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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In September, police in the Georgia towns of Perry and Americus were investigating incidents probably involving the same unnamed man, who provided an additional dimension to the typical foot-fetishist: religion. An 80-year-old Wal-Mart shopper in Perry reported that the man was sitting on the floor of an aisle and asked her for help with his "religious" ritual. The lady accommodated him by stepping on his hands and then spitting on him, but when he began to lick her feet, she called for help.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 311th day of 2006.
There are 54 days left in the year.
This is Election Day.

- 1917
- Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.
- 1998
- John Glenn returned to Earth aboard the space shuttle Discovery, visibly weak but elated after a nine-day mission.
- 1944
- President Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.
- 1962
- Richard M. Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's not the voting that's democracy — it's the counting."

TOM STOPPARD
CZECHOSLOVAK-BORN BRITISH AUTHOR

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ELECTION2006

Hey! Voters can be choosers

DECISION TIME: Campaigns come to a close; voters to have final word

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Today, voters will be faced with several important, and possibly life-changing decisions, from who will represent them at the national, state and local levels to whether or not they wish to tax themselves by the billions to help pay for new roads, schools and levees.

For those who haven't already voted by via absentee ballot, polls across the city will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Registered voters are being asked to cast ballots for California gover-

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nor and the other six statewide offices, one of the state's U.S. Senate seats and candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, the state legislature, the state board of equalization and various judicial posts. Also on the ballot are 13 state propositions and bond measures.

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POLL POSITIONS: Pat Robles (left) and Betsy Van Ditto assemble a voting table at City Hall on Monday in preparation for today's vote-casting. Polls open at 7 a.m.



Plenty of frills to go around

David Hartwell (at left) Gabrielle Tieu and Adam Said, of the Sculpture Conservatory Studio, perform their annual maintenance of the "Dinosaurs of Santa Monica" sculptures on the Third Street Promenade on Monday.

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District wants to control preschool again

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS — The school district is considering resuming financial control over a \$1 million preschool program in Santa Monica

after a four-year absence from its general budget.

The school district dropped the full day and full year preschool program in 2001 after calculating that it could not continue the state-financed program without dipping into its general fund.

Since 2002, the program has continued thanks to a collaborative effort between the non-profit Easter Seals, which operates the preschools;

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Orphaned acrobats learn on fly

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CENTINELA AVENUE — It was noise that was both startling and strange enough to draw three children out of a house in curiosity.

Whispering in their native Swahili tongue, the kids found the source of the ruckus. They pointed excitedly, amazed at what was unfolding before their eyes — a garbage truck going about its normal Monday afternoon pick-up routine.

Such has been the experience for a group of Tanzanian children during their first two days in the Los Angeles area, with every moment being an exciting new experience. They are the first in their village to ever visit the United States.

Nine orphaned children between the ages of 10 and 16 are in the midst of an acrobatic tour of Santa Monica, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and San Francisco, where they plan to perform and learn new skills at each stop.

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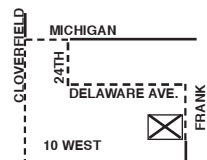
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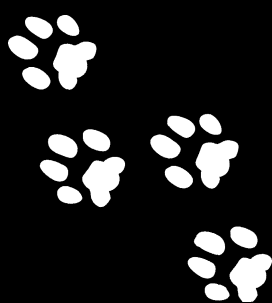
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You might be up for seeing life a lot differently. As a result, you feel rejuvenated. You are able to express yourself in a way that touches many. Be willing to open up and share more of yourself. A friend might make a great suggestion. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Curb any flagrant or wild spending. You do want to make a difference — don't you? Loosen up and allow greater give-and-take in your life. An expenditure might be necessary but, on some level, is also a pleasure. Do some price comparison. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You are on a roll, my dear Twin. Review a matter with greater direction, precision and knowledge. A caring gesture has a lot of impact. You want to look at something in a very different way. Gain understanding rather than judge. You, and others, will be happier. Tonight: Claim your power.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Know when to step back. Though you might be an idea person, you could have difficulty turning a situation around. Examine possibilities; examine options. You will be happier. Make no decisions just yet. Play the waiting game. Tonight: Vanish for a while.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Zero in on what you want or prefer. You will impact those in your immediate circle. Trust that you are coming from a very caring space. Act spontaneously. You find that others will respond in a big way. Tonight: Happy wherever you are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Understand what needs to happen with a boss or some situation in which you are the main force. How you verbalize what is on your mind could make a huge difference in the end result. Keep communication a high priority. Tonight: On top of it all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Look beyond the obvious when dealing with key people. Displaying wisdom and understanding could define events and how you feel. Expenses could go overboard. Express what is on your mind. Tonight: Movie night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You have a unique charm that turns others around before you know it. Loosen up and enjoy a special person or associate. Optimism surrounds many of your decisions. You are more than willing to take a risk. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You might need to stop and not react. You might be coming from a heartfelt spot. Others might skip over your feelings or might not hear you clearly. Try again at a better moment. Your wish is easily conveyed. Tonight: Say yes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might be overwhelmed and somewhat tired. Think in terms of growth and change. Don't let money drip into a project unconsciously. You have what it takes to hit a home run. Don't get distracted. Tonight: Time to slow down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You cannot sort through what is real and what is not. Sometimes it is hard to understand what makes someone tick. Absolutely do not worry about that right now. Just let your imagination and creativity flourish. Tonight: You could redefine happy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Listen to your instincts more carefully, and you will get to the right place at the right time. You might question some of your vibes right now. Head in the direction that seems right at this moment. Tonight: Close to home.

BORN TODAY Opera singer **Joan Sutherland** (1926), musician **Al Hirt** (1922)

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Judge asked to reconsider trial for Lincoln Place

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE — The owners of Lincoln Place have asked a Santa Monica Superior Court judge to reconsider her motion to hold a trial in the case involving more than 50 aging and disabled tenants forced to vacate the post-World War II affordable housing complex to make way for demolition.

Attorneys with Apartment Investment Management Co. (AIMCO) filed a request for reconsideration last Friday, just as Judge Patricia Collins was prepared to set a trial date so that tenants can challenge their evictions.

AIMCO claims 13 households still living in the Venice complex are doing so illegally after the Denver-based company ordered them to vacate the premises by Aug. 31. AIMCO filed its motion on grounds that one of the declarations submitted by the tenants should have been excluded on evidentiary grounds.

A hearing on the latest motion filed by AIMCO will be held Dec. 4 in Department B of the Santa Monica Courthouse.

"We're optimistic that outcome will be in AIMCO's favor," said Cynthia Eichner, vice president of corporate communications.

Tenants are challenging an unlawful detainer filed by AIMCO, claiming the company violated an agreement with the City of Los Angeles to relocate tenants on the property during construction.

Tenants are also challenging the way in which AIMCO demolished structures on the property, charging they are operating without respect for state law that protects affordable, rental housing.

"I think it is very important to get a hearing on the merits of this case," said Sheila Bernard, president of the Lincoln Place Tenants Association. "How can people have faith in the justice system if they can't have their day in court?"

AIMCO, which has refused to accept rent from tenants for the months of September and October, has plans to replace all buildings on the 33-acre property with contemporary housing, complete with affordable units for low-income residents, AIMCO officials said.

Most tenants have already left, accepting relocation packages that included thousands of dollars to help pay for moving expenses.

Those who did not accept AIMCO's offer were evicted this past December, with some

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STREAMS OF CONSCIOUSNESS: With the American Film Market in full swing, the city has been awash in Hollywood dreams and bottom lines.

A day in the life at the American Film Market

BY AMY KAUFMAN

Special to the Daily Press

OCEAN AVENUE — You never know who you might bump into at the American Film Market. Literally.

One needs to watch out when standing in the lobby of the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, the headquarters for the annual AFM, which has brought nearly 435 companies from 36 countries to the city by the sea. At the center of the hotel on Monday, hundreds of busy filmmakers and executives speaking a bevy of different languages bustled about anxiously in the hopes of watching for, tracking down and then bidding on the next big thing.

Founded in 1981, AFM is the world's largest film market, representing international independent filmmakers and business

people. Throughout its eight days, more than 900 screenings of almost 600 films will reel through local theaters as an estimated 8,000 individuals roll through town.

In little more than a week's time, AFM expects to see a whopping \$800 million worth of deals sealed.

It's the first time at AFM for Mikey Carr, an editor at Believe Entertainment. Monday was Carr's second day amidst the environment, which he intends to continue to "feel out." The young entrepreneur isn't hoping to secure financial backing for the most recent feature film he worked on, a modern-day western, but rather he is using the experience to "meet people and see what it's all about."

On Monday, he attended a financial seminar entitled "Who Backs Movies and Why," which he said provided a helpful insight into

the more realistic side of the movie industry.

Exclusive seminars offer up some of the more unique fare at the AFM, including the popular "Pitch Me!" program that teaches attendees how to pitch their films when it counts. Over the weekend, a dozen novice filmmakers pitched their projects to a panel of industry experts, including the likes of "ER" director Peggy Rajski, who proceeded to offer blunt feedback on the presentations.

But the film market isn't all about work and struggle, said Carr.

"You really get a sense of community inside the hotel," he noted. "Especially because filmmakers tend to be secluded, it's nice to be able to relate to your peers."

Bonnie Volland, marketing director at one

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iraq plans didn't run like clockwork

Editor:
Most of Europe knew this. Even our good neighbor to the north, Canada, urged us to rely on United Nations intelligence.

Most of the Arab Nations and much of the rest of the Muslim world could see nothing but world trouble if Israel were given recognition as a state. Most of these have shown some change of policy by much U.S. economic pressure. Only Iran and Iraq among the majors have held out.

Well, if we beat up on Iraq, then all our troops will be in position to turn around and take on Iran. But something went wrong with our timing. "Clockwork Orange" is out of sync.

The war with Iraq took only six days. But more than three years later, and many thousands dead, we are in no position to turn around and take on Iran.

John O. Legried
Santa Monica

Where have all the politicians gone?

Editor:
I am the founding editor of the Hobo newsletter "Better Times" and I wish to let the city of Santa Monica's residents, the homeless community, and even the politicians know about the recent developments in the city regarding the new indoor meal program.

After many years of different outdoor meal programs requesting the city of Santa Monica provide an indoor facility for the feeding of the homeless they have finally come back to life and done something about it. And we are very excited that the new programs that started on Nov. 4.

We, as members of the Hobo community, want to thank all the volunteers of Hand To Hand and Hope for working so diligently in making this happen so the less fortunate of us can have a dry, comfortable and safe place to eat and relax for a few minutes. Again, thank you.

Above all, I thank the city and the meal programs of Hand To Hand and Hope for inviting some of the homeless to take part in the planning and physical help in assuring this program will be what will work best for us and not just a bunch of politicians insisting that things be done their way which in the past has assured a programs failure.

I also want to thank Ms. Stacy Rowe of the city for being there and making sure that the tremendous amount of work be completed as we requested and on time, a Herculean effort.

On a more personal note I invite the city politicians and the residents to come and see what a little understanding, compassion and love does. Also, if you want to volunteer in the first of many meals, you are more then welcome.

So, to answer the question: 'Where have all the politicians gone?' Thank God, they're back.

Again, I thank the politicians of Santa Monica for finally doing something positive for the homeless community.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day, at 612 Colorado Ave. Set-up begins at 8 a.m. with the meal starting at 10:30 a.m.

Milton Billingsley
Santa Monica

November is the new June

Editor:
I love global warming! November is the new June. Good-bye L.L. Beans, hello Fruit o' de Loom. Henry Hudson and I are so excited at the prospect of finally being able to navigate the northwest passage, now that we've melted that pesky polar ice cap. It'll cut thousands of miles off shipping worthless junk around America. I heard a rumor that people live up there. That's incredible, but not a problem even if it's true, McDonalds can put them to work as soon as they are tamed. Is it true that a village must be destroyed in order to tame it?

Fashion designers reading the Daily Press please take note of the climate change. Forget about seasonal fashions. What are we going to wear to the Oscars when the climate is upside down? If you have to ask if the awards are more important than life on Earth, don't ask.

Brian Madden
Santa Monica

Giving up on the bird

Editor:
As the cofounder and director of Animal Place, a sanctuary for rescued farm animals, it saddens me that people still eat turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner.

The turkeys living at Animal Place are social, smart and curious birds. When visitors come out for farm tours they are often amazed that they are greeted and escorted by the turkeys. They have a wide repertoire of sounds from the soft soothing cooing sounds to their gobbling greetings they are known for. When the wild turkeys who live around the sanctuary talk, the domestic turkeys call back to them.

It is heartbreaking to see how badly the birds have been abused on factory farms. They spend five to six months in dark, crowded sheds with tens of thousands of other birds. Flapping even one wing is practically impossible.

The first digit of their toes and part of their beaks are cut off without anesthetics. They are bred to grow quickly; they are slaughtered at 18 weeks old, weighing 28 lbs. Many we rescue arrive at Animal Place crippled and we frequently have to euthanize young turkeys whose legs have collapsed under them.

This holiday season how about giving up the bird, even for just one meal. Your action will make this world a little more humane and we can certainly use that right now.

Kim Sturla
*Director, Animal Place
Vacaville*

No one cares if you vote, likewise if you complain



WHAT'S
THE POINT?
BY DAVID PISSARRA

I've said before that it does not matter whether or not you are a Republican, Democrat, Independent, Green, Yellow, Purple, Communist, Socialist or undecided, we all love to complain about our elected officials.

One of my biggest pet peeves is that people who don't vote should sit down, shut up and wait to share until after they've played in the game. I do not approve of people who will not participate in their government, but want to criticize it.

This is not to say that everyone must vote. I believe that a person has just as much right to abstain from the process as to participate. It is, however, intellectually dishonest to withhold oneself from the process and then criticize the results.

As a society, we do our best work when the most people contribute their efforts, ideas and labor to the collective goals. In this case, it would be casting a ballot to approve or disapprove the various propositions and candidates to public office. It is important that individuals contribute their voice to the chorus of the electorate.

Everyone that abstains, which really is just a nice way of saying I'm too lazy to make a decision, is allowing someone else to decide for them. That allows a small number of voters to make big decisions for everyone. I'm a business lawyer. I see the world as a businessperson. I believe that government should be run like a business, and any good business must do its part to ensure that the environment it is working in remains healthy. Part of a healthy environment means a wide selection of qualified candidates.

But if the candidates are not qualified before they run, and few people vote, then who can we blame when we have "bad government?"

Ourselves. We have only ourselves to blame, by not demanding more of our elected officials, not after they are in office, but before. When they are running. We get the candidates we demand, who then become the government we want, not the government we wish we had in a perfect world.

Today, we have yet another opportunity in the endless rounds of elections to decide who will run the city, what those elected officials can and cannot do, and how much money we will dedicate to public works. The election itself is statewide, and there are several large state measures on the ballot that will affect our society for decades to come. Or not.

The sad truth is that most of the proposi-

tions will be denied by the public. Not because the public has listened to both sides, or that they have studiously reviewed the intricacies of the proposed legislation, but rather out of indifference. As voters, we have been inundated with propositions, initiatives and campaigns, and frankly, most of us are tired of reading.

For those of us who wade into the public spotlight to pontificate on such matters, we find the reading a necessary evil. But for the majority of our state's electorate, a society that likes its news in sound bites and makes choices based on how it impacts their pocketbooks, the constant onslaught of reading is becoming more and more cumbersome. This is evidenced in a slowly declining number of votes cast, which makes each vote that much more powerful.

As the national parties try to drive voter turnout with "hot-button issues" like gay marriage, the war and the economy; the local political action groups try to drive turnout by reliving the age-old problems here of the homeless, living wage laws, council ethics reforms and proposals to increase the local property taxes. Hopefully, something will work and we will have a large turnout, but the odds are against it. There are simply too many decisions being passed to the electorate for their approval.

The whole point of electing leaders is that they are supposed to lead. We shouldn't have to decide if the City Council can take jobs while still in office, for the second time, after the case has been heavily litigated — all on the public dime.

We have several ballot measures that deal with the infrastructure of the state and the city. They are as clear as mud and most people, I fear, will just vote "no" — not because they are against them, but because they are too poorly worded to be understood without a significant effort to untangle the language. That is the problem with this governing by initiative. We are actually putting too much on the people who don't have the time, and frankly the inclination, to study this type of material and make reasoned, educated decisions.

The reason why we elect leaders is to lead. Our job as the electorate is to determine who can best dedicate themselves to the task of studying the issues and finding solutions, then implementing those solutions. This is why we need people to vote.

The voters are supposed to choose who their leaders are, then have them take the lead. If that happened more, we might have fewer elections, and that would probably increase the voter turnout. That, of course, presumes that we can find qualified people who want the job of being a leader.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN W. WHITEHEAD

Now we're advertising our children to death

Advertising has become a key defining characteristic of contemporary society. It's everywhere. Schools used to be one of the few places that weren't bombarded by advertisers. But even that is changing with the introduction of Channel One and BusRadio.

Channel One is a "news" show shown to millions of students in middle and high school. However, Channel One, as critics argue, is less of a news program and more of an entertainment program that coerces unsuspecting young people. The counterpart to Channel One is BusRadio, which supposedly allows children to enjoy the benefits of radio as they travel to and from school on a bus. While BusRadio executives concede that the show is geared toward entertaining the students, it supposedly incorporates educational content and safety awareness messages.

But many critics think that, like Channel One, this is just another ploy by the corporate giants to tap into the teenager consumer market. Introduced in 1990, Channel One is a news program of sorts that shows 12 minutes of programming to more than 12,000 schools across the country. The program is sent via satellite early in the morning, where it is taped and then shown to children at the school's discretion. Proponents of Channel One argue that it provides students in impoverished areas with access to better technology that will facilitate the "learning process." Critics, however, accuse Channel One of being more harmful than helpful through its discreet and indiscreet forms of advertising. Indeed, in his comprehensive analysis of Channel One, Professor William Hoynes reveals that only slightly more than half of Channel One's air time is devoted to news content.

Features and profiles not related to breaking news events constitute 57 percent of news time, meaning that after sports, weath-

er, and plane or train crashes are subtracted, the figure is around 20 percent. The remainder of the show is made up of ads, a "Pop Quiz" section, contests and activities and the music and banter that serve as filler. This means that in the course of a school year, students spend the equivalent of six school days watching Channel One, with another day lost to the commercial breaks that occur during every show.

Not surprisingly, numerous national educational groups oppose Channel One, including the National Parent Teacher Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the National School Boards Association and the National Education Association. BusRadio is a new radio show that will begin in the fall of 2006. Unlike Channel One which claims to be educational, BusRadio's web site clearly states that while "kids across the country will be listening to the dynamic programming of BusRadio," advertisers will have a "unique and effective way to reach the highly sought after teen and tween market." BusRadio plays music, public-service announcements, contests and ads — all aimed at kids. For each hour of programming, 44 minutes will be set aside for music, six for public-service announcements, two for contests and eight for advertising.

The bombarding of our young people by corporate America is not healthy. Gary Ruskin is concerned that the companies are using "the compulsory education law to compel kids to listen to ads." BusRadio claims that it aids in making kids quieter and more well-behaved on buses. But Ruskin says, "So what? They'd be quiet if we gave them cigarettes, but that doesn't mean we should."

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Second Marine to plead guilty for killing Iraqi

BY THOMAS WATKINS

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Another Marine charged with kidnapping and murdering an Iraqi man has agreed to plead guilty to lesser charges, his attorney said Monday.

Thomas Watt, attorney for Lance Cpl. Tyler A. Jackson, declined to discuss details of the agreement, but confirmed that a deal has been reached and that his client is due in court next week to plead guilty to some charges.

Jackson, 23, from Tracy, is charged with murder, kidnapping, conspiracy, house-breaking and larceny. He is the third troop to have made a plea deal in the case, in which seven Camp Pendleton-based Marines and a Navy corpsman were charged with murdering 52-year-old Hashim Ibrahim Awad.

Last week, another Marine who faced charges similar to Jackson's, Pfc. John Jodka III, pleaded guilty to assault and conspiracy to obstruct justice. Murder and other charges against him were dropped.

The first to make a deal was Petty Officer 3rd Class Melson J. Bacos, the Navy corpsman on patrol with the Marines. He pleaded guilty to kidnapping and conspiracy, while murder and other charges were dropped.

A Marine Corps spokeswoman, Capt. Amy Malugani, declined to comment on Jackson's case.

At their courts-martial, Jodka and Bacos testified about the death. In return, prosecutors dropped murder and other charges against them. Bacos was sentenced to one year in prison.

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Father, son held hostage

A teen and his father, both illegal immigrants, were held for ransom for several hours by the men who smuggled them into the country, officials said.

Officers looked for Carlos Tovar Trejo and his 15-year-old son Sunday after relatives reported that they had been abducted, police Lt. John Acosta said.

The smugglers drove off with the father and son after disagreeing with relatives over the price for escorting them from Mexico, Acosta said.

Trejo jumped out of the car at a traffic light and alerted police, he said. The smugglers eventually dropped off the boy with his family, who gave them money, he said.

Immigration officials have joined the police investigation into the incident, he said.

SEAL BEACH

Going to great heights

A citizens group said it has collected enough signatures from residents to temporarily block a new city law that bans homes higher than two stories from being built in its Old Town coastal area.

The group, Save Our Seal Beach, said it has collected about 2,600 signatures.

About 1,900 valid signatures are necessary to force a popular vote on the issue next year, group co-founder Eldon Alexander said.

The petition would also keep the two-story limit passed by the City Council last month from taking effect in the run-up to next year's referendum, he said.

Save Our Seal Beach members have said the ban on third stories infringes on homeowners' property rights. They said the only way to build in the town's densely developed coastal area is up.

But neighbors have argued that taller homes ruin the area's charm.

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Brown says Doolittle did little about abuses

BY LAURA KURTZMAN

Associated Press Writer

ROSEVILLE, Calif. — Democrat Charlie Brown accused GOP Rep. John Doolittle on Monday of ignoring abuses on the Northern Mariana Islands, as controversy over the small island chain shadowed the re-election campaigns of two powerful California Republicans.

Brown stumped with an activist who helped write a 1998 report for the Interior Department documenting forced abortions, exploitation of foreign workers and other grim conditions on the Marianas, a U.S. commonwealth near Guam. Residents there have nonvoting citizenship, but the islands are exempt from many federal labor laws and the minimum wage is \$3.05 an hour.

The Marianas hired now-disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff in the mid-1990s to block reform legislation, and Abramoff lobbied lawmakers, including Doolittle and Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Tracy, for help.

Doolittle, who traveled to the Mariana Islands in 1999, subsequently spoke favorably of conditions there and opposed bills to raise the minimum wage and impose U.S. immigration laws.

Doolittle, who has taken \$14,000 in campaign contributions from Abramoff, also helped the lobbyist get his contract with the Marianas renewed in 1999 by endorsing a sympathetic island politician. Abramoff is now cooperating in a wide-ranging congressional influence-peddling investigation.

"John Doolittle and others like him in our Congress have lost their moral authority to lead because they've sold out the American people just as surely as they sold out the women and children in the Marianas," Brown, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, said during a news conference.

Activist Wendy Doromal wept as she recounted abuses that included indentured servitude, forced abortions, rape and false imprisonment.

"What we're allowing in the Marianas is clearly wrong, but John Doolittle continues to insist that he didn't see any abuses over there," Brown said.

Doolittle's spokesman dismissed the claims, which the Brown campaign also has been using in radio advertisements.

"The suggestion that Congressman Doolittle tolerated forced abortions and sex slavery is so ludicrous that it can't help but undercut Brown's credibility with the voters," spokesman Richard Robinson said. "I think he's officially become the candidate that will do or say anything to get elected."

While visiting the Marianas, Doolittle witnessed "an unfettered, free-market system that resulted in clean and orderly factories and employees who expressed personal satisfaction with their jobs," said a statement from Doolittle's congressional office.

The congressman has an ongoing interest in the commonwealth that has nothing to do with Abramoff, Robinson said.

But the questions have helped turn Doolittle's re-election race unexpectedly competitive in his heavily Republican district. Pombo, facing a tough re-election challenge from Democrat Jerry McNerney in the Central Valley, also has had to answer questions about his ties to Abramoff and position on the Marianas.

Billing records from the Marianas show that Abramoff and his associates lobbied both lawmakers' offices extensively over the years. Pombo denies ever being lobbied directly by Abramoff and gave away the \$7,500 in campaign cash he got from the lobbyist.

Defenders of Wildlife sent a mailer to voters in Pombo's district accusing him of refusing to investigate child prostitution and forced labor in the Marianas and contending it was because he was under Abramoff's influence.

Rep. George Miller, D-Martinez, has called on Pombo to hold hearings in the House Resources Committee on Abramoff's conduct with the Marianas, but Pombo has declined. Instead, he and the Resources Committee's top Democrat, Nick Rahall of West Virginia, sent a letter to the Justice Department asking for the Marianas allegations to become part of the Abramoff investigation, something Pombo said was more appropriate.

"There's politics, there's partisan politics, and then there's scum, and this is scum," Pombo spokesman Brian Kennedy said of the accusations.

Associated Press writer **Erica Werner** contributed to this report from Washington.

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Voting machine companies say probe will clear name

BY HOPE YEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A U.S. company that makes touch-screen voting machines said it requested a federal investigation to dispel what it called baseless rumors of ties to Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Sequoia Voting Systems Inc. said it asked the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, or CFIUS, to investigate it and its parent software company, the Smartmatic Corp. The request comes after news articles suggested improper ties.

"Sequoia and Smartmatic are not connected, owned or controlled by the Venezuelan government whatsoever," Jeff Bialos, a Washington attorney representing the two companies, said in a telephone interview.

The focus is on last year's acquisition of Sequoia by Smartmatic — a Boca Raton, Fla. company owned by three Venezuelans — and whether Chavez's leftist government wields influence over their operations.

Chavez is a longtime foe of the Bush administration. Last month, he called President Bush "the devil" in a speech at the United Nation, drawing prompt criticism from lawmakers from both U.S. parties.

CFIUS has been in contact with Smartmatic, said Brookly McLaughlin, a spokeswoman for the Treasury Department, which oversees the foreign investment committee. She declined to say whether there was a formal investigation.

The probe's disclosure by the companies comes days before the November congressional elections, and amid growing concern about the reliability of electronic voting machines.

A report released earlier this month by The Century Foundation found problems with malfunctioning voting machines in 10 states it sampled. Activists, meanwhile, have filed lawsuits in at least nine states contending the new electronic voting machines are not secure.

The inquiry also comes after the political

furor earlier this year over a buyout that put a Dubai company in control of some operations at six American ports. The outcry led the Dubai company, DP World, to promise it would sell the U.S. operations to an American company.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., said Sunday she welcomed the formal review after she asked the government in May to examine the takeover of Sequoia, based in Oakland, Calif.

"Having a foreign government investing or owning a company in this country that makes voting machines could raise a question about the integrity of the elections," she said.

According to Smartmatic, the company is owned primarily by three individuals and their families: Antonio Mugica, a dual-Spanish-Venezuelan national who is the chief executive officer (78.8 percent); Alfredo Anzola (3.9 percent); and Roger Pinate (8.5 percent). Investor Jorge Massa as well as Smartmatic employees and other friends own the remainder.

"No foreign government or entity — including Venezuela — has ever held an ownership stake in Smartmatic," Mugica said in a statement.

Sequoia has operated since the late 1800s and began providing electronic voting equipment in the 1980s. It currently supplies electronic voting machines to 16 states and the District of Columbia.

"Sequoia is very confident our equipment will perform as well as it has over the course of history," Sequoia spokeswoman Michelle Shafer said.

The investigation by CFIUS was first reported Saturday by The Miami Herald. Questions about company ownership were first raised last spring.

Separately, activist Patricia Axelrod of Reno, Nev., sued Sequoia on Wednesday, claiming her vote in the 2004 general election was not counted because of a defective machine.

Shafer said Sunday she had not seen the suit and could not comment on it.

Washington braces for major flooding

By Associated Press

SEATTLE — A Pacific storm dumped heavy rains Monday on Western Washington, with major flood warnings issued for 11 rivers and high winds forecast for much of the state.

A hunter was reported missing in the swollen Cowlitz River in southwest Washington, after a riverbank collapsed beneath his vehicle. About a half-dozen homes were being evacuated from along the rising Stillaguamish River east of Granite Falls, about 36 miles north of Seattle.

The warm-weather rainstorms, propelled by air currents from Hawaii in a pattern known as the "Pineapple Express," will likely cause some of the worst flooding in Western Washington in years, said Bradley R. Colman, head of the local office of the National Weather Service office.

"We are looking at a very significant storm," said Nora Leyde, a spokeswoman for the Army Corps of Engineers, which was gearing up to sandbag several rivers.

The forecast called for 6 to 10 inches of rain in the Cascades and about 3 inches in the Seattle area in the 24 hours ending Monday night. Weather service forecasters issued flood warnings for all of Western Washington except

for Skamania County north of the Columbia River, where a flood watch was in effect.

As of midmorning Monday, more than 4 1/2 inches of rain had fallen in Seattle since Thursday, according to the weather service.

A less serious flood watch was issued for the less populated eastern slopes of the Cascade Range, and wind warnings were issued for gusts to 45 mph in much of Eastern Washington and to nearly 60 mph west of the Cascades. Gale force winds were forecast for most of the state's marine waters, including Puget Sound.

Besides the Stillaguamish, the weather service issued river flood warnings for the Snoqualmie, Snohomish, Skagit, White, Elwa, Nooksack, Puyallup, Carbon, Bogachiel and Satsop rivers. In most populated areas the crest was expected Tuesday.

The Lewis County sheriff's office said a 20-year-old Seattle elk hunter was missing after his pickup truck was swept into the rising waters of the Cowlitz River south of Mount Rainier early Monday. The man was in his truck east of Packwood when the river bank collapsed, Sheriff Steve Mansfield said.

The truck was later spotted in the river, but authorities were unable to determine whether the driver was still in it.

Bush heads south for final campaign swing

BY DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press Writer

WACO, Texas — President Bush is using the last day of his 10-state campaign swing to flush out GOP and swing voters needed to keep Republicans sitting in the governor's offices of Florida, Arkansas and Texas.

Bush hit the campaign trail Monday for the fifth consecutive day, traveling to states where his advisers believe he can best help fend off the Democratic threat to take over Congress and end up with a majority of governorships for the first time in 12 years.

"I'm now asking you when you go forth to find fellow Republicans and say you've got a responsibility to vote, but while you're doing it, don't overlook discerning Democrats and open-minded independents," Bush shouted at a GOP rally Sunday in Grand Island, Neb.

Later, at a campaign rally in Topeka, Kan., he pleaded with

supporters: "Go vote. Get your neighbors and friends to vote."

Bush's first stop is in the Florida Panhandle to stump for Republican attorney general Charlie Crist, who will be a no-show. Crist decided to skip an appearance with Bush to spend Monday crisscrossing the state as the race to replace outgoing Gov. Jeb Bush grew tighter.

His opponent, Democratic Rep. Jim Davis, seized on the news.

"Now that the president is so unpopular, Charlie refuses to stand side by side with him," Davis said Saturday. "It says when the going gets tough, Charlie won't stand up."

Crist's chief of staff, George LeMieux, said the candidate already has strong support in the heavily Republican Pensacola area and thought his time would be better spent campaigning elsewhere. LeMieux said the decision had nothing to do with the president's job approval ratings.

Jeb Bush, the president's brother, will attend the Pensacola event in Crist's place. Rep. Katherine Harris, who

is mounting a lukewarm challenge to Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson, will also be with the president. Before the September primary, Republican leaders failed to support Harris.

After Florida, Bush is heading to Arkansas where the race for governor pits Democratic Attorney General Mike Beebe against Republican Asa Hutchinson, a former congressman and federal Homeland Security official.

The Beebe-Hutchinson faceoff for the open governorship already is the most expensive gubernatorial campaign in state history. Overall, Beebe, who is leading in the polls, has raised \$6.3 million and spent \$5.7 million in his bid for governor. Hutchinson, a former congressman, has raised nearly \$3.3 million and spent about \$3.1 million.

Before returning to his ranch in Crawford, Texas, Bush is speaking at a rally in Dallas for Gov. Rick Perry, who is leading the polls in his re-election bid.

On Election Day, Bush plans to vote in Crawford and then return to Washington to wait for ballot returns.



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Lovejoy looks to become first female Navajo leader

BY FELICIA FONSECA

Associated Press Writer

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — One candidate in the Navajo Nation's presidential race promises accountability and staunch protection of tribal land. The other vows to build on the reservation's economic progress in the past four years.

But as incumbent Joe Shirley Jr. and challenger Lynda Lovejoy face off for the presidency Tuesday, the overriding issue is gender.

A win would make Lovejoy the first female leader on the largest Indian reservation in the United States, which extends into New Mexico, Arizona and Utah.

"She is a woman, and that is going to be an issue no matter what her stance on policy," said Dale Mason, an associate professor of political science at the University of New Mexico's Gallup branch. "She represents something entirely new."

Lovejoy, a former New Mexico state lawmaker and current member of the Public Regulation Commission, hopes to unseat Shirley, 58, a former tribal council delegate who has been leading the tribe for four years.

"I can't control people making their decision to vote for me because I'm a woman," she said. "I certainly appreciate and welcome that. Any vote is important to winning this ticket on Nov. 7."

Shirley, who has focused on economic development in his campaign for re-election, acknowledges some people will vote based on gender, but he says he is hopeful that most won't.

Some traditional Navajos believe that women and men have distinct roles in society — women as caretakers of the home and of children, and men as providers and leaders, said Tommy Begay, a Navajo and University of Arizona doctoral student who is studying the evolution of cultures.

Although Navajo is a matriarchal society, traditional Navajos are likely to stick to the belief that only men should serve as president, Begay said.

"When you live your life in a very traditional way, the beliefs really dictate your action," Begay said. "They become sort of the boundaries of existence."

Less traditional Navajos either have not been taught those beliefs, dismiss them, or have a hard time maintaining them because of influence from the dominant society, Begay said.

Lovejoy has based her campaign on ensuring an open and accountable government, creating jobs, protecting land and natural resources and cutting down on unnecessary spending.

Shirley often participates in sweat lodges where he says he learns songs about the tribe's religion and culture and draws inspiration from the elders as they talk about how to regain the tribe's economic independence.

Many Navajos are poor, and unemploy-

ment hovers around 50 percent.

"We were fierce and very proud," Shirley said in a recent interview in the president's home, a simple ranch-style house with a white iron fence. "And now I feel my mission is to get us back to that. ... We need to do for ourselves."

The two candidates share that desire for their tribe, having been raised by grandmothers who they say encouraged them to be self-sufficient, get educations off the reservation and return to help the Navajo people.

As a child growing up in Crownpoint, N.M., Lovejoy said she often was grouped with three or four of her relatives to do chores such as chopping firewood, herding sheep, hauling water or cleaning the two-room hogan she shared with 12 others.

Fossils from ancient sea reptile recovered in central Montana

By Associated Press

LEWISTOWN, Mont. — A retired pastor and his son unearthed the skull and lower jaw of a sea reptile believed to be about 70 million years old, Montana State University said.

The find northeast of here represents the first complete skull of a long-necked plesiosaur discovered in Montana, and one of the best specimens of its kind in North America, MSU researchers said.

"It's a very important specimen," MSU paleontologist Jack Horner said. "We have been looking for it for a long, long time."

Ken Olson of Lewistown said he and his son, Garrett, found the fossils in mid-August about 75 miles northeast of Lewistown on Bureau of Land Management property.

Because Horner was out of the country, Olson prepared the fossils himself and delivered them to Horner about three weeks later. The bones now rest in boxes at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman. Olson has long collected fossils for the museum.

Horner said the head of a short-necked plesiosaur has been found in Montana, but he had been waiting for the discovery of a complete, long-necked plesiosaur skull. Both ancient sea reptiles lived in the time of dinosaurs, according to MSU.

"This critter is one of the long, ridiculously long-necked plesiosaurs" and could have had as many as 70 vertebrae in its neck, said Pat Druckenmiller, MSU specialist in marine reptile fossils. "If the skull is 40 centimeters long, the neck could be seven to 10 times that length."

Druckenmiller is in charge of examining the bones, and planned to look at them with a CT scanner at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. He hopes his research will help him better understand the creature's diet and why it needed such a long neck.

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Indian tribes ask for labor law exemption

BY ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A casino-rich Southern California Indian tribe tried to convince a federal appeals court Monday that tribes should be exempt from federal labor laws because they are sovereign governments.

The National Labor Relations Board countered that tribal gambling, which has exploded into a \$22 billion-a-year industry, is increasingly operating like any other business and should be treated as such.

Members of a three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit had tough questions for both sides. At stake are protections and bargaining rights for some 250,000 workers at the nation's 400-plus tribal casinos.

Jerome Levine, attorney for the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, said the labor board overstepped its authority and overturned precedent and policy with its 2004 ruling asserting jurisdiction over tribal businesses.

The ruling stemmed from an organizing dispute at the San Manuel casino, 60 miles east of Los Angeles, where a union filed a complaint with the labor board arguing that another union was getting preferential access.

"The issue really goes to the fundamental of where tribal sovereignty starts and stops," Levine said. "This is a government that's exercising governmental powers within its territorial jurisdiction."

David Fleischer, attorney for the labor board, contended tribes aren't acting like governments when they engage in private-sector practices like distributing profits to tribal members.

"Paying revenues to its members is like a Nevada casino paying part of its revenues to stockholders. There's nothing governmental about it," he said.

Judge Stephen F. Williams questioned Levine about that. "Is there anything in an Indian casino that's markedly different than a private casino?" he asked. "Is there a peculiarly Indian purpose other than making money?"

Levine argued there is, because Congress intended Indian gambling to fund tribal government functions.

The National Labor Relations Act did not specifically exempt Indian tribes, and Congress could have done so if that was the intent, noted Judge Janice Rogers Brown.

Judge Merrick B. Garland questioned whether the board has a role in tribal businesses, observing that tribal-state gambling agreements, called "compacts," must be approved by the interior secretary and can include labor rules.

"If compacts can take into account labor, the board is

pre-empting the compact and the secretary of interior," Garland said.

A few tribal casinos in California are unionized, including San Manuel, but most workers at Indian casinos are nonunion. Unions say they've had trouble making inroads without the protections of the National Labor Relations Act, which bars unfair labor practices and gives workers rights to organize and bargain.

California is unique because tribes agreed to a Tribal Labor Relations Ordinance that's far more extensive than rules in other states. But even California's rules are considered weak by union activists because they don't permit picketing on tribal land and allow strikes only after a bargaining impasse. Most private sector employees can strike at will.

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Dear Dorie
Dorie Meek

What's eating baby blue?

Dear Dorie,

My 6-month-old baby boy has just started eating cereal. My pediatrician recommends two to three days of one type of cereal to watch for allergies, followed by veggies, fruit and meats. Other than a rash, what am I looking for? Also, can I mix the fruit and cereal together or does it have to be one item per meal? How many times can I feed him during the day?

Finally, I've been mixing the cereal with breast milk. When do I switch to water or formula?

Mixing Momma

Dear Mixing,

Congratulations on making it through the first six months! Believe it or not, each week gets easier, especially when they start eating. Remember, your long-term goal is to have your child ingest a diet as varied as possible, so the order in which you introduce foods is pretty important.

Your doctor is right on track with this: cereals, veggies, fruits, meats and — at one year, eggs and other dairy. I follow the one-week rule of introduction time (one week was just easier for me to remember). Each Monday, we tried something new. Start with oat cereal and end with barley.

Green veggies come next, as they're not as sweet as orange or yellow veggies. Adults may not like the taste of plain green beans, but to your son, they're pretty good. If we jump right into buttered squash, however, green beans are definitely going to get demoted. As long as you are able to identify the source of an allergy, combinations are just fine.

Allergies can show up as a rash around the mouth or bottom, diarrhea or vomiting. Common allergies for infants are: citrus fruits, strawberries, wheat, tomatoes and fish, but infants often outgrow allergies, so re-introduction of a specific food item after a month or so is OK. Breast milk as an additive is easiest on your son's digestive system and familiar in taste. But water and formula are just fine should you decide to wean. Good luck.

Dorie

Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Send questions to meek@smmusd.org.

Rules learned at home

Knowing what boundaries not to cross helps a child grow

School rules, sports rules, traffic rules, fashion rules ... Our children's lives are filled with rules. Groups work best when everyone knows the rules. But learning about rules and how to follow them begins at home.

All children need rules to help them feel safe and acceptable. However, some of the participants in the Overindulgence Studies told us their families had no rules, or the rules didn't have to be followed. These individuals agreed with the following statements:

- If I fail partly, it's as bad as being a complete failure.
- If I do not do well all the time, people will not respect me.
- If you cannot do something well, there is little point in doing it at all.
- My happiness depends more on other people than it does on me.
- If someone disagrees with me, it probably indicates he does not like me.

Do you find these beliefs surprising? It looks as if the need for rules, consistently enforced, is deep and influences learning about personal relationships and self image.

Having clear, reasonable rules and living by them is an important part of avoiding overindulging and of modeling and teaching responsibility. If children are having trouble following family rules, one underlying factor may be what we are teaching about rules. Here is a short quiz to help you assess what your family is teaching.

RULES ABOUT RULES

Check often (O), sometime (S), or never (N) as you think about what your family is teaching about rules and how you feel about rules.

_ Rules are a burden: Oh, groan, we just got another set of rules and regulations at work. This means more meaningless paperwork.

_ You should know the rules without asking: I made a mistake at work. It was something we have never done before, but I should have known.

_ Rules are stupid or thoughtless in design: What a stupid rule! I wonder who thinks up these things.

_ It's OK to break rules as long as you don't get caught:

Padding my expense account gets by my new supervisor. She doesn't notice.

_ Rules are to be broken, finessed or ignored: Well, there is another rule we will have to get around.

_ Rules benefit adults at the expense of children: You know the rule. No asking questions when adults are talking.

_ Rules are made to be helpful: I'm glad there is a rule that we all drive on the same side of the street.

_ Rules should be evaluated: That rule no longer seems to fit. Let's think about how to change it to be more helpful.

_ You value your family rules because they protect and respect everyone in the family: I'm glad we have a no put-down rule in our family. It helps us think about how to be helpful instead of blaming each other.

What else do you teach about rules and about how you feel about them?

In this overindulgent world in which our children live, having reasonable family rules and sticking to them helps children feel secure and helps parents avoid overindulging.

Jean Illsley Clarke Ph.D. is a co-author of "How Much is Enough? Everything You Need to Know to Steer Clear of Overindulgence and Raise Likable, Responsible, and Respectful Children." Jean can be reached at jiconsults@aol.com.



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PILLOW THEATRE at DISNEY CONCERT HALL – 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.
 Enjoy folk songs and lullabies from Jose-Luis Orozco in a bilingual and interactive show. Art workshop follows. FREE! Ages 3-6, reservations required, 213-972-3379. 111 S. Grand Ave., Downtown LA.

SUN., NOV. 12

FAMILY STORYTELLING at the GETTY CENTER – 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 2:30 & 3:30 p.m.
 Musician Asha's Baba will tell the tales "Gift of a Broken Calabash" and "Feeding a Family." FREE! Sign up at info desk, \$7 parking. 310-440-7300, 1200 Getty Center Drive.

DIG IT! FAMILY STYLE at the SOUTHWEST MUSEUM – 11:00 a.m.

Discover what your garbage – and discards from long ago – say about culture in this archeology dig. \$7.50 adults, \$3.00 children. Reservations required. 323-221-2164, ext. 240, 234 Museum Dr., LA.

TUESDAY

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

Storytelling and Library Programs

Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621

Baby Time – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years, next session starts Oct. 31.
Spanish and Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.

Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3.

Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.

Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages. 10/24 & 11/21 – Terrific Tuesdays – 3:30 p.m. Stories and crafts for K-2nd graders.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304

Story Time for Twos – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Tiny 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 Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class - 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
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Yoga & Exercise
Exhale Center for Sacred Movement, 245 S. Main St., Venice. Pre/Post Natal – 11:25 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. 450-7676, exhalespa.com. Single class \$17, package of ten \$135.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and work-out at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.
YoMama Yoga – 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks – 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes.
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Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

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Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.

Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Next session starts Oct. 26.

Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590

10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

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Other
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Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
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Breastfeeding Groups
La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info. The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

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Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.
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Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa – 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 – 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
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SATURDAY

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Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.
Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-BOOK.

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8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.

"A Faery Hunt" – 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! \$10, call for reservations – 818-324-6802. www.fairy-hunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.
Artful Weekends at the Getty Villa – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Create your own works of art inspired by objects in the collection. Free admission; timed tickets required. 17985 PCH, Pacific Palisades.

SUNDAY

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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
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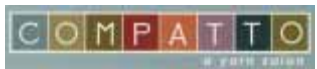
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Ballot expected to be stacked; voter fatigue could be an issue

ELECTION, from page 1

On the local front, Santa Monicans can vote for three of the 10 candidates for City Council, four of the six candidates for school board, four of the six candidates for Santa Monica College board of trustees and three of the four candidates for rent control board.

There are also four city measures and a \$268 million school bond measure.

Anyone seeking official information, including up-to-the-minute election results, should contact the Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE or www.ss.ca.gov; the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder at (800) 815-2666 or www.lavote.net; or the Santa Monica City Clerk at (310) 458-8211 or www.smgov.net/cityclerk/Election2006. Information on candidates and ballot measures is also available from the League of Women Voters at www.smartvoter.org.

Election results will be made available tonight, beginning at 8:15 p.m., shortly after polls close.

Voter turnout, however, is expected to be low for the second-straight election, according to political pundits.

"There is no excitement at the top of the ticket for both the governor's race and the (U.S.) Senate race, since both are going to be blowouts," said Matt Klink, a political consultant with Cerrell Associates. "Frankly, there is a brutally long ballot to work through and that is going to be problematic for any ballot measure that requires a tax increase, problematic for down ballot democratic candidates because the theory is that in these types of elections, more conservative, older voters tend to show up at the polls."

Klink said it will be interesting to see locally if City Council challengers such as Terry O'Day, Gleam Davis and Jenna

Linnekens, who have collectively generated interest in the race, will be able to get out of the vote.

LOCAL INITIATIVES

While Measure W is dubbed the "Good Government Act of 2006," opponents contend it is the exact opposite. Santa Monica is already considered to have one of the nation's toughest laws to prevent government corruption, approved by voters in 2000. City attorneys contend that the measure, which bars elected officials from profiting from their posts, is unconstitutional.

Backers of Measure W insist it would prevent public offices from being used for profit, but opponents claim it will lead to elected officials taking campaign donations from companies that do business with the city — opening the door for corrupt government.

Measure Y, meanwhile, would put Santa Monica in the unique position of being tough on tobacco, but not so much on marijuana.

The proposal would declare that crimes involving the adult, personal use of marijuana are the lowest law-enforcement priority for the Santa Monica Police Department. The measure would be a unique position for the city, which last month voted to extend an already tough anti-smoking ordinance to include all outdoor dining areas, the Third Street Promenade, all farmers' markets, bus stops and movie theater lines.

Measure U would remove city department heads from the civil service system, meaning they can be hired and fired at will by the city manager.

Measure V, known as the "Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax Act," would impose a property tax to implement and finance a Watershed Management Plan aimed at cleaning Santa Monica Bay beaches. The tax would be \$84 a year for single-family homes, while the amount would vary for multi-family and commercial properties, depending on parcel size.

STATEWIDE INITIATIVES

In addition to the local measures, voters will have their hands full with a host of statewide initiatives.

These include a multi-billion dollar infrastructure package — Propositions 1-A

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MATT KLINK POLITICAL CONSULTANT

through 1-E. These would allow the state to issue more than \$37 billion in bonds to fund schools, roads, levees and housing.

Proposition 83, also known as "Jessica's Law," would increase penalties for registered sex offenders. Proposition 85 would require parental notification before a minor could have an abortion. Proposition 86 would add \$2.60 to the cost of a pack of cigarettes. And Proposition 87 would tax California oil companies to create a \$4 billion program to fund alternative energy projects.

VOTING IRREGULARITIES

A federal prosecutor will handle any complaints of election fraud and voting rights abuses in Los Angeles and six other counties during tomorrow's general election.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Dennis Mitchell will take complaints from Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

Mitchell, who works in the Public Corruption and Civil Rights Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office, will be on duty while the polls are open, and can be reached at (213) 894-2484.

The FBI will also have agents available in its Los Angeles field office and other offices throughout the region to receive any election-related complaints.

Complaints about ballot access problems or discrimination can also be made directly to the Washington-based Voting Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931 or (202) 307-2767.

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Tenants hold their ground

LINCOLN PLACE, from page 3

forming a "tent city" nearby to stage protests.

Under an agreement reached during a series of mediations, 40 households comprised of elderly tenants and those with disabilities were allowed to remain at the site until demolition commenced.

Officials with AIMCO said they offered — both in October 2005 and in April of 2006 — to allow existing tenants to remain at Lincoln Place in their current rents for life. Those offers were rejected by the tenants' association, which said residents on fixed incomes would be unable to afford market rate housing elsewhere.

For the past two years, AIMCO officials said they have offered "generous monetary relocation packages" far in excess of what state and local law requires.

Lincoln Place, a garden-style campus of 52 buildings built in 1951, was originally backed by the Federal Housing Authority to support World War II veterans and their families. However, it always has been privately owned.

Once offering 795 affordable apartments, the site has been largely abandoned in the face of an ongoing legal debacle that began

shortly after 1993, when the property owner proposed a redevelopment plan that called for 850 units to be built on the site, most of which would be market-rate condominiums.

The Ellis Act, passed by the California legislature in 1986, was designed as a way for landlords to sell their property in order to get out of the rental business.

Legal advocates for the tenants contend AIMCO — a corporate landlord that owns 50 apartment complexes in California — is not going out of the rental business. Therefore, they argue, AIMCO is forfeit from exercising the Ellis Act.

Tenants are currently appealing another case against the City of Los Angeles for allegedly failing to enforce conditions of a redevelopment approval which prohibits AIMCO from evicting tenants against their will.

That lawsuit is based on a landmark ruling by the state court of appeals last year, which said that mitigation conditions were "not mere expressions of hope," and that developers are not allowed to "piecemeal" conditions of the California Environmental Quality Control Act.

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Acrobats tumble into town with dreams

TUNAHAKEI, from page 1

They come from an orphanage located in Moshi, a village located at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro. "TunaHAKI," the name the orphanage bears, means "we have the right," a meaningful slogan for children who feel they have the right to education, the right to eat and the right to a healthy life just like all the children in the world, said founder David Ryatula on Monday. Ryatula has taught the children acrobatics and contortion arts.

The children were abandoned by their parents, or lost them to diseases like AIDS and Malaria. The TunaHAKI kids arrived on Sunday and are staying with families of students in the Crossroads School Teen AIDS Ambassadors program, which is currently trying to raise \$8,500 to build a self-sustaining garden, separate men's and women's restrooms and a gas stove for the orphanage.

The children plan to perform their acrobatic act at the Crossroads School today during lunchtime, and will perform again at the Staples Center during the Lakers game tonight.

The performance at the school is not open to the public.

During their stay in the United States, the children will receive an acrobatic lesson at Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas, and see circus

groups in San Francisco. They will also perform in a benefit on Nov. 20 at the Jazz Bakery in Culver City, hosted by Santa Monica resident Austin Peralta, son of local skating legend Stacy Peralta.

The trip has been filled with many first experiences for the children — first time eating cake and ice cream, first music lesson, and their first drive on the freeway, which many found odd with no people walking alongside the road.

"Everything they see, from the toilet to neon signs [in businesses], is amazing to them," said Jacob Wessel, a freshman at the Crossroads School whose family is hosting two children.

As for the TunaHAKI children, they said on Monday that they like Los Angeles and are impressed with Americans.

"America is a peaceful country. We love the people," said 16-year-old Abdul Hamza.

The Crossroads School Teen AIDS Ambassadors have been talking to students about the AIDS pandemic and the TunaHAKI children. On Monday, the ambassadors gave students a lesson in HIV and AIDS and how it has affected the world.

The effect of AIDS is not limited to the person who is afflicted by the disease, Wessel said, but those who love and know the vic-

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ROOM WITH A VIEW: Tanzanian children and their Santa Monica hosts watch 'Beauty and the Beast' on Monday. The kids are set to perform at tonight's Lakers game in Downtown LA.

tim are affected as well. It's a message the ambassadors hope to send to the students.

The TunaHAKI's children's experience is currently being filmed and there are plans to turn it into a documentary.

THEIR STORY

One TunaHAKI child became orphaned after his mother left him at a bus stop when he was just 6 years old. The mother said she would come back, but when she didn't for a week, the Tanzanian boy gave up.

Ryatula took the children under his wing

after they opened up to him about their situation. Described as a poor man himself, Ryatula discovered their situation after he taught them art on the street and gained their trust. Through TunaHAKI, Ryatula trained the children how to perform acrobatics and contortion.

The children have dreams. Fourteen-year-old Winfrida Stanley said she wants her life in Tanzania to be like it is for Americans in the U.S., while 12-year-old Nakindya Dismas wants to become a teacher one day.

The children had the assistance of local screenwriter Scott Fifer, who took a sabbatical last year to volunteer in Tanzania. During his time with the TunaHAKI children, Fifer came up with a plan to build the children a permanent home that would have a vocational school, a theater, and a garden and farm that will be self-sustaining.

"Ten years from now, they won't need us to pay for them," Fifer said.

Bringing the orphans to America is a promise Fifer made to the children.

"I made it my dream when I was there," Fifer said. "To bring them to the U.S., train them professionally, and to raise money to build a home."

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Kevin McKeown would like to see crime reduced to zero in Santa Monica. Kevin's strong leadership and support of the Police Department's efforts has helped the City to achieve the current record low crime rate. Mr. McKeown brings global and fresh ideas to the council, which has resulted in more rounded decisions. He is our City's representative to the Westside Cities Council of Governments and he is a strong supporter of our schools, parks, playgrounds, and youth programs. Kevin is an education consultant and a 30-year resident in the City of Santa Monica.



Pam O'Conner Santa Monica needs a strong, experienced person on the City Council and Pam O'Conner is that person. During her 12 years as a Santa Monica City Council Member she has made public safety one of her highest priorities. During her tenure, she fully supported the Police Department's efforts to reduce crime, which has resulted in the lowest crime rate in 40 years. Pam has always voted to enhance public safety and believes in providing the police department with the necessary resources to better serve the Santa Monica Community. Ms. O'Conner is also a strong supporter of our schools and she understands that education is the key to a young person's success.



Bob Holbrook Mayor Holbrook has lived in Santa Monica all of his life and is a product of the Santa Monica School District. Bob has a great deal of historical knowledge on this city and has utilized that wisdom to make crucial decisions that have benefited the city. Mayor Holbrook is a devoted supporter of the Police Department and has made public safety his very highest priority. Bob's strong leadership has contributed to the significant reduction of crime in Santa Monica.

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VOTE No

No on Measure Y ☒ No

Measure Y will make adult, personal marijuana use the lowest law enforcement priority for the Santa Monica Police Department. Codifying the priority below "barking dog calls", "report calls", and "parking calls" will interfere with the department's ability to guarantee the quality of life that Santa Monica residents have come to expect. Police officers need every tool at their disposal to uphold the law, including marijuana misdemeanors.



VOTE YES

Phil Angelides ☒ YES
for Governor

John Garamendi ☒ YES
for Lieutenant Governor

Jerry Brown ☒ YES
for Attorney General

Julia Brownley ☒ YES
for 41st State Assembly District

Yes on Measure V ☒ YES



This November 2006 ballot measure, which includes exemptions for low-income property owners and renters, provides for a parcel tax which will be used to implement and finance a portion of the city's Watershed Management Plan to protect the health and cleanliness of Santa Monica Bay. Keep Santa Monica Safe and Clean.

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Dealing with ‘beautiful people’

FILM MARKET, from page 3

of the larger independent film companies — First Look International — said she’s experienced not only the communi-ty feel, but the caliber of film heighten over the years as well.

“The quality level of films is higher,” Voland said. “People don’t just come in with a 20-title horror film package. It’s more specialized art house fare.”

The market is held in conjunction with AFI Fest, a film fes-tival running during the evenings in Hollywood. AFI will fea-ture lesser-known Indies as well as large-scale red-carpet releas-es, such as the highly-anticipated “Bobby,” which features the likes of Lindsay Lohan and Demi Moore. That film was unveiled at Grauman’s Chinese Theater on Wednesday evening.

Previously held in Beverly Hills at the Beverly Center Mall, AFM re-located to Santa Monica 10 years ago due to the surplus of theaters available on the city’s Third Street Promenade. Some, like Voland, find the commute from AFI to AFM frustrating.

“Having AFI in Hollywood and AFM in Santa Monica is like having Cannes in Cannes and the rest in Nice,” Voland sighed from First Look’s suite, overlooking the beach. “But it is nice looking out at the ocean.”

At lunch time, executives tend to crowd around the out-side pool and patio area on brightly colored lounge chairs, chomping on burgers and grilled chicken. Languages from every corner of the world can be heard as badge-clad groups sit talking at tables with the Santa Monica Pier in the back-ground.

That’s where Allen Dickenson, an executive at Big Screen Productions was seated Monday on a yellow beach chair, taking in the sun. Dickenson has been at the AFM since it began last Wednesday, seeking worldwide distribution for the films he’s been working on.

“There are so many beautiful people here,” Dickenson grins, as Buddha bead bracelets tied around his wrist bounce. “I love seeing talented people who haven’t given up on their dreams.”

Dickenson, who traveled from San Diego for the event, said Monday that the film market exudes an “upbeat, posi-tive attitude.” Not only does the exec enjoy the attendees, whom he refers to as “doers, rather than talkers,” but said the “gorgeous” scenery the Santa Monica beach offers is worth the trip alone.

Still, not everyone feels as comfortable at the AFM as a veteran like Dickenson.

First-timer Kyle Hudnall was here this week with his pro-duction company Twin Aries Films, trying to sell his film

“Nincompoops.” Even when not in the presence of buy-ers, Hudnall is in promo-tional mode, spewing out the talent he’s already secured for the project, including, “hopefully,” actor Neil Patrick Harris, who recently made headlines after announcing he is gay.

Hudnall said the market can be difficult for someone like himself, a “shy guy” who is admittedly “horrible at meeting people.” On his first day, he carried around a bag full of heavy scripts, walking around to rooms pitching his story. When the idea did-n’t take, Hudnall used the AFM directory to call and set up appointments with repre-sentatives from his chosen companies.

“The meetings have gone well,” Hudnall said with a smile.

Though the days at AFM can be long, they can be very rewarding. Seated on a bus shuttle headed to the pier park-ing lot on Monday, actor and director Aki Aleong sat in a brightly colored yellow sweater vest, reflecting on his day. Aleong, who starred in the feature film “House of Sand and Fog,” had spent the past few hours in a press conference, pro-moting his most recent movie, “Chinaman’s Chance.” The film tells the story of American Yellow Slaves and features “Prison Break’s” Reggie Lee, as well as rapper Coolio.

The director, who has been to many film festivals and markets, including the famous event in Cannes, says AFM is a “unique opportunity.”

With so many people from different backgrounds, Aleong believes the only thing that really translates is “action.” He spoke about the genre of film as well as the efforts of atten-dees to put their films’ plans into motion.

This year, the market is the largest in its history, with a 10-percent increase in membership, according to Independent Film and Television Alliance President and Chief Executive Officer Jean M. Prewitt.

“Markets that don’t usually do import or exports, like Shanghai and Eastern Europe, are here too,” Prewitt shared.

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ALLEN DICKENSON
BIG SCREEN PRODUCTIONS

District preschool pact would end partnership with the Easter Seals

PRESCHOOL, from page 1

Santa Monica College, which provides an additional \$100,000 toward the program; and SMMUSD, which donates the classroom space at John Adams Child Development Center and Washington West.

The proposal to return oversight of the preschool pro-gram to the SMMUSD means that the partnership with Easter Seals will end. The resumption of the program should have no impact on the school district’s general budget since it anticipates a \$900,000-a-year preschool grant from the state and plans to continue its partnership with SMC to receive the extra \$100,000 a year, said Deputy Superintendent Timothy Walker.

The program is expected to continue at John Adams and in Washington West, 2802 Fourth Street, where the district’s Child Development Services Office is located. The returned state funds would be able to accommodate approximately 84 preschool children.

Staff is expected to change once the school district takes over, Walker said.

One of the issues with the current operation of the pre-school is the high turnover in staff throughout the day. Preschool staff work in shifts of three to three and a half hours, Walker said. If the school district resumes control of the program, which is anticipated to be early next year, the staff will work longer shifts.

“With the turnover occurring with staffing from Easter Seals, the district wants to ensure a continuous high quality program is continued for the community,” Walker said. “This led us to engage in a conversation with Easter Seals as to its ability to provide consistency in staffing and program-ming.

“And that led to a conversation about the return of the grant to the school district,” he added.

The school district plans to send a letter to the California Board of Education, requesting it resume funding of the pre-school program under SMMUSD.

After the district dropped the program from its budget, the California Board of Education rerouted preschool fund-ing from SMMUSD to Easter Seals, which was charged in the Memorandum of Understanding with operating the pro-gram. Santa Monica College, one of two community colleges in the state without its own preschool, agreed to donate \$100,000 a year and two teachers in exchange for 24 slots in the preschool for qualifying low-income SMC students with children.

The operating costs under Easter Seals was less expensive because its overhead, which included staffing, was lower than if SMMUSD provided the service, Walker said.

The new agreement, sans Easter Seals, which did not return calls for comment, would not affect the allotted num-ber of slots for SMC students in the program, said Jenny Trickey, director of childcare services at SMC.

“It was a way to keep our foot in the door to offer child-care in the eyes of the community,” Trickey said.

The current situation with SMMUSD is perfect for SMC students since one of the two sites — John Adams CDC — is across the street from the college, said Laura Manson, department chair of Early Childhood Education at SMC.

SMC is currently working with the city of Santa Monica to find a site to build its own long-awaited preschool.

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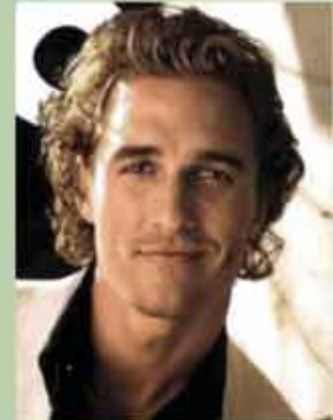
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A bishop assails the Gnostic fad that 'Da Vinci Code' boosted

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Associated Press Writer

Gnosticism, the religious rival that lost out to orthodox Christianity in ancient times, has become fashionable again thanks to Dan Brown's huge-selling novel "The Da Vinci Code" and the efforts of professors like Princeton's Elaine Pagels.

Harvard University picked Pagels to deliver its prestige-laden William Noble Lectures in theology for 2001. But this year's Noble lecturer, scholarly Church of England Bishop N.T. Wright, assailed Gnostic chic.

He said the central issue is: "Do we or don't we believe in a good God who made the world?"

For Wright, that's no esoteric scholarly issue. He told the Ivy Leaguers that Gnosticism — ancient or modern — fosters spiritual elitism and political escapism, and undercuts truth and social betterment.

"Da Vinci" was popular because it "tapped into a deep desire in our culture for secret knowledge," Wright said, and similarly, Gnostics conveyed Jesus' supposed secret teachings to a spiritual elite.

Like "Da Vinci," Gnosticism claimed that "Christianity as we have known it was based on a gigantic mistake" and "the church has hushed up the real Jesus," he added.

That false history, the bishop asserted, appeals to growing numbers of Westerners who think truth cannot be known, distrust authority, seek private spiritual experience and love conspiracy theories.

Analysts will doubtless debate Wright's remarks about 21st-century Gnostic-style thinking. But his depiction of ancient Gnosticism is well-documented by the "Gospel of Judas," a rediscovered Gnostic text released last spring by National Geographic amid intense promotion.

That text is analyzed in Wright's latest book, "Judas and the Gospel of Jesus" (Baker Books) and in "The Lost Gospel of Judas Iscariot" (Oxford University Press) by Bart D. Ehrman of the University of North Carolina.

The books largely agree about the substance of "Judas" and Gnosticism. However, Wright dislikes the way skeptic Ehrman (like Pagels and Brown) promotes writings that early Christians kept outside the New

Testament on grounds that they weren't authentic.

Despite the "Judas" hoopla, Ehrman and Wright say it expresses classic mid-second-century Gnostic ideas but reveals nothing reliable about Judas or Jesus, both of whom lived more than a century earlier.

"Judas" turns the New Testament inside out, presenting Judas not as the infamous betrayer but as a hero. It claims that Jesus asked Judas to hand him over to the authorities for crucifixion so he could escape this evil material world.

"Judas" assailed Judaism's biblical God, who was considered stupid or evil because he created this corrupt material world. Like Jesus, Gnostics were supposed to realize they were trapped in their bodies and this world and seek escape into the divine realm.

At Harvard, Wright pursued the provocative theme that the otherworldly Gnostic outlook erodes the basis for work to improve society; if the world is evil, or at least confusing and discouraging, why not seek private escape, as both left-wing and right-wing spiritual movements often do?

But Jesus prayed that God's kingdom would

"come on earth as it is in heaven." Wright observed that it was the early Christians, not the Gnostics, who challenged the Roman Empire and suffered persecution as a result.

Brown mistakenly said Gnostic writings presented a merely human Jesus, while Christians chose only the four New Testament Gospels to show Jesus as divine. Actually, it's the opposite. Gnostics typically thought Jesus was divine but merely appeared to be human, while Jesus' full humanity as well as divinity is central to New Testament teaching.

This year's "Judas" rediscovery has provoked other vigorous reactions.

For instance, Catholic exegete Luke Timothy Johnson of Atlanta's Emory University excoriated the Geographic's book about the text because it said "Judas" was "as valid as the version told in the New Testament." He said the book mingled "half-truth, distortion and flat-out error."

And Jewish scholar Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., declared that the message of "Judas" is "not good for the Jews, and not good for the Christians either."

Dueling demonstrations continue in wake of Saddam verdict

BY CHRISTOPHER BODEEN

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Jubilant Shiites marched by the hundreds Monday, celebrating Saddam Hussein's conviction and death sentence as Sunnis held defiant counter-demonstrations.

The surge in violence expected after the Sunday verdict on Saddam's trial for crimes against humanity still did not materialize. An Interior Ministry spokesman credited a round-the-clock curfew in Baghdad, which has a mixed Shiite-Sunni population, and two restive Sunni provinces. Checkpoints were closed along Iraq's border with Jordan and Syria, a standard precaution taken during domestic emergencies.

Officials said the clampdown would likely be lifted by Tuesday morning. On Monday, Baghdad was largely quiet, with offices and the international airport closed and few cars or pedestrians on the streets.

"We need to keep on guard over any kind of response from Saddam supporters," Brig. Abdel-Karim Khalaf said.

In mainly Shiite Hillah, 60 miles south of Baghdad, around 500 people marched carrying placards and shouting slogans denouncing the former dictator, who is accused of killing tens of thousands of Shiites following a 1991 uprising.

"Yes, yes for the verdict, which we have long been waiting for!" chanted the crowd,

largely made up of students and government workers.

At least three people were wounded after gunfire broke out at a Shiite rally in the southwestern Baghdad neighborhood of Amil, a mixed Shiite-Sunni area, police Lt. Maithem Abdel-Razaq said.

Ethnic Kurds abandoned plans for a celebration rally in the northern city of Mosul over security concerns, said Ghayath al-Sorchi, an official with the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, which is led by Iraqi President Jalal Talabani.

Al-Sorchi said PUK activists instead distributed gifts to families who lost relatives in crackdowns under Saddam. Saddam is scheduled to appear in court again on Tuesday, when proceedings resume against him and six co-defendants in a separate trial over a crackdown against Iraqi Kurds in the late 1980s.

Underscoring the widening divide between Shiite and Sunni, about 250 pro-Saddam demonstrators took to the streets in the Sunni city of Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. They were dispersed by Iraqi soldiers for breaking the curfew. Another 400 pro-Saddam protesters marched through Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad.

The curfew was temporarily lifted in Tikrit to give allow residents to shop and run errands. Angry crowds had gathered in the city on Sunday, holding aloft Saddam por-

traits, firing guns and chanting slogans vowing to avenge his execution.

Saddam was sentenced by the Iraqi High Tribunal for ordering the execution of nearly 150 Shiites from the city of Dujail following a 1982 attempt on his life.

Iraq's president, whose office must ratify the death penalty sentence against Saddam if it is upheld on appeal, said from Paris Sunday that the trial of the ousted Iraqi leader was fair.

Jalal Talabani would not comment on the guilty verdict or death sentence for fear it could inflame tensions in his volatile nation.

If the appeals court upholds the sentences, they must be ratified by Talabani, a Sunni Kurd, and his two vice presidents, one a Sunni Arab.

Talabani has opposed the death penalty in the past, but found a way around it by deputizing a vice president to sign an execution order on his behalf.

Saddam was found hiding with an unfired pistol in a hole in the ground near his home village north of Baghdad in December 2003, eight months after he fled the capital ahead of advancing American troops.

Barzan Ibrahim, Saddam's half brother and intelligence chief during the Dujail killings, was sentenced to join him on the gallows, as was Awad Hamed al-Bandar, head of Iraq's Revolutionary Court, which issued the death sentences against the Dujail

residents.

Former Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan was convicted of premeditated murder and sentenced to life in prison, while three other defendants were given up to 15 years in prison for torture and premeditated murder. A local Baath Party official was acquitted for lack of evidence.

A nine-judge appeals panel has unlimited time to review the case. If the verdicts and sentences are upheld, the executions must be carried out within 30 days.

A court official told The Associated Press that the appeals process was likely to take three to four weeks once the formal paperwork was submitted. If the verdicts are upheld, those sentenced to death would be hanged despite Saddam's second, ongoing trial on charges of murdering thousands of Iraq's Kurdish minority.

President Bush called the verdict "a milestone in the Iraqi people's efforts to replace the rule of a tyrant with the rule of law."

Symbolic of the split between the United States and many of its traditional allies over the Iraq war, many European nations voiced opposition to the death sentences in the case, including Britain — America's closest ally.

Prime Minister Tony Blair said Monday he opposed the death penalty "whether it's Saddam or anyone else." But he said the trial "gives us a chance to see again what the past in Iraq was, the brutality, the tyranny, the hundreds of thousands of people he killed, the wars."

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Farmers being urged to enroll in carbon emissions trading plan

BY RICK CALLAHAN

Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The 10,000 black walnut trees planted on Sen. Richard Lugar's family farm might someday bring in extra cash, not by being sent to a sawmill, but by simply staying rooted in the soil.

Two years ago, the Indiana Republican enrolled his 604-acre farm in the Chicago Climate Exchange, North America's only legally binding greenhouse-gas reduction and trading system.

As concerns grow that industrial emissions are fueling global warming, green spaces such as Lugar's farm have taken on an unforeseen value that could pay off for farmers.

Landowners who agree to maintain tracts of woodlands and grasslands are assigned "carbon credits" by the exchange based on plants' ability through photosynthesis to pull carbon dioxide from the air and sequester it in their tissue.

Those credits earn farmers income once exchange member corporations purchase them to offset their carbon dioxide emissions to meet voluntary reduction targets.

Lugar's contract specifies that he cannot harvest his plantation until at least 2010. He received credit for 600 tons of sequestered carbon dioxide.

His credits haven't sold yet, but they are worth about \$2,400 based on the exchange's current carbon credit prices, said his spokesman, Andy Fisher.

"My hope is that other farmers might see a model and be interested in signing up. And my guess is that they probably will because it's a good idea," Lugar said.

About 1,700 farms have enrolled so far, many of them through organizations such as the Iowa Farm Bureau and the North Dakota Farmers Union that pool carbon credits for sale.

Earlier this month, the National Farmers Union, which represents about 250,000 family farms and ranches, launched a program to encourage farmers to enroll in the exchange, touting the potential financial payoff.

"This is not a huge amount of money, but it could be substantial," said union spokeswoman Emily Eisenberg.

The National Farmers Union is modeling its program after one created three years ago by its North Dakota affiliate, which has so far signed up about 800,000 acres for the exchange, said Dale Enerson, an economist with the group.

The exchange must verify acreage and its equivalent carbon credits. Enerson expects to begin selling them on the exchange in January.

Carbon credits are currently selling on the exchange for about \$1.50 per acre of no-till land and \$2.50 per acre for land seeded to grass or alfalfa after Jan. 1, 1999.

The average no-till farm in North Dakota covers 1,300 acres. If a farmer enrolls all of it and it sells on the exchange, Enerson said it would generate about \$2,000 a year over the life of the five-year contract, based on current prices.

The Chicago Climate Exchange, which debuted in 2003, trades emission reductions of all six greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide.

About 200 entities, ranging from Fortune 500 companies such as Ford Motor Co. and American Electric Power to cities like Berkeley, Calif., and the states of New Mexico and Illinois, are exchange members, spokesman Rafael Marques said.

Europe operates the only mandatory carbon emissions trading program. It grew out of mandatory greenhouse gas emissions caps European nations enforced as part of the Kyoto Protocol, which the United States has not signed.

The Chicago exchange was set up for American companies that want to voluntarily curb their greenhouse gas releases. Separately, several Northeastern states have formed an initiative to cut carbon dioxide emissions, and California is moving in the same direction.

A coalition of 19 environmental groups eager for the federal government to set greenhouse gas caps — which the Bush administration opposes — issued an open letter in August urging states and municipalities not to join the Chicago exchange's trading system.

Melissa Carey, a climate change policy specialist with New York-based Environmental Defense, said the group isn't discouraging farmers from signing up land with the exchange. But she said the exchange falls far short of the greenhouse gas emission trading system environmentalists eventually hope will emerge.

A fetching farmer

BY BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas — Move over Eva Gabor. Your "Green Acres" rerun days as city-girl-turned-farmer's-wife appear to be numbered.

Farmers and ranchers flocked here last weekend for the first of four open casting calls nationwide for a new reality TV show from the producers of "American Idol" and "The Price is Right." In "The Farmer Wants a Wife," city girls and others will vie for a chance to become a farmer's bride.

Micah Keeney said he came to Lubbock to see if he could find a single woman willing to live on his land in nearby Shallowater. He lives alone in a small, old farmhouse on more than 3,700 acres, where he tends to cotton, cattle and hay.

"I've been waiting for something like this for a while, and I want to be on TV," said Keeney, 24.

The show will air next year on one of the major television networks, said Billy Kemp, the head of casting for Fremantle Media. Its format isn't finalized. It could be one farmer or rancher in each of as many as 13 episodes or it could be a different one each week, Kemp said.

"We don't expect the turnout we get for 'American Idol,'" Kemp said. "This is a very, very different kind of show."

It won't be like "Green Acres," in which Lisa Douglas, played by Gabor, begrudgingly gave up her life in New York City to join her husband, Oliver Wendell Douglas, portrayed by Eddie Albert, in his dream of living the farmer life.

The premise of the show is to make a match between young farmers with no time to date and women who dream of living a traditional, small-town lifestyle.

FremantleMedia has already launched "The Farmer Wants a Wife" in Belgium, Norway and the Netherlands.

Other casting calls were scheduled for Lincoln, Neb., Des Moines, Iowa; and Springfield, Mo. Producers are accepting applications from across the country.

Those casting the show are looking for single men 25-35 years old who live and work on a farm or ranch, preferably someone who has crops and animals.

"We're not looking for any one thing in particular," said Rebecca Greenberg of Fremantle Media.

Casting for the show's women will begin later.

Doug Wilde drove about 200 miles from Wall for the casting call.

"I've probably gotten 10 phone calls and e-mails from kinfolk and friends" asking if he had heard of the show, the 28-year-old Wilde said. "It sounds like a good deal."

Keeney said he's looking for a woman who could smell cow manure, "and then not think I'm a bad guy."



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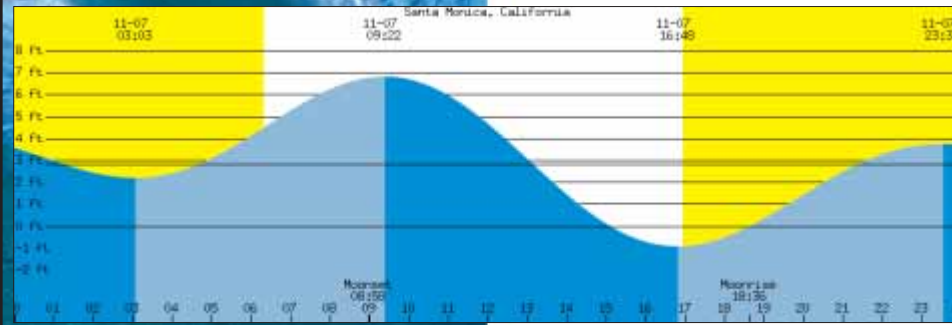
SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)

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QUICK STATS

(for the last 28 days)

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Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 15

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / 15

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Locks and Los Altos creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tennessee Canyon drain	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Channing)	A	ns
Dead Beach at Tomcaw Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	D	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Walnut Creek, projection at Wilshire Rd. (private)	A	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kentner storm drain	A	ns
Escalante Beach, just east of Escalante State Beach	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Lido Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Green Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Saltine Canyon at San Bonifacio County Beach	A+	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rodeo Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily	F	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topical St.	D	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 10948 PCH stairs	D	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A	ns
Pico Creek at Los Angeles County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jct)	D	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A	ns
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hypertension Treatment Plant	A	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A -- F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken



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Fallout from Duke lacrosse case divides a community

BY AARON BEARD

Associated Press Writer

DURHAM, N.C. — The district attorney prosecuting three Duke lacrosse players charged with rape insists that he and police have not mishandled the case and said his only regret was granting so many interviews early on.

“Could I have done things differently? Of course I could’ve done things differently,” Mike Nifong told The Associated Press on Monday. “Can I do things differently in the future? Of course I can do things differently in the future. But at any time, I’ve got to do what I think is the right thing to do.”

Nifong, running for re-election against two challengers who have attacked his handling of the case, obtained an indictment against three men accused of raping a stripper at a team party in March. The three have declared their innocence.

“I think that I have a responsibility to prosecute this case,” Nifong said. “I think that really nothing about my view of the case and my view of how the case ultimately needs to be handled has been affected by any of the things that have occurred.”

The 56-year-old Nifong, who has worked for Durham County’s district attorney’s office since 1978, thrust himself into the story in the days after the accusations became public, granting numerous newspaper and TV interviews as he prepared to face two challengers in May’s Democratic primary.

His tone was decidedly aggressive, as Nifong called the players “hooligans” used to having “expensive lawyers” get them out of trouble. He denounced what he called a “blue wall of silence” that had supposedly formed around the perpetrators.

Speaking Monday, Nifong said he misunderstood the likely consequence of granting interviews. “Certainly what I was trying to do was to reassure the community, to encourage people with information to come forward. And that was clearly not the effect,” he said.

Nifong’s apparent indifference to the criticism angered defense attorney Joseph Cheshire, who represents one of the accused. Cheshire said Nifong’s belief he “wouldn’t look back and do any of that differently is astounding.”

“I don’t think that you could find any person educated in the law who would not second-guess many things that Mr. Nifong has done in this case,” he said.

The latest questions about Nifong’s handling of the case came last week, after he said he and his staff have yet to interview the accuser about the facts of the case, leaving that work to police. He said Monday his responsibility is to direct the investigation, not conduct it.

Experts differed on the wisdom of Nifong’s decision. Former Denver prosecutor Norm Early, who now works with the National District Attorneys Association, said his office would file more than 4,000 cases a year and that he would only interview a handful of victims.

“It’s not standard to talk to the victim in every case,” he said. “The police department generally has a conversation with the victim and the law enforcement relays that information to the district attorney.”

For a case generating as much public scrutiny and with such strong claims of innocence from the defense, it makes sense for prosecutors to get involved, said Yale University law professor Ronald Sullivan Jr.

“Those claims of factual innocence alone should trigger some duty in the prosecutor’s office to evaluate the merits of this case,” he said.

The Duke case has divided a community and led to a debate about race, class and sex, as well as the culture of privilege for athletes at the prestigious private university.

Nifong said he occasionally receives pieces of hate mail — “Some of it is, ‘How can you sleep at night? You’re a disgrace,’” he said — but he said most people he has met while campaigning have been supportive. He said he’s received letters of support from rape victims, which he said have meant the most.

“As a practical reality, almost anything the district attorney decides is going to make some people unhappy,” he said. “It’s not a position that you can afford to be terribly thin-skinned about because you have to understand that it’s part of the job. You’re not there to please people in the first place.”

Associated Press writer **Mike Baker** contributed to this report from Raleigh.

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Faithfull restored '60s icon back after cancer bout

MARIANNE FAITHFULL has made a full recovery from breast cancer and plans to resume a postponed world tour. Faithfull, a 1960s icon who once dated Mick Jagger, canceled her tour dates in September after being diagnosed with early stage breast cancer.

Spokesman Rob Partridge said Faithfull, 59, had undergone surgery and was making "a rapid return to full health." "Marianne Faithfull has made such a successful recovery from breast cancer that doctors have given the go-ahead for her to resume touring commitments in spring next year," he said. He said the singer would begin her tour of Europe and North America in Budapest, Hungary, in March. In a statement, Faithfull said her illness "has been an extraordinary experience and, in many ways, extremely positive." "I didn't realize how many true

friends I had. I feel so lucky and loved and thank everybody for all their good thoughts," she said. Faithfull gained fame in the 1960s as the girlfriend of Rolling Stones frontman Jagger and as the pure-voiced singer of "As Tears Go By." After battling drug addiction, she re-emerged

in 1979 with the raw album, "Broken English," and has since found a new audience as a sophisticated chanteuse. She has appeared in several films, most recently as the title character's mother in Sofia Coppola's "Marie Antoinette."

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marcos a shoe-in for own fashion line

Former Philippine first lady IMELDA MARCOS, who made headlines for her vast shoe collection, is embarking on a new project — a fashion line. The 77-year-old widow of dictator Ferdinand Marcos told reporters Monday she planned to launch "The Imelda Collection" of fashion jewelry and accessories on Nov. 18.

Marcos became notorious for her shopping trips to ritzy shops in New York while her country wallowed in poverty under martial law declared by her husband. The first of Marcos' designs to be shown to the public are accessories and the jewelry and will "not yet" include shoes, her daughter, Imee Marcos, said.

Lying on a divan in a Manila hotel's seaside garden, Imelda Marcos wore a gossamer top, black pants and several chunky necklaces, rings and bracelet sets from her collection as her grandson Martin "Borgy" Manotoc directed a photo shoot. "One day my grandson came to me and said, 'Mama Meldy, I would like to use your collection

to tell the world (about) the real Imelda and the spirit of my grandma," she told reporters. "It's only beauty that can feed the spirit." Imelda Marcos said the items will be inexpensive, costing about \$20 to \$100, but her daughter said prices and details about the collection are still being completed.

AP

Kylie kicking up her heels once again

An exuberant KYLIE MINOGUE arrived home to complete a world tour she called off last year when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. "We're on tour again, woo-hoo!" the 38-year-old pop star

told reporters and photographers who greeted her Sunday at the airport. Minogue had completed dates on her "The Showgirl Tour" in Europe and was heading to Australia for homecoming concerts when she was diagnosed with cancer in May 2005. She underwent surgery to remove a lump from her breast and had chemotherapy, and has since become a vocal advocate for cancer screening and support groups.

Her comeback concert will be in Sydney on Saturday. Minogue is known for hits such as "The Loco-Motion." She won a Grammy Award in 2004 for the best dance recording for "Come Into My World."

AP

McEntire hammers her point home

REBA MCENTIRE helped Whirlpool Corp. and Habitat for Humanity kick off a weeklong construction blitz. "I am so thankful to the 300 volunteers who are here this week to raise walls for these 10 deserving families," the 51-year-old country star said in a statement Sunday. The volunteers will work through Friday to build 10 homes in the Providence Park neighborhood, the city's first all-Habitat for Humanity subdivision. Whirlpool officials said construction of a single Habitat home in Nashville typically takes

eight days spread across four weekends. McEntire called the Whirlpool Building Blocks initiative "a tremendous example of organizations and individuals working together to improve lives and communities across the country." Whirlpool said it plans to

launch similar weeklong building blitzes in other communities. McEntire's many hits include "Whoever's in New England," "Fancy" and "The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia." She also stars in the TV show "Reba" on the CW network.

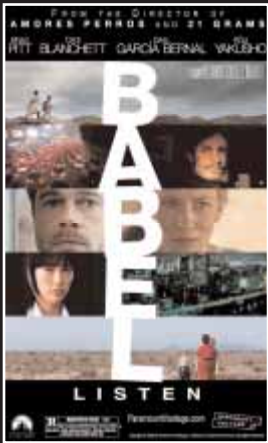
AP

SPREADING GOODWILL

Taking a break from shooting a movie about the life of slain journalist Daniel Pearl, ANGELINA JOLIE spent the weekend in the Indian capital in another role — as goodwill ambassador of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. With her 5-year-old son Maddox in tow, she toured an Afghan Sikh refugee camp in New Delhi on Saturday, listening to children play religious music and chatting with students, a UNHCR statement said. Some 9,500 Afghan Sikh refugees are in India. They fled Afghanistan after the Taliban seized power in 1996 and targeted non-Muslims. Jolie also visited the one-room home where a refugee from Myanmar lives with her three children. The woman, one of the 1,750 refugees who have fled Myanmar to India since 1982, told Jolie that she and her children left after her husband was arrested by the military government in Myanmar, the statement said. Myanmar-India relations turned cold after the Myanmar military violently suppressed pro-democracy demonstrations in 1988. AP

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MOVIEGUIDE



DIRECTOR: Alejandro González Iñárritu
STARRING: Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett, Gael Garcia Bernal, Koji Yakusho, Elle Fanning
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Flags of Our Fathers (R)
5:15, 8:10, 11:00
Flushed Away (PG)
5:45, 8:20, 10:30
Marie Antoinette (PG-13)
5:20, 8:15, 10:55
The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (G)
5:30, 7:55, 10:20
Saw III (R)
5:35, 6:30, 9:20, 11:10

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Catch a Fire (PG-13)
7:15, 10:00
The Last King of Scotland (R)
7:10, 9:55

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Little Children (R) 2hrs 10min
7:20, 10:15
Little Miss Sunshine (R) 1hr 40min
7:50, 10:15
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7:15, 8:15, 9:55

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Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (R)
5:30, 7:00, 7:50, 9:20, 10:10
Man of the Year (PG-13)
7:10, 10:00
The Prestige (PG-13)
7:20, 10:30
Running With Scissors (R)
7:30, 10:20
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6:50, 9:00

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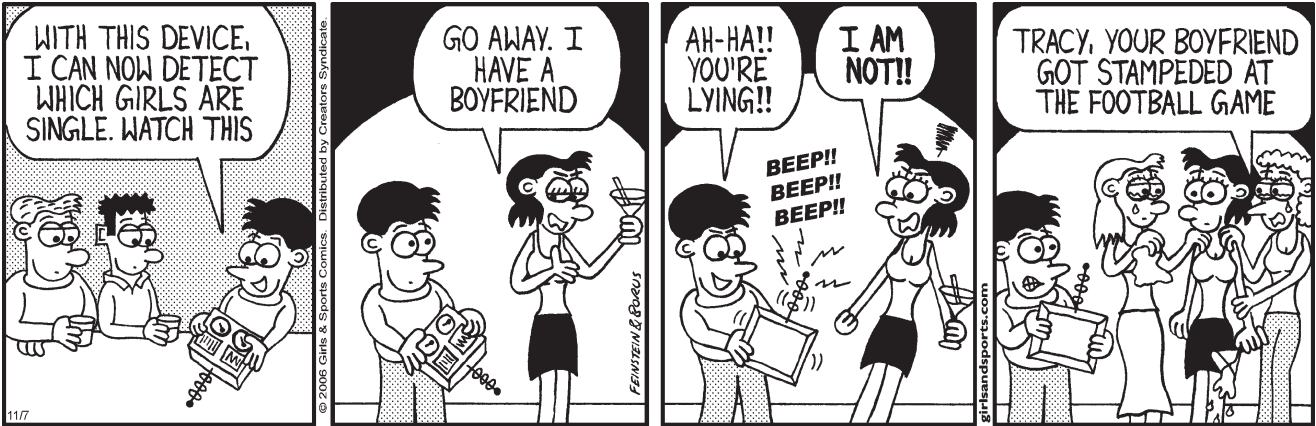
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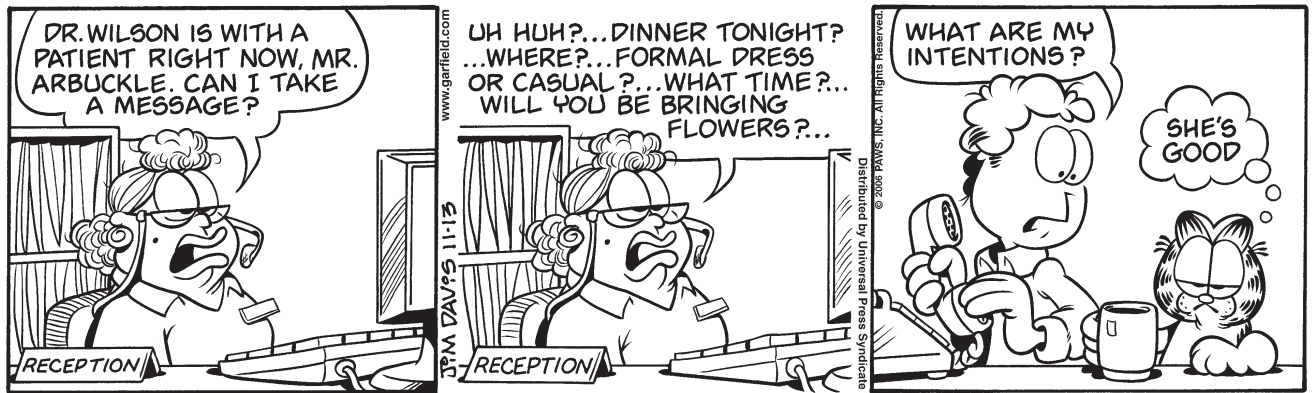
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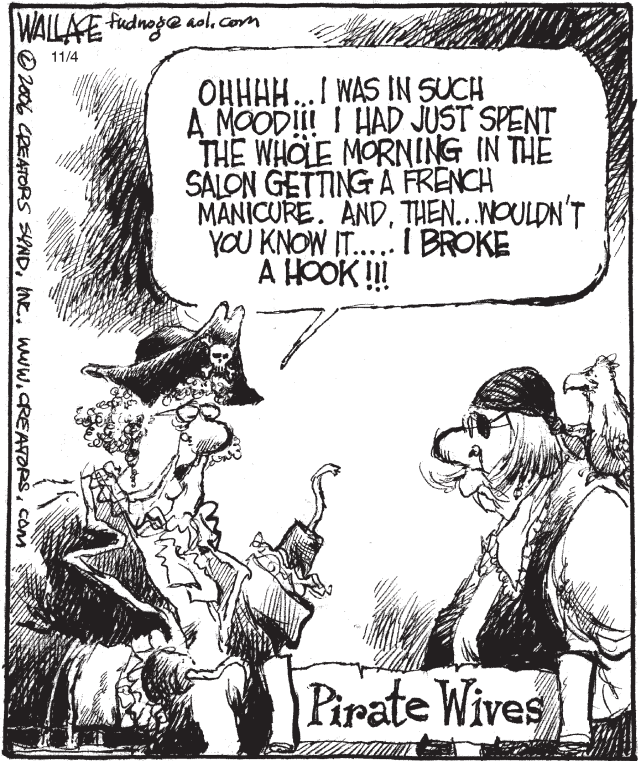
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- 13 Fit
- 15 Recital sight
- 16 Invasion
- 18 Portent
- 21 Soft mineral
- 22 Salem's state
- 24 Lennon's love
- 25 Squirrel's prize
- 26 Sticky stuff
- 27 Improvise
- 29 Price
- 30 Tidy
- 31 Rational
- 32 Singing groups
- 34 One way to bargain
- 40 A few bucks?
- 41 California tar pits
- 42 Night fliers
- 43 Made blank

- 3 Official rule, in slang
- 4 Global line
- 5 Steer clear of
- 6 Mother of Castor and Pollux
- 7 In
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Yesterday's answer

- 20 Gallows sight
- 21 Pull along
- 22 Ump's cry
- 23 Anything but
- 25 Explosive stuff
- 28 Florida team
- 29 Winter melon
- 31 Until now
- 33 Lounging about
- 34 Groom's answer
- 35 Original
- 36 Tooth-paste type
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Gerry Lee Hal-facre in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Gerry Lee Halfacre be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 29, 2006 at 9:15 AM in Dept. No. F located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

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