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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Reuters reported in August that a man was killed in his workshop on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro when he tried to open a rocket-propelled grenade (probably to recover scrap metal) with a sledgehammer. And two days before that, in the Indiana town of Brazil (near Terre Haute), a 31-year-old man was accidentally killed in the explosion of the pipe bomb he was carrying (probably to be used to help him catch fish in Birch Creek).

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 283rd day of 2006.
There are 82 days left in the year.

1845

The U.S. Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Md.

1935

George Gershwin's opera "Porgy and Bess" opened on Broadway.

1938

Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

1943

Chiang Kai-shek took the oath of office as president of China.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"An expert is a person who has made all the mistakes that can be made in a very narrow field."

NIELS BOHR

DANISH PHYSICIST (1885-1962)

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Now that's the great pumpkin, Charlie Brown

By The Associated Press

ELK GROVE — A pumpkin that grew to gargantuan proportions in the California sunshine broke a state record, but it couldn't beat a monstrous squash raised under New England lightening and rain storms. This year's winner of the giant pumpkin weigh-off at Elk Grove's 12th annual Harvest Festival registered 1,280 pounds, beating out another 120 California growers. Grower Gary Miller of Napa said the 107-inch pumpkin "was just well behaved." Miller netted \$6,400, the \$5-per-pound prize for the heftiest pumpkin. Miller, who began growing giant pumpkins for the Mondavi family, said he enjoys showing off his pumpkins to kids on farm field trips. "I take the covers off the pumpkins and their eyes just start sparkling," he said. "They're thinking, 'Maybe there really is Santa Claus.'" On the other side of the country, another farmer appeared poised to break an even more prestigious record. Ron Wallace's pumpkin weighed 1,502 pounds at the weigh-off in Warren, R.I. That's heavier than the current Guinness World Record-holding 1,469-pound pumpkin grown last year by Larry Checkon of Pennsylvania. Wallace said at the 13th annual Rhode Island Southern New England Giant Pumpkin Growers Championship that the key to growing a giant pumpkin is the ability to commit to the task.

ON THE NET

More big'ins

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Walk on the wild side

Wary pedestrians are fed up with notorious boulevard

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK — Business owners and residents fed up with traffic accidents on Ocean Park Boulevard will get their chance to vent tonight.

The City Council is expected to hear an update on a traffic safety study targeting the accident-prone area just weeks after a pedestrian in a crosswalk was killed by a vehicle near the intersection with 25th Street. Councilman Richard Bloom

requested that the Transportation Management Division brief council on the progress of a traffic safety study for which it allocated approximately \$75,000 last year. The study

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Born to ride
Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II/ Daily Press
Xavier Raymond, aka 'X-Ray,' takes in the scene while waiting for other enthusiasts to arrive for Critical Mass, a throng of cyclists that meet the first Friday of each month at the Santa Monica Pier before setting off around the Westside.

CITY HALL

City workers living it up

(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY AMY KAUFMAN
Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL — City Council is expected to re-up tonight with a union representing more than 850 clerks, technicians and trade professionals, providing the city workers with a 4-percent cost-of-living increase in each of the next two years.

College, schools candidates can pay a hefty price

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — It's been said that a good education doesn't come cheap. Apparently, neither does running for public office in Santa Monica. With less than four weeks before the Nov. 7 election, the candidates vying for four seats on both the

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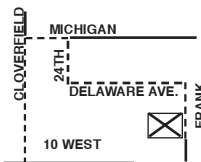
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ What you hear could put bells on your toes you are so happy. Still, a sudden insight might have you regrouping. Use this information to empower yourself and others. Communication involves finances. Tonight: Out and about.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Indulge, but also know that there are ramifications. Someone says the right words, but does this person have the follow-through? Only you can answer this question. Be honest about what is going on around you. Tonight: Watch rather than become involved.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ The Moon slides into your sign, highlighting your adventures and choices. Still, a boss or someone you put on a pedestal who might usually express good ideas and understanding could act up out of the blue. Tonight: Your mood will determine your plans.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Take your time making a decision. Though at one point you might feel 100 percent sure of yourself, different news and/or information heads your way. Take your time, as if moving slowly is your friend. Your creativity flourishes. Tonight: Take time out for yourself.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to attempt to communicate on a different level. You could be shocked when you see what is happening or what someone is up to. Your lesson might be to be more discriminating. Tonight: Walk a new path leading to where you want to go.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might want to revise your thinking as to what needs to be done. Others look up to you. Still, you might discover that someone who appears to be a supporter could actually be maligning your interests. If you want to do something, you might have to forge your own path. Listen well to someone who counts. Tonight: Don't count on this being an early night.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ When taking an overview, you might be overwhelmed by what is going on. Truth be told, someone might be causing more problems than you would like or need to deal with. Decide how you want to handle this problem. Tonight: Listen to good music.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ A key person acts on what he or she knows or feels. Your instincts tell you to follow through on what is suggested. Careful — if some detail sticks in your craw, it is for good reason. Don't kid yourself or debunk your feelings. Tonight: A long-overdue chat.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Tension builds because you might not want to play follow the leader — you being the follower. Though someone might be easygoing as long as this person has it his or her way, once there is any sense of uproar on your part, you'll pay the piper. Careful. Tonight: Choose what works for you.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Good intentions could easily fall to the wayside. You find at some point that though communication flourishes, suddenly you have uproar, whether you like it or not. You could be taken aback by an associate's hypocrisy — for good reason. Tonight: Curb wildness early.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ What seemed like a great idea could cost you more than you'd anticipated. Knowing when to say no could make all the difference. There is no time like the present to start practicing. Use care with money in general. You are vulnerable. Tonight: Let your hair down.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You do add a bit more unpredictability than you realize. If someone is having a problem with you, you are going to hear about it. Emphasize the quality of your personal life and greater stability. Tonight: Head home to your castle.

BORN TODAY Playwright **Harold Pinter** (1930), actor **Charles Dance** (1946)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Photo courtesy

SMC students are mixing business with pleasure, taking advantage of Mp3 study sessions.

College students dealing in downloads

By Daily Press staff

Parents discouraged that their children are listening to Mp3 players rather than doing their homework may have those frowns turned upside down.

Having successfully launched an educational podcasting pilot program this summer, Santa Monica College is pleased to announce the launch of 'SMC on iTunes U,' making a wide range of podcasts available to students and the public alike.

SMC on iTunes U (<http://itunes.smc.edu>) features course content, audio podcasts of various guest speakers at the college and public SMC Board of Trustees meetings, and a documentary video about SMC's pilot podcasting program.

All material is available for free to the public, who can download content to their Macs or PCs and, if they so choose, transfer that content to iPods and Mp3 players. SMC will continue to upload material onto SMC on iTunes U, enriching the content with new educational material and students' work.

SMC is among a growing number of colleges and universities turning to podcasting as an educational tool, including Stanford, UCLA and Duke in North Carolina.

SMC on iTunes U comes on the heels of a successful educational podcasting pilot program SMC held this summer that targeted a group of about 25 incoming freshmen. The college lent Apple iPods — funded by a federal grant — to the students, who were able to download video, audio, photos, graphics and text for homework assignments. The content — ranging from television and movie clips to videotaped campus tours — was available only to the students and faculty for downloads to their iPods.

Students — a group of low-income freshmen in remedial English and college orientation courses — and teachers in the program gave the podcasting high marks.

"It was cool to be able to use iPods," said student Curtis Hooper. "I'd never used an iPod before in my life."

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CORRECTION There was an error in the Oct. 7 issue of the Santa Monica Daily Press ('Acceptable Peace Offering'). A mural designed by Santa Monica High School Senior June Cha has not been approved by the school's Walls Committee, which is responsible for reviewing all public artwork on campus. The committee has agreed to meet again in a few weeks to further discuss the mural.



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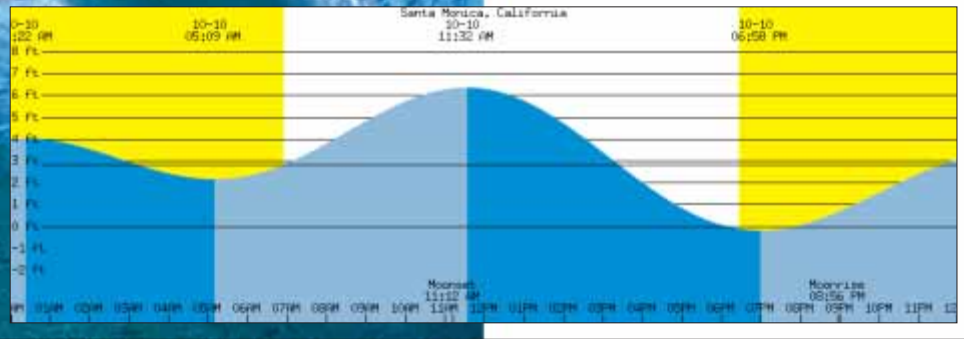
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This work week will be a shorter one for many of us, with Columbus Day still a federal public holiday. Banks, post offices and other government offices close their doors, though Santa Monica schools remain in session. Holidays reserved for the remembrance of such figures as Christopher Columbus, Martin Luther King Jr. and past presidents often spark discord about just who warrants a national day off in their honor.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:

"Who really deserves a holiday named in their honor? Should schools and offices be closed for all of these honorary days, or has the calendar become clouded? Is there a current holiday that should be eliminated?"

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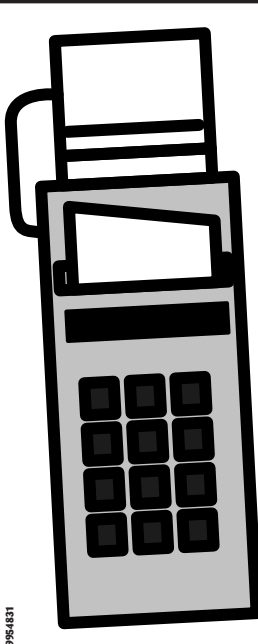
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Maybe Shriver should sleep at the VA

Editor:
Councilman Bobby Shriver is quoted in last Thursday's paper (SMDP, Oct. 5, page 14) concerning VA site plans as saying, "... It's an insult to (homeless veterans) who served ... that these building are sitting empty." Would he be speaking of the rundown, asbestos-rich, dilapidated, crumbling hulks built during WWII which would take years, and likely hundreds of millions of dollars to repair, rebuild, equip and staff? Why, yes, I do believe he is. Let's try this one more time, Councilman Shriver. In the archives of the SMDP (June 7, 2005), there is very long and detailed letter to the editor which I wrote describing the many programs and services available to homeless vets. I spoke as a living example of the typical homeless veteran who had been in and out of the numerous VA programs.

In that letter, I accused Shriver of motives other than concern for the vets behind his VA plan. I stand by my accusations, still. But I also mentioned that Shriver, and others at City Hall, are misleading the public with statements that would, could, and in fact, do paint an impression that the West LA VA is doing little or nothing to help homeless vets. One can see my point by looking behind and between Rep. Henry Waxman's words at the end of the Oct. 5 SMDP article: "I strongly believe the West LA VA should provide therapeutic, supportive housing ..." Notice the word "should," almost as if he (and Bobby Shriver) still want the voters to think nothing is being done for homeless vets. Sure, maybe I'm splitting hairs, but Shriver and Waxman are splitting my head with a headache of diatribe.

A lie isn't always the twisting of truth, it is the omission of facts. Facts such as the already existing hundreds and hundreds of comprehensive homeless program beds at West LA VA; omission of the facts that show everything from basic medical services to legal problems to job training to family reunions, and more, are offered at the VA, and facts that show a proven track record of thousands of former homeless vets now housed, and employed, and drug and alcohol free (a major cause for chronic homelessness). I encourage all who are interested in this matter to read my June 6, 2005, page 4 letter in the SMDP.

Why not just say that there are indeed programs at the VA, but there is a need for more? That, at least, has merit.

James Zeruk Jr.
Santa Monica

The elephant has run amuck

Editor:
The Bush administration has been slowly and systematically dismantling the U.S. Constitution, trampling on the constitutional rights of all American citizens. If lying about a sexual liaison was enough to impeach President Clinton, then surely there is enough to impeach Bush and Cheney a hundred times over. Please stand up for us! This madness has to be stopped.

Christie Mellor
Los Angeles



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WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA

Infrastructure. It is the skeleton that keeps the body of state intact. It is comprised of our roadways, freeways, schools, interconnected sewer system, prison system, waterways and wetlands. The system is supported by thousands of men and women who work daily to maintain our roads and keep the state moving.

In economic terms, these items are called "Public Assets." Like your car or home, these are physical assets that require maintenance to be kept in good condition, and occasionally, they need to be replaced. Public assets are owned by all of us, and they are called "public" because, individually, we could not afford them, and frankly, no one would want each of us to have to maintain our own sewer system. If we did have to do that, you can be certain that there would be one guy on the block who would do a lousy job of it and make the whole neighborhood sick.

But the image of one guy who isn't doing his job, making the rest of us sick, is actually quite appropriate to what the situation currently is. We have a system that has been, not ignored really, just stuck in a corner waiting for someone to ask it to the dance.

Public assets are not sexy. They tend to be stinky, smelly, frequently dealing with the ugly aspects of life. They are the forgotten step-children of a society that would much rather focus on the hot-button issues of gay marriage and abortion rights than the budget cuts in a state that has too many children for its schools, too many prisoners for its prisons and too many cars for its roads.

The harsh reality is that we have a state that hasn't really invested in itself for 50 years, and has grown far beyond the capacity of what its existing assets should reasonably be expected to handle. Los Angeles County has opened one new freeway in the past 30 years.

Our governor is about to ship our state's prisoners to another state. Yes, they are our responsibility, and yes, we will have to pay for them, but the prison population is so great that the federal courts are ordering the governor to reduce the overcrowding.

I understand that these are people who have broken the law, and that they have lost many of the rights of citizenship, but that does not mean that we as a society have the right to abandon our humanity in how we deal with them.

The problem is we have strict laws that put people away for terms that are far beyond what is reasonable in light of their crimes. We have created a system that has no rehabilitation facility to retrain and re-educate these people, so when they are released, they have no new skills to survive with, so of course, they return to their old behavior.

Our legislators will claim that there is no money for new prisons, to repave roads, to build new freeways, invest in our sewer system and water supply, create new schools and develop a prison rehabilitation program. But like that old saw goes, "There's never time to do it right, but there's always time to do it over."

When something does break, when a system fails, when a prison riot breaks out, when a roadway becomes too dangerous, there is money to fix it.

There's a reason for this. There are funds established for expected expenses, and then there are funds that are set aside for "emergency" projects. Because the law works this way, if the government has a crisis on its hands, say a broken sewer that is spilling raw sewage into the street, the government must fix it immediately. The people who are working overtime will be paid because it was an emergency, and the crisis had to be dealt with. But if a planning engineer said two months before the sewer burst, "We should fix that section now, because it is going to break soon," there would be no money in the budget to do so, because fixing a 'not yet broken sewer' is very low priority.

We live in a state that has become overcrowded, overdriven and underinvested in. The governor will propose a bond measure, and the people will deny it, as they should. Bonds are good for investors, which means that they are bad for the borrower — in this case, it's you and me who have to repay those bonds.

Our legislators will say there is no money unless we raise taxes, and no one wants that or will re-elect someone who has raised their taxes. What is the solution?

I say we put away this false morality that got these bozos elected in the first place, and start to focus on the morals of what we as a society really need. The Moral Morons who control elections these days seem to think it is okay to stop a woman from having an abortion, but it is okay to house people in overcrowded, unsanitary cages.

We need to face the reality that our society has changed and it is not the same society as when Ma and Pa Kettle drove a covered wagon here. It is time to throw out the Bible Belt mentality and get down to business to make this state some money.

Sex, drugs, gambling and bars need to be legal, all the time. Before the hate letters get sent, let me state the following: It should be regulated and taxed, just like cigarettes and liquor sales are now.

I'm not saying that the whorehouse should be next to the schoolyard. But there is nothing wrong with passing some zoning laws and allowing sex workers to have a clean, comfortable, safe, controlled environment to ply their trade. Why do we shut down massage parlors that give a little extra? Who is being hurt here? The taxpayers whose roads have holes large enough for a Hummer to break an axle in, that's who.

Drug use should be controlled the same way they do in Amsterdam. It is taxed and those taxes go to pay for public assets. Gambling seems to be a rather popular pastime, and it's making huge dollars for Nevada and the Indian tribes. Why are we letting all that money go out of state? Same goes for people who want to drink. Bars should be open 24 hours a day, in particular zones.

As a society, we have the money. We just need to get it redirected, back into the public coffers. Since we lack the political will to increase our taxes, let's find a creative way to achieve our goals ... and have a little fun along the way.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN W. WHITEHEAD

Hey, watch where you point that Bible

Thirteen-year-old Amber Mangum lives with her grandmother Maryann, who adopted Amber and her sister Ashley. The family attends a small church where, according to Maryann, "everyone knows everyone else and a helping hand is always there when you need it."

Approximately a year and a half ago, Amber went up to the pastor of her small church and asked to be baptized. Since then, she has been eager to learn all she can about her faith, attending church Bible studies, doing nightly devotionals with her family and reading the Bible.

Maryann, who has been a Christian for six years, has noticed the positive difference that Christianity has made in Amber's life. Pleased that Amber wants to learn more about her faith, Maryann is encouraged that Amber finds comfort in her Christian beliefs. "She understands what it means to be a Christian," said Maryann. "She's come to understand that even if someone's mean to you, a Christian doesn't hold a grudge."

Amber is an honor roll student and is an avid reader. So it was not unusual that on Sept. 14, 2006, as the seventh-grader finished eating and had five or ten minutes before her next class, Amber pulled out a book to read.

Amber has read an assortment of books during her lunch hour, ranging from the Quidditch adventures of Harry Potter and the Guinness Book of World Records to Goosebumps and Anamorphs. On this particular day, Amber's chosen reading material was the Bible. She was reading the passage in Matthew that is commonly referred to as the Beatitudes.

That's when her troubles began. Amber was approached by a school official at Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School in Prince George's County, Md., while silently reading her Bible in the school cafeteria.

Posters hanging in the classrooms proclaim "Read to lead," which is in keeping with school policy that allows students to read books or engage in interpersonal communications during non-instructional time at school, including lunch periods. No one ever told Amber not to read Harry Potter or Goosebumps. No one ever suggested that her previous choice of reading material might be inappropriate or out of place in a school setting. In fact, other students have been observed reading books containing questionable language, but Amber doesn't recall them ever having been told to stop reading.

However, perhaps this particular school official wasn't quite up-to-speed on school policy or the Constitution. That's because when the school official noticed that Amber was reading the Bible, she informed Amber that reading a Bible was a violation of the school's policy and warned her that she

would be subject to more severe disciplinary action if she were ever found reading a Bible at school again.

To Amber, who that same day had learned about the First Amendment and its provision to protect freedom of religion and speech in her history class, the school's actions made no sense. "I thought you could read whatever you wanted as long as you're not disturbing anyone with it," said Amber. "I felt like I was doing something bad. I felt that they were taking away my rights."

Amber's mother felt exactly the same way. And that's why the Mangum family decided to stand and fight. With the help of The Rutherford Institute, they've filed a lawsuit in federal court, asking the court to declare that prohibiting students from reading Bibles or other religious texts during their free time is unconstitutional. As Maryann said, "If you believe something is right, you have to stand up for it."

But the problem has to do with more than our school officials being woefully ignorant about the Constitution and what it says about our rights as Americans. More than mere ignorance or political correctness, incidents like this one in Maryland stem from a growing hostility toward all things Christian that is fueled by groups promoting a secular agenda. Unfortunately, the ones to suffer from such hostility — and it is hostility toward the Christian religion — are people like Amber and her family.

Ellen Johnson, president of American Atheists, is a good example of someone who has allowed her skewed perceptions of "right-wing groups" (her words) to influence her attitude about Christians. As Johnson stated in an interview with CNSNews.com, "What probably happened is this kid, I'll bet you, was being disruptive. I bet this kid was proselytizing, was preaching, doing something that was annoying other kids and was told to stop. Kids don't normally want to read the Bible at lunch time — I don't care who they are. It's just not something kids want to do."

Honestly, what would you rather see a teenager doing, throwing spit wads or sitting silently reading a few passages from the Bible? Johnson's brand of malice certainly doesn't help, but it doesn't really matter what people like Johnson think because this was not a case of someone breaking the law. This was simply a child minding her own business by silently reading the Bible in her free-time. And that's what makes this case so outrageous.

Constitutional attorney and author **John W. Whitehead** is founder and president of The Rutherford Institute. He can be contacted at johnw@rutherford.org.



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Neighborhood up in arms over speeding cars

OCEAN PARK BLVD., from page 1

was in answer to a neighborhood petition for improved safety in an area of the city stacked with schools.

"There is a history of traffic accidents along Ocean Park Boulevard and I know that our city staff has tried to install some measures only a couple of years ago ... but it is a very difficult problem to assess and respond to," Bloom said.

"Normally, I would've simply gone to staff and said 'what is the status?'" Bloom said. "But because there is such a heightened interest to the people who live in that area, I've taken the step of putting it on the council agenda."

Yet, no study has officially begun, according to Senior Transportation Planner Beth Rolandson of the Transportation Management Division. Thus far, the office has only held an outreach workshop, in May, for the community to express its concerns.

"The community definitely voiced concerns about speeding vehicles, pedestrian access and parking availability," remarked Rolandson on Tuesday.

'EVERY DAY, I HEAR SCREECHING'

Neighborhood residents have complained for years about the dangers pedestrians face as they brave crosswalks along Ocean Park Boulevard.

Business owners have reported cars coming close to hitting pedestrians almost every

day on the thoroughfare due to a problem that they feel is caused by a combination of speeding motorists and poor signage.

Jeanne Lisella, a chiropractor on Ocean Park Boulevard, said she was almost hit twice while using a crosswalk at 18th Street. In one incident, Lisella said she could actually feel the car graze her back as it sped past.

Lisella said she would like to see a pedestrian-activated flashing red light, similar to ones on Main Street.

Nancy Lombardi, of Artful on Ocean Park Boulevard, complained that lights embedded along a crosswalk on 18th Street fail to flash when a pedestrian pushes the button.

"Every day I hear cars screeching," Lombardi said. "I've barely been missed a couple of times."

The issue has caused business owners like Lombardi to contact city officials and to warn their visitors that looking both ways across the street might not necessarily prevent an accident, which is what Mark and Lydia Malkowski learned when they were hit by a car in 2004.

The Malkowskis were shopping on Ocean Park Boulevard in December of 2004 when they were struck by a car in the crosswalk at 18th Street. Mark Malkowski said he crossed the street after he activated the light and saw there was no oncoming traffic.

As they passed the first lane, Malkowski said he heard the sound of brakes screeching and saw his wife get knocked up about 25 feet. Mark Malkowski sustained a back



File photo

STEP LIVELY: A pedestrian makes her way across an Ocean Park Boulevard crosswalk. The owner of Pookie (back) saw a woman get hit by a car out in front of her store last month.

sprain and whiplash, while Lydia Malkowski suffered hip and shoulder pains. Lydia said she is still seeking treatment.

Mark Malkowski said he wrote to every member of City Council and received two responses — one replied that they would

look into the issue, while another member reportedly said they could not install a flashing light because it would interrupt the flow of traffic.

"Do they have to wait until someone is killed or more than one person is killed until they finally do something?" Malkowski asked.

THE BEAT GOES ON

Julia Dumas-Mitchell said she can see accidents almost occur every day from the window of her children's clothing store, Pookie, on Ocean Park Boulevard.

"It is very traumatic for me to every day sit in my store and see mothers and children almost get hit," Dumas-Mitchell said. "Not a day goes by where there is not an almost-accident."

The most traumatic experience occurred on Sept. 8, when she saw a woman get hit by a car in a crosswalk as Dumas-Mitchell stepped onto the same crosswalk from across the street.

"I was crossing and the next thing, I saw this woman fly up into the air," Dumas-Mitchell said.

Dumas-Mitchell's sister was also struck by a car about a year ago in a hit-and-run accident at Ocean Park Boulevard and 18th Street in front of Pookie.

"You wonder how many people need to get hit on Ocean Park Boulevard before the city of Santa Monica will really do anything about it," Dumas-Mitchell said.

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While we're at it: Pier rehab to expand

CONSENT, from page 1

renew its contract, or Memorandum of Understanding, which already considers additional economic factors affecting the employees. The agreement calls for the cost-of-living increases based on the wages of similar workers in the Los Angeles region. In addition, employees would receive a raised "pay for training" bonus, which accounts for time spent training new employees.

The two-year pact began in July and will run through June 2008, totaling \$2,261,500, according to a city staff report.

SCOPE OF PIER REHAB EXPANDED

City officials are being asked to expand the scope of its ongoing Pier improvement project to include a vacant lot on the popular attraction. The work is intended to facilitate landing a development deal for an area between Playland Arcade and Pacific Park.

Council members are being asked to expand the original contract, awarded on August 8 to construct Phase III improvements on the Pier, by \$484,760, taking the total amount to \$2,629,612, including contingency.

Initially, the Pier additions included in the contract accounted for improvements to an area on the Municipal Pier extending about 200 feet westerly from the Beachcomber to the waterline, portions of the Newcomb Pier, as well as other structural repairs under the Pier, with a focus on improving public areas.

Tonight's approval would expand the project to 370 Santa Monica Pier, an 11,000 sq. ft. vacant site located between Playland Arcade and Pacific Park. The expansion could help facilitate efforts in securing a site developer, as well as enabling temporary use of the location in the search for a permanent developer.

Currently, even temporary use of the building is not possible until structural work takes place.

Work on the area would begin this month and scheduled to be completed by April 2007, according to a city staff report.

A LITTLE SUPERVISION

City supervisors will join the ranks of other well-represented municipal employees if a resolution is renewed by Council members tonight.

Eighty supervisors served by the Supervisory Team Associates (STA) are seeking a new two-year Memorandum of Understanding contract, beginning this past July and continuing through June 2008.

The deal accounts for a 4 percent cost-of-living increase this year, as well as a similar increase next year, based upon wages earned by urban and clerical workers in the greater Los Angeles area. An additional 16 hours of personal leave time, as well as minor non-economic changes, are considered in the contract.

The new contract terms for 2006-07 total \$296,000.

THE SOUND OF SILENCE?

An agreement regarding the noise monitoring system upgrade at the Santa Monica Airport may soon be modified. The original 2001 project, costing \$300,000, encountered various unexpected costs during development. These costs were incurred due to "technical support services required as result of unanticipated delays encountered during system upgrades," according to a city staff report. Unanticipated delays with local contractors also slowed the process of permitting installation of new remote noise monitoring stations with the City of Los Angeles. The installation was completed in June of 2006.

The proposed increases will cost \$15,000, bringing the total for the project to \$315,000.

CAROUSEL AGENTS WANT ANOTHER RIDE

Fun and games at the Santa Monica Pier Carousel should continue to be had, if Council members renew an agreement allowing Kid's Play to keep booking events for the popular venue.

The Carousel has served as a host for birthday parties, weddings, holiday parties and non-profit fundraising events, said a city staff report. Those patrons interested in such events are offered graduated rental rates, while commercial patrons looking to use the venue for film and television shoots are subject to higher rates.

Since 2001, Kid's Play has been the city's booking agent for special events at the Carousel. In that role, the agency books, coordinates and monitors events as well as markets the facility to potential clients. During the 2005-06 season, Kid's Play booked 188 children's birthday parties, 38 private parties and four film shoots. This year, the Carousel events generated \$109,824 in revenue, of which the agency received \$54,912.

Kid's Play is compensated with 50 percent of the income generated from the rental of the space, plus reimbursement of custodial fees, pre-approved marketing materials, mailing expenses and supplies.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

Calling all property owners

By Daily Press staff

Rent control staff are presenting free quarterly seminars for new owners of rental property in Santa Monica. All interested owners and managers are welcome.

Owners will learn the basics of the Santa Monica rent control laws that affect their property and how to avoid common pitfalls. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. Among the topics to be covered:

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- Eviction limitations
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A seminar will be held today, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the Main Library's Multi-Purpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. For information, call Nancy Galvan at (310) 458-8751 or e-mail rentcontrol@smgov.net.

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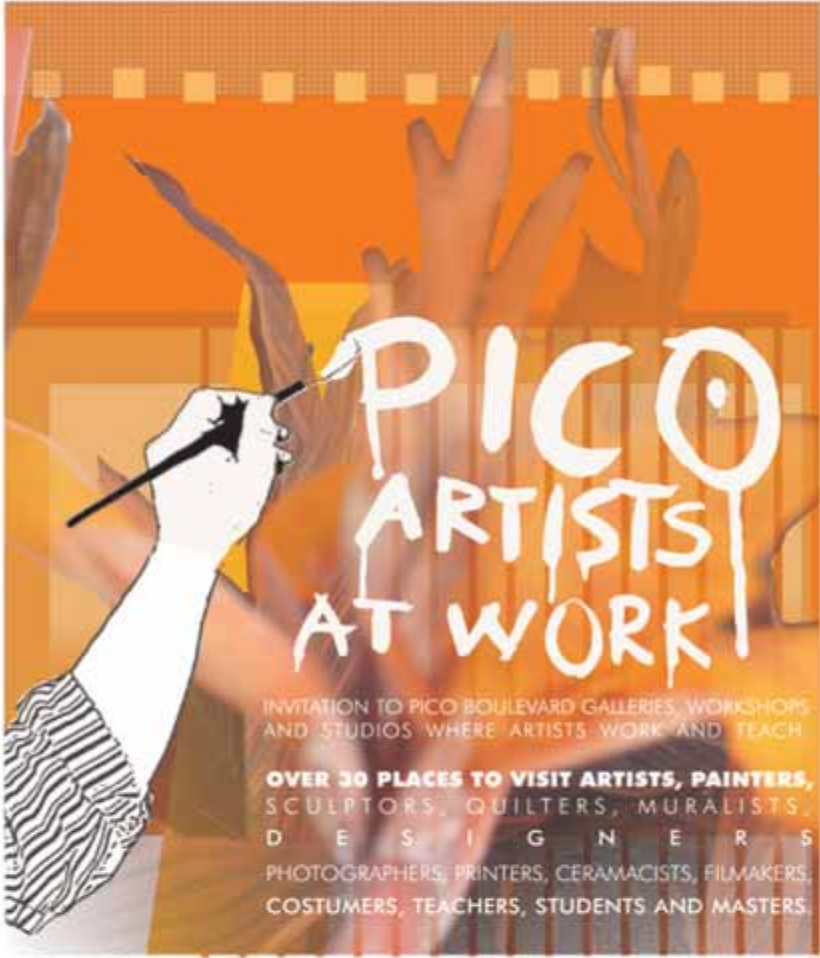
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Don't go green just yet: Salinas lettuce recalled for E. coli threat

BY RACHEL KONRAD

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Less than a week after the Food and Drug Administration lifted its warning on fresh spinach grown in California's Salinas Valley, a popular brand of lettuce grown in the region has been recalled over concerns of E. coli contamination.

Salinas-based Nunes Company Inc. initiated a voluntary recall Sunday of green leaf lettuce purchased last week under the Foxy brand name. Foxy is one of the nation's largest suppliers of lettuce, celery, broccoli, vegetable platters and stir-fry mixes.

So far, the lettuce does not appear to have caused any illnesses, the company said in a statement.

The recall covered lettuce purchased in grocery stores Oct. 3-6 in Arizona, California, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. It was also sold to distributors in those states who may have sold it to restaurants.

The recalled lettuce was packaged as "Green Leaf 24 Count, waxed carton," and "Green Leaf 18 Count, cellophane sleeve, returnable carton." Packaging is stamped with lot code 6SL0024.

Executives ordered the recall after learning that water used to irrigate lettuce fields may have been contaminated with E. coli, according to the company statement. E. coli can proliferate in uncooked produce, raw milk, unpasteurized juice, contaminated water and meat.

Vice President Tom Nunes Jr. and attorney Brett R. Harrell did not respond Sunday

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to phone calls and an e-mail seeking comment.

FDA spokeswoman Julie Zawisza said the federal agency is aware of the company's voluntary recall but had no details on the case.

"As a standard course of action, we would expect the firm to identify the source of the contamination and take steps to ... ensure that it doesn't happen again," Zawisza wrote in an e-mail Sunday.

It's unclear whether bacteria in the Salinas Valley lettuce fields comes from the same source as the E. coli found in spinach that has sickened nearly 200 people and has been linked to three deaths nationwide.

Pathogenic Escherichia coli bacteria, or E. coli, may cause diarrhea and bloody stools. Although most healthy adults recover from the illness within a week without long-term side effects, some people may develop a form of kidney failure called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome.

The illness is most likely to occur in young children, senior citizens and people with compromised immune systems. In extreme cases, it can lead to kidney damage or death.

The recall at Nunes Company, a family owned business with more than 20,000 acres of cropland in Arizona and California, comes days after federal agents searched two Salinas Valley produce companies connected to the nationwide spinach scare.

Candidates shell out the dough

DISCLOSURE, from page 1

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School Board and the Santa Monica College board of trustees — each deemed crucial to the future of local education — have raised more than \$84,000, with Louise Jaffe pulling in the bulk of the contributions, with \$32,839, according to the latest campaign disclosure statements filed with the City Clerk's Office last week.

Thursday, Oct. 5, marked the first time candidates had to file campaign disclosure statements with the City Clerk. The statements detail campaign contributions received and expenditures made from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30.

The candidate with the most money, while not guaranteed victory, stands a better chance of reaching voters via expensive mailers, campaign literature and community events. An average mailer can cost anywhere between \$10,000 and \$25,000, depending on how detailed it is and the sheer number of voters to whom it is sent.

The closest competitor to Jaffe, a candidate for the SMC board, is former City Councilman and Santa Monica Superior Court Judge David Finkel, with \$13,269, followed by Thomas Donner, SMC's former financial guru, with \$13,030.

Incumbent Nancy Greenstein, the lone trustee running for re-election, has received just \$3,550.

No information was available for candidates Susanna Bracke and Andrew Walzer. The City Clerk has yet to receive any statements from them, however, they could have filed just before last Thursday's deadline.

A candidate can opt to run a campaign

without raising funds, however, if they receive or spend more than \$1,000, they are then required to file a campaign disclosure statement, a spokesperson for the City Clerk's Office said. If not, they can be subject to fines.

BEING SEATED

In the race to fill four seats on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified school board, incumbent Oscar de la Torre leads the pack in fundraising with \$7,983 to date. Challenger Kelly Pye, a former advertising representative with the Santa Monica Outlook, is a close second with \$6,864, followed by incumbents Emily Bloomfield (\$5,325) and Shane McCloud (\$1,965).

No information was available for Barry Snell or Sidonie Smith, who is rumored to have dropped out of the race, although her name will still appear on the ballot. Smith could not be reached for comment.

Candidates received the majority of their contributions from residents, including those who are heavily involved in education, such as faculty with the school district and SMC. Most of the contributions were around \$100. Much of the money has been used to pay for campaign literature, office supplies and postage for mailers.

In the all-important "cash balance" category, Jaffe, who accepted a loan of \$6,000, has \$18,213 available, followed by Finkel, with \$9,653, Greenstein (\$8,083) and Donner (\$6,286), who loaned himself \$5,600.

In the school board race, de la Torre has \$5,921 available, followed by Pye (\$4,791), who loaned herself \$2,500, Bloomfield (\$3,684) and McCloud (\$1,899).

Schwarzenegger, Angelides contesting black vote in LA

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD

AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES — Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and challenger Phil Angelides chased votes Sunday in the city's historically black heartland, each seeking to galvanize a Democratic-leaning bloc likely to play an important role in the Nov. 7 election.

Angelides appeared at the Ward A.M.E. Church in South Los Angeles, where he told parishioners: "We live in the richest state in the wealthiest nation in human history. But we have enormous challenges." The governor and his wife, Maria Shriver, visited a social-services program run by community activist "Sweet Alice" Harris.

The black community has long provided a trove of Democratic votes on Election Day, but Schwarzenegger has been aggressively courting black pastors and lining up endorsements. Angelides has been highlighting his support for additional educational spending and programs that benefit inner-city children, issues with strong resonance in the black community.

Recent independent polls have found Angelides tied with or trailing the governor in traditional Democratic areas of the state, suggesting that he has yet to stir widespread excitement among blacks and other core party voters. The same surveys show his Democratic support at roughly 60 percent, considerably below what a statewide Democratic candidate typically would need to win.

"They both need the black vote but Angelides has the most at risk," said Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, who teaches political science at the University of Southern California. "The wooing of the black electorate for Angelides goes to his need to mobilize his Democratic base. For Schwarzenegger, he has to pull away those black votes."

With only about a third of California voters registered Republican, the governor must win over a swath of Democratic and independent voters to claim a second term.

Schwarzenegger was greeted with a smile and hug from Harris, who runs job-training and social service programs in a string of squat homes in South Los Angeles.

Harris said she was focused on getting help from Schwarzenegger to help ailing Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center, which is facing a restructuring plan after years of failed inspections and patient deaths linked to poor care.

She waved off questions about the election, but lavishly praised the governor. "He's here to help us," she said. Harris supported Angelides' rival in the Democratic primary, state Controller Steve Westly.

The governor, after touring facilities with Harris, said he was determined to see the hospital improved.

"You have my promise," he said.

Among his efforts to attract support, Schwarzenegger has been luring black clergy to the same after-school aid program that was a springboard for his political career. About \$500 million in state grant money for schools, nonprofit groups and faith-based institutions is available this year for the first time under Proposition 49, the initiative Schwarzenegger promoted in 2002.

In recent months, the governor's staff has been offering black churches help in applying for the competitive grants as part of an effort to peel off black support from Angelides. The grants will be dispensed by the California Department of Education, run by the superintendent of public instruction, Democrat Jack O'Connell.

Angelides called the effort "wholly inappropriate."

"Where's the governor been for all these years?" Angelides said in a telephone interview Sunday. Black voters "know in their hearts they can trust me all the time, just not the 60 days before the election."

Angelides or Democratic leaders have visited 34 black churches in the last four months as part of an effort to drive up turnout. But with no blacks among the major party candidates for statewide office, some analysts say there is doubt about a strong black turnout.

Later in the morning, Angelides' statewide bus tour stopped for a rally with other Democratic candidates at a Los Angeles party office, where a boisterous crowd cheered his attacks on the governor and the Bush administration.

The state's Democratic senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, took turns questioning Schwarzenegger's credibility and political convictions.

Citing a dispute over state education funding, Feinstein said it began a battle over "whether Arnold Schwarzenegger is someone you can trust."

"Which Arnold Schwarzenegger are the people of California voting for?" Feinstein said.

Boxer urged voters to "come home," an appeal that appeared aimed at wavering Democrats.



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Weaning Worrier

Dear Worrier,

Congratulations on breast-feeding this far and continuing to look for a smooth weaning experience. Your daughter will benefit from your dedication and love ... lucky girl.

Weaning a middle-of-the-night feeding usually requires a comfortable rocker and patience. In the past, your daughter probably woke up, latched on and went back to sleep within a few minutes. She will wake up now and look to you to understand why you're not feeding her. While each child has a different reaction to this, most will cry a little and need to be swaddled and soothed with rocking or walking.

You may also want to find a key phrase that is comfortable for you. Something along the lines of: "Mama's body is not ready to feed you right now. It's time to go back to sleep," or "I know you want to be fed right now, but it's time to go back to sleep." The intent of these comments is to affirm her needs and feelings while beginning to wean. Allow yourself a few days of this behavior and re-evaluate how it's going.

At 18 months, your daughter is not depending on feeding for nutritional purposes. She is enjoying non-nutritive soothing. As such, some parents consider using a pacifier at this point, but that choice is yours. Good luck.

Dorie

Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Meek answers questions concerning children ages birth to 5 years old. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmusd.org, or call (310) 452-6132; fax (310) 452-6392.

Letting kids unload

Children need to discuss how school shootings affect psyche

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH

Associated Press Writer

For parents hoping to shield children from news of the recent school shootings across the country, the task is nearly impossible.

Today's adolescents and teens happen upon an endless amount of news while researching homework on the Internet or talking with friends through instant messaging systems, chat rooms and blogs. Some even receive news updates on their cell phones.

So while parents' instincts might be to shy away from talking about frightening real-life stories of harm to children, chances are they will need to confront the news instead. Some guidelines:

■ "Open up the conversation. If the child is saying they're not upset, you can drop the conversation," says Melissa Brymer, director of the terrorism and disaster programs at the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress at UCLA. "Some kids do need the parent or adult to take that first step."

She suggests talking at a time when you can focus on your child's verbal and nonverbal responses, perhaps after dinner. Bedtime isn't a good choice, since the child's anxiety could spiral late at night. "Explain that emergencies can happen in many different ways," says Brymer, "and that schools have crisis plans to make sure kids are safe so they can learn."

If you haven't done so already, get details on the disaster plan for your school district, including specifics on evacuation and how you can get accurate information during a crisis. Then reassure your child that you'll know how to reach him or her in an emergency.

■ Help children form their own plans. Brymer advises making a list of two or three trusted adults that your children can go to at school if they see a suspicious stranger or overhear students talking about committing violence. Ask if any new terms (such as "lockdown") confuse them, then discuss how you can contact each other if cell phone serv-

ice is jammed.

Do they know where the nearest pay phones are, and have they ever used one? Do they know how much change is needed to make a local call? They may never need this information, but having it can be emotionally empowering.

■ Discuss how the people who have carried out these attacks should have dealt with their anger. "This is a prime time, what we call a teachable moment, where you can discuss how to solve problems and ways to show anger that don't involve verbally or physically hurting someone," says Marilyn Tolbert, director of laboratory schools for Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.

Tolbert also recommends reminding children that they can always talk with you or others about their anger or fear.

■ Remind children how rare school shootings are. "If you figure how many schools there are in the country," says Brymer, "we realize it feels more commonplace than it is. It's important to be putting it into context."

It is also useful to point out to smaller children that the images they see on television are the same shootings being repeated, not new violence. "We saw after 9/11 that very young kids who kept seeing the images of buildings crashing thought there were buildings crashing every day," says Brymer. It can also help to let them know just how far away these recent events took place from their own community.

You can express confidence in school safety, without promising that violence won't happen. "We don't want to lie to them," Tolbert says. "I would err toward the side of saying, 'I feel very comfortable at your school and you feel safe there. They're taking every precaution.'" Remind your child that safety rules, such as requiring visitors to wear badges, are in place at their school to protect them.

■ If older children are watching a lot of news coverage of recent violence, says Brymer, you may want to limit their intake or ask again how they're feeling. Watching some coverage can be helpful to clarify misinformation they may have gotten from their peers, but consuming too much violent imagery can intensify their anxiety.

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UNDERWOOD FAMILY FARMS
Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes are available here as well as tractor and pony rides, a corn maze and food. Open 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Oct. 1– 28 and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Oct. 29 -31. \$3 per person weekdays, kids 2 and under are free. Extra charge for moon-bounce, pony rides and some other activities. Free parking. 3370 Sunset Valley Ranch, Moorpark, 805-529-3690, www.underwoodfamilyfarms.com.

FAULKNER FARM PUMPKIN PATCH and HARVEST FESTIVAL
Activities include exploring a giant sunflower forest and hayrides; 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. 14292 W. Telegraph Rd., Santa Paula, 805-525-2226, www.faulknerfarm.com.

SATURDAYS THRU OCT. 28
WAKE UP with the WAVES CHILDREN'S CONCERT SERIES
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Pier presents this free interactive concert series for young children including singing, dancing and movement, puppets, talent shows, dress-up, face-painting, balloon art and bubbles. www.santamoniciapier.org.

SAT., OCT. 14
A CLEANING FESTIVAL with ED BEGLEY, JR. – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Learn about nontoxic cleaning products and participate in a clean-off. Kids are especially welcome! FREE! Livingreen, 10000 Culver Blvd., Culver City, 310-838-8442.

FRANKLIN FAMILY CAMPFIRE – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Family fun with stories, singing and s'mores. FREE! Sooky Goldman Nature Center Amphitheater, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills, 310-858-7272, xt. 131.

SUN., OCT. 15
JAMMIN' in the CANYON – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
An outdoor musical school festival and fundraiser hosted by Don Cheadle featuring the English Beat and other acts. Canyon Charter School, 421 Entrada Dr., Santa Monica, 310-285-8196, www.jammininthecanyon.org.

SAT. & SUN., SEPT. 30 – OCT. 29 – 12:30 & 3:00 p.m.
"ABSOLUTELY HALLOWEEN" at the Santa Monica Playhouse.
The heartwarming tale of a sweet, young girl named Candy who learns some surprising lessons about life, love, laughter and sugar from an intriguing cast of characters as they try to save Halloween. 1211 4th St., 310-394-9779 for reservations, \$10.50 ages 12 and under, \$12.50 adults.

EVERY SAT. & SUN. – 10:00 a.m.
Enjoy a G-rated movie for kids every Sat. and Sun. at The Bridge Cinema Deluxe. Playing in October – Strawberry Shortcake "Sweet Dreams Movie." Tickets are \$3.50. 6081 Center Drive, LA, 310-568-3375.

Tuesday

Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmomms for details.

Storytelling and Library Programs
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Baby Time – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years.
Spanish and Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.
Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3, current session thru Oct. 10.
Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2, current session thru Oct. 10.
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages. 9/26, 10/24 & 11/21 – Terrific Tuesdays – 3:30 p.m. Stories and crafts for K-2nd graders.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304
Story Time for Twos – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Tiny Tuesdays Storytime at Storyopolis For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class - 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
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Yoga & Exercise
Exhale Center for Sacred Movement, 245 S. Main St., Venice. Pre/Post Natal – 11:25 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. 450-7676, exhalespa.com. Single class \$17, package of ten \$135.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00

p.m.
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and work-out at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.
YoMama Yoga – 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks – 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes. yogababyla.com

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – 4:30 p.m. - separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling and Library Programs
The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Current session thru Oct. 11 for both
Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2, current session thru Oct. 18.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-8304.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd, - 310-458-8621
10/25 & 11/29 - Creative Kids' Club – 3:30 p.m. – Stories and crafts for K-2nd graders.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
Border's, Westwood – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 5 to 36 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

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YoMama Yoga – 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks – 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes.
Prenatal Yoga – 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$18 single class, \$85 for five classes. yogababyla.com
Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., \$15
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

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The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981, drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 – 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03, Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling and Library Programs
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Current session thru Oct. 12 for:
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 11:20 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m., current session thru Oct. 19.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Current session thru Oct. 5
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
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Prenatal Yoga – 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. \$18 single class, \$85 for five classes.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Groups
La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups 11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05; 12:30 p.m. – playgroup for babies born since March 2006. Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.
Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, \$3 hour minimum. Reservations required,

470-4997. www.childsplayonline.net

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; Playtime/Parent Support - 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881 for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise
Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa – 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 – 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

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 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-BOOK.
Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m., 454-4063. 826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info @825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Classes
YWCA – Toddler & Me - 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.; Parent Enrichment once per month , 11:00 a.m. – noon, call Barbara Olinger at 452-3881 for rates and dates.

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Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. 1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonica yoga.com
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Just a smokescreen

Archaeologists dig through the ashes to find long-forgotten society

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN

Associated Press Writer

DESCANSO, Calif. — Margaret Hangan finds history in ashes.

As a Forest Service archaeologist, she scours the smoldering moonscapes left by wildfires for signs of long-gone civilizations.

After the Horse Fire burned through forest land just east of San Diego last summer, Hangan found flat-topped granite boulders that 2,000 years ago were part of a Kumeyaay tribe village.

As she worked, an oak tree still burned nearby, its solid trunk a living ember.

"This place was happening," Hangan said of the village. "They had water, food, grass for baskets — everything they needed."

Forest Service archaeologists have found more than 318,000 historic sites in federal parkland. Thousands more have been unearthed by workers in state parks.

Still, the search goes on, with experts in fire-prone areas from California to Arkansas often relying on wildfires to clear dense underbrush and reveal the remnants of villages and campgrounds.

"Fires are a double-edged sword," said Richard Fitzgerald, an archaeologist for California state parks. "They can be very

destructive, but after a big fire you can find new sites, even in areas that have been surveyed before."

During the gargantuan Day Fire that burned for nearly a month in Los Padres National Forest north of Los Angeles, fire crews found an abandoned gold mining camp and an adobe homestead from the 1800s.

After the fire was fully contained Oct. 2, archaeologists prepared to conduct a wide survey, including an area where teams discovered 10 sites after a smaller fire in June. Among other things, they found a cave with rock art and a site with unusual beads made from freshwater shells.

"The Day Fire was a much more intense fire, so it will be interesting to see what we find," said Patricia Likins, an archaeologist assigned to Los Padres National Forest.

Federal and state agencies said the majority of historic site discoveries are made after fires. David Jurney, an archaeologist in the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest in Arkansas, estimated his teams make four times as many finds during post-fire surveys than they do digging through overgrown stretches of forest.

Most finds are small, yielding thumbnail-sized scatters of rock flakes left behind by hunters sharpening arrowheads or piles of rich brown earth, called midden, that remain from prehistoric kitchen scraps.

In rare instances, fires unveil large structures. Archaeologists discovered fortress-like stone walls after the 2003 Cedar Fire ravaged Cuyamaca State Park northeast of San Diego.

During fires, archaeologists sometimes move with firefighters to help prevent damage to already recorded sites. Bulldozers are often directed to work around settlements, and helicopter pilots are warned against dropping fire retardant on rocks decorated with delicate pictographs.

"The No. 1 goal is to put the fire out, but there's flexibility in how that's done," said Paul Claeysens, a Forest Service archaeologist in Oregon.

Fire crews working near existing sites can also set controlled backfires that burn at lower temperatures than wild blazes that can get so hot that rocks simply explode, obliterating any possible traces of past civilizations.

After the Horse Fire, Hangan was relieved to find the boulders in the ancient Kumeyaay village intact. The granite stones were pocked with "bedrock mortars," man-made oval depressions once used for grinding seeds or meal from acorns gathered in the forest.

"Someone really loved these rocks," Hangan said.

Because many sites contain Indian artifacts or burial grounds, trained tribe members often join professional archaeologists for post-fire hunts.

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LOS ANGELES

Kids a little short on cash

Officials said they are struggling to raise funds needed to finish the \$52 million Children's Museum of Los Angeles slated to open in late 2007.

Some \$14 million is still needed to complete the first major museum in the San Fernando Valley, a suburb north of downtown, according to director Mark Dierking.

The museum has received fewer donations than expected from philanthropists in the Valley. "A lot of our money is coming from over the hill" in Los Angeles, Dierking said.

Of nearly \$38 million raised as September, \$17 million comes from public coffers, with most of the \$21 million balance donated by non-Valley residents.

The 57,000-square-foot museum will replace the downtown Civic Center Children's Museum, which closed in 2000 for lack of space.

LOS ANGELES

At the kennel of Eden

Animal control officials have unveiled a renovated shelter they hope will be more inviting for people seeking to adopt pets, and healthier for the creatures themselves.

The North Central shelter, whose \$10.1 million renovation was funded by 2000's Proposition F, is modeled after a botanical garden, with running water fountains and greenery.

In the dog kennel section, floors are heated for cool days and an overhead misting system is in place for hot ones. The canines also will have private cages.

The shelter has a free-flight aviary for birds and shaded hutches for rabbits. A "catery" is in the works where felines can roam free.

Most of the facility is open-air, which keeps the animals cleaner and healthier, animal services general manager Ed Boks said. It also "encourages people to relax and get to know the animals," he said.

AZUSA

Gun runners going

Firearms enthusiasts are preparing for the Nov. 5 closure of a local gun club that has operated for 60 years.

The San Gabriel Gun Club, whose sharpshooters are said to have included Clark Gable and Gary Cooper, had been struggling to stay in operation after the city rezoned the area for residential development, club director Tom Williams said.

"It's a matter of human density," he said. "There are so many people pushing in, and it squeezes places like this out."

Residents in nearby housing developments have complained about noise and safety concerns, officials said. The property would have been rezoned anyway, but those complaints expedited the process, they said.

Some homeowners said the firing range no longer fit the town's character.

"This is not a rural-type town anymore," resident Russ Rentschler said. "This is an urban town."

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Republican lawmakers seek to defend Hastert; still signs of more turmoil in GOP

BY HOPE YEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Republicans rallied behind House Speaker Dennis Hastert, trying to present a united front to deal with the congressional page sex scandal that's rocked the GOP a month before midterm elections.

A claim by Rep. Adam Putnam, R-Fla., that "the dirty laundry in our conference is gone" may be premature.

Putnam sat in for New York Rep. Tom Reynolds, who canceled an appearance on ABC's "This Week" because, said an aide, he was suffering from a "flu-like" ailment. Reynolds is facing a tough re-election fight against Democrat Jack Davis.

Reynolds has been criticized by Democrats who say he did too little to protect a male teenage page from Rep. Mark Foley, the Florida Republican who resigned Sept. 29 after disclosure of his inappropriate electronic messages to former congressional pages. Foley is now under investigation by federal and Florida authorities.

Putnam, who heads the Republican Policy Committee, sought to make the case that Hastert's office "acted proactively, they acted aggressively, and within hours of the explicit e-mails coming to light, they demanded Foley's resignation."

"The dirty laundry in our conference is gone," he said. The problems still surround the Foley case. One Republican lawmaker said Sunday that those who participated in a cover-up would have to resign.

"Anybody that hindered this in any kind of way, tried to step in the way of hiding this, covering it up, is going to have to step down. Whoever that is," said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va.

The House ethics committee is investigating the matter. If it finds evidence of a cover-up, the punishment could range from a mild rebuke in a committee report to a House vote of censure or expulsion.

Rep. Patrick McHenry, R-N.C., said Democrats should be investigated to see whether they leaked the explicit e-mails to gain a political advantage before the elections, although the lawmaker acknowledged he had no evidence indicating that was the case.

Responded Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y.: "I think it's ridiculous. But if I was in a bind, as the Republicans are now, I guess I would be reaching for straws. But it's sad."

Hastert, R-Ill., last week tried to blame the Democrats and the news media for leaking the story but then accepted

responsibility. He's resisted pressure to resign his speaker's post over his handling of the scandal.

"There's been a lot of ducking and dodging and diving and weaving," said Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill. "There is a lot of fingerpointing that had gone on earlier in the week, but I do think people are behind the speaker now."

Republicans have mixed views on the upcoming elections.

"This is going to be the most difficult 30 days in the last 12 years that we've been the majority party," LaHood said. The GOP took power after the 1994 election.

Putnam said voters are more focused on an improving economy as well as Iraq and the fight against terrorism, although the page scandal will have an effect.

"It certainly has put members all across the country in the position of having to answer uncomfortable questions about tawdry deeds by a former colleague," he said.

Because of the scandal, Davis said "there's no oxygen" for issues that are important to people and that's hurting Republicans. He called 30 days an eternity in politics but that "it's a tough lift right now. ... There are so many races in the margins."

Almost half of Americans surveyed in a recent Associated Press-Ipsos poll said recent disclosures of corruption and scandal will be extremely or very important to their vote.

More than half of those surveyed in a Newsweek poll released this weekend believe Hastert tried to cover up news of Foley's messages to the pages. That poll gives Democrats the advantage on handling moral values, normally a Republican strong point.

On the day after Foley resigned, Reynolds said he had told Hastert months ago about concerns that Foley had sent inappropriate messages once Reynolds became aware of them.

Hastert since has insisted he was not aware of the charges until more recently. Reynolds, meanwhile, now says he cannot remember exactly when he learned of Foley's e-mails or when he told Hastert about them.

Reynolds began an ad campaign Saturday in which he apologized for not doing more.

"Nobody's angrier and more disappointed that I didn't catch his lies," Reynolds says. "I trusted that others had investigated. Looking back, more should have been done, and for that, I am sorry."

Putnam was on ABC, McHenry and Rangel appeared on CNN's "Late Edition," Davis and LaHood were on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Evangelicals, Catholics unite to target abortion

BY RICHARD N. OSTLING

Associated Press Writer

Again this year, abortion, with its religious overtones, is playing out in the political campaigns.

After the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion in 1973, many evangelical Protestants became energized about this and other moral questions, working to an unprecedented extent alongside Roman Catholics.

What are U.S. religious blocs' sizes _ and potential political clout?

A Baylor University survey calls white evangelicals the biggest bloc (33.6 percent of Americans) with the Catholics in third place (21.2 percent), just edged by the white "mainline" Protestants (22.1 percent).

University of Akron polling also ranks evangelicals first (33.4 percent if Latino Protestants and evangelicals within mainline denominations are included) but puts Catholics second and mainliners third. Black Protestants rank fourth.

That's the context for the latest declaration from Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT), which denounces abortion as well as euthanasia, assisted suicide and stem-cell research that destroys human embryos.

ECT is an unofficial group convened by Catholic priest Richard John Neuhaus of First Things magazine and Baptist prison evangelist Charles Colson. The statement, "That They May Have Life," ran in Neuhaus' magazine.

The Catholic participants, led by Cardinal Avery Dulles, affirm official church teaching.

The evangelical endorsers represent only themselves but they're influential, including: megachurch pastors Bill Hybels and Rick Warren; respected theologians including J.I. Packer; and the heads of Wheaton College and Calvin, Fuller, Gordon-Conwell and other seminaries. Family Research Council's Tony Perkins is the only "religious right" activist involved.

One signer, Christianity Today editor David Neff, says abortion is willful taking of innocent human life but ECT errs politically by calling it "murder."

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Lean to ‘Central’

Stewart, Colbert plan to stay put

Those people wearing “Stewart/Colbert ‘08” T-shirts can stop hoping — Comedy Central’s fake news stars have no intention of making a run for the White House.

JON STEWART said the T-

shirts promoting him and Stephen Colbert “are a real sign of how sad people are” with the state of affairs in the country.

“Nothing says ‘I am ashamed of my government’ more than ‘Stewart/Colbert ‘08,’ Stewart

told an audience Sunday at the New Yorker Festival. He was interviewed by the magazine’s editor, David Remnick.

Stewart, who recently hosted Pakistan’s president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, on “The Daily

Show,” said he’s been trying to get top Bush administration officials to appear. “We have requests in there to everyone including Barney,” Stewart said. “Only Barney replies.” Barney is the president’s Scottish terrier.

Stewart scoffed at suggestions that some people actually get their news from “The Daily Show.”

“There’s no way you could get the news from us,” he said. “I’ve seen the show. It couldn’t happen.”

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Director is making do without English

PEDRO ALMODOVAR says he would like to make a movie in English but is scared of losing his independence in Hollywood.

“Part of my career I would like to make a movie in English,” the Oscar-winning Spanish director said Saturday at a New Yorker Festival event, adding that he had been approached several times to make a film in the United States.

But he said he feared the

Hollywood production system. “I was always scared of losing my independence and freedom.

“My experience, talking with other directors here, even Scorsese, I said, ‘Oh my God, this is incredible. I feel more lucky than you, I mean I work in much better conditions than you.’ It was Scorsese.”

Almodovar said in the past he had been interested in making films based on several novels in English, such as “The Silence of

the Lambs,” “The Hours,” “The Accidental Tourist” and “The Human Stain.” But he found out their film rights had already been sold. He would do a film in English, but with European money, he said.

Almodovar’s latest film “Volver” — a comic drama starring Penelope Cruz about women making do without men — has been chosen to represent Spain among movies vying to be candidates for the best

foreign film Oscar. It opens in the United States in November.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will announce its five candidates for best foreign film Jan. 23. The Oscar ceremony will be held Feb. 25.

Almodovar’s “All About My Mother” won the 2000 Oscar for best foreign film and “Talk to Her” won the 2003 Oscar for best original screenplay.

AP

Believe it or not, everything must go

JACK PALANCE is auctioning off the contents of his north-eastern Pennsylvania home: more than 3,000 items collected from around the world.

The three-day auction starts Thursday, and items going on the block range from the screen legend’s old straw hat to an 1878 Steinway & Sons grand piano.

“People can spend \$5 or \$50,000 at this auction,” said Phil Eagle, an antique appraiser

who traveled from California to sort and catalog the items to be sold.

Palance, the son of a coal miner and a native of nearby Lattimer Mines, collected most of the items during trips around the world filming movies.

The 87-year-old actor, who won the best supporting actor Oscar in 1992 for “City Slickers,” also is parting with more than 1,400 books, posters from his movies, his

high school championship football banners and memorabilia, movie props, his saddle, boots and vest.

Several classic cars will be sold, along with a horse-drawn carriage that is being stored in the barn alongside furniture, antique store display cases, salvaged railings and architectural pieces.

Palance, who is of Ukrainian descent, had purchased the contents of a Ukrainian church that closed, and stained glass,

pews, icons and other religious items also will be auctioned.

Keystone State Auctioneers Inc. is preparing for a crowd of up to 1,000 at Palance’s property.

The 150-acre Holly-Brooke Farm, named for Palance’s daughters, was a retreat for the actor and his family. It is not known what will happen to the site, about 85 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

AP

‘Alias’ star’s next combatant — Chagas

Argentine actress MIA MAESTRO, who played a lethal spy on TV’s “Alias,” is lending her fame to fight a real killer.

She is trying to bring awareness about Chagas disease, which infects about 12 million people in Central and South America.

Chagas disease can cause high fever, swelling, enlarge-

ment of the spleen, liver and lymph nodes, and inflammation of the heart. Most people infected do not get sick, but the disease can be fatal.

It is little known in the United States, where about 100,000 residents have been infected.

“Chagas is a disease that I grew up hearing about because my mom is from the north of

Argentina,” Maestro told The Associated Press on Saturday. “I’m very familiar with it, but I had no idea few people know about it. So whatever I can do to raise awareness, I’ll do it.”

Maestro, 28, has appeared in “The Motorcycle Diaries,” “Frida” and “The Poseidon Adventure.”

She attended Saturday’s

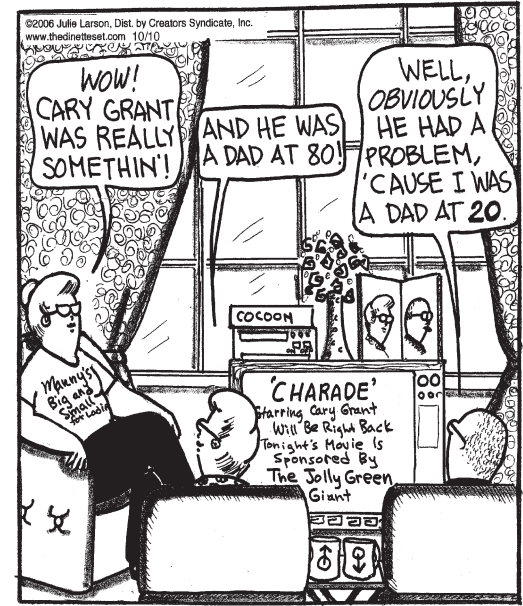
screening of the documentary “Chagas: A Hidden Affliction,” which opened the Los Angeles Latino International Film Festival.

“I call Chagas the AIDS of the poor,” said Ricardo Preve, the film’s director. “It’s a silent killer and we’re not doing anything about it because of a lack of education.”

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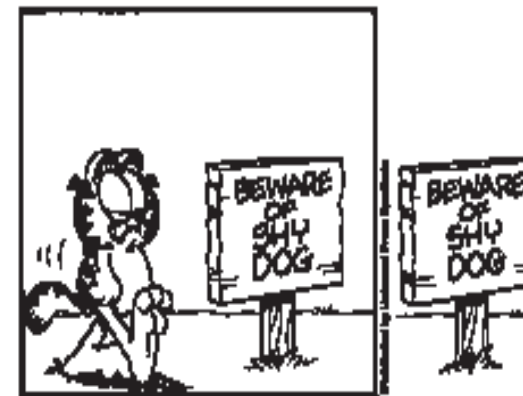
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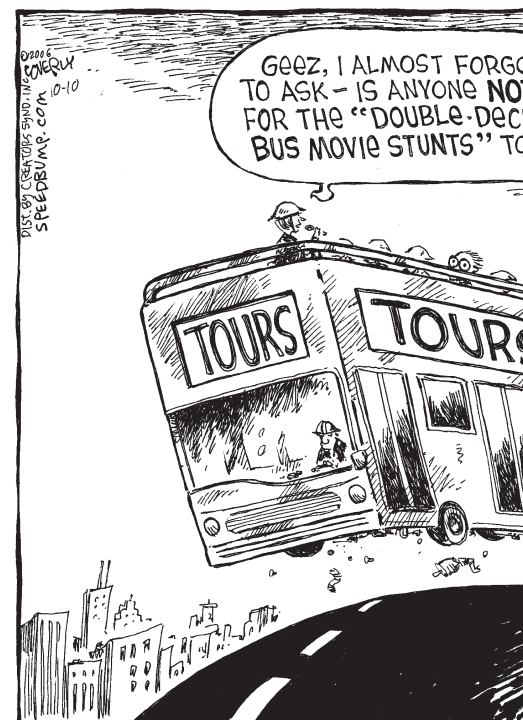
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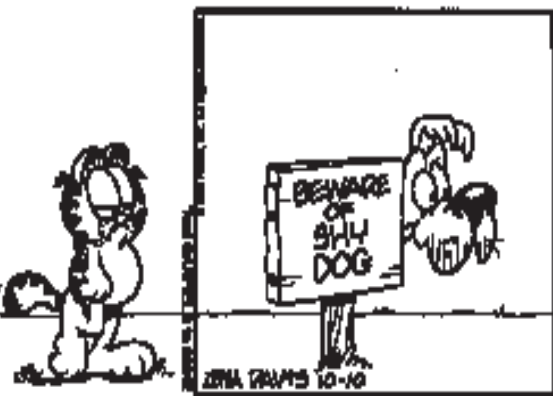
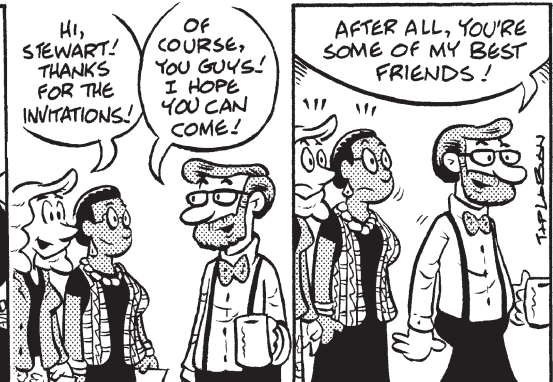
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO AD- MINISTER ESTATE OF: ROSA PAULSON CASE NO. SP006936

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has
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JR. in the Superior Court of Califor-
nia, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE re-
quests that GEORGE BERGLUND,
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the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the deced-
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admitted to probate. The WILL and
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nation in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to
administer the estate under the In-
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actions without obtaining court ap-
proval. Before taking certain very im-
portant actions, however, the per-
sonal representative will be required
to give notice to interested persons
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