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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ Furious at a rush-hour accident that blocked traffic in the Boston suburb of Weymouth, motorist (and software engineer) Anna Gitlin, 25, went ballistic at a police officer and then allegedly bumped him with her car, screaming, "I don't care who (expletive) deleted by the Boston Globe) died. I'm more important!" (June).

■ Joseph DiGirolamo, 43, distraught over domestic problems, allegedly barricaded himself inside an ex-girlfriend's home in Boston and hurled household items (TV set, room air conditioner, broomstick, a pot of boiling water) at police officers, threatening to kill them, before he was subdued (May).



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Experience teaches you to recognize a mistake when you've made it again."

— Unknown



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Del Pastrana/Daily Press

Members of the Los Angeles Running Club stretch outside of the Adidas store on the Promenade Monday night. The club has a weekly three-mile run that begins and ends at the store. The run is open to the public.

Locals only: New park rules going to the dogs

Multi-million dollar park for SM only

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Officials don't want the public's newest park going to the dogs so they have put a muzzle on those who live outside of the city.

It was decided last week that only canines who live in Santa Monica can use the new multi-million Airport Park, which will open in 2006.

The Santa Monica City Council's decision had plenty of dog owners from nearby cities barking over being excluded from the exclusive off-leash area, which will be a popular part of the 8.3-acre park.

Because dogs aren't allowed on LA beaches and are only permitted in parks on a leash, the exclusion doesn't leave dog owners with many options on where they can take their pets.

Non-residents who live in the neighborhoods surrounding the Santa Monica Airport, where the park will be built, pleaded with council members to reconsider the

restriction. They argued they will be impacted by increased traffic and other effects of the park, so they should be entitled to enjoy the off-leash area.

"We have a lot of dogs to manage."

— KAREN GINSBURG

Assistant director,
Community and cultural services

"We are Santa Monica," said Tom Ponton, chairman of the Mar Vista Community Council, a neighborhood group. "We don't have walls and fences between Santa Monica and LA in this area. Many of us that live in Mar Vista work in Santa Monica. Almost all of us shop in Santa Monica ... and vice versa.

"There's really no border there," he added. "This just feels like Santa Monica is trying to create a border."

But council members said there is

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Convicted landlord answers to allegations

Jaroslava Liska says she was pressured into plea agreement

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

After nearly a year of silence, a local landlord who was recently convicted of criminal tenant harassment said Monday her tenants are lying about her alleged discrimination against them.

But now that she has been convicted criminally, it remains to be seen whether or not Jaroslava Liska can escape the charges levied in a civil lawsuit against her.

Liska, who has owned the building at 1711 Delaware Ave. for 16 years, was sued in January by a Mexican-American family and a black mother of five children. In the civil suit, the Latino family accuses Liska of trying to force them out so she could raise the rent. And Aricka Traylor said Liska refused to rent an apartment to her because she's black.

Until recently, Liska was represented by attorney Eric Meller,

"I am a gentle person. I never hurt anybody, I never discriminate against anybody."

— JAROSLAVA LISKA
Landlord

who declined to comment on the allegations. But with Santa Monica attorney Rosario Perry, who specializes in landlord-tenant disputes, now representing her, Liska said she's confident she will prevail in court.

However, Liska raised some doubt about her innocence when she pleaded no contest in August to criminal charges brought by City Hall. Her plea also has raised some question about how it will affect the civil lawsuit against her.

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Clean fuel 'green' cars mean faster commute

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Motorists driving clean fuel "green" cars are enjoying life in the fast lane.

Alternative fuel vehicles allow more than 5,520 California drivers to steer into car pool lanes — alone.

"It's not a monetary incentive. (But) the way the freeways are in Los Angeles, I know a lot of people stuck in traffic look longingly over at the car pool lane and say, 'oh, if only.' It's an extra incentive," Air Resources Board spokesman Richard Varenchik said.

Dozens of models of cars and trucks qualify for the decal that lets them legally use the car pool lane, a benefit outlined in Assembly Bill 71 that became law in July 2000 to encourage use

of alternative-fuel vehicles.

Half of the solo carpool lane drivers come from Los Angeles County, where 2,819 vehicles have decals in the program, the Department of Motor Vehicles reported.

The California Department of Transportation said the car pool lanes can handle the "green" cars without becoming congested, but the program would end if HOV traffic started to jam.

"The idea really is we can achieve two goals at the same time: One, continue to reduce congestion with expansion and use of HOV lanes, and two, help to clean the air with other technologies," Caltrans director Jeff Morales said.

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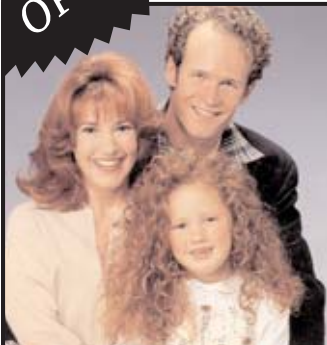
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You land on your feet if you listen to and honor your sixth sense. Sometimes you go in another direction, surprising others. You do much deep thinking this year and grow in new ways. Many of your reactions come from this additional insight. Follow your instincts. Others often seem combative to you. Don't take their opinions personally, but as a gift. If you are single, you easily could land in an off-the-wall relationship if you're not careful. Check out this person with care. If you are attached, you head in a new direction together, especially if you dedicate more downtime to each other. VIRGO reads you cold and would make a great therapist.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Understand that your high energy needs to go somewhere. Choose to direct it into a personal project or something else as significant. Work could benefit from this extra push, too. Your good will comes out with your cohorts. Tonight: You create a group event.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might want to have some words with someone who might be upsetting you on some level. A meeting could prove to be a volatile yet progressive event. A new friendship could bud into more if you allow it. Be very careful here, because both of you could go hook, line and sinker. Tonight: Romp the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to push very hard to have an opportunity fall your way, but cannot. Others seem to resist. Your positive spirit helps you break past a pattern and allows you more flex. A real estate investment might be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: At home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Keep communicating and telling others what you think are your good ideas. Not everyone has to agree, but unleashing a conversation like this might be quite helpful. You could be delighted by the exchange that occurs. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Use your strength of personality to achieve your goals in the early part of the day. People will be more responsive to that Lioness charm. Finances and emotional interactions take up a large part of your afternoon. Tonight: Go home and put the headphones on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Lie back during the day, as information comes forward. A partner could be quite hot under his or her hat, and you need to understand what is going on with him or her. The Moon slides into your sign later in the afternoon. Tonight: Beam in what you want. Others respond.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Sometimes you need to take your time thinking and working through a problem. You need to understand more of what is happening behind the scenes. Do your work, and observe others' behavior. Talk to a trusted friend. Tonight: Just for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Meetings bring the results you want and desire. You might not be sure about a particular associate, but you will be, as this person demonstrates his or her true colors. Network at the end of the day, allowing a more social occasion to happen. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)

★★★★ All eyes turn to you for answers and directions. You might not be comfortable with what you hear, especially if you determine someone could be on the warpath. Review information before making a decision. Just don't join in and put on war paint! Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your ability to get past uproar and tension gives you the status you need and want. Others might be confused by what goes down, but you could be quite excited about what you hear. Guide a project. Tonight: Hop on your computer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Others have different ideas from yours. Rather than get into a power struggle, see the positive in each idea, and see if you can utilize them all in some way. Teamwork brings extraordinary results. Go for the bottom line. Tonight: Togetherness works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Play today as if you were playing poker. Know that the cards aren't in your hand. Don't place a bet; allow everyone else to do that for you. As the result of your low-key status, you'll gain. Someone comes to you with something very special. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Map out SoCal's growth

By Daily Press staff

How to shape the future of Southern California will be on the minds of many this month.

The Southern California Association of Governments will hold the next workshop in a series of Southern California Compass' "Growth Visioning" regional workshops. The regional workshop will bring together community leaders, elected officials, business leaders and residents to develop strategies that will address growth and change in Los Angeles, Bentua, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial counties.

The Southern California Compass program is an effort among public, private, educational and non-profit groups to rethink the region's future. Led by the SCAG, the process provides information that will allow residents to explore options, develop growth alternatives and discuss those alternatives with others in the community. It is an inclusive, collaborative approach to bring communities together and solicit involvement at all levels to address the region's challenges.

The workshop will take place on Oct. 30 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m. Pre-registration is recommended as space is limited. Participants can register by calling 1(800) 337-4819 or by visiting www.socalcompass.org. The event, located at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center in the community meeting hall at 3330 Civic Center Dr., is open to the public and free.

Learn from a Tibetan Buddhist

By Daily Press staff

A defected, prominent Tibetan Buddhist will come to the area this month to talk about his philosophy on life and his experiences.

When the 17th Karmapa, head of one of the major lineages of Tibetan Buddhism, escaped from Chinese-held Tibet in early January of 2001, the news shook the world. Now world-renowned Tsewang Rinpoche is coming to Santa Monica with Michele Martin, one of his translators and biographers, to lecture about his experiences and escape.

While deciding to flee India, Rinpoche was the main organizer of the fight for freedom. He is internationally well known for his ability to present Buddhist teachings clearly, and for his courage and his delight in recounting tales of his many experiences.

Also presenting will be Martin, who has been a Buddhist practitioner for more than 30 years and has spent the last 15 years in Nepal and India studying with Tibetan lamas, and working as a translator of oral and written Tibetan. She is the author of Rinpoche's biography, "Music in the Sky: The Life, Art and Teachings of the Seventeenth Karmapa, Ogyen Trinley Dorje," which also will be discussed. She holds graduate degrees from Yale University. Her publications include numerous translations from Tibetan texts on philosophy and meditation, and also articles on Buddhism. For the last two years, she has translated for the Karmapa and currently lives in the Catskill Mountains in upstate New York.

The evening will include a lecture by Rinpoche on his escape from Tibet, as well as a slide show by Martin. The end of the evening will include a book signing and opportunity for conversations. Books must be purchased before the event.

The discussion will be held on Thursday, Oct. 30 at the Senior Recreational Center, at 1450 Ocean Ave. from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information, contact Daniel Kane at (310) 451-43568 or visit www.SantaMonicaKKSG.org.

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Christina S. Porter
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surf report

What a weekend. But unfortunately those swells wound down on Monday and this morning a combo of leftovers are in the water.

Old WNW swell winds down further and offers up waist-high surf at the good spots. New S swell builds through the day and looks best by the afternoon and into early Wednesday.

We'll also start to see new WNW swell build by the late afternoon and into Wednesday from storm activity off the coast. This looks good for surf in the waist-high range at the well exposed spots, with some bigger sets. Those waves wind down through the second half of the week.

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

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MONDAY	12:29	0.4	12:36	2.7	7:26	4.4	6:10	4.9
TUESDAY	1:03	0.2	1:15	2.0	7:41	4.8	7:02	5.2
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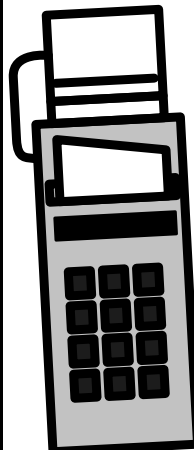
One is to give jobs created by City Hall, local schools and unions to at-risk and minority youth, as well as encourage employment opportunities within the private sector.

But some council members are concerned that creating new jobs without

re-evaluating the entire situation may not really help what some view as a societal problem.

"How should we address youth violence, and is creating jobs for them going to help?"

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LOCAL

Prominent attorney to join lawsuit against landlord

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Although attorneys for the families said they have a strong enough case without using the criminal charges, they will ask the court to consider them. However, Perry said he will ask that the criminal matter be dropped entirely.

Liska said she pleaded no contest because her former attorney advised her to. Fighting the charges would have meant thousands of dollars in legal fees and an uncertain outcome, she added.

Liska was sentenced to serve three years of probation and ordered to pay \$5,530 in fines. She pleaded no contest to two of five criminal counts against her under the city's tenant harassment ordinance. The law was passed by the City Council in 1995 to protect tenants from landlords seeking to profit illegally from vacancy decontrol, which allows landlords to raise the rent to market rate on rent-controlled units when tenants move out.

Lawyers for the Vivanco family, who pay \$654 for their two-bedroom unit, accuse Liska in a 200-page federal lawsuit of trying to force the Mexican-American family out of their rent-controlled apartment. They claim she yelled at the four Vivanco children, forbade them from playing outside and repeatedly overcharged the family in rent.

But Liska, a native of eastern Europe who rents an apartment on San Vicente Boulevard, said she has only spoken to the Vivanco children twice. The first time was when music coming from the apartment was so loud she couldn't talk to a contractor doing repair work. The other was when she was touring an adjacent apartment with a possible renter and the kids were bouncing a ball against the wall.

"You consider that harassment?" she said. "I am a gentle person. I never hurt anybody, I never discriminate against anybody."

Liska said she also posted a sign forbidding people from playing in the parking lot area because she was worried the kids would get hurt and she would get sued. When the family didn't obey the rules, Meller in December of 2002 sent them a 30-day eviction notice.

Liska said Traylor, who is suing for allegedly denying her rental application

because of her race, also is lying. She said the apartment wasn't even on the market when Traylor wanted to rent it.

Perry characterized the lawsuit against Liska as a money-making opportunity for the Vivancos and said they are asking for \$500,000 to settle it.

"The whole thing is preposterous," he said.

Dario Navarro, one of the Vivancos lawyers, declined to comment on the settlement negotiations. He reiterated his commitment to trying the case in court.

"If there was one thread of truth in Mr. Perry's statement, one would imagine that they would have challenged the criminal complaints, where the highest standard of proof is required," he said. "The record in the case speaks for itself ... this landlord has acted in a highly discriminative behavior towards people with children and people of color."

Navarro, who is joined by lawyer Denise McGranahan from the nonprofit Legal Aid Foundation on the case, said he expects Gary Rhoades, the former head of litigation for the Southern California Housing Rights Center, to also join the case in the next three weeks.

"It shows how strong this case is," he said, adding that there are sworn statements from other tenants, nearby neighbors and others who verify the Vivancos' story.

The civil case is scheduled to go before a federal judge in April.

While the legal wrangling plays out in the months leading up to the trial, the Vivanco family continues to rent the two-bedroom apartment in the Delaware Avenue building. The Vivancos are the last Latino family in the building and the last tenants who are protected by low rent-control rates, according to the lawsuit.

Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky, who prosecuted Liska on the criminal charges, said the case against Liska is unusually strong.

"What made this case different was the words coming out of the owner's own mouth confirming her state of mind — which is that she didn't want family with children living in the building," he said. "Often, owners are more sophisticated in trying to hide their discrimination."

Neighbors will fight restrictions

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too high a demand already on leash-free space for dogs in Santa Monica.

"It's very regrettable that it's an either-or situation but there doesn't seem to be any other solution," Mayor Richard Bloom said. "These issues are really thorny ... but the bottom line is our staff is very protective of the local community's right to have good access to the parks that we have."

The Airport Park, which is expected to cost nearly \$7 million, will be built next to the Santa Monica Airport in the southeast corner of the city. In addition to the one-acre dog area, the park includes two soccer fields, a picnic area, a children's playground, a paved path, restrooms and 116 parking spaces. All together, the park will increase the amount of open space in the city by 7 percent.

Karen Ginsburg, assistant director of City Hall's community and cultural services, said a number of inquires from out-of-towners wanting to use the park have

come into her department. But Ginsburg said all of those dog owners, some of who live just across the street from the park, will have to look elsewhere.

"We have a lot of dogs to manage," she said of the more than 5,000 registered dogs in Santa Monica. "And with this dog park we'll have just three small dog parks."

Animal control officers are charged with enforcing the law and will issue citations to out-of-towners who bring their dogs for a free roam in Santa Monica. The officers already patrol for illegal outsiders at off-leash areas in Joslyn and Pacific Street parks.

While officials are sticking to their plans for now, Ponton said he doesn't expect the restriction to last.

"There shouldn't be borders," he said, adding that Mar Vista officials plan to pressure City Hall to relax the law. "I really think that this is not something they can hold for too long. It's something that's going to be too outrageous to the people of Mar Vista, especially with the location of this park."

STATE

CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

Scuba diver drowns

By The Associated Press

OXNARD — A San Rafael scuba diver drowned off Anacapa Island.

Nicholas Armington, 40, had ascended from his fourth dive of the day about 2:30 p.m. Saturday when he signaled to people on the dive boat that he had a problem, authorities said. When divers from the boat reached him in the water, Armington was unresponsive.

Ventura County sheriff's deputies who were conducting scuba training nearby tried to revive Armington while transporting him to Channel Islands Harbor, but he was dead on arrival.

Armington was an experienced diver who had descended Saturday to recreational levels of less than 30 feet, authorities said.

Soldier a victim of domestic terrorism

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH — A Marine who earned a Purple Heart for being wounded by shrapnel in Iraq was shot to death while celebrating his return to the United States.

Lance Cpl. Sok Khak Ung, 22, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, and a family friend, Vouthy Tho, 21, were shot at 1:07 a.m. Sunday while partying in a garage.

A gunman reached over a wooden fence next to the garage and fired six to eight shots before fleeing, police spokeswoman Nancy Pratt said Sunday.

Ung, who earned a Purple Heart after he was hit by shrapnel from a land mine during his tour of duty in Iraq, was hit three times, once in the head and twice in the torso.

Tho, an aspiring rapper who was about to release an album, was shot once in the head and was in critical condition.

The motive for the shooting wasn't known.

Crow first West Nile case in SoCal

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH — A dead crow found near Bluff Park was the first in the city to have the West Nile virus.

The crow was found more than a week ago by a resident, city health director Ron Arias said. The bird was taken to a state laboratory, which confirmed Friday that it was infected with the virus.

"This is the first indication that infected birds are now flying through Long Beach," health officer Darryl Sexton. The incident is of concern because the virus is carried by birds and picked up by mosquitoes, which can then transmit the virus to humans, he said.

Sexton said the city's sentinel chicken flocks and mosquitoes captured in Long Beach have tested negative for the virus, "which means (the crow) wasn't bit in Long Beach."

West Nile has spread rapidly across the nation since it appeared in New York City in 1999. The virus causes no symptoms in about 80 percent of the people who get it, and flu-like symptoms in 10 percent to 15 percent. Less than 1 percent develop severe brain-lining or spinal cord inflammation, and there are few deaths.

The virus has sickened nearly 7,021 people and killed 152 nationwide this year.

McDonald's the latest in an alternative fuel source?

By The Associated Press

PORT HUENEME — McDonald's may soon fuel Seabee trucks.

A biodiesel refinery opening at the Naval Construction Battalion base on Oct. 30 processes vegetable oil for fuel. And Russell Teall's Santa Barbara-based Biodiesel Industries is on the verge of a deal with Ventura County, the U.S. Navy and the National Park Service.

In exchange for sharing 20,000 gallons a year of biodiesel with each of the agencies, they will share data with Teall on emissions, fuel economy and engine maintenance.

The Board of Supervisors, considering fire trucks as guinea pigs for the biodegradable fuel, will make a decision Tuesday.

Biodiesel, which can run in any diesel engine, has largely relied on soybean oil. Teall plans to use recycled cooking grease from the Navy commissary and a McDonald's restaurant at Naval Base Ventura County. Currently, they pay to have the oil carted away.

The Department of Energy said biodiesel lowers carbon monoxide by 43 percent, hydrocarbons by 56 percent and particulates by 55 percent. Currently, about 12 refineries produce 60 million to 80 million gallons of biodiesel a year, according to the National Biodiesel Board.

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LETTERS

Turned away by City Hall

Editor:

(This letter was originally addressed to the Santa Monica City Council).

I have to say I am very disappointed in the City Council as a whole. This is not the first letter that I have written to the Council on the lack of parking in our neighborhood at Ninth Street and Michigan Avenue. I hope to get a response from at least one member this time. I am utterly shocked that a citizen who spends the time to write to you, the Council, does not even receive a response from one member. I will remember this when it comes time to reelect the members of the Council. How can I try and help with city issues, and recruit others to help and vote when the Council does not even acknowledge its constituents?

Please respond.

The purpose of my letter today is to urge the Council to approve further parking restrictions in our neighborhood. As a private consultant/producer in the non-profit and corporate events field, I work from home when not on site with clients. It is very difficult to find parking in our neighborhood, especially on street cleaning days when the meter readers are waiting behind your car for the clock to strike to issue a ticket. Due to our proximity to both Santa Monica High School and the U-haul store, finding a parking spot can become an aggressive and dangerous situation when locating that precious spot on the street.

The limited amount of parking for residents creates many different problems in the neighborhood such as noise, pollution, trash/litter, illegal dumping by U-Haul clients, etc. I know we cannot accomplish solving all of our area's problems, but I feel as a community we are doing our part. I urge the Council to do its part, and issue wider parking restrictions and allow us to help our city keep our neighborhood safe, clean, business friendly and livable.

Thank you for your understanding and acting swiftly to solve this very serious concern. As always, I have offered to be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem, so I welcome the opportunity to support my community and participate in future community programs.

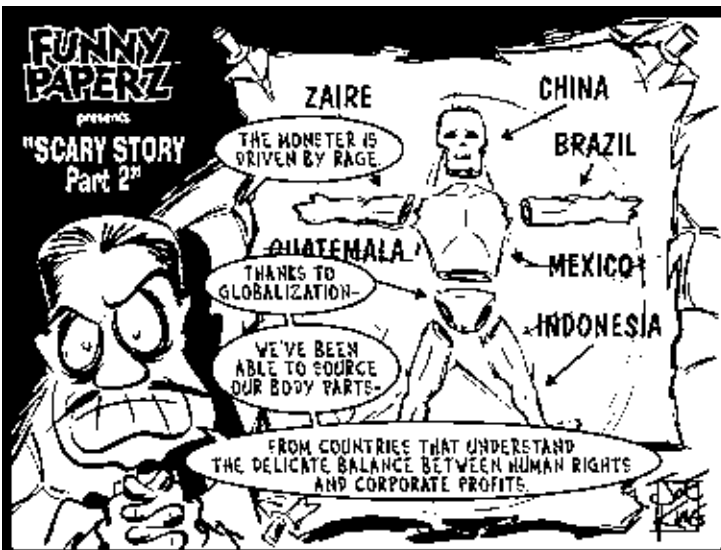
Katherine Caulfield
Santa Monica

Bush is failing us

Editor:

President Bush has not taken important steps to secure our homeland, including a bogus Homeland Security Department, focused on pretending to protect the American people. America is not safer as a result.

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The burden of employee health care: Two sides of the grocery store worker strike



Evelyn Jerome

■ For the past week, the parking lots and aisles of local grocery stores have been nearly empty as striking workers have attempted to make their case in the court of public opinion.

It's contract negotiation time, and workers at Vons, Ralph's, and Albertson's markets have drawn a line in the sand as the supermarket chains review the salaries and benefits packages they will offer their employees.

Salaries aren't even much of an issue this time — with skyrocketing health insurance costs, employers now seek to cut the amount that they will contribute to

health care benefit plans.

And here's an interesting concept: You'll notice that I used the word "negotiation." Negotiation, according to the venerable Webster's, means "to settle by bargaining." Bargaining brings to mind a "give and take" from both sides. But before a settlement could be reached, in fact with just a preliminary offer on the table which slightly cut some health care benefits, the union representing the grocery store employees walked out. They handed their guys some picket signs and walked out.

In case you haven't noticed, the economy hasn't been so great lately. Nobody's business is really booming these days, and everyone, from single moms to Fortune 100 companies, is finding ways to make ends meet. One way

business owners cut costs is to keep salaries level but reduce benefits. The other way to cut costs, here at contract time when everything is up for grabs, is to reduce the number of employees overall, or reduce each employee's hours. Would the strikers prefer this solution?

I think striking is the adult version of collecting one's toys from the sandbox and going home. I'm not against the right to unionize — in fact, I completely support the concept of unions protecting workers from unreasonable employers and unsafe working conditions. But I'm against childish behavior that doesn't accomplish anything — and it's difficult to argue that \$20 an hour with any benefits for semi-skilled work is unreasonable in this soft job market.

I'm opposed to the strikers blocking

driveways and accosting customers as they attempt to shop because not only is it juvenile but it isn't very smart to scare away your employers' customers, now is it? Who knows if they'll ever come back.

Finally, I'm amused that guilty Westsiders are skipping their usual trip to Ralph's and "supporting" striking workers by shopping Trader Joe's, whose non-union but cheerful employees are paid less than the strikers. Moral support is nice but it doesn't pay the rent.

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



Todd Flora

■ New statistics show that an ever-growing percentage of Americans are without health care insurance. The number has now reached a staggering 43 million people. Also making news headlines in recent weeks — and creating controversy — is state health care legislation (senate bill 2) that would require larger employers to help insure about 1 million additional Californians currently without coverage.

It is therefore no surprise to me that the work stoppages at local grocery stores and among MTA workers are over health care benefits.

Health care is NOW, and it will dominate the American political landscape for the next several years. No government, private sector entity or grassroots movement has solved major, and financially devastating issues surrounding how we manage health care coverage and delivery in the United States.

Some might try to make these strikes about which side is to blame. I'm not going to do that. Certainly anyone who reads "Think Twice" regularly can guess that I would most often side with the "has less, needs more" crowd than the "has most, wants more" crowd. Cross the picket line? Not a chance. But I will also not assign blame. Why? Because the corporate bottom line is being affected by health care coverage. Affected "that

badly?" I'm tempted, but again it's not my focus today. What really must remain at issue is the rising cost of health care. This affects employers and employees.

You can cover all the uninsured Californians you want, but if health care costs continue to skyrocket (health care inflation seemingly wants to compete with Brazil and Argentina), that coverage will be put at risk for everyone. If we don't check the rising cost of health care coverage, in a decade most employers will still say they offer some kind of coverage to maintain appearances. However, workers will only see diluted options that require large deductibles and/or a higher percentage share of premiums. We seem to want to dance around the real problem.

I know what you're thinking: "Wasn't this week's column supposed to be about the strikes?" It is. Solve health care and you'll help prevent future strikes. It's a tall order. But it's time once again for courage and creativity at the policy level in this country. It doesn't happen often enough, but it is needed now more than ever. Only then will we truly have the "best health care system in the world."

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OPINION



LETTERS

LETTERS, from page 6

President Bush is also not building protections against bioterrorism. The president's project Bioshield will not help develop new vaccines, nor will it protect to guard against chemical and biological attacks.

This issue is just one more example of how our president is not providing the strong leadership America needs.

Julius Hemisphere
Beverly Hills

Why the silence?

Editor:

Regarding the story about City Councilman Mike Feinstein (SMDP, Oct. 18, page 1). Chutzpah, thy name is Michael Feinstein

It is hard to fathom the murky politics of Santa Monica — quite the opposite of the see-through government they would have you believe exists.

I for one cannot fathom the continued silence of the City Council on Councilman Feinstein's goings on.

Your otherwise excellent article did not answer the following question:

Is Feinstein the official candidate of the Santa Monica City Council for the South Coast Air Quality Management Board?

If not, does it not seem like a tragic mis-timing for fellow Councilmember Pam O'Connor to be campaigning on a regional level to get the smog board to loosen its rules in a way that would make it easier for Feinstein to be elevated to the board?

How strange that Michael Feinstein should be out campaigning for this high post seemingly in the name of this city when questions have been raised about his honesty by his own party, the so far squeaky clean Greens. After all, this smog board has control of a \$100 million smog control budget and what levels of smog are tolerable. More important, the SCAQMD has control of which companies will be designated as polluters and must pay sometimes hundreds of millions of dollars in fines and expenditures on upgraded facilities.

I am making no judgment about the guilt or innocence of this City Councilman, but I am saying that it takes real, possibly even award-winning, chutzpah to push yourself

for such a high position while fiscal and ethical clouds hang over you in your own backyard. Is Feinstein egotistical enough to delude himself into believing that the word will not get out beyond our city borders? Or is he counting on jumping from one small, slippery rock to a bigger, drier rock before the word gets out?

At the very minimum, it is an embarrassment to the City Council and all Santa Monicans. As a registered Green member, I hope our principled party can soon free itself from this mote in its eye and, more prosaically, recoup the \$30,000 for legitimate and constructive party activities.

Bill Bolt
Santa Monica

Resident wants dedicated parking

Editor:

(This letter was originally addressed to the Santa Monica City Council).

I want to add my voice to my group of neighbors who feel that we are not being heard.

We have asked repeatedly to have permit parking enforced on both side of our street, Ninth Street between Pico and Olympic boulevards.

I do not understand why these two blocks are being singled out in this matter, when every other block in the area has both sides covered, apparently with no problems.

Lew Siwinski
Santa Monica

Give them their parking

Editor:

(This letter was originally addressed to the Santa Monica City Council).

Although I live on 10th Street, which has permit parking, we still are overrun with cars, some of which come from Ninth Street residents. They oftentimes have no other choice, since their street is overrun with high school parking. They need permit parking also.

Rod Coppage
Santa Monica

Unintentional consequences: Why smokers are good

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By David Pisarra

I frequently get asked why things work the way they do. For example, what is going on with the grocery stores and the MTA wanting to take away the health insurance of their employees? One of the reasons is the law of unintended consequences. The way in which it works is this: You try to fix problem A, and in finding a cure, you create problem B.

Our society is growing at both ends of the spectrum — there are more children being born and surviving due to the advances in neo-natal health care. On the other end of the spectrum, people are living longer, thanks to the advances in medicine and disease prevention.

This is both a good thing and a problem. It is good because for those of us who are already alive, we usually want to stay that way. It is a problem because it now takes more resources to keep us alive. As a society, we need to have more hospitals, doctors, nurses, drug companies, convalescent care facilities, and researchers finding ways to prevent and cure the illnesses.

This creates an economic problem because we need to fund the education requirements for those individuals, and we need to fund the construction of hospitals and research centers.

That is why smokers are good for society.

The smoker is a much maligned part of society. I know, I was one. The smoker is considered socially irresponsible. The

public service advertisements are quick to point out that when one person is smoking, all those around him are affected. He has more of a chance of developing lung cancer, emphysema, heart disease and is at an increased risk of heart attack.

In those very dramatic PSA's the anti-smoking faction points out how dirty and ugly, how stinky and gross, how inconsiderate and selfish the smoker is. Smokers are painted as littering, fire starting, nicotine crazed addicts who are nothing but a drain on society.

Which is partially true. What gets lost in the frothy blather of condemnation is the fact that smokers pay a huge amount of taxes. Taxes that go for things like hospitals, research grants and infrastructure. Taxes that are used to pay for Medi-Cal, to support the state general fund and to provide many of the services that are in trouble.

A pack of cigarettes costs between \$4 and \$5. The actual product cost is about \$1.50, the balance is taxes. So if I was still a smoker I would be contributing between \$2.50 to \$3.50 per pack in taxes, and at two packs a day, that's \$5 to \$7 a day in taxes. In one year, it was between \$1,825 and \$2,555 in extra taxes I was paying. Over the course of a 50-year smoking career, I would likely contribute over \$130,000 extra to the running of the government. And most importantly, I was likely to die quickly of a heart attack with low medical costs.

The societal efforts to reduce the numbers of smokers has paid off. I am now a non-smoker. But as Sir Isaac Newton said, for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.

I have quit smoking, which means that I will likely live longer. But more importantly, I am not going to be contributing all those taxes to the general fund. Now

the counter argument that is frequently trotted out is that I will live longer, be a more productive member of society and pay more taxes in increased income. Not very likely. I am already paying at a high rate for taxes and it is very unlikely that my income earning capacity would be changed by my smoking or non-smoking.

What is more likely is that I will now live longer, retire and live a few more decades off of passive income, paying little or no income taxes. With the wonders of modern science I will be kept alive longer, and contribute less to society from an economic standpoint. This is not to say that I won't contribute in other valuable ways, but fiscally, I should be considered a drain on society at that stage.

And that same thing goes for all of our other bad habits. In reducing the number of things that will kill us, we increase the population and the need for government infrastructure. As we are better able to control diabetes, AIDS and cure cancer, we end up with more people who are likely to get other, more expensive diseases to fight. As we cure more and more of the natural killers, we are creating the economic problems that are surfacing today.

Right now the grocery clerks and the MTA are on strike because they want to keep their health benefits. Their respective employers are trying to contain costs for insurance to assure that at least some level of health insurance is in place. The employees are only seeing the potential loss of a benefit. They are not looking at the increased costs due to advances in health care.

It is wonderful that today we can do an MRI and find the cancer in someone's body, and that a surgeon has the tools, and the skills to remove the cancer and then put the patient on a regimen of

chemotherapy to prevent a recurrence. But it is very costly to save that life.

Before, that patient would have paid health insurance premiums for years, and then died quickly of undiagnosed cancer. From an economic standpoint, that is an asset. It is one of the many factors that are involved in keeping premiums low. But the more problems we can treat also means more costly treatments, therefore, the premiums must go up.

The unintended consequence of more capable doctors is that they spend more on treatment to cure the previously incurable. It costs more to run society and it costs more to run an insurance program. Smokers for years contributed vast amounts to the costs in the form of taxes. But now that the number of smokers has gone down, the income to the state has decreased, thus creating a shortfall. Smokers are great contributors but die before the services they have paid for can be used. Economically, that's a good thing.

As medical research prevents or cures more diseases, the cost of treatment goes up. Before there might have been no cost to treat a man with prostate cancer because he just died before it was discovered. Now it is discovered early, and the cost for surgery and post surgery treatment is passed on to the other members of his health care plan in the form of premium increases.

It's just an unintended consequence of the progress that we have made in medicine.

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'Little self concept' important for emotional intelligence

Guest Commentary

By Margret Altman

(Editor's note: This is part three in a series that is devoted to helping parents with the important task of developing quality memory systems in their children. In the previous columns, I encouraged parents to teach and reinforce positive, emotional content and to encourage empathy so that their children will have this stored information ready when they need to access and to use it).

One of the most exciting developmental stages of memory is when the child can remember himself as a person in past situations. This little self-concept begins to emerge at the age of 3 and it has lasting implications for healthy emotional development. It is, for example, the remembered fact that we are whole and functional individuals that can make us feel responsible for what we have done and enable us to evaluate ourselves in past situations. This advance in memory systems is very useful when the child can express his or her memories verbally or behaviorally, and when the self-concept is a healthy one.

At the tender age of 3, parents can do a great deal to help the young child express remembered events and to develop the kind of healthy self concept that will empower the child to take responsibility for past actions, learn new coping strategies and prepare for future success.

QUESTION: My little boy has been in day care for the past six months and now he is 3 years old. When I ask him what he has done during the day he doesn't want to tell me anything and I wonder if he's having some painful experiences or if he just doesn't remember his activities. Shouldn't a verbal 3-year-old tell me about what he did in preschool? My daughter used to tell me a lot of things.

ANSWER: Kids vary enormously in how much they convey to adults who ask them direct questions about themselves. Some children are shy and evade questions — others can't express what they remember in words.



Your son does remember his day although not exactly in the same way that you remember activities. He does have a self-concept at this age and in his mind he does store the emotionally important aspects of his day in school. Some of these memories may be very emotionally-loaded and he may not be quite able to verbalize what they are and how they affected him.

At 3 years old, there are new and exciting ways in which parents can enhance memory development and the expression of what the child holds in memory. With a 3-year-old child, parents have the opportunity to use narrative and imagination to help the youngster put his memories into words and into behavior. As the child shares his remembered activities, he can be helped to look at how he behaved in situations. This leads parents to be able to encourage healthy self-appraisal and changes in behavior. The young child's self-concept is at the heart of memory development at this age

and parents can shape the way that a youngster feels about his competence and his worth.

Tips for parents:

One of the most enjoyable ways to help kids access their stored memories is through storytelling. Parents can use existing stories or make up their own stories which relate to the child's experiences during the day. For example, a parent can read a story about a child going to school and during the narrative the parent can pause and ask "What do you think about that?" Some children enjoy when parents make up a story specifically about them and other kids will make up stories themselves. Parents can use this opportunity to encourage the child to comment on the story and see how it relates to them.

Another fun activity is to engage the child in imaginative play with figures, dolls, or drawing pictures. Parents can recreate the school scene and see what the child does, or they can develop an imaginary scene where the child can express through the action figure, doll or drawing, what she has experienced. Parents can elicit comments from the child and encourage them to act out better ways of handling situations.

It is important to remember that kids need time to cool off after a day in preschool. A stress-free and comfortable activity with the child after school may enable a child to debrief with the parent later on. Your child's ability to remember important things, his willingness to share memories with you, and his skill in using memories to guide behavior will benefit from all of the encouraging things that you convey to him when he is with you.

How children remember and what they remember is a key part of their continued emotional development. Parents have a great deal of input into both aspects of memory and can guide memory development in many vital ways.

It is often the emotional meaning of children's memories that have a lasting impact upon the nature of their relationships, the successes of their decision making and the quality of their lives.

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

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Halloween HaHa Puppet Show – Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. Two shows at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Join Mr. Jesse and Lester for some wonderful stories and a very funny puppet show. Tuesday, October 21. For ages 3-7.

A Hansel & Gretel Halloween – Saturday & Sunday thru Nov 2, 12:30 and 3:00p.m. The return of the annual musical that lets audiences of all ages follow along on a wonderful musical misadventure through the fairy-tale woods of the Black Forest, traveling with Pappi Otto and his befuddled missus as they try to protect a singularly un-scary Candy House Lady from their wayward and headstrong offspring. Presented by the acclaimed Family Theatre Musical Matinee Series for Kids 2 to 102, the Southland's cutting-edge theatre for youth producing company and winner of the L.A. Parent "Best Children's Theatre in 2003" Award. Adults \$10.00, \$9.00 for ages 12 and under, Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., 394-9779, www.santamonicalayhouse.com

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TUESDAY

Movies for Moms
FEATURES "RUNAWAY JURY"
11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. This weeks feature stars John Cusack, Rachel Weisz and Gene Hackman in the crime thriller "Runaway Jury", based on author John Grisham's best-selling novel. Cusack plays Nicholas Easter, a mysterious gentleman who is the foreman on the jury of an important gun-control case. Weisz co-stars as his girlfriend Marlee. Together, they attempt to swindle both the defense and the plaintiff by extorting their lawyers to

pay millions of dollars in exchange for influence on the trial's ultimate outcome. Oscar winners Dustin Hoffman and Hackman appear as the plaintiff's lawyer and a jury advisor for the defense. **Coming Attractions – October 28: "Radio"** – starring Cuba Gooding Jr., Ed Harris and Alfre Woodard.

Storytelling

Main Library – Toddler Story Time at 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., at Reed Park, 7th and Wilshire – 2 year olds with parents, 310-458-8600.

Fairview Branch – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443. Lap Time – 11:00 a.m., New series begins Nov. 4, a six-week series for babies 0-24 months.

Cuentos Para Pequenos – 10:00 a.m., New series begins Nov. 4, a six-week series in Spanish for children 24-36 months with adult.

Twilight Story Time – 7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081. Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.

Ocean Park Branch – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804. Toddler Story Time – September 16 – October 21 (registration required). Music, rhymes and stories for 24 – 36 months with adult.

Yoga & Exercise

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

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Mommy Care – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd., at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Breastfeeding Group

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

Other

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WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

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Montana Avenue Branch – 1704 Montana Avenue – 310-829-7081. Lap Time – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. – New series begins Nov. 12-Dec. 17 for 0-24 months old, no registration required.

Toddler Story Time – New series begins Nov. 12-Dec. 17 for two year olds with adult, no registration required.

Fairview Branch – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443. Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m., New series begins Nov. 5-Dec. 18, a six-week series for 3-5 year olds.

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144

Border's, Westwood – 11am – 310-475-3444.

Yoga & Exercise

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

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45 p.m., \$15.

Breastfeeding Group

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

Other

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

THURSDAY

Storytelling

Main Library – Toddler Story Time – 10:00 a.m. – Reed Park, for 2 year olds. Preschool Story Time – 10:30am – Reed Park. Begins Sept. 11. Stories for ages 3-5. 310-458-8922 for info.

Montana Avenue Branch – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081. Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m. – Begins September 25 for six weeks, for 2 year olds with adult, no registration required. Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m., for 3-5 year olds.

Fairview Branch – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443. Toddler Story Time – 10:30 a.m., New series begins Nov. 6 – Dec. 18. A six-week series for children 24-36 months.

La Hora del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.

Ocean Park Branch – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804. Lap Time – 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. – Oct. 23 – Dec. 4 (no class Nov. 27) – for babies 0-24 months old.

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Mommy Care – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd., at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

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FRIDAY

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Other

Magiopolis – 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 Call 310-451-2241 for info.

John Drescher Planetarium on the SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., 310-434-3000, October 24; 7:00 p.m.;

Night Sky Show at Santa Monica College's Digistar II Planetarium is followed by the presentation "Invisible Universe," an exploration of how present-day astronomers can observe the universe through modern telescopes. \$5 adults, \$4 ages 12 and under; both shows: \$9 adults, \$7 ages 12 and under.

Cinderella – thru Dec. 19, 6:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., 394-9779, www.santamonicalayhouse.com. The single most requested of all of the Santa Monica Playhouse Family Theatre musicals, Cinderella is a delightfully romantic, original classic. \$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for ages 12 and under.

Artful Weekends at the Getty – Sat/Sun Oct. 25 & 26, noon – 4 p.m. – children and their parents are encouraged to create their own masterpieces in these outdoor, drop-in workshops. Free admission, \$5 parking. 1200 Getty Center Drive, LA, 310-440-7300.

A Hansel & Gretel Halloween – Saturday & Sunday thru Nov 2, 12:30 and 3:00p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., 394-9779, www.santamonicalayhouse.com. See Special Events listing for more details.

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 – West Pico Blvd, 310-559-B00K – 10:30 a.m. ages 3-8. October 25 – Kathleen tells Sweet and Scary Halloween Tales – come in costume if you like.

SUNDAY

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

Magiopolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

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MONDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Toddler Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

Main Library – Lap Time at Joslyn Park – 9:30 a.m., September 8 – December 15 (no program Oct. 6), a series for children 0-24 months old with adult.

Ocean Park Branch – 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804. Spanish for Little Ones – 11:15 a.m., September 22 – December 15 (no class Nov. 3). Rhymes, songs and very simple stories in Spanish for ages 2-5 with adult.

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Yoga Garden, - Restorative yoga for pre/postnatal – 6:30 p.m., 310-450-0133. www.yogagardenstudios.com

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Fireman pleads guilty to setting Arizona's largest wildfire

BY MICHELLE RUSHLO

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — A part-time wildlands firefighter accused of starting half of the largest wildfire in Arizona history pleaded guilty Monday to two counts of intentionally setting a fire.

Leonard Gregg, 31, could face up to 10 years in prison when he is sentenced Jan. 12 in U.S. District Court.

Gregg admitted Monday to starting half of the Rodeo-Chediski fire on June 18, 2002. The fire burned 469,000 acres of private, Forest Service and Fort Apache Reservation land in eastern Arizona before it was contained. Hundreds of homes were destroyed and 30,000 people were forced to evacuate.

Before starting the Rodeo fire, Gregg started a fire closer to the town of Cibecue, hoping to be called to fight the blaze, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Vincent Kirby. Gregg had worked part-time as a Bureau of Indian Affairs firefighter, earning \$8 an hour.

He was not called to the fire, which was contained at one acre, so he went about two miles outside town to start the second fire, Kirby said.

Gregg pleaded guilty Monday before U.S. District Judge James Teilborg, answering only "yes" or "no" to a series of questions and requiring an Apache translator at one point.

After the court hearing, Deborah Euler-Ajayi, Gregg's attorney, said Gregg had

wanted to plead guilty for some time, but she wanted to be sure he was mentally competent to make that decision.

Gregg spent about six months at a mental health facility in North Carolina.

He made no plea agreement to reduce the possible charges or sentence before pleading.

"He wanted to get it over with, get this behind him, serve his time and make his public apologies," said Euler-Ajayi.

She had previously argued that Gregg was not mentally competent to stand trial, noting that he suffers from fetal alcohol syndrome.

Kirby said it was clear from the beginning that Gregg knew what he had done, noting that Gregg tried to apologize shortly after his arrest but a federal magistrate

cut him off.

Kirby said he'll likely ask for the full sentence — five years on each count — and a \$500,000 fine. He'll also push for restitution, which could run in the range of \$50 million.

The other half of the Rodeo-Chediski fire was set by Valinda Jo Elliott, a woman who was lost on the reservation for two days before she saw a television news helicopter. She set the fire to get the crew's attention.

Federal prosecutors declined to prosecute Elliott, saying there was insufficient evidence of criminal intent on her part.

But the White Mountain Apache Tribe filed a civil suit against her in tribal court for starting the blaze.

Survey: 'Fishless' prairie streams teeming with numbers

By The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — The first known survey of Montana's officially "fishless" prairie streams has discovered they are teeming with numbers and varieties that surprised state fisheries experts.

The 18,000 miles of waterways in the nearly 4,200 streams carried the official "fishless" label only because no one had ever checked, said Ken McDonald, head of the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department's special fisheries division.

Last summer, however, a \$125,000 federal grant let the department send four three-person teams to survey fish and aquatic life at 305 random stretches of 240 of the streams. The creeks, most in eastern Montana, range from the Rocky Mountain Front to North Dakota.

"They'd see a stretch that didn't look like much and they'd find 1,000 fish," McDonald said.

Many also had a biological diversity unheard of in Montana's famous cold water trout fisheries.

"In western Montana, if you have 10 species of fish in a stream, that's really diverse," McDonald said.

Many prairie streams had more than 30 species.

Most of the fish were no more than two or three inches long when fully grown. The teams found fish such as the fathead minnow, the longnose dace and sand shiner. They also found rainbow trout.

Prairie streams are warmer, siltier and saltier than cold-water streams, and some dry up completely on occasion, McDonald said. He describes them as "boom and bust" rivers — running high and cold in the spring, dwindling to puddles in early fall. Also, nobody fishes in

them, which is why state scientists and most of the public have ignored them, McDonald said.

The study also suggests that even intermittent creeks play an important role in the prairie ecosystem. Larger fish in the area's major rivers, the Missouri and the Yellowstone, swim up the swollen tributaries in the spring to spawn, McDonald said. Then, as the streams start drying up, the young fish return to the larger river, where they grow into larger fish.

McDonald said the complete findings of the stream survey won't be published until later this year. He also is working to get money to repeat and expand the survey next summer.

"A lot of people ask, 'These little fish, what good are they?'" he said. "Well, they feed the big fish."

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N. Korean missile test draws new attention to standoff

BY TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

BANGKOK, Thailand — President Bush on Monday pushed for Asian support on a new overture to peacefully end a North Korean nuclear standoff that has cast a shadow over the region for more than a year. A North Korean missile test added to the tensions.

The test firing came as 21 Asian-Pacific leaders prepared to announce a new crackdown on terrorists and a bid to restart stalled global trade liberalization talks.

North Korea was not on the agenda of the 21-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum's agenda, but Bush raised the issue in hopes of gaining support for a new proposal to end the crisis. U.S. officials worked behind the scenes to get a mention of the matter in the summit's final declaration.

Some participants complained that North Korea, Iraq and terrorism issues were stealing attention away from economic and trade issues the forum was designed to showcase. The test firing of the missile kept security issues in the forefront and underscored worries about North Korea's intentions.

The Japanese delegation at APEC said they didn't see the development as a positive sign.

The missile North Korea fired off its east

coast was a short-range anti-ship missile and did not pose any dangers to other nations or to shipping, South Korean military officials said. They said the missile was fired as part of annual military exercises.

Earlier in the day, Bush met with South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun and cited "good progress" in winning support for a new diplomatic overture to North Korea.

They issued a joint statement calling for a quick resumption of six-nation talks on Pyongyang's nuclear program, and urged the reclusive communist regime "to refrain from any action which would exacerbate the situation."

Security was tight. With helicopters hovering overhead, Bush and other heads of state rode to and from the summit on Bangkok streets that had been cleared of the city's normally heavy traffic.

The Asia-Pacific leaders agreed to intensify an effort to dismantle terror groups operating in their countries, according to a draft communique obtained by The Associated Press. They also agreed to more tightly control production of weapons that can be used to down commercial aircraft.

Leaders spent most of their opening session Monday discussing ways to get the World Trade Organization to restart talks for a new global commerce deal following the collapse of negotiations last month in the Mexican resort of Cancun.

And leaders pledge to be better prepared for any future outbreaks of SARS, other infectious diseases or bioterrorist attacks, according to the draft.

The Asia-Pacific leaders also agreed to do more to combat corruption and to "promote transparency" in public financial management.

Of the summit's expected vow to dismantle terror organizations, Australian Prime Minister John Howard, a close U.S. ally in the war on terror, said he believes that action is more important than words.

"It's what you do that counts," he said.

For the American delegation, North Korea remained the most compelling issue.

"We have a common goal to make sure that the Korean Peninsula is nuclear weapons free," Bush told South Korea's Roh at their breakfast meeting. He broadcast the same message after meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao the day before.

Bush is promoting a plan in which five nations — the United States, China, Russia, Japan and South Korea — would jointly give North Korea written assurances it wouldn't be attacked in exchange for its promise to dismantle its nuclear program. The proposal represents a shift for the Bush administration, which previously opposed any concessions to Pyongyang.

Roh supported and praised the U.S. efforts. "This issue is very critical for ...

the further progress of Korea," Roh said.

Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, told reporters there had not been any feedback yet from the North Korea. She said, "Whatever we come up with will be more enduring than what we've had in the past."

Secretary of State Colin Powell, in a speech to business leaders, gave no details on how the standoff might end but said "in the course of the next days and weeks we will be fleshing out these ideas with our partners ... and pursuing them with the North Koreans."

The nuclear dispute flared a year ago when U.S. officials said North Korea admitted running a secret nuclear program in violation of international agreements.

Bush and his advisers were also using the opportunity to lobby individual nations to contribute troops or money to help stabilize Iraq.

Administration officials on Monday endorsed the establishment of a World Bank run agency to oversee spending of Iraq reconstruction money, suggesting it would help overcome the reluctance of some nations to contribute.

"We think it will work just fine," said Rice. The national security adviser said the new international agency would not have any say over the spending of the \$20.3 billion for Iraqi reconstruction that Bush requested from Congress.



WORLD BRIEFLY

Crew successfully docks at space station

By The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A Soyuz spacecraft carrying a Russian, American and Spanish crew docked with the International Space Station on Monday, two days after blasting off from the Russian manned space facility in Kazakhstan.

Astronauts Michael Foale of the United States and Russian Alexander Kaleri are the eighth crew to have flown to the space station for long-term occupation since the inaugural crew arrived on Nov. 2, 2000. There also have been four short-term missions using Soyuz craft.

Pedro Duque of Spain, a European Space Agency astronaut traveling with Foale and Kaleri, is to remain aboard the station for eight days and return on Oct. 27 with American Ed Lu and Russian Yuri Malenchenko, who have been aboard since April 28.

The mission is the second time a Russian Soyuz has taken an American to the space station since the U.S. space shuttle program was grounded after the Feb. 1 disintegration of the shuttle Columbia as it was approaching Earth.

Clark, Lieberman to skip Iowa caucus

By The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Joe Lieberman and Wesley Clark, a lagging candidate and a late entrant, are skipping Iowa's leadoff precinct caucuses to focus their time and money on other contests opening the Democratic presidential nominating season.

Party activists said their decisions would have little impact on the outcome of the opening events, and was a signal of weakness for two candidates thought to have a serious argument for the nomination.

"The skipping-Iowa strategy hasn't worked in the past," said state Democratic Chairman Gordon Fischer. "I don't see it working this time."

Iowa's precinct caucuses Jan. 19 launch the nominating process, and a large and active field of Democrats has been stumping for months.

Lieberman, a Connecticut senator, has campaigned far less often than his rivals. Clark, a retired Army gen-

eral, only recently joined the field, although he has demonstrated some strength in national polls.

A Democratic activist, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Lieberman would concentrate on the Feb. 3 primary in New Hampshire.

Clark spokesman Matt Bennett said there was no way the late-entering candidate could compete with other hopefuls who have been stumping in Iowa for months, if not years.

Student challenges airport security

By The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — College student Nathaniel Heatwole wanted to shine a spotlight on aviation security by putting banned items aboard planes, authorities say. Now, they are now putting him under the spotlight.

Heatwole, a 20-year-old junior at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., was expected to be the focus of a hearing in U.S. District Court in Baltimore on Monday.

On Thursday night, Southwest Airlines maintenance workers found small plastic bags containing box cutters, bleach, matches and modeling clay in lavatory compartments on planes in New Orleans and Houston.

Notes in the bags "indicated the items were intended to challenge Transportation Security Administration checkpoint security procedures," according to a statement from Southwest Airlines.

A Bush administration official has said the suspected perpetrator last month sent the government an e-mail warning of his intention to conceal suspicious items on six planes and provided dates and locations for the plan.

The modeling clay found aboard the Southwest planes was made to look like an explosive, while the bleach could have been used to demonstrate how a corrosive or dangerous liquid could be smuggled aboard a plane.

Egyptian twin breathes on his own

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — It took a year of preparation, 18 doctors and a couple's determination to give their infant twins a shot at a normal life.

A week after a 34-hour operation in which neurosurgeons separated the intricate connection of blood vessels running between the brains of conjoined Egyptian twins, doctors say they are pleased with the boys' progress.

Mohamed Ibrahim, 2, was taken off a ventilator and was breathing on his own Sunday afternoon, and doctors hoped to do the same with his brother Ahmed as early as Monday.

Dr. James Thomas, chief of critical care services at Children's Medical Center Dallas, said in an update released by the hospital that he is cautiously optimistic that doctors will not have to place Mohamed back on a ventilator.

The twins were listed early Monday in critical but stable condition.

The twins, joined at the top of their heads when they were born in Egypt on June 2, 2001, were separated Oct. 12.

Episcopal church warming up to gays

By The Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — The Rev. V. Gene Robinson, the Episcopal Church's first openly gay bishop-elect, told parishioners his election is a sign of a changing church, one that will continue even if he resigns.

"If I step down, do you really think other qualified gays and lesbians wouldn't be elected?" he asked about 40 people during a religious education meeting Sunday at Grace Church. "My standing down isn't going to make it all go away."

His comment was prompted by a suggestion from a parishioner that Robinson reconsider accepting the bishop's role because of the turmoil it has caused and the threat it poses to the international church.

"I personally think it's not worth losing the family," Paul Apple, of Mont Vernon said.

Outraged conservatives have threatened to divide the Episcopal Church in the United States and the worldwide Anglican Communion of which it is part.

"I don't want anyone to leave the church, and I don't like being thought of as the reason they leave the church," said Robinson, 56.

But he said the vigorous and sometimes bitter church debate over homosexuality would continue whether or not he left the stage.

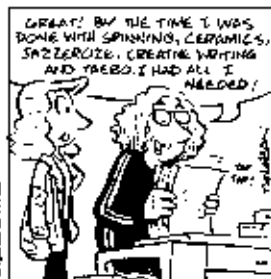
Robinson predicted the church ultimately will survive the turmoil.

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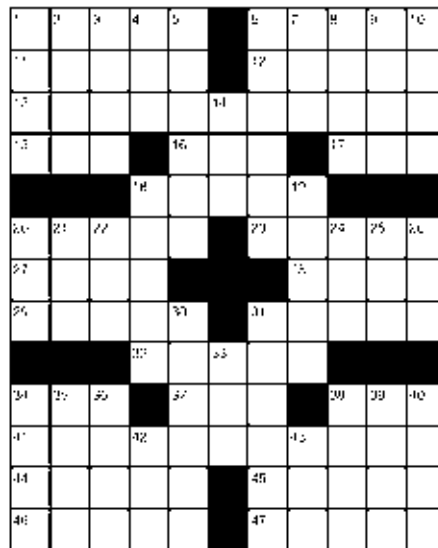
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SANTA MONICA SCENE °CALENDAR EDITION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003

EVENTS

What's so funny about Halloween?

The Ocean Park Library presents "Halloween Ha Ha's," a program featuring wonderful children's stories and a funny puppet show suited for children, ages 3-7. For more information, call (310) 392-3804. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ocean Park Library, 2601 Main St.

Family Holiday Bazaar

On Saturday, peruse a vast selection of gifts, jewelry, boutique items, plants, baked goods, attic treasures, stationary, clothing, children items and household goods. This bazaar will support Habitat for Humanity and is sponsored by Mission and Youth Groups. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25 and is open to the public. Also, there will be a Scottish Meat Pie Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. which costs \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Free parking will be available in the underground parking structure located on the north side of Arizona, between Ocean and Second with a validation stamp obtained at the church's Desk. First Presbyterian Church, 1220 Second St.

Free Safety Workshop

Attend a free safety workshop for children ages 5-10 from 3:30-5:30 p.m., sponsored by Find the Children. This workshop is part of the YWCA's Week Without Violence 2003, a national campaign that focuses on practical alternatives to violence, bringing to life a safer, more peaceful

and healthy community.

YWCA, 2019 14th St. (310) 452-3881

CULTURE

Write Away

Open to writers who are looking to share their work, receive feedback, and write new pieces. The group meets weekly and welcomes published writers, students, and those who simply enjoy to write. 12:00-3:00 p.m. Fairview Library (310) 450-0443 2601 Ocean Park Blvd.

Teen read week author presentation

A discussion about the books of Sonya Sones with the author herself will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to all teens. For more information, call (310) 450-0443. Santa Monica Library, Fairview Branch, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd.

Comedic Lectures by John Lehr

John Lehr explains what he has learned in life during this partly improvisational, partly storytelling lecture. The act is a non-stop tour of recollection from one hilarious experience to the next. 8 p.m. The Powerhouse Theatre, 3116 2nd Street. 1-800-41-FUNNY

ENTERTAINMENT

Temple Bar

Here visitors can enjoy concoctions like White Chocolate

Martinis, a Gingitini or a Razzmatazz. Those who are really hungry can enjoy a Chicken Tamale Plate with Fried Plantains. Temple Bar even offers vegetarian options like veggie eggrolls and burgers. But no good bar would be complete without live music. Tonight, the Temple Bar features Sara B at 8:30 p.m., Raining Jane at 9:45 p.m. and Monc at 11 p.m. \$5. 1026 Wilshire Blvd., (310) 393-6611

Sugar

Sweet dance spot with local and global electronica deejays. Tonight features Moontribe DJs Treavor, Petey, Brad, Daniel, John Kelley (once a month) and guests spinning desert techhouse/rautancelectro. \$2. 814 Broadway Ave., (310) 899-1989

Harvelle's

Established in 1931, Harvelle's is the oldest blues club on the west side. This is the kind of blues joint you'd expect to find in a dark Chicago alley; yet even if it's your first visit, it feels familiar. Tonight Harvelle's presents their Circle of Songs at 7 p.m. and LA Live at 9 p.m. 1432 4th St. (310) 395-1676

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Pray for Rock and Roll - 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05
Dirty Pretty Things - 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
Wonderland R - 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45
Station Agent - 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

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1314 Wilshire Blvd
Pieces of April - 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Returner - 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

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1310 Third Street Promenade
Kill Bill Vol. 1 R - 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, 5:00, 6:05, 7:40, 9:00, 10:30
Lost in Translation R - 10:45 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 1:10, 1:50, 3:45, 4:30, 6:10, 7:15, 8:40, 9:45
Mystic River - 12:45 p.m., 3:50, 6:30, 7:15, 10:30

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1310 Third Street Promenade
House of the Dead R - 1:05, 4:15, 7:25, 9:40
Out of Time PG-13 - 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
School of Rock PG-13 - 1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35
Intolerable Cruelty PG-13 - 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35
Under the Tuscan Sun PG-13 - 2:20, 4:50, 7:05, 9:30
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Jennifer Garner: Media was kind during the divorce

By The Associated Press

■ **NEW YORK** — Jennifer Garner says the media were remarkably kind to her and Scott Foley when they announced they were divorcing.

"I think people understood that we were just two normal people who really loved each other," the star of ABC's "Alias" tells W magazine for its November issue. "You know, we got quietly married in our backyard after being together for a couple of years; we never gave our wedding pictures out to be published. I think they got that we're both pretty brokenhearted about it."

Garner and Foley, both 31, met in 1998 on the set of "Felicity," the WB drama in which he co-starred. They married in October 2000; she filed for divorce in May.

But Garner doesn't like to dwell on speculation that her rise to fame playing TV secret agent Sydney Bristow drove them apart.

"Honestly, I just don't have enough perspective on it yet," she says. "I think there are a million reasons why things don't work."

■ **LAS VEGAS** — Dennis Rodman was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after he crashed a motorcycle while doing stunts outside a strip club, police said.

The former NBA star, who was treated Sunday for cuts on his legs, was not jailed on the misdemeanor charge. He was issued a summons to appear in court for an arraignment in three to five weeks, police said.

"He borrowed an employee's motorcycle and was attempting to pop wheelies when he hit a pole," police spokesman Jose Montoya said Monday.

Last month, the 42-year-old former rebounding champion was charged with being drunk in public in Newport Beach, Calif., where police say they have answered scores of complaints about noise at his home.

Rodman is a regular visitor to Las Vegas, where he

reached a settlement this year with the last of four women who accused him of fondling them at a hotel-casino in 1998.

He last played in the NBA in 2000 with the Dallas Mavericks.

■ **BUDAPEST, Hungary** — Tony Curtis began preparing Monday for a new leading role — helping promote tourism in Hungary, the country of his forefathers.

The 78-year-old actor said he wanted to put some merriment into ads aimed at attracting tourists, to show how welcoming the country is to visitors.

"The commercials will be loaded with humor, and I'm going to be chasing lots of girls around," Curtis told journalists before filming begins later this week.

Curtis said he volunteered to do the television ads for free because he wanted to honor his parents.

Both his father and mother were Hungarian Jews who emigrated to the United States. His father, Emanuel, came from Hungary and his mother, Helen, from what is now Slovakia.

"My father worked as a tailor to pay for me to grow up and I'll never forget that," said Curtis, whose real name is Bernard Schwartz. "He was a really good guy."

Curtis, the star of 1950s Hollywood classics including "Some Like It Hot" and "Sweet Smell of Success," acknowledged that he knew little about Hungary as a child.

"The only thing I knew about as a kid was Hungarian salami," he said.

■ **LONDON** — British actress Helen Mirren says she was date raped several times in her late teens and early 20s, and says other women should speak up if they've been victims, too.

"Not once but several times. It was all terribly upsetting and disturbing," Mirren, 58, told The Daily Mirror

newspaper for Saturday's editions.

"What woman hasn't been in this situation?" she said. "I was very wobbly about it at the time. Afterwards, you blame yourself and feel like crap. And we all say, 'I shouldn't have gone there, had that drink.'"

"It's a non-talked about subject. ... I mean it's really not talked about enough. Maybe more women should."

Mirren, who gained fame playing Detective Jane Tennison in the TV police drama "Prime Suspect" and won Oscar nominations for her supporting roles in "The Madness of King George" and "Gosford Park," said the attacks occurred between ages 16-25. She didn't name the men, and the paper didn't say whether she had reported the attacks to the police.

Mirren said the experiences affected the way she felt about men.

"I found they were absolutely horrible — so vile and so cruel and alien and nasty and disturbing to me as a female," she said.

"In general, I find younger guys can look at women as human beings, which I didn't feel men of my generation could do," Mirren said. "But I'm not comfortable with large groups of men."

■ **LA SERENA, Chile** — Alan Alda was recovering Monday from an emergency appendectomy, a hospital official said.

The spokeswoman at the Regional Hospital in this city 300 miles north of the Chilean capital of Santiago, who identified herself only as Lillian, said the actor underwent surgery Sunday.

She said the "M.A.S.H." TV star was rushed to the hospital where doctors quickly decided to perform the appendectomy.

Alda was at a large observatory in nearby Tololo Hill working on a television documentary.

The hospital official told the AP by telephone that Alda, 67, probably would be released Tuesday.



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