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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Glen Paul Darby, contesting his drug conviction at the state Court of Appeal in Sydney, Australia, in September, argued that he not only was "searched" (sniffed) by a drug dog without probable cause but was also "assaulted" when the dog nudged Darby's pants with his snout to indicate just where the drugs were. A civil liberties advocate argued that some people are unusually traumatized by a dog's thrusting his snout against that area of the body.

TODAY IN HISTORY

TEN YEARS AGO: In Durunka, Egypt, more than 475 people were killed when fuel carried by floodwaters ignited. A jury in Pensacola, Fla., convicted Paul Hill of murder for the shotgun slayings of an abortion provider and his bodyguard; Hill was executed in September 2003.

FIVE YEARS AGO: Xerox repairman Byran Uyesugi opened fire on his co-workers in Honolulu, killing seven of them. (Uyesugi was later convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole.) Republicans pushed the year's last and biggest spending bill through Congress toward a sure veto by President Clinton.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If absolute power corrupts absolutely, does absolute powerlessness make you pure?"

— HARRY SHEARER

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Transient caught carrying loaded semiautomatic gun

Police stopped 23-year-old for smoking a cigarette in beach park, found weapon and drugs

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK — Santa Monica's ban on smoking in public parks is paying off in unexpected ways.

A loaded semiautomatic handgun was found Sunday on a homeless man who was stopped for smoking in a park south of luxury beachfront hotel Casa Del Mar, authorities said.

John Donahue, 23, originally from Burbank, also was cited for carrying three grams of methamphetamine wrapped in individual bags. Donahue was serving probation at the time of his arrest for an earlier weapons violation and for

grand theft auto, said Santa Monica Police Department Chief James T. Butts Jr.

It is illegal to smoke in any Santa Monica park, and on the pier and beaches. Violators can be cited up to \$250, which prosecutors said ends up being \$825 with court fees.

Donahue was with two men and one woman at Crescent Bay Park off of Ocean Avenue Sunday afternoon when police officers on a routine check saw him smoking a cigarette. The officers decided to pat Donahue down after he gave them incomplete information regarding his probation. It was

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From DNA to casinos, voters try to keep ballot straight

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — It's the stem cell embryonic three strikes open government closed primary DNA children's hospitals Indian gambling 911 shakedown lawsuits mental health election.

Confused?

So are a lot of voters.

Choosing a president is easy this year — pick red or blue. But Californians are facing a catalog of ballot questions so challenging — 16 in all, more than any other state — that virtually everyone at one early-voting location was clutching a cheat sheet to keep the numbers and issues straight.

Was Proposition 63 the one about slot machines at horse tracks, or was that Proposition 68?

Which was the one that would raise taxes on millionaires?

Is the governor supporting Proposition 62, or is it 60?

"I find it incredibly confusing, and I'm resentful," said Los Angeles artist Shelley Adler, who

was shuffling toward the voting booth at a downtown library last week. "I'm very smart, and it's difficult for me."

With conflicting information in TV ads and pouring into mailboxes, "It's almost a stab in the dark," said school teacher Paula Scarborough of Glendora, who was consulting scribbled notes while waiting to vote. "I always feel like I'm being fooled."

It's not the first time voters have faced an Election Day puzzle under California's system of direct democracy, in which anyone who collects enough signatures can place a proposal on the ballot.

Actually, this year is far from the worst.

The record for a cluttered ballot was set in 1914, when voters had to sift through 48 questions. Since 1912, state elections have averaged 18 ballot questions, according to the Initiative & Referendum Institute at the University of Southern California.

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Political buzz



Susan Tam/Special to the Daily Press

Chris Bunch (top) pours a beer for a Kerry supporter at Barney's Beanery on Monday while Rémy Crane (bottom) tallies the score. The Promenade-based bar is holding a "beer poll" until it closes on Tuesday. To "vote," Kerry supporters order Pabst Blue Ribbon; Bush supporters order Miller Genuine Draft. At press time Monday night, Kerry was leading 59 to 41.

Polls are open, SM

By Daily Press staff

A total of 43 polling stations throughout the city will be open today from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Santa Monica has 60,539 registered voters, and officials are bracing for high voter turnout and crowded polls due to the heated presidential race, and close contests in state and local races.

Four seats are at stake on the Santa Monica City Council, and three each on the local school and college boards. Two local propositions also are on the ballot, a \$135 million bond for Santa Monica

College and a 2 percent hike in the local hotel bed tax.

Though 16 names will be listed on the ballot in the local council race, two candidates have since dropped out of the running. They are Red Cross worker Tom Viscount and hedge activist Leah Mendelsohn.

Residents' polling places are printed on the back of sample ballots. Voters also can call the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder at (800) 815-2666 or log onto lavote.net, which includes a polling place finder. Santa Monica City Hall also can help. Call (310) 458-8211 for more information.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Listen to what others say and request. They aren't kidding. Their serious tone might set you back. Maintain a low profile and say little. You need to digest all that you hear. A partnership and financial matter are linked. Tonight: Order in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ If you make a declaration or have something to say, your words could fall on deaf ears. Right now, actions speak louder than words. Make an effort toward others. Look past the attitudes of others. In the long run, this posture will make a difference. Tonight: Swap jokes with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your expenses could be out of whack. Listen to suggestions, but your best bet is to cut expenses, work harder and put in overtime. Every so often your extravagant side emerges. Try to stay tame for a while, for your own sake. Tonight: Pay bills.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Your attitude might be serious, but you also might have a good reason. Others, particularly family and roommates, finally step back and listen. Discussions and openness can resolve nearly anything. Keep smiling. Tonight: Brainstorm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Use discretion as to how and with whom you share your thoughts. In fact, you might choose to stay mum. Don't allow this situation to go on too long. Harboring your opinions and not expressing yourself might have bad ramifications for you. Tonight: If you can, write down your feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Discuss costs regarding a long-desired plan, project or event. Friends might not want to spend as much as you. Lose the word "no" from your vocabulary, and find a way to make what you want possible. Break past established thought patterns. Tonight: Do only what you want to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You call it like you see it, but perhaps not as it is, or how a boss views the situation. Be diplomatic and open to opinions. A money matter could radically change in a day or so. Give others the respect they need and deserve. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You have a way with words, which impacts those around you. Don't hesitate to dig up more facts, especially if you feel that the present information might be off. You can count on office gossip being askew. Claim your power. Tonight: Don't worry if plans change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ A partner vents and shares. Check the basics involving taxes, life insurance policies and other key documents. Have you written a will? Friends chip in and make suggestions. You might be annoyed, but realize their good intentions. Tonight: Be a duo.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Consider this a day for networking rather than getting quiet work done. Others want to socialize. The boss or someone in a position of authority wants to try out his or her ideas on you. Go along with the program. Tonight: Say "yes."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Others spout ideas left and right, not being considerate of your work or what you need to get done. Fatigue and frustration surround you left and right. Try to leave work as soon as possible. Listen to others. Tonight: Catch up on your rest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You have many creative and excellent ideas. Share what you are thinking with diplomacy so that a key person can accept and hear what you are saying. Brainstorm and encourage others to join in. Do not accept the words "no" or "can't." Tonight: Let your hair down.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Is Press the right fit?

By Daily Press Staff

The Santa Monica College Personnel Commission wants the public’s opinion on the nomination of Dolores Press to fill an upcoming vacancy on the three-member commission.

The Personnel Commission is the public body responsible for the administration of the college’s Merit System, a civil service system for classified, or non-teaching, employees.

Members of the public are invited to the Nov. 17 meeting of the Personnel Commission to comment on Press’ nomination. The commission meets at 12 p.m. in Room 111 of the Business Building at 1900 Pico Blvd.

The first two personnel commissioners are appointed. Karen Bancroft was appointed by a representative of the classified employees, and Joseph Metoyer was appointed by the college. Under state law, these two are responsible for selecting the third commissioner when a space opens.

Press is the incumbent commissioner whose three-year term expires Dec.1. Bancroft and Metoyer nominated her to be appointed to another three-year term.

An appointee to the commission is required to be a registered voter and resident of the Santa Monica Community College District, which encompasses Santa Monica and Malibu. He or she is required to support the concept of employment, continuance in employment, in-service promotional opportunities and other related matters on the basis of merit and fitness. For information, call (310) 434-4416.

SM library lets adults be kids again

By Daily Press Staff

The Santa Monica Public Library is offering a three-part book discussion for adults on new and old classics of children’s literature this fall.

“Not for Children Only” will meet Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Fairview Branch Library at 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. Participants will read the classics Bridge to Terabithia, Charlotte’s Web, Dragonwings, The Giver and Little Women. Registration for the discussion series is required, and books and resource guides are provided upon sign up. Please call (310) 434-2644 to register.

This program is presented by the Santa Monica Public Library, the California Center for the Book, the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities, in partnership with the Grant School Parent Teacher Association. For more information about the program and its sponsors, call (310) 458-8600.

Galloping against cancer

By Daily Press Staff

Horseback ride or hike in scenic Santa Monica Mountains to raise money for cancer patients and provide therapeutic horseback riding for disabled children.

The “Ride-Walk-A-Thon” will be hosted by the Santa Monica Mounted Police this Saturday, Nov. 6, and gives participants the opportunity to ride through historic sites and learn more about the western heritage of the area from local historians. Each rider or hiker will be able to help raise money for the American Cancer Society “Relay for Life” and “Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship” through pledges and donations.

Prizes will be given to the first- and second-place contributors.

The event will take place from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. at the Paramount Ranch. Presentations about animal care and drawings for other prizes are also available. Children can enjoy face painting, horseshoe decorating, a treasure hunt and a magician. For more information about fundraising, contact Vince Hull at (818) 880-8349 or vehull@homecaregiver.com.



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MONDAY	3:38	2.9	6:20	0.5	12:19	3.3	10:19	5.3
TUESDAY	N/A	N/A	7:32	0.8	10:54	5.0	N/A	N/A
WEDNESDAY	N/A	N/A	8:51	0.8	11:47	4.6	N/A	N/A
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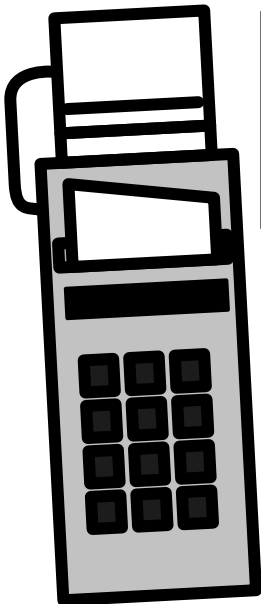
The  Line

The results of the City Council election on Nov. 2 will shape the future of Santa Monica in the coming years. Whether residents decide to vote for incumbents or local government newcomers, one thing has become clear during this election: Santa Monicans are calling for change.

So this week, Q-Line wants to

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Two teenagers shot in Sunset Park over weekend

HANDGUN, from page 1

then that they discovered he was carrying a loaded .45-caliber handgun in a hip holster, Butts said.

"This guy was someone that needed to be taken off the streets," said Butts, who added transients are very rarely caught with guns. "Anyone with a criminal history that walks around a public place with a loaded firearm is a danger to the community, and this one was removed from the community."

Donahue was being held Monday without bail, said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy Gage Scott. Prosecutors hadn't filed formal charges, but said Donahue could face 10 years or more behind bars for the new charges, and addi-

tional time for felony probation violation.

Elected leaders banned smoking in Santa Monica parks in the spring of 2003. They added local beaches and the pier to the ban last summer. Although maximum fines are steep, prosecutors said actual fines, if imposed, are usually much lower. They added the goal is to educate residents and encourage voluntary compliance.

Asked how many cases had been tried, Deputy City Attorney David Armstrong said the numbers weren't immediately available but added, "It hasn't been that many. We've had very few of them."

MIDNIGHT SHOOTING

In a separate incident last weekend, an alleged gang member opened fire late Friday on four teenagers who were walk-

ing on Pearl Street in Sunset Park, Butts said.

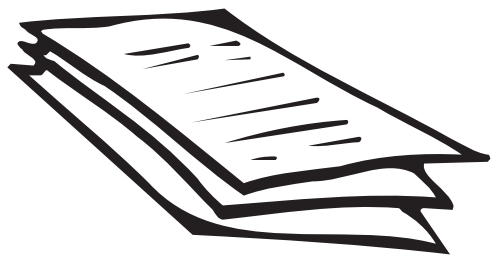
Two of the four youngsters were hit, one in the calf and the other in the foot. Both were taken to a local hospital and released with "non-serious" injuries. The victims were not Santa Monicans, but they were walking with two other teenagers known either to be local gang members or affiliated with them.

Butts said the foursome, all aged 13 to 16 years, left a party earlier Friday and had stopped by a second party at a Sunset Park home that had already ended. They were walking east on Pearl Street near 23rd Street when a car pulled up behind them and the passenger got out, yelled remarks disparaging of a Santa Monica gang and fired a handgun at them, Butts added.

It's unknown if the victims were the intended targets or if they were affiliated with gangs. Police are looking for the suspects, who were described as two male Hispanics wearing dark knit beanie caps. Butts said they drove a faded blue, older model Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the SMPD's robbery/homicide unit at (310) 458-8451 or the watch commander's office at (310) 458-8426. Callers who wish to provide information anonymously may call the We-Tip national hotline at (800) 78-CRIME (27463). Tipsters are given a code name and, if their tips lead to convictions, can collect up to \$1,000 in reward money anonymously.

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This year's ballot is far from California's largest

BALLOT, from page 1

Over the years voters have considered everything from whether gay teachers should be outlawed from schools (no, 1978) or if it should be illegal to sell horses for meat (yes, 1998).

But even this year's tally of questions — some of them on the same subject — can leave voters perplexed.

So where to turn for help?

If you glance at the text of Proposition 71, which would authorize the state to borrow \$3 billion for stem cell research, you'll learn that "pluripotent stem cells may be derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer."

The text of proposition 1-A, which would discourage the state from raiding local government funds, makes clear that "a suspension of subparagraph (A) shall not result in a total ad valorem property tax revenue loss to all local agencies within a county that exceeds 8 percent of the total amount of ad valorem property tax revenues that were allocated among all local agencies within that county for the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which subparagraph (A) is suspended."

There are 126 words in the text of Proposition 60, but after reading it you learn that the proposal essentially does nothing — it affirms the primary-election system the state already uses.

Why? It's an apparent attempt to undercut rival Proposition 62, which would dump political party primaries in state elections.

"When you read them, they are never really clear," said Deborah Weiser, a Los Angeles attorney who was waiting to vote last week.

"Most people are focused on who's going to be president," Weiser added. As for understanding the small print in ballot questions, "There are just too many — unless you're obsessed."

Part of the problem is simply numbers. The 16 questions cover issues as com-

plex as stem cell research (Proposition 71), allowing the state to collect a DNA sample from anyone arrested for a felony (Proposition 69), limiting lawsuits that accuse businesses of engaging in unfair competition (Proposition 64), and allowing race tracks and card rooms to operate 30,000 slot machines in six counties (Proposition 68).

When asked about ballot confusion last week, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said he was startled when he discovered about 30 members of a crew shooting one of his political ads were all but clueless about Proposition 66, which would roll back aspects of the state's three-strikes sentencing law.

But "compare that with communism, where you have no right to say what's going in government," the governor said. Democracy might not be perfect, voters might have to study a bit, "but it's a much, much better system."

More than a few voters said they were looking to the governor for answers. In fact, Schwarzenegger mailed millions of voters a checklist with his choices for Election Day.

Survey research has suggested that many voters do not understand the details of propositions when they vote. Some experts think a dense ballot can portend a higher failure rate.

"When in doubt, people tend to vote no," said Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a professor of political science at USC. "It's a tried and true axiom."

"I always take my sample ballot — I could never remember," she added.

If voters draw a blank in the voting booth, they might not want to stick around too long. There is a state law — believe it or not — that in most cases requires voters to spend no more than 10 minutes in the voting booth.

"I've never heard of that enforced," said attorney Fred Woocher, an expert in election law. "I ... could not imagine it would be."

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STATE



U.S. Senate race shows Schwarzenegger the exception, not the rule

BY ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Republicans said last year's gubernatorial recall proved the GOP could win statewide in California. But the first Republican since Arnold Schwarzenegger to try is falling flat on his face.

Even though he has Schwarzenegger's endorsement, former California Secretary of State Bill Jones appears headed for a big loss in his challenge to Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer. He may end the race without raising enough money to air a single television ad.

Jones' surprisingly weak challenge may undercut GOP claims that the gubernatorial recall remade California politics, analysts said. Schwarzenegger or no, the state GOP remains a struggling minority party with a shallow bench.

"Schwarzenegger is very, very popular, but he's popular in such a nonpartisan kind of way that he's not leading a partisan movement at all," said Ken DeBow, a political scientist at California State University, Sacramento. "I'm just not sensing any real movement toward the Republican Party."

Earlier this year, Virginia Republican Sen. George Allen, head of the national Republican Senate fund-raising committee, said Jones had a chance to beat Boxer because "it's a whole new terrain there, a whole new ball game with Gov. Schwarzenegger."

But a year after the recall brought the moderate Schwarzenegger to Sacramento, Jones has played the same kind of ball as other recent statewide Republican candidates. If anything, he's played it worse.

A conservative Fresno farmer whose stances on social issues put him to the right of most Californians, Jones never broadened his appeal beyond the Republican base. Abysmal fund-raising and a promise of \$2 million from his own pocket that never materialized kept him mired 15 points or more behind Boxer in polls.

The liberal Boxer, meanwhile, spent more on TV ads than Jones raised altogether. The California Democrat

Republicans most love to hate, Boxer has had tough campaigns in each of her previous two Senate races. This time she was so far ahead she never even bothered using her ads to attack Jones.

"After Schwarzenegger's success they went back to a conservative Republican who had all the conservative social issue positions, and he hasn't been able to get going with the electorate," said Democratic consultant Bill Carrick. "The contrast between him and Sen. Boxer is dramatic on that front, and she's running away with the race."

Schwarzenegger endorsed Jones before the March primary, boosting him over several other candidates including former U.S. Treasurer Rosario Marin, who in hindsight might have been a better face for a party trying to expand its appeal. But the governor, who tends to avoid associating himself with losing causes, kept his distance during the general election campaign. He never once appeared with Jones.

The Republicans' failure to run a credible candidate against Boxer has some analysts wondering how they'll be able to mount a challenge against Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who's up for re-election in 2006. The highly respected and popular senator will be 73 then, but aides say she plans to seek another term.

As of now, there is no obvious GOP challenger to Feinstein. The Republicans have no statewide officeholder except Schwarzenegger, and a minority seat in the state Legislature is not a good launching pad for a statewide bid. Several of the state's GOP House members might like to move to the Senate, but none of them was even eager enough for the fight to take on Boxer. A wealthy political outsider is a possibility, but such newcomers can make poor candidates, as shown by Republican investor Bill Simon in his bungled 2002 loss to then-Democratic Gov. Gray Davis.

But though California remains so Democratic that President Bush barely bothered to campaign there, Republicans contend the recall did spur positive changes for the state GOP.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Editor's note: The Daily Press has stopped printing election-related letters and apologizes to readers whose opinions did not make it into the paper. Over the last few days we have been inundated by e-mails, facsimiles and hand-written letters. An exception has been made here for candidate Bill Bauer so he can respond to a specific allegation made against him and running mate David Cole in a previous letter to the editor.)

Not pleased with Wyner

Editor:

Ouch! Such hostility! Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee's Jean McNeil Wyner's letter to the Daily Press (SMDP, Oct. 30-31, page 6) whining about my endorsement is unfortunate.

She accused me and David Cole of stealing or buying a free, publicly available list of e-mail addresses. Sorry, Jean, we didn't steal or buy anything. The list which included members of the business community is not hers or the Chamber of Commerce's exclusive property. So stop with the ignorant assumptions, please.

I suspect that her rancor is really masking her frustration that Matteo Dinolfo, whose City Council campaign she manages, didn't get the coveted Santa Monica Daily Press endorsement for City Council and I did. It's all a big bunch of very sour grapes.

Wyner is also upset that an e-mail sent by us to a broad selection of local business persons criticized two Chamber of Commerce-supported candidates. The e-mail contained quotes from Herb Katz and Matteo Dinolfo, as printed in the Daily Press and elsewhere, that said they favored expanded services for transients primarily in the downtown area and a more universally applied living wage.

In our e-mail, we said we opposed anything that might exacerbate the vagrancy problem, opposed a city minimum wage and favored a more friendly small business environment. We asked for votes and support.

Katz' and Dinolfo's statements have been documented and widely disseminated, yet Wyner says they are "lies" because we used them in an e-mail to a list she mistakenly assumes is proprietary. It's Wyner who is wrong.

Jean McNeil Wyner was and still is an active member of the Chamber's Political Action Committee, which endorsed four candidates for City Council. As Dinolfo's campaign manager, she worked hard to secure his endorsement. I was not endorsed by the chamber, despite knockout interviews and dozens of my "negative" writings and columns linked on the chamber's Web site.

After she misrepresented the facts, she resorted to calling me "mean spirited" and carped about my "constant negativity." These are scurrilous words coming from the public relations director of UCLA/Santa Monica hospital where she and the candidate she manages are both employed in management positions.

Bill Bauer
Santa Monica

Hope for homeless

Editor:

A homeowner complained about a bloody stool allegedly left by a homeless person in her alley (SMDP, Oct. 30-31, page 6). When I was a homeowner I never suffered from humans defecating on my property, although there were plenty of dogs (with irresponsible human caretakers) sully my well tended garden.

Today I am homeless. I am mentally ill. I am an alcoholic. I sleep in doorways and alleys and dark corners, praying that my night's sleep won't be interrupted by the police or rain. I am a professional. As a chef, hundreds of my recipes were published in national magazines. For 35 years I've been a writer and photographer, and

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The governor likes 69 — but should you too?



WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA

Today, on California's ballot, is a seemingly mild proposition. One that looks like a good idea but has some hidden provisions that just might affect you.

Proposition 69 is the short name for a proposed amendment to the "DNA Fingerprint, Unsolved Crime and Innocence Protection Act."

This piece of legislation has the lofty goal of increasing the conviction of those arrested and charged with a felony, and setting free those who are wrongly convicted or charged.

The DNA Act allows for the government to sample a person's DNA, that basic building block of who you are. Once a person, whether adult or juvenile, has been convicted of ANY felony, ANY sex offense, arson or an attempt to commit any of the above, the government can get a sample of DNA.

An adult who has been arrested for, or charged with, felony sex offenses, murder or voluntary manslaughter, or the ATTEMPT to commit such an offense, may also be sampled.

Beginning in 2009, the law automatically expands to include sampling of ANY adult who is arrested or charged with ANY felony offense.

Now I'm pretty much a pro-law-and-order kinda guy. I like my city to be clean and my streets to be safe. I'm in favor of strong penalties for violent crimes.

But this piece of legislation is a prime example of why the electorate — that's you and me — need to read what is put forth by our legislators and our Governor. It has been designed to appeal to our intrinsic sense of moral outrage at criminals. But it is the next step on the path to the fictional world of the movie "Gattaca."

It is a world of genetic testing and absolutes. This type of thinking is black and white: A mentality that declares one thing right and another thing wrong with no room for thoughtful reflection.

Sometimes it seems in this world like there are clear right or wrong situations. Those are called moral absolutes. A 45-year-old man having sex with a 5-year-old little girl seems morally, absolutely wrong, in all cases, no exceptions. But what if that 45-year-old male has a mental capacity of 6-year-old? What if he is simply incapable of understanding morality, based on a biological condition that is completely beyond his control? What if he honestly thinks he is "playing doctor" with the 5-year-old? Should his punishment be as harsh as a man with an IQ of 160 who does the same thing?

This is why moral absolutism is so scary. It leaves no room for the oddball case — the situation that no one considered possible, or could even imagine happening. Moral absolutism might be fine for the Pope, an Imam, or a Rabbi, but it is not proper for our judicial system.

Judges are appointed because they are wiser, more educated and supposed to be able to think through a situation. Juries are given information from the defense and the prosecution, and then make a determi-

nation of what happened. They need all the information they can get, and they should have access to DNA information.

The question is whether or not that information should be gathered voluntarily or by the jackboots of our government's police powers.

The argument is simple: An innocent suspect will gladly give up their DNA, and a guilty suspect won't. So why not force everyone to give up their DNA, and improve our ability to capture criminals and set the innocent free? But if that were the case, why then would the authors of the proposition have written it for only some felonies? And why would it include language that allows for the collection of DNA to be a condition of a "non-qualifying offense" plea bargain?

That plea bargain language allows the district attorney to collect DNA information on every plea bargain into which it enters. That means that the collection of DNA is going to happen in many more cases than the headline of this proposition would have us believe. So what, you might ask? Well, one way in which the district attorney will be able to collect more DNA is to overcharge someone, thus forcing a plea bargain, which will then force them to give up the DNA when they would not otherwise have to.

The collected information will then be forwarded to Department of Justice personnel for cross checks. Additionally, it will be entered into a national database. This is all good for the government and criminal justice, but that is frequently bad for the citizenry.

The proposition states that a person whose sample has been taken, and who has no "past or present qualifying offense, and for whom there otherwise is no legal basis for retaining the specimen or ample or searchable profile, may make a written request to have the sample" destroyed and their profile expunged from the database.

What this means is that in theory you can have your records cleaned up, but don't count on it. It puts the responsibility on you, the innocent, to clear your records with the government. And we all know what dealing with the government is like when it comes to getting them to clear up a mistake.

Much like the Social Security number that is now used for everything from governmental benefits to buying toilet paper at a discount, this data will become used for other governmental purposes.

DNA collection sounds great in principle, but when does the information collected become part of a much wider database that records all kinds of information about us?

In reality it is probably a foregone conclusion that we will all be in a database of DNA one day. The banks want it, the insurance companies want it, the hospitals want it, and certainly the government wants it.

We just need to know that that is what is happening when we vote on a piece of legislation that "Convicts Criminals and Sets the Innocent Free." In legislation, it's the buried paragraph that will trap you, not the headline.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I am struggling to rebuild my careers by finishing two books and printing some portfolios. In a few months, with the help of a homeless aid program, I hope to secure permanent housing. After three years of experimentation and frustration, my mental illness is kept in check through an effective program of medication and counseling. I will struggle the rest of my life with my alcoholism, but it too is treatable.

There is hope for each and every homeless person, even the person leaving a bloody stool in the angry letter-writer's alley.

Had it been a dog, might she not have wondered if it could get help? There are a few among the homeless who panhandle aggressively, who stink, who look frightening, who even other homeless don't trust, who have the toilet manners of dogs. But most of us are struggling to change. Most of us want a home, however humble. Most of us want to live with dignity. Yes, there are those who have crossed a threshold apparently beyond hope, but let us not all be tarred for their blight.

There is hope for most of us, if not for all of us; the solutions will come from kindness and understanding (not handouts). Vitriol, anger and jingoism only breed further contention.

In the 1930s Los Angeles tried to battle a tidal wave of homeless coming off the prairies, even to the point of setting up armed checkpoints on the incoming highways. The courts ruled that the roads must be opened, and over the next decade or so the city saw its greatest period of growth.

Go figure.

Mark Berlin
Santa Monica/Venice

Lock out, take two

Editor:

I just had a very frustrating experience at Barnes & Noble on the Third Street Promenade this Saturday — again. As we all know, Barnes & Noble changed their open bathroom policy to a locked one.

I spoke with the CEO of Barnes & Noble through the executive secretary, and she confirmed that the bathrooms will be opened for people with disabilities for sure. But yesterday the employees at Barnes & Noble usurped the authority of their own headquarters and denied access to their bathroom to a person with disabilities.

As a person who has major physical disabilities, I — as do most people with disabilities — need access to a bathroom on occasion as the medications I am forced to survive with sometimes cause the need to go, fast. But when I asked a person to allow me access (as I was told to by the headquarters of Barnes & Noble), and said "please allow me to use the bathroom," I was told "We don't have bathrooms here. Go to Starbucks."

Well, I was in a hurry, so I did. But their bathroom had a sign stating it was out of service. So I returned to the info desk at Barnes & Noble to ask another employee. He said they don't allow use of the bathrooms. I retold what headquarters had told me personally on the phone, that they will allow people with disabilities to use their bathroom when visiting their store at Third Street. The man was defiant, uncaring. Then a lady that I had asked earlier walked up to me in a snide manner and said "Just go upstairs." Since I was in a hurry, I asked, "Which floor?" Not being psychic and thinking maybe she meant the second floor, as there are two floors "upstairs." But she didn't answer me. I told her she didn't need to be rude about it, to which she just sneered.

I went to the third floor where I encountered three other employees, two of which were the managers of the store. Once I told them again that I needed to use the bathroom as I am a person with disabilities and Barnes & Noble told me that would be the new policy, she still denied that it was. Then she said to the other two standing there, "This is the man who wrote the letter." The other manager, who refused to reveal his name to me, said it wasn't Barnes & Noble policy. I then reassured him it was. All the while struggling to hold it.

Then, finally, another woman agreed to let me use it. When we approached the door that she was to unlock, a woman emerged from the bathroom with her child and thanked her. And she let me in. I thanked her as well. I guess women with their children can use the bathroom but not people with just as serious needs can't?

They were unnecessarily rude, mean spirited and concealed their identities as if they had a reason to be secretive. Of course they did have that reason since they knew themselves that they were not complying with their own company policy. As well, the manager went out of her way to note to the others that I was the one who had complained for people with disabilities that use Barnes & Noble about the bathroom lock out.

What a bad message they sent to me and all who depend on our local merchants to, at the very least, be helpful to those less fortunate who have to deal with major disabilities daily. They were insensitive and discriminatory to say the least.

I will be following up with their names and this event as I documented everything by paper and audio. (I always held my tape recorder in front of me and told them I was recording.) One lady even told me, "You don't need to record us." To which I thought, with this kind of needless consternation, I do. But I said nothing, just thanked her for opening the door.

I hope that Barnes & Noble now does something about their renegade employees who stop long-time customers (with disabilities) from using the bathrooms just because they can.

Derek Lantzsich
Santa Monica

Everyone can carve out a new Halloween niche



ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL

The evolution of the Halloween costume is a 20-year progression: From age 3 to third grade, the pumpkin costume takes all. In fourth grade, the pumpkin costume gets picked on by Power Rangers and little wannabe Jennifer Anistons. Middle school evolves to a quest to be "original," provided you appear as normal as possible. High school trick or treating gets blasé, and parties turn the trick. With bunny ears and black leotards, the evolution of Halloween ends with a smaller yet tamer version of Hugh Hefner's house.

This might seem cynical, but how many grown-ups do you know who still dress up as pumpkins? Heck, I'll even take the tried-and-true handful of grapes costume. It's like the movie "Mean Girls" says: Halloween is the time when girls get to dress as slutty as possible without being called one.

Being from the Midwest, I didn't pick up on this rule until my third year in college. It was my junior year when I decided to join a sorority and attended the Tri-Delta Halloween party. Little did I know there would be ladybugs in daisy dukes, sexy nurses and short-skirt frauleins. I kept wondering where their lederhosen ran off to.

And although over the years I've adapted in some ways to the rule, that's the exact problem I had in looking for a party this Halloween. Everything at la.com is either Rocky Horror/West Hollywood, or a club party with the attached phrase, "People won't be wearing their costumes all night." I'm not fresh off the prairie, but where did all the pumpkin costumes go?

Down at the Boo at the Zoo or Dream Halloween hosted by Jamie Lee Curtis, the closest thing I found to my style was the Friday Night Halloween Skate. I quickly realized from the mention of a

"Thriller" blasting boombox, though, that this was the same the group of skaters I saw barreling down the six-level parking garage last year in what seemed to be a suicide attempt.

In a last-ditch effort to fill the Halloween hole, my roommate and I decided to throw a pumpkin carving party this Thursday. Everyone brought a store-bought pumpkin and watched the movie "Carrie" as we made caramel apples, cheese fondue and drank pumpkin ale. The ale was good, but it didn't make the smell or gooshiness of the pumpkin insides any less disgusting.

It was fun, but it didn't change the fact that I bought a fairy costume a month ago with nowhere to wear it. While exhausting the LA Weekly Web page, there, like a glowing/rotting pumpkin in the night, came the answer to this Halloween's eve — A Thriller Night Costume-Party.

The bash included all-night dancing to 70s and 80s music, a free glimpse at "The Ring Two," a poker showdown, karaoke and so much more. Hideo Nakata, director of Japanese hit "Ringu" ("The Ring"), was the focal point of the fundraiser for the Lodestone Theater, the downtown LA location of the event. There was even a costume contest — which, by the way, I nearly won.

The only thing we really noticed when walking into the event was how incredibly Caucasian my boyfriend and I were. For example, the winner of the men's costume contest was a man dressed as the dictator of North Korea, and best overall was a box of Botan rice. My favorite, though, was the guy that had party balloons wrapped around him and proclaimed to be the gay Michelin man.

So I guess if there is a moral to this story, if this is a story, it would be that in a town with millions of people, there's bound to be a Halloween for everyone, even if you have to brush aside Botan rice and to drive to Koreatown to get it.

(If you did something pretty decent this Halloween or want to tell Heidi what you carved on your pumpkin, feel free to tell her at anydayinla@gmail.com).

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Bandits loot Halloween treaters

By The Associated Press

LAGUNA HILLS, Calif. — Bandits preyed on young trick-or-treaters in four south Orange County communities, snatching candy bags from costumed youngsters before fleeing in a car.

“These poor kids are all dressed up to have a good time on Halloween, and these guys steal their candy,” said sheriff’s spokesman Jim Amormino. No one was injured.

Dubbed the “Candy Bag Bandits” by investigators, the thieves were responsible for at least four robberies Sunday night in Laguna Hills, one in San Juan Capistrano, one in Aliso Viejo and one in Rancho Santa Margarita.

Farmers promote alternative flow

By The Associated Press

BRAWLEY, Calif. — An Imperial Valley farmers group has another vision for the troubled, shrinking Salton Sea: convert the sea to a ring of relatively fresh water that would cascade toward the center into increasingly salty ponds.

The Cascade Alternative, as the Imperial Group farmers call it, could provide more diversions of Salton Sea inflows to thirsty cities. About 25 percent of Salton Sea inflows have been pledged to water users in San Diego and the Coachella Valley.

But opponents pushing the North Lake Alternative, a plan that would preserve the sea as a smaller lake, claim the scaled-down Cascade version of a Salton Sea fix is too limited and that farmers want to profit from selling Colorado River water to cities.

The Imperial Group farmers said they have spent about \$5 million to design and promote the sea fix.

The state Department of Water Resources will evaluate both plans and other visions for the sea and eventually suggest spending as much as \$300 million on the best proposal. The entire cost of fixing the sea could eventually reach \$1 billion.

The Salton Sea, a 35-mile-long lake, depends on farm water runoff for replenishment. It has no natural outlets besides evaporation, so salt and nutrients concentrate in its water, threatening the long-term viability of the sea, an important stop for migratory birds and, at one time, a popular recreation area.

JetBlue looks to fill American’s Long Beach slots

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — JetBlue Airways wants two daily flight slots at Long Beach Airport that are not being used by rival American Airlines.

“Assuming American turns them in, we will use them within the time provided,” said JetBlue spokesman Todd Burke. “At this point, we have no definitive place to put them.”

JetBlue operates 22 daily flight slots, and on its winter schedule will use the slots to fly to New York City, Washington, D.C., Boston, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Salt Lake City, Oakland and Las Vegas.

JetBlue uses Long Beach Airport as its West Coast hub.

American is scrambling to cut costs because of high jet fuel costs and a redeployment of planes to other American hubs. American said last month it was discontinuing the non-stops from Long Beach to John F. Kennedy Airport in New York.

American will continue to operate five flights out of Long Beach, all to Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. The city is expecting to get back the two American flight slots, airport spokeswoman Sharon Diggs-Jackson said.

“Unless we hear differently, our intent is to retrieve and reclaim those slots,” Diggs-Jackson said.

Volunteers condemn water-sucking trees

By The Associated Press

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy volunteers are waging war on water-sucking, nonnative tamarisk trees in the Santa Rosa Mountains.

Volunteers will hike into Bear Creek Canyon on Saturday to chop, cut and drag off invasive tamarisk, also known as salt cedar, that are sapping water that could be used by bighorn sheep and other wildlife. The mission is to drive the trees from the area.

A tamarisk can suck up 200 gallons of water each day.

“Our main reason for doing it in the Santa Rosas is to open up the water for sheep and other wildlife,” said Katie Barrows, an organizer with the wildlife group.

Salt cedar trees are blamed for sapping as much as 2.5 million acre-feet of water annually in the southwest, according to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. By comparison, the entire state of Arizona uses 2.8 million acre-feet of Colorado River water in a year.

“The tamarisk really just sucks up a lot of water,” Barrows said.

Settlers and railroad companies introduced the Eurasian tamarisk to the desert in the 1850s as a windbreak and ornamental plant because the hardy tree grew quickly and densely and needed little irrigation. It’s reputation as a water guzzler emerged in the 1970s.

District computers in decay

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The school district doesn’t have the money or expertise to maintain at least \$1 million in computer equipment and it has fallen into disrepair.

The Applied Math and Science Academy lab equipment, financed by federal

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grants nearly a decade ago, is used to teach students robotics and other high-tech skills, including animation, aviation and engineering.

Several campuses have been forced to close their labs because of budget cuts, a federal push toward standardized tests and a shortage of industrial arts teachers.

"It's a travesty; the school district has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on these," said Steve Johnson, whose lab at San Fernando Middle School was closed earlier this month.

Instructor Don Wisniewski built the lab at Pacoima in 1999 with federal grant money.

"I don't know why it's fallen off at some schools," he said. "The kids love the computers. It helps them read. There's science involved. There's mathematics involved. There's a bit of everything."

Nicholas Rogers, the school district's coordinator of career development, said the fate of each computer lab rests with the school's principal.

"These programs were never meant to be continuously funded through central district," he said. "We encourage these classes. We encourage the program, but ultimately every principal sets the priorities."

Rogers said he hopes schools that closed their labs replace them with better programs.

"I'm not OK with something being closed if the instruction hasn't been replaced," said Rogers, adding that he planned to check into the status of the labs.

Hospital's third suspicious death investigated

By The Associated Press

NORWALK, Calif. — A patient restrained after an apparent scuffle with staff at Metropolitan State Hospital has died.

Richard Allen Callender was the third patient to die under unusual circumstances since a February federal report criticized patient protections.

Callender, 39, of Los Angeles, died Oct. 24, the Los Angeles County coroner's office said. Callender allegedly attacked another patient at the hospital and he was restrained before slipping into unconscious, coroner's spokesman David Campbell said.

The cause of death won't be determined until toxicology reports are completed in four to eight weeks, coroner's investigator Lt. Richard Hanna said.

Metropolitan spokeswoman Catherine Bernarding declined comment because of investigations by the hospital and the state Department of Health Services.

The U.S. Department of Justice issued a report on the mental hospital in February, prompted by years of allegations against Metropolitan, which houses about 800 adults and children who have been committed or sentenced to the facility by criminal or civil courts.

The inquiry found dozens of instances of poor care, including patients who had been misdiagnosed and were then given improper medicines. The report also found that from April 1, 2001, to March 31, 2002, there were 475 patient-against-patient assaults, 310 incidents in which patients hurt themselves and 304 accidental injuries.

Callender had schizophrenia but was in good physical health, family attorney Shawn Chapman Holley said. He was sent to Metropolitan after being deemed unfit to stand trial on numerous charges stemming from an incident last year in which cars were vandalized.

In late February, Clifton Washington, 42, hanged himself in his room at Metropolitan after wrapping a piece of clothing around his neck and tying it to a bar across a window.

In July, Julia Zaragoza Rodriguez, 52, died after swallowing two quarters at the hospital. The coroner ruled that she died of a small bowel perforation caused by repeated swallowing of foreign objects.

Republicans surprise former shoo-in

By The Associated Press

CORCORAN, Calif. — When Democratic Rep. Cal Dooley announced he was stepping down after seven terms, there was little doubt at first over who would replace him. California's 20th Congressional district, a long, narrow sweep of farm land anchored by Fresno to the north and Bakersfield to the south, was drawn to elect a Democrat, and the winner of the party's March primary — former state Sen. Jim Costa — was considered a shoo-in to take the seat.

But with President Bush polling strong throughout the Central Valley and a tenacious GOP candidate, state Sen. Roy Ashburn, vying for the seat, national Republicans decided to get involved.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Vice President Dick Cheney dropped in on the campaign over the summer, and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger hosted a successful fund raiser for Ashburn in Fresno last month. By the campaign's final weekend, the National Republican Congressional Committee had spent nearly \$2 million in television and radio ads, making what was once predicted to be an easy rout by Costa into the only contested race among the state's 53 Congressional districts.



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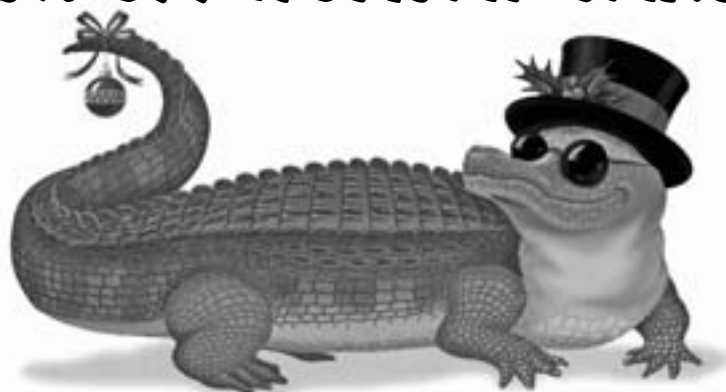
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STATE

California town known for roses fears wafting scent of another kind

BY JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press Writer

WASCO, Calif. — The pride of this farming town tucked into the southern end of California's San Joaquin Valley is a crop not usually linked to one of the nation's most fertile agricultural regions.

Wasco grows much of the nation's domestic supply of roses, producing varieties with names such as the blood-red Lover's Lane, the yellow miniature Sun Sprinkles and the blush-pink Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The town celebrates an annual Rose Festival, complete with a Rose Queen pageant, and a small plaque in the modest downtown tells visitors they've entered the "Rose Capital of the Nation."

Its residents now fear the fragrance of their signature flower will soon be overpowered by another scent: cow manure.

Proposals pending with the Kern County Board of Supervisors to bring 10 mega-dairies to Wasco's immediate outskirts have residents worrying that the character of their town will change soon — and for the worst. The dairies, if approved, would surround the town of 22,000 with about 100,000 cows.

Dairies "don't bring that many jobs, but they sure do create a stink," said hairdresser Maria Gomez, while cutting hair in the Casa Bonita salon.

Said her aunt, Maria Espinoza: "Anyone thinking about moving here will think twice."

It's not just the smell of the cows and the flies they attract that bothers residents of the town northwest of Bakersfield. They're also afraid the tons of manure to be spread on the ground will hurt water quality and that the cow's own emissions will worsen air pollution in what already is one of the nation's dirtiest air basins.

To express their frustration, a group of Wasco residents joined with several city council members to put a measure on

Tuesday's ballot asking the dairies to stay at least 10 miles outside town.

They're hoping for a strong show of support, even though the measure has no legal weight. The sites proposed by the dairies lie outside city limits, giving responsibility to the board of supervisors.

County Supervisor Ray Watson said the proposal to establish a 10-mile buffer zone around Wasco is "excessive and arbitrary."

The proposal, he said, fails to consider "the new technology and the mitigations the dairies might employ to lessen their impact."

Industry representatives said dairy farmers have improved their practices in recent years to make their farms less of a nuisance and an environmental hazard. Among the examples they cite: spreading manure in fields where it can be absorbed by crops and capturing the cows' waste to control flies and odor.

Many in Wasco remain unconvinced.

"We'd be depending on which way the wind blows," said Marina Paredes, president of the Wasco Rose Society, which brings together commercial rose growers and others who grow their own flowers. "The manure, the smells — the wind could bring that right into town."

Kern County, already home to 290,000 dairy cows, has relatively cheap land and several milk processing plants. County officials said they've received applications from 26 mega-dairies to move to the county, adding 237,000 animals, many of them in Watson's district.

David Jones, planning director for the San Joaquin Unified Air Pollution Control District, said he is concerned by the manure, the dust and contaminants from farms that sometimes hold as many as 25,000 cows each.

"It adds up," he said. "They're no longer the mom-pop-and-bunch-of-kids operations they used to be."

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Hispanic college students connect in ethnic fraternities

BY YVONNE WINGETT

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — Before joining a Latino-based fraternity three years ago, college life for Alex Macias was boring and routine. He drifted in and out of classes, occasionally grabbed a bite and studied on a campus where he felt he didn't quite belong.

Life today with Omega Delta Phi is different for the Arizona State University junior, comfortably crammed with study groups and volunteer work in the Hispanic community.

The 20-year-old's new world is also filled with carnavales, or brothers, who understood his culture, his language and the struggles of a minority student navigating a mostly white college campus.

"You feel more at home. You don't feel so much like a minority on campus because you're talking about the same things, you're facing the same issues," said Macias, of Phoenix. "There's a lot more minorities coming to campus who are not feeling that they belong in a traditional fraternity."

Despite increasingly diverse college campuses around the state, where minority students are less isolated than a decade ago, students are still joining ethnically based Greek organizations.

Some say they join for the brotherhood or sisterhood, to forge a deep bond based on shared traditions, ethnic celebrations, language and skin color. Others join to find role models who can mentor them in and out of the classroom.

And with the strict academic guidelines of Greek organizations, students like Macias say the system helps them focus on grades and studies. Administrators agree: When students are connected to others who share similar ideals, they're more likely to succeed.

That's partly why Magdalena Ibarra joined Hispanic-based Kappa Delta Chi at Northern Arizona University.

The 20-year-old was used to small-town life and being friends with other young Latinas who looked like her. So it was a shock when she landed on the campus. Disconnected and disheartened, she felt that she couldn't relate to anyone.

Since she joined Kappa last fall, her sisters have helped her overcome broken hearts, stressful tests and drama in and out of school.

"It's about having people there for you 24/7, just to talk, just to listen," said Ibarra, a junior majoring in business management. "So often, especially in college,

you're discovering who you are, and you encounter ... a lot of bumps."

Along the way, she has learned more about herself while volunteering for senior citizens, fund-raising for nonprofits and investing time at food centers.

"You need a support group to keep going. If I didn't have one, I might've quit school," she said.

The estimated 26 minority-based Greek groups statewide help keep about 500 of the state's estimated 22,500 minority college students like Ibarra and Macias in school, say advisers and administrators.

The premise holds true for any group, they say: Students who believe they have a group that provides them with a sense of identity succeed more than those who don't.

"Any time you have students that feel as though there's a group that cares for them, that they have a sense of identity, they work harder in ensuring their future," said Juan Gonzalez, vice president for student affairs at ASU. "They work harder in studying, finding solutions to their problems."

Black fraternities were the first, in the early 1900s at the East Coast universities of Cornell and Howard. Hispanic groups loosely organized about 30 years ago, and other multicultural Greeks followed. They initially formed as a support group for ethnic students who experienced racial prejudice.

"We're seeing record numbers of Latinos coming into higher education. What that has translated to is more students needing to find their sense of belonging on campus," said David A. Ortiz, special assistant for diversity initiatives at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and a member of a Hispanic-based fraternity.

A group of NAU students last semester formed Beta Sigma Epsilon, an American Indian-based fraternity. An Asian-based fraternity is forming at ASU, along with two Latina sororities, Lambda Theta Alpha and Sigma Lambda Beta, and two multicultural sororities, Omega Phi Chi and Theta Nu Zeta.

Larissa Smith always knew she would follow in her mom's footsteps and become a sister of the black-founded Sigma Gamma Rho. But her reasons for joining go beyond legacy and sisterhood, the University of Arizona senior says.

"It has a lot of career benefits," says Smith, 21, a cultural anthropology major. "There are chapters everywhere. Everywhere you go, no matter where you go, you have someone who can house you, show you around, be that ... shoulder. I don't know that my college experience would be the same (without it)."

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Two Montana mountain climbers killed in avalanche

By The Associated Press

ENNIS, Mont. — Two Montana mountain climbers were killed when an avalanche swept them off Sphinx Mountain near here, Madison County officials said Sunday.

The victims were identified as Nathaniel Stevens and Bryan Nelson, both 25, of Missoula.

"The slide took them down," said Sheriff's Deputy David Clark. "They weren't totally buried. They took two 30-foot falls."

Witnesses said the men fell 30 feet to a ledge and then fell another 30 feet to the bottom, Clark said.

A third climber, Justin Elliott, also of Missoula, was not caught in Saturday's avalanche because he had stopped to tighten his boot, Clark said.

The three men were intending to ice climb and were traversing the north side of the mountain, which is in the Lee

Metcalf Wilderness southeast of Ennis in the Madison Range.

Clark said the avalanche occurred about 9:30 a.m. Saturday during a snowstorm, and it may have been triggered by overhanging snow cornices breaking off. Clark said authorities were notified about three hours after the accident.

Four separate parties were on foot in the area intending to ice climb. One of them included an emergency medical technician, who was able to reach the victims and determined they were dead, Clark said.

Air and ground attempts to retrieve the bodies Saturday failed, Clark said, and officials used horses on Sunday to bring out the bodies.

U.S. Forest Service officials said some areas had heavy snow and strong winds on Thursday night. "That's what created the current avalanche conditions," said avalanche scientist Karl Birkeland of the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center.



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✓ YES

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“We’ve studied Measure S carefully. It is a good investment for our local college, for our youth, and for the taxpayers of both Santa Monica and Malibu. Measure S includes tough independent fiscal oversight and public reporting. All funds must be used for projects specified in the measure. And every cent raised will be spent right here; local bond money cannot be taken away by the state. The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica recommends: Yes on S.”

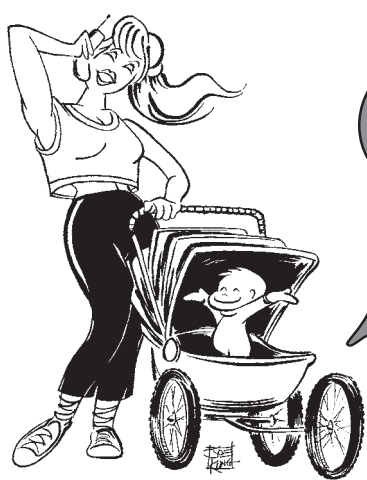
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A weekly look at events and programs for



DEAR DORIE

How to be firm but loving when your child hits the 'terrible twos'

Dear Dorie,

When does parenting a toddler change from "setting limits" to real discipline? What are the forms of discipline being promoted and taught by the "experts?"

Dear parent,

Most current experts agree that the term "discipline" carries connotations of harshness and emotional coldness, if not punishment or coercion. Therefore, early childhood professionals regularly use the term "guidance." Using effective and appropriate guidance is one of the toughest challenges faced by parents of toddlers and preschoolers.

There is no shift from one method at one age to another. Experts will agree that obedience and responsibility grow from a combination of positive, loving relationships and effective strategies of guidance that eliminate the need for parents to nag and rule over their children with raw power. The overall process of guidance is based on respect for your child.

In the real world of parenting, the primary goal of toddler guidance is to prevent injury caused by natural inquisitiveness ("The knife is for Mommy, here's a spoon for you"), and find safe ways to assert independence ("You may be naked in the backyard, but when we go to Grandma's house, we'll put on some clothes.") In most cases, guiding your toddler is nothing more than a matter of environmental control. These situations are unique for every parent and child. There are, however, a few tips:

- Avoid needless conflicts. If she loves to climb, don't keep her in the dining room.
- Handle fighting firmly but gently. "When you bite Adam, it hurts him. He is crying. Don't do that again."
- Encourage negotiation. "We will read two more books, then go to the store."
- Seek alternatives to "no." "The white paper is for drawing, the newspaper is for reading."
- Be gentle when it comes to the little things. Regularly spilled juice doesn't need a sarcastic comment or guilt trip, it needs a sippy cup.

Above all, remember that corporal punishment — slapping a child's hand, spanking, etc. — not only does not improve behavior but can often make it worse. Ultimately, it teaches the child that it is acceptable to use physical violence to force people to do things they don't want to do.

(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).

Yoga Classes & Special Events for Kids & Teens

Fall Session Begins October 25th

- ◆ Kid's Night Out - November 5, 6 pm
- ◆ Stretching Your Limits - November 6, 2 pm
- ◆ Kid's Peace Circle - November 13
- ◆ Kids' Musical Yoga - November 14

◆ 1814 14th Street, Santa Monica ◆ (310) 260-2736 ◆ yogaforkids@hotmail.com ◆

GUEST COMMENTARY BY CONNIE DAWSON

Who are the overindulgers? Grandparents or parents?

When I give a talk on overindulgence, there are usually a few grandparents in the audience. They express concern for their grandchildren. They believe that overindulgence might truly spoil the lives of the ones they love most.

I ask them to be more specific. "In which area(s) do you think your grandchildren are being overindulged?"

- Too much stuff that costs money?
- Too many activities and lessons?
- Having done things for the children they could do for themselves?
- Not expecting the children to do chores?
- Failing to have rules that are enforced by consequences?
- Giving the kids too much freedom?
- Letting the kids have too much power in the family?

What are they doing about their concerns?

I ask grandparents, "What have you done to express your concern?" Here are some of their answers:

- "I've told my daughter I'm concerned that she and her husband are canceling one another out and not holding the kids accountable for their choices. The kids get by with running the show. I tried my best to stay non-judgmental."
- "I don't know what to do. I haven't said anything."
- "I've given my son a copy of your book and told him that after reading it, I was concerned that I'd overindulged him in some ways. I apologized for not knowing better at the time."

"We have changed the way we respond to our grown children now. We're setting better boundaries and being careful about our gifts to them."

"We've both told our kids that we're proud of how they're doing some very smart things that we didn't do when they were growing up. We wish we had."

"Our grandson is annoying and obnoxious because he demands to be the everlasting center of attention. He's 4 now. How will that that behavior work when he's 14? When he's 25? How will it work for his parents then? I'm worried for them, but I don't want to meddle."

"I'm worried that if I express a concern about her parenting, my daughter will not be happy. I don't want to make her angry or make her feel she's not a good

mother."

"I tell my daughter and son-in-law how much I admire how they get parenting help when things aren't working the way they intended."

The concerns of these grandparents come from a deep caring place.

Grandparents overindulge less than parents

From the other side of the fence, many parents say the grandparents are the ones doing the overindulging. According to our studies, however, adults who were overindulged as kids said that mothers and fathers were the ones who overindulged the most. Grandparents were the overindulgers in only 4 percent of cases. Whoever overindulges should accept responsibility and make necessary changes.

Tips for grandparents

- Look at how you might be seeing the situation with "they should do it my way" eyes.
- Learn more about the dynamics of overindulgence.
- Refrain from blanket generalizations. Focus on specific behaviors of concern: "When Jack opened his 25 birthday presents, he didn't seem much interested in any of them. When he finished ripping through the gifts, he looked hollow, yet, he looked for more. Should we be doing something different?"
- Stay in your loving integrity when you share a concern. Refrain from being critical. Overindulgence comes from a loving heart and good intentions.
- Offer to explore options to replace unwanted behaviors or ineffective beliefs. Be a partner in learning.
- Acknowledge the specific ways you might have overindulged or are overindulging now, and make the corrections in your own current relationships.

(Connie Dawson, Jean Illsley Clarke and David Bredehoft are co-authors of "How Much Is Enough? Everything You Need to Know to Steer Clear of Overindulgence and Raise Likeable, Responsible and Respectful Children, Toddlers to Teens." Connie can be reached at cdawson@whidbey.com).

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SPECIAL EVENTS – VOTE!

FRIDAY, NOV. 5
STORYTELLING and BOOK SIGNING with David Shannon, 10:30 a.m. – noon
 Children's Book World, 10580 _ W. Pico Blvd., LA. The Caldecott-winning author of No, David! will be reading his latest release called Alice the Fairy. Free! For all ages.

KID'S NIGHT OUT at Kids' Yoga Circle, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., 1814 14th St.
 Enjoy yoga, art, pizza and play. Ages 5 and up, \$56. Call 260-2736 for more info.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT at CHILD'S PLAY, 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.
 2299 Westwood Blvd., LA. Kids get in a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more, while parents have a night out! Ages 3 – 10; \$9 per hour, \$7 for siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required. Call 470-4997 or visit www.childsplayonline.net.

SATURDAY, NOV. 6
RHYTHM CHILD FAMILY JAM, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m., 3025 Olympic Blvd.
 Bring the entire family for a percussive jam featuring drums, shakers, tambourines and more. \$15 child, \$10 sibling, free for parents. Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythm-child.net for more info.

STRETCHING YOUR LIMITS: YOGA, ART & CREATIVE WRITING for TEENS, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Kids' Yoga Circle, 1814 14th St. Teen workshop focuses on yoga, journaling and meditation. Ages 12 and up, \$60, 260-2736.

SUNDAY, NOV. 7

FIRST SUNDAYS are for FAMILIES at MOCA, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m., 250 S. Grand Ave., downtown LA. Create paintings that don't require paint. Ages 5 and up. FREE!

NATURE RAMBLES, 9:00 a.m., Franklin Canyon Ranch, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills. Discover the interrelations and connections of birds, plants and other wildlife partners. For all ages. FREE! Call 858-7272, ext. 131 for directions.

ONGOING THRU NOV. 21
DESTINATION: DINOSAURS! at the LA Zoo, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Check out robotic dinosaurs, dig in fossil boxes, get lost in a dinosaur maze and enjoy a puppet show. Free with paid admission: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Call 323-644-4200 for more info.

Special Note – Mommy Care classes at the Dance Factory have moved to 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood. Please see the calendar listings for schedule updates.

TUESDAY

Movies for Moms!
 Nov. 2nd – “Ray” starring Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington and Regina King. Biography/ Drama; Rated “PG-13.” 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. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling

Main Library – held at Reed Park, corner of 7th and Wilshire.
Toddler Storytime; 10:00 & 10:30 a.m. For 2 year olds with adult.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Cuentos Para Pequenos – 10:00 a.m., six-week series in Spanish for 24 – 36 month olds with adult. Next session Nov. 2 – Dec. 7

Lap Time – 11:00 a.m., six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant & Family Support Programs. Next session Nov. 2 – Dec. 7.
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Terrific Tuesdays – 3:30 p.m., every other Tuesday, Oct. 26, Nov. 9 & 23. Stories and crafts for ages 5 – 9.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St – 310-392-3804.
Toddler Storytime, 10:00 and 10:30. Music, rhymes and stories for 24-36 month olds.
Tiny Tuesday 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 (1-3 years) – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Infant & Me, Transitional Group (7 – 14 mos.) – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.; Infant & Me (0-12 mos.) – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.; classes in partnership with the Infant and Family Support Program. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA
 10:00 – 11:00 a.m and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Thursday nights 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) 393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.
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 – 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 workout at the end)

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-826-5774 – no pre-reg required, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

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.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; six-week series for 3-5 year olds with adult. Next session Nov. 3 – Dec. 8
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Lap Time – 10:00 & 10:30 a.m., for ages 0-2.
Toddler Story Time – 11:15 a.m., for 2 year olds.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St – 392-3804.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
Border's, Westwood – 11am – 310-475-3444.

Classes

Rhythm Child Parent & Me Rhythms, Santa Monica Studios, 3025 Olympic Blvd., 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Children explore rhythms through drum play. Ages 6 mos. – 3.5 years; \$15 per session. Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythmchild.net for more info.
YWCA – A Place for Parents – Parent Support (3 – 5 years) – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Infant Plus (0-12 mos.) – 10:30 a.m. – noon; Parents of Adolescents Support Group – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$15
Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Step Aerobics, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, 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

Storytelling

Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
 10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.
Main Library – held at Reed Park, corner of 7th and Wilshire.
Toddler Storytime; 10:00 a.m.; for 2 year olds with adult.
Preschool Story Time; 10:30 a.m.; for ages

3-5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Toddler Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; for ages 2 –3. Next session Nov. 4 – Dec. 16.
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.
Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m., for 2 year olds.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; for 3-5 year olds.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St – 310-392-3804.
Lap Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m., 6-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by SMMUSD Infant & Family Support Program. Next session Nov. 4 – Dec. 16.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me (1-3 years) – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.; classes in partnership with the Infant and Family Support Program.
Parent Support (3 – 5 years) – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA
 7:30 – 8:30 p.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Tuesdays at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) 393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.
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.

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-826-5774 – no pre-reg required, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call 310-390-2529 for info.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me (1-3 years) – 9:20 – 10:20 a.m.; Parent Support (1-3 years) – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
Mommy and Me Dance– celebrate the wonderful world of imagination Fridays at the Electric Lodge. 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. ages 14 – 24 months; 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. ages 2 – 4.
 6 classes for \$75 or \$14 per class. First class free! 1416 Electric Ave, Venice, 306-1854.

Yoga & Exercise

Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Indoor Cycling, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45 p.m., \$15.
Prenatal Breath and Movement – a Continuum Movement and Yoga-based program designed to support women through various sound and movement explorations that celebrate pregnancy and labor as powerful rites of passage. 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. With Deborah Raoult at the Continuum Studio, 1629 18th St., #7. For more info call 625-3739, www.openskymovement.com. \$108 for a six-week session.

Baby Attuned - Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., A new program promoting sensitive parenting and developmental awareness. Learn about and keep a record of your baby's unique development, ages 3 to 60 months. Parent-completed developmental screening, with review and feedback from a licensed clinical developmental psychologist and experienced pediatric nurse practitioner, Eileen Escarce, PhD, MSN. (PSY 18819). Introductory fee: \$15 per screening with feedback. 1137 2nd Ave, Suite 213. By appointment only 310-367-1155.

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., 310-559-BOOK.
 Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m. – 454-4063.

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. 1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicaayoga.com
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Other

Snowwhite and Mary-Mary Quite Contrary at the Santa Monica Playhouse
 Alternating Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m. thru Dec. 19th , \$12 adults, \$10 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St, ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
Precious Prints – Ceramic Heirlooms for a Lifetime
Second Saturday every month at The Pump Station, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.preciousprintsstudios.com for more info.

Breastfeeding

Working Mother's Support Group
 The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd. - 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., \$12 fee, led by Ilka Sternberger, certified lactation educator. Call 826-5774 for more info.

SUNDAY

Snowwhite and Mary-Mary Quite Contrary at the Santa Monica Playhouse
 Alternating Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m. thru Dec. 19th , \$12 adults, \$10 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com
 Main Street Farmer's Market – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., corner of Main St. and Ocean Park Blvd. Pony rides, live music, lots of vendors and great family socializing.
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicopolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
 Family Fundays at the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum
 Ages 4 and up, 11:00 a.m., \$8, 1419 N. Topanga Blvd., Topanga Canyon, 310-455-3723.

MONDAY

Storytelling

Main Library – Lap Time at Joslyn Park, Craft Room, 9:30 a.m. A series for babies up to two years old.
 “Family Connections” - 10:00 a.m. Joslyn Park, Craft Room.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804.
 “Spanish for Little Ones”, 11:15 a.m. Next session Nov. 8 – Dec. 16.
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Toddler Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

MOMS Club of Santa Monica – New Mother Group – for new moms with babies ages 0-6 months. Meet for conversation, support and playtime. All new Moms welcome!
 Call Clare at 395-7422 for time, location and more info.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me (1-3 years) – 9:20 – 10:20 a.m.; Parent Support (1-3 years) – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-826-5774 – no pre-reg required, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$15
 Yoga Garden, - Restorative yoga for pre/postnatal – 6:30 p.m., 310-450-0133. www.yogagardenstudios.com

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NATIONAL

Elk numbers too high in Roosevelt National Park

By The Associated Press

MEDORA, N.D. — Elk are flourishing at Theodore Roosevelt National Park in numbers too great for their habitat, and park officials say hundreds of the animals may have to be shot to bring the population down in coming years.

National Park Service officials have started studying a strategy for managing the park's elk. The process could take several years, the agency said.

"This is not something we take lightly," said Valerie Naylor, the park's superintendent.

There are more than 600 elk in the

park, but wildlife managers have said the land can only handle about 360. The Park Service has transferred the animals to other states in the past to keep the population down, but fears about chronic wasting disease have halted the practice.

The fatal brain-wasting disease has been found in several states and Canada, but it has not been detected in North Dakota.

The elk population doubles roughly every three years, meaning the state's only national park could have more than 1,000 elk by 2007.

But even if a moratorium on moving

elk to other states was lifted, demand for the animals is not high, said Randy Kreil, wildlife chief for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

"There are very few places in the country where elk numbers are low enough that anyone would need them," he said.

Park staff and officials from the Game and Fish Department have discussed options for controlling the elk population.

Kreil said the state would like to have qualified volunteer hunters kill cow elk in the park for personal consumption. Hunting is not allowed in national parks, but Kreil said state officials are working

on a plan that could skirt the regulations.

"It's better than hiring sharpshooters and giving the meat away. We believe it's more economical than sharpshooters, and it could be highly controlled," Kreil said.

"This is one of the most important and challenging wildlife problems that we'll ever deal with," he said.

Elk were native to the North Dakota Badlands before people moved in, and were brought back in 1985 to restore the species. They thrived in the protected environment. The initial 47 brought up from Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota multiplied to 400 by 1993.

Idaho woman determined to cast 20th presidential vote

By The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Christine Bray may be all but immobilized by recent hip and spinal injuries. But it will not be enough to stop her, even at age 97, from going to the polls Tuesday just as she has in the every presidential election going back to Herbert Hoover's victory over Al Smith in 1928.

"I'm not very mobile, but I wouldn't think of not voting," she said. "I want to go inside and walk to the booth. Then I can sit down on the wheelchair and vote."

She was 21 and living in Mississippi

when she cast that first vote for Al Smith and then watched him lose in a landslide.

Four years later, though, she was among the overwhelming American majority to put Franklin D. Roosevelt in the White House.

"I liked him because of the work he did in creating the Civilian Conservation Corps," she said. "The CCC built a lot of good things and created a lot of jobs. I knew a lot of people who worked for the CCC. I thought Roosevelt did a good job of leading the country through the Depression and World War II, and I was quite fond of Mrs. Roosevelt."

Bray moved to the Republican side of the ballot in 1952, backing Dwight Eisenhower but almost as much because of his wife, Mamie, as the candidate himself.

"She had a wonderful, positive attitude," Bray said.

Her son, Boise attorney Chris Bray, remembers as a child living in Port Arthur, Texas, and going with her into the old voting machines, the closet-size booth with the curtain where votes were cast by pulling a lever next to the candidate's name.

"We'd be in there behind the curtain, and she'd pull a lever that would make this sound — whoosh — and that was

how you voted," Chris Bray said. "There were levers to vote straight Democratic or straight Republican and levers to vote for individual candidates. I wasn't old enough to really understand what it was about, but the process was intriguing and exciting."

Chris Bray moved to Idaho in 1974, and his mother followed 10 years ago.

Politics has remained exciting to this day for Christine Bray, who can't even imagine young people who claim to be put off by campaigns and convinced their votes don't matter.

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NATIONAL

Arizona governor says state needs to conserve more water

BY PAUL DAVENPORT

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano called Monday for new water conservation efforts, including stepped-up planning in rural areas and clear authority for the state to impose emergency measures during severe drought.

Napolitano also used a wide-ranging speech on water policy issues to call for a general "culture of conservation" and to announce a new collaborative effort on water-related research by the three state universities.

A "one-two punch" of record drought and record growth demands action on many fronts, from conservation at the local level to multistate negotiations on Colorado River supply issues, Napolitano said in her address to an Arizona Town Hall gathering at the Grand Canyon. Her office released a text of the address.

"We must find new ways to sustain our growth in this arid state," Napolitano said.

The governor said she envisions an expanding role for the Department of Water Resources, a state agency that enforces water-supply requirements. The department also takes the lead on behalf of Arizona in talks with other states on supply issues.

Tucson and some other communities already are taking leading roles in water conservation but more must be done, particularly in rural areas, Napolitano said.

"We must develop a culture of conservation in Arizona, wherein everyone who lives and works here does all that can be done to conserve our most vital natural resource," she said.

She announced that she ordered state agencies

Monday to reduce their water consumption by 5 percent. Such reductions were a step recommended by Napolitano's drought task force.

Mandatory water conservation decisions must be made locally, but the state also needs to take action, Napolitano said.

The Democratic governor said she will ask the Republican-led Legislature in January to take up the issue of authority for conservation mandates and that her drought task force's proposal "is a good place to start."

The "water university" to be formed by Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona will combine each school's expertise to provide ideas and technology to help solve the state's problems and provide an economic opportunity, Napolitano said.

"Here we can indeed be a world leader in demonstrating how a healthy, growing economy can sustain itself in an arid environment during a time of drought," she said.

Napolitano noted that the drought could prompt a federal declaration of a shortage of Colorado River water. That, in turn, could reduce Arizona's draw of river water, particularly that going to cities and other users of water transported by the Central Arizona Project aqueduct.

Napolitano said the state needs to help the agriculture industry transition to groundwater if the supply of Colorado River water is reduced and to transition land use from crops to urban development as encroachment on farmlands continues.

Noting water-quality concerns, Arizona and other states also need to ensure that the Colorado River is safe to use, Napolitano said.



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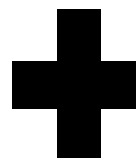
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Gunmen assassinate Baghdad deputy governor

By The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. troops clashed with Sunni insurgents west of the capital Monday, and gunmen assassinated Baghdad’s deputy governor as fresh American soldiers arrived in the capital — reinforcements that will push U.S. military strength in Iraq to its highest level since the summer of 2003.

American artillery pounded suspected insurgent positions in Fallujah, witnesses said, where U.S. forces are gearing up for an offensive if Iraqi mediation fails to win agreement to hand over foreign Arab fighters and other militants.

U.S. and Iraqi officials hope to curb the insurgency in Fallujah and other Sunni strongholds in time for national elections by the end of January. Voter registration for the January balloting began Monday.

In order to provide enough security for the voting, Army units slated to depart are being held back until after the election. The delays in departures and the arrival of new units will push the total U.S. military presence in Iraq to around 142,000.

At Camp Victory North, the sprawling headquarters of the Army’s 1st Cavalry Division, the mess hall and housing trailers were brimming to capacity with the arrival of the 3,700-member Louisiana-based 256th Enhanced Separate Brigade, a National Guard unit that has been rolling into the Iraqi capital the past few days.

Iraq’s interim prime minister, Ayad Allawi, warned on Sunday that efforts to resolve the standoff in Fallujah with mil-

itants have entered their “final phase” and that his patience is running short before launching “a military solution.”

The deputy governor of Baghdad province, Hatim Kamil, was killed when gunmen opened fire on his car in the southern Doura neighborhood, Iraqi authorities said. Two of his bodyguards were also wounded in the attack, officials said.

Insurgents have killed dozens of Iraqi politicians and government workers in recent months in a bid to destabilize the country’s reconstruction.

One U.S. Marine was killed and four others wounded Sunday when a bomb exploded in Ramadi, one of the leading insurgent strongholds.

Suicide bomber detonates in crowded market

By The Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up in a crowded outdoor market in central Tel Aviv on Monday, killing at least three bystanders and wounding 32, medics and police said.

Paramedics treated dazed shoppers amid strewn vegetables on the pavement.

Police searched the market for additional explosives. Channel Two TV said authorities were also searching for a car believed to be carrying a person involved in the attack.

The attack came after Israel said it would exercise restraint in its battle against militant groups while Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is being treated in France for a mysterious illness.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Police said four people were killed, including the bomber.

It was the first suicide attack in Israel since Aug. 31, when Palestinian militants simultaneously blew up two buses in the

southern desert city of Beersheba, killing 16.

Cheney draws a record crowd during Hawaii visit

By The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Invoking memories of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Vice President Dick Cheney told a late-night campaign rally Sunday that rival John Kerry neither understands nor has a plan to win today’s war on terror.

In a 3,225-mile detour from the mainland battleground states, the vice president made the most of a surprise visit to traditionally Democratic Hawaii by ripping into Kerry in the final hours of the campaign.

“We are standing just a few miles from Pearl Harbor, the site of a sudden attack ... Three years ago, America faced another sudden attack,” Cheney told a crowd estimated by his aides at 9,000, the vice president’s biggest crowd at a campaign event.

Cheney said that “the clearest, most important difference in this campaign is simple to state: President Bush understands the war on terror and has a strategy for winning it. John Kerry does not.”

Only Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan among Republicans have won Hawaii since it became a state, but recent polls have shown Bush and Kerry in a close race.

After receiving no notice from national political figures, Hawaii and its four electoral votes are suddenly a focus of attention. Former Vice President Al Gore spoke at a rally of more than 1,200 Democrats on Friday.

Former President Clinton did interviews with Hawaii TV stations for Kerry on Wednesday.

Clinton stumps for John Kerry in Arkansas

By The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Former President Clinton on Sunday returned the state he governed for 12 years in an effort to boost John Kerry’s chance of winning Arkansas’ six electoral votes.

Less than two months after quadruple heart bypass surgery, Clinton appeared before an already faithful crowd estimated at more than 4,500 and urged Democrats to turn out at the polls Tuesday.

“A lot of people died for the right to vote and I don’t want to be rolled by people staying home from the polls that shouldn’t be,” said Clinton, a resident of New York since leaving the White House in 2001.

With earlier polls showing Arkansas comfortably in President Bush’s camp, Kerry’s campaign had all but written off the state — canceling a major advertising buy in a region once considered a tossup.

However, polling conducted two weeks ago found the candidates in a dead heat, triggering a late advertising push by both camps. New figures from an MSNBC-Knight Ridder poll of 625 likely Arkansas voters Tuesday through Friday showed Bush with a 51-43 advantage in a set of figures with a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

“You can still win here. It depends on which side gets the vote out better,” Clinton said.

Gov. Mike Huckabee, who heads Bush’s re-election effort in the states, said that while Clinton is a great campaigner, he would have a hard time selling Kerry to most Arkansans.



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Rescuers in Idaho save injured hunter from freezing temperatures

BY CHUCK OXLEY
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho — An injured hunter was rescued after a harrowing night stranded on a rocky ledge in freezing temperatures, frostbitten and losing feeling in his leg.

Nate Aggen, 22, became separated from his elk-hunting party Saturday and tried to cross several drainages before he fell into the Payette River and soaked himself up to his chest.

With daylight running out and no emergency supplies, he climbed to a ledge about 900 feet above the river, spoke to a fellow hunter by walkie-talkie and fired shots into the air to mark his position.

Wet, cold and sore, Aggen wound up having to wait for the next morning before rescuers, hampered by weather and the difficult terrain, succeeded in bringing him to safety.

"I was scrounging around looking for something to make a shelter when something came down the embankment and hit me in the back," Aggen said. "It was a rock or a log. I lost the feeling in my left leg."

"I crawled up to a rock to huddle against. It was raining and snowing, and then it got to below-freezing temperatures."

A Life Flight helicopter brought in state and local rescuers, but fog prevented them from being able to make a rescue in the canyon.

"He was extremely cold and hypothermic. We did not think he was going to make it," said Sharon Barnes, a Boise County dispatcher. "They couldn't get anything to him, and it was dark."

Crews set up powerful lights in the

steep canyon so rescuers could see their way, and a whitewater crew teamed up with paramedics and a mountain search and rescue team to descend the canyon by rope and ferry themselves across the river in an inflatable raft, Barnes said.

In the pre-dawn hours Sunday, they made a difficult climb to Aggen's position, staying in contact with him on his radio every 20 or 30 minutes.

"They were asking how I was doing, making sure I was still shivering and still breathing," Aggen said. "I was blacking out."

The rescuers strapped Aggen into a stretcher and lowered him to the river, where he was loaded onto a raft and floated to the north bank, then hoisted hundreds of feet up to the highway — an operation that took another six hours.

He was taken to the hospital, but suffered only minor frostbite and contusions to the head. He was released later Sunday.

Reached at home by telephone, Aggen said it was his first big game hunting trip.

"I'll be back out to do it again," he said. "I'll just do it the correct way."

Aggen wasn't the only member of his group that ran into trouble along the river about 40 miles north of Boise.

In the late afternoon, two hunters became stranded on the south side of the river, Boise County Chief Deputy Bill Braddock said. Rescuers returned their attention to Aggen after determining the other stranded hunters could build a fire and safely spend the night.

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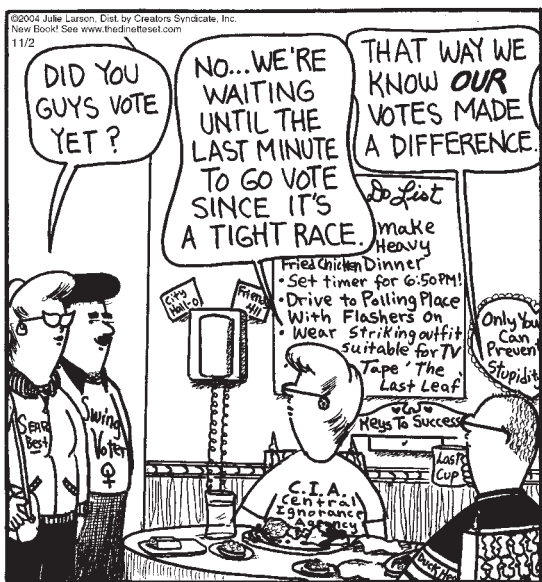


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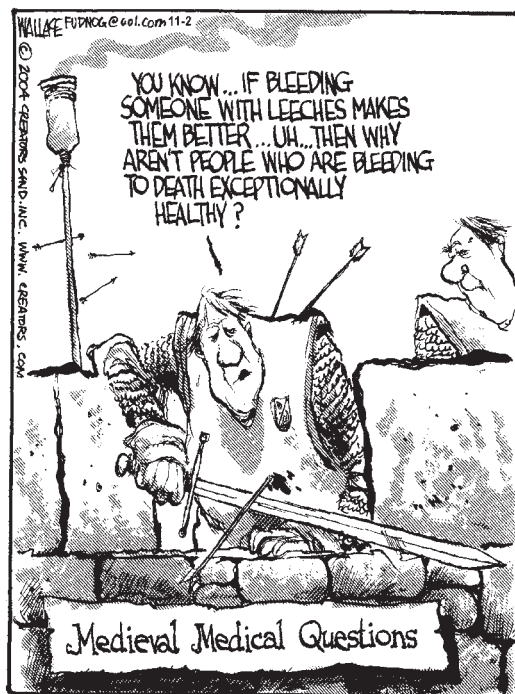
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Andy Richter laments his approachable demeanor

CHICAGO — If you spot Andy Richter at a bar, think twice about asking him over to share a beer.

“I think people think I’m more of an outgoing kind of Norm from ‘Cheers’ guy than I actually am,” he told the Chicago Sun-Times in Sunday’s editions. “I’m polite and I’m friendly, but I don’t like being the center of attention. And I certainly don’t wanna drink with just anybody.”

More than 11 years since joining NBC's "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" — first as a writer, then as a sidekick — Richter is enjoying his second career as an actor.

Upon quitting “Conan” in May 2000, he starred in the short-lived “Andy Richter Controls the Universe” and now leads “Quintuplets,” his current gig on Fox.

"I went to Los Angeles, and having been a comedic actor and feeling like everyone realized that, the first sort of reaction I got from most of the network and studio people who were paying me was, 'Wow, you can act!' And it's like, 'Well, yeah, that was sort of the point of all this.' But people see you doing one thing, and that's what they think you can do."

BOSTON — If you're one of the girls who rejected Topher Grace in high school, he has two words for you: Boo hoo.

"I think about it and I really hope it's happening," the

star of Fox's "That '70s Show" tells the Boston Sunday Globe. "I could even name names."

Grace, 26, said he looked so young as an adolescent that most girls wouldn't consider him as boyfriend material.

"I'm not trying to say 'poor me' — not like the way supermodels say, 'I had a terrible childhood, everyone made fun of me' — but I was very small in high school and nobody wanted to date me," he said.

Grace left college after his freshman year for TV fame.

"I had a growth spurt right before college. Unfortunately, I'll never know if I would have done better in college as I grew into myself or if I became popular because I got a TV show."

Grace also has had movie roles in Steven Soderbergh's "Traffic" and starred in "Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!" He next stars in "P.S." opposite Laura Linney and in December will appear with Dennis Quaid and Scarlett Johansson in "In Good Company."

Despite the awkwardness of high school, Grace won't brag about his private life now.

"I've started to realize my personal life is the most valuable thing I have," he said. "It actually makes your public life possible because you draw on it so much as an actor."

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will travel to Texas next month to

receive a public service award from former President George H.W. Bush, officials say.

Presentation of the George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service will accompany the governor's address on Nov. 30 at Texas A&M University, said Roman Popadiuk, executive director of the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

SAN ANTONIO — Actor and stand-up comic Sinbad hardly ever swears on stage, but he can appreciate those who have.

“This is the thing about Lenny Bruce and Richard Pryor and George Carlin and Redd Foxx, people that went that route. They believed in their convictions. They weren’t cussing just to cuss. It was a time in America when it was uptight. They were pushing the uptightness of America,” Sinbad tells the San Antonio Express-News.

“The thing that makes them different from a comic now, who cusses, they weren’t rewarded for cussing. As a matter of fact, it was detrimental for their careers. I mean Lenny and Richard would get arrested onstage.

“So when I look at a guy right now saying he’s pushing the envelope, I say, ‘You ain’t pushing the envelope.’ What’s edge now? There’s not a word that hasn’t been used. There’s not a curse word that hasn’t been touched. Edgy right now, to me, is being yourself.”

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