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Examine what you want during this highly volatile year. Just when you believe everything is out of control, you discover that things are quite the contrary. Be willing to walk into the middle of chaos. You have a unique ability to center and detach from your immediate surroundings. The issues will be how much to give and when not to give. You need to establish boundaries in your personal relationships as well as at work. Your popularity soars, but don't expect everyone to say what you want to hear. Through logic and luck, you have the ability to achieve your goals. You start a new luck cycle this year. Do it well. If you are single, you will encounter someone quite special close to the holidays or late spring. Could this be The One? Only you can determine that. If you are attached, the two of you often might engage in a tug of war. Don't get into power plays. Opt for peace. Be generous of spirit. PISCES can challenge you.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Though at points during your day you might want to duck, you once more discover that all's well that ends well. The Full Moon emphasizes extremes. You could experience a great deal of emotional complexity in your work. Tonight: A talk releases stress.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You might really wonder what is happening at the moment. If you have an instinct to vanish, stay. You'll discover just how interesting events can be if you hang in there. Tonight: Let another make the first gesture.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Someone lets you know just what he or she expects concerning your work performance. Though you might want to say "hit the road," sticking it out and demonstrating your innate endurance could actually work. Tonight: Detach and have a long-overdue talk.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Facts presented right now might be quite disturbing but not unmanageable, as you will see. Juggle phone calls with live appearances as you seek out someone's expertise. Confusion could earmark this Full Moon. Tonight: Swap war stories.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You could be amazed by what heads down your path. Verify and consider financial information that comes in your direction. An associate thinks he or she has the facts. The Full Moon blurs reality. Tonight: Talk and listen, but no risks, please.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Examine what might be going on, especially if you think that others are being unduly difficult. The more you can pull back during this Full Moon, the better the end results will be. Forgive others' whimsy or attitude. All's well that ends well. Tonight: Discuss today calmly.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Emphasize work and performance as you jump over a hurdle or two. Avoid taking risks and making judgments. The more you don't get involved in the present chaos, the better the results. Once the storm dies, have a long-overdue talk. Tonight: Boy, do you need a good night's sleep.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might want to shelter your checkbook from present aspects. Consider various ideas, but don't commit until the day is long gone. A relationship might be like a pendulum, and you might not be able to change it. Tonight: Let off some steam.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Your immediate reaction to the happenings could be automatic. Stop. Your best bet is to duck and deal with each issue as reasonably as you can. Avoid being controlling. Avoid being a player. You will be a lot happier. Tonight: Talk to an older relative or a superior.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Reach out for those around you, or, more likely, they will come flying toward you seeking advice, solace or whatever fits the bill. Your perspective helps weed through the fog and allows others to relax. Tonight: Sort through today's events.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others might not be putting their cards on the table, and if they are, you might not like the implications. Do remember that nothing is written in stone and that you can afford to flex with various situations. Tonight: Spend quality time with a favorite person.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your smile, though frequently an asset, could backfire and be misread. Visualize more of what you want, but avoid pushing back, as others seem to be reactive. Once the Full Moon passes, you can have a reasonable conversation. Tonight: Enjoy every moment.

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Norwegian Faire is coming

By Daily Press staff

Norwegians from all over Santa Monica will converge on the 25th annual Norwegian Faire, Sons of Norway this Saturday.

The event, which runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., will be held at the Peer Gynt Lodge in Culver City. Santa Monica's Sagatun Lodge merged with Peer Gynt in 1997.

Coordinator Kari Windingstad White said there will be traditional Norwegian dishes, handicrafts and cultural demonstrations.

"It's really hokey and homey," she said. "It's a lot of fun and it's a cute place to shop for Christmas."

Peer Gynt Lodge is located at 3835 Watseka, in Culver City. Admission is \$2, but children under 16 accompanied by a parent get in free. Peer Gynt Lodge is part of Sons of Norway, a fraternal organization promoting Norwegian and Scandinavian heritage, and fellowship.

The lodge serves Culver City, Santa Monica, the Los Angeles area and South Bay cities. For more information call (310) 397-6641.



Photo courtesy

Longtime Santa Monica residents Magna Orrestad, left, and Ingrid Flatebo cook up some traditional Norwegian dishes. The 25th annual Norwegian Faire will be held this weekend.

Baykeeper announces new director

By Daily Press staff

A local environmental watchdog dedicated to cleaning up Santa Monica Bay has a new leader.

The Santa Monica Baykeeper announced this week that Tracy Egoscue will be its new executive director. Egoscue has most recently served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Natural Resources section at the California Department of Justice. She will assume her new position at the Baykeeper on Sept. 15.

Egoscue's legal experience encompasses the Federal Clean Water Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, endangered species, wetland impacts and mitigation issues and fisheries. At the Attorney General's Office, her work involved various state agencies including the State Water Resources Control Board, Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Department of Fish and Game, among others.

Egoscue also has worked as the staff attorney and policy analyst for Save the Sound, Inc., a non-profit environmental organization in Connecticut. There, Egoscue worked with state and federal legislators on public policy benefiting the Long Island Sound.

"Being selected as the Santa Monica Baykeeper is the honor of a lifetime," Egoscue said. "I look forward to continuing the tradition of fighting for water quality, and being the eyes and ears of the Santa Monica and San Pedro Bays."

Egoscue got her law degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara. She replaces Steve Fleischli, who was recently named executive director of the international Waterkeeper Alliance in New York.

Santa Monica Baykeeper is a community-based environmental organization whose mission is to protect and restore Santa Monica Bay, San Pedro Bay and adjacent waters through enforcement, field work and community action.

See BRIEFS, page 7



surf report

The waves stay small but rideable today as the NW hangs on in the background a new S continues to fill in. Expect waist-high sets when conditions are best in the morning.

OUTLOOK: Both swells will be dropping off Thursday. But expect some moderate SW push on Friday evening and into the weekend.

Get stoked on an epic sesh? Get burned by a bad report? Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

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	Morning	Height	Evening	Height	Morning	Height	Evening	Height
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SUNDAY	2:16	-0.6	1:50	2.3	8:52	4.5	7:52	6.3
MONDAY	2:54	-0.7	2:33	1.9	9:21	4.7	8:36	6.3
TUESDAY	3:27	-0.6	3:12	1.6	9:48	4.9	9:15	6.2
WEDNESDAY	3:56	-0.3	3:49	1.3	12:13	5.0	9:51	6.0
THURSDAY	4:23	0.0	4:24	1.2	10:37	5.1	10:27	5.6
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So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Should LA have a football team? If so, where should the stadium be built and who should pay for it?"

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LETTERS

They camp anyway, why not charge 'em?

Editor:

I am a 25-year resident, homeowner in Santa Monica, Los Angeles apartment house owner, owner of a small business that employs five people that supports about 15 people.

While I was recently camping in Jackson Hole for 14 days it suddenly hit me how much I enjoyed camping and that I could do this full time, and it was only costing me about \$12 per day to camp in Jenny Lake. I was living essentially as a homeless person in one of the most beautiful locations on earth.

I reluctantly returned to Santa Monica and noticed how many happy campers we had at Palisades Park, on the Promenade and practically everywhere in the downtown area in what used to be one of the most beautiful cities in the world. And it hit me. Why don't we charge for camping in Santa Monica just like our national parks do? Why are we giving it away for free?

The way to improve on our homeless problem is to charge a Santa Monica camping fee to everyone living on our streets and parks. We should charge say, \$10 day and night per adult to sleep in our parks, doorways and sidewalks everywhere. We feed them, clean up after them when they use our bathrooms, etc., but we get nothing from them for providing these services. If in fact we have 2,000 homeless living in Santa Monica — it smells like there may be more — we could get \$20,000 per day or about \$7.3 million annually from this revenue source. If they don't pay, we have our meter maids call the police and escort them out of our small town in a special paddy wagon.

I assume that some of the people sleeping in cars and elsewhere could afford this, but some couldn't. So this would require that our local homeless advocates, the churches and the City Council, our neighboring cities wouldn't mind "adopting a homeless" to provide that amount of support. The city is going to spend about \$8 million for the new OPCC hotel for the homeless. This is our chance to make the homeless situation self sustaining. Before Peter Uberroth took over the Olympics they were always losing money. Peter showed the world how to make money on something that was always a loser.

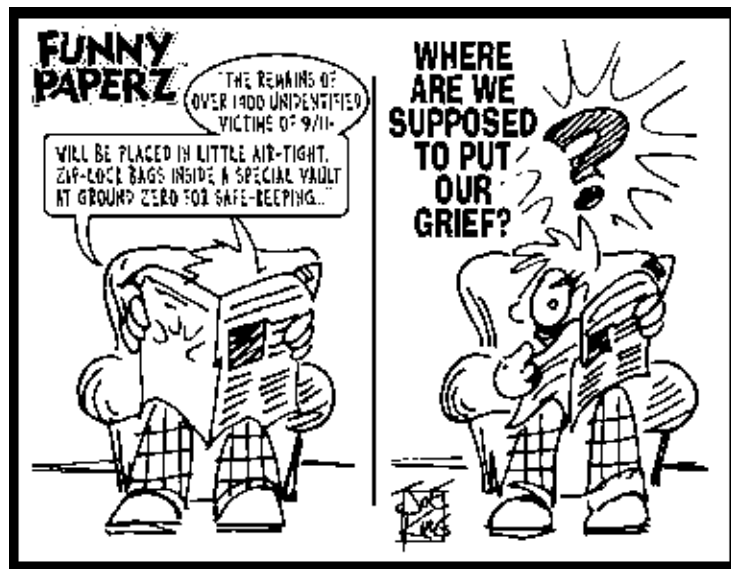
I compare my plan with the wholesale extortion plot that Charles Springer advocated (SMDP, Sept. 8, page 4) that the "16,000" empty apartments in the westside could be given to the homeless and rents rolled-back. He didn't indicate who was going to pay for the scaled back rents.

Springer's column is laughable and he does not need the forum that you provide

him. He is an insult to himself, his parents, this city and really the whole United States. He should be able to get a real job, but it's pretty obvious he went on one too many drug trips.

Keep up the great job on reporting in Santa Monica.

Jose Marcos
Santa Monica



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A few political observations that take only a second



INCITES

By Ed Silverstein

Last week the LA Times ran a piece wondering why kids downloading copyrighted music off the Internet didn't understand that what they were doing was wrong. Gee, let's see ... Enron, Worldcom, Arthur Anderson, Mervyn Lynch, duplicitous corporate executives and President George "no one told me" Bush.

Despite the transgressions of the above, downloading music is wrong and a crime. It steals money from industry workers and artists, hurts emerging talent and reduces diversity. More importantly, it is up to the youth of America to set an example for the ethically challenged politicians, lawyers, corporate executives, accountants, religious leaders and particularly the bullying, rule changing, lying, war mongering, far wing extremist neo conservatives.

Speaking of which, I think we all know the recall is another Neo Con (think Texas redistricting) subversion of our political process.

This is a case of sour grapes at the Republican's inability to have put aside their callous, fatally flawed agenda and field a candidate even remotely palatable to any thinking human being. Had they done so, Gov. Gray Davis, like so many

other Americans, would be on the unemployment line and the Republicans would be explaining why it is impossible to eliminate the state budget deficit without raising taxes.

Having said that, the only person responsible for Gray Davis' predicament is Gray Davis.

He has sold out to every special interest group with a checkbook. It is time for the people of this country to wake up and realize that taking campaign contributions has become no different than accepting bribes just as surely as illegally downloading music off the internet is the same as stealing CDs from a store.

Special interest donations come with the expectation of quid pro quo and the payback has financially and morally devastated California and the country. If we ever hope to stop this betrayal of the public trust we must spank politicians, such as Gray Davis, who blatantly abuse the system. Gov. Davis should be, and will be, recalled.

And let's not forget those candidates who put the "goober" into g(o)ubernatorial.

Arnold Schwarzenegger: He promised not to take any outside money, but I guess he meant "outside" typical Republican special interests such as business and agriculture. To be fair, he has refused donations from gaming interests which may be a mistake because gamblers are probably the only people willing to vote for a candidate who refuses to state his positions. It is also strange that a guy who has taken on terrorists, criminal masterminds, alien predators and male pregnancy, ran away

from a little old debate. There's a name for politicians who can't work without a script. They are called actors.

Cruz Bustamante: No sooner had Gov. Davis fallen out of bed with tribal gaming interests than Bustamante, AKA Davis Light, AKA Mini D, was tucking himself in, nice and snug, like a quarter in a slot machine that always pays off. His cozy love-fest could cost California billions in shared gaming revenue. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. On the other hand, those harping on the Lt. Governor for his student fling with the radical Latino group Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán bear a striking resemblance to those McCarthyites who ruined so many lives because of their youthful and idealistic flirtation with communism.

Tom McClintock/Peter Camejo: I list these two candidates as a single entry because they are really basically the same thing ... extremists. I don't believe that either of these men are viable candidates. Camejo's socialistic policies sound nice on paper, but in practice would sink California as surely as they sank Russia. The problem with McClintock's idea of a market economy is that when we're all unemployed there will be no market. Both of these candidates should resign and assign their votes to a candidate that has a more realistic chance to win ... such as Angelique.

Peter Uberroth: They touted him as the candidate with the ideas, a pragmatist that could cross partisan lines, the troubleshooter that could fix California's budget woes. Peter, hello, hello, are you

there? Uberroth had about as much to offer in the debates as Schwarzenegger. One has to wonder if he and John Edwards have been working on campaign strategy together.

Arianna Huffington: Arianna's startling transformation from arch conservative cultist to a SUV hating progressive began during a previous presidential campaign that had her sharing a bed with liberal political humorist (and Bill O'Reilly vanquisher) Al Franken. What is Franken's secret?

Though Ms. Huffington may currently be hogging a bit too much of the left side of the bed, she makes excellent points with her attacks on big money politics and corporate greed. She has a solid, if not overzealous stance on conservation and the environment. And, as she has demonstrated, Arianna is all for gays getting married, at least if their mate is a heterosexual.

Finally I would like to recognize and applaud the patriotic zeal of many of America's corporations. They are as proud of supporting President George "with us or against us" Bush as he is of supporting the efforts of those companies to register overseas, thus avoiding taxes, and their hiring of inexpensive foreign workers, thus depriving over 2 million Americans of jobs. God Bless America.

(Though not running for any political office, Ed Silverstein, a freelance writer living in Santa Monica, is happy to accept special interest money or comments at edsincites@aol.com).

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COMMENTARY

Bad government is the problem of the people



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pizarra

It doesn't matter whether or not you are a Republican, Democrat, Independent, Green, Yellow, Purple, Communist, Socialist or undecided, we all love to complain about our elected officials.

Either they are taxing us too much, or not enough. There are too many services, not enough services. Everyone has an opinion, usually based on no facts.

The \$66 million spent on the new Public Safety Facility is either a brilliant stroke of master planning, or a debacle of pork for the contractors. As with all things, there are two sides to everything and at least two ways of looking at a situation.

I'm a business lawyer. I see the world as a businessperson. I believe that government should be run like a business and any good business must do its part to ensure that the environment it is working in remains healthy.

In a few weeks, we are going to be deciding whether or not to recall an elected official to the highest office in our state. We have a long history in California of the recall. Most recent governors have had to fight a recall effort and they have all been lucky enough to not have the bad timing of a stock market "adjustment," an electricity robbery, a burgeoning state budget, huge increases in our population and a coordinated enemy.

It's an ironic quirk of democracy that we have the problems we do. You see, in a democratic society, we do not place any real qualifications on our leaders. They must be citizens and residents of the area they are to represent. They must be of legal age and registered voters. Other than that, we demand nothing of them. Anyone who can convince a majority of the voters to vote for them, can win.

As a society we do not require that our leaders have any particular educational background that fosters in them a strength for governing. We do not say that the mayor should have a degree in political science such that he or she is qualified to run a city of 86,000 people.

We do not set a standard for our governor to be a person of high intellectual ability who is proven to be a visionary. Our city council is comprised of people who are interested, dedicated, concerned, but are they qualified? And what would that mean anyway? Do we as a society want only business people? Or do we want only overly sympathetic, career politicians? Do we want people who are only college graduates or would we be better served by those who learned at the school of hard knocks? Each of these questions must be answered by the voter as they make their decision. This is why it is so important to vote, to voice your opinion.

It's said that in America every vote counts once, (except in Chicago). I think that's wrong. I think that every vote counts twice, once for the voter and once for the people who don't vote. Everyone that abstains, which really is just a nice way of saying "I'm too lazy to make a decision," is allowing someone else to decide for them. That allows a small number of voters to make big decisions for everyone.

But if the candidates are not qualified before they run, and few people vote, then who can we blame when we have "bad government?" Ourselves. We have only ourselves to blame, by not demanding more of our elected officials — not after they are in office — but before they run. We get the candidates we demand, who then become the government we want, not the government we wish we had in a perfect world.

If I want a pro-business government I have to demand that the candidates have demonstrated in the real world a business acumen that they will bring to the needs of our fair state. And then I have to vote for them.

If I want an environmentally aware governor, I better demand that the candidates have some understanding of how the environment really works. Not just the political environment, but the real one, the one with fish and trees and stuff.

If I want a fiscally aware city council, I have to demand that they have a working knowledge of a balance sheet. They must understand the way a profit and loss statement works, and then be able to translate it into the income and expenses of the city government. Our city works on an annual budget, but looks to a five-year projection. The city council must understand that today's income is not guaranteed to be here tomorrow, so they better be careful when they commit the city to long term objectives that must be paid for with income from future years.

It is all well and good to feel compassion for various interest groups. I have a couple of interest groups that I want the city council and the governor's office to care about. I want a healthy business environment and I work with my clients to assure that their small part of the economy works well.

But at the end of the day, what I care most about is whether or not the people in power are smart enough to make decisions that are right for the greatest number of people. Even when that decision is not popular and they won't be re-elected as a consequence of it.

The election process is supposed to weed out the weak and the unqualified. We as voters are required to vet our candidates. We are supposed to examine their qualifications. To be a candidate requires no real standards, but to be elected should.

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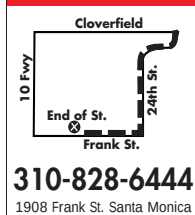
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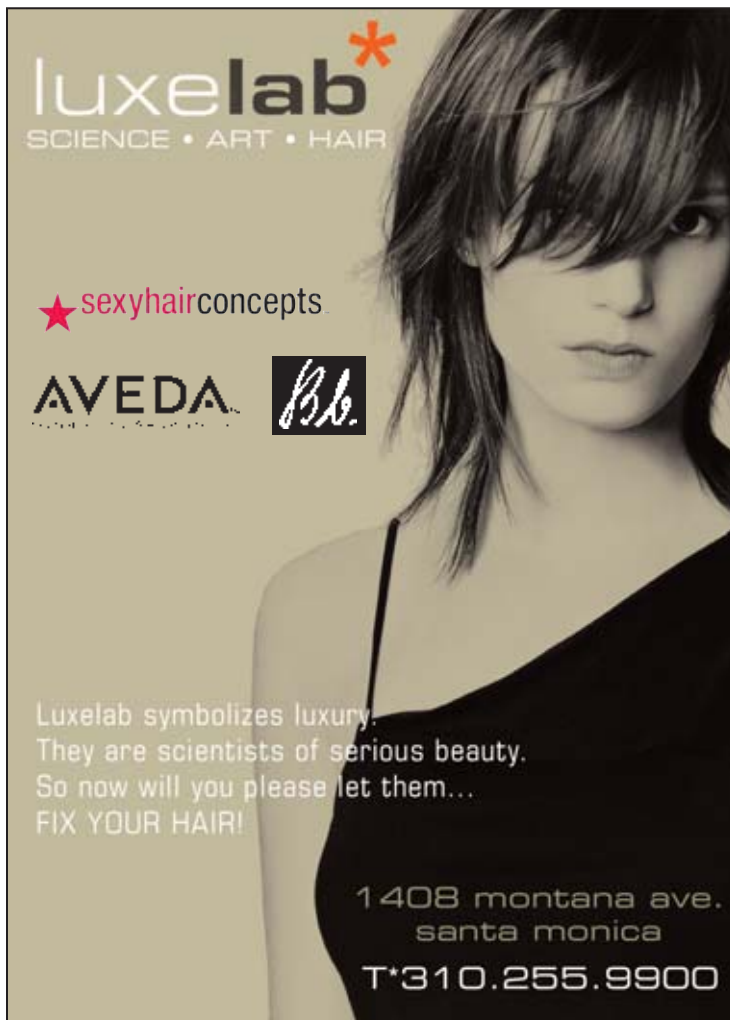
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carnage in shock, passing more than a dozen victims before she came upon Melissa Greenstein, a vacationing intensive care nurse from Vermont who was badly injured.

"It's probably something I'll see for the rest of my life," Goodfriend said. "She reached up and grabbed my shirt sleeve, and pulled me face to face and said, 'Please don't leave me alone. Don't let me die here alone.'"

Greenstein was struck from behind by Weller's 1992 Buick LeSabre, rupturing her spleen, breaking her tailbone, foot, both of her hip joints and multiple ribs. Emergency workers initially tagged her as a "green" case, meaning she had the lowest priority to be moved to the triage area, which was set up on Arizona Avenue near Fourth Street.

After sitting with Greenstein for what seemed like an eternity but was probably only a few minutes, Goodfriend said Greenstein began repeating herself and her eyes glazed over. Goodfriend immediately grabbed a fireman and pointed out large purple bruises covering Greenstein's back.

Goodfriend said the fireman ripped off the green and yellow triage tags, making Greenstein a "red" case, the most urgent type. Together, they carried Greenstein to the triage area where she was evaluated and taken to a nearby hospital. Had the treatment been delayed, emergency workers said Greenstein could have died on the street. The bruises, Goodfriend later learned, were a sign of internal bleeding.

Greenstein, who was flown home weeks later with an airplane ticket bought by the fund, wrote a letter Aug. 12 to the people of Santa Monica. Part of the letter, which Goodfriend read Tuesday (see page 1), says, "Life is certainly a 'circle game.' We cannot return to or take back what has happened. We can only look ahead now. So let us all hold on together. I know we have the fortitude to do so."

Though she will be in a wheelchair for at least three months, Greenstein told Goodfriend in a Tuesday afternoon phone conversation that she expects to make a full recovery.

While Santa Monica continues to heal from the July 16 accident, the investigation surrounding Weller appears to be reaching its end.

According to police, he reportedly hit a Mercedes at the intersection of Fourth Street and Arizona Avenue before driving through the market. He killed 10 and injured nearly 80 people.

Authorities said the investigation would take about two months and may conclude in the next two weeks. The case is then expected to be handed over to the District Attorney's Office, which will decide whether to file criminal charges against Weller.

A unit in the California Highway Patrol

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Dr. J. died many more including those for the elderly men behind the wheel. So can you be with his family and suffering greatly.

Dr. J. knows is that it time has been unconditional love and support from my family and friends. My personal relationships with everyone has enabled me to see so much in a different light. It is not just for personal things I know with all my heart. Life is certainly a "circle game." We cannot return to or take back what has happened. We can only look ahead now. So let us all hold on together. I know we have the fortitude to do so.

I have returned to my home, Vermont. However, my heart remains open to all of us who were a part of this tragic event.

With all my love and strength that I am able to give, I pray it helped to get it all.

Melissa A. Greenstein
Princeton, Vermont

that specializes in in-depth accident investigations was requested by the Santa Monica Police Department immediately after the tragedy. The team is comprised of experts who analyze every inch of the crime scene and then attempt to recreate the incident. The team then presents its findings to the lead investigating agency, which is the SMPD.

"The investigation is ongoing and we are waiting for the report from the California Highway Patrol," said SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega.

Weller, who friends and neighbors say is extremely distraught by the accident, has remained secluded in his 25th Street home north of Montana Avenue. His drivers license was suspended shortly after the incident.

In the meantime, the fund is accepting applications from other victims until Oct. 15, at which point officials will decide what to do with the rest of the money.

A total of 14 individuals, as well as 27 businesses and organizations were honored at the Tuesday luncheon, which attracted Mayor Richard Bloom, SMPD Chief James T. Butts, Jr., Santa Monica Fire Department Chief Ettore Berardinelli and City Manager Susan McCarthy, as well as about 100 local business people.

Chief Berardinelli said he is especially proud of the response by emergency workers, who set up a top-notch triage area and transported victims to more than 20 area hospitals, some by helicopter.

"Even our lifeguards came up that day to help us," he said, adding that emergency workers "truly overwhelmed what could have been an overwhelming incident."

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LOCAL



Mother of the accused says her son is innocent

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enforcement personnel and Archuleta's parole officer.

"He can sit in jail as long as the parole officer wants," Fabrega said. "The bottom line is that part of your parole condition is that you have to submit to searches."

Archuleta lives with his mother, Terry Archuleta, on Michigan Avenue, just two blocks away from where the shooting occurred and three blocks from Carter's apartment on 20th Street.

Carter was shot in the back by a .22-caliber bullet that struck his heart, family members say. He died more than an hour later at a local hospital.

Terry Archuleta told the Daily Press her son has been wrongly accused by police.

"There never was any evidence. They have no evidence whatsoever, I've always known that," she said Tuesday. "They're keeping him, they're holding him and, like I told you before, my son is innocent. That's the truth. And now all of our lives are in danger and I'm afraid of retaliation. I fear for my son's life and my family's lives. I'm living in fear."

Santa Monica's eastside south of Interstate 10, known as the Pico neighborhood, has been plagued with gang violence and drug activity for years. Most of the conflict is between Latinos and blacks. However, the circumstances surrounding Carter's murder are unclear.

Archuleta, a Latino, went to Olympic High School with Carter, who is black. The two were reportedly friends at one time.

Olympic High School Principal Suzanne Toyryla said both of them were good kids. Carter graduated in June of 2002 and Archuleta had enrolled a couple of times at the alternative school but didn't graduate. He was in the process of enrolling in the adult school next door this fall, Toyryla said.

She added that she especially remembers Carter's cheerful disposition.

"He was a nice, nice young man," Toyryla said. "He had a twinkle in his eye when he smiled and he was very happy ...

We are all very sad."

While Carter's family mourn their loss, they want the suspect or suspects brought to justice. Carter's stepbrother, Larry Kennedy, 30, who lives in Virginia and was at the family's home on Tuesday, isn't sure who's guilty but wants the punishment to be swift and just.

**"They're keeping
him, they're holding him
and, like I told you before,
my son is innocent.
That's the truth."**

—TERRY ARCHULETA
Mother of suspect

"If he's the guy that did it, that killed my brother, then I want justice to be served," he said. "But if they haven't got any evidence and it can't be proved then I don't want an innocent man to be punished for a crime he didn't commit."

"No matter what the situation is my brother won't be brought back," he added. "I don't want another family going through what we're going through."

Police are looking for additional suspects in the killing and the investigation is ongoing, Fabrega said.

Terry Archuleta said her son has been targeted because of his criminal history.

"There was no violation, he did nothing. He's an easy target because he's a parolee, it's that simple," she said. "I'm an honest person. I'm a very religious person. I don't lie."

Carter's mother and stepfather, Shirley and Larry Joseph, have arranged for their son's funeral to be held on Friday at 1 p.m. at the Church of Christ, located at 15th Street and Michigan Avenue. Carter's body will be buried at the adjacent Woodlawn Cemetery.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

Learn about God through a terrorist's eyes

By Daily Press staff

Best selling author Mark Juergensmeyer next week will discuss the events of Sept. 11 from the religious terrorist's point of view.

"The Global Rise of Religious Violence" is the featured topic for this year's annual Casassa Lecture at Loyola Marymount University on Sept. 17. The event is free and will be held from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at LMU in the Ahmanson Auditorium, University Hall.

The author of "Global Religion: A Handbook," "Gandhi's Way," and "Terror in the Mind of God," Juergensmeyer interviewed convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh during the course of his research, among others. He also has studied Sikh violence in India and Buddhist violence in Japan, including the 1995 Sarin gas attack in the Tokyo subway.

"Mark Juergensmeyer believes there are strands of violence in all (religious) traditions," said John A. Coleman S.J., professor of social justice at LMU. "The notion of cosmic war between God and evil lends itself to translation into violence."

In addition to serving as the director of Global and International Studies, Juergensmeyer is a professor of sociology and religious studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

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SM home prices continue to climb in third quarter



DAYS ON THE MARKET

By Jodi Summers

They talk about home price bubbles, but home prices in Southern California are still setting monthly records.

In some neighborhoods, price increases are huge. In Santa Monica, activity is extremely varied. According to the Los Angeles Times' statistics, condo prices in zip code 90402 rose 101.6 percent from July 1992 to 1993, with the average selling price for condos in the north of Montana Avenue area at \$928,000.

In the single family residence market, new home sales in zip code 90404 by the freeway saw a 65.9 percent rise with an average selling price of \$530,000. Oddly, home prices in 90403 — the Wilshire corridor — dropped 9.7 percent to an average selling price of \$998,000. Condo prices in Ocean Park remained stable, with a median price of \$430,000. Other parts of town averaged a 20 percent gain, give or take a couple of points.

"If a home is priced well, we are still seeing multiple offers and sometimes even over the asking price," noted Anthony P. Marguleas of A.M. Realty, Inc. "Low interest rates seem to be fueling this hot market. Entry-level homes from \$400,000 to \$900,000 are still selling very quickly due to the large number of buyers who want to live in Santa Monica. The higher end price range of \$1 million and up has been hit harder."

The high-end properties are still sell-

ing, though not as frequently. The most expensive property to sell in Santa Monica in the third quarter of 2003 was a 1913 Italianesque villa north of Montana for \$4.6 million. This single family residence was more expensive than the 31-unit apartment building by the freeway, which sold for \$3,775,000. The best deal in town was a 558-square-foot condo north of Santa Monica Boulevard, which was "a steal" for \$211,000.

In Santa Monica, single family residence sales dropped for the third quarter in 2003. This year, 112 residences were sold between June and September, down from 131 the same time last year. Condo sales were up, with 234 for the third quarter of 2003, compared to 208 for the third quarter of 2002.

Income properties saw a slight drop to 24 this quarter, as compared with 27 last year. Four pieces of land changed hands and three changed hands last year.

All in all, home sales in Southern California reached their highest level in 15 years this summer. According to DataQuick Information Systems, in July, a total of 33,561 houses and condos were sold in Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Ventura, San Bernardino and Orange counties — up 9.6 percent from July of 1992. In LA County, 11,926 residences were sold for an average price of \$328,000 — up 23.3 percent from July 2002.

"People are taking more risks with their money because they see the gain in property value," said one real estate veteran. "When the interest rates are that low and the gains are so high people want to get in the game. Plus, lenders are lending money freely. You can get 100 percent

financing. Forty years ago, you could only get 60 percent financing and at much higher interest rates."

The median price that Southland buyers paid for a home rose to a new high at \$328,000 in July, up 20.6 percent from July last year. If you play with the numbers, those \$300,000 one-bedroom units around town start to look like a deal.

Want to talk dollars? According to DataQuick, the typical monthly mortgage payment that Southland buyers committed to was \$1,442, up from \$1,281 a year ago. The all-time peak was in May of 1989 at \$1,453.

And all that talk of property prices being in a bubble, well, Eric Belsky, executive director of the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University, observes that the best way to gauge the

housing market is in relation to income growth.

"It is unusual to see rapid price declines unless there is substantial job loss and that kind of job loss did not take place over the 2001 recession and it is unlikely to take place," Belsky noted.

Indicators of market distress are still largely absent. Foreclosure rates are low, flipping rates are low, adjustable-rate mortgage usage is low, down payment sizes are stable and there have been no significant social or economic shifts, so for the moment, the real estate market remains status quo.

(If you would like to more information of interest to property owners, e-mail Jodi Summers at jodis@boardwalkrealty.com, or call at (310) 309-4219).



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SOLD	1417 HILL STREET, SANTA MONICA 90405	SOLD	844 3RD ST #A SANTA MONICA 90403	SOLD	828 5TH ST #3 SANTA MONICA 90403
Date Sold	SqFt: 1,260 List Price: \$639,000 Bed: 2	Date Sold	SqFt: N/A List Price: \$985,000 Bed: 3	Date Sold	SqFt: 1,044 List Price: \$499,000 Bed: 2
09/03/2003	Lot Size: 7,048 Sold Price: \$680,000 Bath: 2	09/03/2003	HOD: \$300 Sold Price: \$985,000 Bath: 3.5	09/04/2003	HOD: \$187 Sold Price: \$535,500 Bath: 2
SOLD	27 11TH ST SANTA MONICA 90402	SOLD	2912 3RD ST #4 SANTA MONICA 90405	SOLD	2621 CENTINELA AVE #12 SANTA MONICA 90405
Date Sold	SqFt: 1,323 List Price: \$1,350,000 Bed: 2	Date Sold	SqFt: 2,300 List Price: \$1,079,000 Bed: 3	Date Sold	SqFt: 634 List Price: \$245,000 Bed: 1
09/03/2003	Lot Size: 7,496 Sold Price: \$0 Bath: 1	09/03/2003	HOD: \$300 Sold Price: \$1,100,000 Bath: 2.75	09/03/2003	HOD: \$178 Sold Price: \$247,000 Pool Bath: 1
SOLD	1064 HARVARD ST SANTA MONICA 90403	SOLD	2045 4TH ST #102B SANTA MONICA 90405	SOLD	844 7TH ST #4 SANTA MONICA 90403
Date Sold	SqFt: 1,437 List Price: \$998,000 Bed: 3	Date Sold	SqFt: 615 List Price: \$289,000 Bed: 1	Date Sold	SqFt: 993 List Price: \$419,000 Bed: 2
09/03/2003	Lot Size: 7,897 Sold Price: \$998,000 Bath: 2	09/04/2003	HOD: \$230 Sold Price: \$301,000 Pool Bath: 1	09/05/2003	HOD: \$200 Sold Price: \$445,000 Bath: 2
SOLD	235 24TH ST SANTA MONICA 90402	SOLD	2023 CLOVERFIELD BLVD #B SANTA MONICA 90404	SOLD	1012 7TH ST #7 SANTA MONICA 90403
Date Sold	SqFt: 4,243 List Price: \$2,695,000 Bed: 4	Date Sold	SqFt: 481 List Price: \$235,000 Bed: 1	Date Sold	SqFt: 924 List Price: \$475,000 Bed: 2
09/03/2003	Lot Size: 8,700 Sold Price: \$2,587,950 Pool Bath: 4.5	09/03/2003	HOD: \$225 Sold Price: \$229,000 Bath: 1	09/04/2003	HOD: \$175 Sold Price: \$465,000 Bath: 1.75
SOLD	1502 HILL ST SANTA MONICA 90405	SOLD	1301 FRANKLIN ST #7 SANTA MONICA 90404	SOLD	1314 17TH ST #13 SANTA MONICA 90404
Date Sold	SqFt: 1,184 List Price: \$695,000 Bed: 3	Date Sold	SqFt: 612 List Price: \$339,500 Bed: 1	Date Sold	SqFt: 1,187 List Price: \$439,000 Bed: 2
09/05/2003	Lot Size: 6,786 Sold Price: \$762,000 Bath: 1	09/05/2003	HOD: \$238 Sold Price: \$351,000 Bath: 1	09/05/2003	HOD: \$300 Sold Price: \$444,000 Bath: 2.5
SOLD	14112 ATTILLA RD SANTA MONICA 90402	SOLD	2216 4TH ST #8 SANTA MONICA 90405	SOLD	1325 9TH ST #1 SANTA MONICA 90401
Date Sold	SqFt: 2,804 List Price: \$1,399,000 Bed: 4	Date Sold	SqFt: N/A List Price: \$624,900 Bed: 2	Date Sold	SqFt: 941 List Price: \$308,000 Bed: 2
09/02/2003	Lot Size: 7,797 Sold Price: \$1,365,000 Bath: 3	09/05/2003	HOD: \$280 Sold Price: \$590,000 Bath: 2	09/03/2003	HOD: \$110 Sold Price: \$346,000 Bath: 1.75
SOLD	825 FRANKLIN ST SANTA MONICA 90403	SOLD	270 PALISADES BEACH RD #201 SANTA MONICA 90402	SOLD	1513 N BERKELEY #2 SANTA MONICA 90404
Date Sold	SqFt: 4,067 List Price: \$1,995,000 Bed: 4	Date Sold	SqFt: 1,544 List Price: \$975,000 Bed: 2	Date Sold	SqFt: 1,931 List Price: \$679,000 Bed: 3
09/03/2003	Lot Size: 14,975 Sold Price: \$1,930,000 Pool Bath: 4	09/04/2003	HOD: \$515 Sold Price: \$950,000 Bath: 2	09/04/2003	HOD: \$325 Sold Price: \$639,000 Bath: 2.5
SOLD	2433 14TH ST SANTA MONICA 90405	SOLD	101 OCEAN AVE #C-5 SANTA MONICA 90402	SOLD	1033 OCEAN AVE #102 SANTA MONICA 90403
Date Sold	SqFt: 924 List Price: \$575,000 Bed: 2	Date Sold	SqFt: 2,902 List Price: \$1,960,000 Bed: 2	Date Sold	SqFt: 1,620 List Price: \$799,500 Bed: 2
09/05/2003	Lot Size: 4,051 Sold Price: \$537,500 Bath: 1	09/02/2003	HOD: \$1,372 Sold Price: \$1,850,000 Pool Bath: 3	09/02/2003	HOD: \$650 Sold Price: \$773,000 Bath: 2
SOLD	825 FRANKLIN ST SANTA MONICA 90403	SOLD	2516 ARIZONA AVE #1 SANTA MONICA 90404	SOLD	1441 24TH ST SANTA MONICA 90404
Date Sold	SqFt: 4,067 List Price: \$1,995,000 Bed: 4	Date Sold	SqFt: 1,472 List Price: \$479,000 Bed: 3	Date Sold	SqFt: 0 List Price: \$799,500 #Units: 2
09/03/2003	Lot Size: 14,975 Sold Price: \$1,930,000 Bath: 4	09/04/2003	HOD: \$280 Sold Price: \$490,000 Pool Bath: 2.5	09/05/2003	Lot Size: 5,532 Sold Price: \$770,000 GRM: 0.00
SOLD	1021 12TH ST #203 SANTA MONICA 90403	SOLD	201 OCEAN AVE #P1603 SANTA MONICA 90402		
Date Sold	SqFt: 804 List Price: \$365,000 Bed: 1	Date Sold	SqFt: 0 List Price: \$399,000 Bed: 1		
09/04/2003	HOD: \$185 Sold Price: \$360,000 Bath: 1	09/02/2003	HOD: \$438 Sold Price: \$395,000 Pool Bath: 1		



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NATIONAL

Vail ranked No. 1 ski resort for second straight year

BY ROBERT WELLER
Associated Press Writer

DENVER — Vail was ranked the No. 1 resort in North America for the second straight year by Ski Magazine on Monday, but the big surprise was sister resort Breckenridge jumping from No. 10 to No. 6.

Always a stepchild, though occasionally surpassing Vail in skier days, Breckenridge has bloomed as a result of an agreement with the town that has cleared the way for a \$400 million development.

The agreement enabled the resort to go ahead with the installation of two high-speed lifts and with plans to increase intermediate terrain by 30 percent.

"I had goose bumps for two days when I learned we would be No. 6," said Roger McCarthy, chief operating officer for Breckenridge and Keystone, another mountain owned by Vail Resorts, noting a fresh coat of snow Monday on the mountains. Keystone also moved up in the rankings, from No. 19 to No. 15.

"This shows that when communities work closely with the ski area and vice versa, you can really get things done even in a bad economy, a bad resort business and a flat skier market," said Breckenridge Mayor Sam Mamula.

He said the relationship with the ski mountain, particularly under its previous owner, hadn't always been so cordial.

Town council members had been pressing the ski resort to relieve crowding on the mountains and to help with congestion in the parking lots and on the roads. Mamula said the resort subsequently added lifts to move visitors around, even before it could build condos to help pay for them.

Whistler-Blackcomb of British Columbia retained its rank as No. 2 despite travel industry problems.

"It is certainly thanks to a lot of work by our operations people to identify what our guests are looking for," said spokesman Christopher Nicolson. "The Canadian dollar is a nice advantage for our American guests, but we offer a lot more than that. Our two mountains are so big you have a sense of travel as you go from bowl to bowl."

The two mountains, each accessible from the same base area, offer more than 7,000 acres of skiing.

Funky Telluride, benefiting from new terrain opened in Prospect Bowl two

years ago, has jumped from No. 19 to No. 10 in two years.

"With the addition of Prospect Bowl's 733 acres two seasons ago, Telluride defanged the mountain and made it a wonderful destination ski resort with tons of terrain for all ability levels," said Chris Ryman, president and chief operating officer of the Telluride Ski and Golf Resort.

"Vail has become America's ultimate ski destination. Better than any resort in North America ..."

— GREG DITRINCO
Ski Magazine executive editor

"We increased our grooming, added half-pipes and terrain parks and answered the demands of our skiers and riders," Ryman added.

For the third straight year, six of the 10 top resorts were in Colorado.

As for Vail itself, Ski Magazine executive editor Greg Ditrinco said: "Vail has become America's ultimate ski destination. Better than any resort in North America, Vail delivers to every member of the skiing family. The resort puts a lot of time and creativity into staying fresh and innovative to meet the changing needs of today's skier. And it shows."

The top 10 ski areas in North America as ranked by Ski Magazine:

1. Vail, Colo.
2. Whistler-Blackcomb, British Columbia
3. Deer Valley, Utah
4. Snowmass, Colo.
5. Steamboat Springs, Colo.
6. Breckenridge, Colo.
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NATIONAL □ INTERNATIONAL

Bush's plan to streamline forest rules nears completion

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, brushing aside concerns from environmentalists, is pushing forward with plans to give national forest managers more flexibility to approve logging and commercial activities, with less environmental review.

The final forest management rules will be reviewed by the White House's Office of Management and Budget before going into effect this fall. A draft was obtained by The Associated Press.

The new rules would overhaul the landmark 1976 National Forest Management Act, which sets the basic rules for management of the nation's 155 national forests and protects forest wildlife.

Officials say the new rules are designed to make forest management more responsive to changing conditions by eliminating unnecessary paperwork and relying on assessments by managers assigned to protect some 190 million acres of forests and grasslands.

Environmentalists have accused the administration of trying to increase logging while weakening standards for protecting endangered or threatened species.

The final rules would leave intact some of the most controversial proposals from a draft plan released last November. Like the draft, the final plan would give regional managers of the Forest Service more discretion to approve logging, drilling and mining operations without having to con-

duct formal scientific investigations known as environmental impact statements.

Such analyses, which outline the impact of a proposed activity on plant and animal life, can take years to complete. The new rules envision a more flexible approach that could be completed in months.

The final rules would leave intact some of the most controversial proposals from a draft plan released last November.

The new rules also offer less emphasis on wildlife preservation and other environmental concerns when deciding how much logging or recreation to allow on federal land.

"The final rule strengthens the ability of the Forest Service to respond quickly to a variety of continually changing issues, such as the development of new science information, new listing of (endangered) species, wildfire effects, changes in demographics or the economy and unforeseen effects" of existing forest rules, the draft copy says.

Forest Service officials have said land management plans for each forest or grassland now typically take up to seven years to complete because of requirements for detailed scientific studies and other paperwork. Officials estimate that the Forest Service could save as much as 30 percent under the new approach.

WORLD BRIEFLY

Israel may be closer to working with Palestinian leader

By The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel indicated Tuesday it would be willing to work with Ahmed Qureia as the new Palestinian prime minister, despite his close ties with veteran leader Yasser Arafat.

Israel initially said after the weekend resignation of Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas that it would not deal with a successor handpicked by Arafat. However, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's aides said Tuesday that Qureia could be a partner if he carries out the Palestinians' obligations under a U.S.-backed peace plan, including disarming militants.

Qureia, the Palestinian parliament speaker and one of the key people who helped negotiate the 1993 Israeli-Palestinian Oslo accord, was tapped Sunday by Arafat to replace Abbas.

Qureia has accepted the post in principle, but says Israel must take action on a U.S.-backed peace plan and that both sides must commit to a cease-fire if he is to succeed. Qureia, also known as Abu Ala, warned that unless Israel lessens its hostility to Arafat and ends lethal airstrikes on militant leaders, he'd be doomed to failure.

Health insurance costs grow nearly 14 percent

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Health care premiums for families in employer-sponsored plans soared 13.9 percent in 2003, the third year of double-digit growth and the biggest spike since 1990, a new study found.

Annual family premiums increased to \$9,068 this spring, according to a survey of 2,808 companies by two health research organizations, the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Health Research and Educational Trust.

Small firms, with three to nine workers, faced the largest increase with a 16.6 percent surge in premiums. Mid-sized companies with between 200 and 999 workers had the smallest increase with a 12.4 percent growth rate.

The portion of the premium paid by an employee for family coverage grew 12.9 percent to \$201 a month, or \$2,412 annually, while the amount a single employee paid for a policy rose 7.6 percent to \$42 a month or \$504 a year. Employers paid the remainder of the \$3,383 premium for a single coverage.

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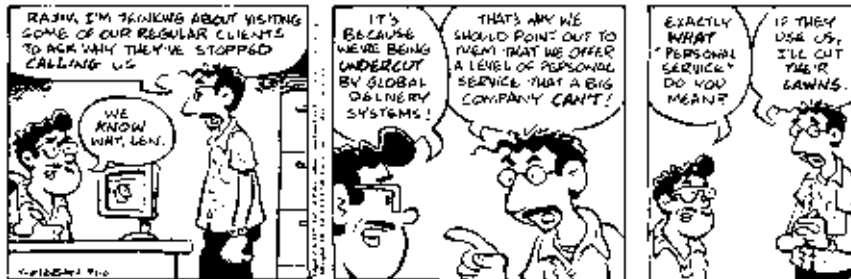
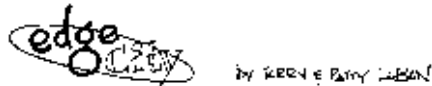
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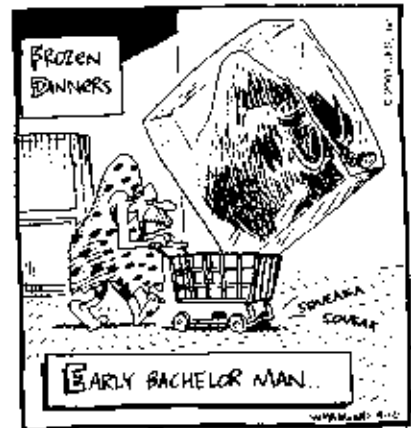


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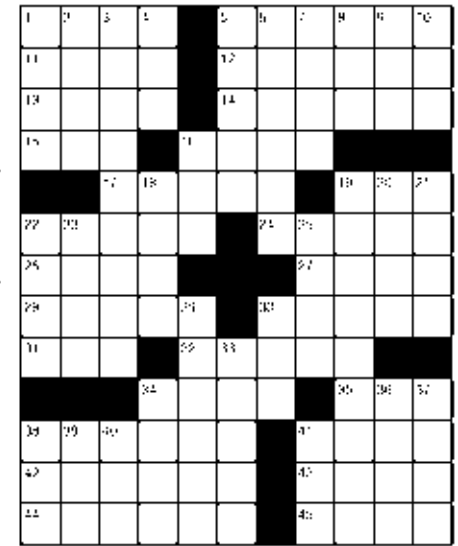


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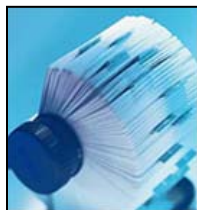
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Tax man comes a knocking on Michael Jackson's door

By The Associated Press

■ **SANTA BARBARA** — Pop star Michael Jackson's agricultural property tax break may soon be history.

Five months after an inspection of Jackson's Neverland Ranch revealed he was getting an undeserved property tax break, county officials are apparently ready to accept Jackson's offer to remove his house, amusement park and zoo from the agricultural preserve program.

With the encouragement of the state, county officials are also considering punitive action.

"Our goal has been to try to retain as much of that property in agriculture as possible, but there are also some unpermitted uses, so we need to look at that very closely," Supervisor Naomi Schwartz said.

In closed session on Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors will likely accept Jackson's request to get out of his Williamson Act contract. It means his tax exemption will gradually diminish over the next nine years on the developed portions of his 2,600-acre ranch.

The assessed value of Neverland was about \$12 million under the 2002-03 agricultural preserve contract, according to county records. Jackson will owe the county about \$123,000 in taxes this year, or 1 percent of the property's assessed value.

Without the agricultural contract, the assessed value of Neverland would be about \$5 million to \$6 million more, and Jackson's taxes would be about \$200,000 annually, said Chris Lyon, division manager of the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office.

The Williamson Act, which tries to preserve open space by giving ranchers and farmers a tax break on undeveloped land, allows only the property owner to cancel a contract.

Jackson's business manager wouldn't discuss the issue.

"All of my business is confidential," Allen Whitman said.

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Call him LT, as in Lingerie Taylor.

Lawrence Taylor, the Hall of Fame linebacker for the New York Giants, will coach a team of models in a production dubbed the Lingerie Bowl, a game that will be broadcast on pay-per-view during halftime of the Super Bowl on Feb. 1.

Taylor's Team Euphoria will face Team Dream, which will be coached by former NFL quarterback Jim McMahon.

The models will play a seven-on-seven "full-contact" game, which will be played on the West Coast and shown live. The pay-per view cost hasn't been set but will be under \$30, officials said.

"This will revolutionize the way the Super Bowl will be viewed," Taylor said recently. "Who would not want to watch attractive women playing tackle football in lingerie?"

■ **AKRON, Ohio** — LeBron James has some advice for kids in elementary school: exercise.

The NBA's No. 1 draft pick, awaiting training camp with the Cleveland Cavaliers, spoke to about 150 fourth-

and fifth-graders Monday at the Margaret Park School in his hometown. He pulled up in a pickup truck filled with sports equipment, slapped high-fives, posed for photos and pushed off a swing.

James announced a youth fitness program that is sponsored by Nike and targets childhood obesity. It encourages physical education improvements in schools through teacher training, special gym classes and equipment donations.

"I did this for the kids," James said. "I don't want kids to lose out on their childhood."

The pilot program will begin in 23 Akron schools and will be expanded to Chicago; Los Angeles; Memphis, Tenn.; New York; Washington; and Portland, Ore.

Statistics show 15 percent of children ages 6 to 19 are overweight.

"He's already started the process of giving back before he's played his first NBA game," said Akron Mayor Donald Plusquellic.

■ **DENVER** — Telluride, a six-hour drive on mountain roads from Denver, has become a favorite haunt of celebrities like Tom Cruise and Oprah Winfrey hoping to have some fun without being hassled.

The town's newest celebrity resident, straight from a big-grossing movie, has become a local attraction.

Fighting Furrari, the 4-year-old horse used for close-ups in the movie "Seabiscuit," has retired to the Skyline Guest Ranch near the ski resort.

"When they had the Telluride Film Festival, we dressed him up in his outfit that he used in the movie and put blinders on him. He wanted to run," said Patsy Fortney, office manager for the ranch.

"We just had a couple here who trekked up to the top of a hill to take a picture. He has drawn quite a crowd," Fortney said Monday.

"Seabiscuit" producer Frank Marshall bought the horse, one of dozens used in the movie, and donated it to the ranch last month.

The legendary horse's story was revived in the movie based on Laura Hillenbrand's best-selling book, published in 2001.

Marshall and his wife, Kathleen Kennedy, had thoughts of giving Fighting Furrari to their daughters, ages 5 and 7, but decided he would be too much for them and donated him to the ranch, said Fortney.

The horse, known as Fighting Furrari when it raced at River Downs in Cincinnati, is a distant cousin of Seabiscuit and its lineage can be traced through several generations to Man O'War, said John Englehardt, spokesman for the track. Fighting Furrari also has ties to War Admiral, the horse Seabiscuit beat in the 1938 race considered by some to be one of the greatest American sporting events of all time.

Although Fighting Furrari comes from a great blood line, his results at the track were so-so. Still, he was exciting to watch because he would always put on a strong finish, racing experts said. He became a cheap claimer after winning his maiden race by a nose at River Downs.