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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ California's Budget Crisis, Explained: In August, the state legislature reached a compromise in a long-standing, intensely debated issue with the state's owners of pet ferrets. Though the animals are banned by the state as crop menaces, the legislation would grant legal status to all existing pet ferrets whose owners pay a \$75-per-head fee. However, even though the state desperately needs the revenue, the money raised cannot be used for anything except a study to determine whether the state can tolerate more ferrets.

■ Three Michigan entrepreneurs, alarmed at continuing bad news about childhood obesity, have begun selling "My Kid's First Coach" on DVD, featuring exercise regimens for children, beginning at age 6 weeks. (The youngest work on "flexibility and muscle awareness," with the parent actually guiding the child through the movements yet familiarizing the child with the sensations, advancing in perhaps a year to batting a ball or walking to follow a piece of tape on the floor.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

ON OCT. 21, 1879, Thomas Edison invented a workable electric light at his lab in Menlo Park, N.J.

■ In 1805, a British fleet commanded by Adm. Horatio Nelson defeated a French-Spanish fleet in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, was killed.

■ TEN YEARS AGO: The Pentagon announced that more than 100,000 U.S. troops were being taken off alert for possible movement to the Persian Gulf because the Iraqi threat to Kuwait had abated. Actor Burt Lancaster died in Los Angeles at age 80.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There are three things which the public will always clamor for, sooner or later: namely, Novelty, novelty, novelty."

THOMAS HOOD

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SMC leads state in student transfers

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC — Despite deep budget cuts and a bitter battle between faculty and administrators, students here led the state last year in transfers to California's popular public university system, officials announced Wednesday.

A total of 900 students transferred from Santa Monica College to University of California campuses in the 2003-2004 school year, or nearly twice as many as the No. 2 campus, Diablo Valley College in the San Francisco Bay

area. Another 1,121 SMC students moved on to Cal-State campuses, according to reports from the state school systems.

Dan Nannini, SMC's transfer center coordinator, said the figures are especially impressive given that both public school systems severely curtailed transfer admissions in the winter and spring due to the tight state budget.

"If everything had stayed the same, we might have hit 1,000 transfers to UC" schools, he said. "But ... the landscape changed dramatically last year."

More than half of the University

of California transfers from SMC wound up at UCLA. Another 93 went to Irvine; 91 to Berkeley; 62 each to San Diego and Santa Barbara; 26 to Riverside; 22 to Santa Cruz; and the other 15 to Davis. Most of the Cal-State transfers from SMC wound up at the Northridge campus.

SMC also led the state in transfers to UC schools by Latino and African American students, according to the reports. A total of 108 Latino SMC students went on to UC campuses last year, compared to 76 from the No. 2 school,

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On to the UCs...

Number of SMC students that transferred to UC schools in the 2003-2004 school year, by campus.

Berkeley	91
Davis	15
Irvine	93
Los Angeles	529
Riverside	26
San Diego	62
Santa Barbara	62
Santa Cruz	22

TOTAL 900

Sign Wars

City Hall cracks down on candidate lawn signs

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL — The right-of-way is the wrong place to support local candidates.

That's the message officials sent to Santa Monica office seekers this week after city workers hauled off more than 75 political lawn signs for being illegally displayed.

The signs back candidates running for seats on the City Council, as well as boards for the local school district and community college. By law, the signs only can be placed on private property.

That means the parkway between sidewalks and city streets are off limits, though those areas are often tended by residents as if they were

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TRASHING HERB: Signs promoting City Councilman Herb Katz's bid for reelection got dumped Tuesday at the corner of Ocean Park and Lincoln Boulevards. City officials are on the lookout for illegally placed signs.

Crill Hansen/Special to the Daily Press

Judge rules city not at fault for pedestrian accident

Decision gives a glimpse at how ruling might go in future farmers' market hearings

BY KATHLEEN BISHOP

Special to the Daily Press

SM COURTHOUSE — A judge here ruled Tuesday that the city of West Hollywood wasn't liable for a man's injuries when he was struck by a car in a crosswalk at Sunset Boulevard and Alta Loma Road.

Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Valerie Baker's ruling said that despite strong evidence, Jason Eli Sayers' attorney, Santa Monica-based Browne Greene, didn't sufficiently prove that the intersection was dangerous at the time of the accident.

"I'm shocked beyond words in

light of the evidence and the attitude of the city of West Hollywood," Greene said after the ruling was handed down.

He added that the ruling was "not encouraging" for him since Judge Baker also will preside over the city of Santa Monica's liability cases related to the Santa Monica Farmers' Market crash which occurred in July 2003. Greene's law firm, Greene, Broillet, Panish & Wheeler, LLP.,

located at 100 Wilshire Blvd., has filed several of the civil cases on behalf of victims who were injured in the accident.

Greene cited West Hollywood's own study in which zero out of 42 motorists yielded for pedestrians at night.

"Yet the judge still finds this not to be a dangerous condition?" he said. "I just don't understand it."

Sayers was permanently brain

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 **ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★★ You are so goal-directed, you could trip over a misunderstanding. Don't worry — you can easily sort out the problem. Meetings add a new dimension or perspective to a project. Don't worry, as a meeting turns into a happening. Tonight: Where the action is.

 **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★ Others want to believe that you have all the answers. You wish you did as well. Confirm messages, calls and meetings. A snafu involving communication can happen out of the blue. You feel inspired by a project. Tonight: Could be a late night.

 **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★ You need to detach, or the message you think you hear might only be what you want to hear. Sort through facts. News could actually be better than you initially had anticipated. Your intellect and imagination merge. Tonight: Opt for something different.

 **CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★ Use your sixth sense with finances, but don't risk. You could put yourself in a very difficult position. You need to say "no." Do enjoy the process of what someone goes through to persuade you to go along with his or her ideas! Tonight: Enjoy a favorite person.

 **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★★ Others don't mean to pull the wool over your eyes, but somehow you would prefer to see what you want. Inevitably, at some point, hurt feelings are possible. You could feel that someone has lied to you. Actually, you just didn't want to see reality. Tonight: Toss away your rose-colored shades.

 **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★ Concentrate on work, but at the same time, listen to what others are saying. Confirm meetings. Verify statements and instructions. Many of you are seeking work where you would feel more valued. What would that look like? Tonight: Discuss work possibilities with someone who cares.

 **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★★ You're gamesy and flirtatious, perhaps throwing off work or a serious project. Smart Libras will take the day off and do what they really want. Otherwise, you might cause more trouble in your work environment than you should. Tonight: Act like it is Friday night.

 **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★ Family and domestic matters take priority. In fact, many will decide not to go to work and instead handle a personal matter. What is going on at home might not be a problem but merely something that pre-occupies you. Tonight: Make your home your castle.

 **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★★ You see the humor in what happens, even a snafu. Hopefully you can help others view a misunderstanding with perspective. Your intuition leads you. Follow your feelings, and you'll land on your feet in the right place. Tonight: Favorite spot where music is played.

 **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★ Your finances might not be as clear as you'd like. In fact, you might have a problem. Perhaps a check bounces or someone doesn't pay you as you had anticipated. Still, you could find money dripping right through your hands. Tonight: Organize your finances.

 **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★★★ You are the cat's meow, even if someone might not agree with you. Let your playfulness emerge, helping others gain a perspective. Ask for what you want. Zoom in on what you want. Others care more than you realize. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy.

 **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★ Take your time with a decision or idea you are mulling over in your mind. Others' feedback simply will not help. You need to know what works for you. A partner does care. Do not question his or her feelings. Tonight: Get some extra rest.

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LOCAL



After the Storm



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press
City workers pick up palm fronds which were littered along Fourth Street early Wednesday morning and throughout the day.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Great pumpkin will appear at Canyon Charter School

By Daily Press staff

Spooky Spirits, witches, bats and zombies will haunt Canyon Charter School's 10th Annual Pumpkin Patch and Bake Sale for the next two days.

More than 500 pumpkins of all shapes and sizes will be offered for sale, donated by a canyon family. Prices will be categorized by small, medium and large. There will be a contest to guess the weight of an enormous "great" pumpkin. Whoever picks the closest number to the actual poundage gets to lug it home. Last year, fourth grader Lauren Hutchinson hit it exactly by choosing 144 pounds.

The sale will occur today from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The school is located at 421 Entrada Dr. in Santa Monica.

Halloween inspired decorations made by the kindergartners will adorn the patch. Purchases, including the scary delicious array of home-baked goods are tax deductible because proceeds raised benefit the school's beautification committee.

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SURF REPORT

Today a mix intermediate period WNW swell moves in with most of the energy centered around the upper end of the swell track. Northern LA spots with NW exposure see mainly waist-high plus surf. Best breaks in the north half of the South Bay hit head-high plus on sets while most other South Bay beaches will be waist high. NW swell combo winds down on Friday into the weekend. Light W winds early turn NW 8-12 knots in the afternoon on Thursday. Lighter onshores for the weekend.

Today the water is:

65°

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	LOW TIDES				HIGH TIDES			
	Morning	Height	Evening	Height	Morning	Height	Evening	Height
SATURDAY	4:25	1.8	5:50	-0.3	10:42	6.3	N/A	N/A
SUNDAY	4:55	2.2	6:51	-0.2	12:14	3.9	11:21	6.2
MONDAY	5:28	2.7	8:06	0.0	1:35	3.4	12:08	5.9
TUESDAY	6:14	3.2	9:35	0.1	3:42	3.3	1:13	5.5
WEDNESDAY	8:28	3.5	10:56	0.0	5:41	3.7	2:47	5.2
THURSDAY	10:51	3.2	11:58	-0.1	6:26	4.1	4:29	5.1
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The QLine

As election day draws near, voters are increasingly being inundated with political scare tactics, confusing campaign literature and promises from candidates — on the local, state and national levels.

Although many people might have made up their minds long ago on the presidential race, it is often much harder to make meaningful distinctions among local and state candidates and issues.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know,

"How comfortable would you feel stepping into the voting booth right now? Have you been sufficiently informed about candidates, or have the political tactics employed this year left you dazed and confused?"

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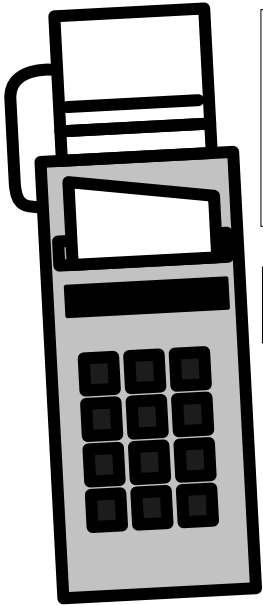


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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parent group goes negative

Editor:
The other evening I got a voice mail message at home critical of Michael Feinstein as not being supportive of education issues. True or not, I think it is appalling that CEPS uses money to condemn a candidate rather than promote those they deem supportive.

I have attended many council meetings mainly during the Dr. Schmidt (former schools superintendent) era. I cannot ever remember Mr. Feinstein not supporting the schools. I do remember one evening last year that he criticized the practices of some parents' actions in pressing for more funding and more recently did not approve of the CEPS campaign for a ballot initiative forcing the council's hand. Does this mean he is not supportive of schools, or that he just may realize other matters need to be considered.

I urge CEPS to keep it positive. It's a City Council election in a small enough city that people actually do know the individuals involved, why be negative?

Does CEPS really feel it needs to take the lead on negative campaigning? I think CEPS that has good goals in mind has started taking a quite an undesirable path and I fear will end up doing more harm than good.

Intimidating council candidates into signing a pledge is also irresponsible. Who does CEPS represent? Not me and I have two children at SMMUSD schools, and invested a good deal of my own time in our public schools.

Maybe the people at CEPS should take a look at their methods and see if Michael actually had a point that evening.

Andrew Denyer
Santa Monica

Fred Deni serving up community spirit

Editor:
I wanted to thank you and the paper for your feature article on Fred Deni (SMDP, Oct. 18, page 1). I have known Fred for 15 years and he is one of the nicest, finest, and most charitable individuals I know. It is not just his monetary charity that is special, but more importantly his charity of spirit, belief and self esteem. During our Police Activities League dinners, he works all day with the kids showing them how to prepare the meals and never to be afraid to use their creativity and imagination. I was surprised to find out from the male PAL kids how many of them had never tried preparing anything more than a sandwich or a bowl of cereal. After their experience working with Fred, many of them have excitedly gone on to actually prepare dinner for their families by using a cookbook and that all illusive ingredient called imagination because of what they learned from Fred. He truly is the definition of a concerned, good and active citizen.

Steve Heineman
Santa Monica

CEPS fails in political rhetoric

Editor:
This letter is in response to the article on CEPS' political endorsements and its intention to discredit David Cole, labeling him as "not reliable as a supporter of public education." The fact of the matter is that if it hadn't been for the efforts of David Cole, neither the school district's financial oversight committee nor CEPS would even exist today.

I have known David Cole for over 12 years, primarily through his involvement in creating after-school programs and forming a PTA, when none existed, at McKinley Elementary School. Both David and his wife, Susanna, served effectively as PTA presidents up until the time their son graduated from Santa Monica High School. He successfully started a variety of school fundraisers, including swap meets that brought thousands of dollars into our school. It was his idea to promote the sale of a yearbook and "Spirit Wear," that simultaneously brought the added benefit of evoking school pride. It was through his efforts to activate and engage parents in a variety of school-based initiatives that we first connected. Thus began my very own journey to a life of seemingly countless volunteer hours and commitment to our schools and community.

For as long as I can remember, David Cole is one of a handful of Santa Monicans who has donated tirelessly of his time and invested his energy and financial resources to the process of developing solutions for a better community. He has been a driving force, creator and supporter of many educational initiatives that to this very day, continue to benefit community leaders, educators, parents and students. Because of his dedication and leadership, children throughout our community have school playgrounds that are safe, open and accessible, just when they were on the verge of being taken away by a small group of school district and city administrators.

As past president of the Mid-City Neighbors, David single-handedly brought forth cooperation and cohesiveness out of a neighborhood that was once sharply divided between residents and businesses. His record as a skillful and superb negotiator is unwavering.

I am ashamed that I ever trusted the leadership of Louise Jaffee, who in the face of political gain, would stoop to the level of trying to marginalize David with statements like "he is more of an outspoken critic than a community consensus builder," all the while knowing the truth that this letter intends to expose. Shame on those who united in deciding not to back one of education's finest friends in Santa Monica, Mr. David Cole. CEPS really should be doing a better job on their homework.

Donna Block
Santa Monica

Baseball and politics:
America's fall classics

**NEWS ON
THE EDGE**
BY RON SCOTT SMITH



You've probably noticed Yankee Stadium has been lined with police in full riot gear as the latest round of the greatest rivalry in sports history has played out this week.

Police in full riot gear will be waiting in the wings on Nov. 2, too, as the nation is on full alert for possible election-day turmoil in many of the swing states where the battle is bitter and going down to the wire. With still 12 days to go, no less than 18 states have already reported ballot problems. One county in Mississippi — not that there's any question of how that state will go — reports there are more newly registered voters than people living there. Just like they do in banana republics, international monitors have been called upon for the first time ever to come stand watch over this American election.

But right now it's Armageddon of another sort, the out-of-this-world Yankees-Red Sox game seven coming up in mere minutes, and I'm supposed to sit here and ponder mundane things like Bush-Kerry? If you haven't been taken by this baseball series, you're just plain — to sling some currently popular mud — unpatriotic. Games four and five were absolute heart-stoppers as they went deep into extra innings. By the way, the Cardinals-Astros are in the bottom of the 12th, tied 4-4, as this column comes to you live.

Oh yeah, the election. Almost forgot. Maybe should have forgot. It will probably be forced into overtime too, with legal challenges over voting problems certain to emerge. In Colorado for instance — a key battleground state where the candidates are running neck and neck — an initiative on the ballot offers citizens a chance to divvy up the electoral votes, made retroactive so as to apply to their Nov. 3 vote. So as they cast their ballot for president, they simultaneously will decide how to allocate their electoral votes, and it will be challenged in court by the side that comes out on the short end of the stick. Colorado may not be tallied until well after Rudolph flies.

And then, there's Florida. You knew there'd be Florida. A voting expert testified for the state that the new electronic voting system there is "out of control." What's the governor's last name again? Meanwhile, students at the University of Central Florida claim that while they thought they were signing a petition to change child-molestation laws, they were actually switching party affiliation from Democrat to Republican. In Ohio, a man registered to vote numerous times using such names as Dick Tracy, Mary Poppins and Michael Jordan. Somehow, they caught him.

(Only in America — Jim Edmonds just connected — so the Cardinals-Astros

go to game 7.) A Boston friend watching the Red Sox victory in game six with me predicted that Jesus Damon will arise from his slump, and come forth to save the Red Sox. That's what she calls center-fielder Johnny — he of the long flowing hair, the dark beard, and the saintly hustle.

The way John Kerry so thoroughly dismantled George Bush in the three debates, it would have been hard to imagine how the president could still be in the race. Kerry seemed to expose the shortcomings of the incumbent in no uncertain terms, forcing him to resort to a series of folksy platitudes in defense of his litany of failure. Yet, as the dust settles from those debates and the nation digs in for the stretch run, Bush wipes his eyes and somehow finds himself still out in front in national polls. One possible explanation would be the religious one. At the end of debate No. 3, perhaps aware that he had been thoroughly overwhelmed, the president appeared to be almost begging for your prayer, for your sympathy, for your vote. Yes, Bush has the "mercy vote" locked up and it could be just enough to win him four more years. Many Americans will steadfastly hang onto their preacher, almost as if in a shared state of rapture with him. Rapture? We'll leave that alone.

(Curt Schilling came back from the dead for game six, limping, ankle bleeding through his red socks, and pitched Boston into a position to make history tonight).

The Kerry forces are counting on someone to get out of the sickbed to step up and help them in the final days of their contest, too. His name is not Jesus, it's Clinton, and he's loved by millions regardless of what the right-wing flame-throwers have been firing at him for seemingly forever. He's said to be recovered enough from heart surgery to be able to do some 11th hour stumping, so Kerry has him penciled in for stops at several battleground states next week. Clinton has always had a way of getting to the point, and said this last week from his home in New York about Bush. "When the other guy wants you to stop thinking- — and is trying to scare you into not thinking — and you want Americans to think about their future — it's pretty clear who you ought to be voting for."

Though known to often pick them wrong, my gut feeling here today- — moments before the start of game seven and days before the election — is the Yankees, and then Bush, prevail. Today as you read this, and later, on the morning of Nov. 3, I so badly hope you will be able to say how wrong I was on both. A nation turns its lonely eyes to you, Jesus Damon.

(Ron Scott Smith has had enough of politics. He's ready for what really important, the World Series. E-mail him at edgeofthewest@aol.com).

OPINION



Debunking wild predictions about voter turnout



HERE'S THE THING

BY LARA M. BROWN, Ph.D.

Everyone's buzzing about voter turnout. Given voter interest, the registration efforts by outside groups, and the renewed focus of the political parties on the ground game, many are predicting that voter turnout is going to skyrocket.

Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC's Hardball, predicted recently that 120 million voters would turnout in November — nearly 15 million more voters than turned out in 2000. Larry Sabato, a well-known political scientist, posted on his Web site that turnout will be somewhere in the range of 55-60 percent of eligible voters.

For some perspective on voter turnout, a review of history, mathematics, and geography are necessary.

Historically speaking, we haven't achieved a 60 percent turnout rate since 1968. Over the eight presidential elections we've held since, 52 percent has been the average. The only significant uptick — after cycles of decline — was in 1992 when we achieved 55 percent.

Turnout is typically calculated by dividing the number of voters who turned out by the number of people in the voting age population. Since 1972, the voting age population has increased on average by about 10 million people between presidential elections. In 2000, there were approximately 205 million people of voting age.

Voter registration tends to track population. On average, registration increased between presidential elections by about 8 million, though some years were larger than others. In 2000, about 156 million people were registered nationwide, or about 76 percent of the voting age population.

Whether it is a "big" turnout year is largely determined by the percentage of registered voters who turn out — not their percentage of the voting age population. For example, in 1996, 65 percent of registered voters turned out, while in 1992 78 percent of registered voters turned out. An extraordinary 90 percent of registered voters turned out in the 1960 presidential election contest.

Additionally, "big" registered voter turnout rates have more to do with geography than they do voter sentiment or campaign intensity. Big states, those with large populations must be contested battlegrounds, or at least fairly competitive states in that electoral cycle in order to push up the national average. California, Texas, Florida and New York all have to have high turnout.

And this is where it comes back to basic arithmetic. Using only census fig-

ures and common sense, if there are approximately 215 million people of voting age in this election, but about 55 million of them live in three big uncontested states (Calif., Tex., and N.Y., excluding those under 18 years old), then you would have to have extraordinary turnout among the 43 million in the eight states that are currently battlegrounds (Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Nevada, New Mexico, and Iowa) just to offset the larger population nationally.

It's fair to assume that in these battleground states where the parties and the independent groups have been focusing, the voting age population is also registered in higher numbers than they are in non-battleground states. Being generous, and assuming that 85 percent of the voting age population is registered in the battleground states and that 75 percent is registered in non-battleground states, this means that there would be about 165 million people registered this year. And 36 million of them are in the battleground states, while 129 million are not.

If the registered voters in battleground states turn out in high percentages — like they did in 1992 — and they average 78 percent, then about 28 million voters will cast their ballots in the battlegrounds. If the rest of the electorate follows a more normal voting pattern and registered voters turn out on average at about 67 percent, then about 86 million voters will turn out in non-battleground states. Adding these two numbers together, the aggregate national turnout would be approximately 114 million voters — 5 million fewer than Chris Matthews predicted and several percentage points off of Larry Sabato's prediction. National turnout for the 2004 election would likely be closer to 53 percent of the voting age population.

Of course, it's possible that people in states who "don't matter" will turn out in high numbers as well, simply to register their support or dissatisfaction with President Bush, but history doesn't suggest as much.

HERE'S THE THING

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SMC to hold college transfer fair today

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East Los Angeles College. Thirty-one African-American SMC students went on UC schools, compared to 20 students from both West Los Angeles and Riverside colleges.

The popular community college will hold a student transfer fair this morning, with admissions officers from about 80 higher education institutions attending, including all of the UC and Cal-State campuses, as well as Columbia University and, for the first time, representatives from Cornell University and New York's Polytechnic University.

College officials applauded SMC's first-place ranking, which it has held for much of the last two decades.

"It definitely equates to SMC being one of the best community colleges in the state," SMC spokesman Bruce Smith said. "At the same time, it reflects a campus-wide flavor that I think is a hallmark of ours, where we want our students to really be the best — everything from our counselors to our teachers, to everything between. We kind of have this (attitude of), 'We're No. 1 and we want to stay that way, and we want to increase our transfer figures and make everything better.'"

As for private schools, SMC transfers to the University of Southern California shot up by 18 percent last school year, while other SMC students moved onto prestigious campuses like Cal Tech, Yale

and the University of Pennsylvania.

How the transfer numbers factor into percentages of the overall student body isn't clear. College officials said they don't calculate percentages because there are too many other factors to consider, like students who return after getting higher degrees for special instruction, and students who spend three or four years at SMC before transferring because they are studying part-time. One thing is certain, though: With more than 29,000 students this fall, SMC is one of the largest of community colleges in California.

Still, officials said the strong transfer numbers speak for themselves.

"It is true that SMC is one of the largest schools in enrollment, but when you look at the huge gap between how many we transfer and how many the No. 2 (school) transfers, you can see that we are the clear leader," Smith said.

SMC President Dr. Piedad F. Robertson added the No. 2 school, Diablo Valley College, is in close proximity to several UC campuses.

SMC met a state target this fall to rebound its enrollment to levels from two years ago. As a result, SMC currently has an enrollment of 29,312, as opposed to about 25,500 students last school year, college officials said. That jump in enrollment entitles SMC to millions of dollars in additional state funds this year.

Political lawn signs pick up dust at SM city yards

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part of their private yard. The law also excludes public places like the grassy median of San Vicente Boulevard, long a popular locale for showcasing political signs.

"I think it's very foolish," said 58-year resident Helen Spaulding, 70, who lives on Lincoln Boulevard. Spaulding said she had signs supporting council candidates Bobby Shriver and Kathryn Morea in her parkway for three weeks before they were picked up by city workers Tuesday.

"It's a waste of city time, it seems like to me," Spaulding said. "Typical."

How the signs wind up in illegal places isn't always clear. Sometimes it's a matter of confusion for residents who don't know parkways are off limits, but other times it's a mystery. Some veteran candidates said disgruntled competitors often play a prominent role.

"Our signs have appeared obviously in places where we wouldn't put them there and I don't think any of our supporters would put them there," said City Council candidate Matt Dinolfo, who recently spotted one of his lawn signs in the middle of the roundabout on 26th Street. "If people want to take them down, that cer-

tainly is irritating, particularly if they're in places like people's yards, and then they show up elsewhere."

Dinolfo is no stranger to sign wars. He ran for a council seat in 2002 and accused fellow candidate Chuck Allord of stealing his lawn signs. The City Attorney didn't pursue those charges.

Confiscated lawn signs are taken to the city yards at 2500 Michigan Ave. Tyra Williams, from the city's street maintenance division, said there was a dumpster there overflowing with lawn signs earlier this week, but they had since been hauled off to the dump. On Tuesday, a separate dumpster was dedicated for political signs, Williams said, adding candidates were free to pick up their signs on weekdays between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

For city officials, the sign fallout is just part of the routine.

"It kind of happens every election cycle," said Judy Rambeau, a spokeswoman for City Hall. "They (the signs) can be out on private property and you see them all over. You just can't have them on public property, or they'll be picked up. That's a long, long standing" restriction.

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LOCAL



WeHo case similar to that of farmers' market accident

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damaged after being hit by a car driven by Danielle Mason on April 24, 2001. Sayers filed suit against the city in December 2001 for negligence and dangerous condition of public property.

"The judge followed the law and the evidence," said D. Michael Lyden, a Calabasas-based attorney representing West Hollywood. The case went to trial Sept. 27 and lasted 11 days. Both sides agreed to waive a jury trial.

Greene argued that West Hollywood staffers knew the intersection was dangerous and chose not to fix broken pavement lights, and didn't clear foliage in front of pedestrian signs or take additional steps to make conditions safer. Attorney Scott Haith argued that the city of West Hollywood met safety standards. He also argued that Sayers' and Mason's lack of due care and inattentiveness caused the accident.

Greene acknowledged that the Sayers' and farmers' market cases have different circumstances, but said, "If any third person were looking at (the ruling), they wouldn't think it's very good news" for the outcome of the pending lawsuits.

The similarities between the cases are that they both involve pedestrian accidents and focus on whether a city can be held liable for dangerous conditions on public property. Greene said Judge Baker's ruling "sends a chilling message about pedestrian safety."

Ten people were killed and dozens injured in the farmers' market accident when 86-year-old Russell Weller apparently lost control of his car and drove through the crowded market.

Nearly 30 civil lawsuits have been filed in the aftermath of the July 16, 2003 crash, all of which are being heard by Judge Baker.

Victims of the crash argue City Hall officials knew or should have known that there was a dangerous condition of public property. Victims will argue that the city of Santa Monica should have known to erect barriers to keep Weller's 1992 Buick LeSabre out of the market.

The National Transportation Safety Board's preliminary report apparently supports those claims. Among safety recommendations put forward in the report were for City Hall to construct a "temporary rigid barrier system" at market ends, and to update traffic plans annually dealing with road closures.

The city of Santa Monica has maintained that it was a tragic accident which could not have been foreseen. However, since the accident the city has placed parked vehicles at both ends of the market.

Weller also is targeted in the civil suits, but the retired grocer's assets will likely be exhausted quickly. Criminally, he faces 10 felony counts of voluntary manslaughter and is scheduled to appear in court later this month.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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YMCA envisions a week without violence

By Daily Press staff

Children and their parents are asked to play it safe on Friday.

The YWCA Santa Monica/Westside will celebrate Family Safety Day Friday, Oct. 22 from 2 to 6 p.m. The event is part of the YWCA's "Week Without Violence," a national campaign that focuses on alternatives to violence and strives for a safer, more peaceful and healthier community.

Children can jump on the moon bounce, become an honorary Santa Monica fire fighter complete with fire hat, get their face painted or tattooed by a member of the Santa Monica Police Department and pretend to be a doctor with the Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles.

Family Safety Day is free to the public. The YWCA Santa Monica/Westside is located at 2019 14th St. in Santa Monica. Call (310) 452-3881 for more information.

Breast cancer swatted down in tennis tourney

By Daily Press staff

Nearly 100 tennis players, including several breast-cancer survivors, will serve aces against the disease this weekend.

The seventh annual Westside Challenge to Beat Breast Cancer tennis tournament will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23 at the UCLA/Los Angeles Tennis Center on UCLA's Westwood campus.

The event will raise money for the low-cost mammography screening program at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, which provides mammograms and follow-up diagnostic care to uninsured or underinsured women in the community. Last year, the hospital provided low-cost mammograms to almost 275 uninsured or underinsured women, as well as breast health educational materials to more than 8,000 community residents.

The Westside Challenge to Beat Breast Cancer was founded by breast cancer survivor, Nina Nisenholtz.

"I want other women to understand that breast cancer can and will be beaten through education and preventive measures," she said. "If not for the mammogram, my cancer may not have been detected until it was too late."

After the tournament, there will be an awards reception and silent auction from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Younger guests will be treated to face painting, entertainment, and a wheel of fortune. For directions to the tennis center, stop at the information booth on Westwood Boulevard north of LeConte Avenue.



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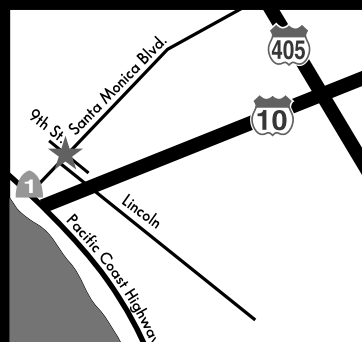
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 BY JOHN KIM

People today can expect to live longer in retirement than ever before. Increased life expectancies mean we'll all probably have to do a better job of planning our retirement and protecting our estate assets than previous generations. Working out a sound financial plan now — before you need it — can help accomplish retirement and other important financial goals.

Creating a financial plan can help ensure a comfortable retirement. In drawing up your plan you'll have to review your:

- Anticipated costs of living during retirement.
- Current retirement assets.
- Current retirement savings and investments.
- Expected rates of investment, and present and potential inflation rates.

Once this information is determined, any shortfall between projected retirement income and anticipated costs of living during your retirement can be calculated. It's important to plan so that you have enough assets to get you through, not merely to, retirement. A comprehensive retirement plan might include elements such as:

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To help meet estimated future needs, typical financial plans often employ the following strategies:

- Updating current estate plans.
- Purchasing life insurance to cover estate tax and settlement costs.
- Establishing certain irrevocable trusts, which may help remove assets your taxable estate.
- Making gifts of \$11,000 or less to reduce the value of your estate.

In short, talking with a financial and tax advisor regarding the adequacy of current estate and retirement plans is an essential first step for anyone interested in leaving behind a lasting personal and financial legacy.

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STATE

Assemblyman Houston settles bank lawsuit

BY DON THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Shortly after he took office, Assemblyman Guy Houston's family's investment firm filed for bankruptcy last year, taking millions of investors' dollars with it.

While investors clamor for some of their lost money, the Republican from Livermore blames the failure of Winning Action Investments Inc. on his father. The assemblyman said he was among the losing investors and was out hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Houston has said he never knew he was even an officer of the company, an assertion echoed by his attorney as recently as last Friday. He has acknowledged to local newspapers that he sold houses for the firm, but last year distributed a signed statement from his father that he never signed documents for the company or held any stake in it.

However, official documents obtained by the Associated Press, along with letters, interviews and lawsuits, show Guy Houston was closer to the troubled company than his public comments would indicate. For example:

— He signed bank forms as Winning Action's vice president on April 11, 1997.

— The California Department of Corporations cited Guy Houston by name, along with his father and Winning Action, when it ordered them to stop selling securities without a license in March 1993.

— Last month he settled a bank's August lawsuit stemming from Winning Action's \$5.5 million collapse and Houston's deep involvement in the interconnected web of family businesses that ranged from commercial and residential real estate to an elder care home.

And now, a new lawsuit levels the most serious allegations: that Houston helped defraud investors by coaxing them to invest in a family-owned real estate firm backed by Winning Action's assets.

Houston no longer is talking to reporters on the advice of his attorney, Michael Rupprecht, who blamed politics for the most recent lawsuit. Houston, Rupprecht said, is being targeted because he represents one of the few closely contested state Assembly seats in California this year.

The four investors who sued this month first sent Houston a letter seeking "hundreds of thousands of dollars," saying "Give us money in 72 hours or we'll file a lawsuit," Rupprecht said: "They were trying to get some traction before

the election" to pressure Houston to settle.

Investors, however, say otherwise.

"This isn't politically motivated, because two of my clients were supporters of Guy Houston," said opposing attorney Melinda Garcia.

Garcia said the settlement demand was routine under California law. The suit was filed not because of the election, she said, but because of a legal deadline.

Winning Action's problems began when Houston's father, Fred, shifted investors' money from real estate holdings to finance a telecommunications company, Tel-Tec Inc., in which he was an officer and had a major interest. In bankruptcy filings and the most recent lawsuit, investors claim Fred Houston shifted their money without telling them and that Guy Houston knew or should have known and warned investors about the unauthorized shift.

When the telecom company failed, so did Winning Action, which filed for bankruptcy in February 2003, saying it owed investors \$5.5 million. That cost family members nearly \$1.4 million — about half of it invested by Guy Houston, who lost \$687,415, according to his father's bankruptcy filing.

Guy Houston and his brother just settled the suit by Fremont Bank, which unsuccessfully tried to put a \$250,000 lien on his \$626,000 house. His father had secured a \$203,494 loan to Winning Action by pledging the assets of Valley Capital Investment and Mortgage, the brothers' real estate brokerage firm.

Though the sons formed Valley Capital in partnership with their father and operated out of the same office, Rupprecht said Fred Houston had no right to use the firm's assets to guarantee other loans. Neither he nor the bank would disclose the terms of the settlement. Rupprecht said the confidential settlement from that suit meant he couldn't explain why Houston signed bank forms as Winning Action's vice president contrary to Houston's previous denials and his father's signed statement.

The most recent lawsuit accuses Guy Houston of enticing investors for The Investment Partnership, a firm he operated with his father that the suit alleges was secured with the assets of Winning Action and another company, Houston Napa Development, that owned real estate valued at \$1.75 million.

Gerald Stefanski, Carol Tomasa, and Samuel and Joann Story say in the suit that Houston's public service as Dublin city councilor, mayor and member of the Assembly per-

sueded them to invest more than \$306,000.

The suit alleges the company degenerated into a "Ponzi scheme" in which money from later investors went to pay early investors until the pyramid collapsed of its own weight. Investors were told their assets were secured by real estate that had been sold or didn't exist, alleges the suit filed in Alameda County.

"These things all emanate from Fred," responded Rupprecht. The suit can't proceed against Fred Houston because he is in bankruptcy, he said, so the investors are seeking money from his son instead.

Guy Houston's alleged involvement is based on "erroneous facts," Rupprecht said: Guy Houston has never met Tomasa, for instance, and the Story family began investing long before he was a public official. Garcia said the two have met; some of the Story investments predate Houston's public service, but not the investments at issue in the lawsuit.

Houston, whose district runs from Alameda and Contra Costa counties northeast to Sacramento, holds one of just a half-dozen Assembly seats where the incumbent is targeted in the Nov. 2 election, according to the nonpartisan Target Book's handicapping of political races.

The district leans Republican, and Houston, 44, won the seat by eight percentage points in an expensive, hard-fought battle two years ago against a union activist.

Houston this time faces a wealthy attorney, Democrat Elaine Duggar Shaw, 52, of Danville, who lost handily to U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo in 2002 in a race for a congressional seat.

His trump card is an endorsement from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. But he's been fighting fallout from the failed family business most of his first term.

"He wishes it was politically motivated, but it's not," said Shaw campaign manager Joe Devlin. "These are very serious charges and we think Guy Houston owes it to the voters and the public to respond to these charges."

Ronald Scott of Palm Desert, who has filed a complaint concerning Winning Action with the state Department of Corporations, said he dealt interchangeably with Guy and Fred Houston about his investments for 20 years. He got his money back, but says his 84-year-old mother-in-law is out \$45,000.

Scott thought highly of Houston, "then you learn about all this garbage," he said. "It's really a shame, because a lot of people lost a lot of money. I know people who have lost their life savings."



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STATE

Rain washes away fire danger in Southern CA

BY RYAN PEARSON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Hundreds of thousands of acres in three Southern California national forests, closed to visitors for weeks for fear of forest fires, reopened Wednesday following heavy rains in the area.

In northern California, unusually early winter storms knocked out power to at least 144,000 customers and forced the evacuation of 200 residents along the South Fork of the American River, many in areas where wildfires burned as recently as a week ago.

The vast stretches of the Angeles, Cleveland, and San Bernardino national

forests had been closed to prevent people from sparking wildfires.

Some roads will remain closed and officials warned that even a week's worth of rain would not be enough to eliminate the possibility of a repeat of last fall's devastating firestorms.

"Our fire season is by no means over," said Stanton Florea, spokesman for the Angeles National Forest, where about 90 percent of land was put off-limits Sept. 27. "But things are definitely looking better."

Nearly all the forest's 680,000 acres — an area roughly the size of Rhode Island — was to reopen Wednesday. Florea said 13 forest weather stations had recorded an average of 1.4 inches of rain since

Saturday night, and more was expected.

The worst of the region's fire season comes when hot, dry Santa Ana winds race over mountains and through canyons in late October and November. Such winds propelled last fall's fast-moving firestorms, which burned across more than 750,000 acres, destroying 3,650 homes and killing 24 people.

In the San Bernardino forest, low-lying areas covering tens of thousands of acres were closed in July. Residents who live in the area braced for possible floods or mudslides down denuded hills, similar to those that killed 16 people last Christmas Day.

About 20 percent of the 467,000-acre Cleveland National Forest east of San

Diego was closed last month. That section, which did not burn in last fall's firestorms, was to reopen Wednesday, forest spokeswoman Joan Wynn said.

Officials said the storm was headed toward Southern California, where up to 6 inches of rain were expected in some areas. Emergency crews were bracing for potential flooding and mud and rock slides, particularly in areas ravaged by last October's disastrous wildfires.

"If it comes down slowly and easy, it's a blessing," said Marvin McMain as he filled sandbags to protect his home in the San Bernardino Mountains. "If we get a deluge all at once, it's a curse."

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STATE BRIEFS

A grave decision

By The Associated Press

SAN BERNARDINO — In a cost-cutting move, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to merge the Coroner's Office with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

Coroner Brian McCormick announced his resignation, effective Jan. 8, shortly after Tuesday's board vote. The merger will take place when McCormick leaves.

"All good things come to an end. And when my time is up, it will come to an end," McCormick told the supervisors.

Consolidation is expected to save the county \$2.3 million over five years.

McCormick, first elected coroner in 1982, is in his sixth four-year term as head of the Coroner's Office, which includes the duties of public administrator and public guardian.

Public administrator functions will merge with the treasurer-tax collector, and the public guardian functions will merge with the Department of Aging and Adult Services.

Currently, 43 of California's 58 counties have consolidated sheriff's and coroner's offices.

Manager pleads to parking fraud

By The Associated Press

VENTURA — A former Seaside Park manager charged with skimming \$4,900 in parking fees at the Ventura County Fairgrounds pleaded guilty to grand theft.

Richard Alan Tucker, 52, pleaded guilty to the single felony count this week and could face three years in prison when he's sentenced Nov. 18. But Deputy District Attorney Marc Leventhal said he will likely get up to a year in jail and probation.

Tucker's plea came nearly two months after prosecutors charged him with stealing the money and covering it up with false reports. The former event services manager retired in June.

Volleyball champ heads to prison

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH — Instead of heading for college on a volleyball scholarship, Anthony Morehouse is going to prison for 13 years.

Morehouse, 18, pleaded no contest Tuesday to a March home-invasion robbery. With an unloaded gun in his hand, Morehouse sneaked into a house and held a 25-year-old college student hostage for four hours.

Seven months ago, the teenager was a straight-A student and gifted volleyball player at Wilson High School who was accepted at University of California, Irvine, with a volleyball scholarship.

"I've never seen a kid with a brighter future throw as much away as this kid did," Deputy District Attorney Erwin Petillos said, adding Morehouse should be "getting ready for volleyball practice at UCI."

"Instead, he's in county jail getting processed to go to state prison," the prosecutor said.

Morehouse could have been sentenced to life in prison on charges of robbery, burglary and kidnapping.

"He was a straight-A student who went off the deep end. Nobody knows (why)," defense attorney Edward George said.

Homeless vets to get 300 beds

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Department of Veterans Affairs plans a 300-bed halfway house for homeless vets at the San Fernando Valley VA facility.

Homeless veterans from San Luis Obispo to Los Angeles would be housed at the complex for six to 18 months while they continue their recovery from drug and alcohol dependency and learn occupational skills, officials said.

VA officials said groundbreaking was anticipated by the end of 2005.

STATE



Businesses pony up nearly \$3M to Gov.

BY TOM CHORNEAU

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Corporate executives, and some of his longtime financial backers, have donated more than \$3 million to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's political funds so far this month as the governor pushes a variety of campaign issues that appeal to corporate interests.

Topping the list is \$500,000 from Stockton builder and owner of the San Diego Chargers NFL football team, Alex Spanos — who has already given the governor's campaigns nearly \$600,000.

Orange County-based Ameritrust Capital, one of the nation's largest subprime lenders, also gave Schwarzenegger \$500,000, while Spanish language television entrepreneur Jerry Perenchio gave the governor \$250,000 — on top of \$1.2 million already given to the governor's campaigns.

An heir to the Wal-Mart fortune also gave \$200,000 while another \$250,000 came from a Eureka-based securities investor, Robin Arkley Jr.; and just Tuesday, and \$100,000 came in from Home Depot.

So far this year, Gov. Schwarzenegger's California Recovery Team has taken in more than \$14 million.

"He's absolutely the biggest fund-raiser in California — in history," said Steve Maviglio, a consultant to the Democratic Assembly Caucus and former spokesman for the prior record-holder for raising money — former Gov. Gray Davis.

Marty Wilson, Schwarzenegger's fund-

raiser, said major corporations are also big players in the California economy.

"Their interests and the interests of the governor are aligned," he said. "They both want to see a robust economy and they don't want to see an economy threatened by measures on the ballot that are job killers."

Gov. Schwarzenegger's California Recovery Team is organized as a general purpose committee that can use its resources to support or oppose any ballot measure that the governor chooses. In recent weeks, most of its money has gone into attack ads opposing Propositions 68 and 70, both of which would ease restrictions on new gambling casinos.

Observers note that donors are trusting Schwarzenegger to spend the money in ways they intended. Such trust could get tested if the governor decides, for instance, to dump money into supporting Proposition 71, a measure to authorize the state to sell \$3 billion in bonds to pay for human embryonic stem cell research — something state's Republican Party does not support.

John W. Walton, chairman of an Arkansas-based investment company and son of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, gave the governor \$200,000 last week. He also gave \$400,000 to Schwarzenegger's Proposition 49 two years ago.

Arkley, whose company buys bad loans and then sells bonds secured by the debts to investors, also heads Race Investments LLC, a firm that gave big money to Bill Simon's gubernatorial bid in 2003 and \$25,000 in October to Schwarzenegger's California Recovery Team.



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NATIONAL

U.S. sends warnings to China and Taiwan

BY GEORGE GEDDA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Only a very small number of places worldwide could degenerate into deadly warfare virtually overnight with serious international implications. One is the Taiwan Strait, across which China and Taiwan have eyed each other vigilantly for 55 years.

And the Taiwan question, along with a lengthy list of other items, will be on the agenda of Secretary of State Colin Powell on Monday when he visits China as part of a three-nation tour of the region.

There is growing uncertainty about where the China-Taiwan dispute is headed. Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian has been projecting an independent image for the island. He talks about a "sovereign" Taiwan and does not speak of the mainland and Taiwan constituting "one China," as do China and the United States.

Beijing, meanwhile, seems no less committed to reunification with the island than it has been since 1949 when Chinese Nationalists set up an anti-communist base there.

The United States has more than a passing interest in how China-Taiwan drama plays out. The reason is simple: In the event of war, Washington is committed to come to the island's defense.

But would the United States really go to war over Taiwan?

James Kelly, the top State Department official, has told Congress, "The possibility for the United States to become involved in a cross-strait conflict is very real."

But officials are vague as to what would trigger a U.S. commitment of forces. Alan Romberg, a Taiwan expert at the Henry L. Stimson Center in Washington, says U.S. officials routinely say to China: "If you attack, don't assume we won't be there. And to Taiwan: If you provoke an attack, don't assume we will be there."

The policy keeps both sides guessing and may have helped keep the peace. In the event of a conflict, U.S. involvement would be limited to air and naval forces.

Diplomatically, the United States cast aside Taiwan in 1979 in favor of ties with the mainland. Rather than leave Taiwan at

the mercy of China, which is 218 times larger, the United States is pledged under the Taiwan Relations Act to protect Taiwan and provide it with defensive weaponry.

Taiwan's legislature is considering a proposed \$18 billion U.S. weapons sale, which includes planes, submarines and Patriot missiles. To keep Taiwan in line, China has an estimated 500 missiles pointed at the island from across the Strait.

But not all trends are negative. For example, the mainland has become Taiwan's largest export market.

For years, the United States has called for a cross-strait dialogue. The State Department responded favorably last week when Chen, in a speech, endorsed the idea.

China rejected the suggestion, highlighting instead its objections to Chen's separatist sentiments.

Another hallmark of U.S. policy is opposition to any step by either side to unilaterally alter the status quo.

Last December, President Bush rebuked Chen for what he saw as an attempt by the Taiwanese leader to move directly toward independence through a referendum.

Kelly has told Congress that any such step would avail to Taiwan "nothing it does not already enjoy in terms of democratic freedom, autonomy, prosperity and security."

To the extent that tensions are rising in the area, they are the result of China's "fevered hallucinations" about where it believes Chen is leading the island, says John Tkacik, a China expert at the Heritage Foundation.

But Romberg says he doesn't see an increase in tensions. He notes that Chen has declined thus far to cross certain red lines bound to provoke China, such as discarding Taiwan's official name — the Republic of China, a designation that at least suggests an indelible link with the mainland.

Most Taiwanese seem to favor Chen's bid to cautiously distance the island from the mainland, Romberg says.

"There is strong support for his position," he says, "but no strong support for steps that would provoke Beijing to take military action."

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- WE NEED A NEW STRATEGY TO HANDLE CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. Current City programs do help many homeless – but only those who are physically and mentally able to follow the programs' rules. We have no program for the chronic homeless—most of whom are addicted, mentally ill, or both. They need the most help, use the most resources, and cause residents to avoid certain areas of the city.
- A "HOUSING FIRST" APPROACH. From San Francisco to New York, cities are realizing that their costly shelter programs only provide a temporary respite for some – not a solution. Pilot programs have shown that a small, but stable and secure, living space connected to medical, nutritional, occupational, and social services can be much more successful. *I will work to establish a permanent supportive housing facility for the chronic homeless in vacant buildings such as those at the VA Hospital in West Los Angeles.*
- WE SHOULD DISCOURAGE ANY PROGRAM THAT PLAYS THE ROLE OF ENABLER TO ADDICTED PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS. Every dollar allocated to homelessness must be spent to support our goal of permanently moving people into housing.
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NATIONAL

Bush signs bill for study of Manhattan Project

BY SHANNON DININNY

Associated Press Writer

YAKIMA, Wash. — President Bush has signed a bill requiring the federal government to study the potential for adding historic Manhattan Project sites, including a reactor at the Hanford nuclear site, to the national park system.

Former nuclear workers and concerned residents for years have been trying to preserve Hanford's B Reactor as a museum. The world's first full-scale plutonium production nuclear reactor, B Reactor was built as part of the top-secret Manhattan Project to build an atomic bomb.

The south-central Washington reactor produced the plutonium for the first man-made nuclear blast, the Trinity test in New Mexico on July 16, 1945. B Reactor also produced the plutonium for the bomb that was dropped that August on Nagasaki, Japan, during World War II.

"Hanford's B Reactor is an important historical marker for our nation," Democratic Sen. Maria Cantwell said in a news release Monday, after the president signed the bill. "This site would be a tribute to both the scientific contributions and enormous sacrifices of those who labored at the B Reactor during its remarkable run."

Republican Rep. Doc Hastings, also a supporter of the bill, said the B Reactor helps tell the story of a work force that contributed to the nation's defense.

Construction on the reactor began June 7, 1943, just six months after physicist Enrico Fermi turned the theory of nuclear power into the reality of the Atomic Age. The reactor was shut down in 1968 and decommissioned.

Limited historical tours of the reactor were slowed by the 2001 terrorist attacks, but the federal Energy Department still allows tours for groups interested in historic preservation.

The Energy Department manages cleanup at Hanford, which is the nation's most contaminated nuclear site. Cleanup costs are expected to total \$50 billion to \$60 billion, with work to be finished by 2035.

Hanford's eight other reactors are slated to be cocooned, which involves removing extra buildings around the reactors and demolishing all but the shield walls surrounding the reactor cores and sealing them in concrete.

B reactor has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places as proponents work to save it. A decision on its future isn't due until 2006.

Other sites mentioned in the bill include Los Alamos, N.M., where the world's first atomic bombs were designed and built, and Oak Ridge, Tenn., where the first uranium enrichment facilities and pilot-scale nuclear reactor were built.

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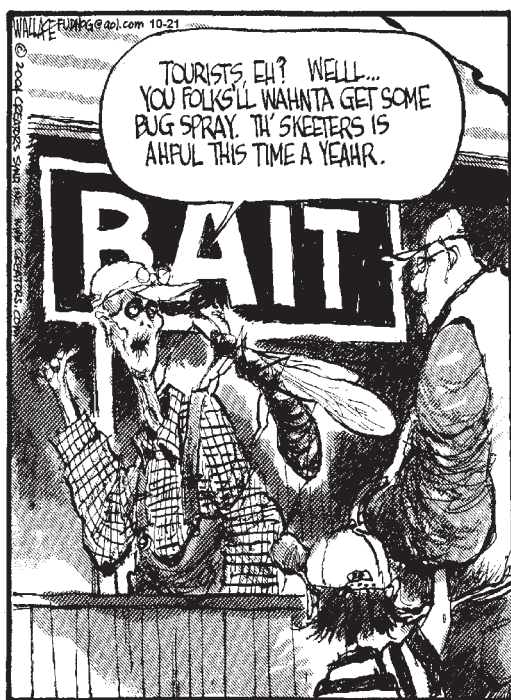
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Agassi needs time to absorb skirts on the court

By The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Andre Agassi's a bit skeptical about fashion models in skimpy outfits replacing ball boys at the Madrid Masters.

"I suppose I need some time to let it absorb," the tennis star said Tuesday at the indoor tournament. "I think it's important for our sport to understand its product clearly. And I'm not quite convinced it's part of our product."

Women in black tank tops and white, knee-length skirts chased errant shots and handed towels to the players. Reportedly paid \$1,100 for the week, the women are appearing in one televised match each day.

"It was difficult, to say the least, to concentrate on the ball," Agassi said. "But I suppose I had an advantage. I'm used to playing with my wife"

He added: "The skirts look like they're a little difficult to run in. I think they need to be shorter, maybe."

LONDON — The founders of Band Aid, the 1984 charity effort that raised millions for Ethiopian famine relief, plan a new version of the single "Do They Know It's Christmas," a British newspaper reported.

The Sun tabloid said Wednesday that Bob Geldof and Midge Ure had approached top British acts including Coldplay, The Darkness, Robbie Williams and Dido to appear on the single, which would be released before Christmas.

"It's definitely going to happen. I'm very excited," Ure was quoted as saying. "This project is not just about raising money. It's about putting the focus back on Africa and the problem of famine which has not gone away."

The original single, which featured musicians including Bono, Boy George, Phil Collins and Sting, sold 3 million copies and raised \$9.4 million for Ethiopia. It was followed by the 1985 Live Aid concert, which raised more than \$47 million. A U.S. single, "We Are the World," featured a lineup of 43 artists including

Michael Jackson, Lionel Richie, Bruce Springsteen and Diana Ross.

TOKYO — Godzilla, the fire-breathing movie monster born in a nuclear accident, is joining Hollywood royalty with a star on the Walk of Fame.

A ceremony will honor the giant lizard in front of Hollywood Boulevard's famed Grauman's Chinese Theatre on Nov. 29, the world premiere of "Godzilla: Final Wars," said Shogo Tomiyama, president of Toho Pictures Inc.

The movie, the 28th in the series, will mark 50 years since Godzilla emerged from the sea.

Featuring a showdown with 10 monsters bashing through tiny sets of Paris, New York, Shanghai, China, and Sydney, Australia, it will be the last time that Godzilla stomps through miniaturized sets before retiring.

"This movie will surprise and delight everyone, from longtime fans to first-time viewers," Tomiyama said Wednesday at a news conference.

Known in Japan as Gojira, from a combination of the words for gorilla and whale, the monster first appeared in director Ishiro Honda's 1954 black-and-white classic.

It was roused from its undersea lair by a hydrogen bomb test — a story line that reflected fears of a nuclear holocaust after the United States tested an H-bomb at Bikini Atoll.

The actor in the rubber suit will attend next month's ceremony, Tomiyama said.

TOKYO — Tom Cruise left a permanent mark on Tokyo as he became the first foreign actor to have his hand print molded for a spot on a downtown Tokyo square honoring celebrities.

Pressing his right hand into a mold of gray clay, the American actor flashed a "thumbs up" Wednesday to a horde of media and fans gathered in the rain.

His hand print is set to be transferred by the end of the

month onto Tokyo's Nemu no Hiroba, which features metal plaques with the hand prints and signatures of famous actors, much like Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

Cruise, 42, was in Japan to promote his new movie, "Collateral," in which he plays a contract killer who hijacks a cab driver and forces him to drive from hit to hit.

ORLANDO, Fla. — "Titanic" star Leonardo DiCaprio stumped for John Kerry, while Fred Thompson of NBC's "Law & Order" campaigned for President Bush in Florida, one of the swing states in the presidential election.

DiCaprio spoke to some 400 students at the University of Central Florida on Tuesday, while 200 more waited outside.

The 29-year-old actor, who is registered as a Democrat in Los Angeles County, said it was the first time he had publicly supported a candidate.

"I believe, without a doubt, this is the most important election of all of our lifetimes," he said at the event, organized by campus Democrats.

Thompson, a former Republican U.S. Senator from Tennessee, told a group of Republicans in Cape Coral that President Bush would lead efforts for Social Security reform.

"Everyone in D.C. knows that Social Security won't last forever," Thompson told The Daily Breeze of Cape Coral. "Bush is the only one with the guts to say so."

Thompson, who was a delegate at the Republican National Convention, urged the crowd to do all it can to deliver Florida for the president.

Oscar nominee Alfre Woodard stumped for the Kerry campaign during a recent barnstorming tour of Florida with members of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Vote for Change concerts headlined by Bruce Springsteen, R.E.M., the Dixie Chicks and Pearl Jam were held around the state.

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