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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Hurricane Isabel roared through Virginia Beach, Va., in September, inflicting serious property damage, despite public calls for prayer to keep it away by prominent resident Rev. Pat Robertson, whose Christian Broadcasting Network is headquartered there. (In 1998, Robertson condemned the city of Orlando, Fla., for sponsoring a Gay Days festival, and warned that the city could be torn up during the subsequent hurricane season, as God punishes those who promote homosexuality. Instead, the first hurricane of that season (Bonnie) made a direct hit on Virginia Beach.)



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The big cities of America are becoming Third World countries."

— Nora Ephron



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Volunteers target last-minute SM voters

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Volunteers for governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger spent Tuesday combing Santa Monica neighborhoods for voters who hadn't yet cast their ballots.

And apparently, it paid off. Schwarzenegger was declared the winner in the heated recall election of Gov. Gray Davis on Tuesday.

Nearly 2,500 volunteers from the Fourth Street headquarters for Arnold Schwarzenegger spent all day targeting Republican voters who don't regularly go to the polls, officials said.

A total of 124,512 households were hit in

L.A. County and 869 of those were in Santa Monica, said Jeff Beland, a full-time volunteer in charge of the last-day "Get Out The Vote" effort.

Meanwhile a block away at the Democratic headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard and Fourth Street, staff workers handled a steady stream of voters who were looking for their polling places. Not one volunteer for the "No on Recall" effort in Santa Monica was sent out, said staff worker Judy Elliott.

Beland said Schwarzenegger volunteers were sent out first thing in the morning with a list of 50 homes. If nobody was home, the volunteers were instructed to leave door hangings urging them to vote. The volunteers then

returned later in the day. After two visits, if the voters still hadn't reported to their polling places, volunteers made one last effort by calling them, Beland said.

"The 'knock and drag' is what they call it," Beland said, adding that once someone says they'll vote, they almost always do. "That's part of our goal, is to get them to commit to

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Gray Davis concedes, Arnold Schwarzenegger is governor

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Californians banished Gov. Gray Davis just 11 months into his second term and overwhelmingly elected action hero Arnold Schwarzenegger to replace him Tuesday — a Hollywood ending to one of the most extraordinary political melodramas in the nation's history.

Voters traded a career Democratic politician who became one of the state's most despised chief executives for a moderate Republican megastar who had never before run for office. Davis became the first California governor pried from office and only the second nationwide to be recalled.

"Tonight, the voters did decide it's time for someone else to serve, and I accept their

judgment," Davis said in conceding. He pledged to work for a smooth transition.

To the victor goes a spoiled American paradise — a state mired in economic troubles, awash with deficits, now governed by a Republican chief executive with no political experience and a Democratic legislature.

Partial returns showed the recall favored by 1,448,449 voters, or 55.9 percent, and opposed by 1,143,613, or 44.1 percent.

Other returns had Schwarzenegger ahead with 1,201,365 votes; Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante with 739,367; Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock with 303,043; and Green Party candidate Peter Camejo with 50,182.

"This is a great day for

California ... In response to a common danger, the people of California rose to their duties and ordered a new direction for our state," McClintock said in conceding.

Schwarzenegger prevailed despite a flurry of negative publicity in the campaign's final days, surviving allegations that he had groped women and accusations that as a young man he expressed admiration for Adolf Hitler.

The 56-year-old Austrian immigrant — husband of television journalist Maria Shriver — finds himself in charge of the nation's most populated state with an economy surpassed by only five countries.

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Santa Monica resident Hanna Schreiber casts her vote Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 958 Lincoln Blvd. There was a steady stream of voters that came through the doors all day, volunteers said.



Photo courtesy of SMPD

A portion of the 24 kilograms of cocaine found in a Santa Monica man's apartment.

\$5 million worth of cocaine seized from Santa Monica apartment

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

More than 24 kilos of cocaine was seized from a Santa Monica man's apartment on Monday.

The drugs, which have a street value of more than \$5 million, were found in Amir Azil's apartment on 18th Street, between Arizona Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard, police said.

Azil, a 24-year-old middle eastern Canadian national, was arrested and taken to Santa Monica Jail. His bail was set at \$2 million.

Although authorities remain tight-lipped about the details surrounding the arrest and the investigation, Santa Monica Police Department Lt. Frank Fabrega was able to provide some details.

Police were called at 7:50 p.m. by an unknown party who reported suspicious circumstances in the 1200 block of 18th Street. Patrol officers spoke to a man who reported the activity and upon further investigation, a SMPD officer was able to locate several kilos of

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You might often feel challenged by others, wondering what you want and what might be appropriate. Juggling your needs with others' could keep your hands full and your mind on overload this birthday year. Learn to establish clear boundaries, understanding how important this might be for both you and others. You know how to play out a situation to maximize your opportunities. Let others come to you this year rather than vice versa. If you are single, you will have many options and possibilities, though you might not decide until next year that you've met "the one." Still, you have a good time and learn a lot about relating. If you are attached, you and your sweetie will learn to share different responsibilities and choices more often. ARIES can trigger you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Finally, you feel more empowered than you have in a long time. Move swiftly on ideas that you have kept on the back burner. An especially caring person in your life appreciates your openness and sentiments. Tonight: Keep on smiling, and others will respond.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Take your time when making decisions. You might want to rethink a decision that is very important to you in the next few days. Not everyone thinks as you do. A boss also might be quite instrumental in an office decision. Tonight: Kick back. Reflect. Do yoga. Veg out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Follow through on an idea that begins in a meeting. Your ability to meet deadlines helps others put their trust in you. Check out different options on the Internet or through an expert you know well. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Take a keener interest in what is happening at the office. You might be more of a player than you're aware. Consider options more carefully that surround a partnership. Not everything has to be traditional, which at times could be hard for the Moon Child to absorb. Tonight: A must show.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Sometimes others are dependent on your insight and perspective. Your ability to read between the lines as well as empathize with others helps many see the other side of the question. Use your unique abilities to express your ideas and to help others visualize. Tonight: Get together with a special friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Continue the process of deferring, though right now your focus might be on one special client or associate. Dig into a problem financially, and be ready to solve it in any way you can. Honor another's feelings, yet express your own. Tonight: Talk turkey with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Others seek you out, putting the ball in your court. Look at it this way: You get to pick and choose what you want and when. A child or loved one could surprise the living day-lights out of you. With your appeal, you're likely to get whatever you want. Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You have a lot to get done, and quickly at that. You might not like what is happening at work, but you're not in the position to critique it. Just make it your business to get the job done. Allow your inventiveness to flow. Tonight: Pace yourself, nice and easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your wild imagination emerges, be it at work or at play. Brainstorm with those around you, allowing others to let their creativity come forth. This creative tone adds quite a bit of punch to your immediate environment. Tonight: Just go with the flow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Settle down and figure out what is workable, both personally and professionally. An investment involving your home or a home office could be quite appealing. Build carefully, checking all the pros and cons. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ If you follow your instincts, which also involves your intellect, you will land where you want to be. Return calls; clear your desk. Meetings and conversations need to take top priority. You might not get much else done as a result. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Balance your checkbook, making sure everything is where you think it is. You also might have to do some financial assessment at work. Have an important discussion with an associate or partner. Tonight: Treat a pal to dinner.

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LOCAL

Malibu residents killed in bear attack in Alaska

By The Associated Press

KING SALMON, Alaska — Two Malibu residents were fatally mauled in a bear attack in Katmai National Park and Preserve — the first known bear killings in the 4.7 million-acre park, National Park Service officials said Tuesday.

The bodies of a man and woman were found near Kafia Bay on Monday when a pilot with Andrew Airways arrived to pick them up and take them to Kodiak, Alaska State Troopers said. The park is on the Alaska Peninsula.

The pilot saw a bear, possibly on top of a body, in the camp and contacted the Park Service in King Salmon and troopers in Kodiak.

Park rangers encountered an aggressive bear when they arrived at the campsite and killed it. Investigators then found human remains buried by a bear near the campsite, which was in a brushy area with poor visibility.

No weapons were found at the scene, Park Service spokeswoman Jane Tranel said. Firearms are prohibited in that part of the park.

The victims are believed to be in their late 30s to early 40s. Their identities are being withheld pending notification of relatives. But the man was a professional videographer and photographer, according to Bruce Bartley, a spokesman for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in King Salmon.

The remains and the entire campsite were packed out Monday and transported to Kodiak on the Andrew Airways flight.

As the plane was being loaded, another aggressive bear approached and was killed by park rangers and troopers.

The bodies were flown to the state medical examiner's office for autopsy.

Dean Andrew, owner of Andrew Airways, said the pilot was too upset to comment. The company had been flying

the man out to Katmai for 13 years and the woman for the last couple of years. Andrew said the man was an experienced outdoorsman.

"July is prime-time for bears there. It's a worldwide destination."

— **JOHN QUINLEY**
Service spokesman,
Katmai National Park

"We were all good friends with him," he said. "We haven't had time to deal with it."

The pair were photographing and watching bears at the Kafia Bay lakes, usually not frequented by visitors, according to Park Service spokesman John Quinley. He said bears are attracted to the area by a late run of salmon passing through lakes.

The site is 60 air miles east of Brooks Camp, the best known and most frequently visited bear-watching site in the park. Although it is reachable only by float plane or boat, as many as 300 people visit in July, when scores of bears congregate at the Brooks River as sockeye salmon make their way to spawning grounds.

"July is prime-time for bears there," Quinley said. "It's a worldwide destination."

Rangers planned to return to the site Tuesday, but were waiting for low clouds to clear, Bartley said.

Other areas along the Katmai coast are popular destinations for watching bears.

In the mid-1980s, a brown bear mauled the body of a visitor who drowned, but this week's attacks are the first known bear killings in the park, Quinley said.

Rangers were returning to the site Tuesday.

surf report

Today a mix of fading WNW swell and some playful but slowly dropping SW swell keep breaks in the knee- to chest-high range.

OUTLOOK: Thursday will see similar sets but a little less frequently. A new swell will fill in from the N on Friday afternoon.

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SUNDAY	1:07	-0.2	1:07	2.3	7:53	4.7	6:56	5.6
MONDAY	1:48	-0.2	1:52	1.8	8:21	4.9	7:44	5.6
TUESDAY	2:22	-0.1	2:30	1.3	8:45	5.2	8:26	5.6
WEDNESDAY	2:50	0.1	3:50	1.0	9:08	5.4	9:03	5.4
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Thousands of homeless people sleep on public property and dozens of them are

injured in accidents in parking lots, beaches and streets. But some would argue that it's no different than anyone who drives, visits or walks on public property.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "If you were on a jury, would you have ruled for or against the man's lawsuit? Why?"

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LOCAL

Last-minute campaign tactics flush out votes

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voting in the first place.”

Inside the volunteer headquarters at 1338 Fourth St., a 15-by-15-foot calendar highlighted the month leading up to the election. Each day had a large “X” placed over it, except Oct. 7, which read, “Election Day!” and Oct. 8, which read, “‘Sac’ town or bust!”

Rodney Olsen, a part-time volunteer from Riverside who was manning the front desk, said people had been streaming in and out of the headquarters all day, looking for directions to polling places and asking for last-minute information on the candidates.

Outside, a handful of volunteers waved signs that read, “Join Arnold!” and cheered at passing motorists who honked and waved as they drove past. A small contingent of news reporters spent the day across Fourth Street with cameras and lights set up, pointing at the headquarters.

Jean-Cosme Delaloye, a U.S. correspondent for 24 Heures, a Swiss news agency, spent the past four days in California, interviewing Gov. Gray Davis, and gubernatorial candidates Arianna Huffington and Schwarzenegger. He said despite the international attention California’s historic recall election has received, most Europeans are not rooting for Schwarzenegger.

“An actor in Europe wouldn’t stand a chance,” said Delaloye, who planned to board a plane for Switzerland Tuesday evening. “Especially an actor doing these kinds of movies.”

While volunteers swept area neighborhoods and manned the 30 phone lines at the Fourth Street headquarters, Schwarzenegger himself stayed out of the fray. After voting at 13554 Lucca Dr. in the Pacific Palisades in the morning, he remained out of the public eye and prepared for his election night gala at the Century Plaza Hotel in Century City.

By Tuesday night, Schwarzenegger’s volunteer headquarters was locked up and dark. Only two cameramen were outside taping a homeless man singing and play-

ing a guitar on the sidewalk.

Before the polls closed, staff workers and volunteers at the Democratic headquarters manned two phones and used Schwarzenegger’s Web site to help confused voters find their polling places. The county’s Web site took too long and since Schwarzenegger’s site was faster, they used it instead.

“We are using his resources against him,” one volunteer said. “He’s got the most money so let’s use it.”

“The ‘knock and drag’ is what they call it. That’s part of our goal, is to get them to commit to voting in the first place.”

— JEFF BELAND

Volunteer,
Arnold Schwarzenegger campaign

Elliott said many people who came to the headquarters were confused on how to vote — they weren’t sure whether they should select a candidate if they voted “no” on the recall.

And while several people sat outside Schwarzenegger’s volunteer headquarters camp waving signs, only one volunteer for the “No on Recall” waved a sign at the corner of Fourth Street and Wilshire Boulevard.

“The Arnold people walk by and diss us,” Elliott said, adding the recall shouldn’t have happened. “I’m so mad about this election.”

Schwarzenegger’s campaign headquarters at 3110 Main St. were relatively quiet throughout the day. Two security guards watched over the entrance while press workers and other advisors trickled in and out of the building, which has been off-limits to reporters since the recall campaigning began 180 days ago.

Police apprehend suspect as he tried to flee from scene

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cocaine in Azil’s apartment. Once a search warrant was served, police found several more kilos and several thousand dollars inside, Fabrega said.

As SMPD officers and narcotic agents were investigating the scene, Azil drove up to the building. When he saw police he fled in his car, but officers were able to apprehend him within a short distance, Fabrega said.

It is unknown whether the officer went into the apartment before a search warrant was obtained.

“They were able to develop information but whether they went into the house I don’t know,” Fabrega said.

Fabrega couldn’t confirm what led to the witness reporting suspicious circumstances, or when Azil arrived home. Azil is expected to appear in Santa Monica court today.

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He takes office as soon as the election results are certified, no later than Nov. 15.

Schwarzenegger promised to return the shine to a Golden State beset by massive budget problems and riven by deep political divisions.

Voters faced two questions — whether to recall Davis, and who among the other candidates should replace him if he was removed. They chose to get rid of the incumbent and put Schwarzenegger in his place.

Exit polling explained why: Many Hispanics and union members — two key groups in Davis' past electoral successes — deserted him as he suffered extraordinarily low job approval ratings amid widespread voter discontent about the state's economy.

Davis won election in 1998 with 70 percent support from Hispanics and a similar percentage of voters from union households, and he got about 65 percent of both groups in his re-election last year. But in the recall, about half of Hispanics and of voters with union members in their households voted to recall Davis, according to voter surveys conducted for The Associated Press and other news organizations by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International.

Seven in 10 voters disapproved of how Davis was handling his job. Nearly half of all voters strongly disapproved, and among them, nine in 10 voted for the recall and seven in 10 voted for Schwarzenegger, the exit poll found.

Long lines were reported at polling places through the day. By late afternoon, Terri Carbaugh, a spokeswoman for the Secretary of State, said a turnout of 60 percent appeared likely, higher than the 50.7 percent who voted in last November's gubernatorial election. It would be the highest percentage to vote in a gubernatorial election since 1982.

Re-elected last year with less than 50 percent of the vote, Davis fell victim to a groundswell of discontent in a state that has struggled with its perilous financial condition.

As colorless as his name, Davis was also known as a canny politician with sharp elbows. Once chief of staff to Gov. Jerry Brown, he rose through the political ranks as a state assemblyman, controller and lieutenant governor, before becoming governor in 1999.

By contrast, Schwarzenegger's political inexperience seemed a virtue to many voters.

The actor's improbable rise to political power played out before a rapt international audience. He announced his candidacy in August on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" after aides said it was certain he wouldn't run.

Other major candidates seeking to replace Davis were the Democratic lieutenant governor, Cruz Bustamante, conservative Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock and Green Party candidate Peter Camejo.

"I'm horrified at the thought that Schwarzenegger can be our governor," said Gretchen Purser, 25, of Berkeley, who voted against recall. "I'm sick of Republicans trying to take over the state."

Ed Troupe, 69, of Thousand Oaks, voted yes for recall and for Schwarzenegger. "As far as I'm concerned," he said, "Gray Davis is one of the dirtiest politicians I've ever encountered."

Voters also rejected Proposition 54, a

contentious initiative that would have banned state and local governments from tracking race in everything from preschools to police work. Voters across the racial spectrum rejected the measure, according to exit polling.

They also rejected another proposition dedicating money to public works projects.

Davis' plight reverberated across the nation, to the 18 other states that have initiative, referendum or recall provisions. If the state that brought us right-on-red is again a pioneer, perpetual campaigns could become common.

"Gray Davis is one of the dirtiest politicians I've ever encountered."

— ED TROUPE
Thousand Oaks resident

Davis stood to become only the second governor in U.S. history to be recalled, after North Dakota's Lynn Frazier in 1921. The cost of the election to California taxpayers was estimated at \$67 million.

The victor will face daunting problems, including an ailing economy, a budget deficit now estimated at \$8 billion and a tax-and-spending system many believe needs serious reform.

The recall movement was launched in February by grass-roots activists, angered over a tripling of the state vehicle license fee and a 30 percent to 40 percent increase in student fees at state colleges and universities — measures taken at the start of the year to try to close a whopping \$38 billion deficit.

The movement really took off when Darrell Issa, a conservative congressman from San Diego County, poured \$1.7 million of his fortune into the campaign to get the measure on the ballot.

Criticism of Davis mounted, with recall proponents claiming he squandered the state's \$10 billion surplus in 2000 and lied to voters last fall when he was running for re-election to conceal the dire state of the economy. He also was accused of being slow to respond to the state's energy crisis in 2001 and presiding over a "pay to play" system that rewarded lobbyists and special interests for hefty campaign contributions.

Democrats portrayed the recall as part of a nationwide GOP power grab and sought to keep other Democrats off the ballot. But party unity was shattered when Bustamante, a moderate from the agriculture-rich Central Valley with a history of chilly relations with his boss, abandoned his pledge not to run. The first Hispanic elected to statewide office in more than 120 years, Bustamante was seeking to become California's first Hispanic governor since Romualdo Pacheco in 1875.

Tracked by national and international media, the Austrian immigrant found frenzied crowds wherever he went; flashing an iridescent smile, he tossed campaign T-shirts into adoring throngs. He raised at least \$21.5 million for the race, some \$10 million of which came from his own pocket (a sum that represented about a third of his salary for the movie "Terminator 3.")

All together, the candidates and the pro- and anti-recall campaigns raised at least \$75 million.

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LETTERS

Plea for a stop sign

Editor:

Yet another car crash at San Vicente Boulevard and Fourth Street the other night. Residents have grown used to the squeal of tires, the subsequent scream of sirens. Located near the stairs, next to the Carlsborg school, you'd think parents would insist on a four-way stop for one of the most dangerous intersections in the city. Drivers pass Seventh Street and accelerate, coming from Ocean Avenue, they use the turn to regain speed. The stop would remind drivers they're in a neighborhood and ease congestion.

A friend's father was run down a few years back. I've witnessed or heard over two dozen crack-ups in the past seven years. There are near misses every day. I wrote City Hall. Staff responded City Hall didn't want a stop light at the intersection. I wish they'd get the ink out of their eyes and put up a stop sign before someone else gets nailed. Lawsuits are certain to follow.

Richard J Martini
Santa Monica

A little groping humor

Editor:

What a state we're in! But as my friend and 89-year-old writing partner Irv Brecher says, "I found it touching the stories accusing Arnold and at least if he wins he's promised a more hands-on government."

Hank Rosenfeld
Santa Monica

SMC battle between trustees, staff ensues

Editor:

SMC Board Chairman Herb Roney only confirms that the SMC trustees are detached and uninformed about the way the college functions, because his letter (SMDP, Oct. 2, page 4) is full of misstatements. We, the undersigned faculty at SMC, want to set the record straight.

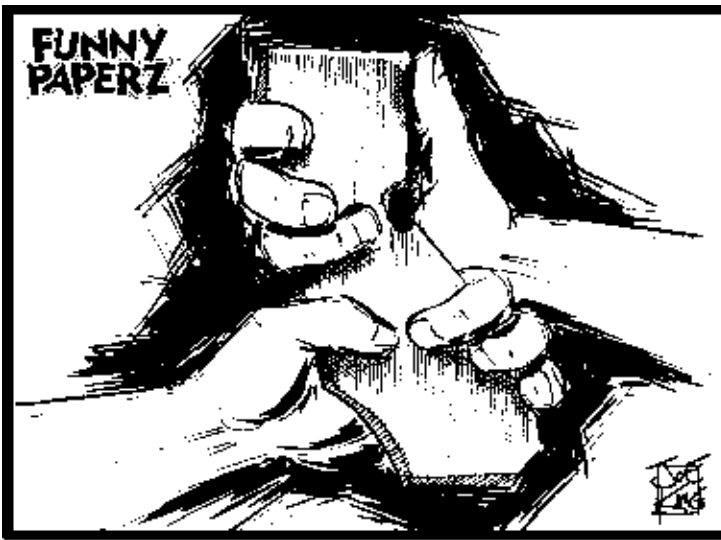
Hiring decisions regarding part-time faculty are not made by faculty. The faculty does not have the authority to hire anyone, only the trustees have that authority. Faculty department chairs make recommendations for part-time faculty assignments, but this is not hiring. In addition, the Faculty Association has filed a steady stream of

grievances in the last two years over administration breaches of part-time faculty assignment rules.

The academic senate does not make any recommendations regarding the hiring of full-time faculty. The coordinating council makes those recommendations, but the coordinating council is not primarily faculty. There are the same number of administrators as faculty on the coordinating council, as well as classified staff and student representation.

The budget committee did not recommend imposing \$2 million wage and hour reductions for classified staff. The budget committee did recommend that a work share program in lieu of lay-offs be adopted by the administration in May, which would have saved the college \$2 million this year. The administration rejected that

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City Council faces Sophie's choice for homeless



INCITES

By Ed Silverstein

On Wilshire Boulevard, though it was only 7 a.m., the dozen or so regulars on the corner of Lincoln Boulevard, with their stolen shopping carts overflowing with greasy rags and trash, litter surrounded filthy blankets, were already drinking. Soon they will be vomiting, urinating and defecating in the once pleasant park where, ironically, residents are not even allowed to smoke.

A block away a planter, which is mandated by the city, had been ripped apart, the flowers strewn violently into the street. But we are fortunate because the casualty of this brutal episode wasn't a child, or a grandmother, or one of us. This time it was a bunch of flowers and a small business owner who is obligated by the city to replace them.

Coming the other way was a Charles Manson poseur, complete with a forehead tattoo and a low life, Squeaky From-like girlfriend. They were taunting and insulting mostly elderly pedestrians whose only crime was to take a walk in their own neighborhood. These seniors were visibly frightened and though I stared the pair

down, I too was uncomfortably aware that one of these miscreants could pull a gun or a knife and turn me into a statistic.

At the Promenade, a bench warmer took aim and fired. Fortunately the rifle was imaginary, though his rage and intent were not. And my attempt to eat breakfast at an outdoor café was brought to an abrupt end when one of the off-med schizophrenics that haunts the open mall came up behind me and started shrieking and wouldn't, or couldn't, stop. And parents walking their children to school were recently treated to two transients beating a third bloody.

This is in addition to the normal ranting, threats, aggressive panhandling, graffiti, litter, cursing, public intoxication, drug dealing and a host of other antisocial behavior that has become an everyday fixture of Santa Monica that has turned our streets into an open air asylum.

Recently, my wife and I were in line to purchase movie tickets. A homeless man, who was trying to keep upright by leaning against the wall, suddenly toppled sideways. Either he had blacked out or was so highly intoxicated that he no longer possessed the basic survival instincts to arrest his fall. His head bounced off the concrete. He lay still for a few moments, then began to convulse with delirium tremors. As we called 911, a man tried to shove a few bills into vagrant's hand. I couldn't believe it. This drunk had nearly died before our eyes and here was this man

giving him the means to buy the very thing that was killing him.

And it is with the same surfeit of good intentions and deficit of common sense that the Santa Monica City Council deals with the homeless. They continue to pursue failed policies by adding more shelters and services without any sort of accountability or assurance of success. The net effect is a program that is about half as effective as Gov. Gray Davis' handling of the energy crisis.

It is time to take a hard look at the harsh realities. The homeless population has swelled to nearly 3 percent of the total population of Santa Monica. Many of the homeless are chronic with little or no chance of recovery without massive intervention. They are suffering from acute alcoholism, drug addiction and severe mental disabilities. The vast majority of these transients are criminals who shoplift, mug, burglarize your home, molest children and are capable of committing rape, violence and even murder. They have decimated the quality of life, destroyed businesses and impacted tourism.

The Santa Monica City Council needs to recognize that its primary responsibility is to the people who live in Santa Monica, not those who camp out on its streets. They must adopt harsher policies that will stop attracting and severely reduce the homeless population that even the care providers admit is out of control.

And this is not selfish thinking. In fact,

it is the council, with its overt and ineffective display of compassion, who are truly selfish. These street people are in desperate need of far more than a hot meal and a 12-step program. The acute substance abusers must be compelled into medical detox programs. The mentally and emotionally disabled need qualified psychiatric care, medication, out-patient and, in extreme cases, in-patient commitment. With the current homeless population, none of this is possible.

The city must reduce its homeless population by two thirds. This will free up police to ensure our safety. It will reduce the demands on the fire department's EMS units. It will allow the elderly to walk the streets without fear. It will reduce, or eliminate our budget deficit and free up more money for schools. And we can focus more complex social services on the people who can actually be helped, possibly save some lives rather than just giving them the means to destroy them.

The Santa Monica City Council is faced with a Sophie's choice. They must choose between saving the Santa Monica community or pandering to an unmanageable homeless population. To do nothing will condemn them both.

(Ed Silverstein is a freelance writer in Santa Monica. Please send all your homeless to Michael Feinstein, care of Santa Monica City Hall and your comments to edsincities@aol.com).

OPINION



Mounting threat of eco-terrorism should concern us all

As we combat Islamic terrorism abroad, we must recognize the deadly threat posed by a homegrown source — one that since 1997 has been responsible for more than 600 attacks and has inflicted more than \$100 million in property damage. The attacks have become bolder, fiercer: In August a 206-unit apartment complex near San Diego was fire-bombed, resulting in \$50 million in damage. And just weeks ago, also in San Diego, four upscale homes under construction were torched.

This growing danger is: Environmental terrorism. It is time that we reflect on the scale of the danger we face — and the ideology behind that menace.

From Alabama to Michigan, from Pennsylvania to California, underground cells of eco-terrorists have been waging a campaign of tree-spiking, industrial sabotage, arson and bombing. Last year the most prominent eco-terrorist group, the Earth Liberation Front, proudly claimed responsibility for more than 130 attacks. What is their goal?

According to the ELF, our Westernized way of life “comes at the expense of ... the natural environment.” By seeking a safer, longer, happier life — by seeking more than a bare, primitive subsistence — mankind, they say, is

guilty of crimes against nature.

Accordingly, they wish “to inflict economic damage on those profiting from the destruction and exploitation of the natural environment” — hoping eventually “to speed up the collapse of industry.”

Eco-terrorists have consistently targeted these “exploiters” — from timber companies, to land developers, to science

researchers. In the most notorious of their actions, in Vail, Colo., in 1998, the ELF burned down part of a ski resort, causing \$12 million in property damage. The attack was mounted, the group said, on behalf of the wildlife whose habitat was being “trespassed” upon. Last year nine new homes in Phoenix were firebombed because they were deemed, by eco-terrorists, to be encroaching on ... the natural desert. Two years ago, to protest the existence of Huntingdon Life Sciences, a British animal-research lab, “animal-liberationist” goons blew up several cars belonging to the firm’s employees, and severely beat the company’s managing director with baseball bats.

These militants are alarmingly brazen. Gloating in a tone redolent of Osama bin

Laden’s post-Sept. 11 videos, the ELF has published a meticulous, 47-page report of its self-described illegal activities.

The attacks are listed by region, date, tactics used and damage caused. There are even mock awards for the “most impressive” attacks and “most vehicles damaged in a single action.” To spur further violence, the group’s Web site offers a free illustrated manual on “Setting Fires With Electrical Timers” (along with advice on what to do if an FBI agent comes knocking).

Yet, astonishingly, little has been done to stop the eco-terrorists. Some have been caught and even brought before grand juries, but few have been punished. In February 2002 the House Resources Subcommittee held a hearing on eco-terrorism, but nothing came of it: The main witness, an ELF spokesman, refused to answer most of the questions. Meanwhile, the attacks, both large and small, continued last year at an average pace of one every four days.

These people are not mere vandals. They declare that they do not “consider the destruction of property ... to be com-

mitting violence” if done for the sake of nature. It is just a matter of time before they extend their rabid rationalizations to the killing of human beings. The eco-terrorists hate the system of capitalism and industrialization because it leads us, properly, to regard nature as only a means to satisfy man’s wishes. They are driven by an ideology that regards human life as dispensable whenever it impedes their goal of keeping nature untouched. With every dam he constructs, every house he erects and every shovelful of soil he removes, man is denounced for “raping the earth” and “murdering the eco-system.” The eco-terrorists want to stop all such activities — by whatever means necessary.

Our inaction in the face of Islamic terrorists prior to Sept. 11 helped to embolden them; our inaction in the face of eco-terrorism is doing the same. We dare not wait for eco-terrorists, motivated by their own nihilistic ideology, to mount their own Sept. 11. They must be stopped by the force of government, now.

(Elan Journo is a senior writer for the Ayn Rand Institute in Irvine, Calif. The Institute (www.aynrand.org) promotes the philosophy of Ayn Rand, author of Atlas Shrugged and The Fountainhead.)

Guest Commentary

By Elan Journo

LETTERS

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recommendation. The majority of the budget committee is clearly opposed to lay-offs. Nevertheless, the trustees voted on Sept. 15 to lay off 18 classified staff in order to save \$842,000 this year.

The college did not lay off 14 percent of its administrative staff. Fifteen administrators received lay-off notices, but only two were terminated. The remainder are still at the college now working as faculty, and replace part-time faculty who have been laid off.

These details matter. Despite an increase in state funding for this year, the trustees have voted in the last few months to decimate the college: Reducing course offerings by 25 percent, eliminating vocational programs such as auto technology and architecture, and laying off eight full-time faculty, 400 part-time faculty, and 18 classified staff. The trustees have rejected good faith offers by employee unions to reduce costs without program eliminations and massive section cuts.

How can trustees make these crucial decisions without even a basic understanding of how the college functions?

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Real Estate

Twelve ways to save on your homeowner's insurance



DAYS ON THE MARKET

By Jodi Summers

A study by the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America found that 51 million homeowners are paying higher premiums than they did two years ago. Homeowner's insurance is a must-have to provide homeowners and lenders with financial protection against disasters. A standard policy insures the home itself and the things you keep in it.

A standard homeowner's insurance policy includes four essential types of coverage:

1. Coverage for the structure of your home.
2. Coverage for your personal belongings.
3. Liability protection.
4. Additional living expenses in the event you are temporarily unable to live in your home because of a fire or other insured disaster.

There are many factors an insurance company uses to determine the price of your policy:

- The square footage of the house and any additional structures.
- Building costs in your area.
- Your home's construction, materials and features.
- Amount of crime in your neighborhood.
- The likelihood of damage from natural disasters, such as hurricanes and hail storms.
- The proximity of your home to a fire hydrant (or other source of water) and to a fire station, whether your community has a professional or volunteer fire service,

and other factors that can affect the time it takes to put out fires.

■ The condition of the plumbing, heating and electrical system.

The price you pay for your homeowner's insurance can vary by hundreds of dollars depending on a number of factors, including the company you buy your policy from. The Insurance Information Institute has come up with 12 ways to help you save money on your homeowner's insurance.

1. Shop around. Ask your friends, check the Yellow Pages or call your state insurance department. Check consumer guides, insurance companies and online insurance quote services. This will give you an idea of price ranges and advise you which companies have the lowest prices. Go beyond price and select several semi-finalists. Call to see who offers price and service — should you need assistance in filing a claim. Check the financial ratings of the companies with AM Best or Standard and Poor's.

2. Raise your deductible. Deductibles are the amount of money you have to pay toward a loss before your insurance company starts to pay a claim, according to the terms of your policy. The higher your deductible, the more money you can save on your premiums. Currently, most insurance companies recommend a deductible of \$500. If you can raise your deductible to \$1,000, you may save as much as 25 percent. Remember, earthquake and flood insurance are separate policies and have their own deductible.

3. Buy your home and auto policies from the same insurer. Some companies that sell homeowner's, auto and liability coverage will take 5 to 15 percent off your premium if you buy two or more policies from them.

4. Make your home more disaster resistant. Find out from your insurance agent or company representative what

steps you can take to make your home more resistant to natural disasters. You may be able to save on your premiums by retrofitting so the property is better able to withstand earthquakes. In addition, consider modernizing your heating, plumbing and electrical systems to reduce the risk of fire and water damage.

5. Don't confuse what you paid for your house with rebuilding costs. The land under your house isn't at risk from theft, windstorm, fire and the other perils covered in your homeowner's policy. So don't include its value when deciding how much homeowner's insurance to buy.

6. Improve your home security. You can usually deduct at least 5 percent for a smoke detector, burglar alarm or dead-bolt locks. Sophisticated sprinkler systems with fire and burglar alarm that ring at the monitoring stations, may reduce your premium by 15 or 20 percent. Before you buy, find out what kind your insurer recommends, how much the device would cost and how much you'd save on premiums.

7. Seek out other discounts. Ask your insurance representative about discounts available to you. For example, retired people have more time for maintaining their homes. If you're at least 55 years old and retired, you may qualify for a discount of up to 10 percent at some companies.

8. See if you can get group coverage. If your employer administers a group insurance program, check to see if a homeowner's policy is available. Additionally, professional, alumni and business groups often have an insurance package, which includes a discount for association members.

9. Stay with the same insurer. If you've kept your coverage with a company for several years, you may receive a special discount for being a long-term policyholder. Six years with the same insurer can yield a 10 percent discount.

10. Review the limits in your policy

and the value of your possessions at least once a year. You want your policy to cover any major purchases or additions to your home. But you don't want to spend money for coverage you don't need. If your 5-year-old fur coat is no longer worth the \$5,000 you paid for it, you'll want to reduce or cancel your floater (extra insurance for items whose full value is not covered by standard homeowner's policies).

11. Look for private insurance if you're in a government plan. If you live in a high-risk area and have been buying your homeowner's insurance through a government plan, do some shopping. There may be steps you can take that would allow you to buy insurance at a lower price in the private market.

12. When you're buying a home, consider the cost of homeowner's insurance. You may pay less for insurance if you buy a house close to a fire hydrant. It may also be cheaper if your home's electrical, heating and plumbing systems are less than 10 years old. Wooden frame houses are more likely to withstand earthquakes. Your choice may cut your premiums by 5 to 15 percent.

If you have questions about insurance for any of your possessions, be sure to ask your agent or company representative when you're shopping for a policy. For example, if you run a business out of your home, discuss coverage for that business. Most homeowner's policies cover business equipment in the home, but they offer no business liability insurance. Make certain you have all the coverage you need.

For more information check out the Insurance Information Institute at the Federal Consumer Information Center at www.pueblo.gsa.gov.

(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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REAL ESTATE



Navigating the turbulent waters for historic preservation



Guest Commentary

By Monica Witt

California is running out of available open land to develop.

This lack of space has spurred many to move further and further out from urban centers — a move that has exacted human, economic, infrastructure and environmental costs. At the same, however, the rush to get out of the urban core leaves behind a bevy of historically significant buildings that are underutilized or vacant and, often, suffering from deferred maintenance. Given these factors, many property owners and developers are beginning to take a closer look at the inherent value of existing improvements and are seeking to enhance their real estate holdings through the rehabilitation of historically significant properties. This is leading to a type of urban core renaissance in which older, once-obsolete properties are being rehabilitated.

Recognizing that the costs of historic preservation and rehabilitation can be economically prohibitive, many cities are adopting adaptive re-use ordinances which encourage and facilitate the conversion of older, economically distressed buildings to apartments and live/work units. Many of the adaptive re-use ordinances are supported by findings that revitalization of the urban core not only preserves our cultural and architectural heritage, but also improves the economic

and environmental well-being of a community by locating residents, jobs, hotels, and transit services in close proximity which, in turn, improves the jobs/housing balance, as well as air and noise quality through a reduction in vehicle trips.

Historic preservation also is being pursued outside of the downtown core. Here, the preservation community seeks to stop a trend of demolishing older duplexes, triplexes and bungalow courts in order to make room for large modern buildings that can more efficiently utilize the site. In those scenarios, compromise between developers on the one hand, and preservationists on the other hand, requires skillful negotiation and a recognition from both camps that historic preservation is feasible only where its benefits outweigh its burdens. For example, rehabilitation of a deteriorated historic resource can be viable if the property can be adapted in such a way as to meet the programmatic requirements of the modern user.

Understanding historic preservation

Historic preservation is often credited with providing communities with a sense of identity, stability and orientation. Accordingly, federal, state and local laws seek to incentivize historic preservation through a variety of means, including tax breaks, grants, waiver of permit fees, and application of the State Historical Building Code in lieu of the Uniform Building Code. Further, the preservation community typically asserts that historic designation often increases property values.

At the same time, however, historic designation can impose a number of oner-

ous restrictions. For example, in many jurisdictions, permits to demolish, relocate or alter a designated historic resource will not be granted by City Hall in the absence of a prior approval from the governing historic board or commission. Additionally, discretionary projects that may have an adverse impact on an historic resource require CEQA clearance, which may range from a determination of exemption all the way to the preparation of a full Environmental Impact Report.

Given this high level of governmental intrusion into a property owner's ability to do as it wishes with privately-owned property, it is critical to ensure that only those properties that are truly deserving of protection be designated as historic resources. Each jurisdiction establishes a set of criteria against which it evaluates whether a property, or "resource," is worthy of designation.

A resource by definition can be a building, a site, a structure, an object or an entire district. To be eligible for nomination, a particular resource must possess characteristics that existed during the resource's period of significance. The site must then meet a number of additional key conditions to verify its status as an historic resource: Association with events vital to the history or cultural heritage of the region, state or country as a whole; association with the lives of people important to local, state, or national history; embodiment of distinctive characteristics; representation of the work of a master; possession of high artistic values, or the ability to yield information important to the prehistory or history of the local

area, state, or nation.

Accepting the historic preservation challenge

We have had clients who have purchased properties with the intent to demolish the existing improvements, and only later learning that the properties will soon be designated as historic resources. The results have been both economically and psychologically disastrous. It is therefore critical that before purchasing any property, a buyer carefully research a variety of sources to determine whether the property has been nominated, or has the potential for nomination, to the local, state or federal register. All of the legal issues arising from potential historic status must be thoroughly reviewed. Additionally, many communities have preservation and historic societies. It is important to seek the input of these groups and of elected and appointed community officials. Finally, if a decision is made to move forward on a historic project, a development team should be assembled which includes an architect that specializes in preservation projects and a recognized historic preservation consultant.

The process of preserving resources that are truly historic can be rewarding and, if structured properly, financially viable. It can also be arduous and expensive. Be sure you know what you're getting into before embarking on that journey.

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Don't hold your breath waiting for Santa Monica's train to arrive



IN YOUR SPACE

By Christina S. Porter

Being that Bergamot Station has the name it does you would think there would be a train coming by soon. Apparently that was the plan but it won't be coming anytime soon.

According to an article in the LA Business Journal, the \$156 million earmarked for the light rail project was rescinded by the MTA. The rail line would

have eventually connected downtown Los Angeles with the Pacific Ocean via Culver City that included a stop at Bergamot Station on the way.

The property, purchased by the City of Santa Monica for \$17.3 million in 1989, is currently leased out to art galleries and architecture firms on a month-to-month basis.

According to Councilman Kevin McKeown, as quoted in the same article "When the time comes we have every intention to use that as our rail station." It has been said, however that, with the funding in limbo, it could take as long as 20 years for our train to arrive.

In the meantime there are at least two projects that have been and are being built

with that rail line in mind. They include the Water Garden and the redesigned Civic Center in downtown Santa Monica. Combining the obvious fact that the rail line would make it easier for tourists to visit our city (try going West on the 10 on

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Arnold Schwarzenegger will face daunting task

BY MARTHA MENDOZA
AP National Writer

SANTA CRUZ — Arnold Schwarzenegger is going to have a tough time fulfilling campaign promises. The state faces an \$8 billion deficit, persistent unemployment, struggling schools, and, as Gray Davis knows all too well, angry and mobilized voters.

"I guess it's fun during the campaign, but it's going to be a grind once they get in there. It's a miserable job that everyone wants," said Bob Stern, who heads the nonpartisan Center for Governmental Studies in Santa Monica.

The state has been hit hard by the downturn in the economy and the burst of the high-tech bubble in particular. A total of 223,900 jobs were lost from 2001 to 2003, causing a precipitous drop in personal income tax and sales tax revenue — the main sources of income for the California's \$71 billion budget.

The result has been cutbacks and higher fees for such things as health care and education. Teachers are being laid off, classrooms are overflowing, and clinics for the poor are being shuttered.

Any budgetary solutions to these problems will need two-thirds approval from a state legislature that is more polarized than ever after the wrenching recall campaign.

Moreover, there is only so much room in the budget for creative problem-solving, since a series of voter-approved "lockboxes" mandate how money must be spent in certain areas, and the 1978 tax revolt known as Proposition 13 limits property tax increases to 2 percent a year.

"The overarching problem is structural, and that's a really tough challenge that won't be fixed by anyone who sits in the governor's office," said Jean Ross, executive director of the California Budget Project in Sacramento. "At some point we're going to have to reform the way in which we craft budgets in this state, and that's going to be painful."

The leading contenders for the job face their own unique challenges as well.

Schwarzenegger, who was the front-runner in the race to replace Davis, has seen his image and his mandate to clean up Sacramento tarnished by accusations that he groped and sexually harassed 15 women.

Schwarzenegger has apologized and denounced some of the accusations as dirty politics, but he probably will not escape the controversy.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer, a Democrat, said Schwarzenegger should volunteer for a state investigation regard-

less of the outcome of the election, although the one-year statute of limitations for sexual battery has expired on all the complaints.

And Democratic Assemblyman Mark Leno said he would introduce legislation he dubbed "Arnold's Law" to increase the penalties for sexually harassing women in the workplace.

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Center for Governmental Studies

"I don't think these sex harassment allegations are going away. He's going to keep being flayed by them. Maybe they're like mosquito pricks, but they're still there," said Edward Lascher, a public policy professor at Sacramento State University.

Schwarzenegger has said his top priority is to roll back a recent tripling of the vehicle registration tax. That alone would increase the budget deficit by \$4 billion. His solution — to tax Indian casinos — would involve re-negotiating compacts with 61 tribes — a difficult task that will not be helped by Schwarzenegger's campaign advertisements criticizing Indian gambling. He also wants to renegotiate contracts with the state employees' unions.

Schwarzenegger also will be confronted with an overwhelming Democratic majority in the Legislature and a considerable amount of ill will toward him. In addition, he will have only about two months to set up his administration before a budget is due in January.

California's economy has begun to show some signs of recovery, including higher-than-expected bond sales and a growing number of new businesses. This year's turnaround in the stock market has also boosted the value of stock options for thousands of Silicon Valley workers.

Still, when it comes to fixing the budget, "all of the easy things have already been done," said Democratic Assemblyman John Laird. "I just don't think any of these candidates understand how bad it is, and how hard it will be to solve the problems."

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County employees' unused leave pay could get cut

By The Associated Press

VENTURA — Supervisors anticipating years of lean budgets are considering changes to the county's vacation cash-out policy that saw employees paid more than \$13 million in two years for unused leave time.

County government workers cashed out \$6.5 million in unused vacation time during the fiscal year that ended in June, Auditor-Controller Christine Cohen said. The payout was higher than the \$6.8 million for the previous year.

Budget managers were asked to examine possible elimination of the perk to help the county cope with expected future budget shortfalls. The Board of Supervisors had to slice \$17 million to balance this year's \$1.2 billion budget.

Undoing the cash-out policy could be tricky, officials say. Employees represented by unions are guaranteed the benefit in labor contracts and the only way to take it away would be to reopen negotiations, Chief Executive Officer Johnny Johnston said.

"We're talking about something that has been part of the pay structure for many years now," he said. "We need to move cautiously."

Under the agreements, government managers can cash out up to 200 hours of unused "leave" time each year. Managers are entitled to up to nine weeks of leave — a combination of vacation and sick time — each year.

Unknown oil slick closes beach

By The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON BEACH — A 3 1/2-mile stretch of beach was closed briefly because of a mysterious offshore oil slick believed caused by ocean-floor seepage.

The slick, about 50 by 50 yards, was at first believed to be caused by an oil spill because it had a rainbow sheen. But a Coast Guard investigation revealed that it probably resulted from a natural seepage, Lt. Stephen LaLonde said.

There was no evidence that the oil spilled from one of the offshore oil platforms, he said.

The Coast Guard and Orange County Fire Authority dispatched helicopters at 8 a.m. Monday to investigate the slick, LaLonde said. Coast Guard officials also sent a boat to investigate.

Coast Guard crews determined that it would be difficult to contain and clean up the oily slick, which had mingled with an existing red tide.

"We've had so much red tide in that area and the slick mixed in with it," LaLonde said.

The area from Beach Boulevard to Seapoint Avenue near the Bolsa Chica wetlands was closed for "a very brief period" in the morning, city lifeguards said.

Bar may lose liquor license after drug bust

By The Associated Press

AZUSA — An East Arrow Highway bar where undercover agents allegedly bought drugs could now lose its liquor license.

After a three-month investigation, state agents and police raided the bar Semag & Strops — Games & Sports spelled backward — on Friday and arrested four people, said Carl DeWing of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Agents allegedly purchased methamphetamines, marijuana and cocaine.

Bartender Michael Donald Lackey, 47, of Covina allegedly sold methamphetamine to the investigators and assisted in the purchase of drugs from customers, DeWing said Monday. Also arrested was Cruz Padilla, 72, of Azusa, who allegedly sold crack cocaine, DeWing said.

The state is now asking that the bar's liquor license be suspended or revoked. A hearing will be held within two months by a local district for the ABC.

"The range of penalties could be a suspension for 30 days all the way up to revoking the license," DeWing said. "There also could be a stayed revocation where the bar could stay open, but if there were any further problems, the license would be revoked."

Million-dollar mistake may delay Universal City overpass

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Engineering mistakes by a city-run lab caused lengthy delays and added more than \$1 million in costs to a Highway 101 overpass in Universal City, confidential reports by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's inspector general concluded.

In June, the MTA's board voted to pay an additional \$1.4 million to Fontana-based Brutoco Engineering & Construction Inc. because its work as general contractor on the overpass was delayed about 200 days.

MTA Inspector General William Waters said in confidential reports obtained by the Los Angeles Times that faulty testing of concrete panels at a lab run by the Los Angeles Department of General Services were to blame.

"City lab testing of the concrete panels was defective and caused delayed costs to the contract," Waters wrote.

Deputy Mayor Brian Williams disagreed with Waters' findings.

"We have great faith in our city lab; it's nationally recognized and meets all of the appropriate standards," Williams said. "We just don't think there was an error on our part."

The overpass connects Lankershim and Ventura boulevards near the Universal City Red Line subway stop. The city objected to a California Department of Transportation-approved construction method — pre-formed concrete slabs as retaining walls — used by Brutoco.

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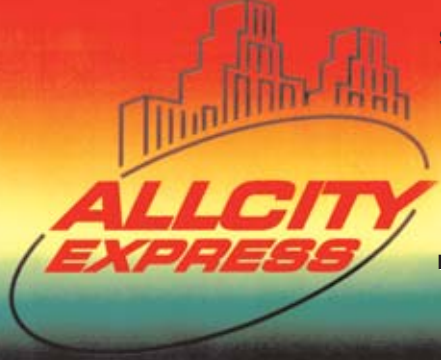
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Fitting farewell sought for Hass avocado's 'Mother Tree'

BY NADA EL SAWY

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — They could just cut it up and use it for firewood, but what kind of respect would that show a tree that helped launch a revolution in salsa and party dip, to say nothing of giving a huge boost to California's economy.

The "Mother Tree," the one to which every Hass avocado in the world can trace its lineage, died of root rot last year in suburban La Habra Heights. It was 76.

It was chopped down last month and now lies lifeless in a Ventura nursery, while agricultural officials try to figure out what to do with it.

"It was a special tree, no doubt. It spawned an industry," said Derek Knobel, president of the California Avocado Society, a nonprofit group with 900 members worldwide.

There has been talk of turning it into a bar, carving it up into clocks or perhaps commemorative plaques. Even of making it into avocado bowls, which might be its

"I felt responsible. People kind of depended on me to take care of the tree — the tree which I lost."

— HAROLD BROKAW
Nurseryman

most fitting fate.

For when it comes to avocados, the black, bumpy-skinned Hass is king of them all.

Hass trees produce 95 percent of the avocados grown in California, which is the nation's top avocado-producing state, according to the California Avocado Commission. They also provide fruit for growers from one side of the globe to the other, including farmers in Mexico, Costa Rica, South Africa, New Zealand and Spain.

Those growers have Rudolph Hass to thank for that.

The mail carrier bought the mother tree as a seedling from A.R. Rideout of nearby Whittier in 1926 and planted it in his yard.

Nobody knows what variety of seed produced the tree, according to California Avocado Commission officials, who say Rideout tended to use whatever he found.

After putting the tree in his yard, Hass planned to graft other varieties off it. When the grafts didn't take he considered cutting it down, but his children talked him out of it, saying they liked the taste of the avocados it produced better than any others.

Instead, he named the variety of avocado it produced after himself, taking out a patent in 1935 and entering into an agreement with nurseryman Harold Brokaw to sell and promote the fruit. The patent expired in 1952 — the year Hass died.

By then, the Hass avocado had taken off because of its taste, durability and extended shelf life. It passed its green rival, the Fuerte, in the 1960s, and now accounts for about 80 percent of consumption and brings in about \$350 million a year.

When the 65-foot tree that started it all developed a fungus several years ago, Harold Brokaw's nephew Hank set out to save it.

He nursed the tree for more than a

decade, trying to clear away the vegetation choking its base and using chemicals to kill the rot. He lost the battle last year.

"I felt responsible," Brokaw said. "People kind of depended on me to take care of the tree — the tree which I lost."

Now he's trying to figure out a way to give it a proper send-off, and in the past month the Brokaw Nursery has received more than two-dozen suggestions.

A self-proclaimed avocado lover in Pasadena wants a wood guacamole bowl. The Hacienda Country Club, close to the original site of the tree, wants to build a bar. A Saticoy avocado grower wants a piece to hang on his wall. And the California Avocado Commission has suggested plaques, gavels or clocks.

The World Avocado Congress has also been asked to weigh in with an opinion when it meets Oct. 19-24 in Spain.

Such a fuss over a fruit tree, although unusual, isn't altogether unheard of.

Citrus growers have their own mother tree in Riverside, the one that started the navel orange phenomenon. The tree, more than a century old, stands behind a small metal fence on a downtown corner.

Ted Batkin, president of the California Citrus Research Board, said avocado and citrus growers tend to grow more attached to their trees than others, in part because the trees tend to last longer.

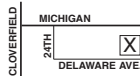
"If you're a tomato grower, the tomato tree lasts for 90 days. It dies. Who cares? If you plant a peach tree, it's good for 15 years," Batkin said. "But avocado and citrus trees — they last a long, long time."

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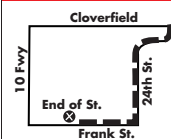
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Alaskans share oil wealth, spend it on cars, other toys

BY MARY PEMBERTON

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Robert Lague fingered the price tags on the guitars in the pawn shop as he fantasized about what he will do with his check for \$1,107.56 in free money.

Lague, a 34-year-old laborer from Chugiak, said that even though he is not working now, he is going to "spend it on junk, on fun stuff, kind of using it as mad money."

In what may seem inconceivable to people in the Lower 48, practically every man, woman and child in Alaska receives a check every year just for living here. The money is from the Alaska Permanent Fund, an oil-royalty investment account created in 1976 after crude was discovered on Alaska's North Slope.

Beginning Wednesday, a total of \$663.2 million will be handed out to close to 600,000 Alaskans.

In the days before the checks go out, Alaskans are inundated with offers from businesses competing for the money. Pawn shops offer to cash checks in the hope that people will drop some of their money there. Huge blinking signs advertise PFD specials at car dealerships in Anchorage. Travel companies offer special tours to Mexico and Europe. A clothing store is running a newspaper ad of a buxom blond in black lingerie, encouraging readers to have "some PFD fun."

The first dividend check was issued in 1982. This year's check is hundreds of dollars less than the \$1,540.76 paid last year and well below the record-high of \$1,963.86 in 2000.

The amount is calculated according to the fund's five-year average return on its stock, bond and real estate investments. And several times this year, the fund was battered so badly by the slump in the stock market that Alaskans were told there might be no dividend at all.

That would put a damper on Alaska's economy, particularly at this time of year when businesses have come to expect the influx of PFD money.

"The distribution has been built into the Alaska economy for quite some time. After 20 years, I'd call it an integral part of the Alaska economy," said Robert Storer, executive director of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corp.,

which manages the more than \$25 billion account.

Every year, lawmakers debate whether the fund should be used to help run state government. Alaska, which has no income tax or statewide sales tax, faces chronic deficits because it relies on oil for about 80 percent of its revenue. At the end of the last fiscal year, the state had a deficit of nearly \$400 million.

"It is really important for people out here, especially those that are subsistence hunters and gatherers."

— STELLA HAVATONE
Resident

But the Legislature is restricted by law against touching the fund's principal. And the dividends are all but untouchable politically.

While many urban Alaskans are fantasizing about buying expensive toys, many residents of rural Alaska

spend it on essentials, such as home heating fuel and other household bills, hunting gear and gas to operate snowmobiles to go hunting.

"It is really important for people out here, especially those that are subsistence hunters and gatherers. They rely on that money," said Stella Havatone, secretary for the school in Shishmaref, an Inupiat Eskimo village on an island in the Chukchi Sea. "I can't imagine our people without a PFD."

Anchorage Chrysler Dodge was offering used cars for one to five PFD checks. Matthew Tennant, a 28-year-old single father of twin, 2 1/2-year-old girls, bought a 1988 Chevrolet truck for \$1,000. Tennant said he has been taking the bus but needs the truck to move his things to a new apartment.

"I'm moving out of the ghetto into a better neighborhood. My kids come first," he said.

As for more frivolous things, Christine Manning, manager of The Look, the store that placed the sexy PFD newspaper ad, said she expects business will be hopping with customers picking up feather boas, vinyl miniskirts, platform shoes and leather corsets.

The checks are smaller this year. But "it is still free money for extra fun stuff," Manning said.

War on terror partner needs a favor

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki says he'll be President Bush's steadfast partner in the international war on terror, but he wants a favor: the lifting of a U.S. travel advisory that is hurting tourism to his African nation.

Kibaki made his request publicly Monday night as he toasted Bush at a White House state dinner, the fourth in the Bush presidency.

"One of our economic pillars is

tourism," Kibaki told the 130 guests seated in the State Dining Room. "Unfortunately, the sector has suffered heavily — heavy losses following travel bans imposed by the United States. I am therefore appealing for a lifting of the travel ban."

Bush made no public promise to lift the travel alert, instituted partly in response to a car bombing in November in the Kenyan port city of Mombasa. Three Israeli tourists and at least 10 Kenyans were killed in the attack, which was blamed on

al-Qaida. Minutes earlier, assailants unsuccessfully tried to shoot down an Israeli charter jet with shoulder-fired missiles as it was taking off from Mombasa's airport.

Bush acknowledged that Kenya had disrupted terror operations, and said the East African nation would be a major recipient of a \$100 million counterterrorism initiative that will provide the region with training, equipment and assistance to strengthen security.

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Wyoming fire halls cling to alcohol, despite DUI cases

BY ROBERT W. BLACK
Associated Press Writer

TORRINGTON, Wyo. — For decades, the local fire hall has been the social center of many small towns, where volunteer firefighters could lean against a bar and down a cold one with their buddies.

But two incidents this year in which Wyoming firefighters were charged with driving drunk while racing to fires have brewed a debate over whether the spigot at firehouse bars should be shut off.

In one case, a 16-year-old volunteer firefighter was killed when the truck in which she was riding rolled over after the driver lost control.

"What is the rationale for having alcohol in a fire hall?" Gov. Dave Freudenthal asked. He has joined state Fire Marshal Jim Narva in asking departments to voluntarily dump their stashes.

But some local fire chiefs say liquor is an important tool for recruitment and builds firehouse camaraderie.

"When you risk your life for somebody every day, you need to have an association, a bond with them," said Riverton Fire Chief Bruce Drake.

Here in Torrington, the 27-member volunteer department has a strict policy against firefighters answering a call after drinking, and Fire Chief Dennis Estes said the fire marshal was out of line.

"I want to e-mail the guy back and say ... why don't you e-mail me something on recruitment and retention? That's our problem," Estes said. "The alcohol is not the problem."

Estes noted that in both of the DUI cases, the drinking is described as occurring away from the fire hall.

Still, the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department voted to remove alcohol after one of its own, Anndee Huber, was killed May 22. Firefighter Ronald Caillier is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to aggravated vehicular homicide.

Huber, a bubbly high school sophomore and honors student, was a member of a Scout program that encourages teenagers to become firefighters.

Prosecutors allege Caillier's blood-alcohol level was 0.16 percent after having several drinks in a downtown bar before heading to a grass fire with Huber.

Nearly a third of the town's 3,000 people turned out for Huber's funeral. Her death angered many in the community.

"It put the whole community in shock," said Mayor Ed Wagoner, himself a volunteer firefighter. "Losing one of our own, and then finding out the charges being filed, there was a lot of anger I had to deal with personally."

In Thermopolis, Fire Chief Mark Collins is accused of driving to a blaze in his personal vehicle July 9 while under the influence of alcohol. He has pleaded innocent, but a change of plea hearing is scheduled Oct. 31.

Chief Drake in Riverton said the Newcastle and Thermopolis incidents unfairly gave every volunteer firefighter in the state a black eye.

"Half my department doesn't even drink," he said of his 49-member force.

Hank Coe, a fireman for 23 years and former Cody fire chief, as well as a state senator, agreed.

"These two incidences — though very, very sad cases — are still very isolated

cases," he said. "It's just a very, very small part of what goes on out there."

Coe said the Cody Fire Department's alcohol is only brought out for social occasions, then strictly controlled. He agreed with Drake that a ban on alcohol would hurt morale.

"There is a lot of fraternal camaraderie that takes place, doing things all the time together," Coe said. "... Anything you do to damage this social aspect of that camaraderie is going to have an overall effect on the performance."

Not so, says Jim Minchow, a 21-year firefighter and chief of the 28-member volunteer department in Lovell. Minchow, whose firehouse has no alcohol, said his department has a waiting list of people wanting to become members.

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— DAVE FREUDENTHAL
Wyoming state governor

"A lot of departments have said they wouldn't be able to keep their numbers up ... if it (alcohol) wasn't there," he said. "If that's why they're on, I guess I would say they're on for the wrong reason."

Don Huber, Worland's fire chief and president of the Wyoming Fire Chiefs Association, said booze has been banned at his fire station for eight or nine years. Allowing alcohol in fire halls leads some to believe "it's acceptable to go on fire calls after having been drinking," he said.

Before Gary Scott arrived as chief in Campbell County in 1991, alcohol was allowed in the station.

"Literally within the first week it was gone," he said. "We didn't lose anybody over it."

Reed Bush, Arlington, Va.-based co-author of the National Volunteer Fire Council report on recruitment and retention, said there is nothing wrong with having a social hall. But while camaraderie is very important, "safety takes priority over anything," he said.

Rather than sharing drinks, Bush suggests bowling nights or going to professional baseball games and picnics instead.

The fact that any department serves alcohol is alarming, said Jerry Smith, a retired Los Angeles fire captain and advocate for firefighter rights and safety.

"My concern is, what is this doing to the image of firefighters — the 343 firefighters that gave their lives at the World Trade Center?" he said. "These people who think drinking in the fire hall is so important, they're hurting us."

Smith said pressure needs to be brought on fire district board members "because they're the ones who are authorizing the use of alcohol, and they're also creating a tremendous amount of liability for these fire districts."

As state fire marshal, Narva has asked fire departments to police themselves before lawmakers do it for them.

"Common sense tells me we don't need a statewide law to accomplish that," but he added, "If it continues to be a statewide issue, everyone needs to understand that we might need that to happen."



Two American citizens, Russian win Nobel in physics

BY MATT MOORE

Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Two American citizens and a Russian won the 2003 Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday for theories about how matter can show bizarre behavior at extremely low temperatures.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences cited Alexei A. Abrikosov, 75, Anthony J. Leggett, 65, and Vitaly L. Ginzburg, 87, for their work concerning two phenomena called superconductivity and superfluidity.

Abrikosov is a Russian and American citizen based at the Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois; Ginzburg is a Russian based at the P.N. Lebedev Physical Institute in Moscow; and Leggett is a British and American citizen based at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The \$1.3 million prize money will be shared equally among the three winners.

Leggett said he was surprised. "I guess it had occurred to me that it was a possibility I might get the Nobel Prize, but I didn't think it was particularly probable."

Abrikosov said the news didn't shock him. He said he had been nominated several times before, but this year the Nobel committee notified him that he was a candidate. "And since this had never happened before, I saw this as a good sign," he said.

"I feel now relief," he said. "I had lost hope of winning ... But I thought my life is good even without (the Nobel Prize). I have interesting work. I am happy. I love my family."

Reached by phone at the Lebedev institute, Ginzburg said he had long given up hope of ever receiving a Nobel.

"They have been nominating me for about 30 years, so in that sense it didn't come out of the blue."

— VITALY L. GINZBURG
Nobel Prize recipient

"They have been nominating me for about 30 years, so in that sense it didn't come out of the blue. But I thought, 'Well, they're not giving it to me, I guess that's it.' After all, there are a lot of contenders. So, you know, I had long ago forgotten to think about this."

Asked how he was planning to celebrate, he said: "I haven't thought about it yet. Now I'm supposed to write a paper and if I'm healthy, I'll go to Sweden."

The two phenomena the researchers studied are linked, in that superconductivity arises from how pairs of electrons behave, while superfluidity comes about from pairings of atoms.

Superconductivity is the ability of some materials to conduct electricity without resistance when they are chilled to extremely low temperatures. Superconducting magnets are used to produce powerful magnetic fields for the standard body scanning technique called magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI. Other discoveries concerning MRI were honored Monday with the Nobel medicine prize.

Researchers hope to harness superconductivity for such uses as power lines that can conduct current without waste to resistance and high-speed trains that float above the tracks.

Abrikosov and Ginzburg were honored for theories about superconductivity.

Leggett applied ideas about supercon-

ductivity to explain how atoms behave in one kind of "superfluid" in the 1970s. His theory has proven useful for other fields of physics, like the study of particles and of the universe, the Swedish academy said.

Superfluidity occurs when liquid helium is chilled to near absolute zero, the coldest anything can get. The liquid begins to flow freely with little apparent friction. It can even climb up the sides of a beaker.

Phil Schewe, a physicist and chief science writer at the American Institute of Physics, said superfluidity doesn't appear to have as many applications as superconductivity. But "it may well prove to be important just because it is so odd," he said.

The Swedish academy said researchers can use superfluid helium to study other physical phenomena, like how order can turn to chaos. Such research might illuminate the ways in which turbulence arises, "one of the last unsolved problems of classical physics," the Swedish academy said.

A Japanese and two American astrophysicists won last year's prize for using some of the most obscure particles and waves in nature to increase understanding of the universe.

Riccardo Giacconi, 71, of the Associated Universities Inc. in Washington, D.C., was cited for his role in "pioneering contributions to astrophysics,

which have led to the discovery of cosmic X-ray sources."

Raymond Davis Jr., 87, of the University of Pennsylvania and Japanese scientist Masatoshi Koshihara, 76, of the University of Tokyo, were awarded for their construction of giant underground chambers to detect neutrinos, elusive particles that stream from the sun by the billion.

This year's Nobel awards started last week with the awarding of the Nobel literature prize to South Africa author J.M. Coetzee.

On Monday, American Paul C. Lauterbur, 74, and Briton Sir Peter Mansfield, 70, were selected by a committee at the Karolinska Institute for the 2003 Nobel Prize for medicine for discoveries leading to development of the MRI body-scanning technique.

The winner of the Nobel Prize in chemistry will be named on Wednesday morning and the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel later the same day.

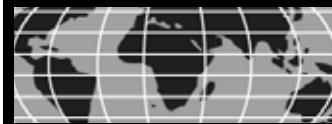
The winner of the coveted peace prize will be announced Friday in Oslo, Norway.

Alfred Nobel, the wealthy Swedish industrialist and inventor of dynamite who endowed the prizes, left only vague guidelines for the selection committees.

In his will he said the physics prize should be given to those who "shall have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind" and "shall have made the most important discovery or invention within the field of physics."

The academy invited nominations from previous recipients and experts in the fields before cutting down its choices.

The prizes are presented on Dec. 10, the anniversary of Nobel's death in 1896, in Stockholm and in Oslo, Norway.



WORLD BRIEFLY

Pope prays for world peace at Pompeii

By The Associated Press

POMPEII, Italy — Defying skeptics who thought the ailing pontiff's travel days were finished, Pope John Paul II flew to a shrine Tuesday near the ruins of ancient Pompeii and prayed for world peace.

Only last month, the 83-year-old pontiff, stooped and slowed by Parkinson's disease and other health problems, struggled through a four-day pilgrimage to Slovakia, and a cardinal last week said John Paul was approaching his dying days.

John Paul's voice sounded weary and he slurred his words as he read opening prayers for peace. Some 30,000 pilgrims applauded in encouragement.

After an hour's flight from Vatican City by Italian air force helicopter, John Paul arrived in a landing area at the edge of the ancient ruins of Pompeii. He was driven by "popemobile" to the sanctuary here dedicated to the rosary.

Along the route, John Paul, sitting in an upholstered chair in the open-topped white vehicle, waved constantly to joyous pilgrims.

Pompeii, with its more than century-old shrine dedicated to the rosary, is very dear to the pope. He considers the rosary a powerful form of prayer and a way to invoke peace.

Episcopalians protest position on gays

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — In one of the biggest independent meetings of Episcopalians in years, 2,600 clergy and lay

members are gathered to protest the denomination's liberal steps on homosexuality, with the possibility of a church split in the air.

The meeting, set to begin Tuesday, was originally planned as a strategy session for a few hundred leaders. But it mushroomed in scope as conservatives reacted against two actions by the Episcopal Church's midsummer convention: confirmation of a gay bishop living with his partner, and a vote to recognize — though not endorse or condemn — that bishops are allowing blessing ceremonies for same-sex couples.

The presence in Dallas of 45 of the church's 300 bishops underscores the gravity of the situation.

"We have two to three weeks to see the future of the Episcopal Church in America," says the Rev. David Roseberry, whose 4,000-member Christ Church in suburban Plano organized the event.

He refers not only to the Dallas meeting but, more importantly, an Oct. 15-16 emergency summit in London for leaders of the international Anglican Communion, of which the Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch.

The trash is piling up

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Rats and other vermin scurried through overflowing trash bins Monday as thousands of garbage haulers stayed off the job for a sixth day in a contract dispute.

Negotiations were scheduled to resume Tuesday, with the help of a federal mediator.

Some 3,300 Teamsters who handle garbage for private waste haulers in Chicago and its suburbs reject-

ed an offer Sunday by the Chicago Area Refuse Haulers Association. The two sides are divided over wages, benefits and contract length.

The strike is affecting millions of people in northern Illinois. The haulers association represents 16 of the largest private waste-removal companies in Chicago and its suburbs.

\$86B part of Iraqi witness protection

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans' \$86.7 billion proposal for Iraq and Afghanistan includes money President Bush wants for an Iraqi witness protection program but drops funds he sought for that country's traffic police and ZIP codes.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., unwrapped his version of the package Monday. He said he will probably fine-tune it when he tries pushing it through his panel Thursday but offered no details on how.

Regardless of whether he changes it, the House bill represents an attempt to defuse some of the political bombshells borne by the \$87 billion version that Bush proposed a month ago.

Something similar to Bush's plan is expected eventually to pass Congress with strong bipartisan support. Even so, the bill has become a target for Democrats eager to weaken the president's hand and for some Republicans uncomfortable with its cost and some of its fine print.

Opponents say Bush's proposal, particularly the \$20.3 billion for reconstructing Iraq, is too lavish at a time of record federal deficits and tight domestic spending at home.

"I have scrubbed the president's request and made some improvements," Young said in a statement.

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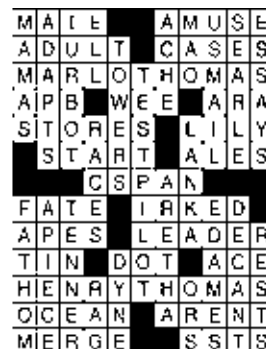
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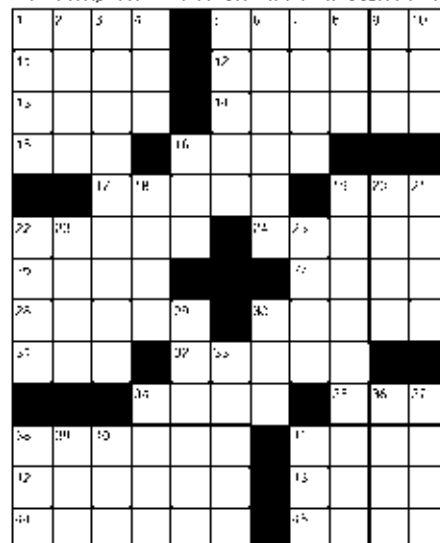
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Cooking classes begin at Whole Foods Market with Chef Dorothy from Whole Foods's Prepared Foods Department.

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Whole Foods Market
2201 Wilshire Blvd.

Boys & Girls Club open house

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica is having an open house featuring face painting, raffles and other activities. Non-members as well as volunteers, parents and principals are welcome to attend. The open house will take place on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the deadline to sign up is Monday, Oct. 13. For more information, call (310) 393-9629.
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

One of Hollywood's hottest couples cools down in Iowa

By The Associated Press

■ **HOMESTEAD, Iowa** — Ashton Kutcher and girlfriend Demi Moore left their glamorous Hollywood life for a down-home homecoming weekend with all the Iowa fixings — pork, Hawkeye football and chitchat about children.

Kutcher, the 25-year-old co-star of the Fox sitcom "That '70s Show," grew up in Iowa and briefly attended the University of Iowa.

The couple flew in Friday hoping to attend the Hawkeyes' homecoming game Saturday against Michigan, but scrapped those plans when paparazzi showed up outside the home of Kutcher's mother, Diane Portwood.

Instead, Kutcher and his girlfriend stayed close to home, rode four-wheelers and spent quiet time with family. They "had their own little homecoming," said Portwood, whose home is in a historic cluster of towns known as the Amana Colonies.

"We had enchiladas and ham, chicken breast — you know, the regular Iowa meals," she said. "When photographers came to the door, I told them to leave, and if they didn't abide by my wishes, I told them I'd call the law on them."

Portwood had nothing but kind words for Moore, the 40-year-old star of films including "Ghost" and "G.I. Jane."

"What I've found is when you meet many of these so-called celebrities in person, they are really down to earth," Portwood said. "We sat and talked about her kids and my kids and we had a great time."

■ **NEW YORK** — In what is becoming a rite of passage for top music stars, Beyonce is adding fashion designer to her list of credits.

Beyonce plans to launch two clothing collections by next year, the fashion trade paper Women's Wear Daily reported Monday. Her design collaborator will be her mother, Tina Knowles, who's also Beyonce's stylist and the author of "Destiny's Style: Bootylicious Fashion, Beauty and Lifestyle Secrets From Destiny's Child"

(Regan Books).

The first line will be more "funky and hip-hop," featuring T-shirts and jeans, while the other will be more like a designer collection with feminine dresses and separates, the duo described to WWD. "We want to bring some of the couture look to a broader public," Knowles said.

The 22-year-old added: "People my age love fashion and want to dress in designer clothes, but can't afford it. I want to do something that is affordable, but sophisticated and sexy and feminine — something I would wear."

Beyonce and her mother were front-row fixtures at both New York and Milan Fashion Weeks this season, and they said they were taking notes.

Sean "P. Diddy" Combs was among the first successful music-fashion crossovers with his Sean John collection, which has earned him several nominations from the Council of Fashion Designers of America.

Since then, Jennifer Lopez's J.Lo line has been a strong retail performer, as has Jay-Z's Roc-A-Wear. Meanwhile, Kmart gave Latin star Thalia her own collection, and clothes from Gwen Stefani and Eve should be in stores this spring.

■ **COLLEGEVILLE, Minn.** — At least Craig Kilborn, host of CBS' "The Late Late Show," didn't cause the Minnesota Timberwolves any problems when he joined the team for two training camp workouts.

Kilborn brought a camera crew along Monday for footage that will air in the next few weeks.

The 41-year-old, who played basketball at Montana State, also planned to take part in the Wolves' scrimmage Tuesday night at Sexton Arena on the St. John's University campus.

"I haven't taped my ankles in 19 years," Kilborn said. "It was good. I thought it would be more intense. But I hurt my back trying to get in shape, and (coach Flip Saunders) said, if anything bothers you, step out. So once they started playing defense, I stepped out."

Kilborn also played Wolves star Kevin Garnett in a

game of H-O-R-S-E.

"KG's in a good mood right now, 'cause he signed that big deal," he said. "Man, I could have beaten him. I had him up to R."

Saunders said the team agreed to the stunt for publicity and to break up the monotony of training camp.

"Let's put it this way: He didn't screw up anything that we did," Saunders said. "It's kind of a good loosening-up thing to have."

As for Kilborn's pre-season training regimen?

"He told me he'd been playing halfcourt with Garry Shandling," Saunders said. "I told him, 'That's not really the proper way to get ready for training camp.' But it might be more than some of our guys did coming in."

■ **MARRAKECH, Morocco** — Oliver Stone has received a lifetime achievement award in Morocco, where he's filming the epic "Alexander" about Alexander the Great.

Stone, the director of provocative films including "JFK" and "Natural Born Killers," was honored late Monday with the Golden Star award during the third edition of the Marrakech international film festival.

Festival organizers also screened Stone's new documentary, "Comandante," about Cuban leader Fidel Castro, which has drawn the scorn of some Cuban expatriate groups in Florida.

"I wanted to show the portrait of a dictator that very few people know about," Stone, 57, told reporters. "I just wanted to say, 'Listen to Fidel Castro speak in his own words, then make up your own opinion.'"

Morocco has sought to build its movie industry, but the fallout from five deadly terrorist attacks in the port city of Casablanca in May has turned away some Hollywood studios from filming here.

Stone praised Moritz Borman, the producer of "Alexander," for "real personal courage" in holding to plans to film in Morocco after the May 16 bombings that left 33 bystanders and 12 attackers dead.

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