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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

The parents of a teenage girl, who had inhaled nitrous oxide from "whippet" propulsion cartridges just before a car crash that left her with permanent brain damage, filed a lawsuit in Boca Raton, Fla., in December against the store that sold her the canisters. However, a store manager claimed that, even though his is a video store whose whippets are sold from an "adult" room, he believes that his customers are not inhalant-abusers but just people who want to make their own whipped cream.

TODAY IN HISTORY

ON OCT. 4, 1957, the Space Age began as the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first man-made satellite, into orbit.

■ **In 1777**, George Washington's troops launched an assault on the British at Germantown, Pa., resulting in heavy American casualties.

■ **In 1822**, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, was born in Delaware, Ohio.

■ **In 1895**, the first U.S. Open golf tournament was held.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He who confers a favor should at once forget it, if he is not to show a sordid, ungenerous spirit."

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'Babies against Bush'



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Parents, chanting 'Four more weeks,' march with their babies on the Third Street Promenade Saturday in protest against President George Bush.

Playhouse saga draws to a close

Fellow citizens step up, open their wallets

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK — David Levy knows all too well what the phrase "you can't fight City Hall" means.

Levy recently lost his battle with City Hall, four years after staff there ordered him to tear down his son's playhouse in the backyard of his Sunset Park home, despite that he was first told it was legal.

Levy sued City Hall and lost at the Supreme Court level earlier this year. He then was informed in a letter from the City Attorney's Office six weeks ago that he would be responsible for paying its fees — \$85,000 worth.

But Levy hasn't had to pay one

See PLAYHOUSE, page 6



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Dr. David Levy stands at the entrance to the infamous playhouse he built for his son, Jacob. Levy had been embroiled in a battle with City Hall over the legality of the playhouse for four years. Levy lost the case but still feels he did the 'right thing.'

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Bruce Lamoureux: Helping to breathe new life into Saint Johns



Neil Ricklen/Special to the Daily Press

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

SAINT JOHNS — Emerging from the rubble after more than a decade of preparation, Saint Johns Health Care Center is ready to move into its next phase of life in Santa Monica.

And leading that effort is the

hospital's CEO, Bruce Lamoureux, as well as the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, who own the facility and the governing board and help guide the mission of providing health care while serving the poor and the underserved.

Lamoureux has been busy in recent weeks planning and celebrating the opening of the hospi-

tal's new North Pavilion, a 200,000-square-foot facility that will serve as Saint Johns' main inpatient hospital. The multi-million-dollar facility is a result of the catastrophic

Northridge Earthquake, which forced the hospital to close for nine months in 1994. The rebuilding effort has taken a couple years longer than expected — the general contractor in charge of the project went bankrupt a few years ago.

But at last, the inpatient facility will open later this year. Two weeks ago, the facility was blessed by Cardinal Roger Mahony during a community mass that was attended by staff, hospital supporters and benefactors. This past Friday, an outdoor gala dinner was held at the base of the new facility to honor hospital employees and financial supporters. And on Oct. 7, an official dedication ceremony, at which California First Lady Maria Shriver will be the honored guest, will be held.

The second phase of the construction plan — a four-story, 275,000-square-foot diagnostic

and treatment facility — will be built where the original hospital now sits. It's scheduled to be com-

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Hang out long, Aries

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

*****-Dynamic *****-Positive *****-Average ****-So-so ***-Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Make Sunday calls and reach out for others. Catch up on news. Visit with those you normally don't. A friend makes a suggestion involving theater, music or being around water. Take it. Tonight: Hang out as long as you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Think of ways to increase your income. You'll come up with some interesting ideas. Others admire your creativity. Do expect to work hard though. A boss or authority figure might be happy to help you with a promotion, overtime, bonus or pay raise. Tonight: Brainstorm with someone who knows you and is equally creative.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Energizing others to join in might be more of an effort than you realize, but most worthwhile for everyone involved. Consider a change on the home front that will add to your happiness in the next few weeks. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Schedule an intimate day with a loved one, family member or just the cat! You need some downtime more than you realize. Carefully consider a purchase in the next few weeks. Choose your words with care. Tonight: Share quietly with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Do exactly what you want. Much of what is on your mind keeps you close to home. Catch up on family news and be willing to indulge others in a unique manner. In fact, give even more of yourself. Tonight: Out and about with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You might not feel up for a must appearance, yet you seem to make quite an impression when you show up on the scene. You might assume more responsibility than you had originally anticipated, but in the long run, your finances will benefit. Tonight: Visit with an older relative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Experiment and stay open to different ideas, styles and cultures. Sometimes the mainstream might be far too conservative, and not willing to venture into unknown turf. Use care with a person you meet today or in the near future. Tonight: Listen to music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You get what you want once more because of your ability to relate. You have a way of making someone feel as if he or she is the most important person in your world. Use your people skills in the next few weeks even more often. Tonight: With a special person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Others seek you out. You could find yourself walking in a daydream or living out a very special moment. Someone around you might pay you a compliment that has you smiling for quite a while. This person means what he or she says. Tonight: Don't count on it being an early night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You might have a project in mind. Some might decide to get a head start on the workweek, whereas others might find researching a trip or heading out to the movies an excellent choice. Understand another by walking in his or her shoes. Tonight: Early to bed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Your playfulness attracts many. A good time is had by all, especially you. In fact, you could be delighted by the warmth someone expresses. A key person might want much more attention. Why not? Tonight: Add sizzle to the night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Stay close to home if you wish, but don't be surprised by the many calls or knocks on your door. Your popularity soars. Everyone seems most indulgent. Follow your intuition, and you could be delighted. Work together as a team. Tonight: Go for cozy.

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Learn about the human body through preservation

By Daily Press staff

Ever wondered about the anatomy of the human body after it's preserved? Santa Monica College on Tuesday, Oct. 5 will present a lecture on "Plastination" by the German scientist who pioneered the method of preserving human bodies. The lecture provides a view of the human body's anatomy.

The lecture coincides with the current exhibit, "Body Worlds," at the California Science Center in Los Angeles, which graphically shows the inner workings of the human body and is used as a tool for teaching anatomy.

Dr. Gunther von Hagens' plastination replaces the natural fluids in the body with reactive plastics that harden after infusion, resulting in the preservation of the human body's organs and systems in true-to-life forms.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the SMC Associates, a private organization that funds speakers and special programs on campus, and the SMC life science department.

The free lecture will occur at 11:15 a.m. in the SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. For information, call (310) 434-4303.

Dealership revs up blood drive

By Daily Press staff

In what is expected to become part of the nation's largest one-time fund-raiser for local charities, Volvo of Santa Monica this weekend will conduct a fund drive for Childrens Hospital Los Angeles.

Volvo of Santa Monica is participating in "Volvo Drive for life Days," a week-end-long effort by more than 300 Volvo retailers in cities nationwide to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for local charities. Volvo of Santa Monica will be raffling off Volvo memorabilia for people who wish to take a test-drive. Also, the local middle school marching band will be on-site to add to the festivities.

Volvo of Santa Monica is one of the many Volvo retailers in the greater Los Angeles area to raise funds for the Blood Donor Center at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. The Blood Donor Center collects blood from family and community donors to support the transfusion needs of their patients.

Volvo of Santa Monica is calling on people to visit its facility this weekend and test-drive any 2005 model Volvo car. For each test-drive taken, Volvo of Santa Monica will donate \$10 to Childrens Hospital Blood Donor Center.

"Since Southern California is always experiencing a blood shortage, the donor center is in need of expanding our services to go out to businesses and organizations in our community to collect blood instead of requiring the donors to come to the hospital," said Jacqueline Tagliere, laboratory manager at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. "We know if we could go to the donors we would not have a blood shortage and patients' transfusion therapy would not be compromised. In order to accomplish this goal, we need a vehicle referred to as a Bloodmobile."

In addition to its local fund-raiser, Volvo of Santa Monica will be joining Volvo retailers nationwide in holding "Alex's Lemonade Stands" in honor of Alexandra Scott, a young cancer patient from Philadelphia who gained national attention for her efforts to raise money for pediatric cancer by holding annual lemonade stands. Scott passed away on Aug. 1 at age 8, three-fourths of her way toward her goal of raising \$1 million to fight cancer.

Volvo of Santa Monica will be hosting lemonade stands at its facility to achieve Volvo's pledge to help the Scott family reach Alex's \$1 million goal. In 2003, Scott was named one of the nation's top 10 heroes in the Volvo for life Awards, reportedly the nation's largest annual search for and celebration of everyday heroes.

Volvo of Santa Monica is located at 1719 Santa Monica Blvd. For more information, call (310) 264-4943, or visit www.volvoofsantamonica.net. The fund-raiser will be held from Oct. 9-11.



SURF REPORT

Monday look for a fading mix of SW and NW swells. Northern LA breaks see inconsistent surf in the knee- to waist-high range at the good SW/combo breaks. Average South Bay spots will average knee-high waves, and the best SW/combo spots in the north half of the bay get up to waist high. Winds are light in the morning, turning WNW 8-12 knots for the afternoon.

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SUNDAY	5:28	2.7	7:53	1.0	1:15	3.4	12:04	5.2
MONDAY	N/A	N/A	9:26	1.2	N/A	N/A	12:42	4.8
TUESDAY	N/A	N/A	11:03	1.1	N/A	N/A	1:49	4.5
WEDNESDAY	10:20	3.7	N/A	N/A	8:03	3.8	3:50	4.3
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The City Council recently adopted a new law that limits the size of storefronts on the Third Street Promenade to 50 linear feet as a way to discourage more chain stores from coming to Santa Monica's outdoor mall.

Chain stores typically need a lot of space and limiting how much they can have on the Promenade might deter new corporate stores from coming here. The City Council has been concerned for years about the homogenization of the street — there aren't enough independently owned retail stores and restaurants, they say. But critics

argue the Promenade is thriving and constantly attracting shoppers, making it a significant sales tax revenue generator for Santa Monica.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Should the city government get involved in regulating the free market?"

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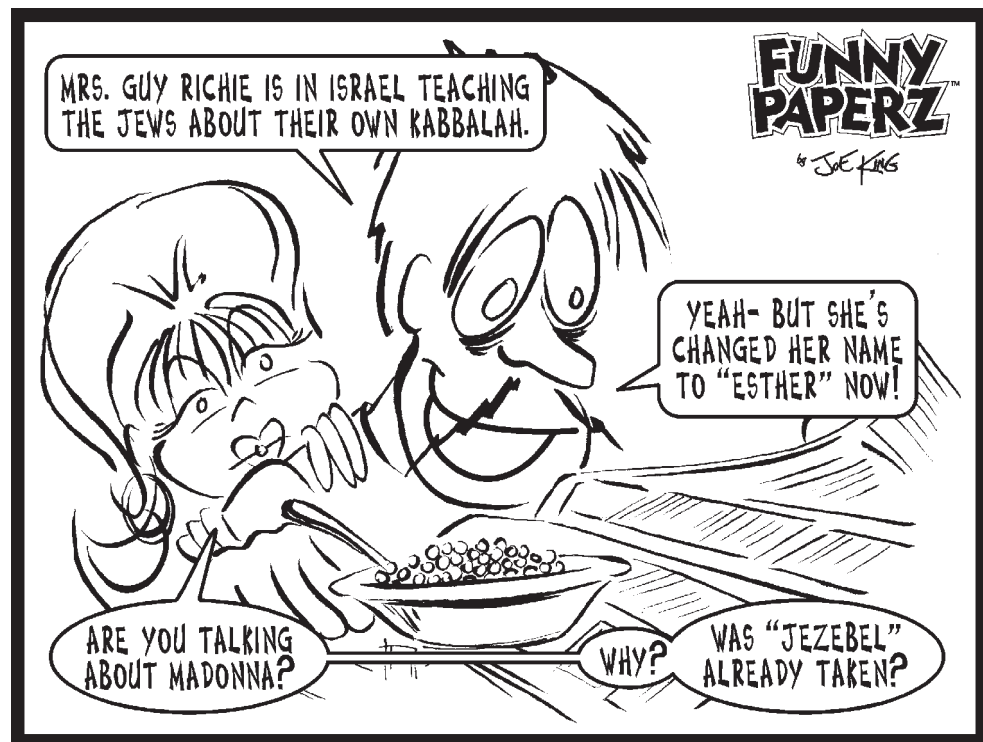
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OPINION



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SMC students protest on nothing they know

Editor:

Those malcontent college kids are really a piece of work (SMDP, Sept. 29, page 1). Kudos to the business owner who not only is expressing her First Amendment right, but is correctly pointing out that the Palestinians are the terrorists strapping bombs to their bodies and blowing up — yes, murdering — innocent children, women and men. Obviously, this is lost on those clueless students who need to spend some time studying about the Middle East.

I doubt very seriously that those over-privileged, snot-nosed complainers would be out protesting if the sign said that the Nazis were murderers.

Frankly, those misguided, uninformed students would be better off getting jobs or keeping their noses buried in their school books. Then they might actually learn something.

Harold Kaufman
Santa Monica

Ed's lack of insightfulness incites reader

Editor:

It seems Ron Scott Smith (SMDP, Sept. 30, page 4) wrote this week's article about fellow humanitarian Ed Silverstein (SMDP, Sept. 29, page 4). Ron wants to talk about instilling fear in voters? What do Ed's choice of words suggest? The "ultra" right wing, "extreme" personal beliefs and just "imagine your 13-year-old daughter is savagely raped."

Ed's entire column is about instilling fear about who Bush might appoint to the Supreme Court and what they might do ... hypothetically. "Your kids may suffer permanent lung or brain damage so that companies can give their CEOs \$100 million bonuses." I know I'm scared.

Ed believes that these still unknown appointees feel that sexual harassment "is just boys having fun." That is as unfounded as his claim that "Bush appointees have a history of allowing their extreme personal beliefs to supersede the law or even the constitution" and goes on to insinuate that they will take away our right to descent. Now I'm really scared, Ed.

Psychic friend Ed also claims that Kerry will appoint "centrists" to the court just like Bubba who appointed Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Steven Breyer. Those two alone are guilty of voting for a racist, fascist style government and spitting all over our constitution and all of its evil Christian values. Unlike Ed, I actually have a basis for my claims: U.S. vs. Lopez; Plaut vs. Spendthrift Farm Inc.; Dolan vs. City of Tigard; and Missouri vs. Jenkins, just to name a few.

The only example he did give was the case of Willie Searcy, but he failed to mention that Ford's "faulty seatbelts" were proven to have saved the lives of the other passengers and Willie was injured because he leaned down to pick up a wrapper. Ford also offered an immediate settlement and only appealed the punitive damages.

Like most leftists, Ed uses lots of words yet says nothing. Nor does he let reality get in his way. But beware, these Bush appointees "have no problem with the Confederacy," even though the Republican party was founded on the cause of abolition. Beware, affirmative action might be in jeopardy, even though Louis Farrakhan is opposed to it. He seems to believe that blacks are not inferior to whites, contrary to what leftists believe.

We must also be afraid of the "Bush Wars." He liberated more than 25 million powerless people ... who knows who he'll liberate next. Where was the fear when Clinton bombed Iraq and Sudan? What about all of the white Christians he cluster bombed in Serbia? Maybe that's why Bubba is such a hero to the left.

Thomas Kenney
Santa Monica

Car break-in No. 4 eased with a friend in a pinch



HIP TO BE SQUARE

BY CAROLINE BODKIN

I never considered a car break-in to be newsworthy. Not even when it happened to me the third time in three years. But this last time, the fourth time, was notable.

Recently, I was scheduled to attend a 7:30 p.m. press screening of "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow." I'd invited my friend Lucy to come with me. This is important, and I'll tell you why.

Lucy was a close friend in high school and my go-to girl when I moved here. We'd talk almost nightly, share the nuances of our days with each other, discuss boys and jobs and rent and family and make-up, and every Monday and Wednesday nights we'd carpool to yoga.

I lived alone back then, but on nights I didn't want to return by myself to my small studio apartment, I'd stay at her place until I couldn't keep my eyes open anymore, eating popcorn until it was bedtime.

When I started dating my boyfriend, my life changed in many ways. But one of the most difficult transitions I made was finding time for both my go-to girls, and my new guy.

To be honest, I sucked at it.

I all but abandoned her and couldn't quite explain why she shouldn't take it personally — it's just what happens when you've found that special someone and you begin to build a life together.

I've never been the girl to bail on my friends for some guy — no guy's ever been that important to me — but this wasn't just some guy.

So the time Lucy and I spent together diminished largely at first, but then, as time passed, it increased again slowly and we both adjusted to the new situation. We don't talk on the phone nightly anymore, but we make time for each other. That time comes less often but is more precious.

Thus, last Wednesday night's date was precious time.

The plan was for me to pick her up from work, which is near where the screening would happen. We'd drive together to my house, change into gym clothes, go workout, back to my house to shower, eat sushi, go to the screening, then I'd drop her off at her car and come

home to begin the review.

It was a tight schedule.

During the one hour we were in the gym, in broad daylight, between the rush hours of 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., right on the street, right in front of the building, someone broke into my car (again), stole the stereo (again) and — now this part's new — tried to steal it.

Fine, fine, fine.

By this time I was used to it, and I didn't even cry.

The only real problem: In trying to steal the car, they broke the ignition, and we were stranded.

This was the moment when my brain raced. Sweaty clothes, no car, screening across town, review due tomorrow, no one else to cover it. But while my mind was racing, Lucy's mind was sharp.

She took one minute to feel very sorry for me, and then instantly upon realizing the urgency of my situation, she went into "best friend you couldn't ask for" mode.

She hailed a cop car, grabbed my house keys, told me she'd run to my house for fresh clothes and food, said I'd talk to the cops while she was gone. So I did.

And when she returned, she said a cab was on its way. I finished with the cops, the cab arrived, we raced to the screening, got there just in time ... to find out it was the wrong place. We were supposed to be on the other side of town. Back to the cab, grabbed her car, which she'd left at her building, and made a mad dash, my driving, her feeding me sushi on the way, to catch the last half of the film.

And you know what? We were laughing the whole way.

My car's been broken into four times in three years. The first time I started crying and called my dad. The second time I started crying and called my boyfriend. The third time I screamed an obscenity then called the police.

But this time I was just happy to have a friend.

Had I been alone to discover the fourth missing stereo and the first broken ignition, I might have slumped sideways.

I might have been angry or sad or a whole other host of upset emotions.

But I wasn't. This time, I was mostly grateful.

(Caroline Bodkin lives in Los Angeles and believes good friends are better than nice cars. You can e-mail her at hip-tobesquarebybodkin@yahoo.com).

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STATE



Site promotes Arnold for president in 2008

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — A pair of Los Angeles entrepreneurs have launched a Web site to promote California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger as a presidential candidate in 2008, according to a joint report by the Oakland Tribune and the Los Angeles Daily News.

Founders of Operation Arnold are circulating petitions seeking to amend the U.S. Constitution so that foreign-born nationals who have lived in the United States for more than 20 years can run for president.

The effort mirrors a constitutional amendment pending before Congress that was introduced by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Huntington Beach.

Marshall Miller, a 24-year-old student at the University of California, Los Angeles and co-founder of the Web site, said the politically divided country needs a moderate leader like Schwarzenegger.

"You either hate George Bush or you love George Bush. The Republicans keep moving right and the Democrats keep moving left," Miller, a Republican, told the newspapers. "I want to bring the country back to the middle. Arnold stands for moderate."

Miller's partner in the venture, Joshua Mikael, is a 26-year-old Democrat who graduated from UCLA in 2001 and now works in the entertainment community.

Schwarzenegger, who was born in Austria and became a U.S. citizen in 1983, has said he supports amending the Constitution so he and other foreign-born citizens could be president. But he has sidestepped questions about whether he might run.

OperationArnold.com features a petition supporting the constitutional amendment, information on the governor, Schwarzenegger promotional items for sale, and polls about the actor-turned-politician.

Chino woman, 76, dies following WNV diagnosis

By The Associated Press

CHINO — A 76-year-old Chino woman died days after being diagnosed with the West Nile virus but officials had not determined whether the mosquito-borne illness caused her death.

Carmen F. Padilla was admitted to the Pomona Valley Hospital on Sept. 25 for complications related to diabetes and hypertension, according to San Bernardino County coroner's office.

She was diagnosed with the virus the next day after being transferred to Doctor's Hospital of Montclair and died Friday.

West Nile has been blamed for the deaths of 18 people in California this year.

A total of 654 people had been reported infected as of Friday, according to the state Department of Health Services.

However, state and county health officials said the number of cases appeared to be tapering off.

Across the country, 1,821 human cases and 59 deaths have been reported, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Most people who contract the West Nile virus show no symptoms. About 15 to 20 percent develop flu-like symptoms and 1 percent develop the most severe complications.

The virus is most severe for the elderly and those with weakened immune systems.

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Levy: City Hall enforcement has 'gone amuck'

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cent. In the past month, an outpouring of financial support has drifted in by sympathetic citizens, who have covered the entire legal bill.

"I thought the city would have enough integrity not to go after me," Levy said. "But I'm just stunned by the generosity of the citizens of Santa Monica."

David and Beth Levy sued City Hall in September 2000 after building inspectors backed out of their decision that the playhouse was a legal one-story structure. The reversal came after the Levys' backyard neighbor, Tundai Garai, complained to then-mayor Ken Genser. Levy's lawyer, Chris Harding, argued that Genser influenced city staff's decision.

Genser has said all along that he only asked staff through two e-mails to check on the legality of the playhouse and never directed staffers to take a position on it, which is what the lawsuit alleged. Genser has said in the past that the lawsuit has been a waste of taxpayers' money and politically motivated by Harding, who has sued City Hall several times in past years.

The 2nd Appellate District Court ruled in January that Genser didn't advocate that the playhouse be deemed illegal, but that he just asked about it. The appeals court ruled that Genser is protected under the First Amendment to respond to constituents' complaints. The Levys appealed the decision, and the Supreme Court refused to hear the case in March.

"We knew our chances were slim ... I was very disappointed in the outcome, and I was also surprised," Levy said. "I thought we'd be heard in court."

After City Hall deemed it legal and Levy, a psychiatrist, spent \$11,000 to have it meet specifications as well as appease Garai, the playhouse was in jeopardy of being torn down. Levy was told by city staff that the 12 1/2-foot-tall playhouse was two stories and, therefore, ille-

gal.

"Their ultimatum was either tear it down, relocate it from the wall 30 feet or face criminal charges," Levy said. "So I picked option No. 4, I sued them."

It wasn't until after he filed the lawsuit that City Hall eventually deemed the structure legal and the playhouse was treated as a "non-conforming use," under which the city might change its mind again if someone complained, the Levys argued. The Levys moved forward with the suit, saying the process was unfair and illegal.

"Before we sued they said they would take it up in closed session and would let us know (whether the playhouse was legal)," Levy said. "It wasn't acceptable to me that they would control the quality of their own actions behind closed doors ... an entire policy was overturned without me being heard."

It wasn't until the Levys sued that City Hall decided to make the structure legal again, according to Levy.

The appellate court's decision reversed West Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Cesar Sarimento's decision to deny the city's motion to dismiss the case in March 2002. The appellate court upheld the city's anti-SLAPP motion, which is based on a law that prevents people from being punished for exercising their First Amendment rights. It also is designed to protect them when they complain to government officials.

"The city clearly didn't want this heard," Levy said. "The city said this (lawsuit) should have never happened, I agree. I have never sued anyone, and I have never been sued. A circus is not what I wanted."

Levy's experience with city government, which he describes as "elitist," has made him much more politically active. Before the playhouse saga, Levy didn't pay much attention to local politics.



File Photo

This playhouse stands at the center of a four-year legal dispute between City Hall and Santa Monica resident David Levy.

But when he learned earlier this year that Bobby Shriver, brother-in-law to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, had a similar experience with City Hall over the height of his hedges, Levy realized he wasn't the only one with a bone to pick with his elected leaders. Throughout the legal dispute, Levy was approached by business owners and residents who told him their own nightmare stories with City Hall. But when Shriver's story was made public after he decided to run for City Council, Levy realized he wasn't alone.

"At least I didn't feel like I was picked on and I was the only guy," Levy said. "This isn't about hedges, I agree, and this isn't about the playhouse ... It's emblematic of enforcement gone amuck."

Levy added that public opinion polls

indicate Santa Monicans want their elected leaders to focus on quality of life issues, such as traffic, parking and a growing homeless population.

"There are bigger issues," he said. "I don't see playhouse enforcement on the top of the list, or hedge enforcement."

Asked why he thought City Hall zeroed in on him and his son's playhouse, Levy offered a psychiatric evaluation of the current administration.

"This isn't about money, it is hubris and power," he said. "When you give people power, they will exude it, and it's hubris because it was the inability to see another person's view."

Levy joked that for that analysis, he should probably bill City Hall for his time as a psychiatrist: Amount due — \$85,000.

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pleted in 2009. The entire rebuilding project is estimated to cost \$314 million, raised through donations by hospital supporters and federal funds.

Lamoureux, who has been employed at Saint Johns for 26 years in a variety of roles, was chief operating officer at the time of the destruction. He found himself learning more about construction management than he ever dreamed of when he began his career as a respiratory therapist at Saint Johns in 1976.

As Lamoureux, 50, moved through the ranks at Saint Johns and eventually became the chief executive officer in 1997, he has gained a comprehensive understanding of the tumultuous and ever-changing health care industry. What he cherishes most are the relationships he's built within the institution, which he describes as a "mini city." Saint Johns has roughly 1,400 employees and is the second largest employer in Santa Monica, just behind City Hall.

And while Saint Johns embarks on an exciting time with its new facilities opening in the coming years, there are many challenges facing Lamoureux in the near future. Hospital administrators were forced last December to lay off 200 employees and eliminate more than a half dozen patient programs. The cost-saving measure, which was estimated to be about \$10 million, was in response to the hospital's declining revenues and increasing operating costs over the past year, administrators said. The lay-offs constituted 12 percent of the hospital's workforce.

As costs continue to escalate, Lamoureux expects more lay-offs to occur while at the same time — like many hospitals in the country — Saint Johns is facing a nursing shortage and many other challenges.

The Montreal native who lives in Manhattan Beach with his high school sweetheart and their three children, recently sat down with the Daily Press to discuss the future of the hospital and the health care industry.

What's fulfilled you the most in your 26 years at Saint Johns?

"The relationships that I have been privileged to enjoy at Saint Johns from day one. The constituencies are so very broad. The gifts, the dedications, the humility people bring to their roles. It's very humbling for me. I feel so very privileged to have had access to the people I've had access to. I truly mean people from every sector of the organization.

From watching someone in the environmental services department work hard at Saint Johns for 30 years, give lovingly, consistently with all of their ability and to do so with little recognition. Our entry level people are not in the limelight. They don't get to enjoy the acknowledgment I that I get in my role.

"There's also my relationships with physicians. I absolutely love to work with physicians. They are driven by their passion for excellence. They are highly competitive beings in terms of who they are as individuals. They come from a culture of patient advocacy and entrepreneurialism. The relationship in my mind, between the hospital and medical staff, is much like a good marriage. It requires equals. They don't see the world, they don't see what happens at Saint Johns in the same way that those of us who are in the hospital establishment. My relationships with physicians have been filled with learning.

"The Sisters of Charity, their drive as a constituency and as leaders. Sister Marie Madeleine as my mentor. Their devotion to God, their devotion to the poor, to the underserved. Their predominate impact on the organization in terms of making it as good of a place as it can be. Being able to advance in the organization has only been because of the Sisters of Charity. Without them, I don't know that the opportunities would have been available to me.

"Our trustees, the members of the governing board. They are highly accomplished individuals. They give countless hours to Saint Johns in support of the institution. Our foundation trustees are volunteers who do the fundraising for the institution. Again, incredibly capable, talented and giving individuals.

"And last but not least amongst constituencies are all of the people who have been my peers along the way ... each person has contributed something to my experience and learning."

What is your biggest challenge or disappointment?

"Our biggest disappointment has been the delay in the construction of our facility. The biggest challenge? The health care environment and everything all health care providers are being asked to do in the face of often diminishing revenue and escalating costs. We enjoy the benefits of new pharmaceuticals, new technologies. We enjoy new facilities, in the case of Saint Johns. And all of those are expensive. And you and I have grown up as children of FedEx and Nordstrom and McDonalds. And we expect service, faster, better, cheaper. In health care, all of the costs are rising. The purchasers of

health care, the employers generally, with the exception of the government, are stunned by the escalation of costs to cover their employees. Over the last 10 or 15 years, through the evolution of managed care and the continuing pressures on health care providers, we have seen that revenue has not kept pace with costs. So the biggest challenge we have is how to keep the organization sustainable and able to replenish it."

And that's why hundreds of people were laid off earlier this year? That couldn't have been fun.

"No. And those challenges await us in the future as there is continued cost escalation. It's not over with ... Our challenge is that our revenue is diminishing whereas the expenses are increasing. Those lines have crossed, and in California 51 percent of hospitals are operating in the red. We are seeing the sale and/or the closure of an increasing number of hospitals ...

"We are right now struggling with our current year. We are looking to do what we must to balance the budget again. We began with one picture. That picture has changed once again, and so we are revisiting that and adjusting. In this environment, the idea of a budget forecast that extends two and three years is a thing of the past. You are really looking at it from year to year and even within that year. We looked at the middle of last year's budget because things had changed and we had to adjust. And we are looking at our budget again in the current fiscal year because already there are material changes from what we began with.

Are more budget cuts likely?

"I believe so. I believe we will have to adjust methods of operating one more time. I don't know when it's going to stop in subsequent years. Again, we are seeing more and more mismatch between revenue and costs in health care. We need only look at the sale and closures of hospitals. It just doesn't look good ... At some point, there will be enough chaos that you and I will feel as though we've gotten run over by the health care bus and we will become outraged. When that outrage manifests within the middle class and there is enough of a nucleus of people who are adversely affected, then we will have that courageous conversation."

When do you think that will be?

"I would say five to 10 years out. There is insufficient pain right now. Forty-five million uninsured in our country, 7 million in California. It's not enough pain."

How long can hospitals operate in

the red?

"They can't. They absolutely will not. I can tell you our operating performance is diminishing. We are not going to run in the red. I can absolutely guarantee it. You can do that for a short period of time. You can tap into your reserves, if you even have any, which many hospitals do not. You can tap into the debt market, but at some point you have to pay the piper. Hospitals are not going to do it. There is insufficient outrage and pain resulting from the number of uninsured. There is, as of yet, insufficient pain and outrage in our ranks for the escalation in health premium costs. And there are too few people who are going without insurance getting caught in a terrible, catastrophic health circumstances and losing their assets, their home, whatever it may be, in order to pay for their health care. It's happening in increasing numbers, but it's not enough. Just as we've seen great societal movements in the past manifest when there is enough outrage, so too will we see something here ...

"There are record-breaking profits being made by the health plans. And these times, where people are paying more out of pocket for their health care, employers are paying more than they ever have for basic, and in some cases, less health care coverage than they've gotten for premiums in times past. It's a time when physicians are making less with more work than ever before, and the same is true for hospitals. Is there sufficient profit and waste in the system to make available for every Californian a basic health care package? Only time will tell. I think the possibility is there that it could."

Has this issue been the most surprising to you in your career?

"Without a doubt. The economics of health care have just been wild. They are no less wild today than when we saw strong presence of managed care manifest in the early '90s. No less than when we saw the federal government impose the prospective payment system for Medicare subscribers. No less surprising than when Medicare was established in the mid '60s. So the industry has seen an absolute revolution in its economic models and structures over the decade. And today, it continues."

What's your main role as CEO at Saint Johns?

"It's more the strategy and vision for the hospital. That is paramount in my role ... Certainly, if you look at the constituencies and members of our governing board, they are very much involved in the vision

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and attainment of our mission and fulfillment for the institution.

“In terms of what happens here at Saint Johns, in terms of the mission and the oversight of quality of care, that is the responsibility of the local governing board ... The nature of the health care industry in general is regarded as one of the most complex and difficult industries. It is highly regulated, probably more regulated than any other industry. If you would assemble all of the documentation of the laws and regulations and standards of health care, it would amount to more than 130,000 pages, three times the size of the U.S. tax code. You might draw an analogy looking at that of a hospital to a small city if you consider all of the trade, the types of services, the knowledge of the workers. You are dealing with some of the most highly educated people in the land to people who are in entry-level positions with nominal educations. So the gradient between the most educated and the most nominally educated, it is really quite large. The complexity of what we do while our primary purpose is to care for the poor and underserved, many people confuse what we do with being hospital care. And while that’s the vehicle for our mission, for our purpose, that mission is in fact, care for the poor.

“You are dealing with people, people who bring a unique history, a unique set of familial experiences, traditions, beliefs, faith orientation and general life experiences that require customization. We have standard processes, care protocol and ways we approach the individual, but each of those has to be customized to that individual’s needs. We have to respond not only to

their physical needs but their emotional and physical needs as well. It’s only through addressing each of those dimensions and the uniqueness that they represent for the person that we’re able to maximize what we do in the form of care. To ignore any one of those dimensions is not going to result in a positive outcome for the person.”

You have been involved in many roles at Saint Johns, what stands out for you?

“Certainly I know more about construction today, more than I believed I would learn. And unfortunately I know more about construction delays than one person has a right to learn about. The project itself has been an absolutely wonderful experience. It’s invigorating. There is a sense for me, as well as others in the organization, of enthusiasm, optimism, looking forward to doing what we do more effectively. In that sense and predominately it’s been this overwhelmingly positive experience. The downside, the frustrating side, has been the delay in getting this particular piece of the puzzle up and running. And all of the issues that have been the fabric of those delays. That said, we are embarking on a new phase. We’ve got a new general contractor, and we are very optimistic with our prospects of success. So we take what happened in this particular step as going forward. And despite the delays, despite the frustrations in the acute care piece we are about to open, we are very happy with the product. It is well made. We are glad we stuck to the specifications and all of the things we planned for and designed.”

How emotional was the decision to close the hospital after the earthquake?

“We didn’t know what the outcome

would be. We knew we were closed. We knew it was a sentinel event in the history of Saint Johns, but we didn’t know the implication. So four days later, we had a scheduled governing board meeting. There was a conversation about what we should do. Do we just close? Do we continue? It was really interesting to watch the courage of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, which was evident on that day. They said, ‘No, we will continue our ministry in this community.’ The decision was made that day by the sisters and the governing board. It is that same courageous pioneer spirit they exhibited when they established their community in 1856. It is the same spirit that paid them forward over the decades. They’ve made decisions to do something even though how they could do it was not apparent. It was really humbling to witness it in 1994 on that occasion. Because in fact, the simpler, easier conventional business decision might have been, ‘Let’s walk away, we are done here in Santa Monica.’ It would cost hundreds of millions of dollars and no plan on how to do it. They had the courage and faith that God would provide and see that through.”

How did you raise money to rebuild?

“There has been a concerted effort by Saint Johns to tap into the base of grateful patients and supporters in the community in a much more dramatic fashion. In the eyes of prospective benefactors, there has been a compelling reason to give — that is the rebuilding of Saint Johns and the perpetuation of the legacy that was created for us by the Sisters of Charity in terms of quality of care, the environment of care, what Saint Johns represents as a place to practice medicine, a place to practice nursing care, a place to work, as well as

Bruce Lamoureux

Family: Wife, Nadia, a homemaker. Married for 26 years, “going steady” for 35 years. Three children: Tyson, 22, a senior at UCLA, studying mathematics; Sasha, 20, a student at Mount Saint Mary’s, studying nursing; and Chad, 13, a middle school student.

Lamoureux grew up in the suburbs of Montreal. His family immigrated to California in 1967 when he was 13 years old. He has six brothers and sisters. His father was a chef, and his mother was a homemaker.

Education: Master’s degree in business administration at USC. AA at El Camino College as a respiratory therapist.

Hobbies: Avid weight lifter; landscaping; mowing the lawn; gardening; spending time with family.

what it means to patients. So the combination of grateful patients, a compelling story and a vision for what can be in the future has made it possible for us to tap into the community, and the community has been exceptionally supportive and generous toward us.”

What’s your favorite and least favorite part of the day?

“It’s when I roam the halls, seeing people. I’ve been here so long, I’m kind of a fossil at Saint Johns. I know a huge number of people. It’s nice to see people in the hallways and ask them what they are up to. How was vacation? How’s your son doing? It’s always energizing, that interaction.

“My least favorite part of the day is the sum of the mundane things like signing checks.”

Alaska Bering Sea pollock granted eco-label use

BY MARY PEMBERTON
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The largest fishery in the United States received final approval for an eco-label that tells customers the seafood they are buying is environmentally friendly.

The London-based Marine Stewardship Council gave Bering Sea pollock the final OK last week, ending a lengthy review of the \$750 million a year fishery off Alaska’s coast.

The certification is good for five years and subject to annual audits.

“We are a certified fishery,” At-Sea Processors Association spokesman Jim Gilmore said Friday. “I think the fishery proved itself to be sustainable and well-managed.”

The industry group sought the eco-label in January 2001 at the urging of European seafood buyers, Gilmore said.

In Europe, consumers are more likely to buy products with eco-labels.

The Bering Sea pollock fishery is the 10th fishery to receive MSC approval. Alaska salmon was the first U.S. fishery to get MSC certification.

The Alaska pollock fishery accounts for approximately one-third of all seafood landings in the United States each year.

Several environmental groups opposed granting an eco-label for pollock. One of their major concerns was the effect the huge fishery is having on Steller sea lions, which eat pollock, among other species of fish. Steller sea lion populations off Alaska’s coast have plummeted more than 80 percent in the past 30 years. The reasons for the decline aren’t known.

Danny Consenstein, executive director of Trustees for Alaska, one of the groups that opposed the eco-label, said the

California certifier and MSC have ignored data that indicate the pollock fishery is harmful to sea lions.

“This decision is a slap in the face to consumers. It dupes consumers into believing this is a well-managed, sustainable fishery,” Consenstein said. “The Bering Sea ecosystem is in trouble.”

The decision Thursday by the London-based group ended a lengthy process in which Scientific Certification Systems of Emeryville, Calif., evaluated the fishery. The company conducted the nearly three-year evaluation with a panel looking at 72 performance measures in three areas: stock levels, environmental effects of the fishery and how effectively it is managed.

The panel concluded that the fishery was responsibly managed. It found some deficiencies but none bad enough to deny certification.

Gilmore said any remaining problems are technicalities.

Janis Searles, a lawyer for Oceana, another group that objected to the eco-label, said part of the problem is with the MSC process.

“We think you can’t just look at the fishery but have to look at the context in which the fishery takes place,” Searles said.

Brendan May, the MSC’s outgoing chief executive, defended the council’s process in a statement posted on the MSC Web site.

“The Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands pollock fishery has been subject to robust and rigorous scrutiny under the MSC program,” he said. “It is hard to find a more thorough certification and auditing process for any commodity in the world than the MSC has developed for fisheries.”



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Campaign finale could still have surprise twist

BY TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — In the presidential campaign's closing weeks, Democrats are bracing for an "October Surprise," an event so dramatic it could influence the election's outcome. The capture of Osama bin Laden, for instance.

It's part of American political lore: the party out of power worries about a last-minute surprise engineered by the party in power. Now that October has arrived and the election is just a month away, speculation is rife among Democrats that President Bush and political mastermind Karl Rove have some tricks up their sleeves.

"I assume that it will be something," said House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California. "We have to be ready for that."

With the war in Iraq going badly and people concerned about terrorism, there also seems to be a better than usual chance for a significant event beyond either party's control.

Both sides know the possibilities: a major setback in Iraq or Afghanistan, a terrorist strike against the United States, a nuclear test by North Korea, an economic shock.

Three years after Bush said he wanted bin Laden "dead or alive," the capture of the fugitive al-Qaida leader tops nearly everyone's list as a supreme example of the kind of October surprise that could help seal Bush's re-election.

Democrat John Kerry made the failure to track down bin Laden a central part of his criticism of Bush in Thursday's first presidential debate. The Massachusetts senator claimed that Bush lost sight of that goal when he ordered the invasion of Iraq.

Some conspiracy buffs suggest bin Laden already has been captured or perhaps has been trapped by Pakistan in a cave, and will be produced just before the Nov. 2 election.

No matter how far fetched, some Democrats have helped add to the speculation.

"I think it would be outrageous, frankly, but you know, there's those kind of rumors out there," former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told ABC.

Even if bin Laden remains elusive, the capture of a major terrorist leader — bin Laden deputy Ayman al-Zawahri or Iraq's Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of a mili-

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tant group that has claimed to have beheaded two American hostages — could provide an October boost for Bush.

But Ross Baker, a political science professor at Rutgers University, said the administration risks a backlash.

"Producing a high-level al-Qaida leader would immediately invite suspicion about whether this person has been cooling his heels in a safe house some place," Baker said.

Perhaps the best late campaign season development might not be an actual surprise in Iraq, but a decline in the violence there.

Bush is no stranger to October surprises; his family has been on the receiving end.

The revelation of Bush's drunken-driving arrest as a young man came right before the 2000 election.

The Friday before the 1992 election, former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who served in the Reagan and first Bush administration, was indicted in the Democratic-inspired investigation of the Iran-Contra affair. That posed yet another worry for the elder Bush's re-election bid, which failed.

Usually speculated-upon October surprises fail to materialize. There was talk that the Carter administration would produce a deal in 1980 to free the U.S. hostages in Iran. In 1968 and again in 1972 came speculation that a deal to end the war in Vietnam might be at hand.

Yet the Suez Canal crisis in the fall of 1956 contributed to Dwight Eisenhower's re-election landslide, historians suggest.

As Election Day draws nearer, Bush's options for election-influencing actions are dwindling.

With three tax cuts under his belt, there is not enough

time for a new stimulus if the economy takes a sudden turn for the worse, perhaps reflected in a bad jobs report on Oct. 8. — the last unemployment report before the election — or in a stock market swoon.

Bush could release more crude oil from the national reserve to combat rising fuel prices. But he accused President Clinton of doing just that to help Democrat Al Gore right before the 2000 election. And Bush already has used some of those reserves to help refiners offset hurricane losses — with little impact on rising fuel prices.

One "Hail Mary" pass could be for Vice President Dick Cheney to leave the ticket — perhaps to be replaced by a popular moderate such as former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Republican strategists scoff at such talk. But if Bush starts to fall behind, he and his advisers might want to try harder to reach out to moderates who dislike Cheney intensely. Cheney, who has had four heart attacks, could cite health concerns.

"The notion is that the October surprise is a Halloween trick for politicians. But the strongest possibility this time is something happening that nobody controls," said Princeton political science professor Fred Greenstein.

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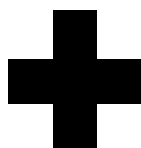
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Backcountry homeowners learning to live with grizzlies

BY MIKE STARK
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WAPITI, Wyo. — Theresa Lineberger can still remember the young male grizzly bear that crawled onto her family's deck, perched himself on the railing and munched on all of the crab apples he could swipe from a nearby tree.

"I nailed him with a full can of (pepper) spray," said Lineberger, an emergency room nurse who lives on a ranch near Wapiti with her husband, Ron. "I don't dislike (bears), but when I'm home, where I'm supposed to feel safe, I don't want to have encounters."

Bears, black and grizzly, are common at the Linebergers' place. One summer and fall, 11 had to be trapped and relocated.

Like many who live in the heart of grizzly country, the Linebergers are tolerant of bears and, increasingly, are making efforts to live peaceably with them. At their ranch 20 miles west of Cody, they have put up an electric fence, take down bird feeders during the summer and try to keep apples and other bear attractants out of reach.

A yearly field trip has even been organized to have the students from the Wapiti school pick apples off the ground at their property and take them to the school to make applesauce.

The efforts help keep the family safe and reduce the risk that grizzlies have to be trapped.

"What we're trying to do is keep bears from getting into trouble and give them an opportunity to keep living," said Lineberger, who also co-wrote a grant application that paid for a bear-proof fence at the school playground.

Grizzlies have become a way of life for residents along the North Fork of the Shoshone River. The improvements by people like the Linebergers will help reduce the risk of conflicts between people and bears — but won't eliminate them.

"You can still be doing everything right and something bad could happen," Lineberger said. "It's not anybody's fault. They're just not tame animals."

As the grizzly population around Yellowstone National Park and elsewhere continues to expand, more bears and people are going to be bumping into each other.

The trick is finding ways to coexist. In some cases, that means replacing regular garbage cans with bear-proof bins, placing electric fencing around beehives or knowing more about how to behave in the backcountry. In other cases, that could mean allowing some of the most troublesome bears to be trapped or killed and, in certain situations, retiring federal grazing allotments where grizzlies are common.

"Wherever there's people and grizzly bears, there will always be some level of conflict," said Kim Barber, a bear biologist with the Shoshone National Forest. "But bears are here to stay, and people are here to stay. There's got to be some common ground."

Finding that "common ground" may sound simple, but it also has required a psychological shift in how people view grizzlies. As settlers moved into the West, the intimidating grizzly was largely seen as a bloodthirsty beast capable of ruining livestock operations and worse. Surviving meant keeping the bear at bay.

"The old attitude was, if it got in the way, we got rid of it," Barber said.

These days, people still fear the grizzly — it is, after all, the biggest meat-eating predator in North America — but some are also more tolerant.

For years, federal agencies have pushed an aggressive public education program, using brochures, classes and roadside signs to talk not only about the potential danger of bears but, more importantly, how best to live with them.

Most of the time, that means leaving bears alone, especially those living in

remote areas away from people. But in cases where bears are using the same land as people, a scenario that's becoming more common as the population grows, something extra is needed.

Joan Lamb keeps a shattered window-pane smeared with a huge paw print — the signature of the grizzly that broke into the kitchen and smashed up the deep fryer a few years back.

There are other mementos, too — pictures of bears in every season and claw marks on old doors. As the owners of the Elephant's Head Lodge for 20 years, Phil and Joan Lamb have collected enough bear encounters to out-story any fisherman. It's part of the bear necessities of life on the North Fork, they say.

"Bears don't really bother us — it's the way it should be," Joan said. "We can sit back and watch Mother Nature in action. Not too many people get to do that."

Bears are good for business, adds her husband.

"In our first half dozen years, we only saw evidence of bears, and now 60-70 percent of our guests see an actual bear," Phil said. "Bears bring out the rank irrationality in some people, but most of the guests just get excited."

A little more diplomacy couldn't hurt in making better neighbors of the bears and North Fork residents, he said.

"There does need to be management of humans and bears if they are both going to survive," he said.

This isn't the case up the road at Shoshone Lodge, where owner Keith Dahlem's guests were afraid to let their children play outside after a bear was removed from the property this spring. The ecosystem is far too small for the number of people and predators, he said.

"Bears are definitely a negative," Dahlem said. "People are scared to go fishing, and they are too scared to hike. We've reached the saturation point with them."

Most of the residents and businesses along the North Fork already comply with food storage requirements of the Shoshone National Forest. That didn't stop the bears from trying to get into the tack shed at the Absaroka Mountain Lodge last year, owner Patti Bates said.

"We never caught it, but we know that they're passing through here all of the time, looking for a cheap meal," Bates said. "We tell our guests to respect the bears and give them their space."

Mark Bruscano has seen a change in attitude.

"There are people that aren't particularly fond of grizzly bears, but they're doing what they can to get along with them," said Bruscano, a Cody-based bear management officer for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

There are still occasional reports of people feeding bears or accidentally leaving food out, but Bruscano said local residents have taken to heart years of education efforts about dealing with grizzlies.

"In Cody, if you talk to a local or go to a school and ask 'What do you do when you encounter a bear?' they know what to do," Bruscano said.

As grizzlies expand south and east, more problems can be expected and people will have to adapt. Not everyone, though, is happy about it. Several county commissions have voiced their displeasure about the possibility of grizzlies showing up, and some have opposed food storage orders by the Shoshone National Forest.

Removing the Yellowstone grizzly from the endangered species list may give state officials more latitude in dealing with the bears, but it won't alleviate the need to diligently find ways for grizzlies and people to live together.

"There are still a few good areas where bears can make a living and not run into problems," said Barber, the Shoshone forest bear biologist.



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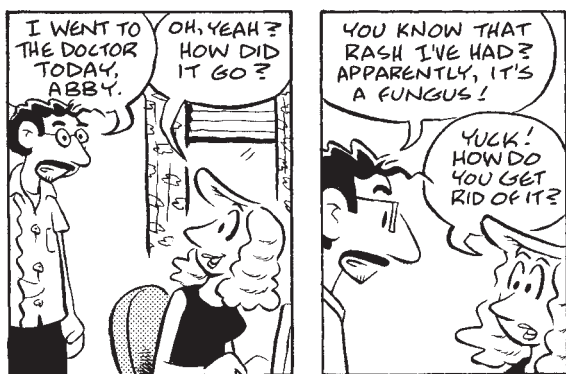
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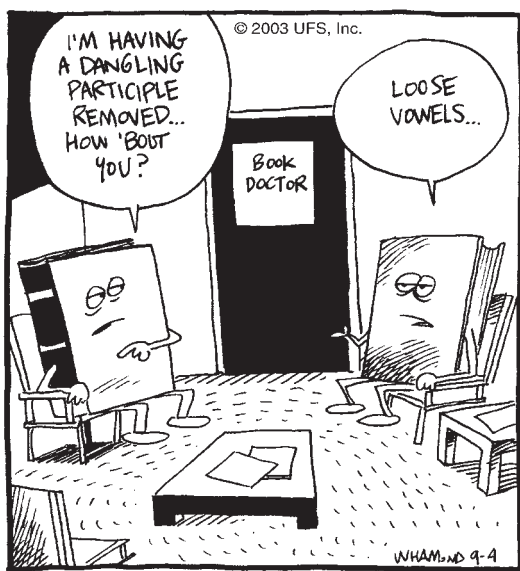
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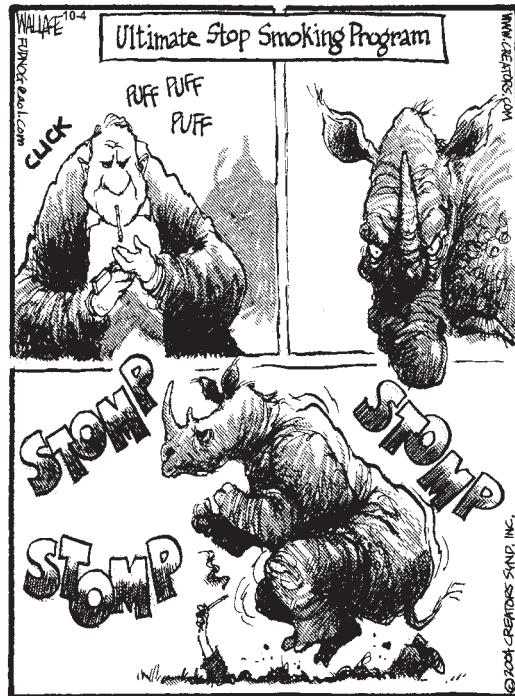
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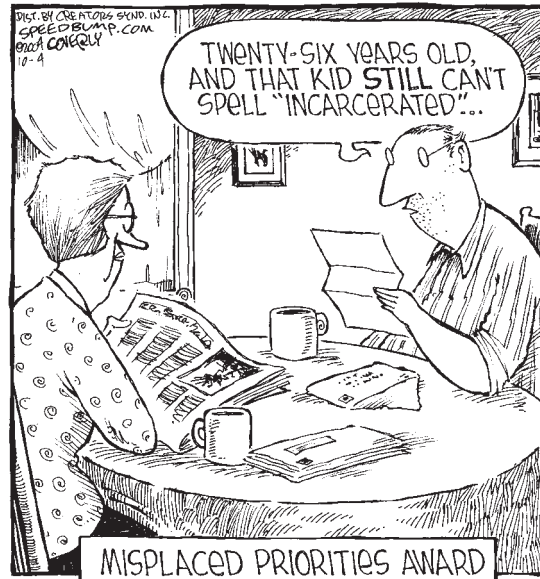
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2283516 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Michael's Table, 1121 Hill St., Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Michael Sieverts, 1121 Hill St., Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Michael Sieverts This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004, 10/4/2004

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 22271323 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Herrera Enterprises and Show Magik, 2134 Montebello Town Center, Montebello, CA 91640. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : James Herrera, 3328 Delta Ave., Rosemead, CA 91770 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/1/2004. /s/: James Herrera This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 9/1/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2271524 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Auto Supply USA, 445 W. Garfield Ave., Unit 4, Glendale, CA 91204. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Joseph Armando Zapata, 1013 N. Naomi St., Burbank, CA 91505, Parthena Zapata, 1013 N. Naomi St., Burbank, CA 91505 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/23/2004. /s/: Joseph Zapata, Parthena Zapata

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2262526 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Ffio's Express Body Shop, 8735 Juniper St., LA CA 90002. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Fredy Martinez, 11935 Arkansas St, Artesia, CA 90701 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Fredy Martinez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004, 10/4/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2260723 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SR6 Lending, 3705 W. Artesia Blvd., #26, Torrance, CA 90504. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rhonda Rae Lewis, 3705 W. Artesia Blvd., #26, Torrance, CA 90504 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/1/2004. /s/: Rhonda Lewis

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2221703 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Simba Sim's Studios, 2327 1/2 Scarff St., LA CA 90007. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Simba Sims, 2327 1/2 Scarff St., LA CA 90007 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/25/2004. /s/: Simba Sims

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2221724 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Wako Koeki Co, Ltd, AION 2137660, 13191 Crossroads Parkway North, Suite 395, City of Industry, CA 91746. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : General Energy Technologies, Inc.,13191 Crossroads Parkway North, Suite 395, City of Industry, CA 91746 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: General Energy Technologies, Inc.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2218401 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Final Score Music, Final Score Music, L.n.c., 564 N. Diamond Bar Blvd., Diamond Bar, CA 91765. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Paul F. Zubrod, 3986 Santa Tomas, Newbury Park, CA 91320 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/1/1997. /s/: Paul F. Zubrod

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2223011 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Conflict Entertainment, Conflict Productions, Conflict Records, 13300 Doty Ave., #351 Hawthorne, CA 90250. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Prenze Hampton, 13300 Doty Ave., #351 Hawthorne, CA 90250, Kavin Jackson, 13300 Doty Ave., #351 Hawthorne, CA 90250 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2004. /s/: Prenze Hampton

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 22223006 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Jamene's Distributor, Inc., AION #2619983, 1233 West Margarita Dr., West Covina, CA 91790. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jamene's Distributor, Inc., 1233 West Margarita Dr., West Covina, CA 91790 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/1/2004. /s/: Arturo Jime-nez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2262522 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Dil Works, 7856 E. Cramer St., Long Beach, CA 90808. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : James Francis Colleran, 7856 E. Cramer St., Long Beach, CA 90808, Charles Wesley Garrison, 7856 E. Cramer St., Long Beach, CA 90808 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: James F. Colleran, Charles W. Garrison

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2260546 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Amaya Express, 15045 Bandall Ave., Fontana, CA 92335. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Isreal Amaya, 15045 Bandall Ave., Fontana, CA 92335 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/31/2002. /s/: Isreal Amaya

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2259928 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Sav-On-Insurance Services, 332 W. Lomita St., #2, Glendale, CA 91204. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : George Novshodyon, 332 W. Lomita St., #2, Glendale, CA 91204 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: George Novshodyon

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2244076 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as San Gabriel Valley-Appraisals, 1757 E. Woodbury Rd., Pasadena, CA 91104. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Tony B. Hovsepian, 1757 E. Woodbury Rd., Pasadena, CA 91104 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Tony Hovsepian This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OF-

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2248097 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Automotive Excellence, (Econo Lube N. Tune and Brakes #19, 12826 Whittier Bl., Whittier, CA 90602. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Enrique A. Mayea,

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Stones drummer declared cancer-free following chemo

By The Associated Press

LONDON — Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts has won a battle with throat cancer, lead singer Mick Jagger said.

Watts, 63, was diagnosed with cancer four months ago and recently finished a successful six-week chemotherapy treatment at a London hospital.

“Charlie has had all his treatments and he’s now been cleared and is free of any illness,” Jagger told the Daily Mirror for Saturday’s editions.

The chemotherapy left Watts weak, and he will spend time recovering with his wife, Shirley, before going back to work, the Mirror reported.

The drummer has recently split his time between the Stones and his jazz band, Tentet. Jagger said he hoped to record new material and schedule a tour in the near future for the Stones.

“Keith Richards and I have been writing lots of songs for the new Rolling Stones album,” Jagger said. “We haven’t booked the tour yet and when we do we’ll let you know, but there will definitely be another one.”

LOS ANGELES — Glen Campbell is joining a heady list of Western heroes.

The Autry National Center is honoring Campbell with its Western Heritage Award for promoting the spirit and legacy of the American West. Past recipients include James Stewart, James Garner, Clint Eastwood, James Arness, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Robert Wagner, Clayton Moore and Gene Autry.

“I’m in some pretty heavy company,” said Campbell, 68, noting, “Gene Autry was my hero. Dad would take us to see his movies. Gene Autry was just awesome.”

“He was always the good guy, who didn’t lie, steal or cheat. He was so considerate of other people. I was glad to find out that Gene Autry was just like that off the screen.”

Campbell served 10 nights in jail for extreme drunk-

en driving earlier this year following an arrest near his posh Phoenix home. His string of hits include “Rhinstone Cowboy,” “Galveston,” “Gentle on My Mind” and “By the Time I Get to Phoenix.”

PANAMA CITY, Panama — James Bond no longer has diplomatic status — at least not in Panama.

The government on Friday canceled 121 diplomatic passports issued by the previous presidential administration, including one extended to actor Sean Connery.

The cancellations came as part of a massive effort to clean up and update the Foreign Relation Department’s files, according to Vice President Samuel Lewis Navarro.

The vice president described the Scotland-born Connery as a friend of former President Mireya Moscoso. Connery traveled to Panama in March 2003, visited a coffee plantation belonging to Moscoso and received an award from the then-president.

LONDON — He is famous for his affection for unmade beds and pickled sharks — but art collector Charles Saatchi has chosen to feature the more traditional medium of painting for his gallery’s 20th anniversary.

Saatchi plans to clear his Saatchi Gallery in London of installations by well-known artists such as Damien Hirst, who was responsible for the shark, and Tracey Emin, who showcased her bed.

Starting Jan. 26, his exhibition “The Triumph of Painting” will show the works of Martin Kippenberger, Peter Doig, Marlene Dumas, Luc Tuymans, Jorg Immendorff and Hermann Nitsch — all established painters, although not well known outside contemporary art circles.

“For the last 10 years, only five of the 40 Turner Prize artists have been pure painters,” Saatchi said Friday, referring to Britain’s prestigious art prize.

“We think it’s time for a painting survey, looking at established international artists and later on in the year,

the younger new young painters.”

Saatchi, who married TV chef Nigella Lawson last year, has delighted and disgusted audiences throughout the world with his collection. Chris Ofili’s elephant dung portrait of the Virgin Mary was branded by former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani as “sick” when it was displayed at the Brooklyn Museum of Art in 1999.

Works by Emin, Hirst and others will not return to the site on the South Bank of the River Thames until 2007.

NEW YORK — Conan O’Brien said he was looking forward to “being on at a time when people can see me” when he replaces Jay Leno as host of the “Tonight” show in five years.

NBC announced last week that O’Brien, whose show airs at 12:35 a.m. Eastern, will move up an hour earlier when he takes over for Leno in 2009. The move by NBC — and endorsed by Leno — was to keep O’Brien from jumping to another network when his contract expired.

“My parents have no idea what I do for a living,” O’Brien joked Saturday night about his late, late gig. “They think I’m still in law school.”

O’Brien, who spoke at The New Yorker Festival, said he would likely leave New York, where his “Late Night” show is based, to Los Angeles, home of “Tonight.”

“We have time to figure it out,” he said.

O’Brien, 41, was twice the editor of the Harvard Lampoon, worked as a writer on “Saturday Night Live” for three and a half years and was the supervising producer of “The Simpsons.”

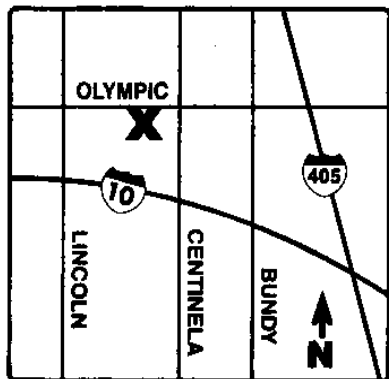
He debuted on “Late Night” in September 1993 after David Letterman moved to CBS for an earlier time slot when he was passed up for the “Tonight” show job.

After some initial struggling, O’Brien’s show attained success and came to dominate his time slot. Among its well-known features are “Triumph the Comic Dog” and “In the Year 2000.” It reaches 2.5 million viewers a night.

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