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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

In August, Tom Jennings filed an appeal to his earlier dismissal as public affairs manager for Mobile (Ala.) Area Water and Sewer System, which was caused by his having had pornography on his office computer. In the appeal, Jennings blamed most of the downloading on other people, but took responsibility for a file labeled "buttsot" (an image of his own buttocks), claiming that it was photographed accidentally when he was changing clothes and that the only reason he loaded it onto his computer was "because I wanted to talk to some of my friends about deleting it."



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Dying is easy. Comedy is difficult."

— Edmund Gwenn



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Murder victim's legacy provides healing waters

St. Augustine-By-The-Sea to erect Fountain of Joy

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

A local church will erect a monument in memory of a Santa Monica woman who was murdered in February.

Kristi Johnson, 21, was found on March 3 at the bottom of a ravine in a remote neighborhood in the Hollywood Hills — her wrist bound, her body partially clothed and covered with a sleeping bag.

Johnson's mother, Terry Wark, who lives in Los Gatos, Calif., came to Santa Monica to help local police find her daughter, who disappeared on Feb. 15. The search for Johnson and the Santa Monica Police Department's subsequent investigation into finding her alleged killer, Victor Paleologus, gained national media attention. Paleologus is currently in custody, awaiting trial on capital murder charges.

When Wark first learned that her only daughter was missing, she immediately called St. Augustine-By-The-Sea Episcopal

Church on Fourth Street for support and guidance. The church, according to Wark, offered the distraught mother reassurance, provided support and gave her strength during the stressful days of the search.

Now, Wark wants to give back to the community she so heavily relied upon.

"The community was so supportive of me when I was down there for those two weeks," she said. "They carried me through. It made it so much easier for me with the pain I was going through."

Wark came back to Santa Monica earlier this month to work with the church in designing the Kristine Johnson Fountain of Joy, which will be built in St. Augustine's courtyard.

The church had for years planned to build a fountain, but it never came to fruition, said parishioner Ann Mohr.

"It had fallen off the radar," she said. "It was beyond our financial capabilities."

When Johnson's body was ultimately found, Wark said she felt she had to do something for the church and the Santa Monica community. So she began thinking about ways to channel money into the



Kristi Johnson

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Chili reception



Del Pastrana/Daily Press

Contestants of the chili cook-off prepare to have their recipes judged at St. Monica's Octoberfair early Friday evening. Octoberfair, which runs through the weekend, benefits victims of the July 16 Farmers Market accident. In addition to carnival rides and games, on tap today are a 5K run/walk and "Diaper Dash."

Former homeless found shelter from the storm



Rob Shanahan/Special to the Daily Press

Twenty-three former homeless people light candles Friday morning during the eighth annual Westside Shelter and Hunger Coalition's "Celebrating Success" breakfast. Nearly 500 people attended the event.

Group honors those who got off streets

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

After her dying sister shot herself in the head six years ago, Lynda Ross was briefly taken into custody as a suspect and released. But Ross, who suffers from severe depression and had just moved to Los Angeles six weeks earlier, had nowhere to go and wound up on the streets.

Today, things are different for Ross. She was one of 23 former homeless people honored Friday at the eighth annual Westside Shelter

and Hunger Coalition "Celebrating Success" breakfast. The coalition is made up of 30 area groups dedicated to helping homeless people rebuild their lives.



Lynda Ross



Winston Reid

"We experience homeless people," said Mayor Richard Bloom, who added that City Hall provides an array of social services to the homeless and pointed to a new shelter recently approved by the City Council. "We experience the difficult circumstances under which people have to live. And we've decided we want to do something about it."

Nearly 500 people gath-

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, September 27, 2003:

You have a very unusual birthday, as you will be able to clear the air easily no matter what goes on. You could discover that you have the makings of a peacemaker, whether you decide to use it or not. Examine more carefully what might be going on with others. At times partners might be difficult, but they will easily respond to your gestures to clear the air. Finances prove to be a major focus, empowering you to make new decisions. Surprises often mark your love life. In fact, it could be quite a roller-coaster ride once more. If you are single, hold on tight. If you are attached, you might want to spend more time together. Love will build. SCORPIO helps you make money.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ As your ruler goes direct, you find it might be time for a major celebration. Whatever your style, whatever makes you happy, do that. Make this your personal day. Don't forget a partner who might have been at the effect of your behavior. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might not have all the cards in your hands, and you might not care. Finally, someone who has been unusually difficult clears his or her attitude, if not the air. Either way, peace and happiness are restored. Tonight: As another wishes.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Keep conversations open. You might find that someone has been difficult for a reason, or so he or she thinks! You have a unique opportunity to clear the air, and perhaps have a chance at a new beginning. What might be important is to be more forgiving. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Basics do count. You find that many look at life much differently than you do. Stay in control of a personal matter, looking toward greater understanding. Conversations remain key right now. You are now clear for that big purchase. Tonight: Your time to romp.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ A money matter, which might be confusing but important for you to handle, suddenly opens up. You finally see the answer. Follow through on what you know to be important. Communications remain key within the family. Tonight: Happy at home.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You, having been a bit difficult lately, can now clear the air. Use the next few days for conversations, catching up on news and possibly saying "I am sorry" here and there. You will find others to be highly responsive. Tonight: At your favorite spot.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Financial matters clear at the same time as a difficult partner or loved one does. You discover there are reasons for recent behavior. It certainly wasn't random. Be more understanding, and suddenly you'll understand. Go the way of illumination. Tonight: Say "yes."

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You might have been a tad difficult the past few days. Make resolutions that will take you in a new direction. Also, be willing to talk about what has been on your mind. Others respond surprisingly well. Make fun plans for the evening. Tonight: It's your call.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ A loved one who might have driven you a bit bonkers now suddenly seems OK. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth and be willing to simply go with the flow. As a result, you might want to hide away with this person for a while. Tonight: Play away.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You clear out a problem with a friend and also at work. Knowing when to put a stop to a difficult situation might make all the difference. Give up a grudge and be open again with this person. Trust. Tonight: Where your friends are.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Allow others to make the first move, and you might be pleasantly pleased — for a change. A boss or parent becomes much easier to deal with. Communications flourish again. Now, zero in on what you want. Tonight: Togetherness works.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ News from a distance takes the issue away from a problem. Understand more of what motivates others by listening and walking in their footsteps. Finally, you get a handle on a money matter, making life a lot easier. Tonight: Opt for exotic.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Walk looks to get leg up on ALS

By Daily Press staff

The ALS Association, a non-profit organization that raises awareness and needed funding for the fight against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), is hosting the 2nd annual Walk to D'Feet ALS on Saturday, Oct. 4, at Reed Park in Santa Monica. Last year's nationwide effort raised \$6 million and included 50,000 participants in 57 cities. This year's area walk will include an estimated 1,500 participants from the Greater Los Angeles area and hopes to raise over \$350,000. Among the walkers will be celebrities, community and corporate leaders, people living with ALS and their families and friends.

ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a fatal neurodegenerative disease that causes the death of nerve cells in muscles. Over 5,600 people each year are diagnosed with ALS and as many as 30,000 Americans may be currently suffering from the disease, which has no known cause, prevention or cure.

Registration for the walk begins at 8:30 a.m., with the opening ceremony slated for 9:30 a.m. Walkers are asked to register for the Walk to D'Feet ALS by logging onto www.alsala.org, or by calling the ALS chapter office at (818) 865-8067.

Tripping the night fantastic at SMC

By Daily Press staff

"Invisible Universe," a look at the wide expanse of the universe that can be detected with modern technology, will be the feature show Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24 at Santa Monica College's popular Friday night astronomy series.

October's guest lecture, entitled "Pulsar Planets," will be given by assistant UCLA astronomy professor Brad Hansen, who plans to explain the formation of planets from the seething residue of a supernova blast. The lecture will be staged Friday, Oct. 31.

The feature show and guest lecture will begin at 8 p.m., with each preceded by "The Night Sky Show," a re-creation of the night sky and information session, at 7 p.m.

"The Night Sky Show" and "Invisible Universe" will be held in the John Drescher Planetarium, which features the state-of-the-art Digistar projection system. The planetarium is located on the second floor of Drescher Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. "Pulsar Planets" will be in Room 140 of the Science Complex.

Tickets are \$5 each or \$8 for the double bill, with discounts for children and senior citizens. For information, call (310) 434-4223 or (310) 434-3000.

Dolphin Change goes to Chrysalis, Upward Bound House

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica-based social service organizations Chrysalis and Upward Bound House will receive grants totaling \$10,000 from the Bayside District Corporation's Dolphin Change Program. The two \$5,000 grants will be awarded at the Eighth Annual Westside Shelter and Hunger Coalition Breakfast scheduled for Friday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica.

"With this week's grants, \$110,000 in grants will have been disbursed from the Dolphin Change Program since the program was established in 1993," said Kathleen Rawson, Executive Director for the Bayside District.

The Dolphin Change Program offers Santa Monica residents and visitors a means to "give where it counts" and to serve as an alternative to direct giving to panhandlers and the homeless. At the core of the program are the dolphin banks designed by sculptor Peter Ehrlich. Two dolphin banks are located on the Third Street Promenade; one is on the Santa Monica Pier; and a fourth bank is at Main Street and Ashland.

This is the third year monies will be awarded on behalf of Marianne Dorn. The Marianne Dorn Trust made a significant contribution to the Dolphin Change Program and Bayside District Corporation in 1998. A memorial grant to be awarded

surf report

The NW wind swell will hold today with some minor energy out of the Southern Hemisphere limping into exposed beaches. Expect waist-high waves.

OUTLOOK: New SW swell will start to fill in on Sunday and into Monday with most summer spots only seeing small surf from it.

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SUNDAY	4:53	1.0	5:48	0.0	11:07	6.1	N/A	N/A
MONDAY	5:26	1.6	6:49	0.1	12:01	4.5	11:46	6.1
TUESDAY	6:02	2.2	8:04	0.3	1:11	3.9	12:31	5.9
WEDNESDAY	6:47	2.8	9:37	0.3	2:54	3.4	1:32	5.6
THURSDAY	8:17	3.3	11:07	0.1	5:18	3.5	2:57	5.3
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Upward Bound House is this year's Marianne Dorn recipient, with funds going towards salaries of two case managers at Family Place. Upward Bound works to help mitigate the affordable housing crisis on the Westside of Los Angeles County for two vulnerable populations — homeless families with young children and low-income seniors.

The Dolphin Change Program grant to Chrysalis will be used toward salaries for employment specialist staff members in Santa Monica. Chrysalis is a nationally recognized non-profit organization dedicated to assisting economically disadvantaged and homeless persons become self-sufficient through employment.

The Bayside District Corporation is a non-profit entity created by the City of Santa Monica to manage the daily operations of Downtown Santa Monica and Third Street Promenade, a major Southern California outdoor shopping destination.

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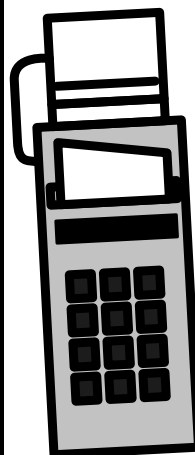
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OPINION

LETTERS

Reporters need to report, not editorialize

Editor:

On Wednesday night, after the most recent Gubernatorial debate, I heard this from a Fox News channel reporter:

"One of the two Republican candidates is going to have to drop out in order for Arnold to have a chance at winning."

That was weird. They decide, then report?

Or like Arianna-hhh, maybe I just need more decaf.

Hank Rosenfeld

Santa Monica

Don't let lightning strike market twice

Editor:

As a resident near the corner of Second and Arizona streets, the Farmers Market Crash remains fresh in my memory, as well as those at the Farmers Market. On Monday, the city put down new asphalt and covered the scars of the unnecessary tragedy of July 16.

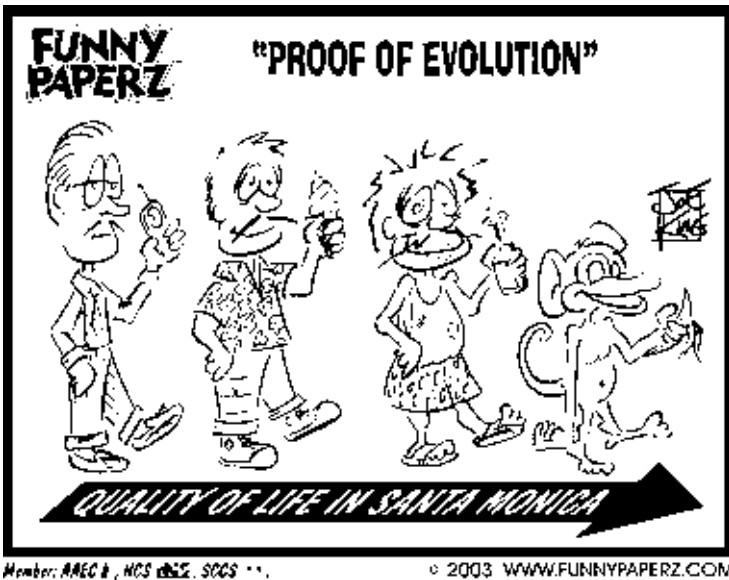
My question then and now is, why not place retractable ballast at the ends of the market, namely from Second and Arizona to Fourth and Arizona. Also both ends of Second Street at the ends of the market. I mentioned this to people at Channel 5 News and to officials on the street. The reply was that it is too heavy to lift the ballast. I believe it's easier to lift the ballast than dead bodies off the street.

The market is 22 years old and appears to be a permanent fixture. How much more needless tragedy must we endure before we open our eyes? Let's get real — plastic sawhorses are not the answer. A truck pulled sideways in the middle of the road creates the problem of damage to the truck. Parking enforcement trucks with officers

standing idly by is also not the answer. I believe I speak for the dead and injured, and quite possibly the farmers, when I say wake up and let's make it safe.

Lori Thompson

Santa Monica



Food for thought: Gather the kids 'round the table



MODERN TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

You probably didn't know it, but this past Monday, Sept. 22, was a national holiday. It was "Family Day — A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children."

I don't remember getting a day off from school for that one, so it must be fairly new. There are many holidays that aren't famous enough to close the schools, make the headlines or stop the mail. If you wanted to you could celebrate one every day. Some people somewhere actually observe "Cousin's Day," "National Get-Out-of-the-Doghouse Day," and "Take Plants For A Walk Day." Last week was "National Small Business Week." I guess it was an appropriate time to celebrate small businesses. There are more and more small businesses these days. Of

course, because of the economy, they used to be big businesses.

But celebrating eating dinner as a family should not be dismissed with the likes of "Make Up Your Mind Day" or "Hot Enough For 'Ya' Day" (which is July 23, by the way). Researchers have found that teenagers who eat with their families are far less likely to get into trouble at school, smoke, drink, suffer from depression or use illegal drugs. And the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University has determined that the more often kids eat dinner with their parents, the better off the kids are.

Teens who eat dinner with their parents six or seven times a week are four times less likely to smoke cigarettes and nearly half as likely to drink alcohol as kids who only eat dinner with their parents twice a week or less.

On the other hand, I've been unable to find any statistics that tell if eating dinner frequently with their children drives parents crazy and actually increases the likelihood of parents becoming depressed and turning to alcohol or drugs.

But learning that families who eat together produce healthier kids made me feel I'd be irresponsible if I didn't celebrate "Eat Dinner With Your Children Day" appropriately. So Monday, I announced to my son that because of the holiday, it would be important for all of us to eat together that night. He gave me a look that some people would interpret as, "What are you, crazy?" I chose to interpret it slightly differently as, "I don't understand, Father. How could our eating together possibly make me a safer, healthier person?"

I answered by saying that it didn't seem far-fetched to me at all. Doesn't it make sense that the more time children spend with their parents, the more aware parents will be about what's going on in their kids' lives? Wouldn't a family dinner provide a great opportunity for children to tell their parents things that are bothering them before they get worse? Won't kids feel better about themselves, knowing that their parents enjoy their company at dinnertime? My son's "What are you, crazy?" look persisted, but so did I.

So we actually sat there together at dinnertime. I admit we didn't talk all that much, and no great problems were solved. But I didn't see my son take a drink or light up a cigarette.

I was pleased by the experience and consider it a success. Maybe my son isn't as opposed to spending time with his parents as he pretends to be. Maybe on some level, he realizes it can be a beneficial experience. After all, if he thought it was a waste of time, he could have gotten up and left the room. But he stayed. He didn't even fidget or seem uncomfortable. He couldn't have been more focused. And I think it was just a coincidence that you can see the TV from our dinner table, and that "Monday Night Football" was on.

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LOCAL

Church accepting donations in memory of slain woman

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project on Johnson's behalf. Wark, along with the church's parishioners, are embarking on a fundraising effort within the Santa Monica community to help fund the construction of the fountain, which is estimated to cost \$20,000. About 25 percent already has been raised.

"I want to offer the same solace and comfort to people that the community and the church gave me," Wark said.

During the search for Johnson, St. Augustine's opened its doors for a candle vigil on Feb. 27 — Johnson's birthday. Wark also held a memorial service at St. Augustine's shortly after Johnson was buried during a private service in Los Gatos, where she was born.

Mohr, who is the chair of the church's buildings and grounds committee, hadn't met Wark until the candlelight vigil.

"We were having a meeting there and it was the vigil," Mohr said. "There was something about (Wark) that touched me ... she has a great outlook on life, and I feel so terrible because no one should have to lose a child."

Wark hopes the fountain will serve as a place where the community as a whole can come to find peace, meditate or renew their faith. The monument, which is designed as a woman with her arms raised up with water cascading down her, will celebrate the life of not just Johnson, but of all women.

"It will be a place where you can tune in with yourself, re-energize ourselves," Wark said. "I hope it will remind people what we are grateful for."

"Kristi was a such a beautiful and wonderful person to be around," she added. "God was with Kristi when she died and the water is a representation that God is always with us, and I hope it offers tranquility for people."

Wark said water fountains represent a



An artist's rendering of the proposed Fountain of Joy.

lot of her daughter's life. When Johnson was young, Wark would take her daughter and son, Derek, to her parents' home in northern California, where there was a large water fountain in the middle of the driveway. The kids used to ride their big wheels around it and it also served as the centerpiece of the home where most of the family photos were taken.

Because it's centrally located in downtown Santa Monica, Wark and the church hope the fountain will serve as a respite for many people, including those who were touched by the July 16 Farmers Market tragedy, which occurred only a block away. The car accident claimed the lives of 10 people and dozens more were injured. St. Augustine still holds weekly services on Wednesday mornings for market vendors and patrons.

As Wark and Mohr put the final touches on the fountain's design, the first round of fundraising is about to begin. They will work with business districts and start an effort to let people know about the project and how they can donate.

Donations can be sent to: St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 1227 Fourth St., Santa Monica, Calif., 90401, Re: Kristine Johnson Fountain of Joy.

Close to 500 attend breakfast celebrating former homeless

BREAKFAST, from page 1

ered for the buffet breakfast of quiche and French toast at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel downtown to pay tribute to the agencies and providers of social services, and to recognize this year's honorees. Awards were given for overcoming multiple barriers, giving back to the community, determination to succeed and other achievements.

Among the recipients was Winston Reid, who was honored for his determination to succeed. In his speech, Reid, an alcoholic, said he spent more than 10 years on the streets of Santa Monica, sleeping on the beach and depending on a variety of free services to keep him alive.

But after a violent alcohol seizure three years ago, Reid decided it was time to rethink his lifestyle. He credited the Ocean Park Community Center's Access Center, a provider of free services for the homeless, with helping him turn his life around and move into his own apartment.

"I'm living, not just surviving," said Reid, who announced he's been sober for 1,084 days. Reid added that he now hopes to finish college and get a full-time job.

That's something that Ross has already accomplished. After four years going in and out of welfare motels, sleeping in bushes and under bridges, and struggling with a brief addiction to crack cocaine, Ross found help through OPCC, the Venice Family Clinic and the Edelman Westside Mental Health Center.

She now lives in a Second Street apartment and has a full-time job working as a counselor for disabled people.

"There are so many people out there to thank," Ross said. "I see a student out there that just received an award that I helped. I see a lot of people that helped me and put up with me ..."

"Sometimes I think that the more difficult a life is, the more the human spirit can shine."

Friday's event concluded with a song from the eight-man New Directions Choir called "Ain't No Stopping Us Now."

"Ain't no stopping us now, we're on the move and we're really, really got the groove," the choir sang.

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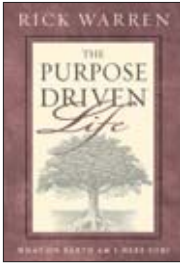
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As recall opponents squabble, Davis might come out ahead

BY BETH FOUHY
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — As voters and pundits sifted through the results of the raucous debate among candidates running to replace Gov. Gray Davis, the man whose job is on the line Oct. 7 kept to his busy schedule this week of signing bills and hosting town hall meetings.

It's that strategy of staying out of the recall frenzy and warning about its dangers that the famously disciplined Davis has adhered to for the last two months, and it's what strategists believe may save his job.

Wednesday night's debate among the five major replacement candidates — including the Republican front-runner, actor Arnold Schwarzenegger — did little to change the positioning in the field, analysts say. But the candidates' noisy bickering may have strengthened Davis' argument that the recall was little more than a circus.

"I think a substantial amount of viewers probably wanted to take a shower and think this whole recall thing is a big stinky mess," Marty Kaplan, associate dean at the Annenberg School of Communications, University of Southern California. "Should we empower this group of bickering mud-wrestlers? You wanted to vote them all off the island."

Not surprisingly, David Doak, Davis' media consultant, agreed. "What we saw was a food fight."

With just 12 days to go before the election, polls still show most voters want to recall the unpopular Davis, but the momentum appears to be shifting the governor's way. Three polls released in the last eight days have shown support for the recall slipping and Davis' ratings, while still poor, getting better.

And now the race to replace him is turning negative. Schwarzenegger, who started his campaign by saying he wouldn't attack his opponents, has started television ads criticizing the role of Indian tribes with gambling casinos in the campaign and Davis. The leading Democrat in the race, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, has responded, calling Schwarzenegger the candidate from "Planet Hollywood" who doesn't understand middle-class values.

On Thursday, Davis abruptly changed tactics, offering to engage Schwarzenegger in a debate if he keeps mischaracterizing California's problems.

"I'm going to set the record straight. I'm getting sick and tired of his distortions," Davis said. "If he doesn't set the record straight himself, I may have to debate him."

But will there be enough time for Davis to persuade an estimated 10 percent of Democrats still favoring the recall to switch sides and keep Davis in office another three years?

"Gray Davis has to change people's minds, and it's Arnold's job to make sure they don't do that," said Republican strategist Allan Hoffenblum. "It's up to Arnold to convince people that he can beat Gray Davis and do this job."

But observers said Schwarzenegger's debate performance, while competent and often funny, may have hurt him with women voters who polls show haven't embraced the macho former body builder and action-movie star. Schwarzenegger repeatedly clashed with independent candidate Arianna Huffington in a way that some analysts called overly aggressive.

During the debate and on Thursday, Huffington complained that Schwarzenegger's treatment of her was part of a pattern of treating women badly, which his aides dismissed.

"If she's gonna sit there and be rude and interrupt the debate, she is going to get treated roughly at times," said Schwarzenegger spokesman Rob Stutzman.

Schwarzenegger is expected to take a high-profile sprint to the finish, which will include a multi-city bus tour throughout the state in the campaign's closing days. That, plus a continued barrage of television ads will push him to victory, aides say.

Schwarzenegger's chief Republican rival, Sen. Tom McClintock of Northridge, vowed in a string of television interviews this week that he would not leave the race.

His appearances preceded announcements by former Republican candidate Bill Simon and the California Republican County Chairmen's Association, a group of Republican committee leaders from California's 58 counties, endorsing Schwarzenegger.

While McClintock's presence may hurt Schwarzenegger, Bustamante's candidacy may be slowing down Davis, strategists said. While many Democrats endorsed the "no on recall, yes on Bustamante" strategy weeks ago, Bustamante's debate performance and the steady pounding he's taken from opponents for his contributions from Indian gambling interests may have weakened his candidacy.

"I think a lot of Democrats who pushed the notion that a fallback candidacy was good for Democrats should rethink that strategy," said Davis pollster Paul Maslin. "The other option hasn't been very stellar."

The Davis campaign continues to bring out high-profile Democrats to campaign against the recall — former Texas Gov. Ann Richards appeared with Davis Friday in Los Angeles, and others are also expected. Meanwhile, organized labor has kicked their grass-roots campaign into high gear, spending as much as \$5 million on a massive phone bank and door-to-door effort to push the "no on recall, yes on Bustamante" campaign.

Candidate still feisty at 101

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH — She won't neglect her duties as a volunteer at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, but 101-year-old write-in candidate Mathilda Spak says she's still finding plenty of time to campaign for governor.

"I'm not flying all over the state, but I try to do something every day," Spak said. She said she's speaking before women's groups, writing letters and doing telephone interviews with radio stations.

"I don't like the way the state of California is being run and I think I can let my voice be heard," she said.

NATIONAL



Not letting the bedbugs bite getting more difficult

BILL DRAPER
Associated Press Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — They creep quietly beneath bed sheets in the darkness of night, in search of a blood feast from an unsuspecting, slumbering host.

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Once thought virtually eradicated in the United States, the bedbug is back.

"An insect is living beside you while you sleep, it withdraws three times its body weight in your blood, it's a psychological concern," said Frank Meek, national pest control technical manager for Orkin.

By the end of 2002, the little bloodsuckers had been reported in at least 28 states. And that could be just the start of a much larger problem.

"It's still at the beginning stages," Kansas State University entomologist Ludek Zurek said of the bedbug's return. "I'm predicting it's going to get worse. Nobody knows why it's coming back."

Some say an increase in international travel is to blame. Mike Lawton, a staff entomologist with Western Exterminator Co. in Irvine, Calif., said people from countries where bedbugs are rampant are staying in U.S. hotels and motels, bringing the insects with them.

"They've (bedbugs) had an incredible impact on high-end hotels," he said. "You've got to keep it hush-hush. If the word 'bedbug' gets out, it scares a lot of people away."

Zurek said a majority of new cases reported in 2002 — 31 percent — were in hotels and motels. Of the remainder, 28 percent were in apartment complexes and dormitories; 25 percent were in single-family homes; and 16 percent were at other locations.

Bedbugs conceal themselves in mattresses, bedding, crevices in walls and floors, and even behind loose wallpaper. They are flat, wingless critters that are about the size of a small lady bug as adults, and they turn from pale brown to red brown after feasting. They don't carry diseases.

A survey by Atlanta-based Orkin found that in each of the past three years, reported bedbug infestations in the United States increased. Bedbug reports to Orkin increased 300 percent between 2000 and 2001; 70 percent between 2001 and 2002; and 70 percent from 2002 to 2003.

"That's just the calls I'm aware of," Meek said.

Bedbugs, which are classified as ectoparasites, have been increasingly found in residences — and that spells trouble.

While hotels and motels must tackle a bedbug problem immediately for their financial well-being, individuals might not initially recognize a bedbug infestation in their homes. Even after a person realizes there's a problem, he or she might not know how to fix it.

"Once they're brought in, you need to deal with them quickly," Lawton said. "Females can lay hundreds and hundreds of eggs. They go through their life cycle every 30 to 50 days, they stay hidden and are very hard to get to."

Barry Eldridge, president of The Bug Clinic in Spring Valley, N.Y., said people who thought bedbugs were just a fairy tale are finding out otherwise.

"It's not life or death, but it's a public health matter because people are getting bit, and over time, someone who doesn't recognize the problem can become quite ill," Eldridge said.

Zurek said the signs of bedbug infestation are hard to miss.

"Not everyone will be rushing to report it, but if people have them, they'll know because of the odor and the sheets will get dark and red because of the feces of the bedbugs," he said.

Bedbugs can live up to a year without a meal, they thrive in hot places and their bite usually is undetected until a person gets out of bed, Lawton said.

"They inject a chemical that numbs you," he said. "They feed on you and you don't even know it."

Zurek said bite marks usually show up as little red spots with a lighter red area around them. Unlike chigger

bites that tend to be grouped in one area or pattern, bedbug bites can be all over a person.

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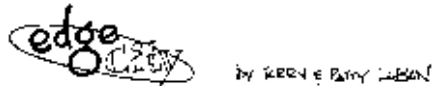
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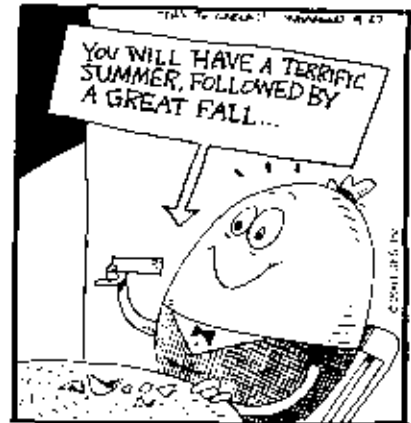


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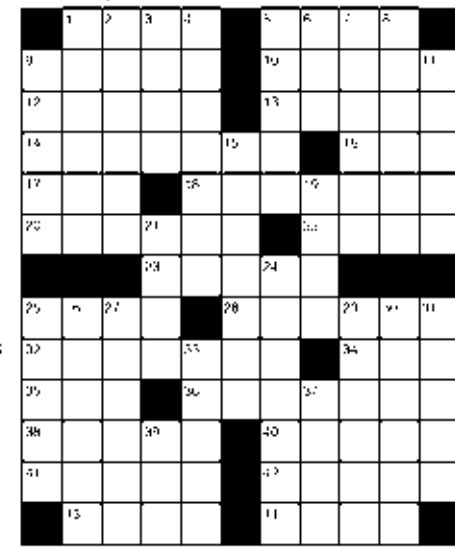


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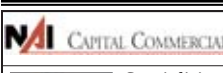
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Doubting salesman enables J.Lo to feel Ram tough

By The Associated Press

■ **HINESVILLE, Ga.** — For car salesman Greg Stanley, it started as a call like many other calls he gets at work: A man asking for a Dodge Ram pickup truck, with four-wheel drive.

OK, sure. We've got some on the lot. Name please? "Ben Affleck."

Yeah, right. "And my name is George Bush," Stanley thought to himself this week.

He bit his tongue and treated the customer with respect, though. His colleagues had played practical jokes before, but Affleck and Jennifer Lopez own a home on nearby Hampton Island and they were in the area.

The man on the other end of the phone said he'd be in later that day to take a look at the vehicle.

Affleck and Lopez showed up in a black Range Rover, followed by a small army of photographers: "I thought to myself, 'Both of them. Wow,'" Stanley told the Savannah Morning News.

He said the actors asked a lot of questions about the truck and took a short test drive on the lot, but there was very little haggling over the vehicle's \$37,000 sticker price.

At one point, Affleck turned to Lopez and asked whether she liked the color and the options. She said she did.

The deal was done. And the Hollywood stars were on their way.

■ **LONDON** — Police arrested a man Friday who used a catapult to launch paint-filled balloons at the plastic box that holds street illusionist David Blaine dangling near the River Thames.

A 28-year-old man from London was charged with criminal damage after he fired several balloons filled with pink paint at Blaine's box from a nearby upper floor window, hitting his target at least once, police said.

The alleged assault was the latest in a string of attacks; the New York magician has been pelted with

eggs, golf balls and insults as he attempts to live for 44 days in a glass box suspended by a crane near Tower Bridge.

Blaine has been asked to pay for the cost of policing his endurance attempt since the Metropolitan Police said the numbers of people coming to see the 30-year-old had escalated.

Two TV companies that have coverage rights have agreed to pay an undisclosed fee for one sergeant and six police constables to patrol near Blaine's box on weekends.

"We have now asked the organizers to pay for it, as it is having a considerable effect on the people of Southwark," the district on the south bank of the Thames where Blaine is suspended, police Commissioner John Stevens said. "It is important to say there has been considerable expense."

As well as attacks on his temporary home, the magician has had to endure people banging drums and baring their breasts or buttocks at him in an attempt to keep him awake at night.

A man was arrested Sept. 16 when he scaled a nearby scaffold tower and allegedly tried to cut off Blaine's water supply.

One British newspaper has dubbed Blaine-baiting as "the new national sport."

■ **NEW YORK** — Elvis Costello felt like he had some big shoes to fill when he performed on A&E's "Live by Request."

"When I saw Tony Bennett do this, he made it look easy," he said, referring to Bennett's 1996 concert which was the first in the cable channel's "Live by Request" series.

Costello made it look easy, too, taking phone, e-mail and audience requests and calmly cracking jokes during a two-hour live show Thursday night.

The 49-year-old sang old favorites including "Radio Radio," "Accidents Will Happen" and "Everyday I Write

the Book," which he performed the way he said he originally wrote it — with a guitar-heavy, '60s rock sound.

Songwriter Burt Bachrach, with whom Costello has collaborated frequently, called from Canada to request "All This Useless Beauty." And a woman named Alison phoned from Wilmington, Del., asking to hear — what else? — "Alison."

Costello also performed songs from his new album of ballads, "North," which came out this week.

Among the celebrities in the audience were his fiancée, jazz singer Diana Krall, and Willie Garson, who plays Carrie's gay confidant, Stanford Blatch, on HBO's "Sex and the City."

"Live by Request With Elvis Costello" airs again at 10 a.m. EDT Sunday on A&E. Previous performers have included Neil Diamond, the Eurythmics, Phil Collins and Reba McEntire.

■ **LONDON** — 50 Cent grabbed three awards at the eighth annual MOBO (Music of Black Origin) awards at London's Royal Albert Hall.

The American rapper, whose real name is Curtis Jackson, won best album for "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," best single for "In Da Club" and also was named best hip-hop act Thursday night.

50 Cent arrived late at the ceremony to pick up his awards, which meant fans at his gig across town in Wembley Arena were kept waiting for about two hours.

The rapper kept up his "gangsta" image by arriving on stage to collect his best-album award with a 10-member posse, all wearing bandanas covering their faces.

"I've won a lot of awards this year from a lot of different people. I'd like to thank God for blessing me with the talent," he said.

Justin Timberlake was named best R&B act and Christina Aguilera's "Dirty" won best video. Kool & the Gang won the MOBO outstanding achievement award.

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