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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Just before the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, John M. Lyons Jr. filed a lawsuit in New Orleans against Mark Morice, who admits to commandeering Lyons' 18-foot pleasure boat during the chaos after Katrina hit in order to rescue more than 200 people (according to his count), including a 93-year-old dialysis patient whose wife praised Morice for a Times-Picayune story. Nonetheless, said Lyons, Morice (who voluntarily identified himself to Lyons for taking the boat) didn't have permission to use it, and since it was ultimately lost (Morice said he abandoned it for other rescuers to use), and insurance covered less than half of its replacement, Lyons says Morice should pay him \$12,000.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 258th day of 2006.
There are 107 days left in the year.

1789 The U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

1959 Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev arrived in the U.S. to begin a 13-day visit.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"My heart is a lonely hunter that hunts on a lonely hill."
"FIONA MACLEOD" (WILLIAM SHARP),
SCOTTISH AUTHOR AND POET (1855-1905)

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

STORMING: Christine Troutt (left) and Nicole Nez (right) record information on Thursday during the 'safety perception session' during the Beach Summit, a marketing branding brainstorming session put on by the Santa Monica Visitor's and Convention Bureau.

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH — There may have been a light drizzle here Thursday morning, but that did not dampen the spirits of those who attended a beach-side barbecue aimed at creating a new identity for Santa Monica.

Ideas flew from every direction as a crowd of roughly 60 participants broke off into three groups — environmental stewardship, safety perceptions and beach amenities and services. In each group, elected officials, city employees and concerned citizens were asked to give their opinions as to what can be done to enhance the experience of tourists visiting local beaches.

The effort is part of an extensive research project by the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau to create a brand for Santa Monica that

conveys a powerful message to consumers, enticing them to come back time and time again. That is crucial, participants said, given the importance tourism plays in the local economy, generating \$30 million last year in hotel tax revenue alone. It's estimated that tourism brings in annually \$840 million in revenue to Santa Monica.

"For the last 18 to 21 months we have been working very hard to make Santa Monica premier travel destination," said CVB president Misti Kerns. "This represents an important next step. The beach experience is critical in whether or not visitors decide to stay in Santa Monica and if they will return to our community in the future."

The current brand "promise," also known as a slogan, is as follows: "Santa Monica ... the best way

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Off the hook

Multimedia artist and sculptor, Tony Longo, 46, hangs up his sculpture called 'Captain Green' in his booth in preparation for the Santa Monica Arts Fair to be held this weekend.

Employees stick with the status-quo

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Municipal employees seem pleased with the current makeup of the City Council, throwing their support behind three incumbents seeking re-election in November.

The Coalition of Santa Monica City Employees — comprised of roughly 1,500 City Hall employees — announced Thursday that Mayor Bob Holbrook and City Councilmembers Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor received their endorsement following 30-minute interviews with each candidate last Saturday.

The elected officials were required to answer a series of questions before the interviews and were then asked to explain those answers during face-

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Others want to belong or to be part of what is happening. You will not take being left out well at all. You know how to "Ram" your way in. That is exactly what you do. Oddly enough, someone stands up to you. Tonight: Learn that you cannot control anyone but yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Express yourself. You don't always need to rely on words. Often actions work just as well and draw a similar if not stronger reaction. Work with a controlling or difficult associate. You can make peace. Tonight: Why not accept different opinions?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to indulge, despite logic and a recent discussion about self-discipline. Might you be surprised that a partner overreacts? Work with others, building security on the home front. Know what you want. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You have far more influence than you realize. You might want to rethink a personal matter more carefully. You might need to step back, as you are unusually tired and drawn. Let your routine slide, for now. Tonight: What would put a smile on your face?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Keeping certain facts to yourself proves to be wiser than you know. Others express optimism and the ability to share. A risk could be a definite no-no, no matter what you decide to do or who you decide to be with. Play it calm. Yes, it could be hard. Tonight: Play it low-key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You aim for much more than normal. You can pull white rabbits out of black hats. Use your innate luck to bring happiness to those around you. In fact, a spontaneous party could be right up your alley. Tonight: Find the gang.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You can assume what you feel is your rightful role of leader. You might like being pivotal, but you will need to choose your words more carefully. Someone easily could be out of sorts. You have precision on your side. Avoid becoming too picky. Tonight: Take charge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ If you hang in the emotional, intuitive space you understand so well, events will fall into place. Your sixth sense works overtime and, at the moment, is lucky for you. Still, curb all money risking, for your sake. Tonight: Take in a movie.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Though you might not always have an easy time putting your best foot forward, do so today, especially when dealing with an important associate. You could be put off by a boss or someone who thinks he or she is in charge. Tonight: Enjoy a special person in your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others run with the ball, but never fear, you will not be forgotten. You will accomplish much more than you thought possible. Sort through special invitations. Don't make anything harder than it needs to be. Tonight: Say yes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might be very enthusiastic. This energy is contagious, with perhaps the exception of a friend who does bah humbug. You don't have to go overboard, but it is certainly your time to relax and regroup. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You have the energy and savoir-faire to accomplish whatever you want whenever you desire it. This positive attitude goes far in creating more of what you want. Romance knocks on singles' doors. Children might play an important role. Tonight: Have fun.

BORN TODAY Painter **Jean Renoir** (1894), Prince **Harry** (1984), actor **Tommy Lee Jones** (1946)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMPD checkpoint keeps Friday night sober

By Daily Press staff

Happy hour patrons may want to reconsider before hopping behind the wheel after cocktail-hour tonight.

The Santa Monica Police Department will be conducting a driver's license and sobriety checkpoint in the 3200 block of Santa Monica Boulevard at some point this evening. The checkpoint is in accordance with a state of California — Office of Traffic Safety grant in support of the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose" national campaign. The goal of the campaign is to reduce the number of victims killed and injured in alcohol-involved crashes in cities participating in the program.

For more information contact SMPD Sgt. Marty Fine at (310) 458-8993.

SM Red Cross offers diversity skills

By Daily Press staff

Working with a cultural mix of people can take skills and sensitivity.

That's why the American Red Cross of Santa Monica is offering the "Working with Total Diversity" class on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. to provide the necessary social tools. The skill-based training program provides the skills needed to be effective in working with and serving diverse communities.

Among the objectives of the course is to learn how to approach situations with a "learner" mindset, and how to differentiate facts from opinions. Class participants will learn how to control responses in "cultural collisions," how to master culturally sensitive communications and apply the skills they've learned to enter and service diverse communities with greater ease.

The instructor of the class is Haqiqah Abdul-Rahim. She is a long-time Central Coast Red Cross volunteer and instructor, and one of the premier teachers of ethnic understanding and cultural diversity training for the American Red Cross.

Although a prerequisite class for all Santa Monica Red Cross volunteers working in disaster services locally, as well as out of the area, this class is the first cultural diversity class to be offered to the general public on a first-come, first-serve basis.

There is no charge for the class, however, participants are required to be on time for the 8 a.m. start. There will be a lunch break and class will continue until about 4:30 p.m. The training is open to anyone 18 years old or older. Class size is limited to 50 persons, so immediate reservations are suggested. Class participants already volunteering with the American Red Cross will receive course credit for the session.

Persons interested in taking the class to be held at Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., should call the Santa Monica Red Cross, Monday through Friday at (310) 394-3773 during business hours and register for "Working with Total Diversity." For additional information or register on-line at www.redcrossofsantamonica.org.

The American Red Cross of Santa Monica is a publicly supported nonprofit corporation that provides health and safety education, youth services, CPR and first aid training, disaster awareness and disaster relief efforts. For additional information or to inquire about programs or assistance, call (310) 394-3773 or go online at www.redcrossofsantamonica.org.

Tsang speaks for women voters

By Daily Press staff

The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica has announced that Santa Monica College President Chui Tsang will speak at its annual membership meeting on Sept. 16.

The gathering will begin with a brief business meeting at 10 a.m. followed by Dr. Tsang's speech. The gathering is open to the public. For directions and to RSVP, call Peggy Fonkalsrud at (310) 394-3079.

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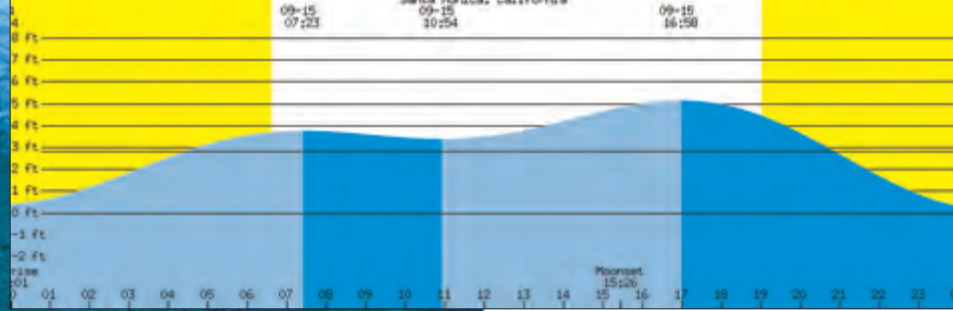
SWELL FORECAST (4-6 FT)

Friday the 15th should see the peak of the NW energy. Also, a swath of southerly swell is due from a system that was swirling south of Easter Island a few days ago. It looks like south facing breaks will see 180-190 degree energy with 14-16 second periods pushing wave size towards chest high.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

SW DROPS AS NW WIND SWELL INCREASES...
FRIDAY SEES SOUTH SWELL TOO...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



The tide chart shows a high tide around 07:23 and a low tide around 16:50. The y-axis represents tide height in feet from -2 to 8. The x-axis represents time from 01 to 24 hours.

The Q-Line

There appears to be a mass exodus of middle-class residents in Santa Monica. The average resident only lives here for about two years before they end up moving on. Those who can't benefit from rent control prices capped years ago find it difficult to live here. And actually owning a home is nearly impossible. So those who actually make the town tick and contribute to Santa Monica's economy end up moving to the suburbs or outside of the state so they can live the American Dream.

This week, Q-Line wants to know, "How can city leaders address this growing issue?"

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your responses in the weekend edition. Please try to limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY FATHER MIKE GUTIERREZ

Movement mounts against youth violence

The death of Eddie Lopez earlier this year was a tragic day in the history of our city. He was a good kid on the right path, until his life was abruptly ended by a senseless act of violence. Along with the rest of our community, people of faith were shocked and saddened by the loss of yet another young life. Collectively, our faiths teach us that human life is precious. Seen in this light, violence against human beings is offensive on religious grounds, particularly if this violence is committed against the most precious among us, children and adolescents. We feel that for too long the faith community in Santa Monica has stood by on the sidelines of this issue. It is for all of these reasons that we are launching an interfaith community campaign against youth violence to make sure that every child in our community is safe.

Over the last several months, our congregations, working with LA Voice-PICO, have spent countless hours speaking with one another and other members of the community, as well as with elected, city and police officials throughout the region to build a movement on behalf of our youth. Through this process several things have become clear. First, the problem can only be addressed through a diverse partnership of government officials, elected officials, businesses and the community. Second, the faith community plays a specific and integral role in this partnership. Third, the problem of youth violence as it manifests itself is by nature regional and as such requires a regional approach.

We will launch this emerging campaign this Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2:30 p.m., at St. Anne's Catholic Church and Shrine. On that day the area congregations of St. Anne's, Beth Shir Shalom Synagogue, the Church in Ocean Park, St. Monica's Catholic Church, First United Methodist of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Bay Interfaith Council will be hosting a town hall meeting on the issue.

We will be calling upon area leaders to work in covenant with the faith community. We will be asking them to create a regional plan on youth violence, coordinating the efforts of elected officials, social services and police agencies. There have been great strides made by the city of Santa Monica to address the issue. We recognize and respect those efforts. But the task is not completed.

Nothing we can do will undo the tragic loss of Eddie Lopez or any other past victim. But we will continue to honor the memory of his life by working to assure that every child and adolescent in our community is afforded every opportunity possible to succeed, in an atmosphere free of violence. When confronted with adversity and violence we have two alternatives: Turn inward and deny the problem or face the problem head-on and accept responsibility for its solution. We accept and embrace our duty to find a solution. Sunday is an important day, the first step in a journey towards peace. Although the journey is long, we are not alone. With faith in hand, we will fight for the lives of our children.

(Father Mike Gutierrez is the pastor of St. Anne's Catholic Church and Shrine and Rev. Janet McKeithen is the pastor of the Church in Ocean Park.)

GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN W. WHITEHEAD

President Bush should speak out against forced abortions in China

On Aug. 24, 2006, after a trial that lasted a mere two hours, blind civil rights activist Chen Guangcheng was sentenced by Chinese authorities to four years and three months in prison for the alleged crime of "damaging property and organizing a mob to disturb traffic." Human rights advocates have reported that the charges against Guangcheng were fabricated in order to retaliate against him for his vocal opposition to China's inhumane practice of forced abortions and sterilizations.

According to published news reports, 34-year-old Guangcheng was placed under house arrest after talking to Time magazine about some forced abortion cases he was investigating in Linyi County, Shandong. Writing in April 2006 about Guangcheng's efforts to aid thousands of Chinese villages, Time reporter Hannah Beech stated:

"Last year officials initiated a forced abortion and sterilization campaign against women in Shandong province who were deemed ineligible to bear another child under China's strict family-planning policy. Even though national regulations prohibit such brutal measures, no one except Chen was willing to confront local officials, who may have felt that lowering the number of extra births would help their political careers ... At least two women had been forced to abort their babies just days before their due dates."

Guangcheng's efforts to expose the plight of the women of Shandong had led him to speak with Time magazine about the issue. However, within hours of his meeting with Time, Guangcheng was placed under house arrest that lasted from September 2005 to March 2006. Time reported that during the period of his house arrest, "thugs routinely showed up at Chen's house to rough him up."

He was formally arrested in June 2006. On the eve of his trial, according to news reports, all of Guangcheng's lawyers were detained and barred from the courtroom, leaving Guangcheng to contend with a government-appointed public defender who did little to protect his client.

Officials within the Bush Administration have rightly condemned Guangcheng's imprisonment and called on Chinese authorities to release him. Yet their timid rhetoric has failed to communicate a sense of urgency in keeping with the severity of Guangcheng's situation. Assistant Secretary of State Ellen Sauerbrey stated in remarks to the Washington Post, "For China's own reputation, our hope is just that if we keep a focus on the issue, that China will recognize that it is in their best interest to release this gentleman from jail."

Clearly, the time has passed for President Bush to be diplomatically speaking through his representatives. The urgency of Guangcheng's plight demands that the president personally speak up for him and others like him who are being persecuted for daring to speak truth to power.

In an interview with Time magazine prior to his arrest, Guangcheng stated, "Someone has to fight for people with

no voice. I guess that person is me." Guangcheng is giving us a valuable lesson in democracy. However, he should not, and must not, be the lone voice in the wilderness speaking out against such acts of injustice and wrongdoing.

President Bush, as America's voice to the international community, has a moral obligation to personally speak out against the egregious human rights abuses presently taking place in China. This is especially true as they relate to the issue of forced abortions.

In 1979, the People's Republic of China instituted a Planned Birth Policy, also known as the "one-child policy," which limits urban couples to having one child in an effort to control China's population growth. The Chinese government has since announced its intentions of continuing its one-child policy through the 2006-2010 five-year planning period. And as Guangcheng has shown, despite the fact that coercive measures may be illegal in China, they are still being put into practice. For example, China has been accused of meeting its population requirements through bribery, coercion, forced sterilization, forced abortion and infanticide, with most reports coming from rural areas. It has also been reported that women as far along as 8 1/2 months pregnant are forced to abort by injection of saline solution into the womb, killing the baby and causing the mother great mental and physical pain.

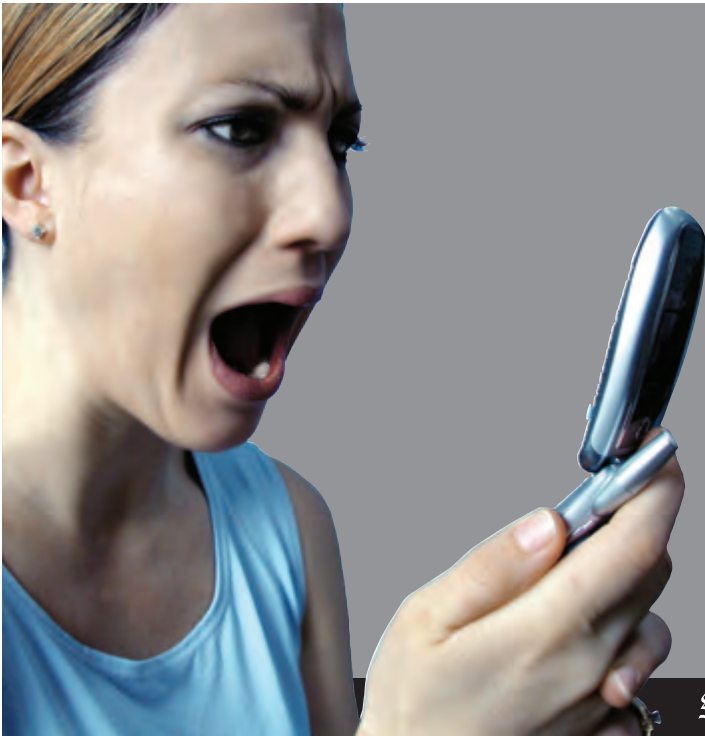
Thus, the Bush Administration's decision to withhold U.S. funds from the United Nations Population Fund to China as a result of forced abortions is a step in the right direction. However, more must be done by the president himself.

The French philosopher Albert Camus wrote that "the world expects of Christians that they will raise their voices so loudly and clearly and so formulate their protest that not even the simplest man can have the slightest doubt about what they are saying. Further, the world expects of Christians that they will eschew all fuzzy abstractions and plant themselves squarely in front of the bloody face of history. We stand in need of folk who have determined to speak directly and unmistakably and come what may, to stand by what they have said."

As a professed Christian and as President of the United States, George W. Bush has a moral duty to raise his voice loudly against injustice and wrongdoing, whether it takes place within the United States or beyond our borders.

We are a world in need of a leader with the moral courage and strength of his convictions to take a personal stand against injustice and for what is right — that is, in the words of Guangcheng, to "fight for people with no voice."

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Diligent mother helps nab sexual predator

On Saturday, Sept. 9 at 4:15 p.m., a mother and her two daughters walked into the Second Street substation of the Santa Monica Police Department, where they told officers that a man approached the girls — ages 11 and 15 — while they were playing on the beach and patted their butts. The incident occurred at about 3:15 p.m. in the 1500 block of the beach. Apparently, the two girls were trying to cover one another up with sand when the stranger approached and asked if he could join in. The girls did not respond. The man started to cover them up and while doing so, he patted and pinched one of the girls' buttocks. He did the same with the other girl and then left, police said. A short time later, the girls left the beach with their mother and the man began to follow them. The girls informed their mother of what occurred and she went to the substation to file a report. Officers located the suspect, who was arrested and transported to the Santa Monica Jail where he was booked for child molestation and child annoyance. He was identified as Felipe Brito, 35, a resident of North Hills. His bail was set at \$100,000.

On Saturday, Sept. 9 at 2:52 p.m., police responded to the 1300 block of Fifth Street regarding an assault investigation. When officers arrived, they spoke to a man who said that he was with a friend talking, when he made a comment that upset him, at which time the friend reached under his shirt and pulled a knife. Police said the man with the knife told his friend that he was going to stab him. He lunged at the man who dodged the strike and armed himself with a stick. The man with the knife threatened to shoot the other and then left on foot. No gun was found. Responding officers stopped the suspect on the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Arizona Avenue. After a field show-up in which the victim identified the suspect, he was arrested and booked for assault with a deadly weapon and making criminal threats. There also was an outstanding warrant, police said. The suspect was identified as Richard Norman Zimmerman, 54, a transient. His bail was set at \$50,000.

On Saturday, Sept. 9 at 2:53 p.m., officers responded to the 1100 block of Sixth Street regarding a report of an attempted burglary. When officers arrived, they spoke with a man who said that he saw a suspect trying to crawl through a window in his apartment. The suspect fled when the resident confronted him. He was later arrested in the 1100 block of Seventh Street. He was identified as Christopher Fewell, 35, a transient. No bail was set because of a probation violation, police said.

On Friday, Sept. 8 at 1:45 a.m., police in the area of Fourth Street and Hollister Avenue responded to a report of suspicious activity in the area. Officers stopped a pedestrian who looked suspicious. After talking with him, police discovered he was concealing a pair of 24-inch bolt cutters underneath his sweatshirt. He was taken into custody for possession of burglary tools and for violating terms of his parole, police said. He was identified as John Christopher Cenicerros, 27, of San Gabriel. No bail was set.

On Friday, Sept. 8 at 6:45 p.m., undercover police officers conducting a follow-up investigation on an Internet posting for erotic services arrived at a hotel in the 2800 block of Santa Monica Boulevard. Officers called a phone number listed on the posting and a woman told them to meet her at a room in the hotel. When they arrived, one officer knocked on the door while others waited nearby. A woman answered and invited the officer inside. The two talked and during the brief conversation, a deal was reached in which the woman would provide sexual services in exchange for money, police said. At that point, the officer signaled for backup and the woman was arrested for prostitution. She was identified as Sandra Silva Oliveira, 33, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at \$2,000.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 5:45 p.m., police responded to the corner of Dorchester and Delaware avenues regarding a report of an assault in progress. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said that she was the victim of road rage. Apparently, she was involved in a traffic dispute with another woman, who allegedly pulled her car in front of the other vehicle, approached the victim and began to yell at her. The suspect also punched the woman in the face with a closed fist before leaving the scene. The victim was able to get the license plate of the vehicle, which led officers to the suspect's residence, located in the 3100 block of Urban Avenue. Officers waited for the woman to arrive. When she returned home, she was arrested and booked for assault and battery. She was identified as Beatriz Zavala, 42, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at \$20,000.

On Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 9:50 p.m., police responded to the 1900 block of Cloverfield Boulevard regarding a prowler. When officers arrived, they spoke to a man who said he saw a stranger peaking into his apartment's bathroom window on two separate occasions which took place within a span of 20 minutes. The man later appeared again when officers were at the location and he was placed under arrest for prowling. He was identified as Satoshi Sugimoto, 24 of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$5,000.

On Monday, Sept. 4 at 9:25 p.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Third Street after receiving a call about an assault. When officers arrived, they spoke with a man who said a car pulled up alongside him and someone in the passenger's seat pulled out a gun and fired it at him, striking him in the stomach. The gun turned out to be loaded with BBs, police said. With a description of the vehicle, officers were able to track down the suspect within 15 minutes near the corner of Lincoln and Santa Monica boulevards, police said. Three suspects were detained and the vehicle was searched for weapons. Officers recovered a BB gun and the three suspects were arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. One of the suspects was a juvenile — an African-American male, 16-years-old — and therefore, his name was not released by police. The other two suspects were identified as Eduardo Marquez Rodarte, 20, of Santa Monica, and Miguel Shaidez, 19, of Santa Monica. The three were booked for assault with a deadly weapon. Bail for the two adults was set at \$30,000.

(This report was compiled by staff writer Kevin Herrera.)

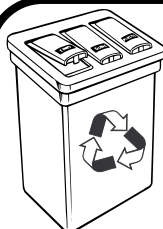
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Charges brought against man who tried to bilk Pitt

By Daily Press staff

A “security consultant” was arrested Thursday on a federal charge which accuses him of impersonating a federal agent in an attempt to persuade Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie to hire him to provide security services.

Nelson Mercado, 46, of Torrance, was arrested without incident Thursday morning by special agents with the United States Secret Service. Mercado was arrested pursuant to an indictment that was returned Wednesday by a federal grand jury in Santa Ana and accuses him of impersonating a federal agent for financial gain.

Sunset Protective Services and Investigations (SPSI) is a private security company that provides armed bodyguard services to individuals and corporate clients, including Pitt and Jolie. Mercado allegedly told SPSI that he was a special agent with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and that he provided bodyguard and

security services for famous athletes and entertainers while off-duty. Mercado allegedly specifically sought the security contract and hourly payments to provide security services for Pitt and Jolie.

The one-count indictment alleges that Mercado falsely assumed and pretended to be a special agent with the DPS from as early as August 2005 through at least May 18, 2006. The indictment further alleges that Mercado carried and used fraudulent credentials claiming that he was a special agent with DHS. The indictment further alleges that Mercado drove a Ford Crown Victoria with tinted windows and a police light package, which was fraudulently registered to the “U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security of America.”

Mercado is expected to make his initial appearance Friday afternoon in United States District Court in Santa Ana.

If convicted, Mercado faces a statutory maximum penalty of three years in federal prison.

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DATE/TIME: September 18, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

SPECIAL REVIEW OF CITY PROJECT:

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Formulate Comments pertaining to the Design, Colors and Materials of a new Pier Restroom Facility for Future Consideration of the Landmarks Commission

PROPERTIES:

- ☐ ARB 05-522, 1949 Seventeenth Street: Multi Residential
- ☐ ARB 06-032, 1119 Twentieth Street: Multi-Residential
- ☐ ARB 06-044, 1007 Sixth Street: Multi-Residential
- ☐ ARB 06-096, 1919 Pico Boulevard: Restaurant
- ☐ ARB 06-106, 1327 Euclid Street: Multi-Residential
- ☐ ARB 06-239, 2914 Highland Avenue: Multi-Family Residential
- ☐ ARB 06-131, 1020 Colorado Avenue: Auto Service Facility
- ☐ ARB 06-169, 2001 Ocean Avenue: Bayside Hotel
- ☐ ARB 06-205, 626 Adelaide Drive: Single-Family
- ☐ ARB 06-254, 2640 Lincoln Boulevard: Mixed-Use
- ☐ ARB 06-269, 2301 Pico Boulevard: Wireless Telecommunications Facility
- ☐ ARB 06-274, 639 Pacific Street: Multiple Residential
- ☐ ARB 06-282, 1018 Wilshire Boulevard: Office Building
- ☐ ARB 06-294, 1927 Eighteenth Street: Multi-Residential
- ☐ ARB 06-319, 951 Berkeley Street: Single Family
- ☐ ARB 06-321, 2316 Lincoln Boulevard: Furniture Stores
- ☐ ARB 06-327, 1314 Wilshire: Telecommunications Facility
- ☐ ARB 06-348, 1421 Wilshire Boulevard: Retail Stores
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- ☐ ARB 06-358, 1450 Fifth Street: Retail Shops
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More information is available on-line at <http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagenda.htm> or at 310/458-8341 (en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail planning@santa-monica.org, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). Call 310-458-8341 or TTY 310-450-8896 for disability accommodation requests. Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 7 & 8 serve City Hall.

Latin American families fluency in Spanish fails

BY CHRIS NEWMARKER

Associated Press Writer

TRENTON, N.J. — A few generations after families move to the United States from Latin American countries, fluency in Spanish dies out and English becomes the dominant language, according to a new paper published by sociology professors from New Jersey and California.

The paper counters popular arguments that the size of Latino immigration to the United States could create a bilingual society and a fundamental change in American culture.

Such sentiments have played a role in debates over U.S. immigration law and touched off a controversy earlier this year over a Spanish-language version of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The paper — authored by Douglas Massey at Princeton University and Ruben Rumbaut and Frank Bean at the University of California, Irvine — found Spanish giving way to English among Southern California's heavily Hispanic population.

The study suggests that Mexican immigrants arriving in Southern California today can expect only five out of every 100 of their great-grandchildren to speak fluent Spanish.

"Even in the nation's largest Spanish-speaking enclave, within a border region that historically belonged to Mexico, Spanish appears to be well on the way to a natural

death by the third generation of U.S. residence," the researchers said in the paper, published in the September issue of the journal "Population and Development Review."

The authors of the new paper use survey data to show that Hispanics with each successive generation are becoming English speakers, just like previous immigration waves in U.S. history.

The paper draws on two studies, one conducted in 2004 and the other in 2001 to 2003, to assemble a sample of 5,703 Southern California residents. Among the group, 1,642 had Mexican roots and a total of 2,262 had Latin American ancestry.

Survival of Spanish among the descendants of Mexican and Central-American immigrants was higher than among other groups, but still followed the usual pattern of English taking over as the years passed.

Among Mexican-Americans with two U.S.-born parents but three or more foreign-born grandparents, only 17 percent spoke fluent Spanish. Among those with only one or two foreign-born grandparents, Spanish fluency dropped to 7 percent.

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Warnings doled out against drug scientists

BY RITA BEAMISH

Associated Press Writer

The majority of federal scientists investigated for improperly accepting personal money from drug companies or biotechnology firms escaped serious punishment, and investigators declined to proceed with several cases involving possible crimes, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Only two of the ethics cases brought to light in the past two years inside the NIH remain open. In both cases, the scientists remain on the federal payroll.

Most of the rest got off with just written reprimands or verbal warnings for failing to get proper permission for their outside work or were allowed to retire, NIH spokesman John Burklow told The Associated Press.

The NIH's handling of the ethics cases has renewed questions inside Congress about whether the government's premiere medical research agency is serious about policing conflicts of interests among its scientists who take private sector money.

Of particular concern is the case of Dr. Trey Sunderland, a prominent Alzheimer's disease researcher who took hundreds of thousands of dollars in money from a drug company with which he also collaborated in his government capacity.

Sunderland continues to collect a federal check nearly a year after he was recommended for termination. He already had offered to resign two years ago to take a private sector job but the government wouldn't let him, according to correspondence obtained by AP.

"In spite of the public changes that have been made at NIH, there really does not appear to be a cultural change where the institution and the members of the institution condemn the kind of behavior that apparently Dr. Sunderland has exhibited," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. "It's really, really disappointing."

One of Barton's subcommittees planned to hold a hearing Wednesday to press for more answers.

Burklow said Sunderland remains at NIH "because there is an open investigation."

Officials have told Congress that the Department of Health and Human Services' internal watchdog and the Justice Department both are investigating the scientist.

NIH investigated 103 employees after congressional hearings in 2004 and disclosures in the Los Angeles Times revealed many scientists weren't reporting their lucrative consulting deals with private companies as required. Forty-four employees were found to have violated ethics rules.

AP asked NIH to give an accounting of how those cases were resolved.

Burklow said two scientists got no punishment at all for infractions described as minor. Six left the agency before punishment could be meted out, and 10 were referred to the Health and Human Services inspector general for possible criminal investigation, he said.

The IG, the agency's internal watchdog, declined to pursue eight of those referrals, leaving them instead to face NIH administrative penalties such as suspensions ranging from a week to 45 days, Burklow said.

The rest simply got written reprimands or verbal warnings.

Sunderland remains under investigation by the inspector general, who also is reviewing one other case. A government official, speaking only on condition of anonymity

because the investigation is ongoing, identified the other researcher as Dr. Thomas Walsh, a prominent cancer scientist.

Sunderland and Walsh both committed "serious misconduct," so grave that they would be fired if they were civilians, according to reports written by NIH ethics officers.

Both are members of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, which provides medical help during disasters. So NIH sent its findings to that agency, which has yet to act on the NIH recommendations.

Both Sunderland and Walsh did private work for drug companies on government time, didn't seek approval or report their ties, and conducted research that overlapped their official duties in violation of federal law and regulation, the NIH ethics reports alleged.

Since the public revelations, NIH has banned outside consulting by agency scientists, a once widespread practice that allowed some researchers to eclipse their government salaries with corporate income.

Walsh, according to the NIH report, failed to report more than \$100,000 in income from Merck & Co. and other drug companies between 1999 and 2004, and did not take leave time to do the consulting.

Reached at his NIH office on Monday, Walsh declined comment.

Sunderland ran afoul of the rules in earning more than \$600,000 from the Pfizer Inc. drug company between 1996 and 2004 for consulting and lectures. NIH and congressional investigators also cited irregularities in his transfer of human tissue samples to Pfizer.

Lawyers for both scientists said they put in exceptionally long hours at their government jobs and that clerical problems were at least partly to blame for the lack of reporting.

Sunderland's lawyer said his client never intended to hide his dealings with Pfizer and that the government's failure to let him retire has cost him private sector opportunities and control of his Alzheimer's research.

"The bureaucratic inaction ... with respect to Dr. Sunderland's retirement request has unreasonably interfered not only with Dr. Sunderland's career but also with his important Alzheimer's research," Attorney Robert Muse wrote Congress on Monday.

Sunderland tried to retire two years ago and initially won approval in November 2004 from Dr. Thomas Insel, director of the National Institute for Mental Health, according to documents obtained by AP.

Less than six weeks later, NIH's deputy director Raynard Kington recommended that the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps deny Sunderland's departure, citing the ongoing investigation and potential "adverse effects" on the Corps' operations.

NIH recommended to the Corps in November 2005 that Sunderland be terminated, but he continues today on the government payroll.

Corps spokeswoman Christina Pearson said the agency has taken no action yet because there are "other reviews" it must coordinate with.

The Corps is concerned about the allegations surrounding Sunderland and Walsh, "and will take appropriate action should wrongdoing be found," she said.

Sunderland's problems could also impact the prestigious Journal of the American Medical Association, which requires authors to reveal any relevant financial affiliations at the end of their articles.

Phoenix survives summer without any child swimming-pool deaths

BY CHRIS KAHN

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — For the first time in decades, the Phoenix area went an entire summer without a single child drowning in a swimming pool — a remarkable feat in this often-broiling desert city full of backyard places in which to take a dip.

Swimming pool accidents are typically the biggest killer of children in Phoenix and its suburbs, claiming more than lives than even car crashes. Last year, 22 children drowned, most of them in the summer, many of them after falling in. That is about average for the sprawling metropolitan area of 3.6 million people.

But since May 14, not one child has drowned in a pool, according to the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Central Arizona, a group run by parents and rescue workers. No one can seem to remember the last time Phoenix had a zero-drowning summer.

“Knock on wood. It’s fantastic,” said John Harrington, the group’s president.

The achievement is being attributed to a number of preventive measures, many of them promoted by parents like Harrington who lost children to accidental drownings: a 1991 Arizona law that requires fences around pools; a Phoenix Fire Department program that has been providing free fences for the past three years; CPR and pool safety classes now offered in many cities; and public service campaigns that have made “Watch your kids around water” a mantra for parents.

“Good fortune has to be part of it,” Phoenix Fire Chief Bob Khan said. “We’ve had a lot of pool submersions this year where people have gotten to them in time.”

In a metropolitan area where the air sizzles from spring often until Halloween, so many youngsters have drowned over the years that police dispatchers developed a special whistle to alert rescue crews over the radio.

Scottsdale Fire Capt. Jim Novotny, who has been pulling kids from backyard pools for 24 years, got to know that trilling sound

well, and recalled that in some years, there were multiple drowning calls in an hour.

“It was getting out of control,” Novotny said. “You’re just throwing your arms up. What can we do to make people more safe around water?”

Harrington, a hospital administrator, helped found the coalition after his 18-month-old son Rex fell into the family pool and died in 1986.

“The baby sitter took my daughter in the house to get something to eat and left Rex out by the pool. By the time she got back out there, he was floating in the pool,” said Harrington, 51. “It was the worst thing in my life. It consumed me. During that year, as typical with families, my wife developed a drug and alcohol problem. Then we got divorced.”

Harrington said he couldn’t stop asking questions about how he could have better protected his family: “Maybe we should have put a fence in. Maybe we should have done a better job picking a baby sitter. Should we have Rex take swim lessons?”

He helped organize consumer product safety officials, firefighters and emergency workers, and the coalition lobbied lawmakers and helped pass a rare state law requiring pool fences for households with young children.

It also helped develop safety products — including motion sensors that sound an alarm when someone falls into a pool — and works to educate people about pool safety.

Not surprisingly, warm states lead the nation in drownings: Florida, Arizona, Mississippi averaged more than five deaths per 100,000 people each year from 2000 to 2002, according to Tim Flood, a state Department of Health Services statistician who works with the coalition.

Without fail, Arizona ranks each year among the top states in per capita drownings among children 4 and under, Flood said.

“I’ve never seen a summer where we’ve not had several deaths in pools,” Flood said. “If indeed we’ve gone through the whole summer without a pediatric death, that’s very remarkable. Boy, I’d love to have this happen again.”

Palisades Park Children's Play Area

Parents living near Palisades Park have asked that the City consider building a children's play area somewhere in the northern part of the park. On September 21, the Recreation & Parks Commission will consider the matter and take public input on the concept. You are invited to attend and share your thoughts, or to submit comments by September 20 via e-mail, fax, or mail.



This photo is for reference only.

A FEW CONSIDERATIONS:

- Palisades Park is Santa Monica's oldest park, dating back to 1875, with many historic features and monuments. A new play area would need to be relatively small and designed with appropriate materials to be compatible with this unique setting.
- Demographic trends show an increase in parents with young children in this area of town.
- The nearest park playground (Reed Park) is more than 1/2-mile away from the northern reaches of Palisades Park.

Public Meeting:
Recreation & Parks Commission
Thursday, September 21, 2006
7:30 pm
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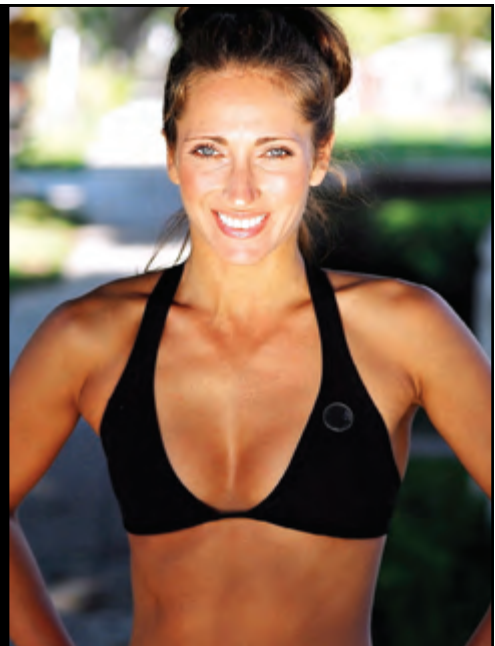


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SUBJECT: Ordinance for Introduction and First Reading to Modify the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Allow for Modification of Development Standards and Implementation of Incentives for Projects that Include the Retention and Preservation of a Designated Landmark Building or Contributing Structure to an adopted Historic District.

APPLICANT: Fifth Street Condo Project, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following proposed text amendments:

Ordinance for introduction and first reading modifying Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Sections 9.04.20.10.030 (Variances), 9.04.10.02.450 (Project Design & Development Standards), 9.36.270 (Landmarks and Historic Districts), 9.32.170 (Architectural Review), and 9.56.030 (Affordable Housing Production Program) to allow for modification of development standards and implementation of incentives for projects that include the retention and preservation of a designated Landmark building or Contributing Structure to an adopted Historic District.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006 AT 6:45 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to:

City Clerk
Re: Text Amendment 05-002
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401



MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project, please contact Elizabeth Bar-El, AICP, Senior Planner at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL

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Who'll let the 'Dog' out?: Chapman, family face charges

BY MARK NIESSE

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — TV reality star Duane "Dog" Chapman and two co-stars on the show about his bounty-hunting exploits were arrested early Thursday in Hawaii on charges of illegal detention and conspiracy in an alleged kidnapping three years ago in Mexico, federal officials said.

Chapman, 53, his son Leland Chapman, and associate Timothy Chapman were taken into custody in an operation involving 15 officers, said U.S. Marshal Mark Hanohano. They did not resist arrest, he said.

"All three were very compliant," Hanohano

said. "It went down without incident."

Mona K. Wood, a publicist for the star of the popular A&E series "Dog the Bounty Hunter," said Chapman would be vindicated.

"He arrests the bad guys — and he is definitely not one of them," she said.

The charges stem from Chapman's capture of Max Factor heir Andrew Luster on June 18, 2003, in Puerto Villarta, Mexico, said U.S. Marshals Service spokeswoman Nikki Credic in Washington.

Chapman's capture of Luster, who had fled the country after being convicted of raping three women, catapulted the bounty hunter to fame and led to his reality series on the A&E channel.

The three are being held in Honolulu, and bail has not been set. They will face an extradition hearing to Mexico under terms of treaties between the U.S. and Mexico, Credic said.

Chapman's son Leland, 29, and Tim Chapman, 41, no relation, assist Chapman in exploits chronicled for the TV show around the Hawaiian Islands. The show focuses on Chapman's family as much as the bounty hunting, which generally involves tracking down bail jumpers, often creating emotional scenes with repentant captives.

Charges have been pending against the three since local police in Mexico arrested them shortly after they roped in Luster. They posted bail but never returned to Puerto

Villarta for their court hearing on July 15, 2003, Credic said.

Mexican authorities demanded that the Chapmans transfer Luster to Mexican police. Their refusal to do so led to their initial arrest.

A U.S. warrant for their arrest was signed by a federal judge in Honolulu on Sept. 13.

The three were to face a hearing later Thursday in federal court before U.S. Magistrate Judge Barry Kurren, Hanohano said. They were to be transported to a federal detention center at the Honolulu airport pending extradition.

"Dog the Bounty Hunter" is the A&E channel's top-rated show.

House votes again to construct fence on U.S.-Mexican border

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The House voted for the second time in a year to erect a fence along a third of the U.S.-Mexican border, part of a Republican effort to keep illegal immigration an issue before voters.

A new 700 miles of double-layered fencing won approval on a 283-138 vote, a bigger margin than last December when the House passed it as part of a broader bill that also would have made being an illegal immigrant a felony. The 2,000-mile border now has about 75 miles of fencing.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said the fence bill was needed to show Americans "we can take meaningful action to secure the border."

The House's bill last December and one passed by the Senate last May are so far apart on issues that Republican leaders haven't even tried to negotiate a compromise.

The main difference is that the Senate bill would provide legal status to millions of illegal immigrants already in the U.S., a concept supported by President Bush but opposed by most House Republicans. The Senate bill calls for 370 miles of fencing along the Mexican border.

Supporters of the new House bill said the new fencing would let Border Patrol agents focus more on apprehending illegal immigrants crossing from Mexico rather than having to man the entire border.

"We have to come to grips with the fact that our Border Patrol agents need a border

fence on our southern border ... where we're now facing infiltration by members of terrorist organizations like Hezbollah," said Rep. Ed Royce, R-Calif.

The bill passed Thursday doesn't pay for the fence. Republicans, estimating the cost at more than \$2 billion, said that will be covered in a later spending bill. Democrats estimated the fence would cost \$7 billion, based on information from the Department of Homeland Security on costs per mile of a double-layer fence.

"This is nothing more than political gamesmanship in the run-up to the midterm elections. Sounds good. Does nothing," said Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla.

Democrats accused Republicans of playing upon voters' fears to score political

points. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, said Republicans were trying to confuse Americans into thinking "Osama Bin Laden is heading north in a sombrero."

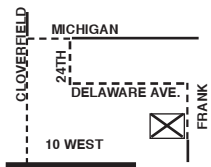
The bill also directs the Homeland Security Department to take control of the border in 18 months and gives border agents new authority to stop fleeing vehicles. And it calls for a study of the need for a fence on the U.S.-Canadian border.

Meanwhile, the House Administration Committee approved a bill to make states ask for photo identification from voters by November 2008 and proof of citizenship by 2010. The full House could vote on it as early as next week.

The House fence bill is HR 6061; the voter ID bill is HR 4844.

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Body of Wyoming’s chief public defender found in wilderness

By The Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — The body of Wyoming’s chief public defender was found Thursday in a mountainous wilderness area of western Wyoming where he had gone for a solo backpacking trip to commemorate his 56th birthday, his family said.

Searchers had been looking for Kenneth Koski, of Cheyenne, since Saturday after he failed to return home from the southern Wind River Range. The body was found about 11:50 a.m. Thursday on the southeast side of Mount

Bonneville, according to a news release from the Sublette County sheriff’s office.

Official identification of the body was pending, but Koski’s family said it was him.

“Ken loved Mount Bonneville because it was the one he said ... he always wanted to conquer,” the family statement said. “As hard as this loss is on friends and family, if Ken were here, he would say, ‘That’s life...’”

Koski’s campsite was found unoccupied on Saturday about 14 miles from the Big Sandy Trailhead, about 60 miles

southeast of Pinedale. A journal he kept was found at the campsite along with his tent and other belongings. The last entry in the journal was dated Sept. 5, the day before his birthday and four days before he was reported missing.

The sheriff’s office said the body was found in an area that required searchers to use technical gear to reach. Mount Bonneville is 12,585 feet high.

Koski, who is married with four grown children, oversaw some 60 public defenders statewide from his office in Cheyenne. He had been state public defender for the last six years.

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Rescue workers respond to a car accident on Ocean Park Boulevard, where the street was closed from 14th and 16th streets. One person was taken to the hospital for minor injuries.

Andre Mayis/Special to the Daily Press

Endorsement proves critical

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to-face discussions with representatives from each of the nine bargaining units at City Hall.

"The general feeling was that (members of the coalition) were supportive of the issues that employees are concerned with, such as public safety and the provision of adequate resources for city employees to perform their jobs, labor relations and communications with the City Council on mutual issues of concern," said Lauralee Asch, president of the coalition who works in community relations at the Santa Monica Police Department.

With the endorsement comes plenty of campaign assistance, including volunteers and financial support in the form of donations, Asch said. The coalition has not decided whether or not it will send out mailers this year, but it has done so in the past.

"Other groups we have partnered with have not yet made their endorsements so we are waiting for them before we make out decision," Asch said.

There are three open seats on the council and eight candidates running, all of whom were interviewed by the coalition. The election is Nov. 7.

The endorsement is critical for candidates because of the constraints placed on fundraising by local election law limiting contributions to \$250 per person per candidate. With candidates spending anywhere from \$60,000 to \$100,000 or

more, any assistance provided by outside groups such as the coalition can help candidates focus their efforts on other areas of the campaign, such as hosting meet-and-greets with residents.

Holbrook said the coalition's endorsement means more to him than money. It means he is doing something right in City Council Chambers.

"Our employees are well respected by the community and their opinion matters because they are the ones who know more about us than anyone since they work with us on a daily basis," Holbrook said. "I'm very happy to have their support."

McKeown also was pleased as he praised city employees for their dedication to the community.

"This makes me very proud," he said. "These are the people who make our city work day-to-day. They know what it takes to provide good service and I see their endorsement as an acknowledgment of my support for them over the years."

O'Connor said she was happy to hear of the endorsement, which proves to her that city employees want her to continue to be part of the "team," in which she and other elected officials represent the "face of the city, while the employees represent the heart of the city."

"I've been doing what I've done all along and that is look at the issues, listen and then use my best judgment," O'Connor said. "It's nice to know that those folks you work with appreciate you and the effort you put in everyday to provide the best public service possible."

Beach Summit seeks ways to fulfill promise

IDENTITY, from page 1

to discover L.A.; an unforgettable beach city experience filled with eye-catching people, cutting-edge culture and bold innovations. It is the essence of the California lifestyle." That slogan was unveiled earlier this year during the first branding summit. Thursday's gathering was a brainstorming session of how Santa Monica can live up to that promise.

While the cloud cover and drops of rain may not have been what members of the CVB were hoping for when they scheduled the Santa Monica Beach Summit, they did receive a plethora of suggestions, ranging from more police officers patrolling the bike path to classes on kite flying and the construction of sand castles, as well as free spray-on sun tan lotion at all lifeguard stations and the expansion of trash valet service in which employees walk along the sand disposing of visitors' garbage.

While residents may think Santa Monica's beaches already contain enough amenities to place them amongst the nation's best, a study conducted by the CVB shows more work needs to be done.

Santa Monica failed to be included in a list of the 10 best beaches nationwide in several studies by prominent universities and the world-renowned Frommer's Guide, which many tourists rely on to rank the best destinations.

After surveying 300 people, including 101 beachgoers during the summer months, the CVB found that 21 percent of area residents haven't visited a local beach in the past two years. While beaches offer many things to see and do, cleaner water and sand would motivate people to visit more often.

Those interviewed said added amenities such as beach canopies, recycling bins, fire pits and planked walkways right onto the beach could attract more visitors, along with higher quality vendor service and more festivals held in the off-season.

While safety was not identified as a major concern in the survey, interim Santa Monica Police Chief Phil Sanchez, who led the safety perception discussion, said maintaining a high level of service is key to the city's survival.

"I strongly believe that public safety perception can impact real safety," Sanchez said. "If you notice, personal safety on the beach is ranked very high and we have to work to keep it that way."

In addition to officers patrolling on foot, ATVs and on bicycles, some suggested placing mile markers along the bike path that would give people a better sense of where they are. Others called for better monitoring of public restrooms.

"If people walk in and see a filthy restroom, they're thinking, 'If they can't keep the bathroom's clean, how are they going to protect us?'" one participant said.

As for environmental stewardship, participants felt Santa Monica was doing more than other cities in terms of cleaning the bay and diverting urban run-off. However, there was a call for more outreach, including the posting of Heal the Bay's annual Beach Report Card, which showed several of the bay's beaches ranked high in cleanliness, with the exception of the area near the Santa Monica Pier.

Once again perception was key. Without education, visitors will continue to believe that Santa Monica's waters are dirty and unsafe to swim in, participants said. Some suggested more community projects with partners like Heal the Bay and the Santa Monica Aquarium in which students from local schools could be involved in clean-up efforts and the planting of kelp beds.

As for amenities, more of them would be nice, including up-to-date information on parking, traffic and surf conditions which visitors could look at before heading out to the beach. Others complained about the difficulty of bringing seniors and the disabled to the beach because of their inability to walk along the sand.

"It's almost impossible to use the beach now for those who have trouble walking," said Kathleen Rawson, executive director of the Bayside District Corp., which assists City Hall in managing downtown.

Other suggestions included a tour to spots along the beach where famous movies and television shows were filmed, as well as competitions for surfing, volleyball and kite flying. One woman suggested painting the pedestrian bridges over Pacific Coast Highway with vibrant colors to "give them some life," while another called for city-sponsored, wireless Internet access on the sand.

"The beach is one of our most important assets," said Gary Sherwin, president of Believable Brands, a consultant hired by the CVB to facilitate the brainstorming sessions that have been held over the last year. "We want to be best in beach. If we do that, we have a better chance of attracting people to this city."

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Multi media artist Justin "Projekt" Rowley, who hails from San Diego, hangs up his paintings inside of his booth in preparation for the Santa Monica Art Fair

For arts sake

Artists hit the festival scene in Santa Monica

BY JESSICA ROBERTS

Special to the Daily Press

CIVIC CENTER — The first annual Santa Monica Arts Festival opens today, featuring the work of more than 200 artists and contemporary craftspeople from across the country — and three local talents.

Jeweler Sasa has been in business in Santa Monica for 20 years, although she never opened a shop here.

"I never wanted a shop because I like the freedom of the shows, having to travel a little bit," she said.

Sasa crafts handmade jewelry, which she calls contemporary — but not trendy, and very wearable.

Although she has done shows all over the country, her travel time for this weekend's festival will be minimal.

"It's my home show," she said. "I can sleep at home."

She said she has a lot of respect for the art patrons of Santa Monica.

"I love to be able to meet people who

have bought my work," she said. "People are cool. They're savvy. They know."

Sculptor Myra Burg has been living in Santa Monica for years and she shares that opinion.

"I think a lot of them (from Santa Monica) collect shows, eat them like candy," she said. "Judging from the enthusiasm, it's just wonderful."

Burg, a former architect, said she "fell in love with the warmth of wrapped fiber on the cylindrical form" and began creating pieces of fiber-wrapped tubes in combination with metal structure.

She is excited to do an art show in her hometown.

"I go for a surf, I come home, I take a bath, I go to work," she said. "I actually feel like a normal person."

Michael Faragher a photographer from Santa Monica also will showcase his work at the festival.

The Arts Festival is produced by Warren

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Kings and men at library

By Daily Press staff

It's all about the kings and men this weekend at the local library.

Book lovers and movie fans alike are invited to join the Santa Monica Public Library in reading and watching its inaugural Book-To-Movie Discussion Group selection, "All the King's Men." The library will be screening the 1949 movie adaptation of the film on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 2:30 p.m. in the library's Martin Luther King Jr. auditorium. A discussion of the book and the film, led by Professor Larry George, will follow on Monday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. in the library's multipurpose room. Both the film screening and the subsequent discussion are open to the all, and guests are welcome to attend either program separately, or both.

Initially released in 1946, "All the King's Men," written by Robert Penn Warren, traces the rise and fall of Willie Stark, a politician in the 1930s who resembles the real life Huey Long of Louisiana. Stark begins his political career as an idealistic man of the people but soon becomes corrupted by success. Generally considered the finest novel ever written about American politics, "All the King's Men" went on to win the Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

In 1949, Columbia Pictures released its film adaptation of Warren's novel, and the film was equally successful. Written and directed by Robert Rossen, the Best Picture Oscar winning film starred Broderick Crawford and Mercedes McCambridge, who also won Oscars for their roles.

Professor Larry George currently teaches political science at California State University, Long Beach, and is the director of the school's International Studies Program.

For more information about the event, contact Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600; or visit the library's Web site at www.smpl.org.

Entertainment industry insiders at SMC

By Daily Press staff

"Industry" insiders will come to Santa Monica College this month to give their expertise in what it takes to make it in Hollywood.

Eight entertainment industry speakers are expected to enlighten the audience on all aspects of the business in the Santa Monica College Academy of Entertainment & Technology fall lecture series.

SMC's Mary Pickford Speakers Series will kick off on Monday, Sept. 18 with Tracy Speed, director of publicity for Lifetime Television, who has more than 20 years of media experience.

All lectures are free and are held at 7 p.m. Mondays at SMC's Academy of Entertainment & Technology's Screening Room, 1660 Stewart St.

The remainder of the lineup is as follows:

■ Sept. 25: Jessica Bendinger, writer/producer/director whose credits include "The Wedding Date" and "Sex and the City."

■ Oct. 16: Siân Heder and David Newsom, who teamed up to make the award-winning short film "Mother."

■ Oct. 23: Darren Maddern, creator/executive producer of the 2005 reality series, "The Cut," and a writer whose credits include the TV series "Seven Days."

■ Nov. 6: Joel Stein, a commentator, TV writer and Los Angeles Times columnist who has also co-produced TV pilots for ABC and VH-1.

■ Nov. 13: Jon Kroll, executive vice president for originally programming at New Line Television who has had extensive production credits, including the Emmy-winning "Amazing Race."

■ Nov. 20: John Balma, character actor with 20 years experience in theater, film and television, including such shows as "Friends," "The West Wing" and "Alias."

■ Dec. 5: Jerry Calumn, comedian/writer/producer who produced Outlaugh in Los Angeles, the nation's first gay and lesbian comedy festival.

Seating is on a first-arrival basis. For more information call (310) 434-3777.

Frohawk's wartime tale

By Daily Press staff

Taylor De Cordoba gallery has a new group of paintings and sculptures by Los Angeles based artist, Frohawk Two Feathers which creates a wartime narrative starring an imagined cast of characters. The exhibition will run through Oct. 7. By the use of paint and xerographic transfers on wood, Frohawk uses art to tell this tale.

Set in both the arctic tundra and "Frengland," the unified region of French and England, his cast is complete with the self-appointed emperor "Franchise"; the love interest and Haitian slave, "Josephine"; their son "Nancy," the troubled heir to the throne; and the indigenous Eskimos who are under attack. The clash of civilizations takes on a humorous tone with stylized cartoonish depictions of the obsessive emperors, ruthless conquistadors and natives determined to defeat the invaders at all costs. Despite the sardonic and colloquial nature of the imagery and text, Frohawk's work fits into a pre-existing and historical dialogue about war.

Taylor De Cordoba is located at 2660 S La Cienega Blvd. in Los Angeles and is open from Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For additional information contact Heather Taylor at heather@taylordecordoba.com or at (310) 559-9156.





Photo courtesy

CRAFTY: Sculptural pieces and fine art are featured at the Santa Monica Arts Festival this weekend.

A fine appreciation

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Cook, an artist himself, whom both artists praised enthusiastically.

“This particular show’s (producer) is such a wonderful one,” Burg said.

Cook said he chose Santa Monica because it is one of the easiest places to get to, as well as the most popular — and a place with an appreciation for art.

“We chose it because Santa Monica really appreciates fine arts and crafts,” he said.

The planning process started one year ago and the show received a lot of support from the city officials.

“They wanted us here very much,” Cook said, adding that dates already are set for next year’s show.

The festival will showcase fine art, sculpture, photography, contemporary crafts,

clothing and jewelry. Pieces range from decorative and whimsical to functional and utilitarian, made from glass, metal, leather, stone, decorative fiber in two- and three-dimensional media.

There also will be hourly demonstrations of the creative process, a feature called “Art Alive.” Cook said the demonstrations will include painting, hand-weaving, polymer clay and digital art.

The show is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. The entrance is 1855 Main St. at Pico Blvd. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors and free for children under 12.

Burg offered some advice for show-goers.

“Bring a whole pocket bookful of money, but make sure you come on a full stomach, because you don’t want to leave,” she said. “Have time to spend the day and maybe even the next day.”

SANTA MONICA ART PALETTE

MAKING ARTS AND CULTURE COME ALIVE IN SANTA MONICA

Welcome to the Art Palette for the weekend of Sept. 15. Summer may be cooling down but arts and culture are still heating up here in Santa Monica. There’s a flaming hot Latino New Works Festival at Highways; sizzling skateboards at the MOCA store; a blistering group show at Bergamot; scorching conversation and drama at the Powerhouse; sultry new artworks at the Santa Monica Airport and, to cool you down, a refreshing seaside concert on the Pier.



Highways’ Second Annual Latino New Works Festival
Guillermo Gomez-Pena returns to Santa Monica this weekend bringing us new performance, spoken word, dance and inter-disciplinary work that speaks to the evolution of established and emerging Latino artists. It’s made possible by funding from the Santa Monica Arts Commission’s Latino CO-ARTS Grant program.

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Alex Donis, Pas de Deux

On Saturday, Sherry Frumkin hosts an artist reception for Santa Monica artist Alex Donis’ latest paintings of his Pas de Deux series. Donis pairs the unlikely partners of soldiers from opposing battlefields in poses of classical ballet, expanding on the visual language he began in the controversial WAR exhibit. The resulting images are at once an hilarious and shocking metaphor for the dance of death taking place in the Middle East.

6-9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16
Sherry Frumkin Gallery
3026 Airport Ave., studio 21
(310) 397-7493



MOCA Store’s Second Invitational Skateboard Silent Auction
Hop in line with the skater boys and gurlz Friday night when the MOCA Store opens its Second Invitational Skateboard Silent Auction. You can bid on your favorite artist-designed ’80s skateboard decks featured artists Gary Baseman, Skullphone, Mike Giant, Sage Vaughn, Prvtdncr, KofieOne and more. Bring your helmet and knee pads.

6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15
MOCA Store
2447 Main St.
(310) 396-9833

A Conversation with Lee Blessing

Further artistic exploration of the political turmoil in the Middle East will take place when Edgefest and the Powerhouse Theatre welcome playwright Lee Blessing, who will lead a discussion about his play, Two Rooms. Blessing’s bold works have been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, Tony and Olivier Awards and have earned Obie, Drama Desk, L.A. Critics Association and Drama-Logue Awards among others. Participants are invited to attend the performance of Two Rooms following the discussion at 7 p.m.

5 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 17
Powerhouse Theatre
3116 Second St.
Reservations are mandatory: (310) 440-0221.



Wake Up With the Waves

And finally, on Saturday morning bring the kids down to the west end of the Santa Monica Pier for the second free Wake Up With the Waves concert. This week kids can help Princess Ariel and her friends search for treasures under the sea.

9 to 11 a.m.
Sept. 16
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Former Sec. of State Powell opposes interrogation plan

BY LAURIE KELLMAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Former Secretary of State Colin Powell endorsed efforts to block President Bush's plan to authorize harsh interrogations of terror suspects, even as Bush lobbied personally for it Thursday on Capitol Hill.

"I will resist any bill that does not enable this plan to go forward," Bush told reporters back at the White House after his meeting with lawmakers.

The latest sign of GOP division over White House security policy came Thursday in a letter that Powell sent to Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., one of three rebellious senators taking on the White House. Powell said Congress must not pass Bush's proposal to redefine U.S. compliance with the Geneva Conventions, a treaty that sets international standards for the treatment of prisoners of war.

The campaign-season development accompanied Bush's visit to Capitol Hill, where he conferred behind closed doors with House Republicans. His plan would narrow the U.S. legal interpretation of the Geneva Conventions treaty in a bid to allow tougher interrogations and shield U.S. personnel from being prosecuted for war crimes.

"The world is beginning to doubt the moral basis of our fight against terrorism," said Powell, who served under Bush and is a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "To redefine Common Article 3 would add to those doubts. Furthermore, it would put our own troops at risk."

Republican dissatisfaction with the administration's security proposals is becoming more prominent as the midterm election season has arrived. The Bush White House wants Congress to approve greater executive power to spy on, imprison and interrogate terrorism suspects.

Leaving his closed-door meeting with the House GOP caucus, Bush said he would "continue to work with members

of the Congress to get good legislation."

"I reminded them that the most important job of government is to protect the homeland," he told reporters after the session. Bush was accompanied to the Hill by Vice President Dick Cheney and White House adviser Karl Rove.

In an effort to drum up support for its proposal, the White House released a second letter to lawmakers signed by the military's top uniformed lawyers. Saying they wanted to "clarify" past testimony on Capitol Hill in which they opposed the administration's plan, the service lawyers wrote that they "do not object" to sections of Bush's proposal for the treatment of detainees and found the provisions "helpful."

Two congressional aides who favor McCain's plan said the military lawyers signed that letter after refusing to endorse an earlier one offered by the Pentagon's general counsel, William Haynes, that expressed more forceful support for Bush's plan.

The aides spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly. Asked if Haynes had encouraged them to write the letter, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said, "Not that I'm aware of."

Bush was forced to propose the measure after the Supreme Court ruled in June that his existing court system established to prosecute terrorism suspects was illegal and violated the Geneva Conventions. The White House legislation would create military commissions to prosecute terror suspects, as well as redefine acts that constitute war crimes.

For Bush, the election season visit capped a week of high-profile administration pressure to rescue bills mired in turf battles and privacy concerns. It also gave GOP leaders a chance to press for loyalty among Republicans confronted on the campaign trail by war-weary voters.

"I have not really seen anybody running away from the president," House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio,

told reporters this week when asked about the caucus' split. "Frankly, I think that would be a bad idea."

At nearly the same time Bush met with House Republicans, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, on Thursday was asking his panel to finish an alternative to the White House plan to prosecute terror suspects and redefine acts that constitute war crimes.

The White House on Thursday said the alternate approach was unacceptable because it would force the CIA to end a program of using forceful interrogation methods with suspected terrorists.

"The president will not accept something that shuts the program down," presidential spokesman Tony Snow said.

Warner believes the administration proposal would lower the standard for the treatment of prisoners, potentially putting U.S. troops at risk should other countries retaliate.

McCain and Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina have joined Warner in opposing Bush's bill.

The administration didn't allow such a direct challenge to pass without criticism. On Wednesday, the White House arranged for a conference call with reporters so National Intelligence Director John Negroponte could argue that Warner's proposal would undermine the nation's ability to interrogate prisoners.

"If this draft legislation were passed in its present form, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency has told me that he did not believe that the (interrogation) program could go forward," Negroponte said.

The other bill Bush is pushing would give legal status to the administration's warrantless wiretapping program. It was approved on a party-line vote by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, but is stalled in the House amid staunch opposition from Democrats and some Republicans concerned that the program violates civil liberties.

Montreal gunman blogged that he liked role-playing game about Columbine shootings

BY PHIL COUVRETTE

Associated Press Writer

MONTREAL — A man with a black trench coat whose shooting rampage in a Montreal college killed one person and wounded 19 others before he was slain by police said on a blog in his name that he liked to play a role-playing Internet game about the Columbine shootings.

The gunman who opened fire at Dawson College on

Wednesday was Kimveer Gill, 25, of Laval, near Montreal, a police official said Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity because authorities were not ready to announce it publicly yet.

Six victims remained in critical condition, including two in extremely critical condition.

The official said police had searched Gill's home.

In postings on a Web site called VampireFreaks.com, blogs in Gill's name show more than 50 photos depicting the young man in various poses holding a rifle and donning a long black trench coat and combat boots.

One photo has a tombstone with his name printed on it _ below it the phrase: "Lived fast died young. Left a mangled corpse."

The last of six journal entries Wednesday was posted at 10:41 a.m., about two hours before the gunmen was shot to death at Dawson.

He said on the site that he was drinking whiskey in the morning and described his mood the night before as "crazy" and "postal."

He said on the site that he liked to play "Super Columbine Massacre," an Internet-based computer game that simulates the April 20, 1999, shootings at the Colorado high school by two of its students that left 13 people dead.

"His name is Trench. you will come to know him as the Angel of Death," he wrote on his vampirefreaks.com profile.

"He is not a people person. He has met a handful of people in his life who are decent. But he finds the vast majority to be worthless, no good, conniving, betraying, lying, deceptive."

He wrote that he hates jocks, preppies, country music and hip-hop.

"Work sucks ... school sucks ... life sucks ... what else can I say? ... Life is a video game you've got to die sometime," he added.

Below a picture of Gill aiming the barrel of a gun at the camera there's the inscription: "I think I have an obsession with guns ... muahahaha."

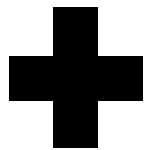
"Anger and hatred simmers within me," said another caption below a picture of Gill grimacing.

He wrote that he is 6-foot-1, was born in Montreal and is of Indian heritage. He said his weakness is laziness and that he fears nothing. Responding to the question, "How do you want to die?" Gill replied "like Romeo and Juliet _ or in a hail of gunfire."

Gill wore a black trench coat during the shooting and opened fire in the cafeteria just as Columbine students Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris did in 1999. Gill also maintained an online blog, similar to Klebold and Harris, devoted to Goth culture, heavy metal music such as Marilyn Manson, guns and journal entries expressing hatred against authority figures and "society."

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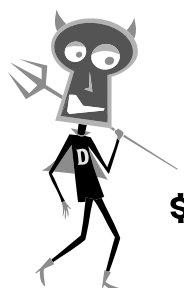
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Madonna to stay grounded

MADONNA will not be sent into space, despite a lawmaker's proposal to book a seat for the pop star on a Russian flight to the international space station.

State Duma member Alexei Mitrofanov, referring to Madonna's reported desire to become a "space tourist," proposed that the lower house of parliament send a formal inquiry to the Russian space agency

about organizing a space trip for her in 2008.

"Because of the television possibilities, it would be a pretty serious event in the year of elections in the United States and Russia," he was quoted as saying by the RIA-Novosti news agency.

The Duma turned down the proposal, agencies reported Wednesday without specifying the vote tally.

Later, space agency spokesman Igor Panarin was quoted by RIA-Novosti as saying no seats on the Soyuz spacecraft would be available until 2009.

"Taking into account her good physical preparedness and financial capabilities, the dream of (Madonna) Louise Ciccone of a space flight could be realized in 2009," Panarin was quoted as saying.

Like many Russians, he didn't use the 48-year-old pop singer's first name, apparently sensitive to the Russian Orthodox Church's objections to her use of religious imagery, especially crucifixion, in her "Confessions" world tour performances.

Madonna took the stage at Luzhniki Stadium on Tuesday night, where a crowd of about 35,000 watched her perform

in spite of religious protesters' threats to disrupt the concert. No disorder was reported.

Three private individuals have paid a reported \$20 million each to be launched on 10-day trips to the international space station. American Anousheh Ansari is to become the fourth — and the first female — in a Sept. 18 launch.

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'Sooner' than later: Duo debut new song

VINCE GILL and **JIMMY WEBB** have unveiled a song touting Oklahoma's "guts, grace and mercy" as the state nears its 2007 centennial.

They premiered "Oklahoma Rising" in a performance at the Civic Center Music Hall that opened with the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic "Oklahoma!" — the state song.

Gill wrote the music and Webb wrote the lyrics for the

song, which will be used during the centennial celebration in 2007, said Lee Allan Smith, chairman of Centennial Projects and Events.

The 100th anniversary of the state's admission to the union is Nov. 16, 2007.

Joining Webb and Gill at Monday's performance were Mohican Indian Bill Miller, the Ambassadors and the Canterbury Choral Society.

Gospel singer Sandi Patty and the Rev. Joe Bias of First United Methodist Church in Tulsa also performed.

Gill said he found the music easy to write. "Jimmy's music comes easily, and he makes such pretty pictures," he said.

Webb, 60, and Gill, 49, have known each other for years, but this marks their first professional collaboration.

Gill is a Norman native who

grew up in Oklahoma City. His hits include "When I Call Your Name," "Don't Let Our Love Start Slippin' Away" and "I Still Believe in You."

Webb, a native of Elk City who grew up in Laverne, has hits including "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," recorded by Glen Campbell, "Up, Up and Away" (The Fifth Dimension) and "MacArthur Park" (Richard Harris).

AP

KING OF LAWSUITS

PAUL RODRIGUEZ has settled a lawsuit accusing his former manager of forging his signature to gain ownership of the film "The Original Latin Kings of Comedy," then striking a deal with a major studio, a judge said.

The lawsuit alleged that Scott Montoya and his company, Payaso Entertainment, forged the comedian's signature on a contract and then entered a deal with Paramount Pictures to distribute the film.

The lawsuit alleges the forgery and resulting deal were done after the two men had agreed in 2001 to split profits from the movie, which also starred Cheech Marin and George Lopez.

The allegedly bogus deal with Paramount would have given Montoya, who was hired in 1997, control of the production and made Rodriguez simply an "employee," the suit said.

AP

LA driver charged in DeGeneres crash

A woman involved in a traffic collision with talk show host **ELLEN DEGENERES** has been charged with drunken driving, authorities said.

Jeanne Werber, 52, of Los Angeles, was charged Tuesday with misdemeanor DUI, said Nick Velasquez, a spokesman for the city attorney's office.

Werber was driving a 2002

Porsche Carrera on Sept. 1 when she slammed into the back of a 2002 Buick LeSabre, which then struck the back of DeGeneres' 2006 Porsche Carrera, police said.

Werber was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving at the time after refusing to take a chemical sobriety test, Velasquez said.

DeGeneres and her passen-

ger — a woman in her mid-30s — and the men in the Buick had minor injuries. No one required medical attention, police said.

If convicted, Werber could face up to six months in prison and a fine of \$1,000. She also was charged with failing to provide proof of insurance, an infraction punishable by a \$100 fine, Velasquez said.

Messages left after business hours for DeGeneres' publicist and a number listed for Werber were not immediately returned Wednesday.

DeGeneres last week was named host of the 2007 Academy Awards. Her syndicated talk show, "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," just began its fourth season.

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MOVIE GUIDE

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1328 Montana Avenue
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Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Life of Brian 7:30

Sunday

Monty Python's The Meaning of Life, And Now for Something Completely Different 7:30

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1441 3rd Street
(310) 458-6232

The Black Dahlia (R)

1:00, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:45, 7:30, 9:45, 10:30

Confetti (R)

1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00

Hollywoodland (R)

1:15, 4:05, 7:15, 10:15

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA

1310 3rd Street
(310) 289-4262

The Covenant (PG-13)

11:50am, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 10:20

Everyone's Hero (G)

11:55am, 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:30

Gridiron Gang (PG-13)

11:30am, 1:00, 2:30, 4:05, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:10, 11:30

Invincible (PG)

11:20am, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00

The Last Kiss (R)

11:45am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30

The Protector (R)

11:35am, 1:40, 3:45, 5:40, 7:40, 9:45, 11:40

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE

1314 Wilshire Blvd
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Factotum (R)

11:15am, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

The Illusionist (PG-13)

11:00am, 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50

LAEMMLE'S MONICA FOURPLEX

1332 2nd Street
(310) 394-9741

Half Nelson (R)

11:30am, 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55

Little Miss Sunshine (R)

12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10

Quinceanera (R)

1:55, 7:10

Sherrybaby (NR)

11:30am, 4:30, 9:30

The U.S. vs. John Lennon (PG-13)

11:45am, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

MANIN'S CRITERION THEATRE

1313 3rd Street
(310) 395-1599

Beerfest (R)

1:30

Crank (R)

12:40, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:40

Haven (R)

12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

How to Eat Fried Worms (PG)

12:30, 2:40

Idiocracy (R)

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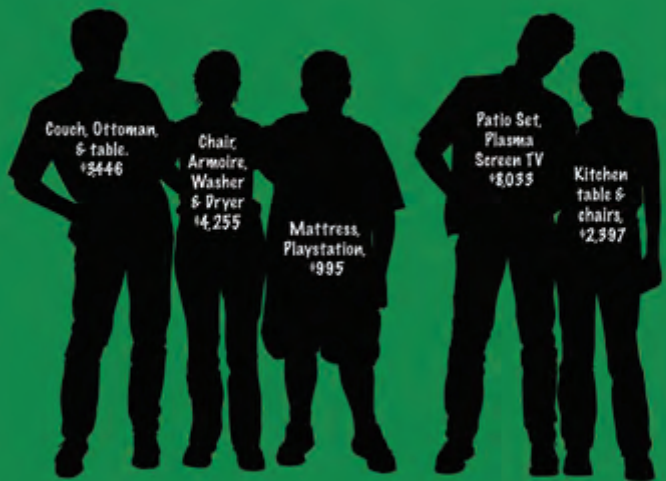
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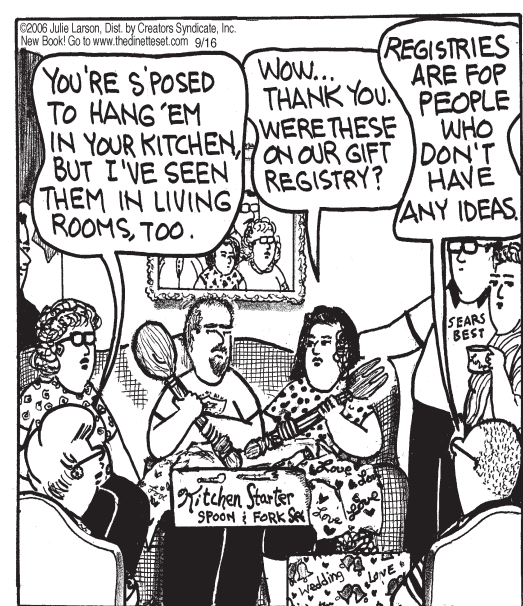
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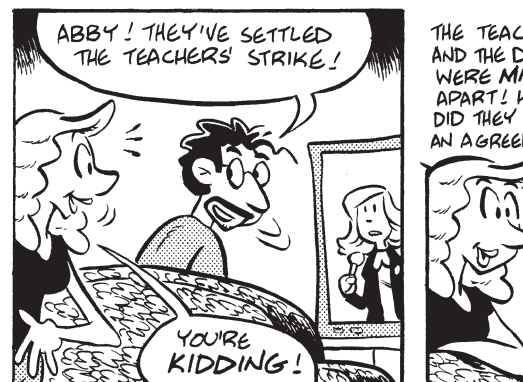
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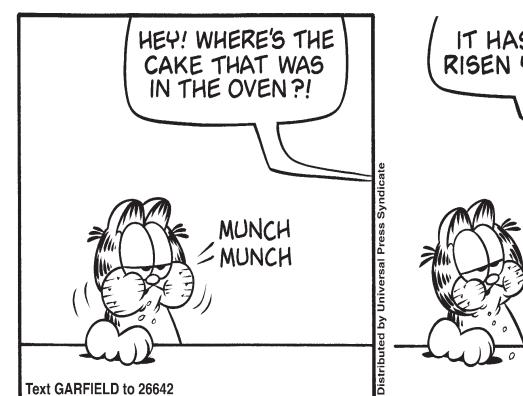
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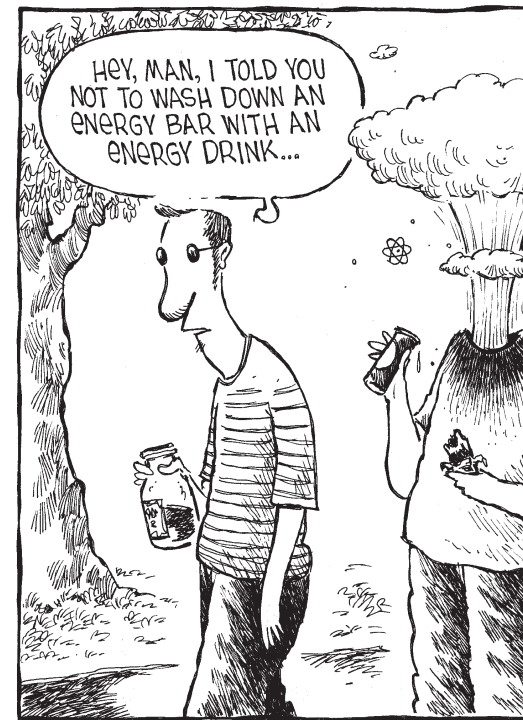
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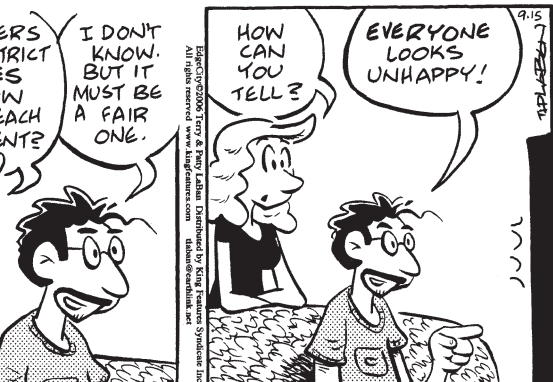
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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ARAM J. DERVY AKA MAX DERVY. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JERRY AVAKIAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or con-

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sented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on 10/17/06 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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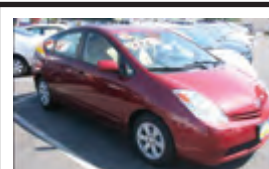


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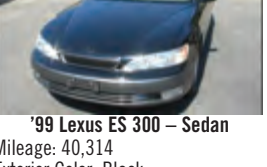
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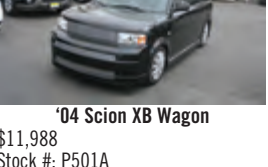
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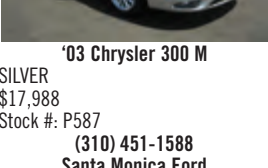
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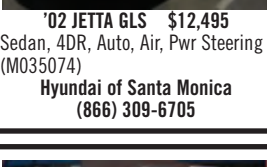
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