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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

In Edmonton, Alberta, in July, Anthony Alan Burton pleaded guilty to a 2002 robbery that went down this way: He had wrapped his head in gauze, covered his face with silicon putty and rouge (and oversized glasses), grabbed a Samurai sword, walked into a Jehovah's Witnesses hall, and screamed, "I am the evil that you have read about! This is the face of evil!" He was in the middle of collecting cash and credit cards from everyone when the police arrived. (A psychiatrist had testified that Burton had run out of medication several days before.)



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nowadays the illiterates can read and write."

— Alberto Moravia



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John Wood/Daily Press

Crews place evergreen trees in the center court of the Third Street Promenade on Monday. The trees are part of downtown Santa Monica's 'Winterlit' holiday theme.

Plastic trees a sure sign holidays in SM are near

By Daily Press staff

In hopes of making downtown Santa Monica a holiday shopping destination, the decor purchased last year for \$300,000 is being erected on the Third Street Promenade.

Crews began setting up several fiberglass icebergs and faux evergreen trees on the outdoor mall on Monday. The decor is part of "Winterlit," a five-week campaign now in its second season that is designed to draw shoppers here.

The Bayside District Corp., which manages downtown with City Hall, announced the program last year and officials said the holiday festivities and decor would cost about \$400,000 for five years of use.

Last year, one of Bayside's largest purchases was \$331,865 for the holiday decor on the Promenade. Bayside also hired Ramsey Avery, an award-winning set designer who has done the art direction on two of Steven Spielberg films, to design the lighting display and Winterlit theme.

That theme includes towering 18-foot tall illuminated trees, iceberg sculptures, ice shards dangling from light poles and a 30-foot high canopy of stars and

lights. Winterlit will light the Promenade every evening from sundown to 3 a.m. through the first week of January.

The festivities kick off on Nov. 28 — the busiest shopping day of the year.

The festivities kick off on Nov. 28 — the busiest shopping day of the year. The day will be full of music, entertainment and celebrity guests. Not only will "Surfing Santa" be on hand with his elves who will arrive via electric sleigh, he'll host a breakfast with 150 children. Pictures will be taken with Santa and proceeds will benefit the Westside Food Bank, an area nonprofit organization.

Radio station KOST 103.5 will host live entertainment from center stage on the Promenade starting at 2:30 p.m. There will be choruses, holiday carolers and other musicians. At 4 p.m., snow will fall at Santa Monica Place, thanks to a snow machine.

The events of the day culminate

See WINTERLIT, page 6

City Hall wants a little help with homeless burden

It's time for other cities to buck up

(Editor's note: This is the last article in an ongoing series covering the issue of homelessness in Santa Monica.)

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

City Hall is refocusing its efforts to deal with the growing homeless population by looking to nearby cities to help shoulder the burden.

While City Hall will continue to fund and expand a diverse network of programs designed to help the homeless, it's time for the problem to be approached regionally, which means other cities need to step up to the plate, officials say.

Many residents, merchants and homeless people have complained that because neighboring cities don't offer services, needy people

"We're at a point now where we would be unlikely to tackle any major initiative without regional support."

— JULIE RUSK

Manager of human services, City Hall

from those cities come to Santa Monica, creating a higher demand locally for services.

In many surrounding communities like Beverly Hills, homeless people aren't accepted, which is why they flock to Santa Monica, some argue.

In order to encourage other cities to help, City Hall now plays a role in several regional groups. One of those groups, which Mayor Richard

See HOMELESS, page 6

Hospital agrees to pay \$2 million to comatose car accident victim

UCLA officials agree doctors made a mistake

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Under a settlement agreement hashed out last month in a Santa Monica courtroom, UCLA Medical Center will pay more than \$2 million to a Malibu resident who was left comatose after doctors mistakenly installed a tube into his brain four years ago.

Now 22 years old, Robert Johnson, left an all-night party in the early morning hours of July

25, 1999 high on drugs.

He climbed into the back seat of a friend's car, which later crashed on a freeway in Riverside. Lawyers say the driver and the two passengers were on drugs. The two other people in the car suffered only minor injuries.

Johnson's parents sued UCLA for negligence after a doctor installed a tube into his brain to relieve pressure from internal bleeding four days after the accident. His parents said Johnson was coming out of his coma and was forced back into it by the tube, which led to a respiratory arrest.

But lawyers for UCLA, who admitted the tube shouldn't have

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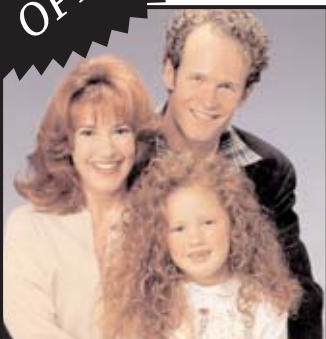
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, November 4, 2003:

Your strength comes out when dealing with funds and those who are close to you. Others sometimes balk at how you structure a situation. There are many different ways to go. If you are an artist or creative type, you'll go a new route and open up to a new venture. Allow your imagination to run rampant. Be careful with funds, as you could suddenly find your whole money structure changed. You pull the money wild card this year. You will learn to create much more of what you want. Express yourself. If you are single, you could find this to be a most romantic year, in which you'll meet someone quite special. If you are attached, your relationship blossoms, as long as you avoid money conflicts. PISCES adores you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★ Take your time — don't make any swift decisions. Pressure builds, taking you in new directions. Learn to not answer quickly, but instead to check out your facts. Try to put yourself in someone else's position. Walk in his or her shoes. Then you might "get it." Tonight: Rest up. You're going to need it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might be disappointed by someone's strong reaction. You also might not count on what he or she says. Do your own investigating before heading into a power play. Where is the point of reconciliation? Work for solutions. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Investigate what might be going on with different associates. You could be reading a situation incorrectly. Loosen up and be more understanding with someone you care about. Taking a strong posture might be to your disadvantage. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Make phone calls and get a general point of view. You might be a bit perplexed at news you hear. Be willing to reverse directions at work, if need be. The feedback you get could be important. Take a walk or do another stress busting activity. Tonight: Dig into your imagination for something you have never done before.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Others run to your aid as the impossible becomes possible. Trust your creativity and willingness to brainstorm. Share your concerns, and you'll get positive answers. Let your mind wander, and your imagination will come out. Tonight: Say "yes" to a loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Others push and pull to have their way. You might want to toss up your hands and zero in on what feels important. Distinguish between what needs to happen and what you don't need to worry about. Tonight: Say "yes," by all means.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ How you venture out and what you choose to say could have a great deal of impact on a changeable situation. This event could surround work or home life. Take special care of your health. Schedule a doctor's appointment. Tonight: Be easygoing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Listen well to a child or key person in your life. Though you might be put back by this person's opinion, wisdom might be spilling from his or her mouth. Don't negate the possibility or probability of revamping the budget. Tonight: Add more lightness into your heart. Do something kidlike.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)

★★★ Whatever you do seems to be wrong. Some of you might toss up your hands in frustration. Consider your options carefully rather than just reacting. You come from a basis of solidity and understanding. Share your feelings with innate gentleness. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Don't be reactive, but just think. You might not understand all the complicated details that surround a personal reaction. Note your reactions and discuss them with someone who legitimately cares about you. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You could be disappointed by a friend, but there are many ways of looking at a situation. Your ability to read between the lines could help you understand why an associate or friend might be reacting as he or she is. Tonight: Join your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You have the right idea, though others might be surprised by what you say or do. Certainly do not get yourself into a situation that might involve conflict. Lie back and watch the solutions unveil in front of you. Tonight: In the limelight.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Group will help make Santa Monica greener

By Daily Press staff

The City Council last week established an 11-member task force to advise it on a program designed to keep Santa Monica environmentally friendly.

Called the "Sustainability Advisory Task Force," the team will advise the City Council for five years regarding policies, actions and strategies for creating a sustainable city — or one that uses renewable energy sources and has a minimal negative impact on the environment.

The task force will be comprised of council-appointed members with areas of expertise in planning and zoning, housing, recreation and parks, social services, environmental policy, health care and education. The members will represent business, labor and neighborhood groups.

By 2008, the "Sustainable City Plan," which was first adopted in 1994 and updated in February of 2003, should be fully incorporated and running smoothly, officials say.

The plan was developed with the assistance of the "Sustainable City Working Group," including elected and appointed officials, City Hall staffers and representatives of neighborhood organizations, schools, business community and other groups.

The process resulted in a comprehensive update of the 1994 Sustainable City Program and expanded the focus of the program beyond the four original goals of resource conservation, environmental and public health, transportation and community, and economic development to include four new areas. Those are: Housing, economic development, open space and land use, community education and civic participation, and human dignity.

Since the inception of the Sustainable City Program in 1994, the Task Force on the Environment has served as the principle advisory body to the City Council on sustainability issues.

In recognition of the expansion of the SCP beyond the original four goals, the Task Force on the Environment and the Sustainable City Working Group recommended the formation of an advisory group with broad representation in the community and expertise in the new goals to provide leadership and guidance.

Local school hungry for food drive

By Daily Press staff

As the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District gears up for this year's Salvation Army Canned Food Drive, Nov. 12 through Dec. 8, officials have acknowledged John Adams Middle School, which is a top collector in the effort.

The National Junior Honor Society at JAMS collects more than 4,000 cans of food each year for the Salvation Army, under the supervision of Mr. Dan Brown, the NJHS advisor.

Neighbors takin' it to the streets

By Daily Press staff

Citizens are taking it upon themselves to clean up their neighborhood.

Residents in the Ninth Street and Michigan Avenue area have organized a "Neighborhood Clean-Up Day" for Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The event, believed to be the first of its kind for the area, has been embraced by the CLARE Foundation, which provides a variety of social services at its Ninth Street and Pico Boulevard location.

City Hall also has gotten involved, pledging to deliver a large dumpster in the morning and to remove it in the afternoon.

Participants will meet at CLARE's patio area at 9 a.m. before fanning out through the neighborhood with brooms and trash bags. The targeted area includes the alleys on both sides of the 1800 block of Ninth Street, as well as the 1800 block of Ninth Street and the 800 and 900 blocks of Michigan Avenue. Residents hope to make the event a monthly occurrence, and to expand it to the 1700 block of Ninth Street.

CLARE's patio area is located at 1871 Ninth Street. For additional information, or to donate refreshments, supplies, or anything else, contact Christian Boyce at (310) 452-3720, or by e-mail at macman@christianboyce.com.

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The water appeared mostly clear by Sunday morning, though water-quality levels remained poor.

So, this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Are Santa Monica beaches clean and safe enough to enjoy?"

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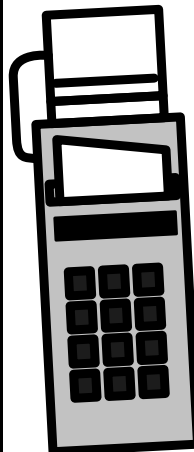


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OPINION

LETTERS

Where's the color?

Editor:

The article (SMDP, Oct. 31, page 4) detailing the distressed Green Party members losing \$10,000 to Mike Feinstein, who is out of town, could have had a more flavorful summary headline, such as:

"Lettuce missing, flakes crushed, nut absent."

Bunnie Meyer
Santa Monica

Put 'em somewhere else

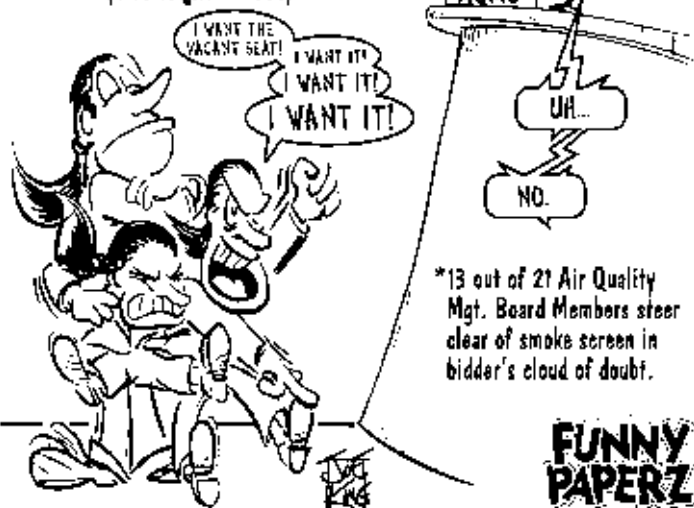
Editor:

I agree 100 percent with Bill Bauer's great article, (SMDP, Oct. 31, page 4) on the wasteful and extremely bad use of funds (even if you agree with the "homeless objective") in Santa Monica. Let's get rid of the SMRR City Council, John Maceri and Julie Rusk. Far more could be done for the homeless if Santa Monica didn't waste funds by putting them in very expensive locations — convenient to harassing businesses on Third Street — but outside of Santa Monica would be far cheaper and could help more people. None of Santa Monica's activities will slow down the city as the "center for homeless" with greater numbers deciding to "settle here."

Carl Schwarz
Santa Monica

"FEINSTEIN LOSES IT"

(The AQMD Post)



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Seeing the forest through the trees: Bush's plan is a thinly disguised lie



Todd Flora

(Editor's note: The dual column by local residents Evelyn Jerome and Todd Flora that made readers 'Think Twice' about an issue has now been separated. The two columnists will alternate each week in this space).

■ The Bush administration several months ago proposed the so-called "Healthy Forests" initiative. The plan was sold to the public as a way of using the "good science" this president is allegedly so fond of to remove lower-growth dead brush from our nation's forests that surround our larger, majestic trees. By "thinning" the forests of this low growth, they argue, we would eliminate ground fuel that ultimately serves as "kindling" for major forest fires.

If the explanation were that simple, it would not be such bad policy. While I agree ridding this (supposedly dead) brush would lower temperatures in the heart of a fire and slow the pace of fires by starving them of fuel, on general prin-

ciple I have to question any plan that involves George W. Bush.

And wouldn't you know it, upon further examination, Bush's "forest thinning" initiative doesn't fund an adequate budget for forest workers to carefully remove harmful low-growth "kindling" in a targeted, measured way. It would simply allow contractors and logging companies to "clear cut" forests. Clear cutting is of course an unnecessary and reckless approach to logging that uses an almost "nuclear" approach to clearing land.

What's the thinking here? Hey, we would lose a lot of our nation's most precious old growth trees, but at least we would eliminate the brush that might destroy them anyway in a forest fire! Please. Using this logic, we should smart bomb every neighborhood where a criminal is on the run. We might lose a few hundred residents, but at least we will have protected them from a dangerous criminal.

And speaking of smart bombs, why aren't American forests as worthy of the precision necessary to protect large, old growth trees as Baghdad neighborhoods were when we supposedly "avoided" killing so many innocent Iraqi civilians

during the "Shock and Awe" campaign?

In addition, many of the forests targeted for "thinning" by Bush and Co. are nowhere near population centers of concern. Instead, these sites are an excuse to allow logging interests to produce more unnecessary, wasteful logging roads. Timber interests often like to disguise their over-destruction by arguing clearing roads is necessary to produce natural fire breaks. But all it really does is waste taxpayer funds on clearing dirt roadways for the timber industry's trucks.

The fires that have ravaged Southern California have catalyzed Congress into action. The U.S. House and Senate are now trying to reconcile bills that would expedite approval of several forest thinning efforts.

Our own Sen. Diane Feinstein supports one proposal that is considered a moderate alternative to Bush's fixation on destroying as many national forests as possible during his term in office.

While certainly better than the conservative House counterpart, the Feinstein alternative has raised some questions about whether it would truly protect old-growth forests.

What's more troubling than the Bush administration's shameless and overt approach to opening up our national forests to logging interests is the lack of public outrage that comes with it. Why do moderate, independent voters continue to even give President Bush the benefit of the doubt? There is no doubt about this president's stand on the environment. His ideology is search, destroy and let big corporations profit. Perhaps it seems almost too unbelievable to allow ourselves room for the idea that someone's intentions could really be that sinister. Especially someone we (kind of) elected president. Well, believe it.

It's time to take our protest into the voting booth in 2004. Regardless of what scientific approach is ultimately agreed to in dealing with forest protection, one sure-fire forest protection plan needs no study. It's called, "get rid of George Bush."

(Todd Flora is a government relations professional and six year resident of Santa Monica. He is active in Heal the Bay, the Democratic Party and the living wage movement in Santa Monica. To respond or reach Todd, e-mail him at junkfood6@aol.com).

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OPINION

Golden handcuffs not just for CEOs, but unions too



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pizarra

The current strike by the Vons employees has sparked many great conversations of late. At first blush the striking employees seem to want some very obvious, and understandable benefits. Ostensibly, the strike is about health benefits. But that is really only part of the story.

The bigger part of the story, though quite hidden, and never to be discussed by union representatives, is the fact that the union is in serious risk of dying. In fact, many unions are in serious trouble. No intelligent employer ever wants a union in their shop, and lately, fewer and fewer employees want to be in the union.

That's because as the pool of employees becomes more intelligent, they are less likely to want to be in a collective bargaining agreement. The benefits of collective bargaining have rarely been clear, and frequently the only ones who really benefit are the union leaders.

Why should an employee who has better skills or talent be limited in their compensation to what someone else can negotiate? Alternatively, why should an employee who is of lesser value and talent be paid the same as one who is better suited to the particular task? Actually that sounds much more like communism to me, and we know how well that worked — even the Chinese are abandoning it, in their own unique Chinese way.

There was a time in America when unions had a role, and a good one at that. And likely, in some industries, they still have a minor role, but I'd be hard pressed to find one industry that has actually benefited from unions in the past 20 years. Certainly, in the beginning of the last century there was a role for them in the protection of the worker. There were many abuses in terms of wages, hours, treatment and working conditions in the steel mills, coal mines and automobile factories. The unions caused many of the necessary improvements, and the value of that is not to be minimized. However, the future of many of those industries has been jeopardized as a result of current union overreaching.

Therefore, the question is, what good do they do now? In today's world the types and number of abuses seen 100 years ago would not be tolerated by the most docile of employees, (well except for the illegal immigrants who are so vilified these days, but no one seems to care about them.)

I realize I'm writing about unions in what is essentially a union town. Whether we call them guilds, or unions, it is the same thing really. The point is, that in a town where talent is the currency of the business, why does it so often go unrecognized and how do we fix that?

The answer is that talent can get trapped in golden handcuffs. That term usually means the way in which a company ties an employee down and keeps them working for the company, and not the competition. It is frequently done in the form of stock options, pension plans, perks and deferred compensation. It is the bait that companies use to keep key personnel and assure performance for the stockholders.

So what does a cashier in Vons have in common with a wall street CEO? The pension plan. The ultimate in golden handcuffs. Don't get me wrong, the CEO has a much

fatter and more lucrative pension plan, and he or she gets to play with it a great deal more, but the effect is the same.

It all depends on what is called "vesting." When an employee contributes money to a pension plan, the company usually matches it, either dollar for dollar or by some other formula. The employees' money is always theirs. They get to take that with them should they leave the company, but the company's contribution — the money they put in — is not guaranteed to the employee until they have worked for the company for a certain amount of years. Until the employee has worked all those years, the contributions are not vested, meaning if the employee leaves the company, for any reason, the company gets its money back. By the way, this is where the corporate raiders make a lot of their profits when they buy a company, and fire the newly hired employees. All the money that was tied up in unvested employee retirements comes back to the company coffers and suddenly the company is much richer.

After an employee has worked the required amount of years to reach the "fully vested" point, it means that the pension money the company has contributed, is now the employee's, and it would go with him if they he was to leave the company.

This applies to the union workers who have worked for years and contributed to their union pension funds. If they leave their unions too early, they will lose their benefits. Of course, what happens to them is that they are now artificially kept subservient and in place. A union member who has worked his way into being qualified or vested, has usually acquired more than enough skill, knowledge, and experience to easily move into a management position or to take the next logical career move. But usually that next logical career move would mean changing unions or guilds, and that means starting over in a new pension fund.

From an economic standpoint, the unions need a percentage of their members to not qualify for their pensions. It is those contributions that are the profit in the union pensions. It is the slush that allows the contributions of the others to be kept lower. Because the leaders know that a certain percentage of people will either quit their jobs, lose their jobs and not keep their union status, or fail to qualify for some other reason, they can keep the contributions low. It is just like the health and life insurance industries. They spread the total amount needed over a larger population, a population that they know will not all receive the benefits, and that allows the contributions to stay low.

In the movie industry this works to keep people from leaving below the line jobs, into above the line positions based on their skills and knowledge. Those who could contribute more and achieve greater success, are wont to leave the decades of contributions and start over, so they stay where they are.

In today's employee driven marketplace, the future of unions is bleak. This is only the opening volleys in what will soon become an all out battle for the survival of the unions. The topic may be health benefits, but the underlying subtext for the union leaders is where is the pension money going to come from?

It's in the golden handcuffs they use to keep their unions alive.

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LOCAL

Homeless group makes recommendations to City Hall

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Bloom is a key member of, is dedicated to ending homelessness in LA in the next 10 years. A different group is lobbying for year-round shelters in neighboring communities.

This year, \$1.8 million in taxpayers' money will go towards 22 programs sponsored by 10 agencies, each of which contribute three times that in outside funds, said Julie Rusk, City Hall's manager of human services.

But rather than simply pumping money

into the nonprofits, City Hall also will look at improving the way it handles the growing homeless population.

"As a community, we are continuing to really attempt to tackle something that very few communities attempt to tackle," Rusk said. "We're addressing an issue that has really gotten very few state and national resources, but is a very important and complex problem."

"We're at a point now where we would be unlikely to tackle any major initiative

without regional support," she added. "It seems to me that we've made our commitment and we've made our resources available ... and now our challenge is to get others to step up and do the same, and that's a very daunting and difficult challenge."

The City Council last week held its annual review and public hearing on City Hall's "Coordinated Plan for Homeless Services," which is now in its 10th year. At the hearing, the concerns of residents, business leaders, social service providers and homeless people were considered before next year's plan was adopted.

Another change in City Hall's plan for the coming year is the addition of 35 beds in the Ocean Park Community Center's new homeless shelter at Michigan Avenue and Cloverfield Boulevard, which will open soon.

The new shelter has drawn criticism from neighborhood groups and residents who complain the area, in the eastside of Santa Monica, already has more than its fair share of social services agencies. But because OPCC agreed to scrap the day services portion of the proposed shelter, which serves about 150 people each day, the City Council approved the \$7.4 million project in September.

OPCC's day center also in the coming year is likely to be consolidated with SWASHLOCK, a program that provides showers, lockers and washing machines for homeless people at the Big Blue Bus headquarters on Colorado Avenue. Rusk said combining the two will streamline the entry point for homeless people into City Hall's programs.

Yet another controversial topic staffers at City Hall will research over the next year is whether a sobering center for public inebriates should be created. Some officials have said public drunks need a place to go other than jail because it would free up police and emergency personnel, which would save City Hall millions while making the streets safer for everyone.

In 2002, the Santa Monica Police Department received 3,106 calls related to intoxication. Police arrested an average of 4.5 people per day on public drunkenness charges. The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to another 963 alcohol-related calls and Santa Monica and St. John's hospitals lost a combined total of \$250,000 by devoting medical resources to intoxicated people who were sobering up, SMFD Capt. Bruce Davis said earlier this year.

Finally, Rusk said City Hall will continue to look at ways of managing open space in Santa Monica. A series of laws have been enacted in the past designed to keep local parks and outdoor areas safe and free to enjoy for everyone. They

include making it illegal to camp in parks or to serve food to large groups of people without proper permits. Rusk said those laws will be enforced while other possibilities also will be examined.

While City Hall looks ahead to the coming year, a handful of outside groups have also weighed in on the homeless issue in Santa Monica.

Dr. Mike Gruning, president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, asked council members at last week's meeting to more forcibly police a handful of new laws designed to curb the homeless population downtown.

Problems with homelessness are staying the same or getting worse, according to a recent survey of residents conducted by the chamber. The result, officials contend, is the cost of business continues to rise while employees and tourists are turned off from Santa Monica — and the overall quality of life continues to decline.

And while local merchants may take issue with the current state of homelessness in Santa Monica, homeless people themselves have some concerns of their own.

In a report titled, "2003 Review of Santa Monica's Homeless Services by Those Who Use Them," a series of recommendations were made to City Hall on everything from ordinances to promotional campaigns.

The recommendations included providing sensitivity training to all City Hall employees, giving each homeless person three meal tickets each day to eat at local restaurants and instituting a positive promotional campaign to introduce residents to the human face of homelessness.

"The city's medical community should produce a bilingual brochure or booklet, 'Staying Healthy While Homeless,' distributed to all homeless," the report said.

Another suggestion the homeless report made is for City Hall to consider offering "an alternative to the current maze of social programs. Part of homeless resistance to (care providers) is the 'My way or the highway' attitude of many service providers."

Rusk defended the 22 programs currently funded by City Hall and said enormous gains have been made in transitioning people from the street into jobs, shelter and permanent housing. Last year, 460 people were placed into permanent housing, while a total of 2,773 homeless people received services, she said.

"If every community were to tackle the problem and do that piece then we'd really begin to address the problem," Rusk said. "In the last 10, 12, 14 years we've become even more aware of just how important that is. And our participation ... is really critical."

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at sundown with a grand lighting ceremony on the Promenade by a celebrity guest, who hasn't been announced yet. Last year, Jaime Lee Curtis did the honors.

Other activities are planned through December. For the first time, a series of holiday short movies will be shown every Tuesday on the upper deck of Santa Monica Place. A menorah will be installed on the Promenade beginning Hanukkah weekend. A lighting of the menorah will happen in Santa Monica Place.

Santa Monica Place will unveil its decor, which includes a 30-foot tree, ice elements and snowflakes, a snow fairy and a multi-colored light show which will create a shimmering snow effect on the exterior of the building.

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LOCAL □ STATE



DNA in Peterson hearing becoming mainstream justice tool

BY JIM WASSERMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Scott Peterson's lawyer calls it a shaky, questionable science that's inadmissible in a California courtroom. But since it first appeared in a sensational 1996 Tennessee murder trial, mitochondrial DNA evidence has become a mainstream tool of American justice.

Already, mitochondrial DNA, the genetic identification method cited last week in Peterson's preliminary hearing, has been used hundreds of times in the nation's courtrooms, helping convict the guilty and free the innocent, experts say. Some estimate that half the states have allowed it as courtroom evidence.

But it's appeared less frequently in California, which has higher barriers for new evidentiary techniques.

Prosecutors in the Peterson case are using mitochondrial DNA to make a case that a human hair wrapped in pliers in Peterson's boat belongs to his wife, Laci, whom he's accused of killing 10 months ago. The evidence is key to a possible prosecution argument that Peterson used the boat to ferry his wife's body to a watery grave on the day she disappeared from their Modesto, Calif., home.

Mark Geragos, Peterson's attorney, has vigorously attacked the mitochondrial DNA evidence, calling it the unreliable subject of "raging debate" among scientists.

No so, said Dr. Terry Melton, chief executive officer of Mitotyping Technologies in State College, Pa., one of a handful of laboratories in the United States that extract cellular blueprints from evidence supplied by investigators.

"It's been around for about 20 years," Melton said. "The armed forces used it to ID remains of Vietnam veterans for 10 years. Now it's being introduced quite a bit in court."

Experts say mitochondrial DNA, a tiny ring-shaped molecule that's much smaller than the more familiar nuclear DNA that reveals genetic makeup, helped identify victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on New York's World Trade Center. It can be extracted from hair and bones when little else remains of a body. The process takes a few days and typically costs about \$2,500, Melton said.

Still, Geragos grilled the prosecution's FBI witness about the science's weak points, prompting admissions of computer glitches and routine breakdowns in laboratory equipment. Geragos plans to call his own witnesses Monday to discredit forensic science techniques used to link the hair to Laci Peterson.

That argument's a long shot, analysts say, because mitochondrial DNA evidence has recently become so widely accepted and is now typically one of many pieces of evidence that build a case.

"It's seen as a legitimate type of science," said Fred Galves, professor at University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento.

"The more it's used and introduced into evidence, the more difficulty the defense is going to have in fighting it," said Randy Grossman, a San Diego County deputy district

attorney who used it in a murder conviction last year.

Melton, who says she's testified 50 times in U.S. courtrooms since 1998 on mitochondrial DNA evidence, said Geragos-style challenges are bound to become history "because there's simply nothing new or novel about any of the lab work."

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Chief executive officer of Mitotyping Technologies

That's not to say it's foolproof.

Galves says mitochondrial DNA from the human body cannot specifically identify an individual. Nor is it as reliable as the more familiar nuclear DNA samples, which can prove a definitive identity based on a person's genetic fingerprint. But mitochondrial DNA, if matched with similar samples from a person's mother or sibling, can show a statistical likelihood of identification and rule out others.

In the Peterson case, FBI crime lab supervisor Constance Fisher testified that mitochondrial DNA from the hair in Peterson's boat matched a gene swab taken earlier this year from Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha.

"It's a piece of the puzzle, another bit of information

you add to what you know about your case," said Melton.

Chattanooga, Tenn., prosecutors first used it in September 1996 to help convict Paul Ware, 27, for the rape and murder of a four-year-old girl. Mitochondrial DNA in a hair found in the girl's throat and other hairs on her bed were successfully matched to a saliva sample from Ware.

In California, mitochondrial DNA from hair samples helped convict David Westerfield, 50 of the 2002 murder of seven-year-old Danielle van Dam.

Grossman used it with Melton's accompanying testimony "as a small part of the case" to convict Hugo Alcazar last year in the San Diego County murder of 14-year-old Diana Rodriguez.

"It was very effective," he said.

While it has been used to convict, mitochondrial DNA has also cleared suspected criminals. In a 2001 Oklahoma case, testing freed a man convicted of a 1981 murder by showing that a hair found in the gag stuffed in the victim's mouth did not belong to the person found guilty. Investigators had testified at the trial that the hairs were consistent with the defendant's hair, but the newer form of testing revealed otherwise.

Melton said one-third of the requests for DNA work at her Pennsylvania lab are from defense attorneys. Likewise, Galves said defense challenges like Geragos' in the Peterson case aren't entirely representative of the legal industry.

"I don't think the criminal defense bar has a real interest in poking holes in DNA," Galves said. "DNA can be their friend in a way that no other evidence can."

Man will get quarterly payments of \$20K

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been used, said Johnson's coma was caused by the car accident and pointed to medical reports that showed ecstasy and amphetamines in his system, saying the drugs also may have contributed to his condition.

At the time of the accident, Johnson had just graduated from Colin McEwen school in Malibu, a private college-prep school with only 45 students. He is being cared for at a full-time treatment facility in Oxnard.

The settlement agreement, which was finalized last month by Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Loma

Parnell, is expected to be approved Nov. 19 by the Regents of the University of California, who run UCLA.

Though the total settlement was for \$2,022,500, Johnson only received \$18,333.33 of the initial cash payment, which totals almost \$1 million. That's because more than \$450,000 went to lawyers and another \$472,500 went towards nursing care costs.

Under the settlement agreement, Johnson will receive another \$22,515.30 every three months for the next 10 years, starting March 12, 2004. The payments will go into a

trust controlled by his stepfather, David Ponn, and be used mostly for ongoing medical care.

Douglas Dickson, lawyer for the Regents, said UCLA decided to settle the lawsuit because, even though they felt Johnson would have stayed comatose from the accident anyway, its doctors did make a mistake.

"It's tragic, the young man had just graduated from high school," Dickson said. "I think UCLA was trying very hard to help the family, to help the patient and the family. No one was happy about the circumstances of the incident and they were trying their best to do the right thing."

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A weekly look at events and programs



Be alert to what your baby is paying attention to

Guest Commentary

By Margret Altman

(This is part one of a three-part series on attention, a capacity that is often taken for granted in infant development. When the child reaches pre-school age, parents become acutely aware that this vital capacity must be developing strongly and when it isn't we hear the collective groans from moms and dads who have to deal with their "distracted" and "impulsive" child. Our capacity to pay attention to one thing or to several things is at the core of our emotional intelligence).

"If a man looks sharply and attentively, he shall see fortune; for though she is blind, she is not invisible."

— Francis Bacon

It feels so natural and wonderful when a newborn is able to focus his eyes on mom or dad's face and keep his focus right there for a period of time. It is incredible when an infant gazes at a parent and smiles for the first time. This early and amazing ability to focus attention is just the first step on the journey towards the development of a vast range of attention skills. As the child grows, these attention skills will empower the youngster to pay close attention to one important thing, or to shift attention from one thing to another, or to divide attention between several compelling events. Without these amazing skills, a youngster can become easily lost and quickly distracted on the complicated paths of life.

Attention, as a developmental capacity, has a unique place in the growth of emotional intelligence. This capacity is, for example, a first line skill for memory development. Research has shown that in order to encode certain data into memory a youngster has to first be able to pay attention to that particular thing. Memory and attention are interdependent capacities.

Attention can be looked at and understood in several ways. It is a mechanical skill in terms of the physical focusing of the eyes, ears and body towards a compelling, important object. It also is a quality skill in terms of the content of what the youngster is paying attention to. Is the child paying attention to a lot of noise or to the kind of important information that will help that child make decisions and move successfully through life challenges? In both cases, the

capacity of attention needs a great deal of parental input. Parents are the ones who guide the child's attention towards events, people and feelings that are meaningful and relevant.

During the first three years of life, we can say that many of the child's developing capacities are parent-driven. Parents and primary care takers play an enormous role in shaping, supporting and creating the environment for the development of their child's attention capacities. In the very first months of life, parents should take the time to ask themselves the question, "What is my baby paying attention to?"

QUESTION: "My 4-month-old has the benefit of lots of the new videos and stimulating toys for babies. She seems to focus on the TV when we put on the videos and she looks at the animated mobiles over her crib. Is this a positive sign?"

ANSWER: There are many interesting and stimulating toys on the market for very young infants. During the first weeks of life, most infants will develop the physical skills to be able to focus their eyes on objects of interest and listen to lively sounds. When your baby turns his head towards a new sight or sound it is a positive sign in his overall motor and sensory development. It is, however, more important during this phase of development that infants orient themselves towards the faces, voices of their parents and primary caretakers. This is vital because the information that is contained in the expressive face, the tone of voice and the movements of the parents is information that parents want their infants to learn to pay attention to. When your baby looks at your face, listens to your voice and watches you move, that baby is learning the lesson that emotional expressions are vitally important information. The feelings, sensations and urges that are expressed and communicated by other people's faces, voices and body language are as important in our lives as are the inner emotions that we experience. When parents respond positively to their infant's gazing and paying attention, this sends a message to the infant that paying attention to the emotional domain of life is a good thing to learn. There is a special term for this high quality, interactive attentiveness that is used throughout the parenting literature. "Attunement" is the name for the special parent-child interactions that focus attention on the emotional content of communication.

Parents hope that their youngsters will learn to focus on and to pay attention to the teacher's face, voice and body language when they begin school and the lessons that teach this start in the first few months. The child's ability to

know that this information is vital and to make the effort to tune into what the teacher is saying is based on his earliest experiences.

Attention skills also boost the child's ability to get out of negative emotional states and into positive emotional states. Research has demonstrated beyond any doubt that chronic stress states are damaging for the growth process and the child's ability to transition out of negative states is of great importance in learning and maturing. Paying attention to the parent's face, voice expressions help the infant to move into a comfort zone. The positive content in mom and dad's expressions and voices is soothing and stimulating for the baby. The smiles, the coos, the pats and strokes are helpful in preventing the kinds of chronic stress that damage the brain and put the child far behind in the learning curve. The infant learns, through positive face, voice and body expressions during the first year, to look for and focus on parent's emotional expressions as regulators of his own emotional states. Later on, the child will learn to pay attention to his own emotional states and self-soothe with the help of others when needed.

The capacity of attention, during the important first year of life, needs to be nurtured, shaped and stimulated, primarily by parents and their positive emotional expressions.

Here are some tips for parents from the experts:

- Use positive face-to-face interactions with the infant as much as possible in the first year. Use your emotional expressions to stimulate and soothe your baby regularly. Teach your baby to pay attention to your important emotional communications through your face, your voice and your touch.
- Limit use of toys and videos during the first months.
- When you do want to use these aids, choose toys and videos with care in terms of the loudness, brightness and overall content of what your child will be paying attention to on the screen or in the crib.
- Educate baby-sitters or child care workers about the value of face-to-face interactions.
- If your baby is not paying attention to faces and voices at 4 months old, consult with the pediatrician as this may be an early sign of hearing disorders, visual disorders or autism.

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

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This week's events include:

Nature Walks (Children's Nature Institute) – Tuesday, November 4 – Topanga State Park (Topanga) and Franklin Canyon (Beverly Hills) – 10:00am. Reservations required – 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org.

Babes in the Woods – Wednesday, November 5, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Franklin Canyon, Beverly Hills. A guided walk around the lake for parents and children up to age 4. Meet at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive. For info call 310-858-7272, xt. 131. Also Nov. 19 and December 3 & 17.

Nature's Preschool – 10:15 – 11:45 a.m., Franklin Canyon, Beverly Hills. Explore art, science and math with Mother Nature as your teacher. Ages 4 & 5. Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive. Reservations suggested: 310-858-7272, xt. 131.

Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) – Thursday, November 6 – Sullivan Canyon (West LA) – 10:00am. Reservations required – 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org.

Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) – Saturday, November 8 – Franklin Canyon (Beverly Hills) – 10:00am. Reservations required – 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org.

Full Moon Hike – Sunday, November 9 – Stough Canyon Nature Center, 2300 Walnut Ave., Burbank. Departs at sunset, for all ages, free. Call for exact time – 818-238-5440.

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85 degrees and lifeguards are always on duty. Visit their website for more info on lap swimming, recreational diving and the fitness pool.

TUESDAY

Movies for Moms

FEATURES "MAMBO ITALIANO" 11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. This week's film is "Mambo Italiano" – starring Luke Kirby, Ginette Reno and Johnny Griffin and directed by Emile Gaudreault. This slice of life comedy is about a young, Italian, gay writer named Angelo (Kirby) who deals with the day to day absurdities and drama that develop between him and his colorful family members, and his policeman boyfriend. Paul Sorvino co-stars as Gino Barberini, the family's patriarch. Rated "R" for language and sexual situations.

Storytelling

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

Fairview Branch – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443. Lap Time – 11:00 a.m., New series begins Nov. 4, a six-week series for babies 0-24 months. Cuentos Para Pequenos – 10:00 a.m., New series begins Nov. 4, a six-week series in Spanish for children 24-36 months with adult.

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

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

Ocean Park Branch – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804. Toddler Story Time – 10 and 10:30 a.m. New series begins Nov. 11 – Dec. 16. Registration required. Music, rhymes and stories for 24 – 36 months with adult.

Yoga & Exercise

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

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

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

Santa Monica YMCA – 1332 6th St., 310-393-2721

Pre-natal Water Work – 10 – 11 a.m. and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Free for members. Non-members pay \$15.00 regular YMCA day fee or buy a ten-class card for \$70 (\$7 per class)

Breastfeeding Group

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

Other

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

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

Ocean Park Branch – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804. Twilight Story Time – 7:00 to 7:30pm – for parents with 3-5 year olds.

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

Toddler Story Time – 11:15 a.m. – New series begins Nov. 12-Dec. 17 for two year olds with adult, no registration required.

Fairview Branch – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443. Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m., New series begins Nov. 5-Dec.

18, a six-week series for 3-5 year olds.

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

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

Yoga & Exercise

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Other

Nature Walks (Children's Nature Institute) – November 4 – Topanga State Park (Topanga) and Franklin Canyon (Beverly Hills) – 10:00am. Reservations required – 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org.

Babes in the Woods – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Franklin Canyon, Beverly Hills. A guided nature walk around the lake for parents and children up to age 4. Meet at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive. For info call 310-858-7272, xt. 131. Also Nov. 19 and December 3 & 17.

Nature's Preschool – 10:15 – 11:45 a.m., Franklin Canyon, Beverly Hills. Explore art, science and math with Mother Nature as your teacher. Ages 4 & 5. Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive. Reservations suggested: 310-858-7272, xt. 131

THURSDAY

Storytelling

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

Montana Avenue Branch – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081. Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m. – Nov. 13 to Dec. 18, for 2 year olds with adult, no registration required. Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m., for 3-5 year olds.

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

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

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

Yoga & Exercise

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

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

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Breastfeeding Group

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

Other

Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) – November 6 – Sullivan Canyon (West LA) – 10:00am. Reservations required – 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org.

Guided Drawing Class – November 6 – 3:15 p.m. at the Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. Classes with Eva Schaefer, ages 6-8. For details and registration call 310-450-0443.

FRIDAY

Yoga & Exercise

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

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

Other

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

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

SATURDAY

Storytelling

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

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144.

Children's Book World – West Pico Blvd, 310-559-800K – November 8 – Stories with Kathleen. 10:30 a.m. ages 3-8.

Yoga & Exercise

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

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

Other

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

Magicipolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) – November 8 – Franklin Canyon (Beverly Hills) – 10:00am. Reservations required – 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org

A DAY OUT with THOMAS the TRAIN – We hear it's worth the drive! Sat., Sun., Tues – November 8, 9 & 11 and Fri., Sat., Sun – November 14, 15 & 16. Orange Empire Railway Museum, 2201 "A" St., City of Perris (Orange County) See details in the Special Events section of this calendar.

SUNDAY

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

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

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Full Moon Hike – Stough Canyon Nature Center, 2300 Walnut Ave., Burbank. Departs at sunset, for all ages, free. Call for exact time – 818-238-5440

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MONDAY

Storytelling

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

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

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

Breastfeeding Group

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

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$15

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

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

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

Local resident Kelly Hayes-Raitt visited Iraq twice this year—once in February, just 5 weeks before the U.S. bombings and invasion, and in July, where she found some of the children and women who touched her so deeply during her first visit. She saw firsthand the impact of the bombings and invasion on innocent people's lives, homes and hearts.

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

Tuesday, November 4th
11:20am-12:45pm at the Los Angeles valley College
5800 Fulton Avenue in Valley Glen

A political consultant and dynamic speaker, Kelly has addressed over 100 audiences, including religious congregations, state conferences, school classes, community clubs, large peace rallies and small neighborhood meetings. If you would like her to address your groups, please call (310) 581-4421 or e-mail C2campaigns@aol.com. Photos may be viewed at www.CommunityCampaigns@aol.com/Iraq

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Shipping lines to start using 'smart' cargo boxes

BY RON HARRIS
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — As early as this month, security-sensitive shipping lines will start using highly anticipated "smart boxes," cargo containers with strong locks and sensors to thwart tampering by terrorists, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Robert C. Bonner said Thursday.

Bonner stressed that sensors inside the container can only detect whether the cargo box has been opened, but not offer guidance on what items are concealed inside.

Shipments destined for U.S. ports will not be required to use the smart containers, but federal authorities will encourage their adoption to speed inspection checks.

Smart cargo containers will be required to have strong hardware locks and unique identification numbers, Bonner said. Bonner spoke to reporters during a seminar for members of C-TPAT, or the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, an initiative between business and government to protect commerce from terrorism launched last year.

Members of the partnership, including U.S. importers, foreign manufacturers and freight forwarders, will be allowed faster passage for their shipments through "green lanes" at ports. Dumb boxes — those without the minimal sensors, locking hardware and unique ID numbers — will receive extra scrutiny.

"The smart box is to better secure that supply chain against the possibility, the potentiality that terrorists could conceal a terrorist weapon, including even potentially a weapon of mass destruction in a cargo container or shipment," Bonner said.

Existing cargo containers could be

retrofitted into smart boxes and new containers could also be built to those specifications, Bonner said. He said it was still unclear who will pay for the upgrade to shipping container security.

Existing containers, in standard 40-foot- and 20-foot-long sizes, currently offer little indication if they've been tampered with.

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— **ROBERT C. BONNER**
Commissioner,
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

"They're dumb as a fence post so we just want to make them smarter," Bonner said.

Despite Bonner's announcement, Capitol Hill is increasingly concerned that the nation's ports are still ripe for exploitation by terrorists. Senators Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., sent a letter Wednesday to Undersecretary for Border and Transportation Security Asa Hutchinson raising serious questions about what they perceive as flaws in efforts to identify "high-risk" containers.

"The security of our nation's 361 ports is the Achilles' heel in the domestic war against terrorism," Lieberman said in the letter. "Because so few of the containers that come through these ports are inspected, it's far too easy for dangerous materials, weapons, and people to slip into the country."

Search resumes for U.S. fishermen lost in Calif. Gulf

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — An aerial search resumed Monday in Mexico's Gulf of California for four American fishermen missing more than a week. The body of the fifth member of the group was found Sunday.

"I think we have pretty much determined this is going to be a search and retrieval," John Eckhoff, a family friend and spokesman for the families, said from Puerto Penasco, Mexico, where the search was being coordinated. "But we want to have closure for the family."

The search was concentrated southwest of Puerto Penasco, said Benjamin Ousley, a U.S. consular spokesman who was there to offer assistance. Ousley is based in Nogales, Mexico.

The men, all from Tucson, went to Puerto Penasco, also known as Rocky Point, to fish but were last seen Oct. 25. Their 24-foot catamaran was found capsized last Tuesday, some 80 miles southwest of Rocky Point.

"The boat was brought in last night and is in the custody of the harbor master, who is conducting an investigation," as is the Puerto Penasco district attorney, Ousley said.

He said Mexican navy patrol boats

were searching about 20 miles offshore, where officials think it is most likely the men might be found. It's the same area where the body of 21-year-old Joshua Howard was found floating face-down and recovered on Sunday.

But Eckhoff said the Mexican navy no longer was searching as aggressively as it had last week, with its boats essentially returning to their primary focus of anti-narcotics patrols.

"We don't have any boats. We're depending on planes to find things," Eckhoff said. "We have narrowed the search area to about 40 miles west and 25 to 30 miles south of Puerto Penasco."

Searchers found Howard wearing a life vest and tied to two empty ice chests that were being used to stay afloat. Howard's father, Randy Howard, 47; Darryl Holland, 42; Mark Brinke, 47, and Carl Hopper, 42, remained missing.

Eckhoff said Joshua Howard's body was retrieved about 17 miles southwest of Puerto Penasco, a beach town about 60 miles south of the Arizona-Mexico border. He said he was told that Howard's body was tied to one large ice chest and another smaller one in such a way that it was likely others also had used them.

"It was some kind of intricate tieoff system," Eckhoff said. "Others were possibly tied to it, to act as a life raft."



Blast kills three and injures 12 in city of Karbala

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A blast near a holy Shiite Muslim shrine in the city of Karbala on Monday killed three people and injured 12, witnesses said. Meanwhile, in Baghdad, a string of mortar blasts struck near downtown after sunset.

The violence came a day after insurgents shot down a U.S. transport helicopter west of Baghdad, killing 16 Americans and wounding 21 in a dramatic show of increasing sophistication in their attacks.

Only two days before that strike, leaflets seen in mosques in the Fallujah area warned of new attacks using "modern and advanced methods."

In Baghdad, five strong explosions were heard in quick succession at about 9:10 p.m., and it appeared the blasts were coming from the western side of the Tigris River.

Soon after, the U.S. military command reported three or four mortar impacts in central Baghdad. It did not report any casualties or give details on damage.

The Karbala blast occurred on a busy street less than 100 yards from the gold-domed Imam Hussein shrine in the city, 65 miles south of the Iraqi capital, said Mohammed Abu Jaffar al-Assadi, a Shiite cleric.

All the dead apparently were passers-by. He said the bomb had apparently been planted in a parked car. It was not immediately possible to get confirmation of the report

from Iraqi police or the U.S.-led coalition.

Karbala was rocked by deadly clashes last month between supporters of rival Shiite factions. Also in October, supporters of a little-known Shiite cleric based in Karbala killed three U.S. soldiers in a rare clash between residents of the holy city and the U.S. military.

On Aug. 29, a car bomb exploded outside a mosque in the nearby city of Najaf, killing more than 85 people including Shiite leader Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim. It was the bloodiest incident since the end of the U.S.-led invasion that overthrew Saddam Hussein.

Sunday's downing of a U.S. Chinook helicopter outside Fallujah was the deadliest since strike against American forces since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in March.

Three other Americans were also killed Sunday in separate attacks, making it the bloodiest day for U.S. forces since March 23.

At the Chinook crash site, near the Euphrates River farming village of Hasi, just south of Fallujah, a giant crane lifted pieces of wreckage onto a truck. Soldiers sealed off the immediate area, deep in the "Sunni Triangle" that has produced the most violent opposition to the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

Witnesses said the attackers used shoulder-fired missiles against the Chinook.

The large twin-rotor helicopter was flying with a second Chinook headed for

Baghdad International Airport when two missiles streaked into the sky and slammed into the rear of the aircraft, witnesses told The Associated Press. It crashed in flames in farmers' fields west of Baghdad.

An unsigned leaflet posted Friday at mosques in the area urged people to avoid public places over the weekend. "Special operations against occupation forces might be carried out by using modern and advanced methods," the leaflet said.

The leaflet also warned people stay at home, avoid going to work or school and stay away from markets Saturday and Sunday. "Any persons who move during this period will be responsible for their own safety," the note said.

U.S. officials have blamed Saddam Hussein loyalists, foreign fighters and Islamic extremists for the stepped up attacks on the U.S. occupation.

On Monday, 16 U.S. soldiers wounded in the helicopter attack arrived in Germany for treatment at an American military hospital. Eleven of the soldiers were in intensive care but stable condition, while five others were in the main ward with lesser injuries, said U.S. Army Col. Rhonda Cornum, commander of the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

The soldiers were among nearly 30 soldiers who arrived early Monday at Ramstein Air Base aboard a C-17 transport aircraft. A 17th soldier injured in the attack was to arrive Tuesday morning, said Marie

Shaw, a spokeswoman for the hospital.

In Britain, Prime Minister Tony Blair expressed his regret over the shootdown, saying the past week had been a "particularly grim seven days" in terms of casualties, a spokesman said Monday.

L. Paul Bremer, the head of the occupation in Iraq, repeated demands that Syria and Iran prevent fighters from crossing their borders into Iraq.

"They could do a much better job of helping us seal that border and keeping terrorist out of Iraq," he told the cable network CNN. The "enemies of freedom" in Iraq "are using more sophisticated techniques to attack our forces."

U.S. officials have been warning of the danger of shoulder-fired missiles, hundreds of which are now scattered from Saddam's arsenals, and such missiles are believed to have downed two U.S. copters since May 1. Those two crashes wounded only one American.

The insurgents have been steadily advancing in their weaponry, first using homemade roadside bombs, then rocket-fired grenades in ambushes on American patrols, and vehicles stuffed with explosives and detonated by suicide attackers.

With the helicopter crash, at least 139 American soldiers have been killed by hostile fire since Bush declared an end to combat on May 1. Around 377 U.S. service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq.



WORLD BRIEFLY

Post-Taliban constitution unveiled

By The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan unveiled a post-Taliban draft constitution Monday, a historic milestone on what has been a bloody, bumpy and often tragic path to recovery after decades of war.

The constitution gives the country the official name "The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan," an indication of the government's desire to bring the country together under the banner of Islam, which is practiced by the vast majority of Afghans. The hardline Islamic law enforced under the former Taliban regime is not expected to be a part of Afghanistan's future.

"The draft is based on Islamic principles and recognizes that no law can be contrary to the sacred religion of Islam," the commission said in a statement, adding that it also allows for freedom of religion for other faiths.

The draft creates the post of president and vice president, and envisions two houses of congress. The post of prime minister _ included in previous versions of the constitution _ was cut from the final draft.

The draft must still be debated at a grand council, or *loya jirga*, next month. Ratification of the document will set the stage for nationwide elections scheduled for June.

Bomber blows himself up near soldiers

By The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up near Israeli soldiers in the West Bank on Monday, as the embattled Palestinian prime minister faced a two-day deadline to form a new government.

The bomber killed himself, but caused no other casualties. He set off the explosives as he ran toward soldiers searching the village of Azzoun near the frontier with Israel. The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a militant group with loose ties to Yasser Arafat's ruling Fatah movement, claimed responsibility.

Failure by the prime minister, Ahmed Qureia, to complete the job on time could trigger a new political crisis, deepen the deadlock over U.S.-backed "road

map" peace plan and hold up his planned meetings with Ariel Sharon and leaders of Hamas.

In the town of Ramallah, Qureia was to meet with Arafat and Fatah leaders later Monday to try to reach agreement on a new Cabinet.

Qureia and Arafat remain at odds over the choice of interior minister, who will play a key role in any possible action against armed groups. At the core of the dispute is Arafat's refusal to relinquish control over some of the security forces.

Bush raises another \$1M

By The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush is scooping up another \$1 million for his re-election fund in Alabama, a state that Republican presidential candidates have won in six straight elections.

Although he was in politically safe territory, Bush intended his appearance Monday in Birmingham to shore up support on a potential vulnerability: the economy.

His message of economic optimism was carried to a state where unemployment is well below the national average, but where some counties are still struggling with double-digit jobless rates.

Awaiting the president were about 350 small-business owners and employees at CraneWorks, a family owned concern that has seen a 70 percent revenue growth in the last year and added 15 employees since January, according to the White House.

Bush credits his three rounds of tax cuts for such gains. The company Bush was visiting leases cranes and other equipment. Such businesses have become favorite venues for economic speeches by Bush, who is looking to project concern over job losses in the manufacturing sector.

Bad planning? Or U.S. determination?

By The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — This country's determination to prevail in Iraq is "unshakable" despite the downing of an Army helicopter that killed 16 U.S. soldiers,

the White House says. Democrats called the assault a fresh illustration of faulty postwar planning.

President Bush, spending a long weekend at his Texas ranch, said nothing in person about the helicopter shoot-down Sunday, a day in which three other Americans, including two civilian contractors, also were killed in Iraq.

But White House spokesman Trent Duffy, in a statement read to reporters, said: "The terrorists seek to kill coalition forces and innocent Iraqis because they want us to run, but our will and resolve are unshakable."

Democratic presidential hopefuls seized on the downing of the CH-47 Chinook transport helicopter to press the administration to justify the mounting American death toll and to explain its strategy for getting out of Iraq.

"We were misled into this conflict without a real strategy for success," former NATO commander Wesley Clark told The Associated Press.

Church reaching out to the 'margins'

By The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.H. — The Episcopal Church will never be quite the same after its consecration of an openly gay bishop. The new leader, V. Gene Robinson, said as much during his elevation.

He expressed hope Sunday that the step would show the church is reaching out to "people who find themselves at the margins," just as Jesus did. But he acknowledged that some Episcopalians will break ties with himself and the leaders of the denomination's majority forces.

"They must know if they must leave, they will always be welcomed back," Robinson said to one of several rousing rounds of applause from the 4,000 supportive worshippers gathered in a university sports arena.

The church's division became obvious earlier in the three-hour service when assistant Bishop David Bena, of Albany, N.Y., read a statement on behalf of 28 bishops of the U.S. Episcopal Church and 10 in the Anglican Church of Canada, announcing they will not recognize Robinson as a bishop.

The signers, who included the bishops who currently head 16 U.S. dioceses in 11 states, said Robinson's consecration was a "schismatic act" and "a departure from Holy Scripture" and from the historic moral teaching of Christianity.

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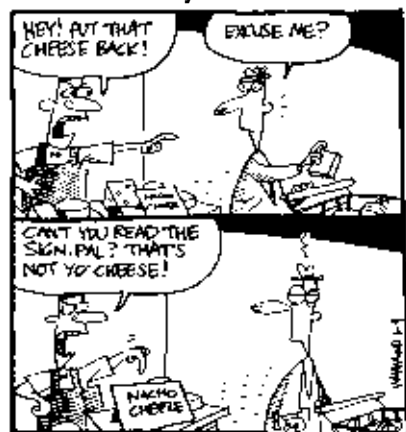
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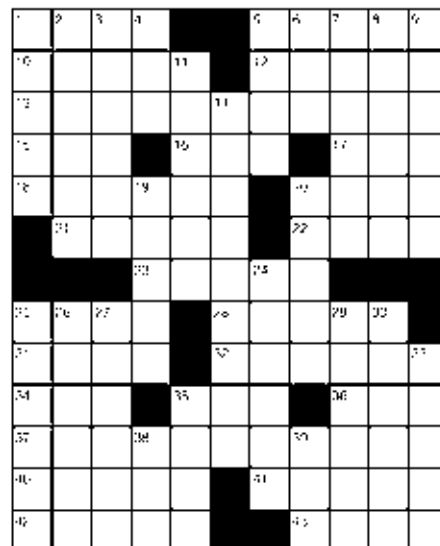
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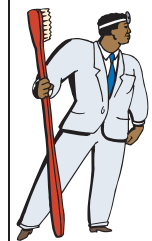
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003

EVENTS

GirlTalk
Discussion, esteem building and other activities will take place during this monthly focus group meeting for grades six and up. Free. From 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. For more information, contact Nia at (310) 458-8688. Fairview Branch, 2101 Ocean Park Bl. (310) 450-0443

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

CULTURE

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

Day of the Dead dinner
Lula and Souza presents a tequila dinner in celebration of the "Day of the Dead" on Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. The event,

which costs \$45 per person, will feature a special "Day of the Dead" alter to honor those who have died.. Menu items will include the following: Giant corn tostadas with beans, avocado and cheese served with a Souza Gold margarita; Tamale with chicken passilla and guajillo chile served with a shot of Souza Commemorative; Marinated chicken wrapped in banana leaves with a Souza Hornitos Seabreeze with grapefruit and cranberry; Oaxacan bread puddy with pumpkin crema. Call (310) 392-5711 for reservations. Lula, 2720 Main St.

2003 Los Angeles Decorative Arts fair
Discover an eclectic mix of exquisite antiques, contemporary art and more at the second annual Los Angeles Decorative Arts fair from Nov. 7 to Nov. 9. Designed for homeowners, private collectors and holiday shoppers, the show will appeal to those who seek unique, quality and authentic decorative pieces for the home. More than 60 top international dealers representing art, antique and design will exhibit at the event. Tickets for the event are \$10 per person. The show will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9. There will also be a preview event on Thursday, Nov. 6 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., during which guests will be offered the first chance to view and purchase the artwork on display. Preview night tickets cost \$40 and include admission throughout the weekend. For more information, call (310) 455-2886 or visit www.caskeylees.com.

The Other Shoe: Original Short American Plays
On Saturday and Sunday, the Edgemark Center for the arts will present this compilation of musical and comedy plays. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and costs \$20. Reservations can be made at (310) 392-7327. Edgemark Center for the Arts, 2437 Main Street (310) 656-0483

ENTERTAINMENT

Temple Bar
Here visitors can enjoy concoctions like White Chocolate Martinis, a Gingitini or a Razzmatazz. Those who are really hungry can enjoy a Chicken Tamale Plate with Fried Plantains. Temple Bar even offers vegetarian options like veggie eggrolls and burgers. But no good bar would be complete without live music. Tonight, the Temple Bar presents the following: Clarence Bucaro at 8:30 p.m., Sara Dashew at 9:45 p.m. and Josh haden at 11:30 p.m. \$5. 1026 Wilshire Blvd., (310) 393-6611

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

MOVIE °GUIDE

LAEMMLE'S MONICA 4-PLEX
1332 2nd Street
Shattered Glass R - 12:15, 1:5, 2:40, 3:40, 5:05, 6:05, 7:30, 8:30, 9:55 p.m.
The Singing Detective R - 12, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15 p.m.
The Station Agent R - 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 p.m.
Lois - special weekend showings, Sat. and Sun., 11 a.m.
LANDMARK NU-WILSHIRE
1314 Wilshire Blvd
Elephant R - 4:45, 7, 9:30 p.m.
Pieces of April PG-13 - 5, 7:30, 9:45 p.m.
LOEWS CINEPLEX BROADWAY CINEMAS
1441 Third Street Promenade
Kill Bill Vol. 1 R - 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45, 10:20 p.m.
Lost in Translation R - 1:50, 4:30, 7, 9:30 p.m.
Mystic River R - 12, 12:45 p.m., 3:50, 6:30, 7:15, 10:30 p.m.
AMC SANTA MONICA 7
1310 Third Street Promenade
Alien: The Director's Cut - 1:40, 4:20, 7:15, 10 p.m.
Brother Bear PG - 1, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30 p.m.
In the Cut - 1:20, 4, 7:05, 9:45 p.m.
Intolerable Cruelty PG-13 - 1:10, 5, 7:35, 9:55 p.m.
Scary Movie 3 PG-13 - 1:30, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10 p.m.
School of Rock PG-13 - 1:50, 4:30, 7, 9:35 p.m.
The Texas Chainsaw Massacre R - 2, 4:40, 7:25, 9:50 p.m.
Under the Tuscan Sun PG-13 - 1:10, 4:15, 7, 9:40 p.m.
MANN CRITERION 6 THEATERS
1313 Third Street Promenade
Beyond Borders R - 12:50, 4:10, 7:40, 10:40 p.m.
Good Boy! PG - 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7:20 p.m.
The Human Stain - 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:50, 10:40 p.m.
Radio PG-13 - 11:40 a.m., 12:10, 2:10, 2:40, 4:40, 5:10, 9:40, 10:20 p.m.
Runaway Jury PG-13 - 1, 1:30, 4, 4:20, 7, 7:30, 9:50, 10:30 p.m.
Under the Tuscan Sun R - 6:30, 9:20 p.m.

If you know of an upcoming event which may be included in the calendar please send the information to calendar@smdp.com or fax it to (310) 576 9913



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Niagara Falls survivor to tell all in his new book

By The Associated Press

■ **NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.** — The man who went over Niagara Falls and lived to tell about it isn't done telling his story.

Kirk Jones is writing a book about the experience, according to his brother, Keith, who said he'll be the co-author.

Keith Jones said the book would be a lighthearted look at the feat with a serious side about the depression that prompted his younger brother to take the plunge. The tentative title: "You're Kidding Me: A Knucklehead's Guide To Surviving Niagara Falls."

Fueled by vodka and Coke, 40-year-old Kirk Jones of Canton, Mich., climbed into the Niagara River and slipped over the Canadian Horseshoe Falls Oct. 20. Family members and friends said he'd talked about the stunt, but no one believed he'd actually try it.

Jones told reporters he'd been suicidal, but the experience made him want to live.

He's the only person known to have survived an intentional plunge over the falls without a barrel or other safety device. He's due in a Canadian courtroom later this month to answer charges of mischief and unlawfully performing a stunt.

In the meantime, Jones is nursing a sore back and juggling media requests for his story — and enjoying a few perks, his brother said. On Friday, he went backstage at rocker Alice Cooper's concert in Niagara Falls.

Despite its title, the book expected out next year won't reveal any secrets to surviving the falls, Keith Jones said Friday. A tentative passage from the introduction reads: "If you really thought I could give you

that lifesaving tip you're a bigger knucklehead than I."

■ **HOLLAND, Mich.** — When Brian Bowe learned that Creem, a defunct rock magazine he'd read as a child, was making a comeback after 15 years, he sat down and wrote an e-mail to the publisher.

As a music fanatic, the 31-year-old Laketown Township resident wanted to work for the magazine in some way. After writing back and forth with Robert Matheu for a while, Bowe sent a few reviews and essays.

"I started writing stuff, and he liked the stuff I was writing," Bowe told The Holland Sentinel for a recent story. "He sent me some copy to edit, and he liked the way I was editing stuff."

Less than a year later, Matheu asked Bowe, a spokesman for Grand Valley State University, to edit the new Creem.

"When he asked me, I was floored," Bowe said. "I couldn't have been happier. To this day, it just, the very idea, blows my mind. I feel very honored, and I take it very seriously."

Currently a Web-only publication, Creem is expected to be on store shelves in a print edition next spring, Matheu said.

Creem began in Detroit in March 1969 and ran monthly until November 1988, when the magazine folded. A revival was launched in the early 1990s, but the publication largely lay dormant until fall 2000, when Cameron Crowe's semi-autobiographical movie "Almost Famous" was released.

Crowe wrote for Creem as a teenager under the editing of Lester Bangs, a wild-haired, prolific writer who became synonymous with the publication. Bangs died in

1982.

The film renewed interest in Bangs and Creem, and Matheu decided to try to restore luster to the magazine's name. He contacted the owners of the publication rights and obtained permission to bring it back.

■ **HOT SPRINGS, Ark.** — Ken Burns, creator of popular television series on the Civil War and baseball, says documentary filmmaking has come a long way since he started making them in New York about 30 years ago.

"It's been a pretty amazing transformation, I think," Burns said. "I moved to New Hampshire 25 years ago because I knew that becoming a documentary filmmaker was taking a vow of anonymity and poverty."

"It didn't happen, I'm very happy to say, but that was the climate," he recalled.

Burns attended the Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival over the weekend for a screening of his latest film, "Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip." The film tells the story of Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson, who made the first drive across America in an automobile in 1903.

After meeting and talking with audience members, the 50-year-old sat for an interview with the Hot Springs Sentinel-Record and discussed how things have changed since he entered the documentary field.

"I think what people have begun to understand is that documentaries don't have to be those training-film, dreadfully boring things that they made you see in class, but something that could be equally as entertaining as a feature film," he said in Monday's editions. "There's no reason that entertainment and the truth can't go hand in hand."

DID YOU KNOW?: 16-year-old Jane Chester posed for the Columbia Pictures logo called the "Proud Lady."



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