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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Arizona law treats selling, downloading, trading or buying child pornography as the equivalent of actually molesting a child, with a penalty of 10 to 24 years per count, with multiple counts to run consecutively. Two high school teachers (convicted of photos-only, no child interaction) are now serving 200 and 408 years (the latter for having 17 photos) in prison, respectively. Critics point out, according to a May report in The Arizona Republic, that there are cold-blooded murderers serving less time in the state, and that a life sentence without possibility of parole could be obtained by as few as 12 computer-mouse clicks at a pornography Web site.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room."

— Phyllis Diller



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Local politicians sound off on today's election

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

With California voters set to decide today who should fill Sacramento's top job, local politicians reiterated their distaste for the recall election and for the movie-star Republican many believe will walk away victorious.

Despite that Gov. Davis has made some poor choices, most of Santa Monica's city council members characterize the recall as a waste of time and money that has diverted attention from the mammoth problems facing California.

But if the recall does go forward, council members are split on who should take over. One said he hopes to see the Green Party's Peter Camejo, while others want Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante to step in. Not one

of the council members polled endorse Republican front-runner Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Last week, Schwarzenegger attracted more than twice the attention from media outlets as his closest competitor, Bustamante, according to a study by Factiva, a Dow Jones and Reuters company that counted prominent mentions in major media sources.

Schwarzenegger also is leading many polls as the most likely to succeed Gov. Davis.

Some of the council members said Schwarzenegger is a movie star not prepared to work as a politician. Others pointed to criticisms he's gotten from women and civil rights groups. Still others said a Schwarzenegger win could mean less money for Santa Monica City Hall.

Here, City Council members explain their positions on today's historic recall election.

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Candidates crisscross state, Schwarzenegger combats allegations

By The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON BEACH — Arnold Schwarzenegger ignored last-minute sexual harassment allegations Monday and marshaled the support of his wife and mother-in-law while Gov. Gray Davis pleaded to keep his job as the recall campaigns crisscrossed the state for one final day.

Candidates frantically exhorted supporters to get out the vote in the finale of the chaotic race while also waiting to see whether sexual harassment allegations leveled against Schwarzenegger by 16 women, including one who came forward Monday, would upend the actor's campaign.

Schwarzenegger did not mention the allegations as he was introduced to an eager crowd at an afternoon rally by his wife, Maria Shriver, who brought along her mother, Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

The "Surf City" crowd waved signs that said "Surfers for Arnold" and "Arnold Rips." There were only

"We send a message to the Terminator. You can be the mayor of Muscle Beach, but stay the hell out of Sacramento!"

— HAROLD SCHAITBERGER

President,
International Association of Firefighters

scattered protesters, including one holding a sign that said "Pervert!"

Reps. Dana Rohrabacher and Christopher Cox sang a take-off on The Beach Boys' "Fun, Fun, Fun," changing the lyrics to "Fun, fun, fun, when Arnold takes the car tax away."

In San Francisco, Davis was greeted by the largest crowd of his three-day campaign swing, as some

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Gettin' their groove on



Del Pastrana/Daily Press

Santa Monica College dance students get a work out to the sound of live tribal drum beats at a West African dance class Monday evening.

Go vote!

By Daily Press staff

There will be 24 polling places open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Santa Monica today, from north of Montana Avenue to the Venice border.

Of Santa Monica's 84,000 residents, more than 55,000 are registered to vote and officials expect a relatively high turnout for today's recall election.

Voters who are still not registered have missed their chance to weigh in on the fate of Gov. Gray Davis. But voters registered in L.A. County who recently moved to Santa Monica can vote locally by bringing to the polls one piece of identification and two pieces of mail that verify the new address.

For more information on today's election or to find your polling place, log onto www.lavote.net or call (800) 815-2666.

New fire chief appointed

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica has a new fire chief.

City Manager Susan McCarthy on Monday announced the appointment of Santa Monica Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Marshal Jim Hone as the city's new fire chief, effective Oct. 10.

Hone, who has been with the fire department since 1980 and has 30 years' experience in the fire service, succeeds recently retired Chief Ettore Berardinelli.

"Chief Hone has been part of the Santa Monica firefighting community for more than two decades and has developed a solid reputation for the breadth of his knowledge and experience in the fire service," McCarthy said. "I know that he will step into Chief Berardinelli's shoes

without a misstep because he has, by mastering and advancing through the ranks, earned the respect of his fellow firefighters and citizens throughout our community."

Hone started as a firefighter and paramedic in 1980. In 1983, he was promoted to fire captain/paramedic and in 1988 became the hazardous materials captain. Named assistant fire chief and fire marshal in 1995, Hone oversaw the Santa Monica Fire Department's fire prevention division, and hazardous materials response and urban search and rescue programs.

A trainer and instructor, Hone is affiliated with numerous fire and emergency service agencies, includ-

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Reflect and think carefully before doing anything abrupt or saying anything harsh that you cannot take back. Your lively ways and sense of humor go a long way in handling problems, but even you sometimes get fed up. Experiment and try something you have always wanted to, even if it involves a lifestyle change. You will be entering a new life cycle next year, so being open to new ways and styles could make a big difference. If you are single, be careful whom you choose as a partner, because this person might not be what he or she presents him- or herself as. If you are attached, you will find that your relationship can hit a stumbling block or two, but learning how to communicate your way through these blocks can make or break the situation. PISCES works well with you.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★ Extremes mark a situation, and you don't know which way to turn with a personal matter. Hold the space, knowing very well what lies ahead. Your creativity comes up in a new area, especially if you do little. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You're all smiles, but you still might need to be stern with a loved one whom you care about. Your words and how you say what is on your mind could make all the difference in the outcome. Share on a deeper one-on-one level. Tonight: Find your pals.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Recognize what might be happening at the office. If you feel overloaded, why not let someone who wants control take a leadership position? Others, especially an intimate partner, could be challenging at times. Tonight: In the limelight.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Understand that to some you might be overly serious. Do needed research to come up with the right answers or better solutions. Pace yourself in a nice, easy way, coming to terms with a change in routine. Tonight: Relax your mind.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might find it a bit difficult to bypass some of the "heavy" feelings you might be experiencing. Part of that might be coming from your reluctance to express more of your feelings of creativity. Loosening up those around you could be hard. Tonight: Talk to your best friend.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You could easily be questioning the pros and cons of a situation. You can do that, but know that you cannot change what might be going down. Laughter surrounds a partnership when both of you pull back and take a hard look at what is going on. Tonight: Say "yes."

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Consider yourself lucky to put your nose to the grindstone and not have to deal with what is around you. Your willingness to do the job and get it done separates you from the majority. Be careful just how much information you screen out. Tonight: Pace yourself.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Let your imagination go, with one exception: financially. You might discover that where someone else is coming from might be very different than you thought once you start dialoguing. Your playful side emerges no matter what. Tonight: Let the wild person out.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)

★★★ You might be a lot tougher on others than you realize. If you lighten up your approach, you will feel much better, as will those around you. Work with an associate, trying to be as clear as you possibly can. Tonight: Happily head home.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Keep talking and asking questions. You might not be exactly sure as to what might be workable, especially with a contemporary, as difficult as he or she seems. Though you might want to carry on, that behavior only lets off steam and does not draw answers. Tonight: Stay late, if need be, to have an important conversation.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Deal with a problem involving a group or a friend. You might not exactly be sure as to what you can do to make a situation work, but airing out the problem might be step No. 1. Others might have very different solutions. Tonight: Indulge yourself for a change.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Bosses prove to be tough and demanding. You might want to look at a situation more carefully. Your creativity comes through you in an odd manner. Some will respond to you in one way, while others in another. Tonight: A brainstorming session.

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LOCAL

Russians visit SM to learn 'cutting edge' technology

By Daily Press staff

A team of Russian engineers met with City Hall officials on Monday to learn new ways to be energy efficient.

The team from Vladivostok, Russia, and Irvine-based CTG Energetics, Inc. — a consulting engineers firm — are working on a project that includes installing a solar thermal hot water heater in a foster care facility in the Russian Far Eastern port city. The effort is part of a larger plan to promote alternative energy use throughout that part of Russia.

Craig Perkins, City Hall's director of environmental and public works, described to the Russians energy efficiency programs undertaken by the City of Santa Monica that may help the Russians in their future projects.

Santa Monica has been on the forefront of renewable and efficient energy programs in the past several years. A few years ago, the City Council adopted a strategic energy plan that mandates city facilities be as energy efficient as possible. One project City Hall has recently completed is a new apartment building at Fifth Street and Colorado Avenue that relies on solar energy through panels installed on the roof, Perkins said. City facilities like the Civic Center, the Santa Monica Airport and the Santa Monica Pier also utilize solar energy panels.

City Hall also has created "green" requirements which mandate new construction be more efficient than state standards. New facilities planned like the Big Blue Bus headquarters and the new Main Library will be held to those standards. The city also is reaching out to residents and businesses to encourage them to use energy efficient practices through rebate programs, Perkins said.

The Russian visitors are meeting this week with their U.S. partners in Irvine and will huddle in California and Florida with solar researchers, manufacturers and installers. The group also will tour the National Fuel Cell Research Center at UC Irvine.

Launched in January, the 12-month project aims to encourage the Vladivostok city government to expand its use of renewable energy in municipal facilities.

The centerpiece of the program is a five-year plan for outfitting 15 of the city's social welfare facilities with solar energy systems. The project team also is creating a manual to help cities throughout the Russian Far East design and implement their own energy efficiency programs.

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— TOM LUNNEBERG, P.E.
Vice president,
CTG Energetics

"We have high hopes the project will demonstrate to the municipal government in Vladivostok the potential for renewable energy," said CTG Energetics vice president Tom Lunneberg, P.E.

The joint team includes representatives of two Vladivostok-based organizations: the MIR International Cooperation Fund, and the Laboratory of Non-Traditional Energetics, which is part of the Institute of Marine Technology Problems, a unit of the Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

The project is sponsored by the Foundation for Russian American Economic Co-operation, a non-profit group based in Seattle, with funds from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

"Many of the ideas CTG has developed in the U.S. for promoting energy efficiency can be adapted to the Vladivostok situation," said project engineer Alexander Volkov of the Laboratory of Non-Traditional Energetics, known for its work in alternative energy systems.

A consulting engineering company specializing in energy efficiency and sustainability, CTG Energetics has provided advice to cities throughout the U.S., including recent work for the cities of Santa Monica, San Diego and Irvine.

surf report

More waist-high bombers at local breaks with the best spots a little bigger. The SE from the tropics will miss us, unfortunately, but a new SW fills in this evening, complementing a NW that builds momentum this morning.

OUTLOOK: The mix of swells hangs tough, and more is expected in the latter part of the week. Stay tuned.

Get stoked on an epic sesh? Get burned by a bad report? Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

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TUESDAY	2:22	-0.1	2:30	1.3	8:45	5.2	8:26	5.6
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Thousands of homeless people sleep on public property and dozens of them are

injured in accidents in parking lots, beaches and streets. But some would argue that it's no different than anyone who drives, visits or walks on public property.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "If you were on a jury, would you have ruled for or against the man's lawsuit? Why?"

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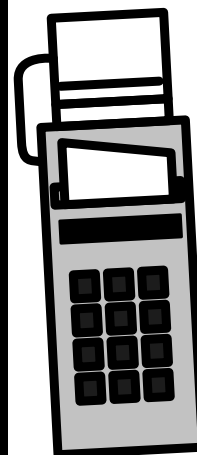
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LOCAL

City Council members comment on recall election

ELECTION, from page 1

**Mayor Richard Bloom**

Are you for or against the recall? Why?: "I am 100 percent opposed to the costly recall. The recall is a narrowly funded conservative attack intended to nullify the results of the last election. This subversion of the democratic process must be turned back."

If Gov. Davis is recalled, who should be governor? Why?: "I will be voting for Bustamante as the person most likely to heal wounds and protect local government. Camejo has some good ideas, but he has been unable to establish himself as a serious contender. In a close election, a vote for Camejo is a vote for Schwarzenegger."

If, as some polls suggest, Schwarzenegger is elected as the next governor, what impact do you think he will have on Santa Monica?: "The polls do not suggest Schwarzenegger will be elected — rather, they suggest his base is abandoning him and the election is up for grabs. God help us if Arnold Schwarzenegger is elected. His promises will lead to devastating cutbacks to local government. This will dramatically reduce Santa Monica's ability to provide basic services including fire, police and funding for schools."

**Ken Genser**

Are you for or against the recall? Why?: "I'm adamantly against it and I think it's a misuse of the recall process. It's wrong to use the recall process when one group just generally disagrees with the policies of elected officials."

If Gov. Davis is recalled, who should be governor? Why?: "Let me be clear, I hope he is not recalled. But I think it should be Bustamante because we don't need more gridlock in Sacramento. We need people that are willing to work together to work on solutions to the problems confronting the state."

If, as some polls suggest, Schwarzenegger is elected as the next governor, what impact do you think he will have on Santa Monica?: "I think Santa Monica will suffer, as will the rest of the state. We'll have someone that said he wants to govern by initiative. Someone who apparently doesn't understand the fiscal realities of the state and seems to think all it takes to be a leader is to recite famous lines from movies."

**Bob Holbrook**

Are you for or against the recall? Why?: "Against. I think it should be reserved for when someone has committed a crime or in some other manner greatly embarrassed the office. I don't believe Gov. Davis has done either. It's a referendum on popularity. We might as well say, 'Let's serve until there's a bump in the road' and then the Legislature can say, 'We don't like this person.'"

If Gov. Davis is recalled, who should be governor? Why?: "Well that's a difficult question. Probably Cruz Bustamante because he most nearly reflects the policies and beliefs of the governor in office ... If the governor were to die in office, if you looked at everybody out there, I think Cruz Bustamante would be most suited (to replace Gov. Davis)."

If, as some polls suggest, Schwarzenegger is elected as the next governor, what impact do you think he will have on Santa Monica?: "I don't think there'll be much change. He's definitely an opportunist. He has a lot of ties in Santa Monica, he's apparently very well liked by most people. He attends St. Monica's Church ... his offices are here in town, his business interests. Probably we'll see a lot more news conferences."

**Herb Katz**

Are you for or against the recall? Why?: "Against the recall. I think it's a bad precedent to be set in any forum unless there's malfeasance and there wasn't. I don't think he's a bad governor. I think he's done some stupid things ... but recall begets recall. This is no way to run a government."

If Gov. Davis is recalled, who should be governor? Why?: "I'm not going to answer. ... I don't want to state my opinion."

If, as some polls suggest, Schwarzenegger is elected as the next governor, what impact do you think he will have on Santa Monica?: "I don't think Arnold can do the job. I don't think much is going to change if Arnold Schwarzenegger gets

elected. Here in Santa Monica I think it's going to be the same business as usual until the next election. I don't think he can help us or hurt us. ... I don't think he can affect much change, statewide or locally."

**Kevin McKeown**

Are you for or against the recall? Why?: "This recall reveals the role that paid petition circulators and behind-the-scenes big money continue to play in corrupting our democracy. But the actual question on the ballot is whether or not to retain and thereby validate a pay-to-play governor who just last November lied to us about the severity of the state budget shortfall. The Green Party has taken no position, yes or no, on the recall vote, committing itself instead to ongoing efforts to clean up corrupt politics — but I personally cannot bring myself to ask friends to

vote for Gray Davis."

If Gov. Davis is recalled, who should be governor? Why?: "Santa Monicans shouldn't be forced by the two major parties to hold their noses when they vote, but once again that's the choice the Republican and Democratic state leaderships have given us. Because I decline to support Davis, I've been accused in print of 'hitching my wagon to the conservative Republican agenda,' which I hope gives a good laugh to those who've watched me fight for renters' rights and fair wages and benefits for local workers. I'll be voting for the Green Party's Peter Camejo, who stands with me — and many Santa Monicans — for fair taxes, supporting schools, a statewide living wage and universal health care."

If, as some polls suggest, Schwarzenegger is elected as the next governor, what impact do you think he will have on Santa Monica?: "Schwarzenegger has the remarkable potential to be an even bigger disaster than Gray Davis, and this clarifies the inherent failure of our current two-party system. How many Santa Monicans will feel compelled to vote defensively against Arnold, instead of with hope and enthusiasm for someone they believe in? Multi-ethnic, multi-cultural California needs multi-partisan politics, not a sad choice between a woman groper and an already failed governor. Despite it all, I continue to believe in democracy. Everyone, please vote."

**Mike Feinstein**

Councilman Mike Feinstein did not return telephone calls or e-mails from the Daily Press. Since first being investigated for allegedly misappropriating a \$10,000 contribution to the Green Party of L.A. County, he has repeatedly refused to comment to the Daily Press. The L.A. District Attorney's Office is currently deciding whether to file charges against Feinstein and an announcement is expected by the end of the month.

**Pam O'Connor**

Councilwoman Pam O'Connor could not be reached for comment.

Hone appointed as new chief

FIRE CHIEF, from page 1

ing the California Office of Emergency Services, the Los Angeles Area Fire Marshal's Association, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Urban Search and Rescue Response System. As part of the FEMA team, he spent two weeks helping coordinate disaster response following the Oklahoma City bombing and 10 days assisting with disaster site management following the World Trade Center attack in New York City.

Check the Daily Press this week for an interview with Hone, which will detail his plans for the department.

FACE-to-FACE with the Women & Children of Iraq

Local resident Kelly Hayes-Raith just returned from her second trip to Iraq, where she found some of the children and women who touched her so deeply during her first visit in February. She also saw firsthand the impact of the bombings and invasion on innocent people's lives, homes and hearts. The trip revealed much devastation — and much inspiration.

She will be speaking about the people she met — and remet — in Baghdad, Hillah, Babylon, Fallouja, Basra and Umm Qasr.

**Schedule Change for October 7th presentation
Date: Tuesday, October 21**

7:30 pm at Concerned Citizens, Leisure World Club House 1, 24232 Calle Aragon in Laguna Woods

Since February, Kelly has addressed over 60 audiences, including religious congregations, state women's conferences, school classes, community clubs, large peace rallies and small neighborhood meetings. If you would like her to address your group, please call (310) 581-4421 or e-mail C2CCampaigns@aol.com. Photos may be viewed at www.CommunityCampaigns.com/Iraq.

LOCAL



Arnold Schwarzenegger, Gray Davis battle it out on last day of campaign

RECALL, from page 1

2,500 firefighters, mostly clad in blue "No Recall" T-shirts, marched to Union Square to rally opposition to the recall. Many in the crowd were out-of-state residents attending a safety conference.

"If you give me the chance to finish my term, I will do it with all the passion, all the humanity I can muster because my goal is to make your life better," Davis told the crowd raising signs and chanting "No recall! No Recall!"

Harold Schaitberger, president of the International Association of Firefighters, roused the crowd with a throaty plea to keep California from electing "a musclebound knucklehead who doesn't know a thing about running a state."

"We send a message to the Terminator," Schaitberger said. "You can be the mayor of Muscle Beach, but stay the hell out of Sacramento!"

Davis sounded traditional labor themes including support for the eight-hour workday, and defended the recent tripling of the car tax. Schwarzenegger has pledged to repeal the tax upon taking office.

Davis reminded the crowd that the fee funded local governments and said repealing it would force half the police and firefighters to be laid off.

"I don't think Californians want that to happen!" Davis said.

The crowd boomed.

Schwarzenegger continued to hammer away at Davis, telling supporters in San Jose that he falls among a class of politicians who only know how to "spend, spend, spend" and "tax, tax tax."

"Look what this administration has done this last five years to us ... they're chasing jobs and businesses out of the state and now it is time we chase Gray Davis out of Sacramento," Schwarzenegger said.

Schwarzenegger, flanked by dozens of beaming women supporters, smiled broadly and said, "To all the incredible women, thank you."

Looming over all the day's events were the allegations of the 16 women who have come forward over the past week to say Schwarzenegger groped them and sometimes made crude comments during encounters dating from 1970 to 2000.

The "Terminator" star complained to conservative talk show host Sean Hannity that his opponents were "throwing everything at me plus the kitchen sink." He also accused Davis of sending "surrogate women" out onto the campaign trail to find other women who would lodge complaints against him.

Davis, who has repeatedly denied being involved in the allegations, said Schwarzenegger had only himself to blame, adding he believes the actor's accusers and praising them for their courage in coming forward.

"It's very hard for me to believe that all ... of these women were lying," he said "It's frankly hard for me to believe that any of them are lying."

At a campaign appearance in East Los Angeles, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante said his internal polls show him closing on Schwarzenegger in the race to replace Davis if the governor is recalled Tuesday.

"Frankly, there's a lot of people who feel he's not fit to be the governor," Bustamante said of Schwarzenegger.

More than 1,000 United Farm Workers

members planned to spend the remaining hours knocking on doors throughout the San Joaquin Valley and the Central Coast telling Latinos that the union and Bustamante urge them to vote against the recall, said UFW Treasury Secretary Tanis Ybarra.

State Sen. Tom McClintock, who has rejected GOP pressure to drop out of the race so he wouldn't split the vote with his fellow Republican, said he was skeptical of the complaints, particularly because they came during the campaign's 11th hour. But he also indicated they were boosting his standing among voters.

"People are saying 'Thank God you stayed in the race,'" McClintock told MSNBC-TV.

The latest woman to come forward, Rhonda Miller of Los Angeles, said Schwarzenegger groped her twice, the first time when she worked as a stunt double on the film "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" in 1991 and again in 1994 on the set of "True Lies." She appeared at a news conference in the office of activist attorney Gloria Allred.

Schwarzenegger strategist Mike Murphy said Allred is a "complete Democratic agent" and said that Miller is "totally not credible."

The campaign also released statements from two crew members, while not specifically refuting Miller's accusations, they said Miller allowed her breasts to be photographed and said Schwarzenegger did not take the picture.

A poll conducted by Elway-McGuire Research for Knight Ridder from Wednesday through Saturday found the percentage of people saying they would definitely vote to oust Davis dropped from 52 percent Wednesday to 44 percent Saturday. Pollsters surveyed 1,000 registered voters, including 284 people on Wednesday and 200 on Saturday. The poll had an overall margin of error of 3 percentage points, but the margin of error for individual days was not given.

Although those definitely planning to vote to oust Davis had slipped to 44 percent, among overall voters surveyed the number supporting the recall was still 54 percent.

Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Karen Hanretty told the CBS' "The Early Show" the campaign was not losing momentum.

Hanretty didn't answer directly when asked if any of the women had lied. Instead, she accused the Los Angeles Times, which first broke the story of the allegations, of not investigating the claims thoroughly.

Schwarzenegger hasn't discussed most of the specific allegations and said Sunday he wouldn't until the campaign is over. He said he can't recall some of the alleged incidents.

Along the campaign trail, Schwarzenegger supporters have dismissed the allegations as dirty politics and not important.

"If we're going to look for politicians who are perfect we aren't going to find one," said Beth Hobbs, 53, of Saratoga, who attended the San Jose rally with her husband, Bill, and daughter Julia.

But in San Francisco, Hiddo Horlings, a firefighter from Orange County, said the actor's own words give the accusations credibility. "Schwarzenegger himself said, 'Where there's smoke there's fire.' There's a lot of smoke right now. We have a six-alarm coming up."

(Associated Press writers Beth Fouhy, Lisa Leff and Tom Harrigan contributed to this story.)

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LETTERS

A plea for everyone to vote

Editor:

It doesn't matter how you vote, but that you vote.

Although the national news media is giving a lot of coverage to today's election, I sense it is semi-ridiculing California, its problems and our recall provisions.

Don't let a minority of California's voters choose our future. Show the world Californians are involved enough to let 80 percent or more registered voters make their choices, whatever they may be.

Remember, California leads the nation in innovation, creativity and independence. Let us lead our nation in the highest voter turnout ever so that a true super majority rules.

Be sure your vote gets counted. Don't forget to vote. It only takes a few minutes and you will feel good. And pull off any hanging chads!

Helen Hackworth
Santa Monica

Parking officers get enough abuse

Editor:

I am writing in response to an opinion article "Parking burden shouldn't fall on citizens, but on business owners and City Hall," (SMDP, Sept. 30, 2003, page 4) by Evelyn Jerome, in which the writer felt the need to bash those who enforce parking regulations in our city.

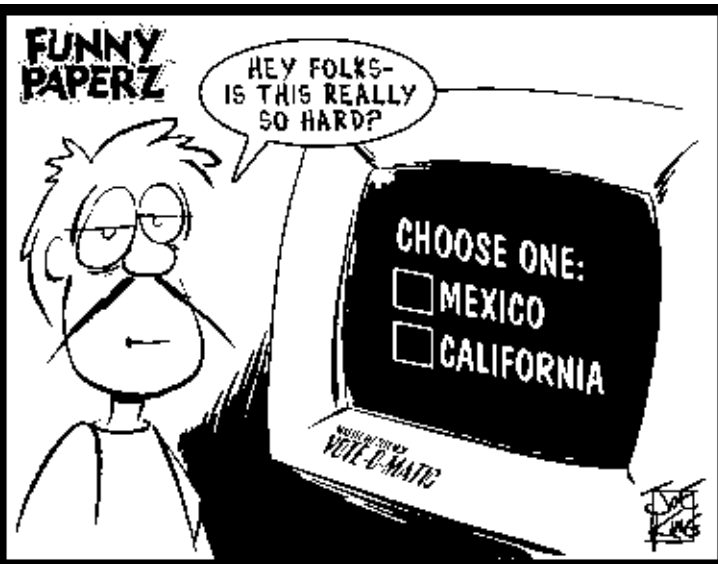
I would have to say my experience is that the traffic service officers in Santa Monica perform a very difficult and demanding service for the city and its residents, and do it quite well. They certainly have to be dedicated to take the daily verbal and sometimes physical abuse thrown at them ... being spat on, being hit by or chased by upset citizens in their vehicles. They are yelled at, cursed out, and have practically every other abuse you could imagine hurled their way.

Traffic service officers, obviously, cannot be everywhere at all times. And, obviously, they will never make everyone happy but when you need a vehicle towed because your driveway or garage is blocked, who comes to your aid? When you want an ugly, abandoned vehicle removed from your street, whom do you call? When you

call because a vehicle on your street isn't displaying a preferential permit, is parked in the red, or is parked on your sidewalk, who comes to write the citation? In addition, when traffic is a mess, who clears the gridlock? The answer to all of the above: a traffic service officer.

And, obviously, they cannot mark the tires of every vehicle in Santa Monica for parking over the time limits, just as they cannot possibly cite every vehicle in

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Democracy in its truest sense: Recall should not happen, but should serve as a wake-up call



Evelyn Jerome

■ It's a circus. A laughingstock. A mess. Sometimes democracy isn't pretty.

In the last few days of the campaign, Gov. Gray Davis, in a fight that will define his political epitaph, has attempted to frame the election as a race between himself and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Exciting though that framework may be, it is not what this race is all about.

In a democracy, no elected official "owns" the position they hold.

They serve at the pleasure of the electorate. In a system which allows for a recall, elected officials must behave, and govern, as if their job depended on the

electorate's satisfaction. Because it does.

Gray Davis hasn't made many friends in his long political career. He has a lot of allies — the choice community, the labor community — but Davis has never really gone out on a limb for anyone. In a state with a wide majority of Democratic voters, and with all statewide offices held by Democrats (about which state Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres gloated last year), this race should be a slam-dunk for Davis. But now, as he walks the electoral plank, he looks down and sees less than 50 percent of the voters there to catch him.

This race is really Gray Davis versus Gray Davis. You can call it a circus or a Republican power grab. You can say it

would never have happened without a bitter right-wing Congressman's money. That's true, but it doesn't diminish the fact that millions of California voters, when asked to sign on the dotted line, were willing to say they are unhappy with the way Davis has run the state. It's about accountability.

If the recall fails, Davis says he'll mend his ways, and "keep in touch more" with the voters. "Keeping in touch" wasn't the problem. The only thing that's friendly for business in California these days is the weather. Major companies have fled, taking tens of thousands of jobs. A reduced tax base with the same inefficient state bureaucracy means a higher burden on those of us who are left.

The legislature has spent more money than we have, and the governor's blue pencil has dried up from lack of use. Instead of being a leader, Davis has been an enabler for the legislature's bad spending habit.

Gov. Davis is offended at having to face this recall election, and I'm offended that he's offended. I can't bring myself to vote "yes." But just like last time, I'm holding my nose as I vote "no."

(Evelyn Jerome is the founder and principal of Strategic Communications, a communications consulting firm. She is a past president of the Los Angeles County Young Democrats and a Santa Monica homeowner. To respond or to reach her, e-mail evelyn_thinktwice@yahoo.com.)



Todd Flora

■ If a young, charismatic, moderate Democrat with hopes for the presidency had a reputation for womanizing, every reporter in the country — regardless of their party affiliation — would clamor to investigate the story. Oh, wait. They already did. While they were right, the governor won, and the country prospered. But it was a worthwhile story.

But if a Republican does it, especially one with star power and the Pete Wilson machine behind him, then I guess it's just ugly politics all cooked up by Gray Davis

and the Los Angeles Times. Apparently we aren't allowed to raise serious (probably unpatriotic) questions.

California — nay — America, I implore you to wake up. We've already established that Gray Davis grants too much access to his donors. We realize that he has committed the horrendous crime of boredom. But you just re-elected the man 10 months ago with 47 percent of the vote in a three-person field, when Democrats outnumber Republicans by 1.5 million in this state. You already sent your message.

Arnold Schwarzenegger isn't just running for governor. He's running for president. It is no accident that a bill has been introduced in Congress that would allow

the states to begin voting on whether to change the U.S. Constitution to allow foreign born citizens to run for president. A good idea, but certainly no accident. Folks, what more do you need to know?

The fact is, while there is clearly a double standard as to how Democrats are expected to behave versus Republicans, we Democrats have only ourselves to blame. These guys play the game better. They are shameless. They are honest and tell you what they believe, however heinous at times. And they stick together. If a Democrat had acted like the chauvinist pig Arnold has Democrats would be the first to send him to the back of the line. Republicans, if they smell victory, will call you the scumbag and question

how you would dare criticize whichever macho dip they support.

I grow weary of a public that continues to selectively absorb information based on what they wish was true versus what actually is true. I ask you just one more time — please wake up and vote "no." Trust me, if this was actually a movie without consequences, Arnold Schwarzenegger would be the character with the scary destiny that we didn't know we were a part of until it was too late.

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OPINION



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violation. But I'm certain all of those residents and visitors alike who receive parking tickets here in Santa Monica will vouch for the fact that the hard working traffic service officers do mark tires and do enforce the parking rules and regulations in this beautiful city of ours. And Miss Jerome, if you need their assistance, I'm quite certain they would gladly come to your aid, just as they would for any other citizen. So how about a "thank you" every now and then, instead of even more abuse?

Lynne Taffert
Santa Monica

Sun-Times to blame for leak

Editor:

The media world evidently thinks the big story is that an "administration official" leaked to conservative Chicago Sun-Times columnist Robert Novak the name of retired diplomat Joseph C. Wilson's wife as an undercover CIA operative on weapons of mass destruction, and that it was she who suggested sending Wilson to Niger.

My world, that of an ordinary citizen interested in our national security and the protection of those whose professional lives are dedicated to maximizing it, thinks the big story ought to be Novak's irresponsible journalism when he published the name of Wilson's wife, exposing her and her decades-long list of contacts she'd clandestinely been involved with to potential risk.

Was Novak putting his ego-driven hunger for journalistic recognition ahead of the best interests of our country? Was anything other than Novak's imagined standing before some upcoming Pulitzer-prize review committee behind this act?

Freedom of the press is one thing. Compromising our nation's security is quite another. I'm not suggesting Novak violated any law. He only violated his responsibilities to those public servants who put their lives on the line for the American people. Which is another way of saying he violated his responsibilities to the American people themselves.

Novak's "journalistic coup" was a disgraceful, reckless unprofessional act ... one which is probably being uproariously applauded in the west wing of the White House.

David Stoughton
Santa Monica

Don't be duped by Davis

Editor:

Sacramento politicians think that you're stupid enough to have a knee jerk reaction to last minute slanders against Arnold's character.

Don't be duped during the final days of the recall campaign. Instead ask yourself if our state is better off than it was five years ago. Also, does there appear to be a reasonable plan in place to promote a progressive and economically sound future for California? If your answer is "no" to either of these questions then I invite you to begin a regime change in Sacramento by voting "yes" on the recall and "yes" for Arnold.

You aren't as stupid as Gov. Gray Davis and the California Democratic Leadership thinks that you are. Don't be duped.

Ed Sharrow
Santa Monica

Before you vote on the recall, think about this ...

LEGAL
VIEWS AND
NEWS

By David Pizarra

Today we go to the polls to exercise our Constitutional right to choose a government. These are important choices. We have the opportunity, no matter how we vote, to give voice to our desires. Some will choose to vote to recall a governor who was by all accounts legally elected, but has fallen out of favor, partly due to circumstance, partly due to his leadership style. Others will choose to vote against the recall, based on the fact that the last election was held with proper procedures and that the governor does not deserve to lose his position.

It doesn't really matter which way a person votes. It matters that a person votes.

Some will vote to terminate Gov. Gray Davis and jump on the juggernaut that is Arnold Schwarzenegger in his new found career. Others will hold true to party politics and are voting to retain Davis simply because he is a Democrat. Still, others like Larry Flynt because of his business acumen, others want Peter Camejo, since his is the environmentally friendly platform. Someone will vote for Angelyne. Not me. All voters are voting their personal agenda. And that is really the point.

I like Arnold because he is a man who has built himself up from nothing. That is the American way. We love the underdog,

and a "good coming from nothing" story is always a winner in America. Whether or not that qualifies him to run our state is another question. But as for his accomplishments, he should be respected.

I like Davis. I find him to be a particularly boring speaker, which is bad for a politician. But what matters is whether or not he has done the job he was sent to Sacramento to do. Frankly, I don't like some of his decisions. But I love some of the others. I have that problem with all politicians. I do think he has made some tough calls when necessary, and more importantly, I think he has made them to his personal detriment.

There were 135 candidates on the ballot and when I read through the candidates statements, (yes I really did read the entire thing) two things struck me. One, the number of candidates who were themselves against the recall. I found it curious that someone would go to the time and trouble of collecting signatures, registering, and then say they were against the recall. Second, the lack of women who were running. Out of the 135, there were maybe 18 female candidates, which is 13.33 percent. That is shocking to me.

In a society where women are at least 50 percent of the population, why aren't there more women in government? I realize that even though traditional roles are changing, women are still the primary caretakers of young children. That certainly would explain why there are fewer women of child bearing years in politics, but I would expect there to be an increase in the more mature women available to serve society. I believe that a mother

could turn her skills at management and conflict resolution to the political arena and prove to be quite successful.

It is curious to me that a country with as many riches as we have, and with the range of resources at our disposal, that we have such a lack of female leadership. It seems to me that if a relatively small country like England could have a qualified prime minister who was female, and a country that was the world equivalent of an also-ran like India could have leadership by a woman, certainly California could.

But I digress. The point is that today we have before us four questions. One, should the governor be recalled? Two, if so, who should replace him? Three, should a portion of our budget be dedicated to infrastructure? And four, should the government be reconfigured to no longer collect ethnic data?

One and two are likely already decided before the polls open. Three and four, probably few actual voters have thought about beyond the sound bite blurbs that are printed in the sample ballots. The fact is that Proposition 53 is a very important proposition. If passed, it will affect our internal finances for decades. At first blush it looks like a simple proposition. Take the budgeted income, and dedicate 1-3 percent of it to roads, bridges and other infrastructure projects. It sounds like a great idea based on the number of potholes on my street. But I'm not so sure.

In theory, we send people to Sacramento as our legislators to write the legislation, read about the problem, do the research and to make decisions for the greater good on where to spend our col-

lective money. It is their job to decide which projects are to be funded and which projects are to be scrapped. Most of us don't spend enough time to properly research the economics of a budget. I would guess that most of the readers don't really care about things like collateralized debt obligations, bond repayment schedules, public goods and the ever popular accelerated depreciation schedules — all of which have a direct impact on our budget, both from a societal perspective and personally.

I'm a business lawyer with a simple belief that I don't need to have all the answers. I believe in hiring good people, giving them the tools they need, and that I should not be making decisions like whether or not 1-3 percent of the state budget should be dedicated to infrastructure. I don't have enough information.

I also don't know if collecting ethnic data is a good thing or a bad thing. It strikes me that a great deal of good can come from knowing ethnic information. I can also see how it could be distorted and used for an ill purpose. But that type of thinking brings me back to knowing that I don't know what the right choice is.

Which is why our legislators are so important. They free us up to do the work we do, so that they can do the work that needs to be done for society on a grander scale.

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A weekly look at events and programs

Does your infant have the ability to remember?

Guest Commentary

By Margret Altman

"There are all those early memories; one cannot get another set; one has only those."

— Willa Cather, 1876

(This is the first of a three-part series on parents' contributions to their infant's developing memory abilities. Each part covers one year of early childhood memory growth, questions and answers for parents, and tips from the experts in the field of "Developmental Emotional Intelligence." This series will help parents guide their child's memory development in terms of the content of the memories and how the child expresses and uses memories in powerful and positive ways.)

Within the first three years of life the parents' interaction with their infant can support the growth of key memory skills. These memory skills will empower the child to remember the important things in life whenever he or she is stressed, challenged or confronted with decision-making. Parents want their kids to be able to use their memory and to be able to recall key information such as fundamental values and goals, strategies for solving problems and the feelings of others, including their parents. When a youngster is face-to-face with a life-changing decision such as drug experimentation, he or she must be able to remember, and to use the stored information that will guide his or her decision. This stored information and the ability to access it must be taught by parents and primary caretakers before the child is 3 years old.

A great deal of research has been done on the very early development of memory and the systems that support the growth of memory. From the field of "Developmental Emotional Intelligence" we find the steps that parents can take towards building their child's memory abilities and building in the most important memories for a successful and satisfying life. In this series of articles we focus on the content as well as the mechanics of memory development.

QUESTION: My child is 10 months old and

I am separating from my husband. I have learned that infants have what is known as "infantile amnesia" and I hope that this would protect my baby from the stress that my family is going through. Do I have to worry about what she will remember about these months and why is this age so important?"

ANSWER: While it is true that until about age 3, children are not able to remember themselves as individuals in past situations. Other kinds of memory and memory-related skills are developing from birth. These skills are taught and reinforced by parents during their emotional interactions with their children. These important skills will support the baby's ability to remember important values, feelings and strategies for coping with problems.

Stay positive. Infants can be quite resilient and parental guilt doesn't help the situation.

One of the most critical findings in recent research is that memory function is negatively impacted by stress and that the feelings of fear and anger can disrupt the mind's ability to remember, recall and use information. From the experts in developmental emotional intelligence, we know that within the first few days, weeks and months of life, parents become attuned to their infant's temperament and they find the child's comfort zones. Parents protect their baby's brains from damaging stress and they work hard to bring their little ones into a comfortable state of emotional balance as often as they can. We call this balanced state the "comfort zone state of alert aroused and awake being." When parents help the child maintain a comfort zone they help to create a healthy growth environment for memory systems. The infant begins to learn what it feels like to be in an emotionally balanced mode.

During the first year of life, parents consistently engage the baby in a great deal of warm face-to-face interaction. The infant stores these positive images in very special ways and they become part of the content of the developing memory system.

The emotional content of memories is as important as the ability to store, to retrieve and to use memories. In the first year of life, the positive quality of parent-child relationships helps the child's memory to incorporate the important values of consistency, trust, empathy and emotional balance.

In terms of the next three years, the baby will build upon this stored emotional information and it will empower the child to move towards positive emotional and social relationships.

Tips for parents:

The quality of your interactions with your baby is vital for positive memory development.

Keep track of your infant's temperamental states. Infants respond to parental stress and anxiety, and they may cry more, sleep less, or demonstrate that they are out of their unique comfort zones.

Take steps to reduce your stress level. Use relaxation techniques, talk to others and get the help that you need when the situation is overwhelming.

The infant's eating and sleeping behavior is a good indication of his emotional status and you can watch for subtle signs that the infant is out of his comfort zone. These signs may be: Increased fidgetiness, turning away from parents or reduced babbling for infants who have started to verbalize.

Bring your baby back into his or her comfort zone whenever possible. Use the strategies that have worked in the past and you may find that reducing excess stimulation or adding music helps to re-establish the infant's balanced emotional state.

Stay positive. Infants can be quite resilient and parental guilt doesn't help the situation. Start now and build quality moments into your infant's memory that will last a lifetime.

Building your baby's memory abilities is important for many reasons. Memory function in itself is vital in school and at work and in relationships. But it is the content of our recent and long-term memories that guides us towards fulfillment or failure in our lives. A great deal of that content is emotionally-based and parents are at the forefront in creating that content for their children.

(Margret Altman, author of "Developing Your Child's Emotional Intelligence" is a specialist in the field of child development and her goal is to make people's knowledge and experience available for parents, teachers and any child-involved individual.)

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TUESDAY

Movies for Moms
FEATURES "SCHOOL OF ROCK"
11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. This week's feature is the comedy "School of Rock" starring Jack Black, Joan Cusack and Sarah Silverman, directed by Richard Linklater. It is rated PG-13 for some rude humor and drug references. Black plays Dewey Finn, a hell-raising guitarist with delusions of grandeur who has been kicked out of his band. Desperate for work, he impersonates a substitute teacher and turns a class of fifth grade high-achievers into high-voltage rock and rollers

Storytelling
Main Library – Toddler Story Time at 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., begins September 16, at Reed Park, 7th and Wilshire – 2 year olds with parents, 310-458-8600.
Fairview Branch – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443. Lap Time – 11:00 a.m., September 9 – October 14, a six-week series for babies 0-24 months. Twilight Story Time – 7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds. Cuentos Para Pequenos – 10:00 a.m., September 9-October 14, a six-week series in Spanish for children 24-36 months with adult.
Montana Avenue Branch – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081. Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804. Toddler Story Time – September 16 – October 21 (registration required). Music, rhymes and stories for 24 – 36 months with adult.

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Baby (Venice) – 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga – 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) – 10-11am, \$9
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd., at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 0-4months, 1:00 – 2:30pm

Other
Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) October 7 – Will Rogers State Park (Pacific Palisades) – 10:00am. Reservations required – 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling
Ocean Park Branch – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804. Twilight Story Time – 7:00 to 7:30pm – for parents with 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch – 1704 Montana Avenue – 310-829-7081. Lap Time – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. – Next series begins September 24 for six weeks, for 0-24 months, no registration required. Toddler Story Time – next series begins September 24 for six weeks, for two year olds with adult, no registration required.
Fairview Branch – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443. Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m., September 10 – October 16, a six-week series for 3-5 year olds.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
Border's, Westwood – 11am – 310-475-3444.

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Baby (Venice) – 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga – 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) – 10-11am, \$9
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45 p.m., \$15.

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 0-4months, 1:00 – 2:30pm

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

THURSDAY

Storytelling
Main Library – Toddler Story Time – 10:00 a.m. – Reed Park, for 2 year olds. Begins Sept. 11. Preschool Story Time – 10:30am – Reed Park. Begins Sept. 11. Stories for ages 3-5. 310-458-8922 for info.
Montana Avenue Branch – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081. Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m. – Begins September 25 for six weeks, for 2 year olds with adult, no registration required. Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m., for 3-5 year olds.
Fairview Branch – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443. Toddler Story Time – 10:30 a.m., September 11 – October 16, a six-week series for children 24-36 months. La Hora del Cuento – 7:00 p.m., Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Ocean Park Branch – 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804. Lap Time – 9:20 and 10:20 a.m., September 4 – October 9. Six-week series for 0-24 months with adult.

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Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd., at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

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The Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00-2:30pm

FRIDAY

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45 p.m., \$15.
Yoga Baby (Venice) – 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga – 7:00-8:15pm,

\$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) – 10-11am, \$9

Other

Magicopolis – 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 Call 310-451-2241 for info.
John Drescher Planetarium on the SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., 310-434-3000. October 10, 17 and 24; 7:00 p.m.; Night Sky Show at Santa Monica College's Digistar II Planetarium is followed by the presentation "Invisible Universe," an exploration of how present-day astronomers can observe the universe through modern telescopes. \$5 adults, \$4 ages 12 and under; both shows: \$9 adults, \$7 ages 12 and under.
Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) Oct. 3 – Temescal Canyon (Pacific Palisades) – 10:00am. Reservations required – 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org

SATURDAY

Storytelling
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144.
Children's Book World – 10580 West Pico Blvd, 310-559-B00K – 10:30 a.m. ages 3-8. Oct. 11 – Author storytelling with Barney Saltzberg.

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Yoga Baby (Venice) – 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga – 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) – 10-11am, \$9

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Mommy Care – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd., at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Other

Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
"Mary, Mary Quite Contrary" – 12:30 and 3 p.m., Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. Admission: \$10, under 12 years \$9. Call 310-394-9779 for info.
Magicopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) – October 11, Temescal Canyon (Pacific Palisades) – 10:00am. Reservations required – 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org

SUNDAY

Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
"Mary, Mary Quite Contrary" – 12:30 and 3 p.m., Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. Admission: \$10, under 12 years \$9. Call 310-394-9779 for info.
Magicopolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
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ents are encouraged to create their own masterpieces in these outdoor, drop-in workshops. Free admission, \$5 parking. 1200 Getty Center Drive, LA, 310-440-7300

MONDAY

Storytelling
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Toddler Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110
Main Library – Lap Time at Joslyn Park – 9:30 a.m., September 8 – December 15 (no program Oct. 6), a series for children 0-24 months old with adult.
Ocean Park Branch – 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804. Spanish for Little Ones – 11:15 a.m., September 22 – December 15 (no class Nov. 3). Rhymes, songs and very simple stories in Spanish for ages 2-5 with adult.

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station – 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 8-12 months, 10:30 a.m. -noon; Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$15
Yoga Garden, – Restorative yoga for pre/postnatal – 6:30 p.m., 310-450-0133. www.yogagardenstudios.com
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Mormons wind up semi-annual conference in Salt Lake

BY PATTY HENETZ

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The president and prophet of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sunday told members of the faith that they must “hold back the world” by resisting the everyday evil embodied in popular entertainment and the Internet.

President Gordon B. Hinckley, speaking during the church's 173rd semiannual General Conference in downtown Salt Lake City, said that while many not of the faith would support their values, “we cannot be arrogant. We cannot be self-righteous.”

The church's leader also noted he was pleased that the church-owned NBC affiliate in Salt Lake City had refused to air a program of a “salacious nature,” apparently referring to the network's new sitcom, “Coupling,” a remake of a BBC sitcom focusing on the sex lives of a group of friends.

The NBC affiliate in South Bend, Ind., owned by the independent national Catholic institution University of Notre Dame, also has refused to air the program. “It is comforting to know that there are others who feel as strongly as we feel and are willing to do something about it,” Hinckley said.

Cable stations in both cities will air the series for the fall season.

The two-day conference sessions are a time of celebration for church members, and also a time when their leaders deliver talks aimed at renewing their religious commitment.

On Saturday, church leaders spoke of morality in the face of modern temptations, and re-examined the faith's beginnings and teachings.

Hinckley, 93, considered the church “prophet, seer and revelator,” returned Sunday to the issue of immorality, singling out “uncouth-looking entertainers,” pornography, salacious entertainment and substance abuse as

threats to the faith.

“It was a great tribute to the students of (church-owned) Brigham Young University when The Princeton Review found them to be ‘the most stone-cold sober’ student body in America,” Hinckley said, drawing laughter from church members seated in the 21,000-seat Conference Center.

Among Mormon prohibitions believed to maintain health and faith are bans on drinking alcohol or coffee, consuming nonprescription drugs and engaging in sex outside marriage.

The church leaders who gave sermons during the Sunday sessions focused on teachings of the Bible and the Book of Mormon.

Hinckley, quoting from the New Testament, said Mormons must resist spiritual wickedness through the teachings of their faith.

“There are many not of our faith, but who feel as we do. They will support us,” Hinckley said. “While we cannot agree with others on certain matters, we must never be disagreeable.”

Saturday evening, during a closed priesthood meeting

that was not televised, Hinckley told Mormon bishops that “your morals must be impeccable. The wives of the adversary may be held before you because he knows that if he can destroy you, he can injure an entire ward.”

Sunday morning he told men holding the priesthood to “avoid the sultry siren of the world.”

To the assembly at large, he said, “I am satisfied that the Latter-day Saints have within their hearts a desire to do the right thing, to live after the manner which the Lord has outlined for us.”

The conference sessions were broadcast live in Salt Lake City and simultaneously translated into 58 languages and broadcast live via the church's satellite system to Mormon chapels worldwide.

As usual, evangelical street preachers picketed the conference, waving signs and shouting about false teachings.

One person was arrested outside temple square Sunday for allegedly trying to take a megaphone and an article of clothing from a street preacher, police Lt. Dana Orgill said. The 53-year-old man was booked for investigation of attempted strong-arm robbery.

Bowhunter attacked, bitten by grizzly

By The Associated Press

KALISPELL, Mont. — A female grizzly bear charged, knocked down and bit a bowhunter that came between the bear and her cub, state officials reported.

The man, whose name was not immediately released, was flown to Kalispell Regional Medical Center. His condition was not available.

The man was bowhunting

Sunday with two friends about a half-mile east of North Fork Road near Moran Creek when he ended up between the grizzly and her cub in thick brush, said Tim Manley, a state grizzly bear management specialist.

“That’s a very dangerous situation,” Manley said. “She felt she had to defend her cub.”

The bear charged the man, knocked him down, bit him and took

off, Manley said.

“The entire incident was very quick,” Manley said.

The two friends, who at the time of the mauling were about 70 yards away, called for help. Manley said the man was able to walk to the hospital helicopter.

The state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is investigating the attack.

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INTERNATIONAL



American, Briton win Nobel Prize for advances in medicine

BY MATT MOORE
Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — American Paul C. Lauterbur and Briton Sir Peter Mansfield won the 2003 Nobel Prize for medicine Monday for discoveries leading to a technique that reveals images of the body's inner organs.

Magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI, has become a routine method for medical diagnosis and treatment. It is used to examine almost all organs without need for surgery, but is especially valuable for detailed examination of the brain and spinal cord.

MRI can reveal whether lower back pain is due to pressure on a nerve or spinal cord, for example. It can give surgeons a roadmap for operations, revealing the limits of a tumor. And since MRI itself does not require physically entering the body, it can replace some procedures that patients find uncomfortable.

Worldwide, more than 60 million investigations with MRI are performed each year, and the technique is "a breakthrough in medical diagnostics and research," the Assembly said.

Monday's prize honors pioneering work done in the 1970s that laid the groundwork for making MRI a useful method, the assembly said.

Lauterbur, 74, discovered the possibility of creating a two-dimensional picture by producing variations in a magnetic field. Lauterbur is at the Biomedical

Magnetic Resonance Laboratory at the University of Illinois in Urbana.

"I'm surprised and very gratified," Lauterbur said when contacted at his home early Monday. "In particular, I believe, I think the work has been helpful to many people, and I'm happy that has been acknowledged by the Swedish academy."

Mansfield, 70, showed how the signals the body emits during an MRI exam could be rapidly analyzed and transformed into an image. Mansfield also showed how extremely fast imaging could be achievable. This became technically possible within medicine a decade later.

Mansfield is at the University of Nottingham in Britain.

"Well it's, I suppose, every scientist's hope (that) one day that they maybe singled out for such an honor but I must say that in my case I did think about it a few years ago, but then dismissed it," he told Swedish radio.

The prize for the two men is "long overdue," said Sir George Radda, an MRI expert from Oxford University. "These two people have clearly been the inventors of magnetic resonance imaging and developed it."

The Medical Research Council, Britain's equivalent to the National Institutes of Health, funded Mansfield's early work.

"They recognized even at the very early physics and engineering stage that this was worth supporting in the long run and it paid off," said Radda, former chief execu-

tive of the Medical Research Council.

"There are a lot of people who along the line contributed, like in all these cases, but they published the key papers."

Radda noted that MRI has become very versatile, and can produce images that indicate brain functioning as well as anatomy.

"There are very people around now that haven't been in an MRI machine these days," Radda said. "It turned out to be extremely useful for looking at joints and knees, the brain, the heart — basically every organ. The difficult one is the lung."

Essentially, MRI provokes hydrogen atoms in the body's tissues to emit radio signals, which it then detects and uses to build up three-dimensional images of internal organs.

The prize includes a check for 10 million kronor, or \$1.3 million, and bestows a deeper sense of academic and medical integrity upon the winners.

There are no set guidelines for deciding who wins. Alfred Nobel, who endowed the awards that bear his name, simply said the winner "shall have made the most important discovery within the domain of physiology or medicine."

The assembly, which selects the medicine prize winner, invites nominations from previous recipients, professors of medicine and other professionals worldwide before whittling down its choices in the fall.

Last year's winners were Britons Sydney Brenner and John E. Sulston, and American H. Robert Horvitz for their discoveries about how genes regulate organ

growth and a process of programmed cell suicide. Their findings shed light on the development of many illnesses, including AIDS and strokes. The award for medicine opens a week of Nobel Prizes that culminates Friday with the prestigious peace prize, the only one revealed in Oslo, Norway.

The physics award will be announced Tuesday and the chemistry and economics awards Wednesday in the Swedish capital.

South African writer J.M. Coetzee was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature on Thursday.

The award committees make their decisions in deep secrecy and candidates are not publicly revealed for 50 years.

Nobel, the Swedish industrialist and inventor of dynamite, left only vague guidelines in his will establishing the prizes, first awarded in 1901.

The only public hints are for the peace prize.

The five-member awards committee never reveals the candidates, but sometimes those making the nominations announce their choices.

Nobel watchers say there is no clear favorite for this year's Peace Prize, but some names bandied about include Pope John Paul II, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

A record 165 nominations were received by the Feb. 1 deadline. Even though the committee keeps the names secret, those nominating a candidate often announce their preference.

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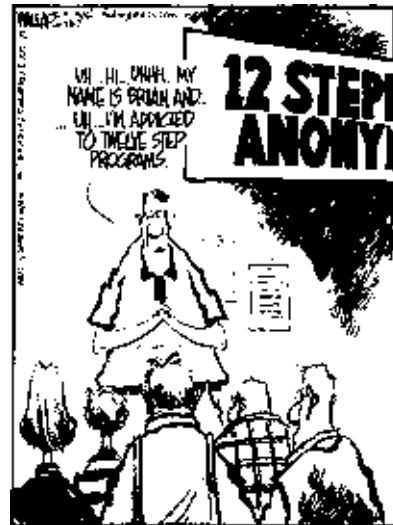
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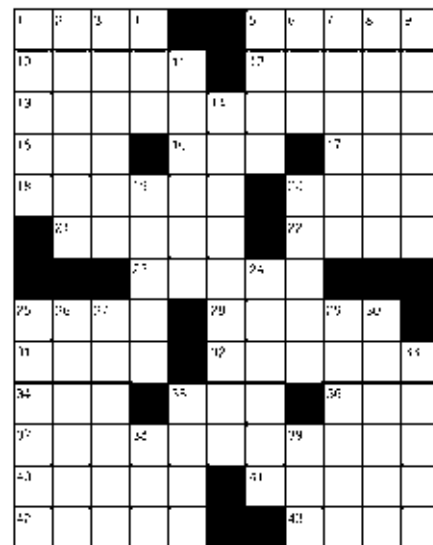
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School of Rock PG-13 - 1:35, 2:20, 4:10, 5:00, 6:45, 7:30, 9:20, 10:00
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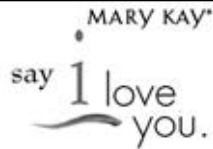
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Quality of films is not what it used to be, experts say

By The Associated Press

■ **ASPEN, Colo.** — The quality of films seems to have deteriorated in the last 20 years, a panel of producers and directors said during a salute to American filmmaking in the 1970s.

"It was a different time in the 1970s. Movies didn't have to make as much money," director and producer Sydney Pollack said.

He also said the American public is driven by short attention spans.

"If you don't get the clothes off fast or the gun out quick, you're in trouble. Audiences want to feel something intense, quickly, without wasting a lot of time," said Pollack, whose films include "The Way We Were," "Tootsie" and the Oscar-winning "Out of Africa."

Pollack was part of a panel discussion that included production and costume designer Polly Platt, cinematographer Laszlo Kovacs and director William Friedkin as part of a tribute to the 25th anniversary of the Aspen Filmfest Saturday.

Friedkin, who directed "The Exorcist" and won an Oscar for "The French Connection," said the advent of digital film may lead to a revolution in filmmaking. He said the technology allows for inexpensive filmmaking because it doesn't require as much attention to light or production.

"Anyone can go make a film," he said.

■ **SAN FRANCISCO** — Director Quentin Tarantino and actress Uma Thurman came up with the idea for "Kill Bill," their latest film, over an after-work cocktail during the shooting of "Pulp Fiction" a decade ago.

"I told him I had this idea about a character — she's an assassin — and we went back and forth," Thurman

told the San Francisco Chronicle for its Sunday editions, "and Quentin goes, 'Yes! and the guy at the head of it all, his name is Bill! He's a pimp for assassins! He's the bad guy and the movie's called 'Kill Bill!'"

Tarantino immediately wrote the opening scene for "Kill Bill" but set aside the screenplay for other writing, directing and acting projects after the release of "Pulp Fiction."

He didn't pick up his long-abandoned story until 2000, when he ran into Thurman at an Academy Awards party. Tarantino told the newspaper, "I just wrote and rewrote for a whole year."

"Kill Bill" turned into Tarantino's biggest undertaking to date: a three-hour tale of an elite assassin, played by Thurman, who is on a mission of revenge against her former employer, Bill.

Last summer, Tarantino agreed with distributor Miramax to split "Kill Bill" into two installments. The first part opens Friday. The second is expected to open early next year.

■ **NEW YORK** — Television's guiltiest pleasure, "Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica," is coming back for a second season.

MTV announced Monday that it has renewed the reality series, which follows pop singers Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson as they muddle through married life.

The series has made the 23-year-old Simpson infamous for her inability to do even the most basic housework and for her dippy-blond moments, like the time she confused the tuna she was eating for chicken.

"Is this chicken, what I have, or is this fish?" she asked Lachey, 29, in the show's first episode. "I know it's tuna, but it says 'Chicken by the Sea.'"

The finale of the first season of "Newlyweds" is

scheduled to air at 10:30 p.m. EDT Oct. 21, five days before the couple's one-year anniversary. New episodes will begin in 2004.

Also on Monday, MTV announced it was bringing back "Doggy Fizzle Televizzle," Snoo Dogg's variety show, for a second season next year.

On the series, which airs Sundays at 10 p.m., the 31-year-old rapper-actor performs sketches as various characters, pulls pranks, interviews celebrities and introduces musical guests.

■ **NEW YORK** — Michelle Kwan has made it to Broadway.

The champion figure skater will appear on a Times Square billboard as part of the "Pass It On" campaign promoting positive values. The campaign is run by The Foundation for a Better Life, and previously has included the likenesses of Muhammad Ali and Wayne Gretzky.

"To be in Times Square is cool," she said. "I was just walking past the Marriott Marquis there and said to my mom, 'Look, I'm going to be on that.'"

The five-time world champion, seven-time American champion and winner of a silver and a bronze Olympic medal will be joined in Times Square by a billboard of Kermit the Frog. Kwan also will appear on 10,000 billboards nationwide.

"Michelle Kwan and Kermit the Frog provide a unique opportunity to inspire young people with great role models," said Nancy Fletcher, chief executive of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America.

Kwan is uncertain whether she'll defend her national and world titles this season. She finished second to Sasha Cohen Friday night in the season-opening International Skating Classic.

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