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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Even though wild monkeys rampage through towns in India, destroying property, eating villagers' food and physically attacking people, they are considered holy to Hindus and are pretty much left alone. However, according to a September dispatch in London's *The Independent*, as attacks have grown in number and severity recently, police have been finding dozens of monkey carcasses with slashed throats. Police believe that the bodies were the result of contract killings, ordered in the belief that paying someone else to harm monkeys was not quite the sacrilege of doing it directly.

TODAY IN HISTORY

IN 1973, Skylab III, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on an 84-day mission.

IN 1973, President Nixon signed the Alaska Pipeline measure into law.

IN 1981, actor William Holden was found dead in his apartment in Santa Monica, Calif.; he was 63.

Ten years ago: The government reported consumer prices rose one-tenth of one percentage point in October. A federal judge issued a temporary restraining order prohibiting the state of California from implementing most provisions of Proposition 187, the voter-approved measure that would deny most public services to illegal immigrants. President Clinton, ending a five-day trip to Asia, discussed human rights with Indonesian President Suharto.

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Olympic star arrested for kidnapping

Standout athlete accused of threatening to kill a local woman

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

LAX COURTHOUSE — A former Olympian was arrested last week by local police for allegedly kidnapping and robbing a Santa Monica woman twice in the past month.

Danny Harris, who captured the silver medal in track and field at

the 1984 Olympics, was arrested last Wednesday for allegedly kidnapping a 75-year-old Sunset Park woman and stealing from her home on Oct. 18 and Nov. 4. Harris, 39, also allegedly threatened to kill the woman with a syringe and screwdriver.

At the time of the alleged crimes, Harris was residing at the Clare Foundation, a local facility for recovering drug addicts, police said. Harris is now sitting in a cell at the Twin Towers facility in downtown Los Angeles.

He pleaded not guilty in court

Monday on seven felony charges related to his alleged kidnapping of the elderly Sunset Park woman. He is being held in lieu of \$1.44 million bail. Police believe Harris is responsible for other crimes in the area and additional charges may be filed soon, said Santa Monica Police Lt. Frank Fabrega. Trained bloodhounds led police to Harris using the scent from a cap that was found at the crime scene.

"What minimal evidence I've been provided by the district attorney we're investigating at the present time, but it looks like a classic

case of misidentification," said Matt Huey, Harris' public defender, on Monday.

Born in Torrance and raised in Perris, Calif., Harris studied at Iowa State, where he played defensive back on the football team and developed his talents on the track. He won the silver medal in the 1984 Olympics and continued to improve, but in 1988 failed to qualify for the Olympics. Harris returned to California, where he began using cocaine, according to press reports.

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Looking a gift horse in the mouth



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

A passerby on Monday takes a break from her day at the beach to check out horses at play outside the Cavalia big tent, a Cirque du Soleil-style equestrian performance with acrobats. The show runs through November in the beach parking lot, north of the Santa Monica Pier.

Mayor prioritizes his 'to do list'



RICHARD BLOOM

(Editor's note: This is the first article in a weekly series outlining the priorities of the four residents elected to the City Council on Nov. 2.)

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

During the next four years, Mayor Richard Bloom hopes to tackle homelessness, gang violence and public participation — in no particular order.

Bloom was one of four people elected to the Santa Monica City Council on Nov. 2. He begins the new term on Dec. 7, the same day the council will appoint a new mayor to serve for two years.

Also elected were City Councilmen Ken Genser and Herb Katz, and Bobby Shriver. They will join incumbents Bob Holbrook, Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor, whose terms expire in 2006. Council members make upwards of \$10,000 a year, and enjoy full health benefits and access to travel money.

A family law attorney who works out of offices downtown, Bloom said Monday he was eager to get to work with the new council, and began to lay out some of the specific steps he would like to take.

With regards to homelessness, which was a central theme of the contentious Nov. 2 campaigns, Bloom said

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Stabbing gives bad vibe to awards show

By Daily Press staff

SM AIRPORT — A man is listed in stable condition after he was stabbed at the Vibe Awards Monday night.

At 7:23 p.m., Santa Monica Police were called to the Barker

Hangar, where the awards ceremony honoring urban music was being held. Details of what occurred were unclear late Monday night, but authorities are looking for a suspect who is described as a black male wearing a white T-shirt.

The victim was apparently stabbed among an estimated crowd of 1,000 people. He was taken to a local hospital.

The stabbing occurred while Dr. Dre was accepting a lifetime achievement award presented by Quincy Jones and Snoop Dogg, according to

a source with the show's production crew. The show continued, despite that the crowd was shaken.

Police quickly secured the area, and officers from Culver City, LA County Sheriff's Department and Beverly Hills also responded.

— Susan Tam

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Avoid taking people's comments seriously. Instinctively, you make the right decisions. Extremes punctuate your actions. You might be overly burdened by a personal matter. Tonight: Get to the bottom of a problem.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ An overview allows more information to come forward. Don't assume that others feel the same way you do. Lighten up and take a more comprehensive look at what others suggest. Ultimately you will gain. Tonight: Hop on the computer or drop by the library.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Handle the different situations you face more directly. Your visualization helps support others. You might want to think before you leap into a situation that will impact your personal life. Feedback from a partner helps you find a financial shortcut. Tonight: Be a duo.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Letting others run with the ball proves to be the smart move. You might not always get the end results you want, but you cannot always dominate, either. Creative brainstorming and inquiries draw unusual results. Tonight: Ever-playful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You are about work, not play. Others might try to distract you, especially a family member. You might push beyond your limits right now. Understand that you might need to call it an early day. Take care of yourself. Tonight: Consider being a couch potato.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You have an impact on others, though you might somehow make a group or friend a bit uptight or more serious than normal. Be careful with spending. Pick up the phone and touch base with a loved one or a special friend. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your good intentions could confuse others who might be focused on getting their work done. You are caring, but also fun. If someone rains on your parade, it might be because he or she is in work mode. You might want to work from home. Tonight: Make it easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Make inquiries rather than zoom in on a situation. Speak your mind and listen to others' suggestions. Be more open to other ideas, and a work project will be enhanced. Don't close down because of difficulty getting information. Tonight: Return calls. Catch up on a friend's news.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ A partner has a lot to share, though he or she has a difficult attitude. You might need to nudge this person along. Find answers through friends, though someone might want to spend more than he or she should. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Use your high-voltage energy to get your work done, and perhaps the work of others along the way. You might be dragging your heels. Review a personal matter with an eye to success and better communication. A boss might be sweet on you. Tonight: Do your thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Your fatigue might encourage you to use your instincts. Listen well to a loved one who cares a lot about you and often thinks on a different track. Use this person's offbeat thinking to bail you out of a jam. Say you are tired and call it an early day. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You know what you want, but someone close might cause you a problem in this area of your life. Visualize and discuss goals in a meeting. Listen to a friend; his or her ideas point toward a conservative risk. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Local firm will build up SMC

By Daily Press staff

A local architecture firm has been selected by Santa Monica College to design a new \$30 million student services and administration building, it was announced last week.

The new building, which will be located on the college's main campus at 1900 Pico Blvd., will be used to provide a "one-stop service location to more effectively serve the approximately 35,000 students," according to college officials. Conceived as a three-story building with underground parking, the new 86,000-square-foot facility will consolidate student services, administration, business services and information technology, which are all currently located at various sites on and off the main campus.

The firm, Widom Wein Cohen O'Leary Terasawa, (WWCOT) will assist SMC in the planning process and program development of the new building. The WWCOT team will provide design, cost-estimating and construction administration, and act as consultant on civil, structural, telecommunications, security, interiors, signage and parking, and vehicular circulation issues.

SMC officials have asked WWCOT to create a high-performance sustainable building, with particular attention given to the effective use of natural lighting and ventilation that can be certified under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System® (LEED). The system emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality, officials said.

Recognized as one of the fastest-growing architectural firms in the nation, Santa Monica-based WWCOT is a more than 100-person firm with offices in the Inland Empire, Moorpark, Palm Springs, and Shanghai, China. The firm was established in 1964. As a full-service architecture firm, WWCOT provides programming, planning, architectural and interior design, architectural forensics, and construction support services for a wide range of healthcare, governmental, educational, senior living, multi-family residential and corporate clients.

Learn where California stands with Hispanic population

By Daily Press staff



"La Nueva California: Latinos in the Golden State" is the title of a free lecture that will be given at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 at Santa Monica College.

Dr. David Hayes-Bautista — a widely respected expert on Latino culture and health — will give the talk in the SMC Library, 1900 Pico Blvd. Seating is limited and is on a first-arrival basis. Parking is free.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the SMC Associates, a private organization that funds speakers and special programs on campus, and the University of California Press Associates, which provides support to the University of California Press.

The lecture's title comes from Hayes-Bautista's book of the same name that was recently published by UC Press. The book and lecture will address the developing Latino identity of California, and the state's future as the largest Hispanic state in the nation.

Hayes-Bautista is currently a professor of medicine at UCLA and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture. He is a prolific author and researcher; is affiliated with dozens of professional, medical and other organizations and has won many honors for his work.

Hayes-Bautista received his bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of California at Berkeley, and his master's and doctorate degrees in medical sociology from the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center.

For information, call (310) 434-4303.



SURF REPORT

On Tuesday look for new WNW wind swell to pulse up as old WNW ground swell drops. Northern LA spots with good NW exposure see knee-thigh high surf, with some bigger waist high sets at top breaks. South Bay spots see more of the swell mix for knee-waist high waves at many breaks and chest high sets at standout breaks in the north half of the bay. Winds are variable offshore in the morning, building out of the W in the 6-10 knot range for the afternoon.

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MONDAY	3:39	2.6	5:47	-0.9	10:05	6.6	N/A	N/A
TUESDAY	4:29	2.9	6:54	-0.6	12:49	3.6	10:59	6.1
WEDNESDAY	5:48	3.2	8:06	-0.3	2:22	3.7	12:06	5.6
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The Q Line

The Santa Monica City Council is considering letting businesses have a portion of residents' coveted parking spaces — spaces that are currently restricted to outsiders in certain neighborhoods.

Although no official action has been taken, some members of the council think businesses should be able to have their employees park in residential neighborhoods. They believe it would free up parking spaces on major thor-

oughfares for customers.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Is this a good idea? Should residents give up some of their parking for businesses?"

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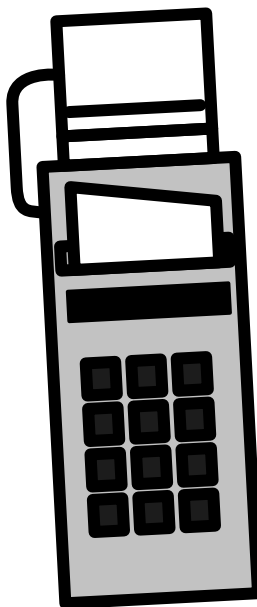
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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School board member taking his licks

Editor:

I bet that even the moderately intelligent Shane McCloud can spell “dead meat.”

Tom O'Rourke
Santa Monica

Bravo, McCloud

Editor:

Bravo to Shane McCloud, Santa Monica school board member for having the courage and willingness to shed some much needed light on some of the nefarious shenanigans perpetrated on Santa Monica taxpayers by the holy of holies of our community (SMDP, Oct. 30, page 8). Lets hear more from Mr. McCloud.

Wayne Kohli
Santa Monica

Can't we all get along?

Editor:

The letter writer John Marciano in his persistent cavil concerning Israel (curiously, considering the blather he affords the anti-Semitic Palestinians, he apparently recognizes Israel as a sovereign nation, unlike the Palestinians, who refuse to say collectively and officially that Israel has a right to exist), is naive if he genuinely can't conceive of persons of all ages tending to become casualties when a war is raging (SMDP, Nov. 9, page 7).

Recriminations after these many years of belligerence serve no practical, moral, or sensible purpose. The Palestinians must, as soon as possible, gain another homeland (its first and foremost is Jordan), on the Gaza Strip and there alone. Equally, Israel must, with likewise speed, enjoy its right to unconditionally exist, along with unquestioning sovereignty over all of the rest of the presently contested land mass threat.

William Cook
Santa Monica

Abolish the death penalty; throw away Peterson's key



WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA

For the two of you who don't know it, Scott Peterson was convicted of first- and second-degree murder on Friday for the deaths of his wife and son. Next he'll be sentenced, when the jury will have the opportunity to decide his fate. Because he is convicted of a crime with special circumstances, he is eligible for the death penalty. There are many who believe he should and will, get the death penalty.

The death penalty is one of those “third rails” of political discourse. It is the super hot source of voter electricity that will make or break a politician's campaign, and can turn polite dinner parties into brawls.

It reaches into the very heart of who we are, and how we see the world. It is an emotional argument that frequently is devoid of logic. For example, a logical person would assume that a forgiving person, a religious type, say George W. Bush, obviously would be against the death penalty. They'd be wrong.

Then again, if you believed that a law and order type, say a Supreme Court Justice like Ruth Bader Ginsburg would be avidly pro the death penalty. You'd also be wrong.

“People who are well represented at trial do not get the death penalty ... I have yet to see a death case among the dozens

coming to the Supreme Court on eve-of-execution stay applications in which the defendant was well represented at trial,” said Bader Ginsburg in an Associated Press article on April 10, 2001.

The price of housing an inmate is astronomical. The average cost of housing a prisoner in 2004, as published by the Department of Corrections, is \$30,929 per year. Currently there are approximately 163,500 prisoners incarcerated. Of those, 635 are on death row.

In the 28 years since the death penalty was re-instituted, California has executed 10 people.

It seems to me that we are spending millions of dollars to defend an idea that we do not need. The death penalty has not been proven to be a cost effective way to diminish murders. All you need to do is listen to a week's worth of the news to understand that murders continue to happen and they are no longer shocking.

I am a law and order kind of guy. I like my city clean and my streets free of crime. And I am subject to the same flights of emotional anger that others are. Frankly, on a personal level I believe in the death penalty. I believe that people who are decidedly evil should be put out of our misery. If you hurt my family I would most definitely desire revenge in the harshest of terms and manner. Especially if you hurt my dog.

There are crimes, that in my opinion, merit the death penalty. That being said, I still advocate an abolition of the death penalty, not because it's morally wrong, though a strong case can be made for that

position. Nor should it be abolished because we are killing people to prove that killing people is wrong. Nor should we abolish the death penalty because the average prisoner reads at the seventh grade level.

We should abolish it because it costs too much. It costs the state almost three times as much to prosecute a death penalty case versus a “regular” murder. Los Angeles County spends an average \$2,000,000 per death penalty case versus \$600,000 for a murder without the death penalty, according to the Web site, death-penalty.org.

In LA County, investigation costs are nine times more for the defense and the prosecution to try someone on a death penalty case than elsewhere. That means a normal murder which costs on average \$5,000 to investigate, costs \$45,000 to investigate, according to the Web site. Both sides spend that much.

And this is just the beginning. Because there are constitutional safeguards that must be followed — like appeals — which require attorneys to participate in. There is the housing of a death row inmate, which is a far greater cost than for the average prisoner. These prisoners require a higher staffing rate, and that means increased employee costs, which the taxpayer must absorb.

In a society that is running a huge deficit, I do not believe we have the fiscal liberty of the death penalty. It doesn't make financial sense. We don't really enforce it, and we don't really need it. If we only use it on average once every two

years, why have it?

I understand that we are a law and order society. Two weeks ago we passed a proposition to increase the collection of DNA, in an effort to improve our crime solving ability. But I'm pretty sure most people did not understand the finer points of what that proposition was about.

I also understand that the death penalty is one of those items that most people are unable to think rationally about. People have a very dogmatic response to the topic. That leads to politicians who have a dogmatic response and then they are unable to look at the problem on more than the single level of, “Will it get me votes?”

The problem with this lack of ability is that it leads to bad legislation, and politically expedient speeches. It is this type of one note politicking that is a step away from a mob mentality. And a mob mentality is a step away from a murderous one, and that is what we are trying to prevent.

Scott Peterson will likely be given the death penalty. He knows that he has a minuscule chance of ever being executed in the state of California. Frankly I'd like to see us just lock him up, throw away the key and spend the extra millions it will save on something important.

Perhaps some books, or teachers, or arts programs.

(David Pizarra is a business development lawyer in the Santa Monica firm of Pizarra & Grist. He welcomes your questions and comments. He can be reached at dpizarra@pizarra.com or (310) 664-9969).

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OPINION



Starry-eyed visitors quickly get schooled on LA's geography

ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL



The wonderful thing about living in California is that you have a slew of people who want to use you for your location. People you haven't spoken to since grade school come out of the woodwork when they find out you're living in LA. The random phone calls and e-mails ensue, and like the movie arm-stretch cliché, the personal invitations begin.

However, the unnatural arm-stretch is conspicuously detected in dates and it's detected in these poorly constructed self-invites. That's when you say "no, uh, maybe another time," when really you mean "please forget about this so we won't have to do it again later."

But then every once in awhile an actual friend will want to visit, which brings you to an entirely different dilemma — explaining to them the extensive geography of greater Los Angeles.

One friend came out this summer to record some songs and thought it would be fun to meet up. But I didn't find it entertaining when he called me naively at 5 p.m. on a Friday and asked, "can you pick me up in Woodland Hills?"

I don't think he understood the death sentence he had given me, for it meant an hour and a half of rush-hour traffic just to get there. But he did notice the part where we sat another two hours on the 101 just trying to make it to Sunset.

Little did he know a typical LA night was in the mix. Bright-eyed, he and his friend wanted to get margaritas at a Mexican restaurant on Sunset. But they had no idea that meant 20 minutes of trolling the boulevard until we found a \$16 place for parking. Once we got in, there was absolutely nowhere to sit and no spots at the bar to order. Shocked and upset, both wondered how this misfortune could even be possible.

Luckily with validation, we drove off

paying an \$8 ticket and spent the next 45 minutes looking for free street parking to ease their minds. There were nearly five instances during this time frame that a car would egregiously cut in, almost run into me or slightly swerve into my lane. While I was more used to it, their eyes kept re-igniting in horror every time a California driver lived up to my expectations.

Finally finishing drinks and dinner at about 9:30 p.m., the wind was stricken from their see-LA sails and we had to use the outboard motor to putt us back to land. For after we cruised Hollywood Boulevard past the gaudy shops and the Mann Theater, in defeat all they could suggest was a drive back home.

Needless to say most visitors have to learn LA geography through trial and error, and fortunately for us they do learn the basics. A Friday night trip to Hollywood means a one-hour commitment, at least. A drive to the valley means expect to eat after 8 p.m., and the word "Thousand Oaks" is rarely uttered aloud. While on the first trip all visitors can talk about is Sunset this and Rodeo Drive that, in the second visit, mentioning Hollywood can almost become a fighting word.

How do I know? Last week a good friend of mine came to stay with me for her third trip to LA. As a reference, on her first trip here I drove her to Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Century City and Bel Air. Her second trip we only went to Malibu and Westwood. This time when I asked her where she wanted to go, every place she brought up was literally two miles from my house. Considerate? Yes. Accommodating? Yes. Learned a valuable lesson of how bad LA traffic is? Yes, yes and yes.

You can't blame people for wanting to see the Hollywood that's hyped up in movies, but thanks to the LA freeways, you can rid them of the desire to ever want to do it again.

(We all have something to say, this is true. But if you have something to say to me, send me an e-mail at anydayinla@gmail.com).

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Olympic athlete may face further felony charges

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Though Harris was able to beat his drug addiction and return to the track at least twice in the following years, his cocaine habit apparently won out. Sometime in the past year, Harris wound up at the Clare Foundation, a nonprofit organization off of Lincoln Boulevard that helps drug and alcohol addicts organize their lives.

It was while living there that Harris allegedly committed a series of burglaries and robberies in the Sunset Park neighborhood, mainly in the area bounded by Lincoln Boulevard to the east, Pico Boulevard to the north, Ocean Park Boulevard to the south and 20th Street or further to the east, Fabrega said.

A preliminary hearing is expected to take place later this month. Meanwhile, David Rolston, program director for the

Clare Foundation, which has a \$4 million annual budget, reassured neighbors that Clare carefully screens its clients.

"You get a jaywalking ticket, that's one thing. You go in and steal a purse that's an entirely different thing," he said. "We obviously don't want to have violent criminals in our midst. That doesn't create a safe environment for everyone else. We're probably going to screen those clients into a different agency than Clare ...

"In today's political climate things are changing in Santa Monica. The reality is we have approximately 208 beds," Rolston added. "And those are 208 people who would normally, in any other situation, be out on the streets."

Harris has faced trying times before. He lost his mother when he was 3 years old. His father died when he was 14. In 1999, Harris was diagnosed with colon cancer. He spoke about his drug addiction last fall after being inducted into the Iowa Sports Hall of Fame.

"I'm clean and sober today," he told The Des Moines Register. "If I make it past tonight, I'll have a chance to do it again tomorrow ... I figured I'd have the opportunity to run in four Olympics, but the one silver medal is all I have. Obviously, with the drug thing, if I had it to do over again, I never would have started. The pain and embarrassment it caused me and the people close to me, it's taken a long time to get over it."

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Love a good mystery? Blake wants you

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Robert Blake's lawyers are looking for jurors who love a good mystery and may be open to conspiracy theories while prosecutors are seeking conservative, common sense people who make quick decisions, according to legal experts.

Three and a half years after Blake's wife was shot to death outside a San Fernando Valley restaurant, the search for a jury to judge the former "Baretta" star on murder charges gets under way in earnest Monday.

More than 100 prospective jurors from the original pool remain as lawyers prepare to begin a process known as "voir dire."

Nearly 700 prospects were turned down because of hardship, some citing the estimate of a five-month trial which would impact them financially and personally. About half of some 200 who said they were able to serve were dismissed for their strong feelings on issues including abortion and the question of Blake's guilt or innocence.

Superior Court Judge Darlene Schempp planned to gather the remaining prospects to tell them they will now be individually questioned by lawyers instead of being interviewed in a large group.

Schwarzenegger wants it out in the open

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — As a candidate, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger promised to illuminate the inner workings of Sacramento the way klieg lights bring sunshine to a movie set. No more back-room handshakes and whispers, no more money-for-favors legislating.

"I will work to reform government by bringing openness and full disclosure to public business," the governor said on his inauguration day.

As the former Hollywood actor marks his first 12 months in office Wednesday, his plan to usher in a new era of transparency at the statehouse remains a work in progress, even by the account of his staff.

While Schwarzenegger agreed last week to comply with a media request to make public his appointment calendar, others see him as something less than the open-government governor he portrayed on the campaign trail. Sacramento remains a place, they say, with many secrets.

The research and drafting of the governor's California Performance Review, a sweeping study on government reform, was conducted behind closed doors and staff and consultants who worked on it were required to sign confidentiality agreements that could lead to prosecution if they talk about it.

In cultivating the Schwarzenegger image, his administration has been characterized by tight control over information, and even as the governor talks about open government he frequently ducks reporters. He made news last month by meeting with members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association at a time when his appearances in Sacramento had been rare.

A money marathon

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The California Academic Decathlon is running out of funds and may not make enough money to hold its annual state championship in March, according to the competition's director.

The privately funded competition was founded in Orange County in 1968 and then spread to other counties and across the country. California has dominated it over the last two decades, winning 10 titles since 1982, but now, the birthplace of the one of the nation's most renowned academic contests may no longer be able to support its own program.

Without the state championship, California teams will not be able to reach the national contest held this April in Chicago, Executive Director Marvin Cobb told the Los Angeles Times in an article published Sunday.

Cobb attributed the crisis to a loss of corporate sponsors and the slow economy. The competition has a \$250,000 annual budget.

LOCAL



Bloom to tackle violence, homelessness and public input in next 4-year term

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he hopes to pursue the problem on two fronts. The first is to continue the work he's done on a regional board focused on ending homelessness within 10 years. The board, called "Bring LA Home," was formed at the direction of President George W. Bush. Similar groups have unveiled plans in cities across the country.

Secondly, Bloom said City Hall needs to be more aggressive in enforcing a set of laws aimed at reducing "anti-social behavior" in Santa Monica.

"I was on Arizona near the Promenade over the weekend with (my son) Robby and a guy followed us down the street, a guy who was panhandling just kind of followed us," Bloom said. "He was very friendly, but it was very clear to me that this was a violation of our aggressive panhandling ordinance ...

"I think the community has to identify those laws that need better enforcement and I would say that we've had a good number of complaints about homeless people congregating in some of our parks in a way that makes it appear as though they're violating our anti-encampment ordinance," added Bloom. "A lot of people talked to me about that during the election."

Bloom said he would also push for stronger enforcement of a law designed to eliminate large-scale feedings in public parks. He added significant progress had been made in City Hall's efforts to keep homeless people from sleeping in business doorways downtown.

"The priority is to make sure that our existing laws are enforced and to the extent our existing laws are not working, then we have to look at other options. I call out the feeding in the parks ordinance for specific attention," he said. "Those feeding programs are counter-productive to the programs we have through social service agencies that the city funds, and I think that although the people that participate in those programs mean well that they actually do more harm than good."

Bloom said another key priority of his in the coming four years will be to address the ongoing problem of gang violence throughout Santa Monica. Though shots have been fired recently in the eastside Pico neighborhood and Sunset Park to the south, Bloom said the community as a whole needs to address the problem.

"I think that we need to have a better understanding of our community based policing and how residents are interacting with the police," Bloom said. "I think we need to, as a community, understand better the nature of the problem and that it's not just a law enforcement problem, it's also an economic issue, a socio-economic issue. It is a parenting issue. And so the

solutions are more apt to be found in a number of different places."

Bloom warned against politicizing the gang violence problem and said he hopes to study the matter independently as a council, and in conjunction with residents and the education community.

"I think we also need to look to other communities for best practices, in terms of intervention programs and school programs and the like," he said. "It's a complicated issue that entails youth in Venice and West LA and other areas of the city, and it's a culture that in many ways is fostered ... throughout the country."

"There is a very important role that needs to be played by all of the public entities in Santa Monica, including the college," added Bloom, suggesting Santa Monica College do a better job of helping local high school graduates and creating job programs for older youths.

"We have the Rand Corporation that has studied this subject and they may be able to provide useful information too," Bloom continued. "I don't want to pretend that any of these things are new and exciting ideas ... We just have to continue to look for the right solutions for Santa Monica. It's very much a work in progress ... I think everybody is working diligently."

As a final priority, Bloom said he'd like to ensure that public participation continue to play a prominent role in the functions of Santa Monica government.

"We've had recommendations that could, if implemented, curtail public process in development review and that's certainly something that I think both the development community, the residential community and the City Council has spoken out against," he said. "We also have the very important land use element (a document that governs the city's long-term growth) review that's just getting underway."

As mayor, Bloom managed council meetings over the past two years. Though he said the typically long meetings were shortened by about an hour under his watch, Bloom added more work can be done. How to accomplish it Bloom declined to discuss. He said it will be a matter for the new City Council to take up.

"I think we have an opportunity ... to take a fresh look at how our meetings are run and we can probably do somewhat better than how we're doing," Bloom said. "I'm not really at a place where I want to talk about proposals for the future just yet. I'm still formulating them and I really want to get a sense of where the new council wants to go. It is up to the new mayor to facilitate that new process ... I certainly think that our dialogue as council members can improve."

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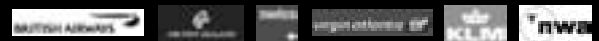


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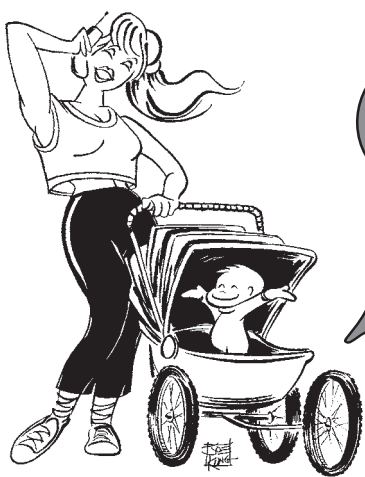
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Baby proofing the household is crucial once mom gives birth

By Daily Press staff

You probably think you've thought of all the things you need before bringing your new baby home: Layette, crib, car seat, blankets, diapers, even a mobile to keep them entertained. In the nine months before birth, however, many parents forget to baby proof their house — one of the most crucial steps in providing baby a safe and loving place to come home to.

Even though your new baby won't be exploring on their own for several months, the period before delivery is a perfect time to start making your home a child friendly place. Some of the most important areas to your baby proof include the kitchen, the bathroom and garage.

BABY PROOFING THE KITCHEN

The kitchen is one of the most potentially dangerous areas in your home. Household cleansers are a leading cause of poisoning in babies and young children. To make your kitchen safe, be sure to fasten safety latches on all cupboards and drawers you do not want the baby getting into. It's OK to give them free access to the pots and pans, but under no circumstances should they be able to open cupboards where cleaning products are stored. In case of accidental ingestion, call your poison control center or 911 immediately.

Another good idea is a garbage can with a strong latch. Babies and little children love to make a mess.

BABY PROOFING THE BATHROOM

Babies love water. They love to splash in their baths, and enjoy watching and listening to water as it comes out of the faucet. It's important, however, to control access to water for babies and toddlers. For starters, make sure you adjust your hot water heater to a safe level. This will

prevent scalds if the baby accidentally turns on the faucet. It's also important to put a latch on the toilet to prevent small children from sticking their hands in the bowl and even falling face down into the toilet. And remember: Never leave the baby alone in a bathtub.

Lots of the cosmetic and personal toiletry items stored in bathrooms can be harmful to babies and children. In particular, medications need to be kept away from little hands. Bathrooms also are a place where many people keep cleaning products. Make sure you put a safety latch on any cupboards you don't want the baby to explore.

BABY PROOFING THE GARAGE

The garage is a dangerous place for babies and small children. They should only be allowed in the garage when supervised by an adult. To be on the safe side, store tools in an area out of the baby's reach and put safety locks on any cabinets where you store potentially toxic substances.

Most importantly, babies and toddlers should never play in or around cars, driveways and garages. The potential for an automobile accident is just too high. To keep little ones out of harms way, install safety gates as needed and try to provide a dedicated outdoor play area that can be enclosed for safety.

A PLACE TO TURN FOR ANSWERS

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RHYTHMS – AN EVENING OF MUSIC, POETRY & ART, Expressions from CommYOUinity. 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Venice Center for Peace with Justice & the Arts, 2210 Lincoln Blvd. Open mic, featured artists and music/poetry jam. All ages. \$5 adults, \$2 youth. 397-8820 or InsideOutCA @InsideOutCA.org

SATURDAY, NOV. 20th

MOMS CLUB OF SANTA MONICA PRESENTS: PRESCHOOL INFORMATION EVENT – 1:00 p.m., Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. Christy Bergin of Best Fit School Service will offer streamlined advice for choosing a preschool that best fits your child and family's unique and specific needs. RSVP to Christy at 434-9706 or christybird13@hotmail.com

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The author of poetry books Splish Splash and Flicker Flash will be at the Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. Monday, Nov. 15th and at the Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., Tuesday, Nov. 16th.

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Special Note – Mommy Care classes at the Dance Factory have moved to 11606 San

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TUESDAY

Movies for Moms!

Nov. 16th – “Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason” starring Renee Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. Comedy, Rated “R.”

11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable.

Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling

Main Library – held at Reed Park, corner of 7th and Wilshire.

Toddler Storytime; 10:00 & 10:30 a.m. For 2 year olds with adult.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

Cuentos Para Pequenos – 10:00 a.m., six-week series in Spanish for 24 – 36 month olds with adult. Current session thru Dec. 7.

Lap Time – 11:00 a.m, six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant & Family Support Programs. Current session thru Dec. 7.

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Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.

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

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For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com

Barnes and Noble at the Grove

Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me (1-3 years) – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Infant & Me, Transitional Group (7 – 14 mos.) – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.; Infant & Me (0-12 mos.) – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.; classes in partnership with the Infant and Family Support Program. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA

10:00 – 11:00 a.m and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Thursday nights 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) 393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.

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

Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Breastfeeding Group

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

OTHER

Nov. 16th - Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute)

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WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052

10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; six-week series for 3-5 year olds with adult.

Next session Nov. 3 – Dec. 8

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Lap Time - 10:00 & 10:30 a.m., for ages 0-2.

Toddler Story Time – 11:15 a.m., for 2 year olds.

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

Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.

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

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YWCA – A Place for Parents – Parent Support (3 – 5 years) – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Infant Plus (0-12 mos.) – 10:30 a.m. – noon; Parents of Adolescents Support Group – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

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THURSDAY – VETERAN'S DAY

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Preschool Story Time; 10:30 a.m.; for ages 3-5.

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Toddler Story Time – 10:30 a.m; for ages 2 –3. Next session Nov. 4 – Dec. 16.

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

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FRIDAY

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

Classes

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

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Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45 p.m., \$15. Prenatal Breath and Movement – a Continuum Movement and Yoga-based program designed to support women through various sound and movement explorations that celebrate pregnancy and labor as powerful rites of passage. 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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Storytelling

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

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

Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., 310-559-B00K.

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

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

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Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Other

Snowwhite and Mary-Mary Quite Contrary at the Santa Monica Playhouse

Alternating Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m. thru Dec. 19th , \$12 adults, \$10 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonica playhouse.com

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

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

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Working Mother's Support Group

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“Family Connections” - 10:00 a.m. Joslyn Park, Craft Room.

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

“Spanish for Little Ones”, 11:15 a.m. Current session Nov. 8 – Dec. 16.

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

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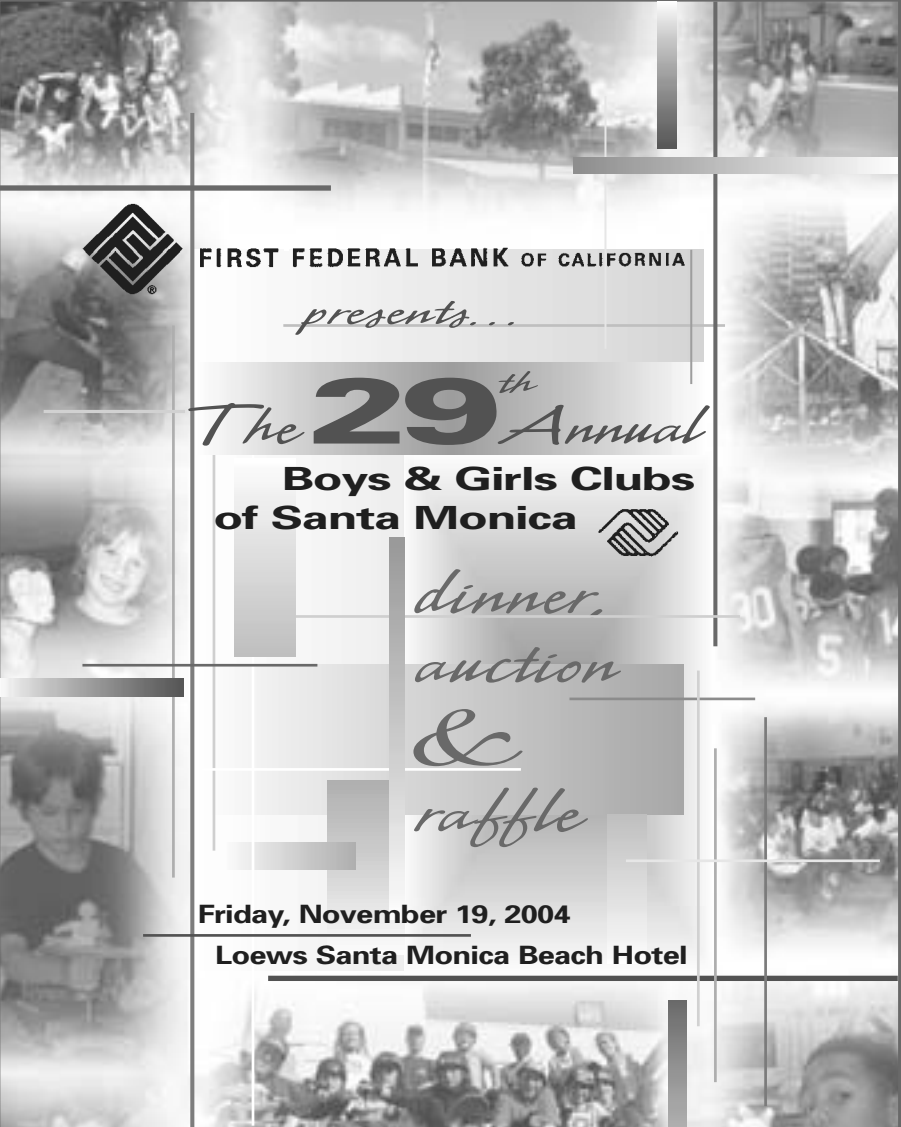
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STATE

Dreier race illustrates a cautionary tale on immigration policy

BY BETH FOUHY
AP Political Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Tucked into last week's otherwise predictable California election results lay a cautionary tale about the election year's most uncovered issue: illegal immigration.

Republican Rep. David Dreier, the 24-year Los Angeles-area veteran who chairs the powerful House Rules committee, won re-election to his House seat with just under 54 percent of the vote, down from 64 percent in 2002. His Democratic opponent, Cynthia Matthews, won almost 43 percent of the vote, despite spending just over \$31,000 in her campaign, compared to more than \$900,000 spent by Dreier. A Libertarian candidate won 3.5 percent of the vote.

While Dreier's winning margin over Matthews can't really be characterized as close, it was his worst showing since 1980, when he was first elected by beating a Democratic incumbent. It was this year's closest congressional race involving an incumbent running for re-election in California, and even Dreier called himself "humbled" by the outcome at his victory speech on election night.

While the 52-year old Dreier wields extraordinary power on Capitol Hill, he is also a political Zelig with a talent for landing in the middle of everything that matters. He is well known to many people, constituents and others, as a telegenic talking head who pops up regularly on cable news talk shows, sometimes seeming to be on more than one at a time.

Dreier is close to the Bush family and is said to have the ear of President Bush's omnipotent political consigliere, Karl Rove. Back in California, as one of Arnold Schwarzenegger's top advisers during last year's recall election, he seemed to be everywhere — at Schwarzenegger's side during important photo ops, on television as a Schwarzenegger surrogate, and negotiating Schwarzenegger's sole debate appearance — while also somehow finding time to run one of the most important committees in Congress.

After the recall, he chaired Schwarzenegger's transition team while enjoying numerous entreaties to challenge Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer. That exercise ginned up numerous news stories and television interviews for Dreier before he decided against making a run.

With power, visibility, and a congressional district drawn for Republicans, Dreier's future seemed limitless. That is, until two guys named John Koylt and Ken Chiampu stepped in to reinforce former House Speaker Tip O'Neill's time-honored adage: all politics is local.

Koylt and Chiampu host a daily talk show, "John and Ken," on KFI-AM, a Los Angeles radio station popular with conservatives. Recently, their chief topic has been illegal immigration. The two championed Arizona's ballot initiative to deny some public services to illegals, and held a contest to single out lawmakers they claim had done little to stop the flow of undocumented immigrants over California's border.

Winner of that contest — later dubbed their "Political Human Sacrifice" — was none other than Dreier, who has supported Bush's proposed guest worker program to grant legal status to millions of immigrants living in the United States. He has also championed more H1-B visas to foreign workers.

"Dreier's been on our show many times, using 30-minute filibusters to promote himself," Koylt said in an interview. "He and other California Republicans whine about illegal immigration, but it's all lip service. So we decided the only way to get any action was to fire someone."

Thus began the John and Ken's "Fire Dreier" campaign, complete with a listener-designed Web site, video, and daily rantings on their show. So active were the two that the National Republican Congressional Committee filed a federal election complaint against the show, calling it an illegal campaign contribution to Dreier's opponent.

Dreier declined to come on the show to defend himself, but fought back hard with radio ads stressing his support of legislation making it harder to forge Social Security cards and penalizing employers who knowingly hire illegals. Schwarzenegger even recorded phone messages for Dreier, calling him "tough as nails" on immigration.

"Immigration is a very emotional issue, and there is a group of voters who have an intense, intense dislike for illegal immigrants," said Allan Hoffenblum, editor of the California Target Book. "Dreier has the same position that Bush has, which a lot of right wingers don't like, and it's easier to go after Dreier than Bush."

For his part, Koylt said the immigration issue was a populist concern that both parties had effectively dropped.

"Republicans are in bed with businesses who like low labor costs, and Democrats have this socialist bent," he said. "But the taxpayers in this country cannot be responsible for a corrupt, bankrupt country like Mexico. We should start throwing employers in jail, a few fat rich white guys in prison."

Koylt boasted that he was sure their campaign would open Dreier to a serious primary challenge in 2006, but Hoffenblum was more skeptical.

"The Republican establishment strongly, strongly supports him," Hoffenblum said. "Dreier would have Schwarzenegger walking precincts for him, and the president would probably join him."

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NATIONAL



Three U.S. land crossings testing new border security technology

BY LYNN BREZOSKY

Associated Press Writer

LAREDO, Texas — Bridges to Mexico in this traffic-choked city began testing a new immigration security program Monday that requires some U.S. visitors to be fingerprinted and photographed as they cross the border.

The screening by the Homeland Security Department was being tested Monday at crossing from Mexico in Laredo and Douglas, Ariz., and from Canada at Port Huron, Mich.

The technology — which also calls for running checks on the visitors — has been in place at U.S. airports and seaports since Jan. 5, but officials want to pinpoint any glitches before the program extends to the nation's 50 busiest land crossings by year's end.

"We always test first," said Anna Hinken, program outreach manager.

Fabian Gonzales was among the first in line Monday morning. The 34-year-old walked up to row of bank-like teller machines on the U.S. side of the Lincoln-Juarez International Bridge, answered a few questions, then inserted his finger into a small fingerprinting machine. A golfball-sized camera snapped his picture.

Digital fingerscans and photos are matched with databases to determine if visitors might be wanted for immigration problems and crimes or are on lists barring them from entering the country because of suspected terrorist ties.

Gonzales, a restaurateur from Monterrey, Mexico, who is looking to open up a store in San Antonio, said the process was simple and only took about 7 minutes.

"It's OK," he said. "I hope this new process improves the security and also helps the tourists."

Extra security requirements were passed by Congress in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and have been in place for nearly all non-U.S. citizens since January.

The information gathered at the borders will be stored indefinitely in a national database, but Homeland Security officials promised its use would be restricted to ensure privacy. By the end of 2005, the U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology program, or US-VISIT, is

scheduled to be used at all 165 land border crossings.

Homeland Security is spending \$340 million implementing inkless fingerprinting machines, digital cameras and computer equipment. Another \$340 million has been allocated for 2005.

Business and political leaders in some border cities fought the system initially, fearing the program could slow traffic and have a negative effect on local economies. But, the infusion of federal money and personnel to the border could actually improve trade.

Laredo each year has 4.6 million pedestrians, 1.4 million trucks, 6.8 million private vehicles and more than 40,000 buses cross its four international bridges, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

"At the very beginning we were led to believe... that this program was going to be bad for us," Laredo Mayor Betty Flores said. "From what I witnessed ... the program is going to be good for us."

Maria Luisa O'Connell, president of the Border Trade Alliance, agreed.

"From what I have seen and what I have heard in our conversations with Homeland Security, what they're looking to do at this first stage seems to be OK," she said. "We don't believe that it's going to cause more backups or lines."

Leaders of the other two pilot sites also said they were optimistic.

Douglas, Ariz., Mayor Ray Borane said he had met with Homeland Security officials and was convinced US-VISIT would not disrupt the busy crossing to Agua Prieta, Mexico.

Thomas Hutka, city manager of Port Huron, Mich., said US-VISIT made city officials feel more secure. "Anything that helps them identify who people are helps us," he said.

Jim Williams, director of US-VISIT, said Mexican citizens holding Border Crossing Cards, or laser visas, would not be subject to the printing and photographing.

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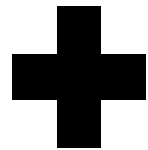
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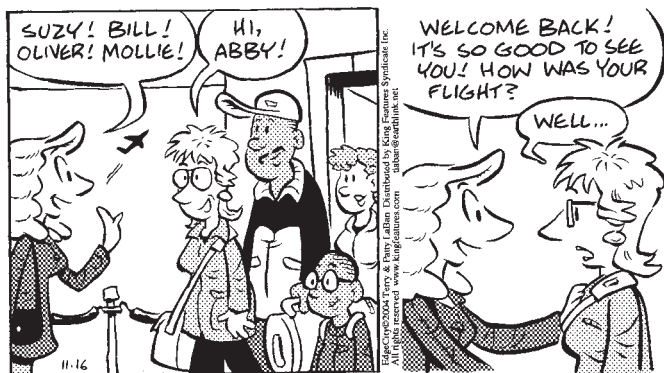


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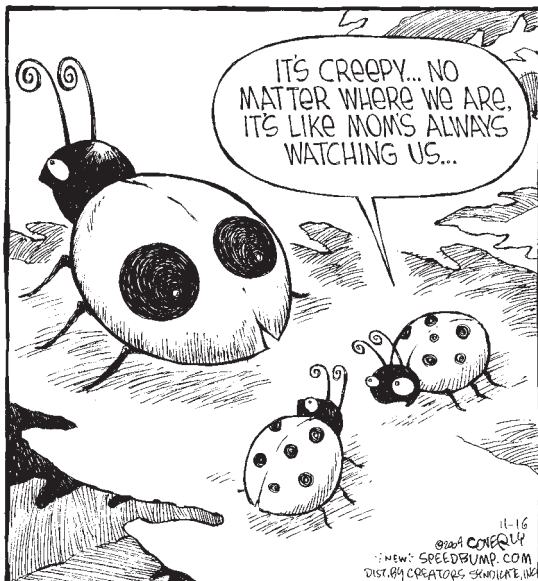
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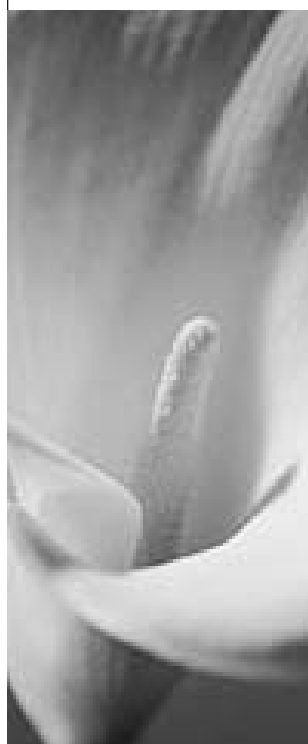
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

G.I. Joe action figure gets salute in hall of fame

By The Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — G.I. Joe, an action-figure toy with a love-or-hate history, drew a historic salute from the National Toy Hall of Fame.

"Some people like this toy — a lot, and some don't like it — a lot," Strong Museum's chief executive, G. Rollie Adams, said as the 40-year-old miniature soldier was enshrined last week along with the rocking horse and Scrabble.

They joined 28 classic playthings, from Barbie to Mr. Potato Head, Legos to Lincoln Logs, Slinky to Play-Doh and Crayola crayons, that have been inducted into the six-year-old Hall of Fame.

The museum boasts the world's largest collection of toys and dolls. One big qualifier for inclusion: toys need to have fostered learning and creativity for multiple generations.

"The most important thing" about G.I. Joe "is its influence as an innovator," Adams said. "Its creation in 1964 launched an entirely new category of toys ... best known as 'action figures.'"

The 11 1/2-inch-tall figure also inspired mixed reactions, its popularity temporarily dented as the Vietnam War transformed American political and cultural values, Adams said.

Some argued that it "fosters violent play, leads to a 'might makes right' perspective and desensitizes us to war," Adams said. Others said it "inspires patriotism and bravery" and asked whether "its critics confuse fantasy with violence and therefore undervalue play as a means of overcoming fear."

More than 400 million G.I. Joes representing every branch of the U.S. military have been sold since toy company Hasbro, without ever uttering the dreaded D-

word, decided to market a doll to boys.

The rocking horse, which dates to the 16th century, became a popular toy with the rise of horse breeding and racing in Europe. Scrabble was conceived by an unemployed architect in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., later sold to a Connecticut couple and began selling by the millions in the 1950s.

The three honorees were chosen by a national committee. Nine other toys were nominated, including the Wiffle Ball, the Rubik's Cube and the Big Wheel.

NEW YORK — The Who may be returning, again.

In a posting on his Web site, Pete Townshend says that he and singer Roger Daltrey are planning to get together for the first Who studio album in over two decades.

"Roger and I (will) meet in mid December to play what we have written," Townshend, the guitarist and primary songwriter of the group, writes. "If we move ahead from there, we may have a CD ready to release in the spring. My working-title for the project — 'Who2' — is only partly tongue-in-cheek."

Despite famously proclaiming "hope I die before I get old" in the song "My Generation," The Who have frequently reunited to perform since disbanding in 1983. But the new album would be the British band's first studio recording since 1982's "It's Hard."

The possible new album, Townshend says, would not be a rock opera like the band's "Tommy" or "Quadrophenia." A concept-less album, he says "is, in itself, a concept for me."

Townshend, 59, is also working on an autobiography, which he says, "offers me a chance to lay down my life story and place recent events in proper context."

In 2003, Townshend was arrested as part of a crack-

down on Internet child pornography — but was eventually cleared of possessing pornographic images of children. The rock guitarist was placed on a national register of sex offenders as part of the formal police caution that he received for accessing a Web site containing images of child abuse. Townshend has said he only visited the site for research purposes.

The other two members of the original Who, drummer Keith Moon and bassist John Entwistle, died in 1978 and 2002, respectively.

NEW YORK — Just sit right back, and you'll hear a tale ... a tale of a new reality show.

On Monday, "The Real Gilligan's Island" — a new TBS reality show that drops real people who fit the mold of the original 1960s characters onto an island — announced who will play Ginger, the pampered movie star: Rachel Hunter.

Hunter, the swimsuit model turned actress, "shares the flightiness and aloofness of Ginger," according to the TBS Web site. "She tends to drift and wander without care for what is going on around her."

The other contestants of the show are also chosen to reflect the still familiar sitcom characters, including the Professor (here, a New York University prof.) and the Skipper (a Massachusetts small business owner and, well, a skipper).

The "real" Gilligan is a 20-year-old college guy who works at a marina, and, apparently, "has been preparing for this role his entire life because he is Gilligan."

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