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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Tammy Jean Warner was charged in February with negligent homicide in the 2004 death of her husband, Michael, who suffered acute alcohol poisoning (0.47 blood-alcohol level) caused by having ingested three liters of sherry wine, allegedly provided by Tammy via enema. The Lake Jackson, Texas, widow told reporters that she was only trying to help Michael (who she said had been addicted to enemas since childhood) and that he also did enemas with coffee, "castile soap, Ivory soap. He had enema recipes. I'm sure that's the way he wanted to go out (die) because he loved his enemas."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 131st day of 2005.
There are 234 days left in the year.

Twenty years ago, on May 11, 1985, 55 people died when a flash fire swept a jam-packed soccer stadium in Bradford, England.

In 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

In 1904, surrealist artist Salvador Dali was born in Figueras, Spain.

In 1910, Glacier National Park in Montana was established.

In 1944, Allied forces launched a major offensive against German lines in Italy.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Whether women are better than men, I cannot say — but I can say they are certainly no worse."

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A swimmer eludes a sailboat that came aground in Playa del Rey on Monday evening. The boat broke loose from its moorings before drifting onto the beach, according to a sheriff's deputy. The registered owners are currently in Washington state. No one was aboard at the time.

Murder trial postponed until June

Rap sheet may offer homeless man an alibi

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA — A Santa Monica homeless man representing himself in a murder trial has had his case postponed until June 20 as the courts attempt to help him find documents that may show he had an alibi.

The trial against David Thomas Wright, charged with killing a 20-year-old woman in 1998, began in March and had lasted about three weeks before it was postponed indefinitely. Now, prosecutors say the trial will resume nearly three months since it started.

Wright, who is representing himself in Los Angeles Superior Court, requested in April that he be able to collect evidence that might prove his innocence.

A court-appointed investigator, working on behalf of Wright, was charged to find any documents that might help prove his innocence — such as records or

Labbe's murder had been classified as a "cold case" and remained unsolved for nearly four years until a sampling of Wright's DNA linked him in 2002 to the murder through the U.S. Department of Justice's database system.

receipts showing Wright was somewhere else when the murder occurred. The investigator was supposed to provide those records at an April 29 proceeding, but that information has yet to be provided to the court.

The murder trial began March 21 and lasted through April 7, just as Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney Ellen Aragon was prepared to make her closing arguments. Since then, the trial resumed and postponed on Friday, April 29, and most recently on May 9. The trial is set to resume June 20, when prosecutors hope to finally finish the proceedings.

As of May 9, the DA's office

had agreed to help Wright secure his evidence, which is expected to be discussed on June 20.

Wright was charged with murder for allegedly killing Aviva Labbe, who authorities found dead on June 14, 1998. Labbe was found lying face down in a walkway on the 200 block of Hill Street at a vacant Santa Monica home.

Labbe's murder had been classified as a "cold case" and remained unsolved for nearly four years until a sampling of Wright's DNA linked him in 2002 to the murder through the U.S. Department of Justice's database system, authori-

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SMC bolsters leader search

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC — Santa Monica College has taken a major step towards finding a permanent leader, approving a search committee to help the school locate a new president.

The SMC board of trustees on Monday unanimously approved the creation of a search committee to assist the community college in its presidential pursuit. The committee — to be comprised of students, faculty, classified and managerial employees and members of the public — will meet with a consultant on May 24 to begin discussing what qualities and attributes they'll seek in a new president.

SMC interim president Tom Donner was chosen by the board of trustees in December to serve this year as a temporary replacement for SMC president Dr. Piedad F. Robertson, who retired Jan. 31.

Robertson has accepted the chief executive position at the Denver-based Education Commission of the States.

The search committee will work with the Association of Community College Trustees — a national non-profit group hired to assist the college in its search for a new president — by developing a profile statement of the candidate desired. The ACCT will promote recruitment materials, identify prospective candidates throughout the nation, write background reports on top candidates and conduct reference checks.

The search committee will assist ACCT in the national search for candidates, selecting between three and five top choices who

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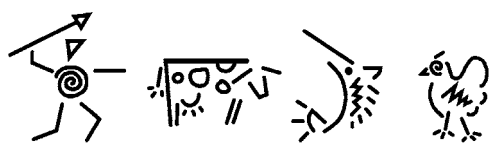
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★ You want more out of your life. It is your job to go after just that. Ask questions and get feedback. Plot and figure out a way to get what you want. Stay anchored and direct with family. Tonight: Mosey on home.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★ You might not realize the impact of a decision. You might be coming from a strong sense of security. Your family and domestic life need to take a greater priority. Make calls in the later afternoon. Meetings work. Tonight: Out and about.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★★ Your personality and wit zero in on what is important. Don't settle for anything less than what you want. You aren't spoiled, but you are demanding, even of yourself. Recognize your assets, and you'll gain. Tonight: Your treat.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★ Review the possibilities, and don't settle for anything less than what you want. You might need to change directions or plans. Know that it will be worth your while. Your energy rises this afternoon. Surely everyone sees you as a winner. Tonight: Just ask.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★ Use the morning hours, when you are favored. What happens is a direct result of your wit and intelligence. Still, after a big push, you might need or want to retreat. Take some time just for yourself — OK? Tonight: Do for you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★★ Your take-charge attitude puts you on top of the game. You cannot stop easily. You are like a train getting into motion. You could feel overwhelmed. Meetings and networking only add to your energy and power. Tonight: Find your pals.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★ Read between the lines. Perhaps what isn't being said is more important than what is. You laugh, and others join in. You set the pace in the afternoon. Assume responsibility when others refuse. Be aware of what you have to offer. Tonight: In the limelight.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★ Work with an associate, knowing that something better will follow. A brainstorming session tosses a new light on a difficult situation. You find answers where others don't. Loosen up and make an inquiry. You aren't committing yourself by asking a question. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★ Working with those in your immediate circle takes skill. You also might need to adapt and head in a new direction. Sometimes you are more controlling than you realize. Discussions reveal yet another perspective. Tonight: Choose a favorite person to be with.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★★ Dive into work, but don't rigidly defend a decision this morning. In fact, you could be wrong about the way you are pursuing a key activity or project. Allow others to not only make suggestions but to run the show. Tonight: Sort through your many invitations.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★ You are full of fun and naughtiness. Listen to ideas that seem to pop up, not only from your imagination but from others'. Funnel some of your creativity into your work. You might be surprised by what you achieve. Tonight: Up late.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★ You rev up slowly, but once you get going, you are in fifth gear. Can you be stopped? It is doubtful. You know what you want to achieve. Go for it. Your uncanny imagination plays a big role in your day's events. Tonight: Take a midweek break.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Love is a many splintered thing

By Daily Press staff

In the world of dating, do you want to test the waters to see if the grass really is greener? Here is your chance to do that while the world watches.

Are you starting to wonder if the person you are dating is right for you? Do your friends and family constantly tell you that you could do better? Would you love to find out if they're right or prove them wrong? MTV will hook you up with what it describes as two incredibly fun and romantic dates.

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Clean cars come to Santa Monica

By Daily Press staff

The automobile industry is seeing green and executives want to show off their visions this weekend.

KABC-AM Radio and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) will hold the first-ever "Clean Car Showcase" Sunday on the Third Street Promenade. Ford Motor Company's "green" cars will be on display and available for test drives by the public.

In this year of high fuel prices, KABC's event is designed to show off some of the environmentally-friendly options available to consumers. Fuel-efficient vehicles such as the Ford Escape Hybrid, the world's first hybrid SUV, will be available for consumer test drives.

The public also can drive or ride in the 2005 Ford Focus PZEV that ranks among the lowest emissions cars sold in California. Also on display will be a Ford Focus Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle (FCV), part of a test fleet that Ford is developing. Product experts will be on hand to offer information and answer questions about the state-of-the-art technology utilized in the vehicles.

The event will be held on Sunday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the corner of the Promenade and Wilshire Boulevard.

Bring your creativity to life

By Daily Press staff

Get creative this weekend.

"The Creativity Workshop" will be held on May 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is designed to bring an active and lived experience of visual art and writing to the general public, as well as to professionals. The arts are integrated in a body-mind approach to promote creativity on a lively and meaningful level.

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SURF REPORT

There will be some lingering, infrequent waist- to chest-high waves around south facing breaks, and the NW wind swell should continue as well with short, choppy, peaky set waves at times around west facing breaks. Expect highs in the mid 60s to lower 70s. West winds 15 to 20 mph.

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In outlining broad themes to be used to shape Santa Monica's land use and transit policies in the coming decades, city officials said future decisions should consider the need for the city to maintain a small-town feel. Some residents have said this goal fails to look at the city from a regional perspective and ignores the outside pressures of the Los Angeles area.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know,

"Should Santa Monica strive to maintain a small-town atmosphere and, if so, how can this be accomplished?"

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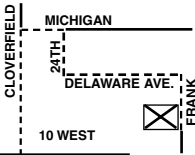
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Search committee will consist of 16 members

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will then be presented to the SMC board of trustees in either October or November. The trustees will then choose the new president from among the candidates presented. The search process is expected to last the remainder of the year, with a new president selected in the beginning of 2006.

The ACCT's fee will range from \$20,000 to \$25,000, plus expenses.

SMC trustee Nancy Greenstein said — half jokingly — that the incoming SMC president will have to be all things to all people.

"People are looking for the perfect person to lead us into the future, who is able to pull disparate groups on campus together," she said. "The person needs to have strong leadership skills, have a grasp of financial oversight, student outcomes, and be skilled at the administration of a higher education institution. People want someone who understands the system and is willing to learn and whose opinions and skills prove to be a problem solver."

The search committee will be comprised of 16 members, including three SMC classified employees, faculty members, managers and students, and four members of the community. The community members include former Santa Monica Mayor Judy Abdo, also a member of the SMC General Advisory Board; Dr.

Matt Dinolfo, a physician, GAB and Associates member who ran unsuccessfully for the Santa Monica City Council last November; Malibu City Councilwoman Sharon Barovsky; and Dr. Monika White, executive director of the Center for Healthy Aging, past president of the SMC Associates and current Associates board member.

If these candidates cannot serve on the search committee, the SMC board of trustees also agreed upon some replacements.

SMC trustee Susan Aminoff said the search committee is comprised of individuals and groups involved with the college.

"We have good representation of people who have demonstrable ties to the college who are also active in the city," Aminoff said.

The approval of the search committee comes three years into contract negotiations between campus union groups, which are nearing completion.

Giovanni Vela, president of Chapter 36 of the Classified School Employees Association, said it is important for the new president to treat all groups at SMC equally.

"I would think the most important quality as far as the relationship between classified, faculty and administration would be for the new president to treat everyone on the same level," Vela said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Personal growth and professional enhancement are the goals as participants discover a direct line to the creative muse in the mix of visual art, writing and movement. The expressive arts offer a vivid avenue for well-being and personal expression. Reduce stress and increase work and personal satisfaction by exploring the arts in a supportive setting. Rejuvenate yourself and witness the profound creativity within each participant.

Patrisha Thomson is the facilitator of the workshop. She has been teaching the work with Santa Monica College Community Services for more than 10 years. Her work is in public art, photography, and now, using these methods, she has developed stories with her art and writing.

Advanced registration is required for the workshop, which will be held near Wilshire and Lincoln boulevards. Call (310) 394-2945.



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LOCAL



Hiker falls to his death in Topanga State Park

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A 19-year-old hiker fell to his death in Topanga State Park.

The body of Dallas Mussell of suburban Woodland Hills was found Monday at the bottom of a rocky ravine. He fell about 200 feet.

"I don't know if we're going to be able to tell if he slipped or walked off the trail, or that something else happened," police Lt. Roger Deranian said, adding the death

was being investigated as an accident.

Mussell went hiking with three friends Sunday in the Santa Monica Mountains north of Palisades Highlands when they became separated east of Topanga Canyon, Police Officer Kristi Sandoval said. Mussell was reported missing Sunday afternoon.

"Apparently, they were trying to get to the waterfall up on the Santa Ynez Trail and the victim stayed behind for some reason. And when his friends got back, he was gone," Sandoval said.

Accused murderer given help gathering evidence

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ties said. Convicted felons are required to give a DNA sample, which puts them in the database for authorities to periodically check.

Wright, 49, was found in the California state prison system serving a six-year sentence for the battery of a Santa Monica police officer during an unrelated incident, according to authorities. In January of 2001, a jury found him guilty of battery, resisting arrest and failing to register himself as a sex offender.

If proven guilty of Labbe's murder by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Ruth Ann Kwan — who is trying the case at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center in downtown Los Angeles — Wright faces life in prison.

Sources close to the case haven't offered why Wright opted not to be represented by an attorney and to let a judge alone decide his case, especially since it's believed such circumstances would not work in his favor.

The DA's office is seeking to obtain Wright's complete criminal history, as well as subpoena two witnesses who have already given their testimony to the court. Wright has requested those witnesses return so they may be cross-examined. They include realtor David Lennartson, who first reported seeing Labbe's body, and Bonita Stewart, Wright's Department

of Corrections parole officer at the time of the murder.

Aragon said Wright may attempt to show, through his criminal history and the cross-examination of the two witnesses, that he may not have been the murderer.

Wright's former public defender, Leonard N. Garber, has been on "stand-by" during the trial, often shifting out of frustration in one of the juror's seats as Wright attempts to defend himself. Garber said he is Wright's legally appointed attorney through the California Bar Association who Wright fired last year, possibly for disagreeing with his decision to not have a jury trial.

Judge Kwan has been thorough in the trial and provided Wright with as many legal opportunities as possible to defend himself within the full spectrum of the law, sources said.

Wright was evaluated by three psychiatrists to determine whether he was competent to stand trial, let alone defend himself. Garber disagreed with the panel of psychiatrists, who found Wright competent.

Aragon said it is unusual for a trial to be postponed as often as Wright's, but she attributes it to the judge's desire to ensure the proceedings are fair.

"The judge wants to make sure Wright has a fair opportunity to present all of the evidence in the case," Aragon said.

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A newcomer’s perspective

Editor:

I am an 80-something newcomer to Santa Monica. I noted in today’s paper (SMDP, May 3, page 3) that the city was honoring a couple (the Bonpanes) for their “longtime humanitarian service” to Santa Monica, but the award was to be presented at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Why not in this city? Did their wonderful planning chief rule out the building of a suitable venue in Santa Monica? Is Beverly Hills a poshier address than Santa Monica? Maybe they don’t want strangers wandering around on our dimly lit streets at night.

Whatever the reason, isn’t it a pity that Santa Monicans are ashamed to honor their famous families in their home town?

Maybe, after I live here a little longer I’ll understand.

Andrew L. Byrnes, Jr.
Santa Monica

SMDP reader should become homeless liaison

Editor:

It is indeed a fortuitous day when the City Council approves the hiring of a “homeless liaison” (SMDP April 29, page 1). It is reported in the very same edition that a most astute letter writer speaks volumes on the subject with brevity, insight, compassion and good old common sense. The letter writer, Mr. Mark Sanderson (SMDP April 29, page 4), is hereby nominated by me, also a resident of Santa Monica for a number of years, as an applicant for the position, if he is available and willing to take it.

Knowing what the problem is and offering reasonable, sensible and compassionate solutions is paramount. The alternative is to hire a mealy-mouthed, no-nothing bureaucrat who will spend his or her “work days” flipping coins as to what to do and swilling booze or medicinals in consequential exasperation.

William Cook
Santa Monica

How corporations created homelessness in America

Editor:

Isn’t this the richest nation on earth? Doesn’t the big corporate media tell Americans we are the most humane country? How can so many Americans be left out on the cold street at night to suffer, without homes or shelter but with hunger, sickness and death in growing numbers year after year in a nation that preaches “justice and humane democracy?”

The answer is that homelessness serves as a tool of the “profit maximizers,” much like a cattle prod to keep working people working for the meagerist of wages and practically no benefits. “Profit maximizers” seek the maximum profit in the shortest period of time. This quarter’s earnings are basically all that count to an all shareholder “profit maximizer” board of directors. These boards of directors have complete control of our economy’s biggest corporations. These shareholder “profit maximizers” attack labor as though working people are simply line items on a profit and loss sheet.

During the 1960s and ’70s most goods were still produced in America. Labor unions had been able to obtain good wages and benefits for their workers through strikes and strong contract bargaining. Unions were plentiful, manufacturing was mostly unionized and workers were getting health insurance, retirement benefits and a living wage. Workers were able to afford vacations, homes and other middle-class amenities like sending their children to college for higher education so that they had a chance to rise above their parents blue-collar status.

Since America did virtually all its own manufacturing, which provided good union scale wages, existing households were more able to shelter their mentally and physically disabled family members. There were more jobs available to people with disabilities as well, but for those with more serious disabilities there were state and county Hospitals. These hospitals took on the full-time needs of the severely disabled, providing complete housing and care. As a result, in comparison to today, there were fewer disabled homeless people living on the street. Homelessness existed, but not to the large degree that exists today.

In the 1960s, there were leaders like Martin Luther King and John Kennedy who believed that everyone was important and that “we weren’t free until everyone was free” ... from poverty and racism. Civil Rights leaders were able to rally huge public demonstrations and marches that demanded equal treatment and justice for all races and groups in America. The nation’s people believed that social progress was lifting poor Americans up out of poverty and that a “new frontier” was at hand. Young people joined Kennedy’s Peace Corps and eagerly went overseas to help poor people abroad build better living conditions and improve their health. Strikes, peace demonstrations and protest rallies were constant popular democratic change agents of reform that linked people and groups together in mutual solidarity and support.

But then came the 1980s and the big business Republicans took over with Ronald Reagan. Under his two-term presidential reign, labor unions like the Air Traffic Control Workers Union were destroyed and workers had their wages and benefits rolled back. Reagan encouraged manufacturers to produce abroad and China (still a communist dictatorship) was given favorite nation trading status. Manufacturing unions began to disappear as their jobs were outsourced to China and other third

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Vocabulary primer
a must for politics



INCITES
BY ED SILVERSTEIN

Partisan politics has become ever more sophisticated. This makes it essential for the American voter to have a firm grasp of the political vernacular to better understand how they are being “represented” by their representatives. With this in mind, I offer the essential lexicon of political machination along with examples of their proper usage.

Machiavellian — Doctrine that states that any means, however treacherous, despotic, or dishonest, are justified when employed to achieve a political goal or to maintain a strong central government. Example: President Bush implying that there was a connection between Saddam Hussein and the 9/11 attacks in order to promote war; the use of the Swift boat commanders to discredit Sen. John Kerry and the whisper campaign implying John McCain’s adopted child, who has dark skin, was the result of an affair with a black prostitute, are all examples of Machiavellian schemes.

Gerrymander — To create an election district in such a manner as to give an unfair advantage to one political party. When Tom DeLay orchestrated the creation of new electoral districts in Texas, some connecting distant towns by strips of land barely an arm-length wide, for the sole purpose of giving Republicans five additional congressional seats, he was gerrymandering. (See Machiavellian).

Demagogue — A political leader who appeals to the passions and prejudices of the people for his own advancement. Bush bashing gays; Arnold Schwarzenegger praising the Minutemen, a vigilante group; and Bill Frist suggesting that AIDS can be transmitted in saliva and sweat, and that condoms do not help prevent the spread of sexually transmitted disease, are all cases of demagoguery. (See Machiavellian).

Specious — Appearing good or right at first sight, but not really so. As Jonathan Chait points out, the Wall Street Journal argued that taxes on the rich should not be raised because the highest earning .1 percent paid 5.06 percent of taxes in 1979, but were now paying 9.52 percent of our taxes. This was a specious argument because the Wall Street Journal neglected (see Machiavellian) to mention that in 1979 the richest .1 percent were only earning 3 percent of the country’s income and today they earn a whopping 10 percent. So, in fact, the rich are paying a far smaller percentage of their income in taxes and a smaller percentage of the nation’s taxes based on that income.

Orwellian — Of or relating to the works of George Orwell, especially his

picture of a future totalitarian state). Among Orwellian concepts are “Big Brother” in which the state is spying on you (the Patriot Act); “Newspeak,” a medium of expression for the world-view and mental habits proper to a particular ideology, but that make all other modes of thought impossible — the demonizing of the word, “liberal” and the assertion that you can not have faith and be a Democrat; “Doublethink,” 1) holding two diametrically opposed opinions, but absolutely believing them both to be true (Bush’s promoting the “culture of life” while destroying the environment, calling himself a “war president” and embracing fundamentalist religious groups whose greatest desire is Armageddon. 2) A name that implies one thing, when the reality is the opposite — Clear Skies Initiative that increases allowable pollution and the Healthy Forests Initiative, that calls for more logging. (See Machiavellian).

Pork Barrel — A bill or appropriation designed to provide states or localities with jobs, improvements or patronage with the ulterior purpose of winning favor with constituents. About half of any Republican-backed appropriations bill, such as \$2 billion in the highway bill earmarked to build tunnels in Alaska that will service only a few hundred people, is pork barrel spending. (See Machiavellian).

Propaganda — Purported news or facts spread to propagate a particular ideology or to influence public opinion. Fake news releases that used actors playing reporters that were produced by the White House to promote administration policies that were aired on news programs without a disclaimer, are clear cases of propaganda. (See Machiavellian).

Fair and balanced — 1) Unbiased and even-handed treatment of information. 2) The tagline for the Fox Cable News channel. (See Orwellian, Doublethink and Machiavellian). Breaking News: According to the fair and balanced PEW Research Center, the NY Times, LA Times, Washington Post and CNN are all more fair and balanced than Fox News.

Sycophant — Flatterer, parasite, toady. John Bolton, when kissing up to President Bush and Vice President Cheney, is a sniveling sycophant.

Tyrant — Someone who exercises authority in a tyrannical manner. John Bolton is a tyrant when he tries to have subordinates fired when they refuse to alter intelligence data to match his ideology. (See Machiavellian).

Bipartisan — Circumstance in which two political parties work towards a common goal. The only known instance of bipartisan behavior is when Democrats and Republicans negotiate congressional pay raises.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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world countries where dictatorship flourished and wages were less than \$3 a day. “Profit maximizers” were able to dump the unions and their workers for jobs they could now buy for pennies, with no benefits of any kind. The Republicans sponsored economic agreements like NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, which allowed American producers access to third world labor, which spelled doom for American factory workers. Plants closed at home and their workers were laid off permanently. As a result, whole communities died that had relied on manufacturing to support its citizens. Service jobs replaced manufacturing jobs. Then benefits, health care, overtime, vacation pay and 401Ks disappeared or were greatly lowered.

The “profit maximizers” were in profit dividend heaven.

To make matters worse, the federal government looked the other way and allowed millions of illegals to take jobs and dilute America’s labor market, so for American workers there was a greater demand for jobs and there was an employer demand for workers. Employers were able to avoid federal and state payroll taxes all together by hiring illegals under the table — below the minimum wage. When that occurred, American workers were forced to take any job they could get regardless of the pay or working conditions. This was a veritable “profit maximizers” dream come true. The “profit maximizers” could either ship work out of the country and pay no tariffs when importing those goods back into this country, or they could hire starving workers at home who were willing to take any job just in order to stay alive. And that’s where we are today. “Profit maximizers” hold all the cards, make all the profit and labor has no union, or no power to deal with the situation.

Government institutions that cared for mentally and physically disabled were dismantled in the 1980s and the disabled were basically tossed out on the street to suffer the harshness of homelessness.

The attack on labor and the attack on the disabled were a single attack on working people and their families by taking away any safety net lower working class people had. Homelessness threatens all working class people who lose their jobs for any reason, especially if they strike for better wages and benefits. If they lose their jobs, they too will fall into this gaping abyss created by the big business Republicans and Ronald Reagan.

The Democrats too are controlled by the money that an all shareholder/profit maximizer class dominates. Democrats too have to have that corporate financial sponsorship to fund an expensive electoral process. Democrats too must go along with the dictates of wealth over workers’ interests in order to fund their electoral needs. Money talks. Boards of directors controlled only by shareholder/profit maximizers talk only about immediate short-term profit. They have no time for workers’ strikes or benefits. They have no interest in protecting the environment or people’s health or rights. Their interest is only in their short-term profits and dividend earnings.

It used to be that the American economy prospered by making goods and services for the American peoples needs and enjoyment. Manufacturing concentrated on household goods and through mass sales to America’s middle- and working-class consumers. These companies made good profits. Workers prospered, as well as manufacturers through an economic loop that nurtured both the consumer and the seller. Today, many of the economy’s most profitable businesses is in military defense manufacturing. Fewer workers produce weapons that do nothing to support the middle- or working- classes. This year’s military budget is over half a trillion dollars. That money could be used to better society’s communities, i.e. schools, hospitals, parks and infrastructure. But by spending this money on war, only the “profit maximizers” are getting something and working people get nothing. This country built 100 B2 bombers at \$2 billion a piece. Bush is talking about spending a trillion dollars on an anti-missile system.

In other words, labor has been completely disenfranchised. Workers work for increasingly less and less, while military spending and deficit spending by the government goes higher and higher.

Now the shareholder/profit maximizers want to take it up a notch higher by dismantling Social Security and Medicare. Social Security is to poor people the essential lifeline between homelessness and having a bed to sleep in at night. If Bush is able to dismantle Social Security, then working people will have the cold hard street to sleep on in their old age.

Increasingly, homelessness is the result of having undercut labors’ check and balance with the shareholder/profit maximizer system through their union affiliation. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. The shareholder/profit maximizers now have all the power over labor. Homelessness has become a shareholder/profit maximizer’s weapon used to enforce low wages and no benefits for workers. Today we live under a cunning, polite form of fascism based on the propaganda of lies and deceit. Bush said that cutting taxes on the rich would not create a deficit because the tax cut would create more jobs and thus more taxes paid in. Today our government is in more debt than it’s ever been in the history of this nation. The jobs that do trickle down are low paying service industry jobs that workers can barely live on. And there is more homelessness today then since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

The answer is not violent revolution. The answer is “checks and balances.” Capital and labor must be valued equally. The boards of directors of all publicly owned corporations must elect their boards 50 percent from their employees and 50 percent from shareholder/profit maximizers. That way shareholder/profit maximizers have to share control with labor. That way their power would not be absolute and their ability to corrupt our economy would be held in check by the values of working people and their family and community interests. Homelessness would be addressed because

families, workers and average people want to create a society where people aren’t just left to die on the street. There is no benefit to labor to see people live homeless on the street. On the other hand, shareholder/profit maximizers use homelessness to intimidate workers into submission. This is corrupt and immoral. Workers need equal power with shareholder/profit maximizers to protect themselves and the homeless who have become the prisoners of war in a war against labor by the shareholder/profit maximizers’ complete control of big corporations.

The shareholder/profit maximizers aren’t inherently bad people. Their interests are simply unopposed. Even the shareholder/profit maximizers must sense the corruptness of their domination. They and their families must yearn for a society that is less harsh, where the gap between rich and poor does not cause continual violence and strife. Rich people aren’t inherently bad. It’s just a lopsided system that needs true democratic reform.

Today in Los Angeles County there are upwards of 100,000 people homeless on the street each night. That number has been growing every year since Ronald Reagan and the defeat of labor in the 1980s.

Roll the clock ahead another 20 years at this pace. If the U.S. hasn’t been bombed out of existence by countries it’s attacked or harmed, there will be more Americans left on the street to die in the cold.

There will be more Americans in prisons and fewer educated Americans.

Basically, a polite fascist government will reward its people with pseudo moralism and religious fundamentalism. Your reward will come in Heaven, just like the Jihadists who blow themselves up today. Your dignity will be in your patriotism. And so, labor will have devolved back to third world conditions and America’s working poor will be able, once again, to compete with any third world county on a wage basis.

Randy Walburger
Santa Monica

Get them off the streets

Editor:

I, too, am fed up with a problem that runs rampant in this beautiful city and seems to get worse day by day. It is clear that this guy Randy Walburger is obviously a homeless hater, but it’s well disguised as his social obligation of feeding homeless people. Does Randy hold down a job? Did he come from a wealthy family so his value system is totally different from people whose entire lives are represented by the “treasures” in their shopping carts.

As a human being, how productive is Randy other than writing articles “Give ‘em shelter” (SMDP, April 25, page 7)? Why would any working taxpayer need/chose/want to “give shelter” to people who don’t/can’t/won’t earn it for themselves? Working taxpayers shouldn’t carry this burden.

I agree that many of the homeless have physical and/or emotional problems, so what they could contribute is limited. But what about those who choose to live on the street because a long time ago, for whatever reason, they decided they made a career decision to get hand-outs from every agency possible. They have the mistaken idea that governmental agencies, no matter what level, owe it to them. These people need a kick in the rear or whatever else it takes, to get a job and become productive citizens. They need an incentive different than letting other people support them.

I like the suggestion of a survey that Mark Sanderson made (SMDP April 29, page 4). Randy would be a wonderful volunteer for that project. A lot of people would like to see those statistics. Then the way homeless people are viewed and assisted would change, hopefully for the better.

I think it’s important that no matter if we agree or disagree with Randy’s viewpoint and his work assisting the homeless people themselves, what do they need to make the necessary change in their lives to get off the streets permanently?

Obviously, every homeless person has different reason(s) why he/she ended up on the street, so I don’t think this problem can be solved with “one solution fits all.” Each case is different, so don’t forget these are people — humans, not just a file in a social service office.

Solutions are necessary, not money. If money solved the problem, there would be no homeless. More than \$2 million is a tremendous amount of money to spend on anything, especially if it doesn’t work and is non-productive.

Being a Santa Monica resident for more than 30 years, I’ve seen the problem firsthand because I see it everywhere, every day. When I see it, I think about it and wonder what could be done. I have a couple of suggestions:

■ Assign jobs to the homeless so they have a sense of pride and accomplishment. They feel necessary to making a good contribution to this city. When they feel pride, etc. they’ll want that feeling to continue, so hopefully they’ll be motivated to help themselves.

■ Assist them with life skills and job training with follow-through so they don’t fall through a crack in a sidewalk of our beautiful city.

■ The key is to motivate the homeless to help themselves. I think that a lot of them becoming homeless when they couldn’t provide for themselves. They got lost somewhere along the way, and were unable to find their way back. So they got stuck in a rut and their entire lives changed.

So Randy, will yo do the survey? Are you willing to do that to help the homeless?

Cheryl Erb
Santa Monica



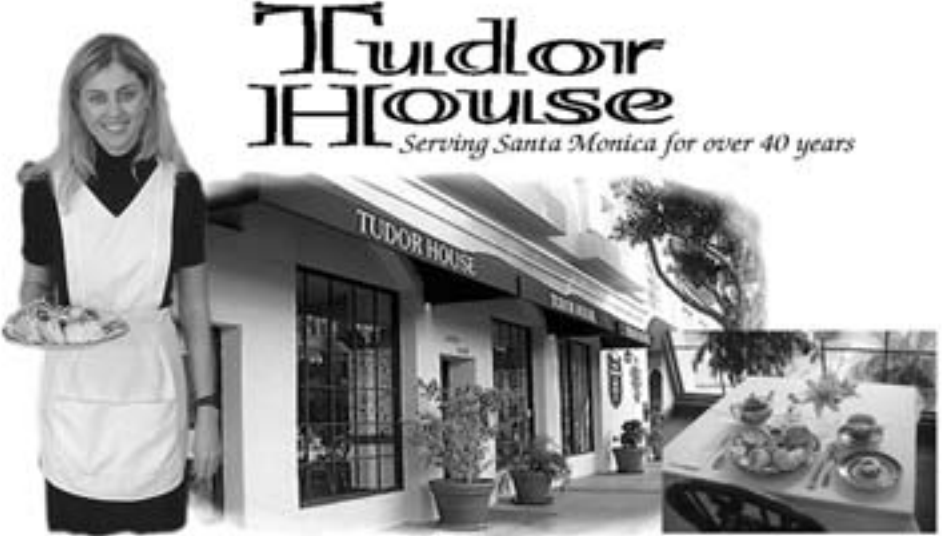
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STATE BRIEFS

Bra strangler sentenced to 25 years to life

By The Associated Press

VICTORVILLE — A woman was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for strangling a neighborhood friend with her bra.
Karen Denise Chades, 40, became enraged when she discovered Sesario “Rocky” Roque, 67, had one of her brassieres. She made the discovery after an evening of drinking and dancing during a garage party on Sept. 24, 2002.
Chades first attacked Roque with a broom, knocking out two of his teeth, then she strangled him with the bra, testimony showed.
Deputy District Attorney John Thomas told jurors it was a premeditated killing, but the defense argued Chades acted in self-defense after the victim tried to sexually assault her.
Chades was convicted of murder on June 8 and she was sentenced April 29.

Honda owners can breathe a tad easier

By The Associated Press

PERRIS — Thirteen stolen vehicles were recovered by a regional auto theft task force investigating a vehicle theft ring targeting Hondas and Acuras.
One man was arrested and at least three others have eluded capture, task force Sgt. Rob Thompson said Monday.
The Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail Task Force includes the Sheriff’s Department, California Highway Patrol, district attorney’s office and Riverside, Murrieta and Indio police departments.
The ring targeted Honda Accords and Acuras. The 13 recovered vehicles were in various stages of being stripped for parts, Thompson said.
“Hondas and Acuras are both made by Honda, and the parts are interchangeable,” the sergeant said. “The Hondas and Acura are primarily used in street racing, and most of the time, miscellaneous parts will be damaged. The parts are easy to piece out.”
Christopher Scott Bastion, 28, was arrested last month and he was sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty to four felony charges, including vehicle theft and drug possession. At least three other suspects are still being sought, Thompson said.

Workers are cut a major break

By The Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS — Los Robles Hospital & Medical Center agreed to pay \$4.75 million to settle an employee class-action lawsuit claiming more than 1,000 workers were owed pay for missed breaks and overtime.
The hospital, which reached an out-of-court agreement with its employees in December, will pay an average \$3,000-plus to each employee under terms of the settlement approved Monday by U.S. District Judge George H. King in Los Angeles.
"We’re satisfied,” employees’ attorney Della Bahan said. Hospital attorney Patricia Stambelos declined to comment.
More employees have been filing so-called “lunch-break lawsuits” in California since the state’s unique green law was enacted in 2000. It requires employers to pay a penalty of one hour’s pay for when required meal and rest breaks were missed.
Last week, a similar settlement was reached by Calabasas-based Countrywide Financial Corp. and 400 of its employees. Countrywide will pay \$30 million, or about \$50,000 per employee.
Other companies that have been sued under the relatively new California provision include the J. Jill Group, the Cheesecake Factory Inc., King’s Seafood Co., Bank of America Corp., Starbucks Corp., RiteAid Corp. and Wal-Mart.
The lawsuit against Los Robles and its parent company, Nashville, Tenn.-based HCA Inc., was filed by respiratory therapists Samer Abasi, Don Cogswell, Jo Krasowski and David Selvidge. It was certified class action status and Los Robles employees who worked for the hospital from Oct. 23, 1999, to July 31, 2004, are covered by the settlement.

Construction stops because government gives a hoot

By The Associated Press

SIMI VALLEY — Construction has been temporarily halted on the \$30 million Simi Valley Hospital’s Patient Care Tower because of a barn owl chick named Al.
It seems the federal government gives a hoot. While the species isn’t considered endangered, common barn owls are protected by federal officials and can be removed only after proper permits are obtained.
Al was discovered in a second-floor stairwell nest last week.
Turner Construction Co. officials said they hope to take the bird, named after an electrician on the project, to the Ojai Raptor Refuge, but it is uncertain when they will be able to do it.
Turner project manager Jason L. Maxwell said nesting boxes were built after the chick was discovered to encourage its parents and other barn owls to nest there rather than in their project.
“If I had known there were owls around here, I would have built them sooner,” Maxwell said.
Kimberly Stroud, director of the Ojai Raptor Center, said barn owls are known for nesting in out-of-the-way places, including hay trucks and recycling plants.

STATE



Corporate watchdogs fight scandal — and each other

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Fed up with his job as an investment banker, Greg Taxin was contemplating his next career move in late 2002 when corporate America's accounting scandals inspired an epiphany.

He decided to build an early warning system for investors, an independent research firm that would challenge boards of directors before problems caused a financial meltdown. Taxin's brainchild, Glass, Lewis & Co., positions itself as an analytical pitbull.

"I don't know that we can catch everything wrong, but even if we find just a few things, we can warn investors and help save the pensions of millions of people," said Taxin, chief executive officer of Glass Lewis.

The San Francisco-based firm's crusade has pitted it against Rockville, Md.-based Institutional Shareholder Services, a 20-year-old firm that held a virtual monopoly on proxy advisory services — the practice of offering shareholders recommendations on proxy votes and other governance issues. The rivalry has provoked some hard feelings and produced different perspectives on the issues that arise during the annual springtime rite of shareholder meetings.

"The competition has been good," said Brad Pacheco, a spokesman for the California Public Retirement System, one of the nation's largest institutional investors and a subscriber to both Glass Lewis and ISS. "It's nice to have a different opinion after having only one adviser around for so many years."

Proxy advisory services are in greater demand as institutional investors seek out corporate chicanery and ineffectual executives. Although the proxy advisers don't deal with individual investors directly, their guidance affects individuals because most managers at the nation's largest mutual funds and public pension funds subscribe to the services.

The field became even more crowded late last year when former Securities and Exchange Commissioner Steve Wallman launched a service called Proxy Governance. The Vienna, Va.-based firm's biggest customer so far is the Business Roundtable, a group that represents the interests of corporate CEOs.

With 130 research analysts who follow 28,000 companies worldwide, ISS remains far larger than Glass Lewis, which has 70 analysts tracking about 8,000 companies. ISS says 1,200 institutional investors, with a whopping \$23 trillion in assets, subscribe to its services. Glass Lewis clients control about \$8 trillion in assets.

The recommendations of ISS and Glass Lewis often mirror each other, but when they take opposite views, it can prod money managers to make bold moves.

For instance, Glass Lewis smelled something rotten at Fannie Mae six months before securities regulators cracked down on the nation's largest buyer of home mortgages last year. It advised major shareholders to oppose the re-election of six company directors and the company's auditor, KPMG. ISS sided with Fannie Mae's leadership and endorsed the re-election of all 13 company directors, as well as KPMG.

More than 90 percent of Fannie Mae's shareholders followed ISS's recommendations, but Glass Lewis' prin-

cipals felt vindicated late last year when the Securities and Exchange Commission ordered Fannie Mae to correct \$9 billion in financial misstatements dating back to 2001.

"We dig deeper than anyone else out there," Taxin said. "We do all the mundane and arcane analysis that no one else wants to do."

ISS, formed in 1985 by corporate governance pioneer Robert Monks, believes its 95 percent customer renewal rate demonstrates its ongoing value to shareholders.

"We don't have take a willy-nilly approach to any of the issues we analyze," said Patrick McGurn, an ISS executive vice president.

Taxin sneers at his larger rival, describing ISS as a deeply conflicted firm that has grown "weak and shabby" in its analysis.

The strident criticism bothers ISS, but the firm's principals so far have held their tongues, other than to suggest Glass Lewis is hungry for headlines.

"We like competition," McGurn said. "It forces you to perform at the top of your game."

ISS has been criticized by some of the companies it monitors for a perceived conflict of interest.

As part of its analysis, ISS grades how well a company is set up to protect shareholder interests. The firm shares this "Corporate Governance Quotient" with investors, but also sells a service that informs companies how to improve their scores.

The consulting arrangements have aroused suspicions that companies paying ISS tend to get better scores, but ISS says it has set up strong firewalls to avoid conflicts.

"There is no pay for play here," McGurn said.

ISS and Glass Lewis do have something in common: both firms have rankled stock market icon Warren Buffett. They have questioned his independence as a director of Coca-Cola Co. because Buffett-run Berkshire Hathaway Inc. owns two companies, McLane Co. and International Dairy Queen, that buy Coca-Cola products.

"Assuming I'm even marginally rational, elementary arithmetic should make it clear that my heart and mind belong to the owners of Coke, not to its management," Buffett wrote in his 2005 letter to Berkshire shareholders.

Taxin stands by his firm's conclusions.

"We are not trying to be popular with the CEO crowd," he said. "We aim to protect investors from risk, whether it is popular with the powerful or not."

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Real estate titan much more than a developer



DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

The richest man in American real estate is 72-year-old Newport Beach resident Donald Bren. This self-made millionaire with a net worth of \$4.3 billion has been described by Forbes as "America's richest landlord." He also is one of real estate's great philanthropists.

Bren is chairman of The Irvine Co., a privately held real estate investment firm best known for the balanced, sustainable, quality communities it has created on The Irvine Ranch in Orange County.

The son of a movie producer, a former Marine, and a graduate of the University of Washington, Bren began his real estate career in 1958 with a \$10,000 loan to build his first house. This exponentially grew into a home-building company, which he sold to International Paper for \$34 million in 1970. Bren bought into the Irvine Ranch in 1977 with Al Taubman, Herb Allen and Max Fisher for \$337 million.

As the Irvine Co., they developed and planned communities that cover 200 square miles of Orange County. He quietly purchased stock in the company, becoming the majority shareholder in 1983 and the sole shareholder 1996. He expanded upon the empire by taking the apartment portion public as REIT and buying it back at a 21 percent premium.

Its 93,000 acres stretch from the Pacific Ocean 22 miles inland to the Cleveland National Forest. Finished plots on the 93,000-acre tract go for more than \$1 million an acre. Also included in the vast complex are 400 office buildings, 35 shopping centers, 80 apartment complexes and two luxury hotels.

"My dream is that The Irvine Ranch will be known and celebrated as much for what is not developed here — the sweeping expanse of beautiful and valuable open space — as it is for the outstanding communities we've planned and built, offering an unparalleled quality of life," Bren noted.

Bren is a very likable billionaire because his scope goes beyond capitalism. A noted environmentalist, in 2001 Bren has donated more than 50,000 acres of the Irvine Ranch to be used as open space and recreation, and to preserve the Orange County ecosystem. Bren also committed \$30 million for the long-term management, preservation and restoration of the natural resources on the Irvine Ranch Land Reserve, and increased public access to the lands.

A 2001 Los Angeles Times editorial noted, "The breathtaking scope of the holiday season land gift, and the renunciation of development opportunities that have accompanied it, has raised the bar for large landowners — not just locally — but everywhere, on balancing growth with wildlife habitat and open space preservation."

Education is the other philanthropic

project for Bren. According to his Web site, www.DonaldBren.com, "Over the last 20 years, The Irvine Company and the Donald Bren Foundation collectively have committed approximately \$66 million to enhance local K-12 education."

His charitable impact is truly felt at the state university level. Bren is on the record books as contributing more to support endowed chairs than any other single donor in the history of the University of California school system. Privately and through his foundations, he has given more than \$60 million to support faculty and programs. In 2004, UC awarded him its highest honor, the University of California Presidential Medal.

"For well over two decades, Mr. Bren's focus on the creation of endowment funds to support faculty chairs has helped bring to the University of California some of the best researchers and scholars in the nation and the world. His passionate philanthropy and commitment to education excellence have helped strengthen the university," noted UC President Robert Dynes in June 2004.

UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara have been the two schools to receive the most significant gifts. In 2003, Bren donated \$20 million to the School of Information and Computer Sciences at UC Irvine. The school now bears his name. He also has made major gifts to support the Claire Trevor School of the Arts, Bren Events Center, the Graduate School of Management and the Beckman Laser Institute.

Up at UCSB, Bren gave an initial donation of \$20 million to establish the Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, a graduate studies program dedicated to the prevention and solution of environmental problems.

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The total cost of the building was \$26 million. Building in a sustainable manner with sustainable materials added only 2 percent to the overall costs, which will easily be recouped by the energy savings over time.

The following year, the UC Regents adopted a green building policy for all of its 10 campuses, and in November of that year UCSB committed to construct all new buildings to environmentally sustainable levels. Bren Hall is being used as a model for facilities and operations.

"This additional commitment to the Bren School at UC Santa Barbara will help attract and retain the very best professors in this critically important field," Bren has noted. His goal is for the school is to "firmly establish itself as the most important center anywhere for teaching and research in environmental science and management."

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There may be cash before flipping property



IN YOUR SPACE

BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

A positive cash flow is the ultimate reason for investing in commercial real estate. Unfortunately, the prices investors are paying for properties today require them to defer any significant return on their investment — sometimes even accepting a negative cash flow — by waiting to “flip” the property in hopes that the appreciation will bring a substantial return on their initial cash investment.

A significant return on the cash invested in a property on a monthly or annual basis during the holding period is becoming more difficult to achieve. However, there is some talk among people who know that higher interest rates and an expanding economy may change that — in favor of the investor. It manifests in the form of higher capitalization rates, which is the ratio of the purchase price to the annual net operating income.

Analyzing an investment property is initially done on a before-tax basis, which helps with assigning a competitive price to an asset by allowing for an even playing

field — the after-tax cash flow is unique to each investor depending on their particular tax bracket. However, there is a way to increase after-tax cash flow across the board.

Cost segregation is an increasingly popular form of asset depreciation. It’s unique compared to the standard straight line depreciation because it is used for parts of a property that, from a tax standpoint, are usually incorporated into the building and therefore automatically included in the 39 year straight line depreciation, or 27 1/2 years for residential income properties. In reality, a property owner is allowed to divide the building into components and depreciate each one separately, some of which are most likely eligible to be assigned a shorter tax life, allowing for larger depreciation amounts sooner and effectively increasing your immediate cash flow.

Another considerable advantage to cost segregation is that by separately depreciating each component of a building — even if it is over the same time period — allows a property owner to more quickly and easily write off the cost of a component of the building that has failed.

A taxpayer can use cost segregation when constructing a building, buying an existing one and sometimes even years after owning or selling one, depending on the date of disposition. When using cost segregation, a property owner must distinguish between parts of a property that are considered “real property” and “tangible personal property,” the latter of which usually affords a much shorter tax life. This is the area that causes the problems. The ability to distinguish between tangible personal property and a building made up of its structural components is an area of great controversy.

The best place to seek assistance in making these distinctions is the Internal Revenue Code because it defines tangible personal property as all property “except land and improvements there to, such as building or other inherently permanent structures and all property which is contained in or attached to a building.” The code delineates structural components as “any property that relates to the operation or maintenance of a building,” and includes, by way of example, parts of a building (walls, floors and ceilings), as well as any permanent coverings (paneling, windows and doors); components of a central air conditioning or heating system (motors, pipes and ducts); plumbing and fixtures (sinks and bathtubs); electrical wiring and lighting fixtures, stairs and elevators and sprinkler systems.

In an article written by Jay Soled and Charles Falk, “Cost Segregation Applied,” the authors write that in deciding a case the tax court came up with the following

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questions that, when answered, would qualify an asset as “tangible personal property” or a “structural component.”

- * Can the property be moved? Has it been moved? For example, a shed with a concrete floor versus a shed with a wooden floor.
- * How difficult is removal of the property, and how time-consuming is it? For example, a wine cellar versus a prefabricated photo-processing lab.
- * Is the property designed or constructed to remain permanently in place? For example, a wooden barn versus a wire chicken coop.
- * Are there circumstances that tend to show the expected or intended length of affixation — or that the property may or will have to be moved? For example, permanent concrete pilings versus floating docks that can be removed in the winter.
- * How much damage will the property sustain upon its removal? For example, a steel-encased bank vault versus an easily removable lighting system attached by bolts.
- * How is the property affixed to the land? For example, permanently glued bathroom tile versus removable billboard.

The recent tax acts involving bonus depreciation have made cost segregation more valuable, but there are downsides. The most significant challenge seems to be the cost of an engineering study to identify the types of assets and whether they are personal property or structural components, which can be prohibitive. All of this must be discussed with your tax professional prior to making a decision to employ this form of depreciation.

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Aargh! Score one for the potential pirates

BY TED BRIDIS

AP Technology Writer

WASHINGTON — People buying the next generation of digital televisions will be able to record and then watch their favorite shows later, after all.

A federal appeals court last week threw out government rules requiring built-in, anti-piracy technology to let broadcasters and studios prevent digital shows from being copied.

The three-judge panel for the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia said the Federal Communications Commission had exceeded its authority in requiring such technology in digital televisions and consumer devices sold after July 1.

"This opens up the future for consumers to have more wide-ranging video experiences," said Art Brodsky, a spokesman for Washington-based Public Knowledge, a consumers group. "They will be able to take advantage of new products and features that won't be dictated to them by the entertainment industry."

Congress may get the last word. The appeals court panel said lawmakers could change the law to require the anti-copying technology on new products. An aggressive lobbying effort by entertainment companies is already anticipated.

"People will cry to Congress," said Gary Shapiro, head of the Consumer Electronics Association, the trade group for device-makers.

The court's decision illustrates the complexity of applying copyright laws to forthcoming technology. The ruling narrowly hinged on whether the FCC under a 1934 law could regulate new digital TV and video-playback devices once the programs they receive are already in the home.

The court said the FCC's arguments that it had such authority were "strained and implausible."

Consumer groups and library associations challenged the new rules after they were announced in 2003. Their

lawyers complained that the FCC requirement would drive up prices of digital television devices and prevent consumers from recording and viewing programs in ways permitted under copyright laws.

The appeals court panel said there is a "substantial probability" the anti-copying technology would interfere with libraries legally transmitting clips of television broadcasts over the Internet for educational purposes.

The technology, known as the broadcast flag, would have been required after July 1 for televisions equipped to receive new digital signals, many personal computers and VCR-type recording devices. It would permit entertainment companies to designate, or flag, programs to prevent viewers from copying shows or distributing them online.

Most digital TV sets and recording devices already accommodate the anti-copying technology, so the court's decision will have little immediate effect. Major television manufacturers design their products up to 18 months before they hit retail stores and have been preparing for the upcoming July deadline.

Some manufacturers, however, could choose to market TVs, computers and VCRs as unrestricted.

"Courts are right to be wary when government institutions seek to regulate the specific features and functions of safe, useful consumer technology," said Shapiro.

His trade group did not challenge the FCC rules in court because some member companies agreed with the requirement. Shapiro said he was "personally gratified the court took a narrow view over how government can regulate products."

Entertainment companies said the technology was needed to block viewers from recording high-quality, digital versions of television shows and films and distributing them free online. The Motion Picture Association of America and the National Association of

Broadcasters warned that companies may choose not to air their best programs over local television if the shows couldn't be protected.

"If the broadcast flag cannot be used, program providers will have to weigh whether the risk of theft is too great over free, off-air broadcasting and could limit such high quality programming to only cable, satellite and other more secure delivery systems," said Dan Glickman, MPAA's chief executive.

The FCC acknowledged it had never before tried to impose regulations affecting television broadcasts after such programs are beamed into households. But it maintained that it was permitted to do so under the 1934 Federal Communications Act since Congress didn't explicitly tell the commission not to do it.

"We categorically reject that suggestion," the appeals panel said.

There were clear signals for Friday's ruling.

During earlier courtroom arguments, U.S. Circuit Judge Harry T. Edwards told the FCC's lawyer the agency had "crossed the line" by requiring the new anti-piracy technology for next-generation television devices and rhetorically asked whether the FCC also intended to regulate household appliances.

"You've gone too far," Edwards said. "Are washing machines next?"

Group aiding border crossers warning them to stay at home

By The Associated Press

PHOENIX — A group that maintains water stations for illegal immigrants crossing the desert plans to distribute maps in Mexico warning about the dangers of crossing the border.

Humane Borders plans to post about 100 maps in Altar, Mexico, a popular staging area for immigrants planning on crossing illegally into the United States. The maps will show the locations of water stations, recent deaths and U.S. Border Patrol rescue beacons, said the Rev. Robin Hoover, president of Humane Borders.

The maps include a warning: "Don't go! There's not enough water!"

But critics said the maps could give illegal immigrants a false sense of security.

"We know for a fact smugglers are exploiting that, telling people there's plenty of water, encouraging people to enter in that area, and it really works against us in our deterrence mission," said Michael Nicley, head of the Border Patrol's Tucson sector. "However, I don't have any problems giving a thirsty person water or a hungry person food."

Hoover said the maps warn immigrants what they are

getting into.

"That's the goal; to inform these people of the dangers," he said.

But state Rep. Russell Pearce, an outspoken advocate for more deterrence measures against migrants, said Humane Borders is laying out a road map to aid illegal border crossers.

"It may sound humanitarian, but the reality is they simply are promoting illegal activity," the Mesa Republican said. "It's a little disappointing."

Others, however, have praised the efforts of Humane Borders. The group has erected and maintained more than 70 water stations on the U.S. side of the border in an effort to reduce the number of desert deaths.

Changes in U.S. border policy in the 1990s forced a growing number of immigrants into the harsh Arizona desert, which has become the nation's busiest spot for illegal border crossings.

"Humane Borders is trying to do what is humanly possible to save lives," said Elias Bermudez, executive director of Phoenix-based Centro de Ayuda. "It is so absurd to think that an organization that is doing things to save lives is encouraging them to come here. People are coming here because there are jobs for them."

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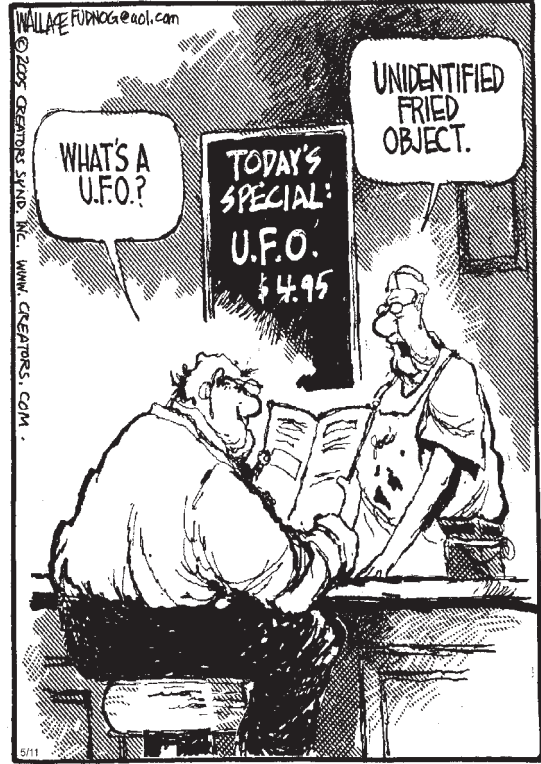


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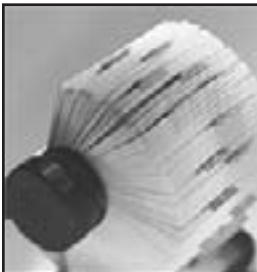
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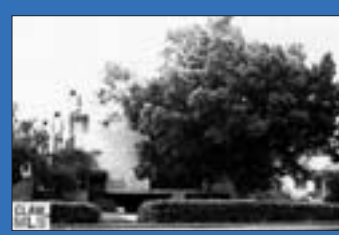
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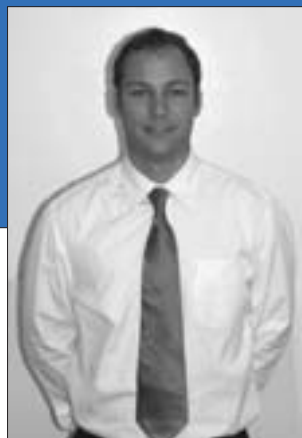
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