been able to get anyone in City Hall to tell him who made the decision to approach enforcement on hedges in a criminal manner.

Andy Agle, the assistant director of City Hall's planning and community development department, didn't answer that question when asked by a reporter on Friday. But he did say code compliance officers are now making initial contact with residents via a letter informing them of the law, the alleged violation and how to correct it. An inspector will visit the property only after the "educational" letter has been sent.

"Education and enforcement go in tandem," Agle said, adding letters such as the one sent to Shriver are meant to get people's attention. "I think it's fair to recognize that those letters are pretty educational."

What's your favorite movie, SM?

By Daily Press Staff

It's up to the public to decide what movie will be shown at the Oct. 5 season finale of the Santa Monica Drive-in at the Pier.

Ballots can be cast by going to www.smff.com. More than a thousand people have already cast their Internet ballot, and Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the King, Grease and Endless Summer are currently in the lead.

All proceeds from the event support Cinema Fighting Cancer programs and help the Cancer Relief Fund. Last year's Drive-in helped support 13 families going through treatment.

Founded in 1999, Deep Ellum Film, Music, Arts and Noise, Inc., (DEFMAN) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization

working to promote the art of filmmaking while raising funds to improve the quality of life for individuals fighting cancer. For more information on DEFMAN and Cinema Fighting Cancer, please visit www.smff.com.

The remaining Santa Monica Drive-in at the Pier dates are as follows:

September 14: Ferris Bueller's Day Off, sponsored by Comedy Central

September 21: Star Wars, sponsored by HBO

September 28: Super Size Me, sponsored by the Sundance Channel (City of Santa Monica 10fest: Celebrating Ten Years of the Sustainable Plan)

October 5: Special event, audience choice

LOCAL



Candidates sound off on traffic-calming devices

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"I don't see this area with a lot of skyscrapers, but maybe that's what Santa Monica wants," he told committee members. He added that he recently stayed in an apartment on Ocean Avenue and joked about how much he enjoyed the views of the Pacific Ocean.

"There will be a lot of pressure to build apartments like that," he said, adding policy makers must be careful because developers see the potential for success in Santa Monica and it's up to the public to decide what their community should look like.

The new mall is directly related to City Hall's ambitious plans to redevelop the Civic Center area, which will cost upwards of \$120 million. Officials plan to completely rebuild the area around City Hall on Main Street. It includes housing and 85,000 square feet of office space. The Civic Center is visualized as a town square, with botanical and sculpture gardens, open space and bicycle paths, which would extend onto Main Street.

Mayor Richard Bloom, who is seeking reelection, has been involved in discussions for the past four years relating to much of the development plans facing downtown Santa Monica. It's an issue he feels is of great importance to the city's future.

"There is a monumental amount of work to be done and (how development is approached) could create problems or successes," he said, adding he's an advocate for redeveloping the downtown area.

Whatever is developed in the next 20 years will have to be in line with the city's general plan, which is about to be updated through an intense public and

political process.

The general plan, which sets the policies that govern development and traffic in Santa Monica, is currently being overhauled at a price tag of \$1.6 million. City Hall has hired San Francisco-based consultant Dyett & Bhatia, which is scheduled to begin work on the project this month. The process will take at least two years.

Development in Santa Monica for the past two decades has followed the general plan, which was approved by City Hall's administration 20 years ago. Many people would agree that the City Council at that time is partly responsible for how the city looks today.

And the four elected City Council members who will take office in January, as well as the other three up for reelection in two years, will be the officials who help shape the next 20 years of development in Santa Monica.

WHERE THEY STAND

The majority of candidates interviewed by chamber officials last week were asked about what the general plan should include, as well as their vision for the downtown area.

Some candidates support tall buildings downtown, and others like the idea of more development along the beach.

City Councilman Ken Genser, who is running for reelection, said traffic needs to be eased with mass transit but added that downtown will probably always be congested. He said that business districts that have a lot of traffic indicate they are successful.

"I think we can accept more growth downtown, and it will direct traffic out of the residential areas," he said. "I think it's

appropriate to have a dense downtown. It's what makes downtowns successful."

Candidate Matt Dinolfo said current height restrictions on buildings should be lifted and the public review process on development applications should be relaxed. He supports mixed-use development with apartments, retail and commercial in the same buildings. However, more incentives need to be given to developers to provide affordable housing, Dinolfo said.

"You can't have housing without development," he said. "We need incentives to let them make a profit."

Candidate Bill Bauer said the city's general plan "desperately needs help" and the city's traffic plan needs "serious help."

"The whole system needs to be revamped," he told committee members, adding the codes governing development standards and traffic flow are too complicated. "It's contradiction after contradiction."

David Cole, who is running as a slate with Bauer and Kathryn Morea, said Santa Monica is growing without much uniformity.

"We are growing at a hodge-podge state, ticky tack, ticky tack," he said. "You have to have a cohesive plan, and I don't think we are a community that has any vision at all."

Candidate Maria Loya — who if elected would be the first City Council member from the Pico neighborhood located on Santa Monica's eastside — said she'd like to see more economic development in that area.

"The Pico neighborhood has so much

potential," she said, adding she'd like to see Pico Boulevard look and feel like Main Street.

City Councilman Herb Katz, who is running for reelection and is an architect, said the current zoning and development laws are too dogmatic and need to be more flexible.

"If it's not addressed (in the code) then we say you can't do it," he said.

Katz supports higher buildings throughout the city, which is nearly built out.

"We are one of the most dense cities in the country," he said. "You can go higher on commercial with more space on the ground ... I think we are overdeveloped because of how we manage it."

He also said he thinks a simplified shuttle system throughout town would ease traffic, and more small parking lots throughout the downtown district would address a lack of parking. Katz doesn't agree with many of the policies that have come out of City Hall regarding traffic calming, which is designed to slow cars down.

"The traffic circle on 26th is stupid, the outcropping of curbs is stupid, and the speed bumps were wrong," he said. "What we've done is clogged up our city purposely, and it has to change."

Candidate Patricia Hoffman shares Katz's distaste for the traffic-calming program.

"I don't like speed bumps and things that stick out into the street," she said.

She also supports development at the beach.

"Could there be more oceanfront activity?" she asked rhetorically. "I support that kind of effort to keep dynamic change going on so people keep coming back."

Funding for traffic signals, surf school to be discussed

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and Clover Park.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL OVERHAUL

The council is expected to authorize a contract with Siemens Energy and Automation, Inc. for \$211,807 to purchase a central traffic signal control system. The system will cover 53 intersections in the downtown area.

SEWER REPAIR DELAYS

The City Council is expected to spend an additional \$100,000 for sewer repairs at Ocean Avenue and Main Street.

Construction work was delayed so it wouldn't disrupt merchants and commuters along Main Street, which cost an extra \$187,490.

The expenditure will be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for reimbursement. After the Northridge Earthquake of 1994, a citywide inspection of the sewer system was done to identify locations that were damaged. City Hall subsequently accepted a grant from FEMA in the amount of \$78 million for sewer repair, which has

occurred over the past eight years.

SURF'S UP

Council members also might elect to continue their affiliation with Surf Academy for \$175,000.

The program, which began in 2002, drew 828 youth and 688 adults in 2003. Surf Academy allows about 20 youth participating in the city's financial assistance program to participate in one week of camp at no charge to the city, and they conduct approximately 670 free lessons for youth participating in other city camps and programs such as Rosie's Girls, Camp Santa Monica, Sports Experience and the Police Activities League.

THWARTING TERRORISM

Santa Monica will be safer from potential terrorist attacks, thanks to \$1 million given to City Hall by the Homeland Security Office.

The City Council is expected to officially accept a \$1,148,579 grant, which is administered through the federal Homeland Security Grant Program. However, City Hall must spend the

money for various programs before getting reimbursed.

The grant includes:

■ \$967,747 from the 2004 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program to fund a hazardous materials response vehicle, a fire and police personnel notification system, and shatter-proof glass that was built into the city's public safety facility.

■ \$127,862 from the 2004 State Homeland Security Grant Program that will help state and local agencies prevent and respond to terrorism attacks involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive weapons. The grant will fund the training of emergency personnel, as well as the purchase of a new City Hall

public address system.

■ \$52,970 from the 2004 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program that will allow officials to communicate more effectively, in an effort to ward off terrorist attacks.

The City Council also is expected to accept a \$99,492 grant from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to fund overtime costs for additional enforcement of underage drinking laws. The city was one of six randomly selected California communities invited to participate in a national project designed to help states create effective means of reducing alcohol consumption by minors.



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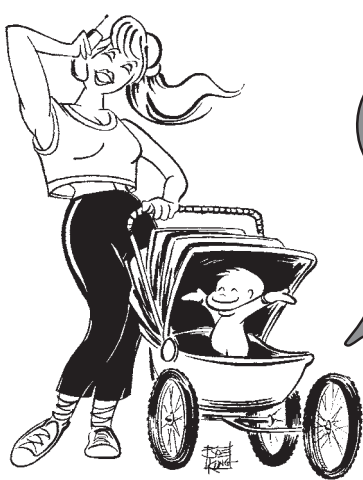
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A weekly look at events and programs for

Overindulging a child: What looks good feels bad

How Much Is Enough?

By Connie Dawson

One father worked hard to make it in life. By his great effort, he became a prosperous attorney. His daughter remembers what he said to her on a number of occasions when she was growing up.

"If I had had it as good as you have it, I would be a millionaire," he told her. "You're like a bump on a log. All you think of is yourself. You can't do anything."

Lacey, his daughter, now grown, knew she was being criticized but didn't know what to do about it. Her parents expected her to know what she had not been taught.

Now, Lacey talks about overindulgence with a friend and says, "I was allowed, even expected, to receive with a capital R. No one seemed to think I was capable of contributing. I remember asking to help mother in the kitchen and wanting to mow the lawn, but they wouldn't let me.

"When my mother told me to come and help her with the dishes and I said 'No,' she didn't make me. She should have insisted I help her. My parents were confused about who is responsible for what."

Today, Lacey reflects on how she was overindulged. "So many times, I haven't known how to do simple things, things that everyone else my age knew how to do," she said. "My parents took such good care of me, they didn't teach me what would have made my life much easier. My folks had the idea that I should have

fun. I think they always thought of work as not fun. I often heard them say, 'Kids will have plenty of time to have responsibilities. They should enjoy this part of their lives and have fun.'

"Fun's fine, but real life isn't fun, fun, fun every minute. In the real world, there are ups and downs and a whole lot of in between. The real world has been teaching me tough lessons. I know my parents meant well, but they made it too smooth for my own good."

Lacey's friend agreed.

"My friends envied me, but I never told them how painful it was," she said. "How can you complain about what looks so good? I still don't think I know what it feels like to be a real person."

Lacey and her friend agree that they were overindulged as children. What a relief to understand how it happened because neither of them wants their children to experience the same thing. What can they do?

First, teach reciprocity.

Taking and giving should be balanced. A newborn baby is all about taking. That's how it should be. Much later, when the child wants a ride to a friend's house, he's likely to get it if he has done his chores. Give and take. Balanced, according to the child's ability to give.

Assume parental leadership.

Acquaint yourselves with what children can do and insist they do it. Read Elizabeth Crary's book, "Pick Up Your Socks," to learn what to expect of children as they grow. If a child refuses to help with dishes, she should be greatly inconvenienced when she wants the services of her parents. (Review reciprocity).

Teach skills.

Show children how to be successful by taking the time to teach them basic skills. Follow through by expecting

them to use their skills.

With repeated fine tuning, they develop competence. As they grow, they will not tend to shrink from situations because they don't have confidence in their skills.

Use consequences that teach.

Unless the consequences of children's choices involve tissue damage, or unless it would cause great inconvenience for the rest of the family, children should be allowed to experience any distress that results from those choices. Encourage their sound thinking skills and send them into the fray to figure it out. Stand by for support, but resist the urge to rescue.

When devising consequences for your boundaries, think about reciprocity and check out the book, "Growing Up Again and Parenting With Love and Logic."

To help children and yourselves:

■ When you become angry or resentful, take that as a sign that something needs to change.

■ Parents are responsible for drawing the lines, for setting the expectations, for allowing or enforcing consequences. The children are responsible for how they choose to deal with them.

■ Love them, even when they are being unlovable.

(Connie Dawson, Ph.D., Jean Illsley Clarke, Ph.D., and David J. Bredehoft, Ph.D., are co-authors of "How Much Is Enough? Everything You Need to Know to Steer Clear of Overindulgence and Raise Likeable, Responsible and Respectful Children — From Toddlers to Teens." Connie can be reached at cdawson@whidbey.com. To read more about overindulgence, go to www.overindulgence.info).

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 18th – KIDS for KERRY - 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.

A benefit for MoveOn PAC. A community event to raise funds and spirits, featuring live music, dancing, face-painting, a puppet show and info on how we can all make a difference. Create your own banner or flag and join in the Vote for Kerry Parade. Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice. RSVP to Natasha Maidoff at Sheffilms@aol.com or call 358-6769. Or just show up! \$25 per family.

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Santa Monica pediatrician and author Dr. Harvey Karp speaks about his latest book. Jewish Community Library, 6505 Wilshire Blvd., LA, 323-761-8648. FREE!

MONDAY, SEPT. 20th - FAMILY CONNECTIONS - 10:00 a.m.

This free program from SMMUSD's Infant and Family Support Program, provided by St. John's Health Center, features a different speaker each week. This week's topic is "Calm, Alert and Ready to Learn: Why tuning in to your child affects your child's ability to form relationships and to learn." Lisa Margolis, LCSW Immediately following Lap Time at Joslyn Park, Craft Room, 633 Kensington Rd. Call 452-6132 or e-mail ifsp@smmusd.org for more info.

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Brought to you by the SMMUSD Infant and Family Support Program, provided by St. John's Health Center. The sessions are FREE, but a \$20 refundable registration deposit is required. Contact the IFSP at 452-6132 to register. October 16th in Spanish, October 23rd in English.

Special Note – Mommy Care classes have moved to 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood. Please see the calendar listings for schedule updates.

TUESDAY

Movies for Moms!

"When Will I Be Loved" starring Neve Campbell, Dominic Chianese and Frederick Weller. Drama; rated "R." 11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms.

Storytelling

Main Library – held at Reed Park, corner of 7th and Wilshire.

Toddler Storytime; 10:00 & 10:30 a.m. Next series begins Sept. 7. For 2 year olds with adult.

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 with adult. Thru Oct. 12.

Lap Time – 11:00 a.m, six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant & Family Support Programs. Thru Oct. 12.

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 begins Sept.

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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

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 – 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 7:00 – 8:00 p.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.; six-week series for 3-5 year olds with adult. Thru Oct. 13.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Lap Time - 10:00 & 10:30 a.m., for ages 0-2, next session begins Sept. 15.

Toddler Story Time – 11:15 a.m., for 2 year olds, next session begins Sept. 15.

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.

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.

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 – 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.

Toddler Story Time – 10:30 a.m; for ages 2 –3. Thru Oct. 14.

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, next session begins Sept. 16.

Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; for 3-5 year olds, next session begins Sept. 16.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.

Lap Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m., 6-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by SMMUSD Infant & Family Support Program. Current session dates are Sept. 9 – Oct. 14.

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.

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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.

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SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

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Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., 310-559-B00K.

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Yoga & Exercise

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

Mommy Care – 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 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)

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.santamonica-playhouse.com

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

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MONDAY

Storytelling

Main Library – Lap Time at Joslyn Park, Craft Room, begins September 13, 9:30 a.m. A series for babies up to two years old.

"Family Connections" - 10:00 a.m. Joslyn Park, Craft Room.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804.

"Spanish for Little Ones", 11:15 a.m. Next session dates are Sept. 13– Oct. 18.

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Toddler Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

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George W. Bush and Nick would take center stage.

I pulled out of NYC and headed my bike, my body and my memories of a fantastic journey toward the west, toward home, toward Santa Monica.

I go to bed when it's dark out and get back on the road when it's dark out. I am averaging about four hours of sleep a night. I don't know how much longer I can keep up this pace.

When I finally come to, I find a world that despite my historical events, hasn't changed much since I left. Thankfully, the City Council has been vacationing as well.

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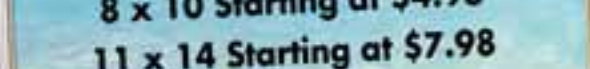
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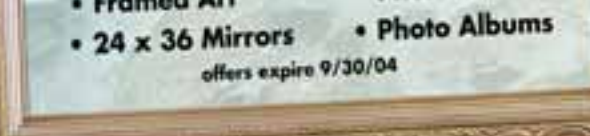
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Black Hawk helicopters bolster border control

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN

Associated Press Writer

THREE POINTS, Ariz. — Airborne for just a few minutes, the Black Hawk helicopter's crew was already busy, circling over nearly 20 illegal immigrants trying to hide beneath mesquite trees along a desert wash.

After landing nearby, immigration agents jumped out to start rounding up the mostly young men whose efforts to reach the U.S. interior — and find jobs — had been nipped abruptly for now.

The large, reliable Black Hawk, long a staple of Army air operations, now is a cog for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, whose officers are participating in joint air operations across southern Arizona with the Border Patrol, a sister agency.

They use the helicopter's day-or-night, all-weather ability to fly up to 200 mph at altitudes as high as 12,000 feet and as low as treetop level, helping guard and control the Arizona border. This day was typically busy for the agents.

The agents deployed in washes southeast of Ryan Airfield about 25 miles west of Tucson while the helicopter returned to the air, the pilot flying low overhead, looking for shadows in and around saguaro cactuses, palo verde and mesquite trees and brush.

"After a while of looking at the branches out here, you can tell when something doesn't look natural," said crew member Craig Davis.

One agent on the ground spotted a woman lying inside a small cave cut along the edge of a wash. "Somebody is playing possum, or they're in distress," Davis said.

Moments later, the woman was on her feet, walking unaided and without visible distress to join others in the

apprehended group.

"Our biggest concern is saving lives," Davis said.

The Border Patrol agents on each ICE helicopter are emergency medical technicians, able to provide emergency treatment in remote areas for migrants suffering from heat exposure or other problems.

In less than two hours, the crew, joined by agents in other helicopters and on the ground, would intercept more than 100 illegal immigrants in several groups scattered over several miles of desert, all trying to make their way north from Mexico.

They had paid or promised money to smugglers and had walked about 50 miles north from the Mexican border near Sasabe. Now they faced being sent back south.

Apprehended migrants are turned over to Border Patrol agents on the ground, taken to Tucson, checked for criminal records, prior apprehensions or arrest warrants. They are then repatriated to their native countries — most of the time back to Mexico.

Through September, those who volunteer will be flown to Mexico City or Guadalajara deep in the Mexican interior. Others are dropped off at the Mexican border.

The daily ICE helicopter patrols, flying some 10 to 12 hours a day, concentrate largely on desert areas west and south of Tucson crisscrossed by thousands of illegal immigrants. Those areas have been among the most active crossing points in Arizona, the busiest illegal entry point along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The air branch unit has 13 aircraft available, including five UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters capable of landing in the rugged southern Arizona terrain.

As part of a larger Arizona border crackdown that officially ends Sept. 30, the air patrols are coordinating

closely with Border Patrol efforts to secure the border, catching illegal immigrants, helping seize drugs and other contraband and saving lives.

At the same time, said Martin E. Vaughan Jr., field director of the Tucson Air Branch of ICE's air and marine operations, "We try not to duplicate what the Border Patrol is doing."

The unit's role has shifted, Vaughan said. Before "our mission was pretty clear in terms of an anti-contraband mission" focused primarily on drug smuggling, he said. "Now we realize that any intruder could be a threat."

More than 6,700 illegal immigrants have been apprehended over nearly 1,500 flight hours between March 16, when the border crackdown began, and the end of August.

And 11 months through the fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, the air operations have accounted for the capture of 8,282 illegal immigrants.

"We're pretty successful through the summer periods now," Vaughan said. "As summer's starting to wind down, we're seeing the movement take place that we anticipated."

"The seizures have reduced, the numbers of detainees are reducing and other locations are seeing increases, at least outside the Tucson sector," which covers all but the extreme southwest corner of Arizona.

Vaughan said officials were holding strategic briefings to decide how to respond as illegal immigrants shift from Arizona and whether to reallocate the air resources elsewhere.

"We're discussing that now, analyzing the threat to determine what level of activity is needed to mitigate the threat," Vaughan said.



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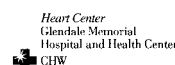
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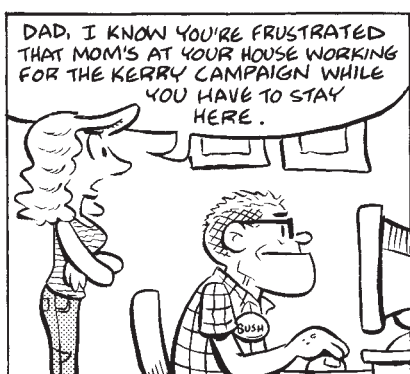
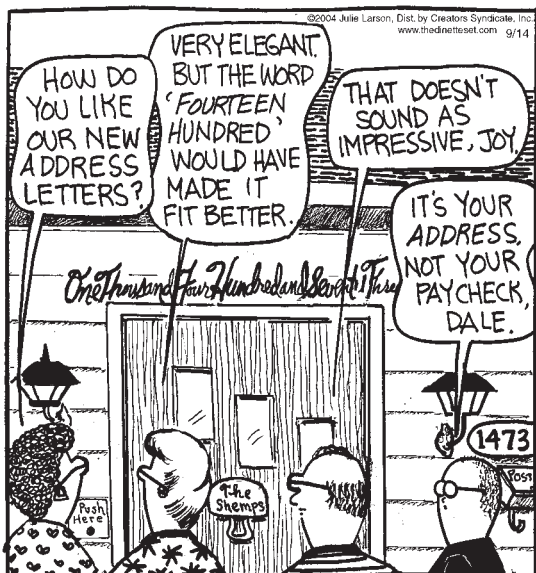


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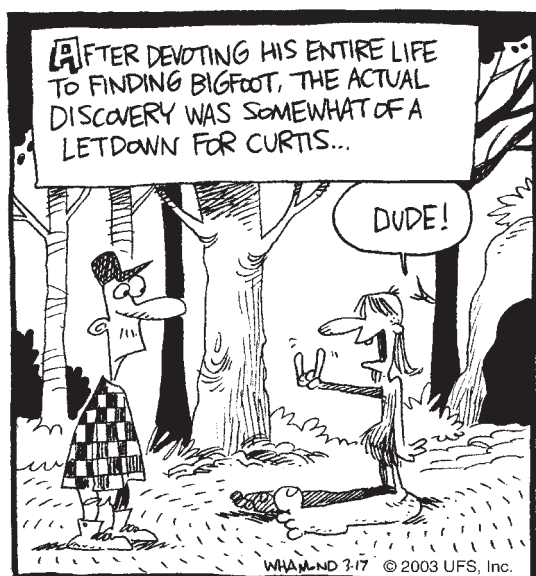
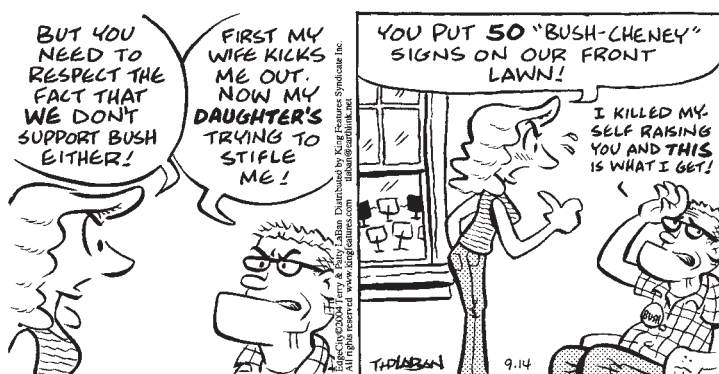


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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Rock Hall of Fame gives its first nod to rappers

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Grandmaster Flash & the Furious Five are among the nominees for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame — the first rap artists to get that distinction — joining U2, Randy Newman and the O'Jays on the ballot.

Getting his start as a DJ at Bronx parties in the late 1970s, Grandmaster Flash later joined with the Furious Five for the social commentary of "The Message" and "White Lines (Don't Don't Do It)".

Other nominees include blues guitarist Buddy Guy, rockabilly pioneer Wanda Jackson, rock band the Pretenders, soul singer Percy Sledge, "Centerfold" singers the J. Geils Band and the late country singer Conway Twitty.

Previous nominees on the ballot: the Sex Pistols, Patti Smith, the Stooges, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Gram Parsons.

Singers of "Back Stabbers" and a string of other soulful hits, the O'Jays had their chart heyday in the 1970s. A singer of satirical songs like "Short People," Newman is now one of the Hollywood's most successful composers of movie music.

Musicians, industry professionals and journalists vote, and results of the 20th annual election will likely be announced in December. Artists are eligible to be inducted into the Rock Hall after at least 25 years have passed since their first record was released.

LOS ANGELES — Jimmy Kimmel's doing it again.

The late-night funnyman will host the American Music Awards for the second consecutive year when the three-hour special airs live on ABC Nov. 14.

"It is an honor to be nominated and I promise that my duet with Christina Aguilera will be a performance that will not be soon forgotten," joked Kimmel, host of the network's "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

Dick Clark, who produces the annual American Music Awards, said Monday he was excited to have him back as the show's host.

"He showed last year that his unpredictability and ability to react to situations around him allows him to bring a unique sense of humor to the stage and to keep the show moving at a fast pace," Clark said.

Nominations for the 32nd annual American Music Awards, meanwhile, will be announced Tuesday.

NEW YORK — The countdown to the No. 1 sexiest male newscaster ends with ... Keith Olbermann — at least according to a Playgirl magazine online poll.

The host of MSNBC's nightly "Countdown with Keith Olbermann" had linked his Web site to the Playgirl Web site and urged viewers to vote for him. The strategy worked: he came away the winner with 24 percent of the 50,000 votes cast.

"Voter turnout was phenomenal," Michele Zipp, the magazine's editor in chief, said Monday. "Our readers jammed our e-mail server extolling the virtues of all those sexy news guys on TV."

Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity came in second and Anderson Cooper of CNN was third. Andy Rooney of CBS's "60 Minutes" — who's 85 — tied for fifth place with the boyish Bill Hemmer from CNN. And Fox's Bill O'Reilly received about 200 write-in votes.

Complete results will be listed in the October issue.

As winner, Olbermann won't be taking it all off in Playgirl's pages — but he will choose a charity to receive \$2,500 on his behalf.

NEW YORK — Mary-Louise Parker came to the Luca fashion show to see the cocktail dresses.

"I love his dresses, they are lovely and ladylike," she said Sunday night from the front row at the Bryant Park tents in midtown Manhattan. The show was part of New York Fashion Week, which runs through Wednesday.

Parker, an Emmy nominee for the miniseries "Angels in America," once had many occasions to get dressed up in designer Luca Orlandi's gowns and dresses.

But now that she's a mother, things have changed.

"I definitely don't get out as much as I used to," the 40-year-old actress said with a laugh.

Parker made a striking fashion statement at the Golden Globes earlier this year when she wore a form-fitting black gown with a plunging neckline just two weeks after giving birth to her son, Atticus. When she won the best supporting-actress award, for "Angels in America," Parker thanked her son for helping her fill out her revealing gown.

However, at Luca Luca, Parker opted for a simple blue sweater.

Other celebrities sitting along the catwalk included Jessica Simpson, Anne Hathaway, Venus and Serena Williams — wearing complementing salmon-pink dresses — and R. Kelly.

Parker returns to Broadway this fall, where she won a Tony for her performance in "Proof," to star in "Reckless."

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — More than 500 Buddhist monks marched in the Sri Lankan capital Monday expressing outrage and demanding a ban on an upcoming Hollywood movie, threatening to fast — even to death — if their objections were not heeded.

"Hollywood Buddha," made by independent filmmaker Philippe Caland, will be released in California Sept. 24. It's about a struggling Hollywood producer who rents a Buddha statue at the behest of a Buddhist friend who believes it will bring him luck selling his feature film.

Saffron-robed monks from the Patriotic National Movement marched to the U.S. Embassy denouncing an advertisement of the movie that shows a man seated on the head of a Buddha statue.

Some carried the advertisement while others waved Buddhist flags and staged a sit-down protest shielding themselves with black umbrellas against the blazing midday sun.

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