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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In September, police in Madison, Wis., said Milo G. Chamberlain's blood-alcohol content was .425, which experts said normally is attainable only by those either dead or in a coma, but he was picked up, quite conscious, allegedly causing a disturbance at a Marathon gas station, where he reportedly got into a fight with a gas pump before being restrained by passersby. Police said Chamberlain responded to each of their questions only by rattling off strings of numbers of no particular pattern.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 287th day of 2006.
There are 78 days left in the year.

1947 Air Force test pilot Charles E. ("Chuck") Yeager broke the sound barrier as he flew the experimental Bell X-1 rocket plane over Edwards Air Force Base in California.

1960 The idea of a Peace Corps was first suggested by Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy to an audience of students at the University of Michigan.

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Going from 'sketchy' to sketches

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BOULEVARD — In an attempt to draw positive attention to an area of Santa Monica that has received a bad reputation as a seedy part of town, a local business association plans to highlight the artistic side of Pico Boulevard with an art walk on Sunday.

The Pico Improvement Organization, a coalition of business owners in and around Pico Boulevard, will host the first "Pico Artists at Work" to showcase those who have made a creative career for themselves on that stretch of the city.

About 70 artists who have some sort of connection to Pico Boulevard, whether they own a gallery on the street or have displayed their works in one of the thoroughfare's businesses, will demonstrate their colorful side between 34th Street and Santa Monica High School near

See ARTISTS AT WORK, page 17

In state of 'Morning'

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Mark McGrath of the band Sugar Ray performs 'Every Morning' during the Kohl's Transformation Nation Fall Fashion Show at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday night.

Players taking initiative

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — There's a saying that politics makes strange bedfellows.

That undoubtedly applies to the campaign to pass Proposition V — "The Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax" initiative on the Nov. 7 ballot that would raise an estimated $2.35 million to protect Santa Monica Bay from urban runoff and satisfy local, state and federal clean water standards.

Leading the campaign is Mark Gold, executive director of Heal The Bay, an environmental watchdog dedicated to enhancing water quality at local beaches.

It would seem logical that a group working to rid the coast of pollutants would be behind a measure intended to protect swimmers from

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LOCAL

Makeover drawn up for 18th Street Center

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

18TH STREET — A center that has served as a haven for low-income artists over the past 18 years is expected to receive a major facelift.

The 18th Street Arts Center, a non-profit organization that provides affordable housing and studios for artists and art organizations, is planning to expand its aging, 25,000-square-foot facility to accommodate more classrooms, galleries and apartments.

The non-profit is planning to amplify its facility to help the

See 18TH STREET, page 19

Residents are feeling Bowled over

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

PCH — While she may live in a mobile home, 77-year-old Florence Cotton has no plans to pack up and move along, leaving behind the community she's grown to love over the last four years.

Despite long cracks in the streets, a torn and tattered putting green, and a hillside that could give way during a heavy rainstorm, Cotton is fond of the eclectic seaside community she discovered at the Palisades Bowl Mobile Home Park, located just outside the Santa Monica city limits on Pacific Coast Highway.

See PALISADES BOWL, page 21

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MOVERS AND SHAKERS: **Beatrice Prentice (left) and Florence Cotton fear losing their Palisades Mobile Home Park lots due to a land use conversion plan.**

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Happy as a cat, Leo

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★DYNAMIC ★★★★ POSITIVE ★★★ AVERAGE ★★SO-SO ★DIFFICULT

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Regroup and follow through on what is happening right now, worrying less about the past or the future. You will be happier that way. Allow your imagination to flow, and you'll come up with answers — finally. Tonight: Ever playful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You seem in the midst of conflict attempting to resolve a hassle. Use your creative and dynamic skills. Your imagination will find a solution. Relax and allow your pace to slow. Think positively. Tonight: Easy does it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Expenses might have you shaking your head and revamping your budget. You are doing the right thing, and you will enjoy yourself. Allow in more emotionally fun and frivolous messages. Tonight: Fun can come from hanging out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Use the first part of the day for relaxation. Sometimes you push way too hard. Right now, you have energy and get-up-and-go. Use it accordingly. This afternoon, treat yourself to a leisurely lunch, or visit with a friend. Tonight: Curb a tendency to get out of whack.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Yes, it is mind over matter in the morning. The discipline you need in the morning will not be necessary when the evening greets you. Your smile draws exactly what makes you happy. Express your feelings. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ A partner could be touchy and decide to head in a different direction. You might want to rethink a decision or proceed differently. Opt to create some space and not make any unpredictable or random decisions. You know what you want. Tonight: Slow down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Others seek you out for advice and ideas. You might want to head in another direction. You can count on your ability to move past hassles, if you so choose. Open up and discuss a problem. Tonight: Where you are the action is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Sometimes even you could get upset. Seize the moment and take off early. You will find that a drive or visit to a favorite spot rejuvenates you and allows greater get-up-and-go. Others follow your example. Tonight: A must show.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Others want your attention, though you might not be pleased at the extent to which they go to get it. You want to think positively and move a situation in a better direction. Move out the door. Tonight: Read between the lines.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others run with the ball. You might want to see life from a different perspective. Look through others' eyes — friends and loved ones. Schedule some quality time with a special person you care about. Tonight: Togetherness works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Routine works and helps get you out of a sense of not feeling up to snuff. Your words might cause some trouble. Why not let someone else talk first? You will want to try something another person suggestions. Tonight: The password is "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You know how to kick in and enjoy yourself. Use the early hours for just that. If you can, avoid the phone, as you will feel much better and happier as a result. Schedule a favorite sport for the afternoon. Tonight: Easy does it.

BORN TODAY Designer **Ralph Lauren** (1939), actor **Roger Moore** (1927)

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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **October 10, 2006**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 2
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 35 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / ns

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	C	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	B	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	B	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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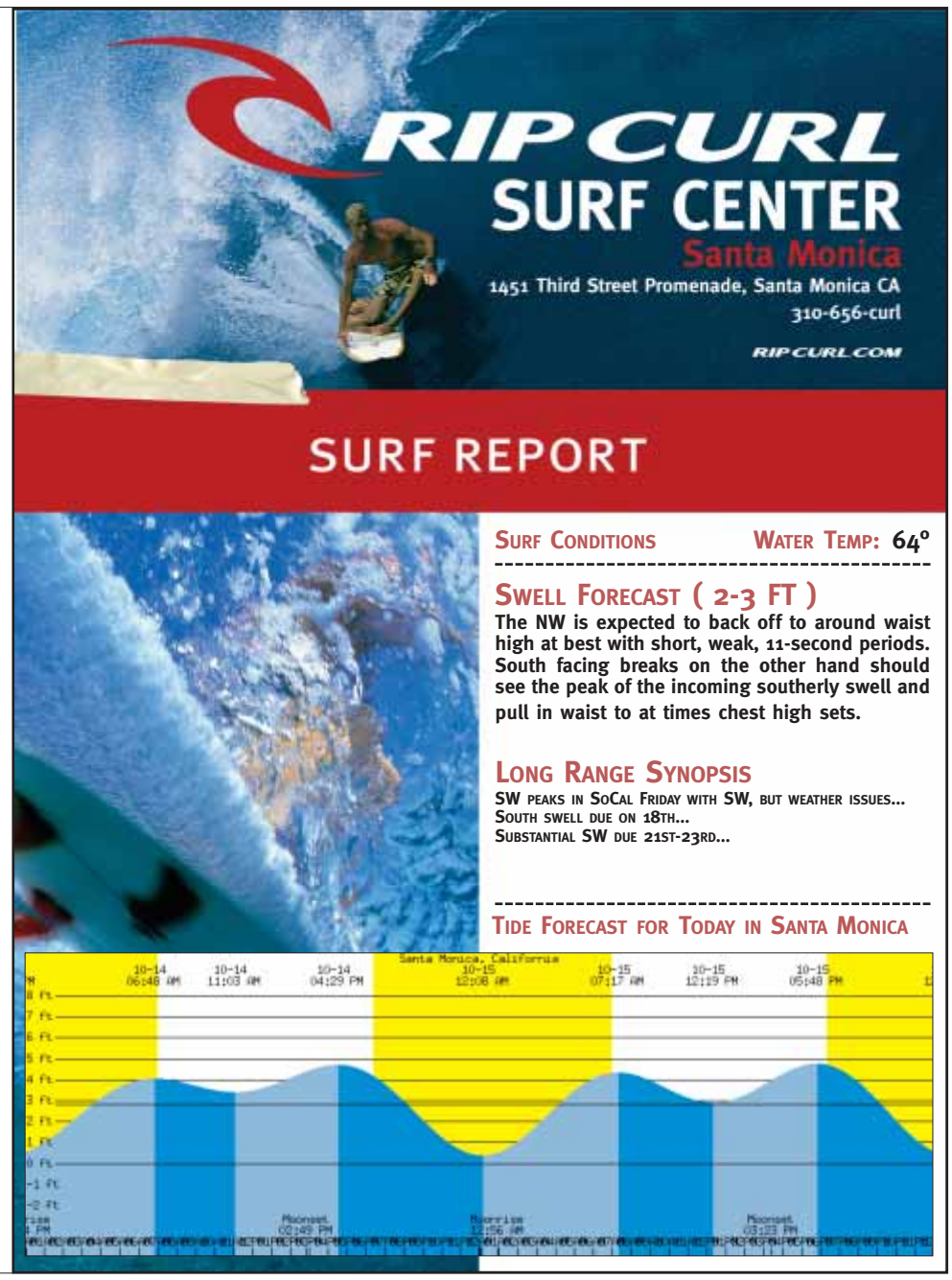

COMMUNITY BRIEF

Deadline looms large for a million Californians

By Daily Press staff

An estimated 1.5 million Californians still face a Monday, Oct. 16 filing deadline for their 2005 income tax return, reminds the Internal Revenue Service. These Californians, including about 400,000 from the greater Los Angeles area, requested an automatic six-month extension to file their returns this past April.

Taxpayers are encouraged to electronically file their taxes. Those taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of $50,000 or less may consider Free File, which is available by going to www.irs.gov.

In addition, more than 2,800 taxpayers who relocated to California following Hurricane Katrina and filed a 2004 federal tax return have not yet filed a 2005 return, according to IRS and Federal Emergency Management Agency records. Hurricane evacuees who need help with tax matters can call the IRS toll-free at 1-866-562-5227.

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EDITORIAL

The fine blue line

Standing on the Third Street Promenade after dark these days may leave shoppers and residents experiencing a "Vanilla Sky" moment. In the Cameron Crowe film, Tom Cruise's character awakens to a New York City devoid of people, famously sprinting through an eerie Times Square that has been abandoned, conspicuous for what it is missing.

One may find themselves in a similar state these days on Third Street or Main Street or Montana Avenue — the city's most high-profile shopping districts — where the pervading calm and security are only noteworthy in comparison to their makeups just one month ago.

Absent are the majority of the homeless, at least from plain sight. In their stead, pedestrian benches are occupied by shoppers looking for respite, or passersby taking in a street performer. Panhandlers are fewer and farther between.

Understandably, city officials are reluctant to acknowledge that there is a homeless sweep afoot, but anyone who has lived, shopped or dined here in recent years can see a dramatic change. Something's going on.

The police department's deployment of additional patrols in the most frequented shopping districts, beginning Oct. 1, seems a little too coincidental given that it also marked the first day of Interim Police Chief Mark Smiley's month-long stint at the helm.

This week, Smiley said the extra police presence was "an annual deployment," albeit one that typically begins a month later to ensure a safe holiday shopping season. Since when did Oct. 1 usher in the commercial holiday push?

Smiley also attributed the beefed up force as a necessity in light of the warmer weather, which has prompted more shoppers to flock to the promenade and other city shopping districts. However, the Accu-Weather five-day forecast is calling for intermittent showers and temperatures not to exceed 70 degrees.

Whatever the reasons, it's plain for all to see that the police department is making an extra effort to bolster security at the most frequented areas of Santa Monica, for tourists and residents alike. Whether or not this is Interim Chief Smiley's attempt to assure City Manager Lamont Ewell that he's the right man for the job on a permanent basis, or if it's an internal directive, it has made an impression on the city populace.

However, the chief best watch that Santa Monica doesn't come to resemble a "police state," a remark overheard more than once on heavily-patrolled Third Street. It's a delicate balance the next chief may have to straddle.

Coincidental or not, there is a buzz about town recognizing the altered appearance of the city. Residents are taking notice, while new transplants are asking where all the homeless have gone.

While "Vanilla Sky" may not have attributed the missing population to an increased police force, Cruise's character did eventually awaken from what was only a protracted dream state. We, on the other hand, are mired in reality, with real issues that have no easy answers.

Bad fences make bad neighbors

MODERN TIMES
BY LLOYD GARVER

Recently, the news has been All Mark Foley, All the Time. Because of this obsession, another story seems to have gotten lost: Congress passed and President Bush signed The Secure Fence Act, a bill that calls for the construction of a 700-mile fence along our southern border.

I'd like to give my opinion on this fence, and I'll try to be as diplomatic as possible: it's ridiculous, it's embarrassing, it's shameful and I'm against it.

One of the most famous moments in recent American history was when President Reagan, referring to the Berlin wall, said, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall." He added that "The wall cannot withstand freedom." It's incredible to me that now we are the ones talking about building a wall between countries.

And this structure won't be cheap. A 14-mile fence that is under construction on the San Diego-Tijuana border is costing approximately $126.5 million. Using my calculator, that means that a 700-mile fence should cost $6.325 billion. But it would really cost much more. Remember, we're talking about the federal government here — they can spend $6 billion before lunch.

How much graft, how much price-fixing, how much "friendly bidding" do you think will take place? Are we going to suddenly learn that Halliburton also makes fences? Will workers be using some of those $400 hammers that the Defense Department is famous for? The Senate might as well start organizing its investigative committee now to look into all of the shenanigans that are sure to take place.

There are other reasons to oppose the fence. Environmentalists point out the proposed fence would interfere with the natural migration patterns of animals in the area.

Texas rancher Mike Vickers, who heads a group that opposes illegal immigration, says, "The Rio Grande is the lifeblood of South Texas. A wall is just going to stand between farmers and ranchers and others who need legitimate access to water. It's not going to stop the illegals."

The wall would also stop Mexicans from spending their money in American border towns. And it would prevent Americans and Mexicans who live on the border from visiting their friends and relatives across the border.

The construction of the fence is also just not practical. As Arizona Rep. Raul Grijalva said, this region is not "Iowa farmland." They're talking about putting a fence in mountainous areas and in rivers. What are they going to suggest next? Building a four-lane highway to the moon? Oops! I shouldn't have put that idea out there.

Besides, does anyone really think the federal government could build anything 700 miles long? Can you imagine all of the construction problems, delays, and just plain incompetence? Do the words, "Heck of a job, Brownie" ring a bell?

And who is actually going to build this fence? My son suggested that they will probably end up secretly using undocumented immigrants from Mexico to do the work.

Even some of those who are gung-ho for this fence were disappointed in the bill. There are more holes in the act than there would be in any fence constructed. GOP congressional leaders have pledged that Native American tribes, Congress and local leaders would have a say in "the exact placement" of the fence, and that the Homeland Security Secretary can call for other measures "when fencing is ineffective or impractical."

In other words, there's a good chance this fence will never make it from the paper it was written on to the boondoggle it would become.

So, if it's impractical, expensive, and even unlikely that it will ever be built, why did Congress pass the bill and why did the President sign it? It makes for good campaigning. It's like getting a haircut before making a campaign speech: it really doesn't mean anything, but it looks nice to the voters.

In this case, it's a shame that the idea of this fence apparently "looks nice" to so many voters. Recalling Reagan's speech again, he referred to the wall as "this brutal division of a continent upon the mind of the world." And that's what our proposed fence would be.

America is supposed to be a beacon of liberty and a symbol of a free, open society. At a time when more and more people in the world unfortunately see us as putting ourselves above and apart from them, what could feed those feelings more than a 700-mile fence?

So, I have to say, "Mr.Bush, don't build that fence." And to all those politicians who plan on bragging during the campaign about the fence they voted for — get a haircut instead.

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The Q Line

A Discernible Lack of Holiday Spirit

This past week, Q-line asked:

"Who really deserves a holiday named in their honor? Should schools and offices be closed for all of these honorary days, or has the calendar become clouded? Is there a current holiday that should be eliminated?

Here are your responses:

✆ "Thomas Jefferson, a real statesman and friend of freedom, deserves a day. His day should replace (Abraham) Lincoln's. Honoring the lawyer-politician Lincoln should be eliminated, as he was a traitor to the Constitution by bringing on the war between the states (aka "the Civil War"). Lincoln, by force of war, made the federal government superior over the states that had established it to serve them. Lincoln's usurpation has led to our modern warfare megastate. Jefferson, on the other hand, warned of superstates and central banking, e.g. the Federal Reserve. Lincoln has been proven very wrong; Jefferson has been proven right."

✆ "Perhaps we should have a holiday for the unknown volunteer. In other words, the hundreds of thousands, or millions, of people who lovingly donate their time and services, but are not recognized, not made famous for the great service to humanity that they give. And why not have a school day as a holiday where the children are given volunteer opportunities?"

MUSM: miss you so much
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New signs of life amid signature palms' fight

BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Tall and skinny, able to grow like weeds and tower over big buildings in a single bound, the noble palm tree has come to define Los Angeles.

Palms are everywhere — from postcards that fill Hollywood souvenir shops to the streets of wealthy oceanfront enclaves and the modest barrios east of downtown. But maybe not for much longer.

Aging and in some cases ravaged by disease, palm trees are beginning to vanish from hundreds of city parks and thousands of streets. City planners are replacing the fallen palms with oaks, sycamores and other native species that are more suited to the environment.

"Oak trees are more native to L.A. than palm trees? I don't know about that, but I know one thing. I like palm trees!" Scott Wannberg said from behind the counter of trendy Dutton's Books in Brentwood, not far from the palm-lined streets of Hollywood.

Residents unable to stand the thought of Los Angeles losing its palms can still buy their own and plant them in their yards or in front of their businesses.

It's hard to find anyone in Los Angeles who doesn't like the tropical trees that sway gently in the wind and can grow as high as a 12-story building. Originally imported from Latin America and other exotic locales, they have come to be synonymous with the city's beaches, warm weather and movie stars.

"I think the palm tree kind of fits with the whole Southern California vibe," says Jonathan Scott, who manages a fashionable downtown restaurant called The Palm.

The tree has become so intertwined with the image of the city that its name is plastered all over liquor stores and cheap hotels that line its boulevards, as well as the covers of books like "The Palm Latitudes" that attempt to define its soul.

Singer-songwriter Neil Diamond once celebrated them in a hit song characterizing Los Angeles as a place where "palm trees grow and rents are low."

It's been years, of course, since L.A. rents were low. And now the palm trees are starting to go.

The problem, says Steve Dunlap, a supervising tree surgeon with the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department, is that large numbers of the Canary Island Date Palm, are dying of a fungal disease.

The trees are instantly recognizable for their rough trunks and topknot of flowing leaves that look like green dreadlocks.

Tree surgeons don't know how to stop the bacteria that gets into the soil. Dunlap said it doesn't make sense to replace dying palms with new ones that will likely fall victim to the same ailment. So the city has been planting other varieties.

Figures weren't readily available on how many dying palms are among the nearly 1.6 million trees that fill city parks and line its streets. But Dunlap said some parks could take on a noticeably different look in the years ahead as dead palms are replaced.

"It doesn't mean that they're all dying or that L.A.'s not going to have palm trees any more," said Bill Fregoso, a superintendent with the city's Urban Forestry Division. But there is a problem that experts are "trying to get a handle on," he said.

Ironically, the palms are vanishing just as Los Angeles is kicking off an ambitious project to plant a million new trees. On Oct. 1, officials gave away 3,000 trees, and they have compiled a list of nearly 60 varieties they are planting and encouraging residents to plant.

Palm trees didn't make the cut.

"They don't provide the same benefits as the other, more leafy trees," said Paula Daniels, a Board of Public Works commissioner who is heading up the planting effort.

Their tall, skinny frames make them inferior when it comes to providing shade, Daniels said, and some experts believe their lack of leaves (except for the relatively few fronds way at the top) make them less effective at trapping air pollution.

And while sun-dappled palms lining a freeway may look good in one of those quintessential L.A. pictures, Dunlap said people standing beside them can feel like they're next to a telephone pole.

It's not like every palm is going to disappear.

Hundreds of Mexican palms, planted throughout the modest neighborhoods of south Los Angeles to herald the 1932 Olympics, are still thriving.

"A lot of communities consider them weeds," Dunlap said with a chuckle. "When they do flower and bear fruit they've got thousand and thousands of tiny little black seeds that go everywhere."

Daniels intends to count palm trees planted on private property as part of the million-tree push.

"We're not planning on replacing them," she said. "What we're planning on doing is putting trees where there aren't trees now."

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Led by Schwarzenegger, GOP candidates seek gains in California

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — California — often regarded as the Democratic promised land, the bluest of blue states — is confounding a national trend this year as Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appears headed for re-election while several other GOP candidates are making strong runs at statewide office.

As national Republicans struggle in a political climate soured by an unpopular war, high gas prices and the congressional page scandal, independent voter surveys show Schwarzenegger holding a comfortable advantage over his Democratic rival, state Treasure Phil Angelides.

The race for California's lieutenant governor appears even, and GOP candidates are in competitive contests for insurance commissioner, controller and secretary of state, polls suggest.

Besides governor, secretary of state is the only statewide office now held by a Republican.

What is the GOP up against in California? Democrats outnumber Republicans by 1.3 million voters, and the state delivered double-digit margins for Democratic presidential candidates in 2004 and 2000.

Not surprisingly, party leaders are uneasy with the campaign's trajectory and the prospect that it might not be a banner year for California Democrats.

"We say to all Californians: You're a blue state! Come home to blue! Come home to us," U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said during a recent rally for Angelides, who lags Schwarzenegger even in densely Democratic coastal counties.

Schwarzenegger has been buffered by his celebrity while reshaping a centrist image this year, but the statewide races will be won by mobilizing voters, said state Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres.

"Obviously, we have to increase turnout," he said. There will be no Republican sweep, however.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., is coasting toward re-election. Democratic candidates for attorney general and treasurer are strongly positioned, and legislative and congressional districts are so heavily jiggered to favor one party that few, if any, are likely to change hands on Nov. 7.

There are several issues at play that have benefited California Republicans.

Angelides' struggling candidacy isn't helping the Democratic cause. Much of the growth in registration rolls in recent years has been among independent voters, who are not aligned with any party and account for about 19 percent of the state's electorate. And Republicans tend to turn out 5 percent more voters on Election Day.

Despite the state's left-leaning reputation, Republicans have held the governorship for most of the last quarter-century — a reminder that character, issues or campaign cash can trump the Democratic registration edge.

"Voters here are clearly more likely to be Democratic and vote that way," said Mark DiCamillo, director of the nonpartisan Field Poll. But "they don't tend to vote straight party lines when they have particular impressions of the candidate."

And impressions of Angelides aren't good, polls have found. The Democrat emerged from a bruising June primary that recorded the lowest voter turnout in memory, 33.6 percent.

He also remains far below the level of support within his own party that experts believe is needed for him to win the race.

California's electorate, despite its slight tilt to the left, can be fickle.

In 1994, the state's voters endorsed Proposition 187, which denied most public services to illegal immigrants. It later was overturned by the courts. In 2000, 61 percent of voters approved Proposition 22, which defined marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

A few other Republican gubernatorial candidates are in positions similar to Schwarzenegger in largely avoiding fallout from the GOP's national problems.

In heavily Democratic Hawaii, Republican Gov. Linda Lingle is favored in November against Democrat Randy Iwase. In Democrat-leaning Vermont, Republican Gov. Jim Douglas has an edge in polls against Democrat Scudder Parker.

"Quality candidates win," California GOP Chairman Duf Sundheim said.

"Issues really matter to California voters, and this campaign is being played on our home turf, which is taxes," Sundheim added, alluding to Angelides' plan to raise taxes on high-income earners and some corporations while cutting taxes for middle- and lower-wage Californians.

Among California Democrats, there are signs of a divided front.

State Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, a Democrat who is locked in a tight race for lieutenant governor against Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock, distanced himself from Angelides' plan to raise taxes.

Torres and other Democrats dispute that the party is headed for a crash similar to 1994, when Democrat Kathleen Brown lost the governor's race in a landslide and took down several other Democrats with her.

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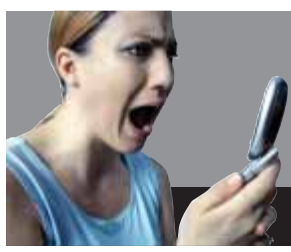

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Avenging senior citizen gets 25 years in prison

An 81-year-old woman who killed the father of her great-grandson because she believed he molested the boy was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

Jeane Ellen Allen entered a guilty plea and was sentenced Thursday, appearing in Superior Court handcuffed to a wheelchair.

She may be the oldest person in Orange County history to plead guilty to first-degree murder, authorities said.

Allen pleaded guilty against her lawyer's advice and "only because she could not see the end of the tunnel," Assistant Public Defender Sheryl Beasley said. "It breaks my heart."

But the mother of her victim called her selfish and evil.

"I hope that forever how many days of your life you have left you will suffer knowing that you took the life of an innocent man," Irene Reyes said in a court statement.

Allen was arrested at her home in Lake Forest on Jan. 28 for killing Alex Reyes. The 26-year-old Brea man was shot in the head when he arrived for a court-authorized visit with his 18-month-old son.

Reyes had been involved in a custody battle with Allen's granddaughter, Leslie Jane Bieg, who claimed he molested the boy. Reyes denied it and prosecutor Steve McGreevy said the allegation was false.

Witnesses told authorities that Reyes appeared to be having a casual conversation with Allen and her granddaughter when Allen pulled out a gun and fired.

Allen said she used a revolver once owned by an uncle who was a member of the Chicago police force.

NEWPORT BEACH

City gets a park with ocean views

The city will get a new oceanside park after nearly five years of effort.

The California Transportation Commission on Thursday voted to approve the sale of 15 acres of land to the city for $5 million. It will become Sunset Ridge Park and will have baseball and soccer fields.

Disagreements over the price had slowed down the acquisition.

It could take two years and another $8 million to develop the park.

"For us to acquire 15 acres in a city that's virtually built out, I think is a pretty good achievement," City Councilman Steve Rosansky said. "We're 100 years old, and we're still building new parks."

PALM DESERT

Tale of the tape ends in disciplinary action

A Palm Desert High School water polo coach and several players were disciplined for a hazing incident in which a freshman was duct-taped to a stretcher.

A surveillance tape showed the incident took place Tuesday morning at the school pool. The junior varsity coach and eight to 10 players were disciplined, Principal Pat Walsh said.

Walsh declined to describe the discipline but Athletic Director Christina Osborne said "there will be individuals who will not be on (the pool) deck for the season."

Walsh said older players bound the player to a stretcher and one threw an unused condom at the boy's face.

The principal said coaches will meet with athletes to remind them of "appropriate behavior" and he will meet with the parents of the water polo players.

"We don't tolerate any behavior where a student or athlete is being treated in a demeaning manner," Walsh said.

On Wednesday, the team lost to Cathedral City, 15-3. It was the first league match the team has lost since 1997.

RIVERSIDE

Alleged police beating ends in mistrial

A mistrial was declared for a former Beaumont police officer charged with beating a handcuffed prisoner after an important document in the case arrived late.

A Superior Court judge on Thursday declared the mistrial and ordered a new jury to be chosen on Nov. 13.

Christopher A. Chester, 34, is charged with two counts of assault and a count of assault under the color of authority. He could face up to seven years in prison and a $10,000 fine in convicted.

He is accused of punching David Alan Dietrich, 49, after the man spat on him from the back seat of his patrol car.

E. coli strain that tainted spinach linked to Salinas cattle ranch

BY ANDREW BRIDGES
Associated Press Writer

The same strain of deadly bacteria that sickened dozens of people nationwide has been found at a cattle ranch in California's Salinas Valley within a mile of spinach fields, investigators said Thursday.

Investigators still can't be sure if the E. coli found in cow manure contaminated the fields, but said the find warrants further investigation.

"We do not have a smoking cow at this point," said Dr. Kevin Reilly, deputy director of the Prevention Services Division of the California Department of Health Services. Nevertheless, Reilly called the match an important finding.

There are still many unanswered questions and the probe is continuing, said Dr. Robert Brackett, director of the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

"It's our expectation that no farm should feel they are off the hook," Brackett said.

Investigators still do not know how the feces could have contaminated the spinach implicated in the bacterial outbreak. They also do not know if the ranch used manure from the cattle to fertilize its fields. Nor is there evidence that livestock entered the spinach fields on the ranch. However, wild pigs roamed the property, they said.

"There's lots of wildlife and lots of potential for breakdown in the fencing," Reilly told reporters.

The strain of pathogenic E. coli O157:H7 was found in three cattle fecal samples collected at the ranch, one of four under investigation, the officials said. It matched the strain found in sick patients and in bags of recalled spinach.

Investigators continue to look at agricultural runoff, irrigation water and the hygiene of farm workers as potential sources of the bacteria.

The recent outbreak of E. coli in spinach killed three people and sickened nearly 200 in half the states. It was the 20th such outbreak in lettuce or spinach since 1995.

The find marks the first time that investigators have identified a possible source for an E. coli outbreak in the region, Reilly said.

The produce company that processed and packaged the spinach at the center of the outbreak investigation has repeatedly asserted its factories are blameless and pointed to the fields where the greens are grown as the potential source of the problem.

"This definitely reinforces our belief that the source was environmental," said Samantha Cabaluna, a spokeswoman for Natural Selection Foods LLC.

Other Salinas Valley processors and farmers also expressed relief that inspectors had traced the bacteria to a single ranch.

"This is exactly what we hoped, that they could narrow their focus and come back with conclusions, conclusions on how the product got contaminated so we can learn as much as we can from this particular situation and enhance or improve or change our practices accordingly," said Joseph Pezzini, vice president of Ocean Mist Farms in Castroville.

Many emphasized that the spinach scare is likely to change permanently the fresh produce industry in a region known as the "salad bowl to the world."

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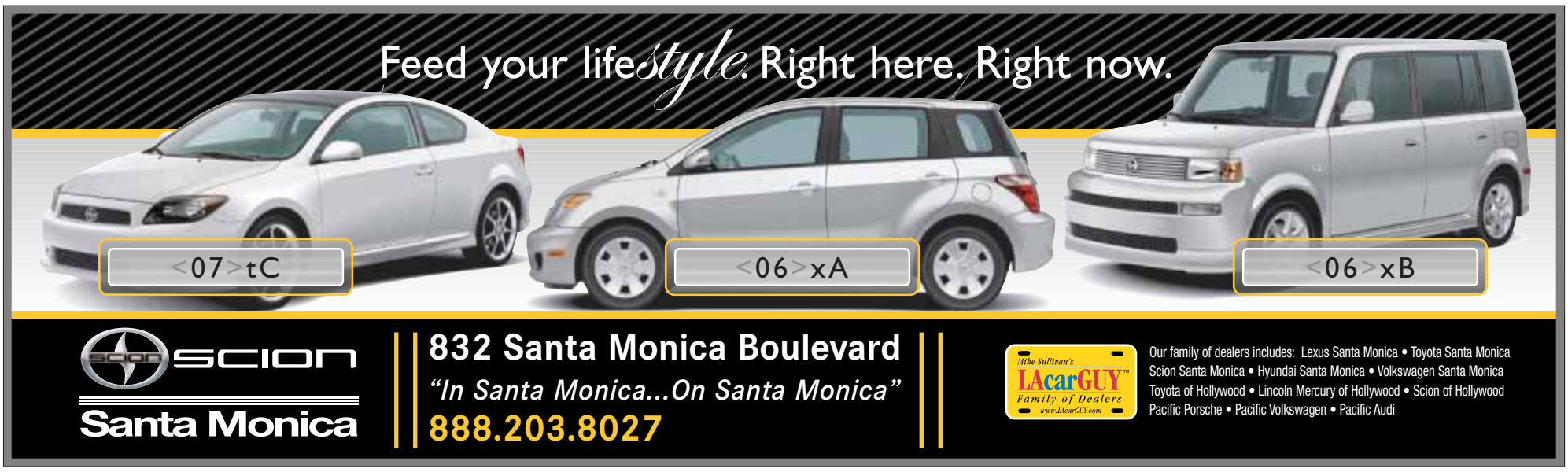

Civic leaders condemn attack on Muslim council candidate

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — A powerful Republican Party operative who earlier this week accused a Muslim City Council candidate of supporting Islamic extremists on Thursday challenged the Syrian-born man to a debate on his views of Hezbollah and the Middle East.

The challenge from former state GOP chairman Shawn Steel came the same day that more than a half-dozen elected officials and civic and religious leaders rallied behind the candidate, Belal "Bill" Dalati, on the steps of City Hall.

A letter Steel wrote accusing Dalati of helping sponsor an anti-Israel rally and associating with "zany left wing groups" has circulated on the Internet since early this month. The letter was posted on OC Blog, a politically conservative site, by former state Sen. John Lewis, who is a consultant for Councilman Bob Hernandez, one of Dalati's opponents in the nonpartisan race. The post was titled "Something Scary in Anaheim."

On Thursday, Dalati's supporters gathered at City Hall to offer him support and condemn Steel's comments.

"We call on all Californians to reject attempts to spread fear of Islam and Muslims by falsely labeling Arab-American and Muslim-American candidates as extremists," said Hussam Ayloush, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. "It is disturbing to see a public official exploit the growing anti-Muslim feeling in our society."

Steel's comments have generated heated debate in chatrooms and in Little Gaza, the ethnic core for many of Orange County's Arab-Americans, who numbered more than 24,000 in 2000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. They have also angered elected officials.

"It's up to us as community leaders to stand up and say this is wrong, we shouldn't tolerate this," said Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Richard Chavez. "This city is a very diverse city and to bring race into it and try to divide the city is a very wrong thing to do."

Steel was unapologetic for his earlier comments and reiterated his belief that Dalati, 41, was "consorting with extremist organizations."

"He spends more of his waking hours worrying about Palestinian martyrs, about supporting Hezbollah against Israel and America and imposing Sharia law than he does about more mundane, city-oriented issues," Steel said. "It's not secret, he's made no attempt to hide it."

Steel said Dalati's supporters were intentionally misconstruing his concerns about the candidate to cloud the issue.

"They're using the race card shamelessly," he said. "It's not fair and it's not accurate and they're hiding his political beliefs."

Dalati, who became a U.S. citizen in 1987, said Steel had not contacted him about a debate. He said he was inclined to refuse.

"I've got to concentrate on my campaigning," he said. "Why can't he meet with me, talk with me and get to know me before calling for a debate?"

In his letter, Steel said an organization called the Arab-American Broadcasting Co. helped sponsor an anti-Israel rally in Anaheim at the height of the war between Israel and Hezbollah. The company shares an address with Dalati's insurance business. Steel also accused Dalati of close associations with "extreme groups."

Dalati, an insurance agent, called the July 29 event an anti-war rally and said the Arab-American Broadcasting Co. was now inactive. He denied ties to Hezbollah or any fundraising activities for them.

"The bottom line is that I want the opportunity to serve, to give back to a community, to a country that's given me so much," he said.

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Arbitrator rules Supermax prison dangerously understaffed

BY CATHERINE TSAI
Associated Press Writer

DENVER — Staffing at the Supermax prison has gotten so low that job hazards have increased for correctional officers watching over the nation's worst terrorists, an arbitrator has ruled.

The arbitrator stopped short of ordering the Bureau of Prisons to hire more staff, but union officials representing Supermax officers said the third-party ruling would bolster their argument to Congress for more prison funding.

"If the most maximum security federal penitentiary is indeed understaffed, what is happening across the entire Bureau of Prisons as far as staffing levels?" asked state Rep. Buffie McFadyen, who testified for the union at an arbitration hearing in May. Her district includes Supermax and 11 other state and federal prisons.

The union had said assaults and threats by inmates increased after the Bureau of Prisons implemented "mission-critical rosters" in March 2005. The rosters include posts deemed critical to the mission of Supermax, the maximum-security prison that houses the nation's most dangerous prisoners, such as al-Qaida member Zacarias Moussaoui, Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski and Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols.

Within two months of the rosters' implementation, two inmates were killed in the first slayings at Supermax since it opened in 1994.

Housing units at Supermax require three officers per shift, but entire housing units were sometimes left unstaffed, and cells were not being searched regularly due to lack of staff, the arbitrator found.

Arbitrator Joseph Lazar ordered the bureau to reduce inherent hazards at Supermax to the lowest possible levels, as called for by a collective bargaining agreement, and not to encourage staff to violate policies to accomplish their duties with fewer staff.

"The agency in fact did not keep its bargain to lower hazards to the lowest possible level," Lazar wrote in a ruling made available Friday by American Federation of Government Employees Local 1302 officials.

McFadyen said she is confident no one will escape from Supermax but that the entire complex that houses Supermax needs a perimeter fencing, a centralized guard tower and proper staffing.

A prison spokeswoman was not immediately available for comment.

Bears killed execution style have troopers wondering why

BY DAN JOLING
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Carcasses of four Kodiak brown bears were found at a rural village trash dump and wildlife authorities said they had been shot.

Alaska State Troopers said the carcasses of a boar, a sow and two cubs were found Thursday at the landfill in Old Harbor, a community of 200 on the southeast coast of Kodiak Island.

Alaska laws allow bears to be shot in defense of life or property. That did not seem to be the case in this incident, said trooper spokesman Greg Wilkinson.

"It's more, I believe, that people went out there more as a blood sport," he said.

The bears probably were shot Wednesday night, he said. A claw was cut off from one of the dead bears, he said.

Old Harbor is 70 miles southwest of the city of Kodiak and 322 miles southwest of Anchorage. The village is accessible only by air or water. Many residents make their living fishing commercially or by subsistence activities.

Kodiak brown bears are some of the largest bears in Alaska. Brown and grizzly bears are classified as the same species, but according to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, brown bears on Kodiak Island are classified as a distinct subspecies from those on the mainland because they are genetically and physically isolated. The shape of their skulls also differs slightly.

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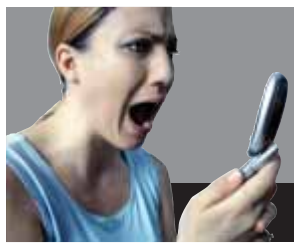
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Jury demands Wal-Mart give it a rest, pay $78M

BY MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's biggest retailer, must pay at least $78.5 million for violating Pennsylvania labor laws by forcing employees to work through rest breaks and off the clock, a jury found Friday.

Plaintiffs' lawyer Michael Donovan will also seek another $62 million in damages because the jury found that Wal-Mart acted in bad faith. Common Pleas Judge Mark Bernstein is expected to rule on that issue in the next few weeks.

The jury awarded the exact amount the plaintiffs sought, rejecting Wal-Mart's claim that some employees chose to work through breaks and that the loss of a few minutes' pay here or there was insignificant.

"It should send a message to corporate America that you can't say one thing and do another ... and that you should put people ahead of profits," Donovan said.

Payments to each plaintiff are expected to range from about $50, on up to a few thousand dollars, depending on how long they worked for the company, Donovan said. Wal-Mart must pay the plaintiffs' legal fees on top of the award.

Donovan argued that Wal-Mart's pay practices gave the company a competitive advantage. Wal-Mart is the nation's largest retailer with $10 billion in sales in 2004.

The Pennsylvania class-action suit involves 187,000 current and former employees who worked at Wal-Mart and Sam's Clubs from March 1998 through May of this year. The jury found Thursday that Wal-Mart broke its contract, thereby violating state labor laws.

Lead plaintiff Dolores Hummel, a single parent, said she worked at a Sam's Club in Reading for 10 years to support her son. Over the years, the pressure to get more work done intensified, she said. Hummel said she worked eight to 12 unpaid hours a month, on average, to meet work demands.

"It had to be done, all these class actions, to show how we were treated working at Wal-Mart _ working off the clock and not getting paid," said Hummel, 53. "It was all about production."

She was fired in 2002 after complaining about working conditions, she said.

Wal-Mart attorney Neal S. Manne said the company plans to appeal both the class certification and the jury's findings.

"I think a lot of employees who had short or missed breaks did it by personal choice," Manne told jurors in closing arguments Friday.

Donovan pointed out, though, that Wal-Mart computers were programmed to dock workers for every minute they signed in late. Those minutes of lost pay saved Wal-Mart stores in Pennsylvania $26 million over the course of a year, he said.

Donovan said he presented evidence during the five-week trial that employees were sometimes logged on to a cash register when they were not on the clock. He said Wal-Mart tried to avoid overtime at all costs, and told employees to work off the books if they had worked too many hours that week.

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Few get quake insurance despite the unsettling risks

BY EILEEN ALT POWELL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Few Americans have invested in earthquake insurance despite the massive damage that quakes can cause, according to a report released Friday by A.M. Best Co. Inc.

A.M. Best, an insurance rating agency based in Oldwick, N.J., looked at the earthquakes that caused the greatest damage in the United States.

The massive Northridge, Calif., earthquake of 1994, for example, resulted in nearly $18 billion in insured property losses in today's dollars, the report said. The great San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906 would generate more than $29 billion in insured losses today.

"Yet A.M. Best estimates that only 10 percent to 15 percent of U.S. homeowners have earthquake insurance," the report said.

Even in quake-prone California, "only 12 percent of 2005 residential insurance packages and 11 percent of commercial insurance packages included earthquake coverage," the report said.

The topic is timely because some of the coverage problems with earthquakes are similar to those with hurricanes.

Homeowners insurance policies typically cover rain and wind damage but exclude water damage caused by storm surge and flooding. As a result, thousands of homeowners hit by Hurricane Katrina and other storms last year have had trouble collecting for damage.

When it comes to earthquakes, most homeowners policies cover damage from fires set off by an earthquake. But special riders are need on the policies to cover damage from shaking.

John Williams, a business analyst with A.M. Best who was co-author of the report, noted that the number of people and companies carrying earthquake coverage is low.

"Part probably has to do with cost," Williams said. "Sometimes there's a high deductible, so people wonder if it's worth taking it on. Or there could be caps on coverage, again making people think twice."

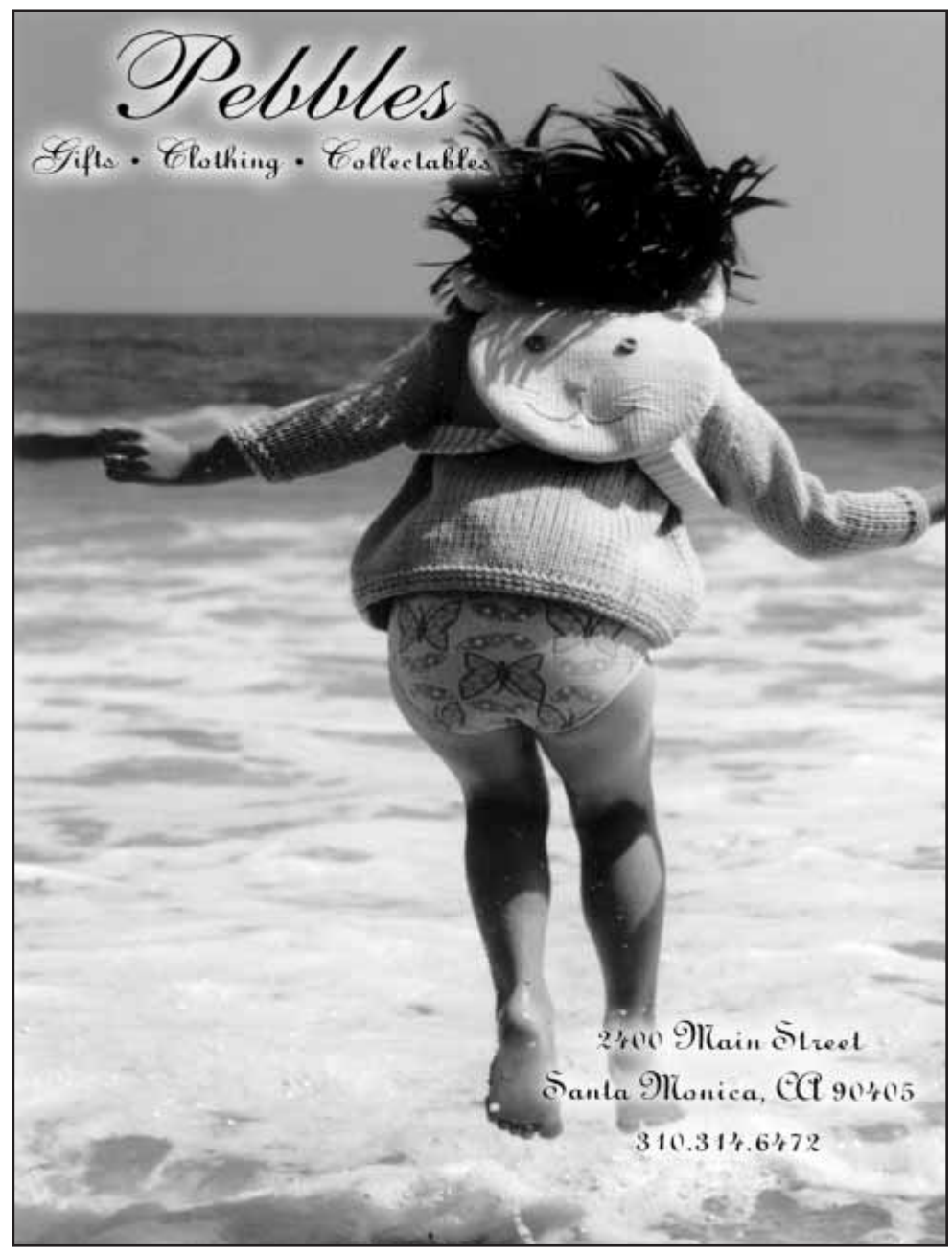
Williams said that many people mistakenly assume they don't live in an area that's at risk.

"The fact is, there's earthquake risk in most areas of the country," he said.

For example, studies done for A.M. Best in connection with the report modeled the possibility of quakes in northern Illinois, along the Philadelphia-New York corridor, in Missouri, and in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas.

In high-risk California, earthquake coverage is provided through the state-sponsored California Earthquake Authority. But private companies also write earthquake riders, including the State Farm Group, Zurich Financial Services and American International Group Inc., the A.M. Best report indicated.

The cost of not having earthquake coverage could be extremely high. The study found, for example, that a huge earthquake in the Los Angeles area could result in nearly $550 billion in property losses of which just $101 billion would likely be reimbursed by insurance companies at current participation rates.



British army chief's quips weaken Blair

BY BETH GARDINER
Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Is Tony Blair losing control? His army chief's brazen declaration that British troops should soon leave Iraq is the latest evidence that the once-formidable prime minister — who rode out a fierce party rebellion just last month — may be rapidly losing his political clout.

The catalyst is clearly the Iraq war, which is seen across Britain as a tragic mistake. But Blair's influence also has suffered because of his close ties to President Bush, who is deeply unpopular in Britain, and in recent months over his support of Bush's stand that Israel should not be forced into a premature cease-fire in Lebanon.

Blair struggled Friday to stamp out the furor following Gen. Richard Dannatt's statement that the presence of British troops is provoking violence in Iraq, not preventing it.

The opposition Conservative party — which has branded Blair a lame duck leader since he announced last month that he would resign within a year — said the army chief's comments were further proof that the Labour leader's authority was waning.

Dannatt later tried to tone down his remarks — saying he wanted a gradual pullout over the next few years — but he did not back away from them entirely.

And it was too late to quell the debate set off by comments that not long ago would have seemed almost inconceivable.

"The general is just saying what millions of people in this country know to be true from simply reading the papers and watching the news," said John Rees, a co-founder of the Stop the War Coalition.

"He better than anybody knows that the British army isn't in a position to sustain this," Rees said. "It's chaos in Iraq."

Dannatt gave a series of interviews Friday and issued a statement clarifying the remarks he originally made to the Daily Mail newspaper, which were dominating the British media.

"The mere fact that we are still in some places (in Iraq) exacerbates violence from those who want to destabilize Iraqi democracy," his statement said.

"But that is not a reason for us to leave. I am on record publicly saying we're standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the Americans," he said. "I'm a soldier — we don't do surrender, we don't pull down white flags. We will remain in southern Iraq until the job is done. We're going to see this through."

Blair, in Scotland brokering talks between Northern Ireland's Catholic and Protestant political parties, said the Daily Mail had twisted Dannatt's words and taken them out of context.

The prime minister said he agreed with what he saw as the general's real message — that British troops should leave areas of Iraq as soon as local forces were able to take over security, and would be unwelcome if they stayed beyond that time. British troops have so far left two provinces in the country's south.

"What he is saying about wanting British forces out of Iraq is precisely the same as we're all saying," Blair told reporters.

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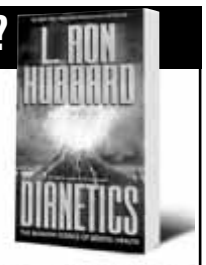

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School bond measure proves divisive issue

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Less logical perhaps, at least at first glance, is the partnership between Tim Dubois, who helps manage Shutters on the Beach and Casa Del Mar, and Denny Zane, co-chair of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, the city's leading political party, which has often been at odds with the hospitality industry over development in the coastal zone and a living wage law that sparked a bitter battle four years ago; the effects of which still linger today.

The pairing of the two, while unusual, is seen by some as evidence that while Santa Monica politics can be divisive, the people who participate can put past differences behind them and work towards a common goal.

"You don't see that happen every day," Gold said of the cooperation between Dubois, who is helping to raise money from the hospitality industry, and Zane, who is devising a strategy to get out the vote.

"I think this is really symbolic of how important clean water is to Santa Monica," Gold said. "What this basically tells you is that there are issues, which transcend any past history."

The campaign in support of Measure V, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage, plans to raise and spend anywhere between $100,000 and $125,000. In order to succeed, both Dubois and Zane will have to work hand-in-hand, Gold said.

Such was evident on Friday, when Zane met with Dubois in his office to discuss their next steps.

"I have respect for Denny on this issue and he has respect for us. We have common goals on this one," Dubois said. "That's the great thing about Santa Monica. We can argue about certain things, but when something important for the community comes up, we can come together."

Those opposed to Measure V, calling it wasteful spending that will only fatten the pockets of bureaucracy, said the Dubois-Zane partnership should raise red flags for voters.

"Basically, you have your politicos and your self-interest groups who are behind this measure," said Peter Tigler, a local artist and co-chair of the No on Measure V campaign.

Tigler has joined forces with resident Don Gray of BaySmart.org and Citizens Against Unfair Taxes. They plan to raise less than $1,000 to avoid having to file campaign disclosure statements with the City Clerk's Office.

"I know they are going to raise a lot more money than us, but money isn't the issue, necessarily," Tigler said. "The hotels have spent hundreds of thousands over the years to get candidates elected and to get certain measures passed or defeated ... and they have a lousy batting average."

THE EDUCATION GAP

Perhaps the only other issue that unites people more than the environment is education. However, a $268-million bond measure to fund school safety and repair is generating some opposition, in particular from residents in Malibu who feel they should not have to pay for what ultimately will be the construction of new classrooms in Santa Monica to handle the influx of new residents sparked by condo development.

Mathew Millen, an attorney living in Santa Monica, has joined forces with Douglas O'Brien, a city of Malibu Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and former Malibu Mayor Joan House to mount an opposition campaign to the bond measure.

Millen said his group also plans to not raise more than $1,000 in order to avoid having to file campaign disclosure statements.

"We are going to be grass-roots," Millen said. "We're going to make some handmade lawn signs, write letters to the editor. We're not going to raise $40,000 and send out slick mailers."

Millen said he spent "a couple of hundred dollars" creating a web site, notaxhike2006.com, and will use that to help get the word out.

The No on Measure BB campaign will face some stiff competition from supporters off the measure — the Committee for School Safety & Repair 2006 — which has just over $35,000 to spend in the next three weeks.

The committee is comprised of members of Community For Excellent Public Schools and education advocates who supported Measure S — the six-year parcel tax of $225 per parcel that funds core curriculum at all Santa Monica-Malibu public schools.

"We're phone banking, making phone calls and we have a walk scheduled for next Saturday, where we will go door to door," said Ralph Mechur, a member of the district committee, which studied the feasibility of placing a bond on the ballot.

"We've done some absentee voter registration and we'll do some regular mailings starting next week," said Mechur. "We have members from the education community, business community and education activists, all working together and putting their differences aside for one common goal, to help public schools and their students."

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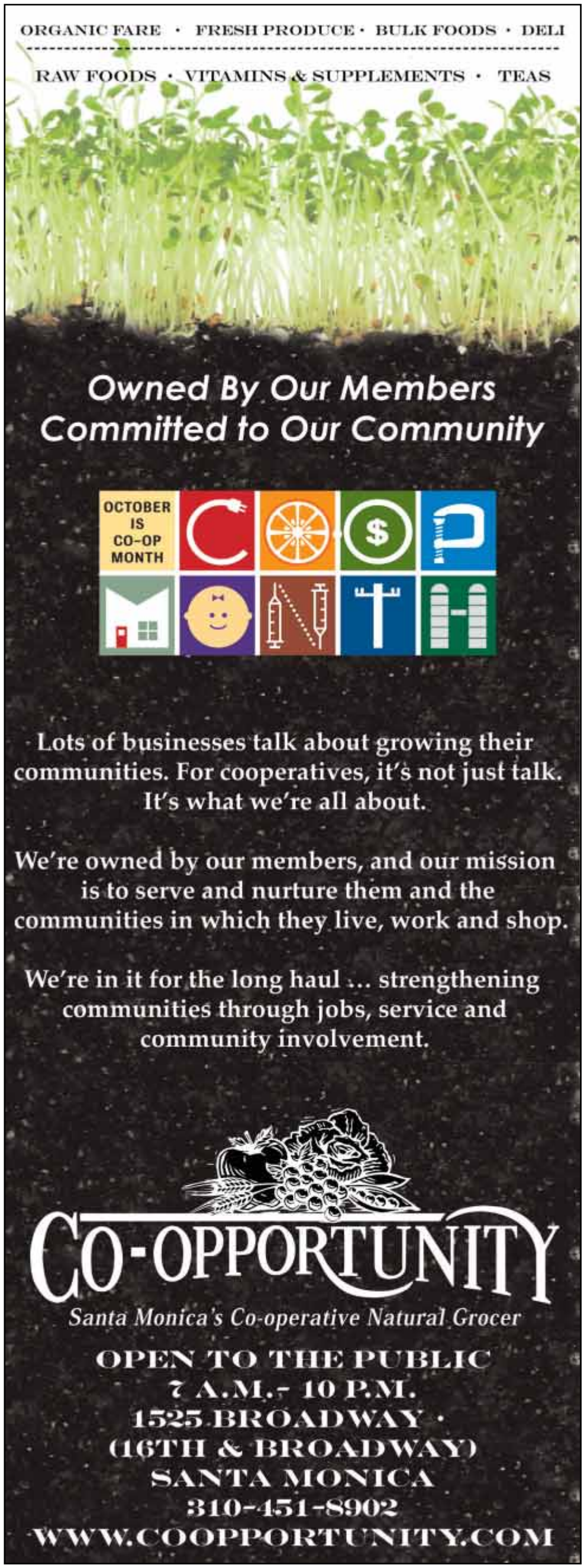

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The current 18th Street Arts Center has been criticized for not fostering a tight-knit community.

Center drawing inspiration

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Seventh Street.

"We think Pico Boulevard is sort of an industrial other-side-of-the-tracks location for Santa Monica," said Randy Ball, co-director of the event and member of the Pico Improvement Organization. "We take pride in being a street of workshops where artists create."

The Pico Improvement Organization formed five years ago in an attempt to create an identity for Pico Boulevard and to find ways to improve the district. It represents one of the newest business organizations in the city.

"We try to identify the different groupings of businesses on Pico," Ball said. "The largest grouping is automotive. Another one is the artistic group."

The idea for "Pico Artists at Work" came after the success of an artistic exhibit at the opening of Virginia Avenue Park last year.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

Jennifer Joyce has operated Jennifer Joyce Pottery Studio, 3028 Pico Blvd., for almost 10 years. She hopes the art walk will bring attention to an "unappreciated area" of town.

Joyce has participated in the art walk in Venice, where she had a studio, and said she loved how the event would always increase foot traffic.

Her studio will feature a pottery-making demonstration during Sunday's showcase.

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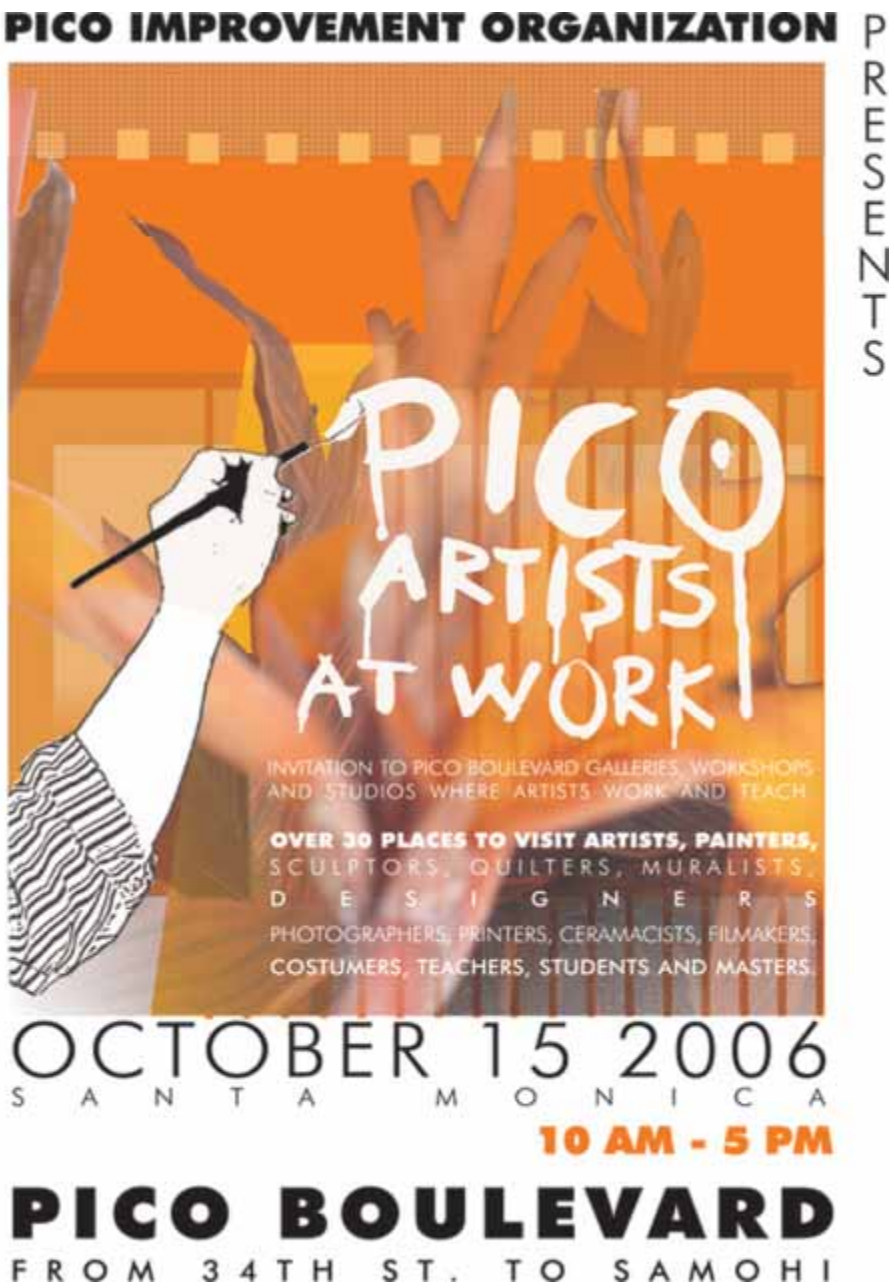

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Cohesion sought for arts center

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artist community, which faces financial pressures due to Santa Monica's notoriously expensive studio rental market, said Executive Director Jan Williamson.

"We're losing artists out of Santa Monica and 18th Street is the only affordable place in the city of Santa Monica for small arts organizations to start up, unless someone wants to run it out of their garage," Williamson said this week.

Construction for a new arts center is unlikely to break ground for at least three more years. However, a selection committee — consisting of board members, project developer Community Corp. of Santa Monica, the city's Cultural Affairs Manager Jessica Cusick, and Rich Erickson of construction company O'Neil —-recently narrowed a list of architects down to four applicants from a pool of more than 15.

"We had a fantastic pool of California-based architects," Williamson said. "We had a very hard decision to narrow it down to these four."

The selected firms include Daly Genik Architects, Mack Architects, Pugh & Scarpa Architecture and Koning Eizenberg Architecture. Each is based in Santa Monica, with the exception of Mack Architects, whose offices are in Venice.

Since the architects were not asked to submit preliminary designs, the committee based its decision on portfolios and relevant experience in affordable housing in cultural facilities. The selection committee should finalize an architect by the end of the month, Williamson predicted.

The project, which is estimated to cost anywhere between $20 million and $30 million, is expected to be three times larger than the current building, or the maximum allowable size on that lot. The 18th Street Arts Center has partnered with Community Corp. of Santa Monica to develop and fund the project.

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Getting all creative on Pico

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ing stores will also have a presence at the event.

The Shampoo Lounge, 3020 Pico Blvd., will hold a photo session by stylist David Jensen, whose photos currently hang in the salon.

"You walk in and [the salon] looks very artsy," Shampoo Lounge Manager Barb Bell said. "It's always crazy in here."

Santa Monica High School, home to the oldest art gallery in Santa Monica, will feature student and faculty art work on "The Day of the Dead," a Mexican celebration of life and remembrance of those who have died.

The Roberts Art Gallery in the high school dates back to 1937 and was named after Josephine Roberts, the high school's first art department chair.

"This is an excellent chance and opportunity for the community to see how heavily invested the artists in Santa Monica are within their craft and how it's very fortunate the community has many art venues, not only on Pico, but many places within the city," said SAMOHI Gallery Director David Wood.

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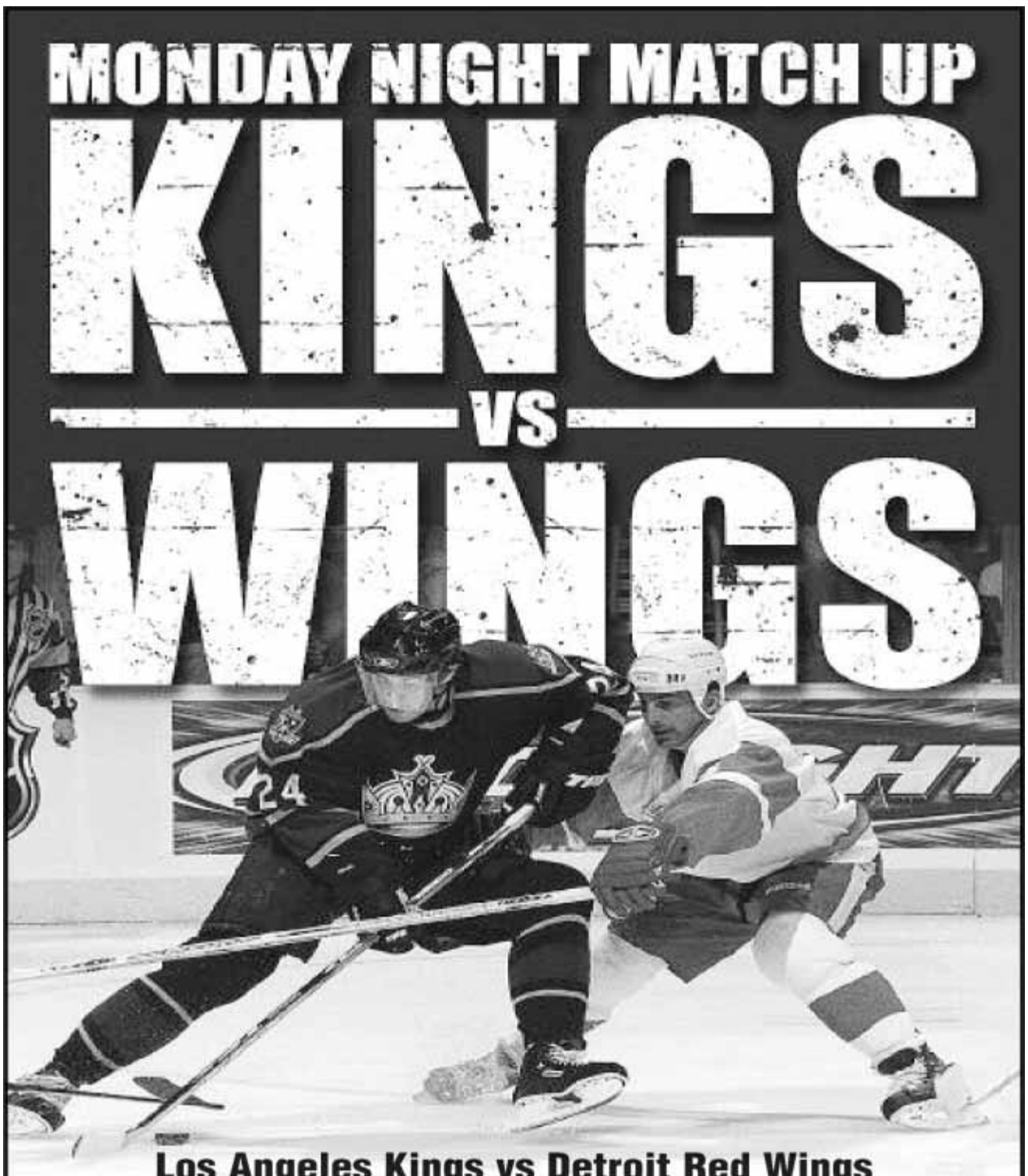

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Cracking under pressure

BY MAYA MEINERT
Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL — City Council on Tuesday approved the settlement of a personal injury lawsuit in which a Westwood woman claimed the city was negligent in not fixing a broken sidewalk that caused her to trip and fracture her hip.

Council voted 6-0 (with council member Pam O'Conner being absent) to pay Ruth Burke and her husband, Sydney, a total of $55,000. The couple sued the city in March.

The Burkes said they were walking to St. John's Hospital to visit a friend when Ruth Burke tripped on a broken and upraised sidewalk in front of the US Bank at 2221 Santa Monica Blvd. She fell and fractured her hip, subsequently needing a ball joint surgically replaced.

The Burkes had originally asked for a jury trial but agreed to mediation with the city.

Prior to medical insurance payments, Ruth Burke's medical expenses were approximately $86,000, according to court documents. Another $100,000 in future medical expenses were estimated. Sydney Burke's approximate loss of income from having to take care of his wife was $7,000. After medical insurance payments, Ruth Burke's expenses were about $10,000, according to Robert T. Simon, the Burkes' attorney.

"I think the settlement was fair," Simon said. "City cases are very difficult, but we tend to do a pretty good job with those cases."

The city claimed it was not liable for Ruth Burke's fall because it "lacked actual or constructive notice of any dangerous condition," according to court documents.

Simon said the sidewalk was repaired following the Burkes' incident.

"We wanted to make sure the city repaired the sidewalk, and they have, so I think we've done our job," Simon said.

The settlement will be finalized in court on Oct. 18.

Arts center branching out

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The city of Santa Monica allocated $30,000 in predevelopment funds.

The 18th Street Arts Center currently houses 12 artists and hosts work and meeting spaces for eight artists and nine organizations.

"We're finding that affordable studio space is pretty impossible unless you moved here a long time ago," Williamson said.

Features of the new center include 30,000 square feet of public space for classrooms and galleries, and about 40,000 square feet of living space, which could translate into more than 50 apartments.

On Thursday evening, the 18th Street Arts Center held a welcome reception for the public to meet the four architects at its gallery near Olympic Boulevard.

Art lovers flocked to the gallery to view the firms' past projects as they sipped wine and chatted up the architects.

Gwynne Pugh of Pugh & Scarpa Architecture and chairman of the city's Planning Commission was among the architects in attendance and said the four architects applied for the project for the same reason.

"They are invested in the community," Pugh said.

The reception attracted architecture students like Jaime Valenzuela, an undergraduate student at the Southern California Institute of Architecture, who said he was inspired by the architects' use of interesting materials in their previous projects.

Ronald Lopez, a concept engineer who was an intern at the 18th Street Arts Center from 1999-2000, said he was surprised by how the arts center itself has changed in the past six years.

Lopez, whose exhibit premieres in the gallery next month, opened his own art center in Turkey.

According to Lopez, the space where the reception was held on Thursday was not a gallery when he was an intern. He added that the current layout of the center does not foster a tight-knit arts community.

He said the arts center is a microcosm of the city of Los Angeles and its lack of a cohesive center. He feels the new center would bring the artists in 18th Street closer together.

"I think they're great designs," Lopez said of the architects' portfolios. "They fit with 18th Street. I'd hate to be the one to actually pick."

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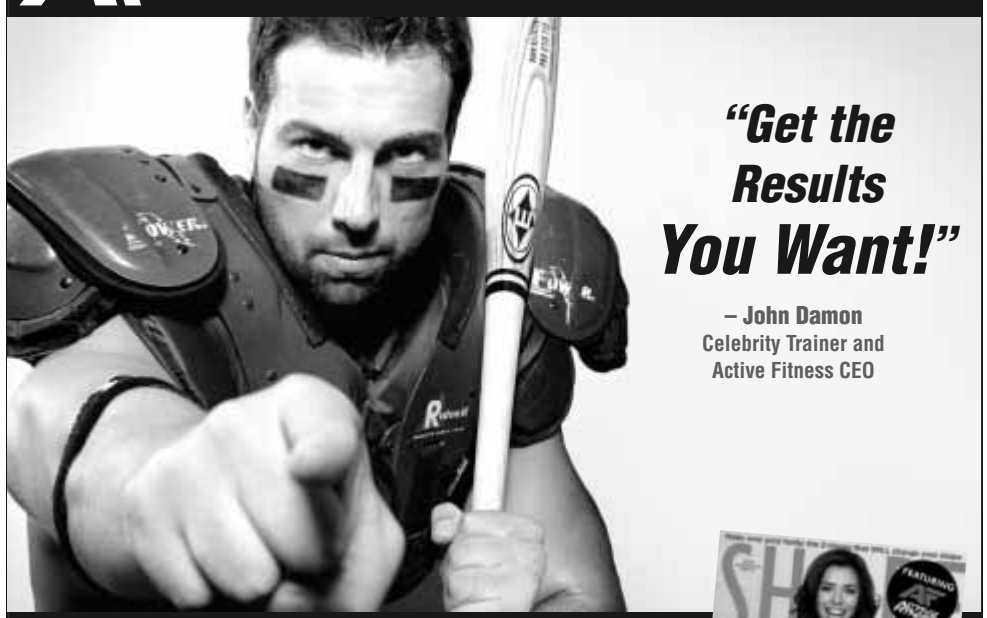
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Mobile home park tenants at a loss

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"It really has that small-town feel. You pretty much know your neighbors … and everyone tries to look out for one another," Cotton said, as she sat in her modest living room decorated with family photographs, books and videotapes of "The Sopranos."

"It's the perfect place for someone like me," Cotton said. "The rent is low, and even though I live alone, it doesn't feel that way. We're all kind of like one big family."

And like most families, the residents of the mobile home park are coming together in the form of the recently created Palisades Bowl Residents' Association, which was created in August to fight what they perceive to be the most significant threat to their way of life — the proposed conversion of Palisades from a rental to a resident-owned mobile home park.

If approved, residents said the conversion will wipe out one of the last remaining pockets of affordable housing on the coast and trigger a tidal wave of mobile home conversions citywide, forcing thousands of people to join the ranks of the homeless.

"This is not for the residents who live here to buy their own homes," said Beatrice Prentice, 76, a Palisades resident opposed to the conversion. "Most of us who live here can't afford to buy the land, and besides, many are seniors or are entering retirement. Why would they want to get into a mortgage?"

Palisades owner Edward Biggs is expected to file a request by the end of October with the City of Los Angeles to convert the park and allow residents the chance to purchase the land underneath their homes.

Currently, residents own their own homes, however, they rent their plots of land from Biggs. The rents are kept low due to Los Angeles rent control, enabling seniors like Cotton, as well as moderate- and low-income residents, to own a piece of the American dream.

If the park is converted, rent control will no longer be available to many residents, forcing them to find another park and move their homes, or sell them. Without rent control to entice buyers, some residents fear they will lose thousands in equity and will be unable to sell their homes.

Rents for low-income tenants — those making less than $38,000 year — will still be protected under state rent control laws if the conversion goes through, however, those who are moderate income — earning more than $47,200 a year — will have their rents raised to market level over a four-year span.

"This is really all about affordable housing," said Norman Kulla, district director and senior counsel for Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, who is currently working on a moratorium on condominium conversions and is concerned about the loss of mobile home parks such as Palisades Bowl.

"Mobile home parks are some of the few places remaining where, essentially, everyday people have an opportunity to own a home and live on the Westside," Kulla said.

Attorney Richard Close of the Santa Monica law firm Gilchrist & Rutter, who is spearheading the process for Biggs, said the conversion is not an evil attempt to circumvent rent control or to reap exorbitant profits. Close said tenants would not be obligated to purchase their lots and would be allowed to stay at the park and continue renting.

"This will give residents true homeownership, which in the end will increase their land values and give them a better return on their investment," Close said. "We have seen time and time again that when people truly own their own home, they take better care of it … A lot of residents say they want this to happen as soon as possible before land values continue to rise."

Close said state rent control laws offer better protection than local laws, and feels the opposition to conversion is coming from those residents who would no longer be eligible for rent control.

"They are trying to scare people out of owning their own home because they don't want to pay fair market rent," said Close. "Once this is completed, people will have a bigger stake in the community and in seeing the park improved to make it better than it is now."

Residents said Biggs is trying to pass off the liabilities of an unstable hillside by selling the land. Meanwhile, Close contends Biggs has invested a considerable amount of resources to shore up the hillside.

For those concerned about not being able to buy their plots, there are low-interest loans from the state under the Mobilehome Park Resident Ownership Program for which they can apply, Close said.

Funds for the program are generated from the annual payments of existing loans, plus a certain percentage from mobile home registrations, said Janet Huston, director of communications and governmental affairs for the state's Department of Housing and Community Development, which runs the loan program.

"Presently, we are in the process of determining how much, if any, funds are available so we could issue a request for proposals," Huston said.

The loan limits per project have been set at $1.5 million. The program provides loans to mobile home park resident organizations, qualified nonprofit corporations, or local public entities to finance the park purchase and ensure affordable housing costs for lower-income park residents.

Prices for the lots will be determined by the Department of Real Estate if the Los Angeles City Council approves a new tract map for the park. The process can take anywhere from 14 months to more than two years, Close said.

For Cotton, she simply wants to live out the rest of her days without worry about what will happen to her son when she dies.

"I don't want to leave him with this huge burden of trying to sell my home," she said. "I know it would be rather easy to do that now with rent control, but I don't think anyone would want to buy my home and then on top of that buy the land also. I just think it will be too expensive and I don't want him to have to worry about that when I'm gone."

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Salads sans greens

With all the leafy stuff warnings and recalls, mix it up a little

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Writer

Who needs leafy greens anyway?

With all the recalls and health concerns of various greens lately, you might find yourself reconsidering the salad course. But that's no excuse for skipping your (well washed!) veggies. And with cool weather coming, heartier salads might make more sense.

The Italians are masters at these greens-free dishes, with tomato and mozzarella salad among the best known. This traditional starter pairs slices of tomato with slabs of mozzarella cheese, then seasons them with salt and pepper and drizzles it all with olive oil.

In her recent book, "Italian Salads" (Ryland, Peters and Small, 2006, $12.95), Maxine Clark collects 30 similarly alluring salads, more than 20 of which either are, or can easily be made, greens-free.

Particularly appealing this time of year are her grilled mixed vegetables salad with balsamic herb dressing; a tuna, borlotti bean and red onion salad; and a saffron potato salad spiked with capers and sun-dried tomatoes.

Or try one of these other hearty salads, including slices of cantaloupe drizzled with lime juice, feta cheese and chili powder, or Clark's fava bean and pecorino salad with honey and lemon dressing.

FAVA BEANS AND PECORINO WITH HONEY AND LEMON DRESSING

(Start to finish 15 minutes)

2 pounds fresh young fava beans in the pod (about 14 ounces shelled beans), or 14 ounces shelled fresh peas
9 ounces pecorino cheese
6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 tablespoon honey
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
Crusty bread, to accompany (optional)

Remove the fava beans from the pods. You don't need to remove the skin from the individual beans if they are very young. On older beans, the skin will be too tough to eat. To peal, plunge them into a pot of boiling water for 1 minute, drain and cool in cold water. Raw shelled peas also can be used. Place the beans or peas in a medium bowl.

Trim any rind from the pecorino, then cut the cheese into cubes about the size of the beans or peas. Add the cheese to the beans.

In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, honey, salt and pepper. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss. Serve with bread.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

(Recipe from Maxine Clark's "Italian Salads," Ryland, Peters and Small, 2006, $12.95.)

CUCUMBER SALAD

(Start to finish 1 hour 10 minutes, 10 minutes active)

1 English cucumber, halved lengthwise, seeded and thinly sliced
3 large radishes, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 cup chopped peanuts

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and toss well to coat. Transfer to a large, flat platter. Cover and let stand 1 hour before serving.

Makes 4 servings.

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(Recipe from the June 2006 issue of Healthy Cooking magazine.)

CANTALOUPE AND FETA CHEESE SALAD

(Start to finish 15 minutes)

2 cantaloupes
1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro, plus additional sprigs for garnish
1/4 cup lime juice
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
2 teaspoons chipolte or other chili powder

Cut each cantaloupe in half and use a large spoon to scoop out the seeds. Cut each half into wedges about 1 inch thick, then carefully cut away the rind.

Arrange the cantaloupe slices on a serving platter, sprinkle with minced cilantro and drizzle with lime juice. Sprinkle with feta cheese and chili powder. Garnish with cilantro sprigs.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Recipe from "Starters," part of Williams-Sonoma's "New Healthy Kitchen" cookbook series from Free Press, 2006, $19.95.

Yo! Cheesesteak country can get its tacos on, too

BY ALISON LAPP
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Whether it's a result of the city's Quaker roots or its working-class character, Philadelphia has always cooked up a cuisine that's more meat and potatoes than experimental. Even the city's signature snacks — cheesesteaks, soft pretzels and water ice — appeal more to a sense of hometown pride than to an adventurous palate.

But under this bland exterior, a flavor revolution has been brewing in South Philly. It's one that's fed by national immigration trends, the changing face of a neighborhood and, most delectably, tacos.

Jesus Mozo opened his Taqueria La Veracruzana in the heart of the Italian Market — the city's cheesesteak stronghold — nearly five years ago, not knowing he was at the forefront of a trend that may have yet to peak.

The dozen or so taquerias that have popped up since La Veracruzana's opening are signs of a community that is beginning to establish itself, he said. They are also a scrumptious way for residents and visitors alike to get a bite-sized look into a new culture, perfect for those who like their lessons in diversity served by the platter.

For Mexican-food novices, tacos provide a classic and easy-to-pronounce introduction to the fare. The generic word for "sandwich" in Mexico, tacos in South Philly offer diners a wide variety of fillings wrapped in two soft flour tortillas and topped with onions and cilantro — all for about $2 a wrap.

At La Veracruzana, which bills its spread as "Los Originales Tacos Mexicanos," a taco filling of choice is chorizo. The spicy Mexican sausage is probably the greasiest taco option, but also has one of the most unique tastes, not to be broached without a cooling glass of water, or bottle of mango juice, close at hand.

Past the bodegas and money-sending businesses now intermingled with the neighborhood's more long-standing Italian delis is La Lupe, which turns out some of South Ninth Street's most authentic Mexican cuisine.

Daring diners will want to order the barbacoa taco, a meal of oven goat meat with a taste that's akin to lamb, but gamier. The queso taco, a hearty handful of melted queso blanco, presents a safer, yet still exotic, choice. Its salty, grilled white cheese absorbs its guacamole garnish and picks up a crispy texture from the cucumbers around it.

For a more local flavor, Prima Pizza Taqueria Mexicana across the street serves both traditional Mexican fare and the hoagies, cheesesteaks and pizzas that have been attracting the hungry to the neighborhood for decades.

Displaying their edible offerings on a menu that has photos of both Philadelphia and Veracruz, Mexico, Alicia Mozo, sister of La Veracruzana's Jesus, said she wanted to try something different with her restaurant.

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Bangladeshi economist earns some Peace

BY DOUG MELLGREN
Associated Press Writer

OSLO, Norway — Bangladeshi economist Muhammad Yunus and the bank he founded won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for pioneering the use of microcredit, the extension of small loans to benefit poor entrepreneurs.

Grameen Bank has been instrumental in helping millions of poor Bangladeshis, many of them women, improve their standard of living by letting them borrow tiny sums to start businesses.

Loans go toward buying items such as cows to start a dairy, chickens for an egg business, or cell phones to start businesses where villagers who have no access to phones pay a small fee to make calls.

"Lasting peace can not be achieved unless large population groups find ways in which to break out of poverty," the Nobel Committee said.

Yunus said the award was "great news" for his homeland.

"I am so so happy," Yunus told The Associated Press when reached by telephone at his Dhaka home shortly after the prize was announced.

Yunus founded Grameen Bank in 1976, after lending $27 out of his pocket to help 42 women in Bangladesh buy weaving stools.

"They got the weaving stools quickly, they started to weave quickly and they repaid him quickly," said Ole Danbolt Mjoes, chairman of the committee.

"Yunus and Grameen Bank have shown that even the poorest of the poor can work to bring about their own development," the Nobel Committee said in its citation.

Today the bank claims to have 6.6 million borrowers, 97 percent of whom are women, and provides services in more than 70,000 villages in Bangladesh. Its model of microfinancing has inspired similar efforts around the world.

"At GB, credit is a cost effective weapon to fight poverty and it serves as a catalyst in the overall development of socio-economic conditions of the poor who have been kept outside the banking orbit on the ground that they are poor and hence not bankable," the committee said.

Yunus and the bank will share in the $1.4 million prize as well as a gold medal and diploma.

The peace prize was the sixth and last Nobel prize announced this year. The others, for physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and economics, were announced in Stockholm, Sweden.

Key Security Council members near North Korea agreement

BY EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — The United States dropped the possibility of using force against North Korea over the regime's purported nuclear test, a concession to Russia and China in the hope of seeing a U.N. Security Council resolution on the standoff passed by Friday.

The presidents of China and South Korea met in Beijing and a Russian envoy traveled to Pyongyang ahead of a full Security Council meeting Friday morning.

The United States reported significant progress Thursday night in bridging differences with Russia and China after more than two hours of negotiations among ambassadors from the five permanent council nations — the U.S., Russia, China, Britain and France — and Japan's ambassador, the current council president.

The Chinese and South Korean presidents discussed the U.S.-proposed draft U.N. resolution on sanctions against North Korea but reach no agreement on it, Song Min-soon, Korean leader Roh Moo-hyun's security adviser, told reporters.

The U.S. said it hoped a vote could be held on Friday on its new resolution, though Japan said Saturday was more likely.

"We have made very substantial progress," U.S. Ambassador John Bolton told reporters after the meeting.

Moscow and Beijing have wanted a more moderate response to Pyongyang's nuclear brinkmanship in the belief this might lure the reclusive communist nation back to disarmament talks.

China wanted to ensure that nothing in the draft could trigger military action, and the new U.S. draft circulated Thursday night eliminated a blanket arms embargo in the previous text. Under the new version, nations would be barred from selling to or supplying North Korea with specific weapons.

Likewise, the North would be barred from exporting such weapons to U.N. member states.

China's U.N. Ambassador Wang Guangya agreed that "good progress has been made" in improving the text. Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin said there had been "a number of improvements" and council unity "is in good shape."

North Korean ships loaded their final cargoes of secondhand bicycles and household appliances in Sakaiminato, a Japanese port city a short journey from the North, after Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Cabinet approved closing the country's ports to North Korean ships and banning trade with the communist state. The sanctions also include a six-month ban on travel to Japan by all North Korean government officials.

The strong response came even though North Korea's claim to have detonated a nuclear explosion Monday has not yet been confirmed, and despite warnings from the North that it would take strong "countermeasures" if Japan went ahead with the new sanctions.

Because Japan's trade with North Korea is limited, Abe faced little domestic opposition to cutting it off. Tokyo already had limited sanctions in place against North Korea, imposed after the North test-fired seven missiles into waters between Japan and the Korean Peninsula in July.

The new U.S. draft expresses says North Korea's claim to have tested a nuclear device represents "a clear threat to international peace and security." But it makes clear the Security Council would have to adopt a new resolution "should additional measures be necessary" against North Korea, such as military action.

The United States insisted the resolution fall under Chapter 7 of the U.N. Charter because of the gravity of North Korea's action.

China only wanted measures under Article 41 of Chapter 7, which authorizes nonmilitary sanctions such as economic penalties, breaking diplomatic relations and banning air travel.

The new draft states that the Security Council would act under Chapter 7 and only take measures under Article 41.

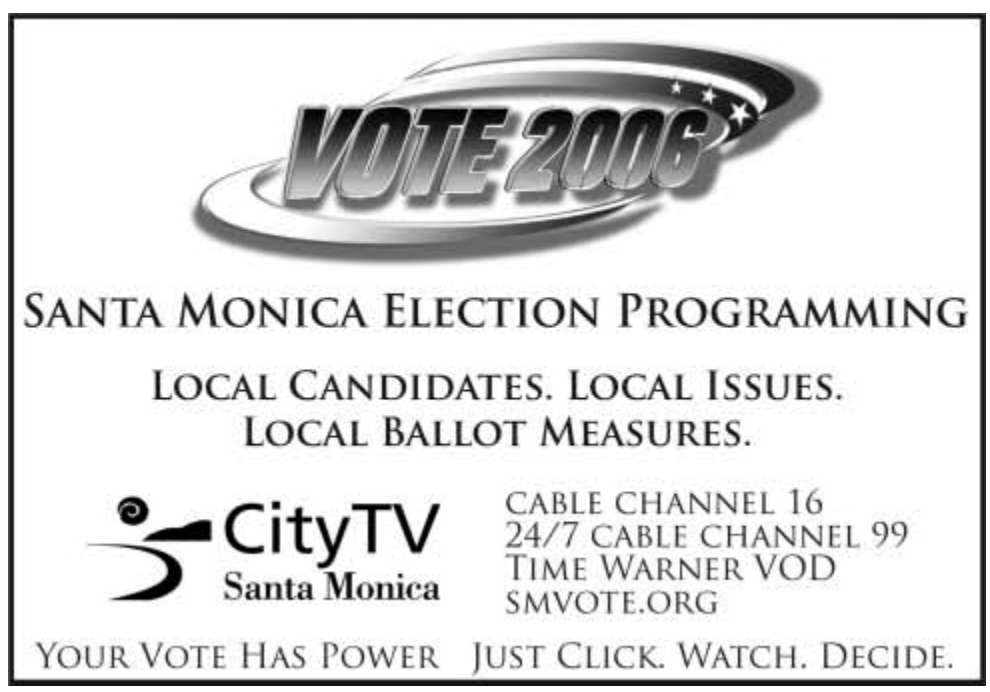
The U.S. proposal keeps the requirement that all countries prevent the sale or transfer of luxury goods and material and technology which could contribute to North Korea's nuclear, ballistic missile or other weapons of mass destruction-related programs.

Also like the previous draft, the new draft demands that North Korea immediately return to nuclear talks without preconditions, and "not conduct any further nuclear test or launch of a ballistic missile."

The latest draft keeps a financial freeze on individuals and entities with any connection to North Korea's weapons or missile programs, as well as a travel ban on those associated with the programs. It changes the focus of the provision on inspections.

There is concern among some diplomats that boarding North Korean ships could lead to a military response from the North, and Beijing and Moscow objected to a provision authorizing the inspection of cargo going in and out of North Korea, council diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity because talks are private.

In the new draft, the measure is softened by authorizing only "cooperative action including through inspection of cargo ... in particular to prevent illicit trafficking in nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, their means of delivery and related materials."



CORSAIRS RESULTS

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Oct. 6
SMC 1, Canyons 0

Michelle Kheder's blast from the top of the penalty box proved the game-winner halfway through the second half of the 1-0 victory at John Adams Middle School. Tatiana Aguirre was credited with the assist, keeping the ball alive in a scramble that led to the score.

Andy Gierman was solid in goal, making six saves and recording her fourth shutout of the season. The defense, anchored by Christina Toapanta, was solid throughout.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
Oct. 6

The SMC women's cross country team placed seventh at the WSC Preview Meet in San Dimas. Yasmin Renteria was the squad's first finisher, coming in 22nd overall.

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All requests for information or clarification are only accepted in writing and should be submitted to Mr. Wolf by email (jory.wolf@smgov.net) or fax at (310) 395-2343.

Another cycle of defense tactics by Landis

By The Associated Press

Floyd Landis took his case to the public Thursday with an online presentation that included key elements of his defense against doping charges. Exhaustive as it appeared, his attorney said, "This is by no means everything."

Landis is scheduled to go before an arbitration panel in January or February and formally appeal doping violations that could cost him his Tour de France and a two-year ban. Rather than wait several months to present his defense in a public form, portions of it were posted on his web site, www.floydlandis.com.

Included in the multimedia presentation was a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Arnie Baker, a retired doctor and longtime coach and adviser, as well as several hundred pages of documents and a motion to dismiss the charges that Howard Jacobs, Landis' attorney had filed earlier.

"It's an unprecedented step, but if the federations are going to keep breaking the rules by leaking results, it's only fair that athletes can respond," Jacobs said. "That's what we're doing."

The presentation highlights what are said to be a number of inconsistencies in both the paperwork and the results provided by the French lab that reported elevated ratios of testosterone to epitestosterone in Landis' "A" and "B" samples, as well as the presence of synthetic testosterone.

The alleged inconsistencies were part of Jacobs' earlier motion asking a U.S. Anti-Doping Agency review board seeking to have the case dismissed. That request was denied last month.

Jacobs said Thursday, "There's many more elements to the defense," but declined to elaborate.

Tour de France organizers already have said they no longer consider Landis the champion. They also planned to begin proceedings to formally strip Landis' title when the appeals process is exhausted. Landis' final appeal could be to the Swiss-based Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Landis' positive test results were reported less than a week after his triumphant July 23 ride into Paris. In the days following the report, Landis contended a number of factors could have triggered the result — thyroid medication, cortisone injections for a damaged hip, his tendency to produce too much testosterone, even some whiskey he drank the night before his stirring win in Stage 17.

In the online presentation, Landis' experts now contend the French lab erred in its analysis, incorrectly labeled samples and ignored the World Anti-Doping Agency testing standards and chain-of-custody protocol, among numerous other mistakes.

"The whole process has been full of errors," Baker concludes at one point in the presentation.

USADA rules prohibit the agency from commenting on an active case, but Tour de France director Christian Prudhomme said Thursday about the lab where the tests were performed, "We have no reason to question the conclusions."

Added Philippe Dautry, general secretary of France's anti-doping agency, "We only have some vague noises about the arguments from Landis and his attorney. All this is part of an ongoing disciplinary procedure, during which all the elements must be examined."

Santa Monica College slips by Pierce, 1-0

By Daily Press staff

SUNSET PARK — Lydia Laddon scored the lone goal of the soccer match as Santa Monica College defeated second-ranked Pierce College, 1-0, on Tuesday at John Adams Middle School.

SMC goalkeeper Andy Gierman made eight saves and recorded her fifth shutout of the season for the Corsairs, despite Pierce's players applying constant pressure throughout the game. Santa Monica hung on for the victory even by being outshot, 25-8.

Santa Monica (5-4-4, 3-1 WSC) has won four of their last five matches and moves into first place in the Western State Conference — South Division.

"We were able to weather that storm [against Pierce]. It's been a roller coaster with all the injuries," said SMC Head Coach Aaron Benditson, who said he was pleased with his team's performance over the past month. "Hopefully, this is a big burst for us to keep winning."

The Corsairs took the lead in the 14th minute, when Laddon received a header from teammate Tatiana Aguirre and fired a 25-yard shot over the head of Brahmas goalkeeper Rachael Vreeland, into the far post for the goal.

Laddon has scored five goals in the last five matches for Santa Monica.

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Snap decision

Kidman's photographer turn in 'Fur' rolls in Rome

NICOLE KIDMAN premiered her movie "Fur" — based loosely on the life of photographer Diane Arbus — at the inaugural Rome Film Festival, which opened Friday.

"I wanted to support this festival and Italy," Kidman told a news conference. "Film festivals are very good for small films like this one, the more we have the better."

The film by director Steven Shainberg tells the story of the transformation of a shy 1950s housewife into an artist, a move triggered by a passionate love affair with Lionel, her mysterious mentor played by Robert Downey Jr.

"It's a small, small portrait. In fact, it's called an imaginary portrait. What counts is the creativity of the artist, what's inside," Kidman said. "My way of trying to play her was more trying to capture her inner self."

The festival will bring a handful of Hollywood stars to the Italian capital, including Sean Connery, who received a career achievement award in Rome on Thursday night, Leonardo DiCaprio and Richard Gere.

"Fur," which combines biography and fictional romance, was shown out of competition along with other premieres, such as "Alatriste," a movie about a soldier living in 17th century Spain starring Viggo Mortensen; "The Hoax," starring Gere; and Mira Nair's "The Namesake," about an Indian family moving to New York City.

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Pieces of Palance do make for a slick farm sale

Potential bidders browsed through collectibles from books and art works to saddles and vintage cars at an auction of items from JACK PALANCE's farm.

"Everybody can get a piece of Jack," said Mary Postupack, who paid $113 Thursday for an intricately decorated oriental fan and a crystal plate with zodiac signs.

Keystone State Auctioneers Inc. expects to auction off 3,000 items in the three-day sale, with the priciest treasures, including an art collection Palance acquired while filming spaghetti westerns around the world and an 1879 Steinway grand piano, going on the block on Saturday.

The 87-year-old actor is evaluating what to do with Holly-Brooke Farm, named for his daughters, said Jess Morgan, his business manager.

Morgan said Palance, who lives on a cattle ranch near Bakersfield, Calif., hasn't visited the farm in about five years.

Palance, who won the best supporting actor Oscar for 1991's "City Slickers," was born Vladimir Palaniuk, the son of a coal miner, in nearby Lattimer Mines. He fought as a heavyweight professional boxer in the 1940s, joined the military in World War II, and after leaving the service graduated from Stanford University with a degree in drama in 1949.

Local residents touring the old farmhouse remembered Palance's return visits.

"He was not the gruff person on the movie screen," said Sandy Schatz, who added that she would run into Palance at the grocery store.

Trish Palmer said Palance would show up at the supermarket, the wine store and high school football games, where parents would restrain their children from hounding him for autographs.

AP

The future looks bright for 'The King' and Sun

ELVIS PRESLEY will be reunited with Sun Records as part of a licensing agreement between the owner of the historic label and the singer's estate.

Sun Entertainment Corp. of Nashville announced the agreement with Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc. Thursday.

The company said Memphis-based Elvis Presley Enterprises has licensed the use of its trademarks in the name, image and likeness of Presley to Sun for several commemorative retail products. Terms of the deal were not immediately available.

Presley's first recordings were with Sun Records, which sold its Elvis recording catalog to RCA Victor in the fall of 1955 as Presley was on the verge of stardom.

Original Sun Records owner/producer Sam Phillips and his company played a pivotal role in the careers of not only Presley, but also Johnny Cash, B.B. King, Jerry Lee Lewis, Charlie Rich, Ike Turner, Rufus Thomas, Roy Orbison and other important artists in rock, country and R&B music in the 1950s.

"Bringing Elvis and Sun Records back together in a special way at retail offers all kinds of exciting possibilities," Sun Entertainment Chairman Shelby S. Singleton said.

Carol Butler, EPE's vice president of international licensing, said the agreement with Sun was "something we have long wanted to do, and now the time has finally come."

The new Elvis and Sun Records co-branded products should begin appearing later this year in retail outlets and online at www.SunRecords.com and www.ShopElvis.com. More will appear in 2007 during the yearlong commemoration of the 30th anniversary of Elvis' death.

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Star Trek, The Voyage Home
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Wednesday
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Friday
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A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints (R)
11:20am, 4:10, 9:30
The Illusionist (PG-13)
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1:30, 7:00

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The Grudge 2 (PG-13)
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The Guardian (PG-13)
10:10am, 1:10, 4:10, 7:40, 10:40
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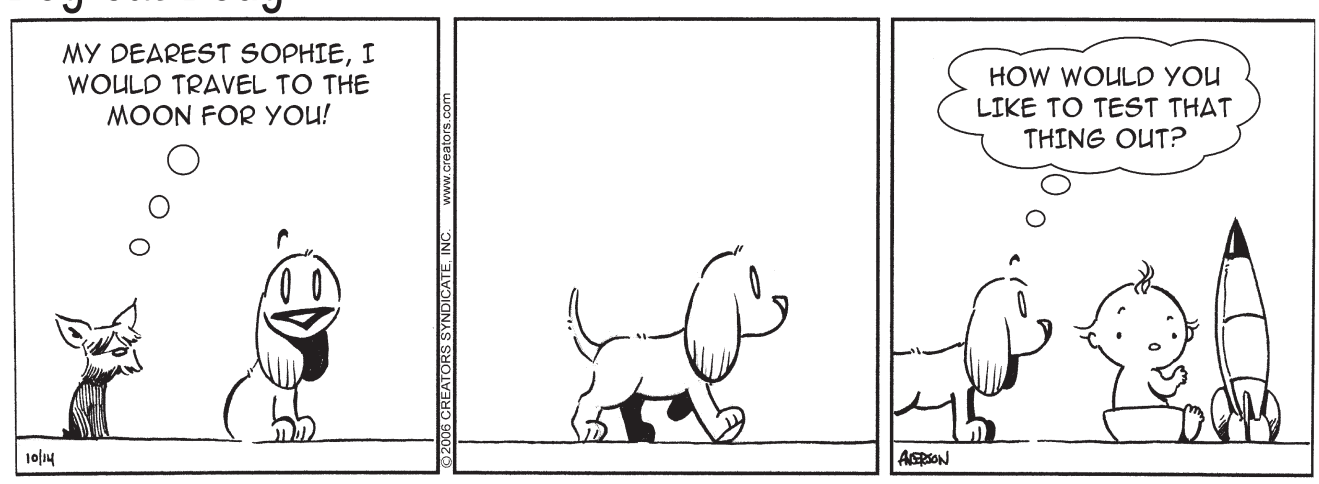

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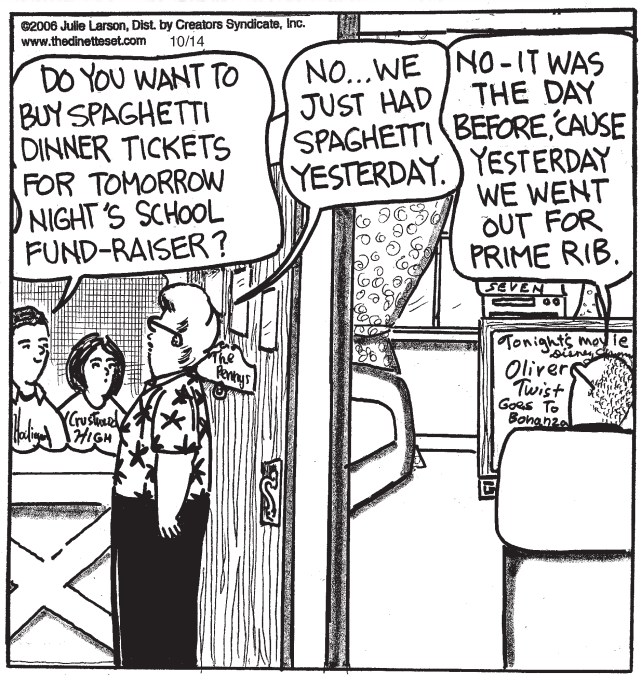

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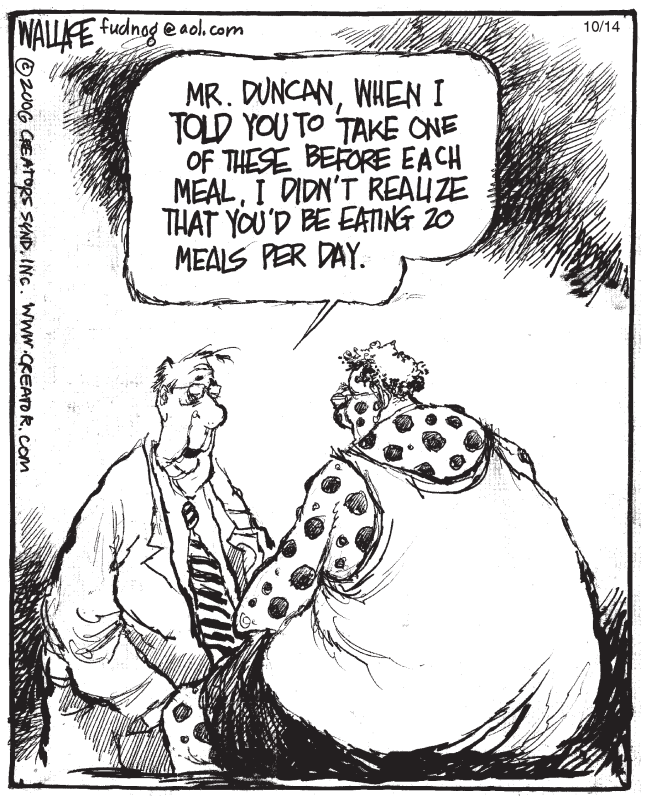

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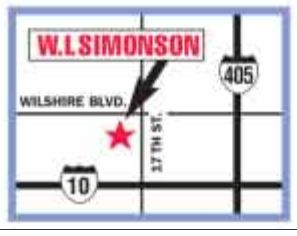

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