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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Alongside recent weight-loss and body-part-growth mass e-mails have been messages of Robert Todino, 22, of Woburn, Mass., who uses the spam (100 million messages so far) to locate time-travel hardware to buy because of his need to revisit his childhood, during which he believes a woman drugged him and implanted a device to give her followers the ability to monitor his every move. According to an August Wired magazine story, Todino has earnestly been seeking an "Acme 5X24 series time transducing capacitor with built-in temporal displacement" and an "AMD Dimensional Warp Generator module containing the GRC79 induction motor," among other gadgets, but that "the conspiracy" has subverted his attempts to acquire them.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Jesus was a Jew,
yes, but only on his
mother's side."

— Stanley Ralph Ross



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Hone fired up on SMFD's top job

Assistant Chief, Fire Marshal Jim Hone lays out plans for department

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

As he prepares to take the helm of the Santa Monica Fire Department on Friday at 5 p.m., Assistant Chief and Fire Marshal Jim Hone is already hatching plans for his 115-person division.

Hone, 49, who first applied with the department while on leave from the Air Force in 1979, was chosen this week as Santa Monica's Fire Chief from what began as a pool of 24 applicants.

"I still haven't touched the ground," said Hone, who moved last month from Thousand Oaks into an apartment north of Wilshire Boulevard with his wife of 17 years, Linda. "It's a really exciting time."

Hone, who grew up in Torrance, will meet for the first time with his staff on Oct. 20 to

discuss his plans for the department. He said he will push for more in-house and specialty training for firefighters in areas like dealing with hazardous materials, weapons of mass destruction, and urban search and rescue situations.

"You have to give trust before you can receive it. I really believe that."

— JIM HONE
SM's next Fire Chief

He also said he wants fire department managers to get better at processing paperwork, and thinks the division as a whole could be more involved in the community and with City Hall.

"I think we can always improve," said Hone, who will earn

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John Wood/Daily Press

Jim Hone, who will be named Fire Chief on Friday after nearly 24 years with the SMFD, stands next to a plaque that pays tribute to officers killed in the line of duty. His little brother, Jack Hone, is among those listed.

Coke bust: Man faces 19 years in prison

By Daily Press staff

Charges were filed Wednesday against the Santa Monica man who was arrested this week for allegedly having more than \$5 million worth of cocaine in his apartment.

The Los Angeles District Attorney's Office filed one count of possession for sale of a controlled substance against Amir Ali, a 24-year-old middle eastern Canadian national who lives on 18th Street, between Wilshire

Boulevard and Arizona Avenue.

The charges also note that the amount of cocaine — 24 kilos — carries more time in jail. Ali faces up to 19 years in jail, said DA spokeswoman Jane Robison.

Ali isn't charged with intent to distribute because the DA's office felt there wasn't enough evidence to get a conviction, Robison said.

"If they had him in the middle of a sting operation, then maybe, but they don't have enough

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Supreme Court tosses out Rubin's lawsuit

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

If local peace activist Jerry Rubin wants his occupation to appear on next fall's ballot, he'll have to change his name to "Jerry Peace Activist Rubin."

That's because the Supreme Court this week decided not to hear Rubin's lawsuit against City Hall, which was launched after the City Attorney's office advised City Clerk Maria Stewart not to list Rubin's occupation as "peace activist" on the ballot, saying it would violate state law.

So Rubin, who gives away peace stickers for donations on the Third Street Promenade, said he's considering legally changing

his name.

"This whole three-year struggle has gone the final way it can go and I'm still, no matter what the courts say, including the Supreme Court, I'm still a peace activist," said Rubin, who ran for a seat on the Santa Monica City Council in 2000 without a professional designation on the ballot. Rubin dropped out of the 2002 City Council race shortly before election day but is considering joining the race once again in 2004.



Jerry Rubin

James Fosbinder, Rubin's First Amendment attorney, said he's surprised by the ruling. Fosbinder first lost the case against City Hall in federal court three years ago, and appealed to

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Skating rink plans frozen

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica's plans to have the largest outdoor ice skating rink in Southern California this holiday season have been scrapped.

Organizers for "Skate with the Stars," said they had to cancel the event because they couldn't find a title sponsor to pay for the rink, which would have been located in a parking lot at Santa Monica

Boulevard and Second Street. The rink would have featured the world's first-ever fiber optics display embedded in the ice.

With the self-imposed deadline of Oct. 4 already passed, the group behind the project realized they couldn't raise the second half of the funding they needed. By the time the idea was formed and Santa Monica was the chosen site, it was too late to find a suitable

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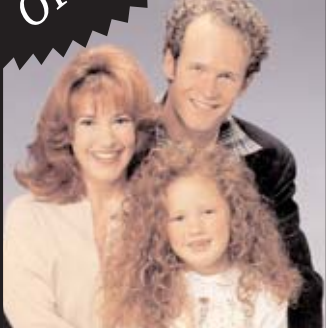
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, October 9, 2003:

Others seek you with frequency and direction. You have a lot of people coming toward you, initiating a very special and important year. Your popularity soars, making nearly everything possible. You have a natural talent or gift that has the potential to make you a lot of money or provide a new avenue of self-expression. You will have a tendency to spend a lot of money but also will make more money as well. No matter what, you'll land on your feet this year. What could seem like bad news turns into good luck. If you are single, check out someone you get involved with prior to becoming attached, as this person could be emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, your relationship will flow in a new direction if you allow your sweetie to express him- or herself more. You dote more on your significant other as well. ARIES challenges you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Suddenly, a partner becomes far easier and lighter in his or her behavior. What seemed like a hassle eases up if you are willing to share the issue with those around you. In fact, you might be quite touched by someone's efforts. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Be an observer rather than a player right now. Brainstorming with a boss draws some interesting and provocative reactions. Someone might close you off in a discussion, because obviously he or she doesn't want to hear what you have to say. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to go that extra step to make associates relaxed. Consider bringing in doughnuts, or just try a friendlier attitude. None of this will work, however, if you're looking for a pay raise or promotion. Understand that good will at the office doesn't necessarily equate to a pay raise. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You follow through, taking a natural leadership position. Your creativity starts flourishing, as well as your natural ability to understand yourself. Venus enters the sign of Scorpio, adding to your glamour and desirability. Tonight: A must show.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Look within your immediate circle to find the answers you seek. You might want to take an overview or try something totally different in order to gain more insight. Build on family and real estate investments. Let hunches fall to the wayside. Tonight: Read between the lines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Deal with one other person carefully, understanding more of what you want from a situation immediately around you. Give more of your gentle ways, and you will get better results. Emphasize others' views. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Reach out for others, though you don't really have to. Trust that others will find you whether you want them to or not. Check out a financial expenditure with care. Something might not be all that it is cracked up to be. Tonight: Applaud another person as he or she takes the stage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Venus drops into your sign adding to your appeal and desirability. You might not exactly be sure about what is coming down with someone at a distance. Verify news carefully, understanding your limits and needs. Tonight: Work late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)

★★★★ With Venus moving into Scorpio, in the next few weeks you will need to check out the people around you with greater care. Not everyone will be what he or she seems — look especially at new acquaintances. Tonight: Kick up your heels and play.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Through your hard work, you achieve a lot more than you realize. Circle your wagons around work associates to brainstorm and come up with ideas. Friends might also want some extra attention as well. Tonight: Mosey home and relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Keep asking questions. Reach out for those in your immediate environment. Take your bows and touch base with friends and co-workers. Explore different opportunities. A friend inspires you to head in another direction. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Experience more of what you want by putting yourself in another's shoes. You could be quite surprised at how others respond when you give them this extra bit of understanding. You could become quite overindulgent. Tonight: Your treat.

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LOCAL

SM doctor to ride with Lance Armstrong across the country

The 3,200-mile journey is for cancer research

By Daily Press staff

A Santa Monica woman will bike next to Tour de France five-time winner Lance Armstrong across the country to raise awareness and money for cancer research.

Milana Dolezal, 32, was chosen as one of 26 cyclists who will ride from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. to raise awareness about the importance of cancer clinical trials.

The ardent athlete is one of two Californians riding in the Tour of Hope, a bike relay covering 3,200 miles led by Armstrong. She and the other riders were chosen from a field of nearly 1,000 applicants and all have been touched by cancer — they're physicians, nurses, caregivers, researchers and, like Armstrong, cancer survivors. The relay, which kicks off Oct. 11 in Los Angeles, seeks to inspire and inform the public about cancer research.

In Dolezal's training to become an oncologist, UCLA hematology/oncology fellow, she has seen firsthand how devastating cancer can be. She's also been personally touched by the disease, losing her beloved grandmother — the woman who helped raise her — after a long and painful battle with breast cancer.

In addition to training to be a doctor, she also is a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center.

"I've seen patients live and die almost on a daily basis during my training as a cancer doctor," said Dolezal, who competes in triathlons and is a member of numerous cycling and swimming clubs. "As cancer researchers, we're beginning to understand the complex biology of cancer and are developing targeted therapies to halt tumor growth. The future of oncology holds so much promise and hope."

To fulfill that promise and hope, experimental cancer therapies must be tested on patients to ensure they're both safe and effective. Nationwide, only about 2 to 3 percent of cancer patients enroll in clinical trials, according to the American Cancer

Society. If that number is increased, new therapies could be tested and put on the market much more quickly.

Half of all cancers cannot be successfully treated with conventional therapies, so the quest for new treatments is essential, said Judith C. Gasson, director of UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center.

"Advances in technology and genetic research have scientists poised to develop new therapies to fight cancer more effectively," said Gasson, a scientist and director of the lab in which Dolezal works. "Many of today's most effective cancer therapies and interventions are the direct result of knowledge gained through clinical trials. These trials answer important scientific questions and suggest future research directions. They are vital to making progress against cancer."

Dolezal was raised in Bethesda, Md., by her mother, a music teacher, and her grandmother, after her father died in an accident when she was 8 years old. She later watched her grandmother battle breast cancer.

"That's when I realized she wasn't invincible," Dolezal said. "She saw me to college graduation, but then relapsed. It brings tears to my eyes that she had to suffer."

Dolezal is riding in the Tour of Hope in memory of her grandmother, and for all those who will be diagnosed with cancer in the future.

"I'm elated to have this chance to raise awareness about cancer research," Dolezal said. "It's a marriage of my professional interests and my love of cycling. I can get out there and dispel the myths about research, spread the word about the importance of participating in studies."

Dolezal has competed in six triathlons including two half-Iron man competitions since Spring. In addition to her busy work schedule, she cycles, runs or swims every day. Her weekdays start at 5:30 a.m. with a 30- to 40-mile ride. After treating patients and working in the lab, she often completes an evening workout as well, swimming for an hour or taking a 90-minute run.

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Milana Dolezal

surf report

Santa Monica surfer "Kate" tells us the Bay Street bombers are "keeping her amped in the morning."

SURF: Expect more of the mediocre waves, though the conditions out there are clean and clear in the mornings.

OUTLOOK: By Friday, the mix of wind swell from the N and the staggered S will get a healthy boost from the N.

Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

Today the water is:

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SUNDAY	1:07	-0.2	1:07	2.3	7:53	4.7	6:56	5.6
MONDAY	1:48	-0.2	1:52	1.8	8:21	4.9	7:44	5.6
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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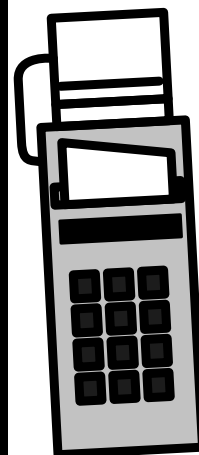
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LETTERS

Bus rider doesn't get it

Editor:

My name is Hyun Joo Chung and I am a Santa Monica College student. Most Santa Monica College students who do not live on the westside have to take up to three busses to get to school and I do not understand why.

Three busses means a lot of wasted time on the bus.

I board the first southbound 754 Rapid on Olympic/Vermont to get to Pico/Vermont to board the 30 or the 31. Then at the Pico/Rimpau station I have to change busses again. Why can't one bus go from Pico/Vermont to Pico/18th Street, Santa Monica. I don't understand. Venice Boulevard is run by one MTA bus from east to west. Why is Pico so difficult? I am sick of transferring from the MTA 30 to the Santa Big Blue #7.

Something needs to be done, when the bus is already packed at La Brea/Pico, one of the earlier stops.

Hyun Joo Chung
Los Angeles

Loathing the parking officers

Editor:

In connection with the Santa Monica Daily Press opinion letter by Lynne Taffert (SMDP, Oct. 7, page 4), I do not have the same affection for "traffic service officers" (who made up that official title?) as Ms. Taffert does, quite the contrary. Furthermore, I would like to know how Ms. Taffert has such in-depth personal knowledge of how parking enforcement regulators are so harshly treated when she writes they "take daily verbal and sometimes physical abuse thrown at them ... being spat on, being hit by or chased by upset citizens in the vehicles."

I have a major problem with residents on Santa Monica City-owned streets being given preferential parking permits to the exclusion of all other Santa Monica residents, visitors, shoppers, etc. I would wager a guess that many of those residents are renters, and do not even own the property where they reside, yet, they are given preferred status for extended periods of time. Residents do not own the streets where they live and I firmly believe that those streets should be open to parking for everyone.

Having said that, I have had personal experience with incompetence not only from parking enforcement regulators, but also with other members of the Santa Monica parking violations bureau in connection with hearings which I have pursued for parking violations, and I am astounded by the repeated mistakes and inaccuracies that have been forthcoming from that department.

Furthermore, the same parking citation number was issued not only to me, but also to an out-of-state vehicle on a different date, at a different location, for a different violation, different license plate number, and I've been to two hearings on that citation number, the first of which was for the other car, the second of which was for mine, under the same citation number. I've continually had to pursue this matter, until I received what I thought was the finalization of the process in writing, when, sudden-

ly, I received a letter just last week for the same citation number for a hearing on a date which I never attended. This absurdity has been ongoing since February, 2003. Is it any wonder, then, why I have little or not confidence in the system?

Julia Reeves
Santa Monica

More loathing

Editor:

This is a response to "Parking officers get enough abuse," (SMDP, Oct. 7, page 4). I understand a few of your points. If someone is blocking your driveway, call the parking enforcement. I think parking officers have an important job, but their duties should be limited to receiving phone calls and helping the community rather than hurting it.

Parking officers don't need to be out on the streets waiting for people's meters to expire. The city makes enough money alone on parking meters. Parking officers

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Yogi recall: 'The future ain't what it used to be'

NEWS
on the
EDGE

By Ron Scott Smith



■ Well, at least the car registration's going to stay at around \$50 in this garage — if you don't count the parking tickets. That's one good thing, I guess, assuming that some poor kid's school lunch isn't about to be reduced to a plateful of ketchup with a hamburger nugget on the side. And how about one of those "fabulous jobs for everybody" landing in this garage too. You promised, sir.

Like the timeless Yankee sage, Yogi Berra said one long-ago lovely evening while visiting Southern California, "It gets late out here early."

■ It may have gotten later than you think earlier than you thought Tuesday evening as the numbers confirming the Schwarzenegger juggernaut came rolling in. The state has clearly fallen in behind the "businessman/actor," as he was listed on the ballot, though many who punched that square would appear to be hard-pressed to say exactly what it is, politically, that they've fallen in behind. The vot-

ers, or maybe we should say the "fans," gave the new leader a resounding victory while booting out the dreaded scourge of the west, the villainous ex-Governor Gray Davis, the source of everything gone Gray in the once Golden State. But as Yogi himself would be the first to tell you, you can't fire the whole team, so the manager is the one who's got to go when the fans get real good and pissed off. And folks, the fans "out here" are angry — if nothing else.

■ Yet, one of the more striking numbers to come out of the exit polling was a 52. That's the percentage of voters/fans who said after casting their ballots that they didn't think the recall was worth the expense or the effort. Now that wouldn't appear to make a whole lot of sense, but like Chris Matthews said Tuesday night on his MSNBC "Hardball" show that was set up in front of the Santa Monica Pier, skaters gliding by behind him, "They're a little wacky out here." Hey, watch what you're saying there, dude.

U.S. Congressman David Dreier (R-San Dimas), Arnold's campaign manager, apparently agreed with the 52 percent, and immediately declared to the Hardball audience that he will save the "wackos" from themselves by introducing a measure to recall the recall process itself, citing the inherent flaws and disruptive effect this thing has had on the state. Well,

thanks, Dave, now you tell us. "I'm ready — as a Californian — to move on," he graciously revealed to us all. That he's moving on with a pilfered governorship in his coat pocket is beside the point.

■ And in his victory speech, Gov. Schwarzenegger (and that really doesn't exactly roll off the keyboard) was quick to challenge the defeated opposition to rise with him to a new level of harmonious governance, as he asked, "Shall we fight amongst ourselves, create an even deeper division, and fail the people of California?" One must wonder what greater divisive political action has ever transpired in this state than the very recall madness that led him up to that victory podium to deride such divisiveness after the fact.

■ The election turns out to have been the easy part. The new leadership may well be asking themselves, "now what?" as the task of reassembling a state which has been convincingly, and some would say, unfairly portrayed as wildly broken and dysfunctional, now falls squarely upon the ample and apparently affable shoulders of Arnold. And Sacramento may not have the welcome mat out just yet. State Sen. Pres. John Burton, leader of the entrenched progressive majority, before the confetti on the floor of the ballroom was even swept up Wednesday morning, said, "I think it will be difficult

for him to understand that this is not the movies, this is real life, and that he's not the Terminator." Uh oh.

Seeing the new governor surrounded by all kinds of Kennedys and Shivers up on that victory stage Tuesday night was revelatory. Whether it revealed that the new Republican wave has swept up the old New England liberals or that the old New England liberals are guiding the new Republican wave, is anybody's guess. Are Bobby and JFK rolling over in their graves or is President Bush the one beginning to squirm, as Arnold has already put out the call for him to come forward with much-needed, and much neglected, federal assistance? This whole exercise may turn out to be an "October Surprise" for all the right-wing ideologues who unabashedly jumped on the bandwagon after shunning their true standard-bearer, Tom McClintock. You might soon be hearing some blood-curdling screams in the night. "Oh my God, what is it? Don't touch it. It could be ... is it ... liberal?"

Probably not, but hey, we've handed him the ball and it's game time. Batter up. Give the new guy a chance to show us what he's got. Like old Yogi said, "It ain't over 'til it's over."

(Ron Scott Smith, one of those wacko liberals, can be reached at EdgeoftheWest@aol.com).

OPINION

LETTERS

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should enforce that cars are parked legally in spots on the street. That should be their only job, and parking meters should be done away with.

Here's my story: A friend and I were delivering papers along Montana on a gorgeous Wednesday afternoon. We pulled over, dropped a quarter in the meter, then went our separate ways to ensure that our job was done properly and efficiently. Approximately fifteen minutes later, we met back at the car, saw that we still had about five minutes on the meter and decided to run into one more store to offer them the knowledgeable read of a local paper.

We're happy, we're smiling, all of a sudden, my friend breaks into a run as I take notice of a tall man in a blue shirt jotting down the numbers of my license plate. We both remain calm for about a minute as we tell him that we are on a paper route, that we put money in the meter and the last time we looked, it seemed to us we had plenty of time to run into one more store. The parking officer laughed and said, "That's too bad. You have 21 days to contest the ticket."

That's when I lost it. I thought, "Where is the humanity and the justice within the parking enforcement which is supposedly a branch of the law which is supposedly out there on the streets for the people?"

Well, how is it for the people to unjustly punish two people working for the good of others with a \$35 parking ticket? So I told him, "How would you like it if you were desperately struggling to make a living, and somebody came along and stole all the money you had just made in your morning shift?"

He gave me some line about how he's been there, and blah blah blah. If that's the case, then why would he give me a ticket? Is it that the parking officers have a quota that they must meet, or they won't get their Christmas bonus? Is it really fair that parking officers wait idly by the meters about to expire and as soon as the red flag goes up, there they are, computer book in hand?

We were there, we were right there, we were about to move to the next block. I think that the duties of parking enforcement officers have gone into a gray, unjust, inhumane area. The parking enforcement officers should be reminded of what their jobs really are ... to help the people, to listen to the people, to do what is right for the community. Instead, they are selfish and unkind, and I think that is a problem.

Barbara Gordon
Santa Monica

Kill whitey?

Editor:

I am appalled at the amount of racism/intolerance detected in the Q-line column printed on Oct. 3. It disgusts me that there are people (probably white) who are blind in both eyes and see nothing but the color white. Throughout American political history, the white male has dominated and made improvements in society geared only for the white male. This always proved difficult to challenge. And what is one way these "improvements" occurred in society? The annihilation of the Native American and just as they are beginning to gain some economic status, Schwarzenegger, a white male, and the Republican party wish to push them right back down — yet again.

As for the driver's license for illegal aliens, so many people are ignorant to the fact that this will give them an opportunity to acquire more of the menial jobs that whites would never conceive of doing, such as washing toilets, cleaning up dirt/trash in supermarkets or washing the SUVs that whites seem to cherish so much, but for which they wouldn't get their hands dirty.

These people who vote for Schwarzenegger share beliefs in pollution, destruction, racism and degradation of women. He is also not a family man based on the fact that his Hummer is one of the contributing agents to pollution which means he's not thinking about his own children's future or any child's future for that matter. And speaking of the future, what will his education plan consist of? Whites are the superior race? Pollution doesn't exist? Only money will bring happiness? Why get an education at all when you can be a "Terminator" and buy your way into politics?

I weep for all those who voted for him — the blind will lead the blind and this will unfortunately punish those who do see.

Vejune J. Baltrusaitis
Santa Monica

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LOCAL

Retired fire chief looks forward

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a base annual salary of \$137,064, according to City Hall documents. "We're a good team player amongst ourselves ... we just don't have enough instances to play together."

Though Hone's experience as a firefighter has mostly been in Santa Monica, he's regarded as an expert in urban search and rescue procedures, and has been on the scene of six disasters throughout the nation, including the 1995 bombing in Oklahoma City and Ground Zero in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Hone also co-wrote the manual on urban search and rescue procedure for the state of California, which he says is at the forefront of disaster response because of its earthquakes, fires and floods.

Jack Hone, Hone's little brother and a Santa Monica firefighter, died in 1996 after responding to a hazardous materials spill. His name is listed on a plaque in front of the new Public Safety Facility that commemorates officers who died in the line of duty.

"I get to see his name every time I get to work. It's good," Hone said.

Nicknamed "Baby Hone" by the other firefighters, Jack Hone, 35, was diagnosed with lung cancer and died three months later after he cleaned up a toxic plaster spill that fell off the back of a truck in Santa Monica. Hone said his brother cleaned up the mess before anyone knew how dangerous the chemical was.

**I'm so proud of our firefighters ...
but that drive home Friday is
going to be tough."**

— ETTORRE BERARDINELLI
Retired Fire Chief

That experience and what he's witnessed on the scene of local and national disasters has left Hone humbled and respectful of life, he said. Asked if he is religious, Hone said, "Not really. If you've been through some of the shit that I've been through, you enjoy every day and cherish the people you love."

After spending six years in the Air Force as a firefighter and aircraft rescue specialist, Hone was hired as a Santa Monica firefighter and paramedic in 1980. In 1983, he was promoted to fire captain and paramedic, and in 1988 he was named captain of the hazardous materials unit. In 1990, Hone became support services division chief, and in 1995 he was promoted to assistant chief and fire marshal.

Throughout his career, Hone said his philosophy has been constant.

"You can acquire anything with teamwork, open communication and trust," he said. "You have to give trust before you can receive it. I really believe that."

Once he's officially named chief on Friday, Hone will move into a corner office in the new Public Safety Facility overlooking the Fourth Street overpass.

One of Hone's biggest challenges will be keeping in touch with all the firefighters and paramedics in the five fire stations located throughout the city because the new administrative offices are isolated in the Public Safety Facility, said retired Fire Chief Ettore Berardinelli. He added that Hone beat a handful of exceptional competitors for the job and he's confident Hone will do well as chief.

Berardinelli, who has filled in as chief while City Manager Susan McCarthy decided on a successor, is stepping down after more than 30 years in Santa Monica. He officially retired in July.

Asked what he'll do next, Berardinelli, a father of three who enjoys working with his hands, said, "Just get ready for a new life, starting Friday at 5 p.m. I'm so proud of our firefighters ... but that drive home Friday is going to be tough."

Cocaine suspect a Canadian national

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evidence," she said.

Although he's not an American citizen, no additional charges will be filed against him and he will serve jail time, if convicted.

Ali was transported on Wednesday from Santa Monica Jail to downtown LA for his scheduled court appearance. He has no bail because the Immigration and Naturalization Service is considering his status in the United States. His arraignment was postponed until Friday so he could retain an attorney, Robison said.

Ali was arrested by police on Monday night after police responded to a suspicious circumstances call from an unknown man. When patrol officers arrived, they located the drugs in Ali's apartment, said Santa Monica Police Department Lt. Frank Fabrega. Then a search warrant was obtained and police found more cocaine inside the apartment, as well as several thousand dollars. It is unknown how the officers initially found the cocaine or how police gained entry to the apartment.

Ali wasn't home, but he arrived shortly after police were investigating the scene. When he drove up and saw police, he fled. Police were able to apprehend him shortly after.

— Carolyn Sackariason

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LOCAL



Activist Jerry Rubin considering name change

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the Ninth District Court of Appeals. When that panel also favored the state law, Fosbinder and Rubin in May appealed to the Supreme Court.

The first two courts pointed to a state law which specifically prohibits "peace activist" be used as an occupation on the ballot. The Supreme Court does not issue explanations on the cases it dismisses.

"It just seemed to us that it's fundamentally unfair for the government to control

what's underneath your name on the ballot in such an arbitrary way," Fosbinder said. "State law says that that term is essentially banned because it's not an occupation. But if you go on the Internet and type in the word 'activist' you'll see hundreds of jobs with the title 'activist.'"

"I can't explain it because it's obviously not right," Fosbinder added.

While typically public opinion is split over these types of cases, Fosbinder said every person he's spoken to believes Rubin should be granted his request. On

the other hand, every court that's heard Rubin's case has sided with state law.

"I've never lost (a case that was) appealed at every level," Fosbinder said. "I really thought this should be a winner."

But Assistant City Clerk Beth Sanchez said no matter where the public opinion stands, the state law is clear. And City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said City Hall may not have been the best target for Rubin's lawsuit.

"We always felt that perhaps Jerry should have sued the state and not us, because all we were doing was implementing their administrative guidelines," she said.

In the meantime, Rubin, who drained his bank account to file the \$1,600 petition to the Supreme Court, said he will hold a neighborhood meeting later this year to gauge local interest in his candidacy for a City Council seat in the fall 2004 election. He said he knew the likelihood was minimal of having his case heard by the Supreme Court, but that he had his reasons for doing it anyway.

"I just thought that even though it was a slim chance, as everybody knew, I felt obligated to go the whole distance — in the name of activism, in the name of First Amendment Rights and in the name of peace," Rubin said.

Holiday 'Winterlit' theme will kick off next month

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sponsor on such short notice, said Todd Fraser, producer at "Skate with the Stars."

"We had all of the elements in place but we didn't have the corporate sponsor," Fraser said, adding most companies are currently setting their budgets for next year. "We're confident that we've paved the way for next year."

"It was a difficult decision but we want it to be everything we know it can be," he added. "So we'll take a step backwards and dust ourselves off and be absolutely 100 percent committed next year."

The idea was to bring world champion figure skaters Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner to the Santa Monica rink each Sunday and give the sense of a Rockefeller Center-style holiday to downtown. The rink would have been open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Kathleen Rawson, executive director of the Bayside District Corp., which manages downtown with City Hall, said officials had been talking to the organizers since last year, trying to get them to commit to Santa Monica.

"It was late in the game certainly," she said. "Like any new project, it takes time to do. They wanted to have a sound project in place and we think we will be in better shape for next year to have a top-notch program."

"Skate with the Stars" is planned to be launched throughout the country, with Santa Monica being the first city. Fraser said Santa Monica was chosen not only because its downtown has a lot of foot traffic, but also because there is nothing like it anywhere else.

"There is nothing on the westside that has a Christmas tradition," Fraser said. "And I think because it's an entertainment city, it would get the celebrities out there."

Bayside plans to host a holiday-themed marketing push called "Winterlit" designed to be a huge boost to local merchants. Last year was the first year the theme was introduced to downtown and it attracted actress Jamie Lee Curtis for opening ceremonies.

Winterlit includes five weeks of activities downtown that will start on Nov. 28, with a full day of music, entertainment and celebrity guests. A "Surfing Santa" will cruise the Promenade before setting up his post at Santa Monica Place, KOST 103.5 will be hosting music in center court and, at 4 p.m., the skies will be pumped full of artificial snow.

Also part of the Winterlit installation are towering, 22-foot illuminated trees and faux icebergs which will stay up through the first week of January. All told, the promotion will cost about \$100,000 this year.

'Tour of Hope' departs on Saturday from Hollywood

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When she's not on call, Dolezal starts each weekend day with a three- to five-hour ride, wracking up 65 to 80 miles.

"It makes me feel alive," Dolezal said. "I deal with terminally ill patients and I know how fortunate I am to be able to do all this."

Tour of Hope team members will ride in a relay night and day as they make the seven-day trip across the country. Along the way, they'll stop at cancer centers to spread their message about the importance of cancer research. The race route will take the cyclists through California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

"The route is longer than the Tour de

France, and we're covering the distance in only one week," said Armstrong, who won his fifth Tour de France in July, more than six years after being diagnosed with advanced cancer. "By accepting to train for and complete in this demanding ride, the team members have shown that they are driven to help those touched by cancer, and like me, they love a challenge."

Cycling enthusiasts, and cancer survivors and their families are invited to help kick off the Tour of Hope by participating in a 62.5-mile ride through the streets of Los Angeles. Departing from Universal City Walk at 8 a.m. on Saturday, ride participants will cycle through the Hollywood Hills and past Hollywood's famous movie studios as they send the official Tour of Hope team off on the first leg of their cross-country journey.

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Copies of the report are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending October 13, 2003. To obtain a copy of the report, please contact the Human Services Division, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, at (310) 458-8701. Please send your written comments to Susan Lai at the above address by October 13, 2003.

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STATE

Fifty years for 'Babe Ruth of the California car business'

BY BRENT HOPKINS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Ensnconced behind his massive desk, Bert Boeckmann interrupted a conversation to scan a note brought in by his secretary. He peered through gold-rimmed glasses, reading that an important call was holding.

He contemplated for a second, thanked her and waved the call away. "I'm busy," he said in a voice calm and deep. "Tell him I'll call him back." As the secretary left, Boeckmann returned to a discussion of his 50th anniversary at Galpin Ford, but not before flicking his wrist dismissively: "Ahh," he chuckles, "Schwarzenegger ..."

Boeckmann had just passed for the moment on a personal call from one of California's most prominent figures — now Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The owner of the giant Galpin Ford dealership in the heart of San Fernando Valley doesn't let on what his friend and political ally wanted, but it's important enough that Schwarzenegger's secretary made another call within a half-hour, which Boeckmann also ignored.

This is a measure of both his power as a businessman and his old-fashioned values. Boeckmann, 73, is Ford's top volume dealer in the world, selling nearly \$750 million worth of vehicles annually, and so

highly regarded that California's elite make it their business to know him.

After acquiring full control of the dealership in 1968, he's built Galpin into an eight-brand dealership spanning nearly an entire block in Van Nuys, with a rental facility, custom shop, built-in Starbucks and a restaurant, the Horseless Carriage.

But at the same time, he's still unfailingly polite and task-oriented, unwilling to put off a conversation, even for a would-be governor. This attention to customer service and detail has served Boeckmann well over his half-century in the car business.

His time at Galpin has made him a wealthy and powerful man. His work and investments have rewarded him handsomely, but he has thrown large sums back into philanthropic efforts such as the March of Dimes, and he has used his clout to further political causes dear to his heart.

His wife, Jane, publisher of Valley Magazine, has been a staunch supporter of his charity work, accompanying him on aid missions to Russia. The two have both been recognized for their philanthropic efforts locally and abroad.

"I don't think there's ever been anyone who's come in here looking for a donation and gone away empty-handed," said Shea Shafer, general sales manager of Galpin Ford. "We've been hit up by just about

everyone except for the Communist Party."

He's taken controversial stands backing a Los Angeles Unified School District breakup and as an early advocate of secession from Los Angeles by the San Fernando Valley, where Galpin is based. The secession measure failed at the ballot box last November.

Though his views have put him at odds with the status quo at times, he's also been deft at operating within the political scene, serving more than 16 years on the Los Angeles Police Commission. "He's never lost his roots or his sense of who he is as a person," said Bruce Ackerman, chief executive officer of the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley.

"Here's a guy that could go out and eat in any restaurant in the world and he'd rather be in his own restaurant, eating a hamburger." He still gets personally involved in difficult sales, helping smooth transactions for customers.

There's no shortage of things for him to get involved with, if so inclined, as Galpin sells a car on average every 10 minutes — more than 2,000 each month. But even 50 years later, he can recall his first sale, a two-door hardtop he rang up for family friend Frank Barnett.

"Bert is the Babe Ruth of the California car business," said Peter Welch, executive vice president of the California Motor Car

Dealers Association. "You have to admire him for being successful, but you have to fear him because he's very good. He's a very fierce competitor."

That ferocity has not dimmed in his 50 years at Galpin — he still works more than 10 hours a day, six days a week. Though he's brought his brother and sons into the business, he still maintains tight control of daily operations and brushes aside talk of retirement.

"He lives, eats, breathes and sleeps business," said David Fleming, a Valley civic leader and 40-year friend of Boeckmann. "This guy doesn't have any hobbies besides Galpin. He's got boats, planes, ranches, a place in Cabo San Lucas — and he spends all his time in that dealership."

Rather than reveling in his success on his golden anniversary at Galpin, Boeckmann's still looking toward the future. He's toying with plans to export his famous franchise name to other cities, considering opening an after-market parts shop and planning more expansion.

"The one thing I know in this business is that there's been no time in these 50 years that I've sat back in this chair and said 'I've arrived,'" he said. "That's the day it would all go downhill."

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STATE



CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

Children's Museum set for Hansen Dam

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The City Council chose Hansen Dam in Lake View Terrace as the site for a Children's Museum facility.

The council abandoned a Little Tokyo site because of fund-raising problems.

Council President Alex Padilla, who represents the San Fernando Valley area, played a key role in choosing Hansen Dam over Little Tokyo.

"This is an important step for the San Fernando Valley and the entire region to have a world-class facility such as this located in Lake View Terrace," Padilla said.

The original Children's Museum downtown was determined to be inadequate, so two new facilities — Little Tokyo and Lake View Terrace — were proposed. But there was difficulty in raising the more than \$100 million needed to finance two facilities.

"We felt the Valley has long been overlooked, and this site is ideal for a museum," said Bruce Corwin, co-chairman and founding president of the Children's Museum.

Sex offender sentenced to 130 years

By The Associated Press

FULLERTON — A habitual sex offender was sentenced to 130 years to life in prison for the rape of a Brea real estate agent.

Douglas Hopper, 44, was convicted by a jury Feb. 21 of six felonies, including rape, oral copulation, burglary, felony evading and use of a dangerous weapon in the April 2000 attack on the woman, Deputy District Attorney Matt Murphy.

Superior Court Judge Gregg Prickett ruled Tuesday that Hopper, who has a 20-year history of sex offenses, was sane at the time of the crime and he imposed the life sentence, Murphy said.

Hopper was convicted in 1983 of forcible rape after breaking into an Anaheim woman's home and raping her at knifepoint, Murphy said. He was sentenced to 14 years in prison, but the conviction was overturned, with a new trial ordered. But Hopper agreed to an eight-year term, and was paroled in July 1988 after serving five years.

A year later, Hopper broke into the Brea home of a woman, sexually assaulted and robbed her. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 16 years in prison. In 1997, prosecutors filed a "sexually violent predator" petition against Hopper and he was sent to Atascadero State Hospital.

But the petition was dismissed six months later after a psychiatrist found less than a 50 percent chance that he would offend again, Murphy said. Hopper was released in 1998.

He also faces trial for raping another real estate agent in Brea in 1999.

Stun gun darts lead to death

By The Associated Press

YORBA LINDA — Police used Taser stun guns to subdue an irrational man who then lost consciousness and died at a hospital.

The man, whose name was withheld so relatives could be contacted, was shot twice Tuesday morning with stun gun darts, authorities said.

Witnesses told police the man was running around the intersection of Yorba Linda Boulevard and New River Road, said Sgt. Jack Conklin of the Brea Police Department, which patrols Yorba Linda.

The man went back and forth between a supermarket and a gas station, complaining he was hot and thirsty, investigators said. At one point, he allegedly broke into an ice machine and threw ice at passing cars.

The man ignored police orders to lie on the ground, Conklin said, and officers shot him with the stun gun, which delivers an electric shock. He fell to the ground, Conklin said, but resisted arrest.

Officers shot him a second time and handcuffed him. About a minute later, Conklin said, an officer noticed he had stopped breathing. Paramedics took him to Placentia-Linda Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Detective arrested for fraud

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A police detective off work on a disability claim was arrested for alleged insurance and workers' compensation fraud after he was videotaped teaching Pony League baseball players how to slide.

Detective Rocky E. Sherwood, 40, had claimed that on-the-job injuries rendered him unable to work. The veteran officer works out of the North Hollywood Division.

"Surveillance evidence shows Sherwood engaged in strenuous activity as a Little League coach while out on disability leave, including hitting, pitching, fielding and teaching the kids how to slide," police Lt. Art Miller said Tuesday.

Sherwood was charged with making "false and fraudulent material statements to obtain compensation" and trying to conceal information about his medical condition, according to court records.

Sherwood was placed on temporary disability in November 2000, Miller said.

The City Attorney's office began surveillance on the former high school catcher. Sherwood managed the North Valley Youth Baseball Pinto Division team for 7- and 8-year-olds to a win in the California World Series in June 2001.

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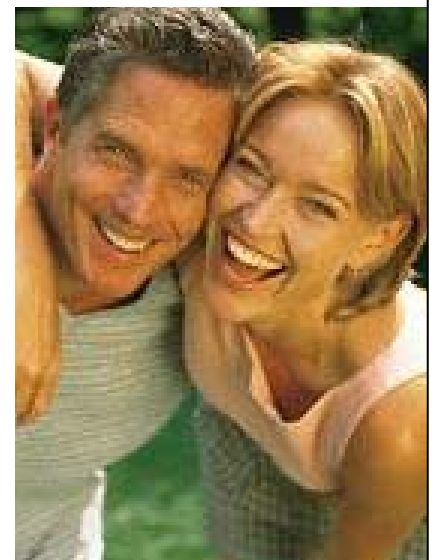
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NATIONAL

Mustang Ranch brothel again up for auction on eBay

BY MARTIN GRIFFITH

Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. — The federal government has a deal for you. Not only will it sell you the Mustang Ranch, but it will throw in the storied bordello's logo and trademark, too.

After failing to attract the minimum bid last time, the Bureau of Land Management is again auctioning the northern Nevada brothel on eBay — this time with the "World Famous Mustang Ranch" trademark to sweeten the pot.

"We're hoping the naming rights and trademark will do the trick and help sell the old ranch buildings this time around," BLM spokesman Mark Struble said.

**"Absolutely, the Mustang name does have value ...
It's the first legal brothel in America."**

— DENNIS HOF

Moonlite Bunny Ranch owner

At least one brothel owner doesn't think the government even owns the trademark.

"If the government owns the trademark, why haven't they sued people selling Mustang cups and T-shirts?" asked Dennis Hof, owner of the nearby Moonlite Bunny Ranch.

The Mustang Ranch was the state's first legal brothel, but was shut down in

1999 after years of tax problems. The BLM, which obtained the property 15 miles east of Reno, wants the buildings moved or razed because they're unsafe and in a flood plain.

The pink stucco main building and an adjoining annex each drew eight bids when they were for sale on eBay in June. But the high bid — \$15,090 — failed to meet the government's minimum price.

Neither the government nor eBay would disclose the price.

Now, the main building and Mustang naming rights are being sold as a package, and the annex again is being sold separately. Bids will be accepted through Sunday on the annex and until Oct. 16 on the main building.

The sale includes the brothel's fixtures, including spas, saunas, sinks, doors, windows and fences.

The last of the real collectibles were auctioned off in December — nude paintings, T-shirts, shot glasses, mirrors and signs.

Struble said the government owns the Mustang trademark because it came with the property and the government has defended the trademark. The buyer would assume responsibility for further defense of it. He said he thinks some Nevada busi-

nesses would want to take over the Mustang Ranch name.

"If they wish to rename an existing brothel or someone has a Ford Mustang dealership they want to call Mustang Ranch, I guess they can do that," he said.

George Flint, a spokesman for the Nevada Brothel Association, questioned the value of the trademark and whether the government even owns it.

"I don't know that anybody has a right to sell that logo. I don't think it was ever recorded on the national level," he said.

"When Mustang was open, its logo and name were very desirable. But now people are forgetting the place even existed," Flint added.

Hof, who said he filed to obtain the trademark "a long time ago" but was denied, pledged a legal fight over rights to it.

"Absolutely, the Mustang name does have value ... It's the first legal brothel in America. That name is known worldwide," he said. "If the government wanted the trademark they should have kept the Mustang open. The trademark laws are such that if you don't use it you lose it."

The government seized the property after guilty verdicts against the Mustang Ranch's parent companies and manager in a federal fraud and racketeering trial.

Joe Conforte took over the 104-room Mustang Ranch in 1967, when prostitution was illegal. In 1971, it became the state's first legal brothel and led to a movement that legalized prostitution in 12 of Nevada's 17 counties. Twenty-eight licensed brothels now operate.

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

Local resident Kelly Hayes-Raitt 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.

Friday, October 10

7:00 am at Interfaith Communities United for Justice & Peace at
Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 3300 Wilshire Blvd. in Downtown LA

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CITY'S COORDINATED PLAN FOR HOMELESS SERVICES

As required by Municipal Code Section 2.69.030, the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the Annual Review of the City's Coordinated Plan for Homeless Services to gain public input on:

- The impact of the City's homeless population on other residents
- The effectiveness of the delivery of services to homeless persons by the City and various social service agencies
- The cost of those services
- The changes which should be made in the plan in order to carry out its primary goals and objectives

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

City Council meeting starts at 6:45 p.m.

The exact time of the Public Hearing is unknown

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Aerial drones to be tested as part of security project

By The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Unmanned aerial drones are expected to be tested in southern Arizona this week as part of a Homeland Security project.

Officials remain tightlipped about the program but said flights are being conducted at Fort Huachuca and Gila Bend for "possible application in border security."

General Atomics Aeronautical Systems of San Diego is flying its drones this week as part of the test project, said John Porter, the company's program director.

The firm builds a drone called the Predator which has been used in the Middle East.

Porter said that a drone has advantages over manned flight patrols and requires less maintenance than helicopters.

"The principal thing that they offer is

tremendous persistence. We've got airplanes that will fly 40 or 50 hours at a time. They fly at a high enough altitude to be virtually undetectable by noise."

Homeland Security spokesman Dennis Murphy said officials began talking about bringing the unmanned aerial vehicles to the southern border in April.

But it's not known when the drones might begin regular patrols along the Arizona-Mexico border, Murphy said.

"Doing this over a war zone is one thing," Murphy said, but added that the Federal Aviation Administration must approve drone flights should they become part of daily security measures.

The unmanned vehicles must also be built according to requirements of the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Murphy said.

AOL apologizes to Boise for ad

By The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — "You've got an apology."

America Online, the nation's largest Internet provider, has apologized to state and local officials for a derogatory newspaper ad toward Idaho's capital city.

To make up for the ad suggesting that Boise was not a fit place to launch a new product, America Online set up a free concert at a Boise concert hall for Wednesday, featuring the rock group "Counting Crows," and donated \$25,000 to the Boise School District for music programs.

"I've actually been to Boise many times," AOL Senior Vice President Richard Taylor said during Tuesday's announcement in the city's downtown. "I love this city."

After seeing the ad in a New York newspaper touting a new service and declaring, "You didn't think we'd launch something like this in Boise, did you?" Gov. Dirk Kempthorne fired off a note to AOL complaining about the negative reference to Boise and offering them the chance to make up for it.

"They have made amends," the governor said. "They've done it with class."

NATIONAL □ INTERNATIONAL

Americans win Nobel Prize in chemistry; study of cell walls

BY KARL RITTER

Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Americans Peter Agre and Roderick MacKinnon won the Nobel Prize in chemistry on Wednesday for studies of tiny transportation tunnels in cell walls, work that illuminates diseases of the heart, kidneys and nervous system.

Agre, 54, of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, discovered in 1988 the "channels" that let water pass in and out of cells, the Royal Swedish Academy said.

MacKinnon, 47, did key studies of the structure and workings of channels that transport charged particles called ions through cell walls. He is with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at The Rockefeller University in New York.

Ion and water channels are key to such crucial activities as making the heart beat, the brain function and the limbs move. When channels malfunction, the result can cause such conditions as cystic fibrosis, irregular heartbeat, high blood pressure, some forms of paralysis and a disease called diabetes insipidus, which is marked by extreme thirst and heavy urination. Not surprisingly, ion channels are important drug targets for the pharmaceutical industry.

"The major impact (of the research) has been on understanding disease, perhaps not yet treating disease," said

Gunnar von Heijne, a member of the Nobel Committee for chemistry.

"These are discoveries that are of fundamental importance for the understanding of life processes, not just among humans and higher organisms, but also for bacteria and plants," said Bengt Norden, chairman of the chemistry committee.

Because of Agre's work, researchers can follow in detail a water molecule on its way through the cell wall and understand why only water, not other small molecules or ions, can pass, the academy said.

Agre, reached at his home, said, "I'm jubilant. I'm overwhelmed, frankly. One doesn't plan to have this sort of thing happen.... Deep down in your heart a scientist will always dream about something like this."

Ion channels let cells generate and transmit electrical signals, and so are key to letting nerve cells communicate, for example. In 1998, MacKinnon determined the first detailed structure of an ion channel, a technically challenging achievement.

MacKinnon's work was "an exceptional breakthrough," said Raymond Frizzell, chair of the department of cell biology and physiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Rockefeller University spokeswoman Lynn Love said Wednesday that MacKinnon was out of town and not immediately available for comment. Sir

Paul Nurse, president of Rockefeller University, said he spoke to MacKinnon by phone and that the award was "a real shock and surprise for him."

The pair will share a check for 10 million kronor, or \$1.3 million.

Nobel Foundation statutes stipulate that no more than three winners can share a prize and the scientific committees often choose the maximum number, finding it hard to single out researchers. Often the awards are given for discoveries made after decades of research.

Nobel gave little guidance other than to say the chemistry prize should go to those who "shall have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind" and "shall have made the most important chemical discovery or improvement."

Last year's winners were John B. Fenn, of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va.; Koichi Tanaka, of Shimadzu Corp. in Kyoto, Japan; and Kurt Wüthrich, a scientist with the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich and the Scripps Research Institute in San Diego.

They were awarded for inventing techniques used to identify and analyze proteins, advances that revolutionized the hunt for new medicines and proved useful for diagnosing some cancers.

The announcements of this year's Nobel awards started last week with the literature prize going to J.M. Coetzee of

South Africa.

The Swedish academy awarded the Nobel in economics Wednesday to Robert F. Engle of the United States and Clive W.J. Granger of Britain. Engle is on the faculty of New York University and Granger is at the University of California, San Diego.

On Monday, American Paul C. Lauterbur, and Briton Sir Peter Mansfield were selected for the 2003 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for discoveries leading to a technique that reveals images of the body's inner organs.

The physics prize on Tuesday went to Alexei A. Abrikosov, Anthony J. Leggett, and Vitaly L. Ginzburg, for their work concerning two phenomena called superconductivity and superfluidity.

The Nobel science awards were to culminate later Wednesday, with the economics prize, the only award not established in the will of Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite.

The Nobel Peace Prize was to be announced Friday in Oslo, Norway.

The medicine, physics, chemistry, literature and peace prizes were first awarded in 1901. The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences was established separately in 1968 by the Swedish central bank, but it is grouped with the other awards.

The prizes are presented to the winners on Dec. 10, the anniversary of Nobel's



WORLD BRIEFLY

Chinese astronauts to orbit Earth

By The Associated Press

BEIJING — The shape of China's first manned space mission came into sharper focus Wednesday with reports that a human crew will orbit the Earth briefly next week after a live-television launch trumpets the government's accomplishment to its citizens and the world.

The finalists to be the first Chinese astronauts converged upon a hotel in a northwestern town as the mission neared, a news report said. And in Indonesia, Premier Wen Jiabao said the craft, the Shenzhou 5, would take off with a human crew "soon, very soon."

If the launch is completed successfully, China would join the United States and the former Soviet Union — now Russia — as the only countries that have sent manned craft into space.

The Oct. 15 date of the inaugural launch — a 90-minute flight that will orbit the planet once — was reported Wednesday.

The bursts of information, after days of silence, suggest the government is brimming with confidence about its secretive space program. Reports about the Shenzhou 5 launch were all over the state-controlled newspapers Wednesday.

Do-not-call list pushed forward

By The Associated Press

DENVER — Americans can again sign up for the national do-not-call list to fend off unwanted phone solicitations after a federal appeals court allowed the government to fully punish errant telemarketers — at least for now.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday temporarily blocked a lower court order barring the Federal Trade Commission from enforcing the registry of more than 50 million numbers.

The court questioned the conclusions of U.S. District Judge Edward Nottingham of Denver, who said the list violates the telemarketing industry's free-speech rights by barring calls from businesses but not charities.

FTC Chairman Timothy Muris called the latest ruling a victory for American consumers and said his agency will return to enforcing the list.

The court fight isn't finished. The appeals court said the FTC can run the registry while a challenge from telemarketers winds its way through the courts.

Sean Gallagher, an attorney who represents the American Teleservices Association and two telemarketing companies, said he was disappointed by the appeals court decision but refused to call it a defeat.

Conservative Episcopalians to meet

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — Emboldened by an opening day of prayer, singing and inspiring words, an insurgent conservative movement within the Episcopal Church next tackles the nuts and bolts of a possible split with the denomination.

Nearly 2,700 conservatives from across the country began a three-day meeting Tuesday with the goal of shaping plans for Episcopalians who oppose the church's increasing acceptance of gay relationships. Among those in attendance are 46 of the denomination's 300 bishops.

One panel Wednesday was expected to brief participants on the practical details a split would entail for such issues as church law, clergy pensions and property rights.

At its national convention in Minneapolis this summer, the church confirmed the election of a gay bishop living with his partner and voted to recognize that its bishops are allowing blessing ceremonies for same-sex couples.

Some Episcopalians who support the Minneapolis decisions are operating a hospitality suite at the hotel where the meeting is being held.

The Rev. Susan Russell, president of Integrity, a caucus for 2,500 Episcopalians who support gay and lesbian rights in the church, said the meeting "represents a tiny but vocal minority."

New Archbishop of Philadelphia

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Justin Francis Rigali — a close friend of Pope John Paul II — was installed as Archbishop of Philadelphia, succeeding Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua, who was spiritual leader of the

area's 1.5 million Roman Catholics for 15 years.

Nearly 2,000 people packed the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul Tuesday to watch the 68-year-old Rigali, previously archbishop of St. Louis, become the 12th man to hold the post in the nation's seventh-largest Catholic diocese.

Guests included cardinals from Baltimore, Rigali's native Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Vatican City, as well as Cardinal Bernard Law, who resigned as head of the Boston archdiocese in December amid public outcry over the priest sex abuse scandal.

Bevilacqua, who is retiring at age 80, retains his rank as cardinal but can no longer participate in the College of Cardinals, which chooses a new pope, or serve on Vatican councils and congregations.

During his homily, Rigali did not mention the Roman Catholic sex abuse scandal but said the Philadelphia archdiocese must work to "defend human life against whatever wounds weakens or destroys it at any stage," and ensure "protection of children against whatever would harm them, abuse them, or violate their sacred dignity."

Loyola president steps down

By The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The president of Loyola University in New Orleans has stepped down amid allegations of sexual misconduct while he was at a Jesuit prep school 17 years ago.

The Rev. Bernard Knoth, a Jesuit priest, submitted his resignation Tuesday under new Roman Catholic Church rules that say if a sexual allegation involving a minor is deemed credible, the accused should be removed immediately. Knoth, 54, president of Loyola since 1995, issued a statement denying any inappropriate conduct.

Loyola, which traces its history back to the 18th century, has about 5,500 students and is one of 28 Jesuit colleges in the United States.

The Rev. William J. Byron was named acting president. Byron was dean at Loyola in the 1970s and writes a syndicated column for Catholic News Service.

A statement from the Jesuit order's Chicago Province said the sexual encounter allegedly happened at the Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis. It did not say whether Knoth's accuser was a man or a woman.

Knoth spent six years, starting when he was 33, as an administrator at Brebeuf, most of them as principal. He also worked at Loyola University in Chicago and at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., before coming to New Orleans.

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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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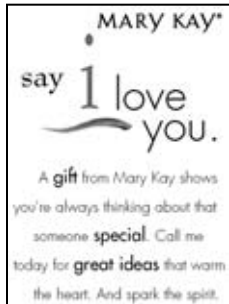
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Woman's charges against actor Ben Affleck dropped

By The Associated Press

■ **WILMINGTON, N.C.** — Charges against Ben Affleck were dropped after New Hanover County officials said they found no evidence to support a woman's claims that the actor threatened to kill her.

District Attorney John Carriker said Tuesday that repeated attempts by Kure Beach police to contact accuser Tara Ray were unsuccessful and he dismissed the warrant.

Ray took out the warrant Saturday, alleging that Affleck threatened her on Sept. 25.

A spokesman for Affleck said the 31-year-old actor had never met Ray and was at his Georgia home that day.

Carriker criticized a system in which Ray could obtain an arrest warrant without proof the alleged incident ever occurred or without input from Kure Beach police.

"This is a very good example of why people shouldn't be able to take out a warrant without any kind of police investigation," Carriker said.

He added that officials don't plan to file charges against Ray.

Ray said Sunday she was in a romantic relationship with Affleck that started in February 2002. According to the warrant, the "Pearl Harbor" star called her and said he was coming to "blow your (expletive) head off."

Magistrate Ralph Ellen II signed the warrant, stating there was probable cause to believe the incident occurred. Carriker, however, said an investigation revealed no credible evidence that Affleck had been to Kure Beach or called the woman.

■ **AUSTIN, Texas** — Alec Baldwin came bearing a gift when he attended a fund-raiser for House Democrats: a box of dog biscuits for Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

"I wanted to give this to Tom DeLay's lap dog, Rick Perry," the actor said Tuesday. "I thought maybe he had worked up a big appetite up there on the Capitol so Governor Perry, AKA Tom DeLay's lap dog in the Texas

state Legislature, this box of dog biscuits is for you and I hope you enjoy it while you're toiling away at a redistricting plan."

Republicans have been working to draw a new redistricting plan to increase their strength in Texas' congressional delegation, which Democrats now rule 17-15. DeLay, the U.S. House majority leader from Sugar Land, has been one of the strongest advocates for redrawing the lines.

Democrats have been opposed to the move and a few of them joined Baldwin as he launched into a tirade about redistricting, the California recall and Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Republican Party leadership and the Bush administration, of which he said half of its members were either stupid or sociopathic.

"Everything that Bush touches turns to manure in public policy and they're coming down here and they're telling Rick Perry what to do," Baldwin said.

Perry spokesman Gene Acuna shot back: "Mr. Baldwin's political views against President Bush and Republicans in general are well known and documented. I have no doubt that Texans will give the comments made by the star of 'Beetlejuice' all of the attention they are due."

The White House did not immediately comment on Baldwin's statements.

■ **NEW YORK** — A Queens man suspected of stalking singer Sheryl Crow was arrested after he sneaked into the arena where she was doing a sound check, police said.

After the Monday evening sound check, 37-year-old Ambrose Kappos allegedly followed Crow out of the Hammerstein Ballroom on West 34th Street and tried squeezing into her limousine, police said.

Ballroom employees went to the police station around the corner from the ballroom and summoned help.

Police arrested Kappos on charges of burglary, stalk-

ing, harassment, aggravated harassment and criminal possession of marijuana.

Kappos' brother, Van Kappos, told the Daily News that his brother isn't dangerous.

"I want to apologize, from my whole family and myself, to Sheryl Crow and her family," Van Kappos said. "We are sorry if my brother caused her any grief. It must be somewhat frightening to the singer and her family. He's infatuated."

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Randy Quaid left Houston in 1971 to pursue an acting career in Hollywood — against his parents' wishes.

Now he has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, right near the spot where he ended up more than 30 years ago.

"I got off the plane, had no idea where I was going, saw a bus marked Hollywood, got on board and it brought me right here where we're standing today," Quaid told about 400 people who attended Tuesday's ceremony in front of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

"I couldn't afford to stay at the Roosevelt so I gathered my luggage and my trunk and dragged everything across the street to the Garden Court Hotel where I got a job as a janitor and lived for the first year I was in town," said the 53-year-old.

"The old Garden Court is no longer there, having been torn down and replaced by the Galaxy Theatre, but I have many vivid memories of my time there and the lively and colorful atmosphere that was Hollywood Boulevard in the early '70s. For me it was the center of the universe."

Quaid said he didn't have a car that first year in Hollywood, so he took buses to the studios for auditions and walked everywhere else.

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