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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Australian Rights: (1) Mr. Jirra Collings Ware was awarded the equivalent of about US$7,300 from his employer by the Federal Magistrates Court in Sydney, Australia, in October after he was fired for being repeatedly drunk at work (even once urinating into a trash can). Ware says he has Attention Deficit Disorder and that his employer, OAMPS Insurance Brokers, should have done more to accommodate the illness. (2) On the complaint of imprisoned rapist Simon Jacob Smith, 25, police in Melbourne, Australia, agreed in October henceforth to protect prisoners' privacy by not publicly releasing their mug shots without giving them a chance to appeal in court. (The new policy does not apply to photos of escapees or to those relating to solving crimes.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 328th day of 2005. There are 37 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day.

On Nov. 24, 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nobody has ever measured, even poets, how much a heart can hold."

ZELDA SAYRE FITZGERALD
AMERICAN WRITER (1900-1948)

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Dozens of volunteers help unload a truck filled with Thanksgiving day items at the Civic Center Auditorium on Wednesday in preparation for Thanksgiving Day.

When giving thanks equates giving back

BY JASMIN PERSCH
Special to the Daily Press

MAR VISTA — Danny Crowley, 6, cracked two eggs on the edge of the bowl filled with pumpkin pie mix as though he'd been doing it for years.

After he finished stirring the pie filling into a roughly uniform mixture, he forgot he'd already added the condensed milk and filled the measuring cup again.

"I want to try it," he said before dunking his finger in the condensed milk, after which his mother told him he could no longer pour it in the pre-seasoned pumpkin mix.

His older sister, Mary, 11, pressed her fork along the rim of the uncooked pie, forming an imprint on the dough.

"I like to do it with my hands," said their 8-year-old brother, Joe.

Their eldest brother, Sam, 13, baked two pies earlier, before rushing off to water polo tryouts.

Three days before Thanksgiving, the Crowleys aren't preparing for a big family dinner. They're baking pumpkin pies for the Westside Thanksgiving Day Celebration today at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, where, for the past nine years, the family has spent the holiday with the homeless and needy.

Mary said she likes pouring people coffee at the massive dinner.

"Some people nicely ask (for coffee)," she said. "Some are so thirsty they just take it and have like three cups in 15 minutes."

She and her mother, Daryl Crowley, recalled one year when a homeless man came to the Thanksgiving dinner wearing shoes made from newspaper.

Sam couldn't bear to see the man with his makeshift shoes. After a

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Daryl Crowley bakes pumpkin pies with her children and a family friend on Monday for a charity Thanksgiving dinner at the Civic Auditorium. The Crowley family volunteers to help serve the homeless and needy each year.

When smoke settles, firehouses are safe havens for lost parents

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — While a parent's abandoning a newborn child is unusual, some see it as their only recourse, the sole solution to their woes. For them, the Santa Monica Fire Department is here to help.

"When a mother parts with a newborn child, it may be the hardest decision she may ever make ... the worst day of her life," says SMFD Deputy Chief Bruce Davis. "We will take the baby and make sure it's safe, with few questions asked."

In August, the Santa Monica City Council approved city fire stations as "safe surrender sites," whereby mothers may relinquish custody of a newborn child.

Santa Monica's approval of the program was intended to make the city more aligned to state and county practices. In September of 2000, then-Gov. Gray Davis signed the Safely Surrendered Law (SB 1368). Under it, a mother who does not want to keep a newborn baby can relinquish it to a fire station or hospital.

The purpose of the program is to provide parents with a last-resort option to ensure a child's safety. A similar program adopted in 2002 by the Los Angeles County Fire Department has led to the safe surrender of 34 newborns at fire stations and hospitals, officials said. Of those children, 11 have been surrendered at county fire stations, according to city staff.

During the same period, 31 newborns have been abandoned within the county, 24 of whom did not survive.

Davis said no one has yet utilized Santa Monica's program.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll Have:
★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ For many, this is a day to stop and consider the positives in your life. You might be a lot more grateful than you generally feel. Being thankful breeds positive happenings. Be willing to pitch in and do your share. Tonight: Don't do too much.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Others might be quiet or thoughtful, but you are jovial and full of energy. Be willing to pitch in and help a loved one who might be dragging. A conversation holds potentially excellent ideas. Tonight: Add mirth to your night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Staying close to home helps you feel good and that you have accomplished a lot. Let others seek you out. You might need to discuss a problem behind the scenes. You cannot sit on your feelings forever. Tonight: Let it happen at your place.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are willing to put in that extra effort to make situations work. Others notice your caring and thoughtfulness. A partner or friend does the unexpected — as usual. Learn to expect it. Tonight: Among your friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ By nature, you are generous and giving. However, when others demand that you buy certain items or do certain things, you could become downright rebellious. An older relative pushes very hard. Ouch! Tonight: Don't do anything you don't want to do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ With the Moon in your sign, you might have to do a lot more than you'd intended to in order to make this day work. Get advice from someone at a distance, or at least touch base with this person. You need to think of others right now. Tonight: A very interesting talk with someone you care about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might want to (and probably will) kick back and watch some football or get into another favorite pastime. A request from a partner must be responded to, if you care about this person. Talk and open doors. Tonight: Chat away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Wherever you are, whatever your plans, you appear to naturally enjoy yourself. Do not feel as if you have to do what a partner asks, although you might want to. Keep an eye on your spending. Tonight: Whoop it up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Once more, a lot might get tossed onto your plate; and, once more, you handle it all. Maybe if you'd flub up more often, you would have fewer burdens and a better time. Discuss this point with a dear friend or loved one. Tonight: Juggle ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Sometimes you might not see the big picture, but right now you do. Don't get caught up in petty details; instead, work with the total picture. Express greater spirituality. Talk about your feelings. Tonight: Share stories of other nights like this.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Working closely with others draws greater satisfaction and friendship. You might want to talk about a key friendship or desire when the moment is conducive to that type of sharing. Tonight: Make special time for a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others know what they want. The issue is whether you are willing to go along. You might express some harsh but appropriate words. A discussion needs to happen, but without anger; just share your feelings. Tonight: Take the easy path.

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Check mates



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The Santa Monica Police Activities League Youth Directors Council, in collaboration with SPA 5, present a check to the American Red Cross this past Monday for Hurricane Katrina relief. The teens raised the money through various community service projects at local events. From right to left: Andrea Arias, from SPA 5 Council; Sam Barr from PAL; Robert Chatman, emergency service director at the Santa Monica Red Cross; Paul Hynek, board member of the Santa Monica Red Cross; Monique Gutierrez from PAL; Luis Evangelista from PAL; Freddy Cruz from PAL and Melina Hernandez from PAL.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Laramie' makes its case at SMC

By Daily Press staff

A play chronicling the aftermath of Matthew Shepard's murder comes to Santa Monica College in December.

The SMC Theatre Arts Department is presenting "The Laramie Project," a work that chronicles and examines the aftermath of the tragic and brutal murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard outside Laramie, Wyo.

The theatrical piece by Moises Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project, will be presented Friday through Sunday, Dec. 2 to 11. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 p.m. and Sunday performances at 1 p.m. An additional matinee at 1 p.m. will be on Saturday, Dec. 10. Matthew Shepard Day is Dec. 1.

The play will be presented at the Hangar Stage, located at SMC's Airport Campus, 2800 Airport Ave., Santa Monica. Parking is free.

"The Laramie Project" chronicles life in Laramie in the year following the Oct. 7, 1998 Shepard murder, using actors each playing several roles to embody more than 60 different people, from rural ranchers to university professors.

The piece is based on interviews with townspeople by Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project, who made six trips to Laramie over the course of a year and a half, conducting more than 200 interviews. The result is a portrayal that dispels the simplistic media stereotypes and explores the depths of humanity and the heights of compassion. "The Laramie Project" also was made into an HBO film.

Tickets are $11 and $8 for students and senior citizens. Call (310) 434-4393.

SURF REPORT

Friday is when our next WNW swell is due. The angle should be ideal (280-290). Today's model run shows tighter periods than originally anticipated, with periods running 12-13 seconds. Look for chest- to shoulder-high surf from 285 degrees on Friday, increasing more on Saturday.

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Some local skaters recently have voiced frustrations over the limited weekday hours of operation at the new $550,000 skate park, the Cove, located at the corner of Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street. The park, typically open about two hours a day during the week, is not equipped with lighting, meaning skaters have to pack it up once the sun goes down.

City officials say they'd like to be able to give residents more access to the park but the current budget does not provide for the needed staffing.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, **"How can City Hall increase access for residents to the new skatepark without putting a strain on its budget?"**

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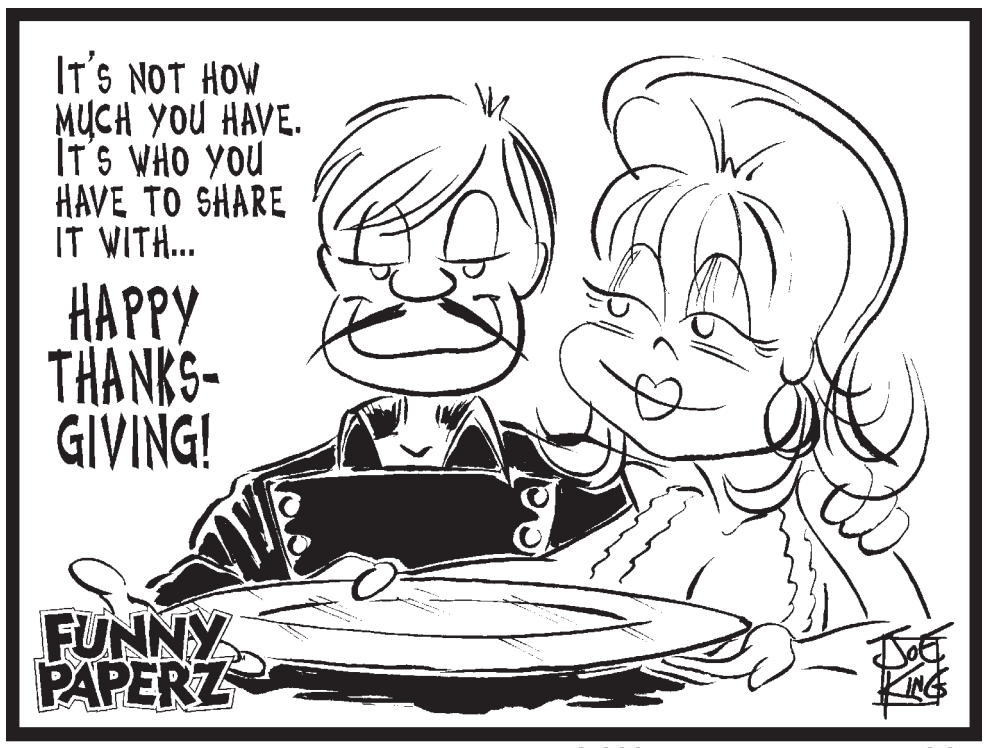
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OPINION



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What is freedom?

Editor:

One more giant step into hypocrisy.

President Bush has urged China to grant more personal freedom to its 1.3 billion citizens and further claimed that once the crack to freedom is opened, there is no turning back.

How do those words fit in with his imposition of the Patriot Act upon American citizens?

Flo Ginsburg
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GUEST COMMENTARY **BY LARRY KLAYMAN**

Woodward, Post owe apology to their readers

Bob Woodward is a fine reporter and the country owes him a great debt of gratitude for having exposed Watergate during the Nixon era. His work was an inspiration to me in founding Judicial Watch in 1994 to expose and prosecute government corruption. Indeed, I consulted with him during the famous Chinagate scandal during the Clinton White House years.

However, for him to tell his fellow national security reporter, Walter Pincus, to not report on his prior knowledge, leaked to him by the Bush White House, that Valerie Plame worked at the CIA, particularly in light of the ongoing investigation and indictment of Scooter Libby, was a breach of journalistic norms. Woodward, Pincus and the rest of the Washington Post's hierarchy should apologize to their readers and the American people. Much has apparently changed at the Post since Watergate.

While one cannot condone the harassment of reporters during this affair, which included the jailing of Judy Miller, then of the New York Times, it was news that Woodward was the first to have leaked to him the knowledge of Valerie Plame's CIA position.

And, while Judy Miller has unfortunately now lost her job over her allegedly not telling the Times all she knew about her involvement, Woodward gets a nod of support from the Post.

Woodward is a fantastic reporter, but this is a double standard which should be set straight and an apology issued. Miller also is a great reporter and she regrettably lost her job over what happened to her.

(Larry Klayman is the former head of Judicial Watch, a public advocacy law firm.)

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GUEST COMMENTARY **BY RENÉ RYMAN**

Job creation is just fine, as long as program pays

As many Americans are beginning to think about the upcoming season of celebration and holiday cheer, a large majority of us are preoccupied with thoughts about not only our own financial status, but that of the economic stability of the United States.

This concern begs the question as to whether or not the American public is really financially better off this year compared to previous years. May we quiet our fears about our family's future and truly indulge in a celebration that includes not only being grateful for what we have to be thankful for this year — but will our future be prosperous as well?

According to President Bush, we are on the path to a secure future. On Feb. 8, President Bush discussed the state of the U.S. economy with the Detroit Economic Club in Detroit where he claimed, "Pro-growth policies have helped to overcome a recession and helped make this country's economy the fastest growing of any major industrialized nation in the world."

As citizens and residents of the most powerful country in the world, we must decide how we measure economic growth? While the statement from our country's leader made at the beginning of this year is certainly full of hope and promise, a review of government information reveals other alarming issues that the American public must consider before they decide if we are achieving economic progress or not. Since 2001, the average median household income has increased less than 5 percent while unemployment, bankruptcies, and poverty rates have not returned to the lower rates the nation experienced in 2000.

Lowering unemployment and rebuilding the economy should continue to be a priority for our government leaders. However, without decent paying jobs after unemployment benefits run out, many will continue to reach poverty levels and become dependent on social welfare programs and/or be forced into bankruptcy. It can be argued that neither of these scenarios will help the economic recovery unless the focus of "job creation" shifts to "decent paying job creation." We may solve a lot of social problems with higher earnings for employees that will generate more tax revenue to build a stronger society. Jobs are needed, but job stability along with sufficient compensation is needed to secure our future.

(René Ryman is the author of the award winning book, "Health Careless: How America Sold Out On Health Care." Ryman is on the faculty at the University of Denver and president of Ryman Consulting, Inc. She is the founder of E-legislativeaction.com. E-mail her at rene_ryman@msn.com.)



Hollywood, BitTorrent agree on deal to help slay the pirates

BY GARY GENTILE
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood negotiated an agreement Tuesday with the creator of BitTorrent software, popular for downloading pirated movies over the Internet, in a deal aimed at reducing illegal traffic in online films.

The agreement requires 30-year-old software designer Bram Cohen to remove links to pirated versions of movies from his Web site, bittorrent.com, effectively frustrating people who search for illegal copies of films.

The agreement calls for BitTorrent to remove Web links leading to illegal content owned by the seven studios that are members of the Motion Picture Association of America.

"BitTorrent Inc. discourages the use of its technology for distributing films without a license to do so," Cohen said in the statement. "As such, we are pleased to work with the film industry to remove unauthorized content from bittorrent.com's search engine."

The deal will not prevent all illegal copies from being swapped using the BitTorrent technology. Cohen said during a press conference that even after links to files are removed from his search engine, some files could still be found using other means such as google.com.

The agreement means bittorrent.com will comply with procedures outlined in the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. Cohen's site will not prevent links to illegal files from being posted. But after a studio complains about the file, BitTorrent will notify the offending computer owner and remove the link from its search engine.

The agreement represents the latest effort by the entertainment industry to discourage illegal Internet downloads. It also demonstrates Cohen's sensitivity toward Hollywood's piracy problems, making him potentially more attractive to studios for future deals related to movie downloads.

Cohen said Tuesday he has been talking to studios about possible deals.

"We will have content distribution announcements in the future," he said.

MPAA Chief Executive Dan Glickman said he met with Cohen in July after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that studios could pursue claims against another service, Grokster. Glickman said his staff had been holding talks with Cohen even before that ruling to see "how we can work collaboratively and not be at each other's throats."

Glickman said his efforts, including Tuesday's announcement, would not stop piracy, but would send a signal to other technology companies that studios are eager to work on legal downloading alternatives.

"We want to make as many movies commercially available online as possible," Glickman said.

Cohen disclosed in September his company had raised $8.75 million in venture funding to develop commercial distribution tools for media companies.

The BitTorrent technology pioneered by Cohen — and used by an estimated 45 million people — assembles digital movies and other computer files from separate bits of data downloaded from other computer users across the Internet. Its decentralized nature makes downloading more efficient but also frustrates the entertainment industry's efforts to find and identify movie pirates.

The agreement with Cohen would not prevent determined Internet users from finding movies or other materials using tools or Web sites other than Cohen's, but it removes one of the most convenient methods people have used.



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Crustacean procrastination delays fishing season

BY TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The Dungeness crab fishing seasons in Oregon, Washington and Northern California were delayed by at least two weeks after tests indicated the crustaceans will not be ready to harvest, state wildlife officials said Tuesday.

The three fisheries were set to open Dec. 1, but officials in California, Oregon and Washington agreed not to open commercial fishing before Dec. 15 to allow time for the crabs to mature. State biologists planned to conduct more tests in early December to determine if further delays would be needed.

"We just don't want to bring crabs to market that are not ready," said Mitch Vance, shellfish project leader for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. "It's best just to wait."

The Central California fishery, which runs from Monterey County to Mendocino County, officially opened on Nov. 15, but the commercial harvest has been stalled because fishermen and processors haven't reached a deal on prices. The region's crabs are mature enough to harvest.

The larger Northern California fishery, which runs from Mendocino County to the Oregon border — along with fisheries in Oregon and Washington — will remain closed at least until mid-December.

Tests conducted in Northern California found that most crabs would meet state standards calling for meat to make up 25 percent of body mass by Dec. 1, but populations near Crescent City and the Oregon border would not be ready in time, said DFG marine biologist Peter Kalvass.

The delay "should be a benefit to everybody, both consumers and fishermen," Kalvass said. "The fishermen get a better price, and the consumers get a better product."

The postponement in Northern California's season could help resolve the price dispute that has deprived San Francisco Bay area residents of the crabs they have come to expect for Thanksgiving.

When the northern crabbing season is delayed, fishermen who haul crabs from the central fishery are required by California law to wait another 30 days before they can set traps in the northern fishery.

Crabbers from Eureka and Crescent City who came south to work the central fishery may decide to return home so they can fish the larger northern fishery as soon as it opens, Kalvass said. With fewer boats available to supply the market, the fishermen could gain leverage in negotiations with the processors.

Last season, 23.7 million pounds of crab were landed in California — the second largest catch on record — with 6.1 million pounds from Central California and 17.6 million pounds from Northern California, Kalvass said.

More than a week after the central fishery opened, fishermen have refused to head out to sea for less than $1.75 per pound — the price they received last year when fuel and bait costs were lower. But the region's largest processors have not made an offer above $1.65 per pound.

The fishermen don't plan to meet again to discuss catch prices until after Thanksgiving, said Larry Collins, vice president of the San Francisco Crab Boat Owners Association. Nearly all the crab boats in the region's three main ports — Bodega Bay, Half Moon Bay and San Francisco — remained tied to the docks Tuesday, he said.

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While the industry and many experts have touted fall as an exceptional time for planting, many of you out there remain unconvinced. I am not talking about waiting until after the last of the turkey is consumed at Thanksgiving dinner to plant your entire garden bed for next year, but certain plants do very well (actually better) planted in fall, so let's find out what garden planting can be done now to avoid clogging the planting schedule in spring and to establish your new plant BEFORE growing season begins.

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Snuff said: Ventura mulls smoking ban

By The Associated Press

VENTURA — Ventura may become the latest Southern California town to adopt a smoking ban in parks and beaches.

The City Council unanimously voted Monday in favor of drafting rules to ban smoking in city parks, city beaches, the Ventura Promenade and the city-controlled plaza.

The city staff will write an ordinance and return to the council early next year for ratification. If passed, the new ordinance would take effect 30 days after that vote.

Similar restrictions are imposed in Los Angeles, San Clemente and at least a dozen other beach communities. It would be a first for cities in Ventura County.

Complex completion gets big boost

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The school board approved an additional $132 million to complete a big downtown campus that has been stalled for years since it was discovered that the land sits on an earthquake fault and an old oil field that emits dangerous gases.

The Los Angeles Unified School District board's vote on Tuesday raised the total cost of the Belmont Learning Complex to $300 million.

The board agreed to give the contract to Hensel Phelps Construction Co., which offered the lowest bid but was $40 million higher than the district had originally estimated. Work on the site will begin in December, officials said.

Alleged gang members busted for girl's murder

By The Associated Press

SAN BERNARDINO — Two alleged gang members have been arrested in the slaying of an 11-year-old girl who was shot in an apartment where her family was about to eat dinner.

Shawn Lamont Davis, 18, and Patrick Lair, 27, were arrested during separate traffic stops in San Bernardino in recent days, police announced Tuesday.

Davis, a San Bernardino resident arrested Saturday night, faces charges of murder and attempted murder in the Nov. 13 shooting, which authorities believe was gang related. Mynesha Crenshaw died at a hospital of a gunshot wound to her chest after gunmen fired several rounds into the apartment, authorities said. Her sister, 14-year-old Jaynita McWilliams, suffered a broken arm.

Both girls were innocent bystanders, authorities said.

"The dead girl ... was standing in the living room," said Cheryl Kersey of the district attorney's gang prosecution unit. "And Jaynita was standing at the stove, heating up taco shells."

Several other children were inside the apartment at the time.

Women found dead by holiday visitors

By The Associated Press

SAN BERNARDINO — The bodies of two women — possibly a mother and daughter — were removed from a condominium on Wednesday after being found dead by relatives arriving for a Thanksgiving celebration.

The victims' names were withheld, but one woman was in her 40s and the other was in her 20s, officials said. Family members found them Tuesday afternoon.

"They have a very extensive crime scene," said sheriff's spokeswoman Cindy Beavers.

Officer shooting probes pick up the pace

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Investigations into officer shootings could move faster under measures approved by the Police Commission.

Measures approved Tuesday by the civilian panel might cut shooting probes — which can take a year a longer — by three months with the help of digital tape recorders, more assistance from civilian employees and increased focus on internal discipline inquiries. The recommendations, submitted to the panel by the Police Department's inspector general, were approved months after the February shooting death of 13-year-old Devin Brown. He was killed by an officer as he backed a stolen car toward a police cruiser.

Deputy Chief Michael Berkow, who oversees internal probes, expressed concern that an investigation's speed might compromise its accuracy. He also told the commission that authorities were handling a backlog of cases.

Canyon housing development causes divide

By The Associated Press

SANTA PAULA — Planning commissioners have approved a massive housing development for Fagan Canyon that opponents argue would increase air pollution and traffic hassles.

The project, approved Monday night, would build 2,155 homes along with accompanying parks and schools. The City Council will make a final decision Dec. 6. Developers say the houses would generate about $2 million annually in tax revenue for the city. But opponents argue the development is too large, and are attempting to put a measure on the ballot requiring voter approval for any project over 80 acres. The Centex project would be built on about 800 acres.

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Santa cruise



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Santa Claus was spotted strolling on the Third Street Promenade on Tuesday checking out local stores and holiday wares.

Student brought abandonment to fore

NEWBORNS, from page 1

A tragic case of newborn abandonment caused considerable controversy in October. Holly Ashcroft, a 21-year-old USC student, was charged with murder and child abuse after allegedly abandoning her newborn child, with umbilical cord still attached, next to a dumpster that was close to a popular student bar, according to news reports.

An initial autopsy indicated the infant didn't appear to be injured or abused at the time of abandonment.

The newborn was thought to be full term, according to news reports.

"(Ashcroft) could have brought it to a fire station or hospital, and the baby might have been OK," Davis said. "There is absolutely no reason to give up a child in an area where no one will find it."

Under the program, a mother has 72 hours to surrender her newborn after giving birth. Any SMFD station will treat the delivery as a paramedic call and conduct an emergency medical assessment of the child before delivering it to a hospital. A mother need only notify the station that she intends to leave the baby. They will ask a few questions to learn more about the baby's background and condition, but none of the mother's responses will be used against her.

Meanwhile, if the mother changes her mind and decides to keep the baby, she is given a ribbon, which the baby also wears, identifying mother and child so she can redeem it.

From the hospital, the child would eventually be taken into the custody of Child Protective Services or some other government sanctioned social service group, Davis said.

Representatives from "Safe Place for Newborns" — a nonprofit group which has been advocating the establishment of the safe surrender sites — said there is a sense of isolation among mothers and fathers who abandon a newborn child. The reluctant parents often report being in circumstances in which they believe they are alone. Living in that isolation, they are left to wrestle with problems that they are not psychologically or emotionally equipped to handle, according to the group.

Representatives from Planned Parenthood — a nonprofit group which often provides abortions for mothers who have an unwanted pregnancy — declined to comment on Santa Monica's newborn abandonment program.

Back for more stuffing



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Police Activities League Director Patricia Tazi (left) and Santa Monica Police Lt. Calisse Lindsey helped prepare complete turkey dinners for delivery to families throughout the city. The event was held at PAL this week and supported by the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club.

Over 2,000 served at last year's dinner

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quick trip to a local store, the man was wearing fresh socks and a new pair of sneakers.

Sporting his new shoes, the man broke into an improvised tap dance of delight.

Daryl Crowley said the reason her family spends Thanksgiving helping hundreds of strangers is simple: "It feels really good.

"I remember learning in college about altruism," Crowley said. "This is not altruistic 'cause it feels really good."

The Westside Thanksgiving celebration — initiated by some members of the Westside Vineyard Church in 1982 — now draws participants from local religious groups and is supported by businesses across the country.

Last year, 1,200 volunteers helped out and 2,100 people gobbled up turkey dinners. Donations allowed 200 people to leave with warm blankets and two tons of clothes that were distributed. Hair professionals, doctors and nurses also offered their services, giving haircuts to 280 people, immunizations to hundreds of children and free medical check ups.

This year, professional makeup artists will give makeovers, as well as the services that were offered last year, said longtime volunteer Lori McCreary.

Just three days before the big dinner, the donation goals hadn't been met yet. Volunteers were still waiting on hundreds of turkeys and cans of food.

But McCreary said it will work out.

"We have never run out of food," she said.

The volunteers pull through every year, bringing enough food for everyone, McCreary added.

Donations continued to pour in at the Civic Auditorium the day before Thanksgiving, as cans of green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy and other fixings were stacked high, not to mention the bars of soap, bottles of shampoo, clothing and other basic needs.

The Crowleys unloaded a batch of hygiene products Wednesday afternoon, after picking them up at St. Anne's Elementary School.

Crowley pitched the idea of involving local schools in the hygiene drive three years ago at an annual meeting at the Westside Vineyard Church, where preparations for the Thanksgiving dinner are discussed. This year, 15 schools got involved.

The Crowleys will deliver six pies and a cooked turkey to the Civic Auditorium today.

Most of the family will volunteer from early morning until evening, serving coffee, handing out hygiene bags, painting Thanksgiving-themed pictures on banner paper and playing with newly made friends.

Danny and his father, Dan Crowley, will arrive at 11 a.m. and stay a few hours. Danny hasn't reached the eight-year mark — the age at which he can volunteer without a parent by his side, according to Crowley tradition.

When the family reconvenes Thanksgiving evening — tired and dirty, but glowing from a giving spirit brought out — everybody has to pull together again for another round of cooking and baking.

After which, the family, relatives and, sometimes, new friends from the Civic Auditorium collectively enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

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Entrepreneurs stick it to beetles ruining forests

BY ANDREW SILVA
Associated Press Writer

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Eric Herkins sold his mountain home and lived in a tent so he could buy a tree skidder, a machine that can grab and haul logs. The 43-year-old took the bold gamble a few years ago when trees started dying by the thousands as the bark-beetle crisis raced across the San Bernardino Mountains.

"We saw a need," he said. "I bought a mill and was doing tree jobs before the full-blown beetle attack."

In the early days of the bark-beetle infestation, officials struggled to get rid of the tens of thousands of dead trees being cut down by an army of chain-saw-wielding workers who swarmed over the mountains.

It had been generations since timber was taken for profit from the San Bernardino National Forest, and there were few local businesses able to do anything with the logs and waste wood.

Instead of putting the wood to good use, officials were left with disposing of it any way they could, using powerful wood chippers, ultra-hot incinerators and simply dumping it in landfills.

Some trees were hauled to a lumber mill past Bakersfield. Some wood chips went to a power plant east of Indio.

But most of the wood was literally going to waste.

In December 2002, a few tons per day of wood waste were going into San Bernardino County landfills. As the crisis accelerated, county landfills were taking in 900 tons per day by August 2003.

Those spearheading the effort to rid the forest of dead trees lamented there was no place for the wood to go.

That has changed.

A cadre of companies and entrepreneurs is now using the timber for wood siding, log houses, table tops, large beams, mulch, energy production and even as stock for chain saw sculptures.

"We use every stick we can," said Robert Herkins, Eric's brother.

Robert, 40, gave up a job in the electronics industry and has taken about a one-third pay cut to join his brother in their West Coast Timber business. Much of the electronics work was heading overseas, and he had been offered a chance to move to China.

Since he was about to get married, he decided to stay and see if the brown dead trees could generate some green.

"I thought there might be a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow," he said. "For me, it's a severe career change."

With West Coast Timber operating at the former Santa's Village site on Highway 18 between Lake Arrowhead and Running Springs, the brothers estimate they have poured $700,000 to $800,000 into the business.

From two pieces of equipment 18 months ago, they now have two self-loading log haulers, a big-rig sleeper tractor, a Caterpillar front-loader, and other specialized tools.

They spent more than $90,000 for a machine that can turn a 40-foot-long, 27-inch-wide log into split firewood in about 90 seconds. On a good day they produce 35 cords of wood. A cord is a stack 4 feet wide, 4 feet high and 8 feet long.

"Weekends are spent delivering firewood," Robert said.

The Santa's Village parking lot resembles a yard someone might see in Northern California or Oregon. Stacks of logs sit to be sorted. Neat piles of split firewood cover a large area.

A portable mill, which takes the logs and turns them into usable lumber, sits off to the side.

The brothers don't do traditional lumber cuts, but have found niche uses for almost every part of the trees.

Pointing to a pile of branches, Robert said most would see that as waste. The brothers see it as rails for fences or banisters.

Eric describes himself as a recycling nut, and that includes the first slice off a log, called a flitch.

Flitches are prized by some woodworkers for tabletops or mantels. The brothers make custom beams for homes or wide boards for tables, among other products. Some people use the trees that have been cut down in their own yards for projects.

Processing and selling the wood helps supplement the money the brothers get for cutting trees under contract to the county and the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Directly across Highway 18, youthful entrepreneur Brad Bauder has expanded a tree and forest service business into a key drop-off point for waste wood.

He also saw the forest crisis as an opportunity, even if a relatively short-lived one.

"When we first saw what was happening, we bought a track-chipper," the 27-year-old Crestline resident said.

A track-chipper is an 83,000-pound machine that can creep along on its own, pull a 30-inch-diameter log into its maw and spit a stream of 2-inch chips out to 150 feet.

Unlike the Herkins brothers, the material Bauder grinds mostly goes to produce electricity, especially to the Colmac Energy plant in Mecca, east of Indio, which burns wood to produce electricity.

One contractor who sells the wood chips to landscapers said he has trouble now meeting demand.

Many of the bark-beetle-killed trees have been dead for so long that they're not good for milling into lumber.

Some logs are sent to companies that make wooden pallets, where low-quality wood is just fine.

"We try to salvage everything we can," said Mike Holmes, a regional manager for Alpha Services, an Idaho-based company that also sought to take advantage of the forest crisis.

His company mainly cuts tress under contract, and like the others, selling the wood products is a bonus.

"Hopefully, you make a few bucks off disposal," he said.

To help private businesses use the wood, the county created a 24-acre log deck next to Mountains Community Hospital in Lake Arrowhead.

A log deck is a wide flat area where logs can be sorted, cut or processed. Several operators are now using the area to move logs to markets.

But no one knows how long there will be a reliable supply of timber. Though the bark-beetle population is down, and trees aren't dying the way they were, there is still a tremendous amount of work to be done, officials warn.

Funding for the U.S. Forest Service to do forest-thinning projects is down to $5 million this year from a recent high of $30 million. Forest Service officials have long worried that once the immediate bark-beetle crisis subsides, the public and politicians won't be as willing to fund the long-term commitment needed to restore the forest to a healthy state.

And that means business people are hesitant to make big investments if the supply of raw material begins to slow.

Said Holmes, "We have to keep at it."

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Northwest Forest Plan gets serious challenge

BY GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — Environmental and government lawyers argued in federal court Tuesday about whether a recent change to the Northwest Forest Plan — one that eased logging restrictions — was properly arrived at and would provide adequate protections for trout and salmon.

The change was made in March 2004, when the Bush administration dropped wording from the forest plan that required certain projects to be evaluated for how they would affect their watershed before they could be approved. Environmental groups say that in making the change, the administration overruled the arguments of its own scientists to please the timber industry.

The result, Earthjustice lawyer Patti Goldman told U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Alice Theiler, is that "even in key watersheds, there are no standards that control logging or mining or roadbuilding or grazing or any other activities."

The industry had requested the change, arguing that loggers have not been allowed to cut as much as predicted under the Northwest Forest Plan — a 1994 compromise between environmentalists who sought to protect threatened species such as the spotted owl, and loggers who sought to protect their livelihoods. The compromise was brokered by the Clinton administration and controlled logging on 24 million acres of federal lands in Washington, Oregon and Northern California.

Tuesday's 3 1/2 hours of arguments focused on part of the forest plan known as the Aquatic Conservation Strategy, which set out criteria for protecting watersheds. The courts interpreted the criteria to mean that before approving logging, roadbuilding or other projects, federal agencies must find that each will either maintain or improve watershed quality as described by the Aquatic Conservation Strategy. The logging held up by failure to meet those criteria was on 4 million acres designated for logging under the forest plan.

In response, the Bush administration reworked the conservation strategy's language. While logging or roadbuilding that takes place in stream or lake corridors (known as "riparian reserves") is still restricted, now such work that takes place upland does not automatically have to clear any hurdles with regard to its effect on the watershed — even though such logging can affect erosion and water quality.

Previously, projects that did not help improve watersheds — such as by decommissioning more logging roads than they built — could not proceed. Following the change, federal agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management may or may not allow such projects to proceed, depending on their own discretion.

"The only check is the goodwill of the agencies," Goldman said.

Government lawyer Ruth Ann Lowery told the judge that it was difficult if not impossible for any project to meet the old standard, leading to unreasonable restraints on logging and other activity.

"The harvest of timber is a legitimate and longstanding goal of the Northwest Forest Plan," she said. "There's nothing wrong with the agencies trying to fix their plan to make it implementable."

The goals of the Aquatic Conservation Strategy remain intact, and the government will continue to strive to meet them, Lowery said.

Goldman urged the judge to set aside the change to the Aquatic Conservation Strategy on the grounds that it was not properly arrived at. The U.S. Agriculture and Interior departments did not consider dissenting scientific opinion, including that within their own ranks, or potential alternatives or the effect of the change on protected salmon and bull trout, she said. Government lawyers denied her assertions.

Scott Horngren, a lawyer representing timber organizations intervening in the case, noted that many standards for logging and roadbuilding in the affected areas remain in place, such as rules governing how stream crossings and culverts are built. The Northwest Forest Plan anticipated the logging of 1 billion board-feet of timber a year — down from 4.5 billion board-feet in the 1980s — but in actuality the figure averaged 570 million board-feet over the next seven years, he said.

Theiler plans to issue a report on the case and a recommendation for a ruling to U.S. District Judge Ricardo Martinez, but did not indicate when she would do so.





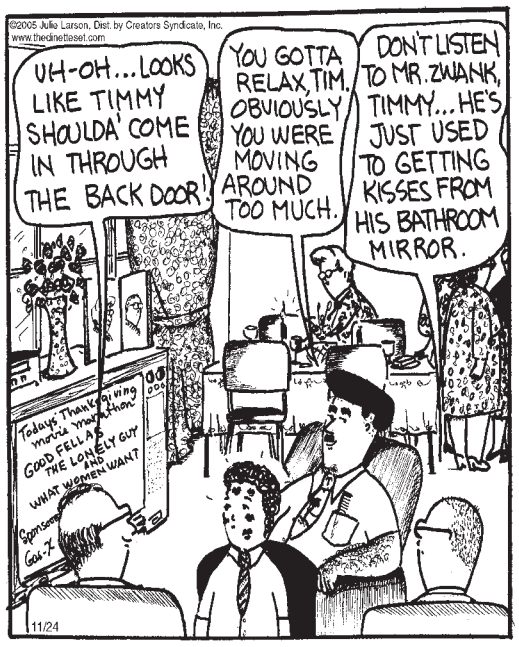






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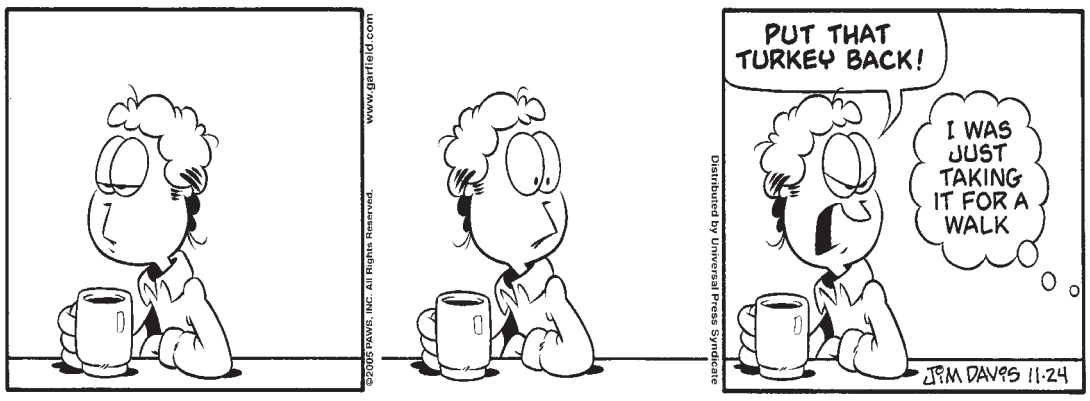


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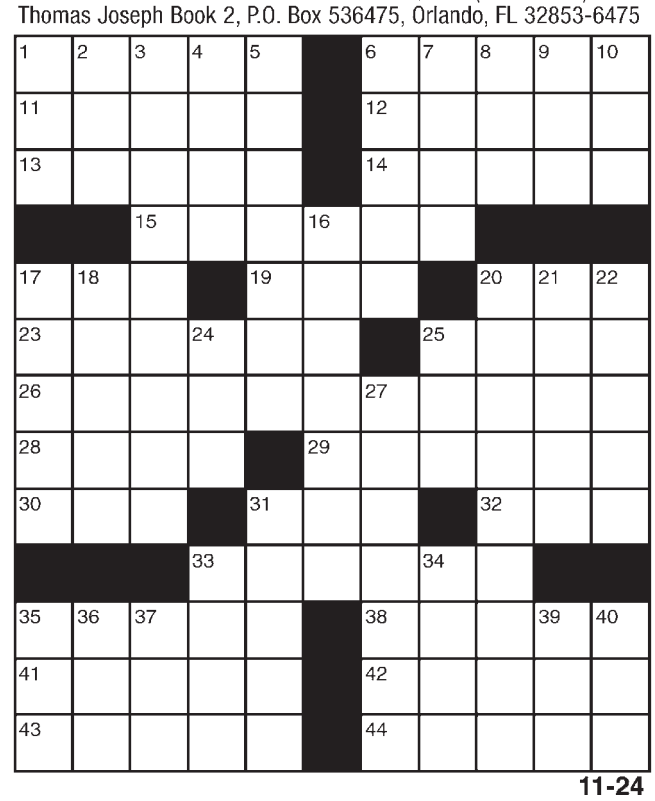
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Notice of Hearing on Petition Notice is given that on November 29, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. or as soon after that time as the matter may be heard, petitioner Ross Furukawa, will move for an order pursuant to Government Code §6008 adjudicating The Santa Monica Daily Press as a newspaper of general circulation for the County of Los Angeles. The hearing will be held in Department 64 of the Los Angeles Superior Court, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The Petition sets forth the following: 1. Petitioner, Ross Furukawa, is publisher of the newspaper known as The Santa Monica Daily Press, which is seeking adjudicated under Government Code §6008 as a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Santa Monica. 2. The Santa Monica Daily Press is published for the dissemination of local or telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character in the City of Santa Monica, California. The business address is 1427 Third St. Promenade, Suite 202, Santa Monica, CA 90401. 3. The Santa Monica Daily Press has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers, and substantial distribution to subscribers numbering 1023 in the City of Santa Monica and surrounding areas for a total weekly distribution of approximately 20,000. 4. For more than three years preceding the filing of the petition, the petitioning newspaper has been established under the name of The Santa Monica Daily Press, and has been so established and published, that is, issued and sold or distributed regularly each day in the City of Santa Monica and the surrounding areas. 5. During each of the three-year period preceding the filing of this petition, the newspaper has maintained a minimum coverage of local news and intelligence of a general character of not less than twenty-five percent of its total inches; it has a principal office of publication located in the City of Santa Monica, County of Los Angeles. WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that The Santa Monica Daily Press be adjudicated pursuant to Government Code §6008 as a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of California. DATED: November 5, 2005 Lisa Grace-Kellogg Attorney for Petitioner

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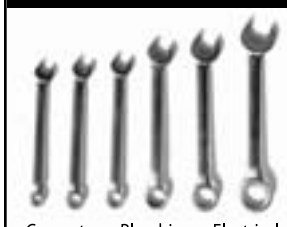
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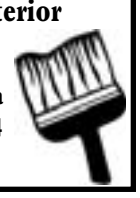
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