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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

At an August hearing in Calgary, Alberta, in which four prostitutes testified against a 17-year-old male customer who had allegedly committed post-sex armed robbery against them, one of the four described the incident that eventually led to the youth's capture. While the boy held a dagger to the woman's chest and rummaged through her purse, he came upon her recent eviction notice, prompting him to ask her if she would like to rent the basement apartment in his home (and he gave her his phone number).

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"An ignorant person is one who doesn't know what you have just found out."

WILL ROGERS
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Council candidates answer to the Daily Press



Bill Bauer

Philosophy on life? Reverence for all living things.

What keeps you up at night? My neighbor's barking dog.

Where did you move from? Brentwood.



Richard Bloom

Philosophy on life? Every person should help to heal the world.

What keeps you up at night? I don't have a problem sleeping. I'm exhausted when I go to bed.

Moved from: West Hollywood.



David Cole

Philosophy on life? Be honest and work hard and you will be rewarded with more than money.

What keeps you up at night? Nothing really.

Moved from: Pacific Palisades.



Matt Dinolfo, MD.

Philosophy on life? Do unto others, as you would like them to do unto you.

What keeps you up at night? My two Jack Russell terriers.

Moved from: Michigan.



Michael Feinstein

Philosophy on life? Son las cosas de la vida.

What keeps you up at night? The peace of the night and the clarity that comes with it.

Moved from: Minnesota.



Ken Genser

Philosophy on life? God is in the details.

What keeps you up at night? Worrying about family.

Where did you move from? Ladera Heights/Berkeley.



Patricia Hoffman

Philosophy on life? Don't do to others what you would not have done to you.

What keeps you up at night? Running for City Council.

Moved from: Santa Monica.



Herb Katz

Philosophy on life? It is all good; some of it is just better.

What keeps you up at night? Nothing.

Where did you move from? Grew up in Los Angeles.



Jonathan Mann

Philosophy on life? Skeptic. (sic).

What keeps you up at night? Insomnia.

Where did you move from? Pico neighborhood.



Kathryn Morea

Philosophy on life? If you are serious about something, commit yourself to taking action.

What keeps you up at night? Bills, money and deadlines.

Moved from: Venice.



Bobby Shriver

Philosophy on life? What goes around, comes around.

What keeps you up at night? Monsters under the bed.

Where did you move from? New York City.



Maria Loya

Did not respond

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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)

★★ You will want to keep to yourself or visit with a few trusted friends. You might need to talk through a misunderstanding with a partner. You also might upset this person because you want to cancel plans. Tonight: Order in a movie.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Friends pressure you to join them. You can barely say no. A partner might express some dismay at not having you all to him- or herself. Be sure to include your sweetie with the gang. You will see the difference in this person's reactions. Tonight: You are the party.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others make requests that could overwhelm you. Stop thinking of this day as a day for yourself, and you will feel better. Make it your pleasure to pitch in and help out others. An older relative appreciates your attention. Tonight: Still in the limelight.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Take off as fast as you can before someone snags you with something they need you to do. A day trip, a visit to a museum or a picnic could fit the bill. Refresh your surroundings, and you refresh your mind and spirit. Tonight: Don't think you have to go home early.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Let a partner make the choices this weekend. Do you really care, as long as you are with the one you love? Avoid getting into a confusing situation. Go along for the ride. Sometimes letting go of your need for control makes you happy and relaxed. Tonight: Follow another's lead.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others dominate. You might feel pressured by a family member or project. Let go or ask for a hand in getting what you need done. Others clearly want to be with you. Sort through invitations. Go for something different. Tonight: Make it OK to try something new.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You have been so busy, you need some downtime for yourself. A disagreement with a family member or neighbor could color your mood. Someone might intrigue you with a fun idea that involves a risk. Careful! Tonight: You don't have to go far.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your energy emerges with the Sun in your sign. Allow your charisma to draw in much more of what you want. Permit surprises to become more of a part of your relating. Let go of a need to control. Be a kid again. Tonight: Let your imagination lead and your body follow.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Pressure builds on the home front. You could be surprised by another's attitude or behavior. You might not want to do what another wants. Put on a favorite piece of music and just charge through the project. Tonight: Invite some friends over.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might have plans to visit and hang out with friends or family. Expect the unexpected; much more excitement comes your way. You might be worried about money and costs. Let go for now and enjoy. Tonight: Favorite person, favorite place.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Deal with your finances and pay bills. Friends might push you to join them. Be clear if you cannot afford to join in or do something. You need to assume greater financial responsibility. The unexpected keeps occurring. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your personality might be a lot stronger than you realize. A boss or someone you respect could suddenly pull back. Don't contribute to a friend's or partner's confusion. Be as clear as you can. A friend suggests something different. Why not? Tonight: Zoom in on what you want.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

If you're a poet and you know it

By Daily Press staff

If you're a poet, you have a chance to win \$1,000. Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest, open to everyone. There is no entry fee and nothing to buy. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 1626 N Wilcox Ave. #126, Hollywood, Calif., 90028. Or enter online at www.famouspoets.com. "This is our big contest of the year," said executive director Mark Schramm. "We trust our prizes will encourage new poets, even the shyest out there, to share their talent. We delight in discovering new poets and think that Santa Monica has its share of talent to draw from." The deadline for entering is Nov. 13. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. Editors reserve the right to publish winning poems online or in a pamphlet.

Doctor recognized in her fight against breast cancer

By Daily Press staff

Venice Family Clinic CEO Elizabeth Benson Forer has announced that assistant medical director Karen Lamp, M.D., has been honored for her work in women's health by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Dr. Lamp was recognized last month for making a difference in women's lives and for the work the Venice Family Clinic does in the field of women's health. Dr. Lamp has been with the Venice Family Clinic for 16 years. She is the clinical director for the clinic's women health programs, including its prenatal, family planning, and women's cancer detection programs. She is the clinical liaison with the UCLA department of obstetrics and gynecology residency program. She staffs a school-based teen clinic at Santa Monica High School and is the site director for its Pico Health Center in Santa Monica. The clinic is a recipient of funding from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in its fight against breast cancer. Established in 1982, the foundation fulfills its mission through support of innovative breast cancer research grants and outreach programs around the world. "The Komen Foundation fills the crucial gaps in our program," Lamp said. "With their support our patients receive mammography, biopsy and surgery, if needed." The Venice Family Clinic is the largest free clinic in the nation with 1,933 volunteers, including 449 doctors, serving 20,000 men, women and children who are poor and have no private health insurance. The Clinic operates 7 sites located throughout the westside area.



KAREN LAMP, M.D.

Book fair is elementary

By Daily Press staff

If you're a book worm, squirm over to St. Monica's next week. St. Monica Elementary School will hold a book fair on Monday, Oct. 25 through Thursday, Oct. 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 31, from 8:30 a.m.

See BRIEFS, page 5



SURF REPORT

On Saturday, look for a mix of small NW wind swell and a slight pulse up in SW swell. Northern LA spots are mostly below waist high. South Bay spots drop into the 1-3' range, with a slightly more consistent waist high waves at best breaks through the north half of the bay. Light wind expected in the morning, building WNW 8-10 knots for the afternoon.

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	Morning	Height	Evening	Height	Morning	Height	Evening	Height
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SUNDAY	1:25	0.0	1:51	1.2	7:54	5.4	7:44	5.3
MONDAY	1:59	0.2	2:32	0.6	8:20	5.7	8:31	5.1
TUESDAY	2:29	0.5	3:11	0.2	8:45	6.0	9:14	4.9
WEDNESDAY	2:56	0.9	3:47	-0.1	9:10	6.1	9:55	4.6
THURSDAY	3:21	1.4	4:23	-0.2	9:34	6.2	10:37	4.3
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THE Q-LINE RESPONSES ARE IN!

WE HAVE THE QUESTIONS.
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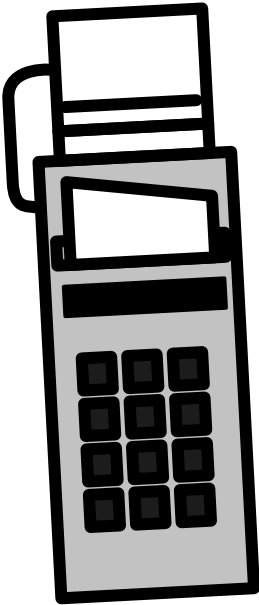
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OPINION

The QLine

READY OR NOT, HERE WE VOTE

This past week, Q-line asked:

"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?"

Here are your responses:

① "I have never been dazed or confused regarding politicians. They are, and always have been, and always will be liars, cheats and thieves totally devoid of moral integrity."

② "I have been ready to step into the voting booth for a long time. Trying to remain aware and watching the long term track records of those running for office has made and confirmed my decisions. They can save money on these last-minute ads and literature. Actions speak louder than words, and it is too late for undoing the past."

③ "I'm not uncomfortable about voting because anything to get rid of that idiot Bush will make me feel more comfortable. He knows what he's doing. He's all for the rich, and nobody else. His rich royal pals, his rich corporate pals, it's all he cares about. He doesn't care about any of the regular people. So, I'd say, I'm not confused about who I'm going to vote for, just fed up with the administration that is in power now and just looking forward to getting rid of it."

④ "I'm very comfortable with my voting selections right now. I could cast my votes immediately and I have been more than sufficiently informed about candidates. Not just the mailers, but the public service stations, which have absolutely covered everybody from A to Z on every subject that affects us locally. Sandy Jacobson has been the principal questioner on the TV shows, but I've had an opportunity to see every candidate that is running for office. One of the things that I would like to see more of is the clear lines delineated by the local various political factions, really clear lines. Because, while they're blurred often, and some of the candidates can either be more successful or they may suffer, when the ballots are cast. Still it would be very helpful if there were more distinctions among the various political factions. Right now, our people are out there wondering 'well, who's this particular organization? I've never heard of it before.' They are endorsing people that I like, but their issues are foreign to what the candidates' issues are."

⑤ "Yes, I'm very clear on how I'm going to vote, particularly for these scumbags on the City Council. I'm looking forward to entering my vote to make a clean sweep of the City Council that we have, with the exception of Herbert Katz, who is a good guy, I think. But then, he's a political, too. We need to make some drastic changes on this city by the sea ... 'Samolicious.'"

⑥ "Regarding the presidential election, I'm about as comfortable in the voting booth at this time as I would be playing Russian Roulette or 'pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey.' I feel like entering it and being blindfolded and just throwing a dart, and 'where it goes, there she be.'"

⑦ "Yes, I'm pretty comfortable about going into the voting booth with the exception of the school board people and the Santa Monica College Board people, which I don't see much about, neither in fliers nor in the newspaper. But other than that, I'm very clear on the Props. I'm very clear on who should be on the City Council, and I'm very sure who should be president."

⑧ "There's no question in my mind on who to vote for. It is real simple. If you vote for Kerry, you're asking for your taxes to be raised, substantially, over the next four years. If you vote for Bush, you're asking for your taxes to continue to be reduced and also possibly be made permanent, rather than running out, over the next several years. There's no question in my mind who I will vote for, it will be George Bush."

"Thank you local free press, you have accurately provided us, we the people, with a clear and simple wordage of what our election processes has come to. Adding it all up, it comes to two words: 'All wrong.' The honest citizens are properly registered to vote and are being taken for a ride by our fellow citizens, the elected in office, from the federal ranks down to our local city council positions. The 'ride' reference means we need a complete and full overhaul of the political system."

⑨ "I would feel very comfortable right now. After listening to three presidential debates, I know that one candidate was very capable, while the other fell flat on his face."

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It's scary how we look around for inspiration



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

My neighborhood likes to get dressed up for the holidays, and houses are decorated earlier and more elaborately each year. I'm not just talking about Christmas. People decorate the outsides of their homes for Valentine's Day, the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and, of course, the scariest of days — no, not Election Day — Halloween. Somehow between 11 p.m. on Sept. 30, when I'm walking the dog and 7 a.m. on Oct. 1, when I'm getting the paper, some of the houses have become elaborately decorated for Halloween. I'm sure most people decorate their homes for the holidays in the right spirit. They want to acknowledge a special day, and maybe have some fun with it. But when does acknowledgment and fun end and competitive showing off begin? I'll tell you when — when my dog is afraid to walk past a house.

For years, various neighborhoods have had competitions at Christmas time for the best decorated house. Neighbors try to outdo each other. Much like the NBA, if you have a 6-foot Santa, I'll find a 7-foot one. If you have nine reindeer, somebody's going to put a 10th one in front of his house. What does all this competition have to do with the holiday spirit?

The houses with the really elaborate decorations aren't even necessarily decorated by the residents. Now people actually hire companies to decorate their homes. Forget about the family getting together to string cranberries for the tree, or holding the ladder for Dad as he puts a snowman on the roof. Now you call a company, and they bring the stuff and decorate your house. This will bring about a new tradition. The family of the future will sit around the artificial fireplace and fondly talk about what company grandpa always used for decorations.

This "outsourcing" of holiday decorating got me thinking as we approach Halloween. Suppose you're a family that likes to take the kids to the pumpkin patch

and let them pick out their own pumpkins. When you get home, you put some newspaper down, and let the kids have that special pleasure of putting their hands in the pumpkin gook and cleaning out their soon-to-be Jack O'Lanterns. Then the kids design the faces, making them as "scary" as they can, and then you help them carve the pumpkins. After they finish, you proudly put the pumpkins on the porch, and then you all walk across the street to see how great they look in front of the house.

Well, how great are they going to seem to these kids if the folks right next door have some 8-foot tall spiders, huge ghosts that look exactly like Casper, and quadraphonic scary sounds coming out of their electronic witch?

The unfortunate natural consequence is

that these kids will want their parents to get involved in the "our stuff is cooler than yours" competition for the next holiday. The irony of all this is, of course, that some companies will attempt to make their commercial Jack-O-Lanterns and their phony snowmen look as if they were actually made by kids.

All I'm calling for is common sense and good taste. I think we should agree that a family has gone too far if their house's decorations cost more than the average house in the

neighborhood. And people shouldn't put up Christmas decorations until the last piece of turkey has been eaten. Finally, there's no need to add more holidays to the list of those used by people to let the neighborhood know how festive, imaginative and rich they are. This Saturday is Johnny Carson's birthday. I just know somebody somewhere is going to honor that occasion on their front lawn. If not me, somebody will be walking their dog, and hear the voice of a mechanical Johnny Carson doll saying, "I don't want to say it was cold last night, but the Statue of Liberty was putting her torch down her shorts." Humbug!

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People show Halloween spirit in varying degrees.

LOCAL



Don't have enough sense to come in out of the rain



EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT

BY THADDEUS REICHLEY

Apparently, I should watch what I wish for. Since I moved here a few months ago from Colorado, the biggest thing I have had to adjust to is the weather, or lack thereof, here in Santa Monica. I love seasons, and growing up in Seattle I have an appreciation for a good old-fashioned rain. However, this recent stretch of weather is a little out of control. I saw a guy walking a pair of dogs last night and got scared. I think my reaction is exacerbated by the fact that it is so different from the idyllic weather conditions I have so quickly become accustomed to. It is amazing how quickly we let ourselves get spoiled, begin to take things for granted, and if we are not careful even get a little soft.

I admit that I actually had a moment last night where I thought about not going for my daily run because it was raining. Hell, I used to go for weeks in Seattle without ever once seeing the sun, and in Colorado I would often come back from runs with icicles hanging from my eyelashes. And yet, here I was contemplating wimping out because of a few lousy raindrops. What was I thinking? Have I really become that much of fair-weather exerciser? No way. I quickly threw on the old runners and headed out the door, and I didn't even wear a jacket.

It quickly became obvious that many other people were struggling with the same dilemma, having much less success. My route for the evening took me along Ocean Avenue, down to Pico Boulevard, and then onto the boardwalk. Usually this run is crowded almost to annoyance by a myriad of other exercise enthusiasts, but

yesterday I felt like I was out after curfew. I saw a few joggers along Ocean, but once on the boardwalk it was pretty deserted. Though I rather enjoyed my personal stretch of coastline, I couldn't help but wonder where everyone was. Then, on my way home, I ran past a house and saw something really depressing. A man was in his living room ... on a treadmill.

I don't want to bad mouth anyone who chooses to workout indoors. Some of my best friends are indoor exercisers, and at least you all work up a sweat. I am here more to campaign for the great outdoors and all of its moods. Most people live here because of the pleasant weather and not for the rain. And it is true, rain may not be ideal for a lot of activities. I will tell you that I would think twice about hopping on my bike for a ride in the weather we have been having lately (I don't trust the drivers around here in this crap). But there is really nothing quite like a puddle hopping, soaked-to-the-bone, rain-in-your-face run. It really makes you feel like a kid again. And, it gives you an excuse to have a big cup of hot chocolate when you are done.

I finished my run yesterday wet but happy. I probably didn't go quite as far as I would have on a sunny day, and my pace was a little slower, but I had the satisfaction of knowing that some of the moisture in my clothes was sweat and not rain. I had overcome my initial lack of motivation and gone out there for another day.

As I sit here typing, a steady rain is falling outside and I am excited about it. I can't wait to get home and throw on my shorts for another soggy slog around the block. But if it's raining tomorrow, I'm going to the gym!

(Thaddeus Reichley is a pro triathlete and middle school teacher living and training in Santa Monica. Send questions, comments and concerns to thadscollumn@yahoo.com).

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

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Big Blue Bus wants to hear from its riders

By Daily Press staff

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Feedback from the last round of community outreach meetings directly resulted in the creation of the Super 12 Line, offering service between Palms and UCLA.

Meeting schedule:

Monday, Oct. 25 from noon to 2 p.m. at MOCA California Plaza, located at 250 South Grand Ave. in downtown Los Angeles (use Line 10).

Tuesday, Oct. 26 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Santa Monica College, board conference room B-11 located at 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica (use Line 7, Super 7, 8 or 11).

Wednesday, Oct. 27 from noon to 2 p.m. at UCLA, Kerckhoff Hall in the Student Union (use Line 1, 2, 3, 8, 12 or Super 12).

Thursday, Oct. 28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Vera Davis McClendon Youth & Family Center, located at 610 California Ave., Venice (use Line 2).

Saturday, Oct. 30 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Ken Edwards Center, located at 1527 Fourth St., Santa Monica (use Line 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, Super 7, 8, 9 or 10).

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Bill Bauer

Age: 62
Profession: Advertising copy writer.
Alternative career. What you do if you weren't employed in your current profession? Travel.
How long have you lived in Santa Monica? 33 years.
What neighborhood do you live in? Wilshire/Montana.
Why did you choose to live here? I found a nice, reasonably priced, top-floor apartment with a very cool landlord.
Rent or own? Rent.
Favorite place in Santa Monica? Residential neighborhood near San Vicente Boulevard.
Worst thing about living in Santa Monica? High taxes, traffic and vagrants.
How many cars do you own? One.
What do you drive? 1974 Triumph TR-6 Roadster.
If you could have dinner with three people from history, alive or dead, who would they be? Why? Don't know.
Favorite quote? Have none.
Pet peeves? People who don't know how to drive.
How do you take the edge off? (How do you relieve stress?) Lift weights.
What's your biggest accomplishment in life? I haven't achieved it, yet.
What's your biggest disappointment in life? That I never went into the movie business.
Tell us one thing people would be surprised to know about you. I studied fine art — painting and design my freshman year in college.
Fetishes? Won't tell.

Richard Bloom

Age: 51
Profession: Family law attorney and mediator.
Alternative career. What you do if you weren't employed in your current profession? Firefighter, musician or sculptor.
How long have you lived in Santa Monica? 23 years.
What neighborhood do you live in? Sunset Park.
Why did you choose to live here? To be near the ocean in a livable neighborhood with clean air and mild weather.
Rent or own? Own.
Favorite place in Santa Monica? The top of the Pacific Park ferris wheel.
Worst thing about living in Santa Monica? Being hemmed in by communities with deplorable land use policies.
How many cars do you own? I jointly own two cars with my wife, which we share with our son, Zac and soon, Emmett.
What do you drive? A Toyota Prius Hybrid when I can get it away from my wife and son, otherwise, our Toyota Sienna minivan.
If you could have dinner with three people from history, alive or dead, who would they be? Why? Three of my four grandparents, who died while I was still a young child. I miss not having been able to get to know them better.
Favorite quote? At the present time it is: "Never give up, never surrender." From the movie "Galaxy Quest."
Pet peeves? Intolerance, bullies, "billboard vehicles" (trucks with no purpose other than toting billboards around, wasting gas and adding to congestion.) I intend to introduce

David Cole

Age: 49
Profession: Health care administration.
Alternative career. What you do if you weren't employed in your current profession? Surgeon.
How long have you lived in Santa Monica? 10 years.
What neighborhood do you live in? Mid-City neighborhood.
Why did you choose to live here? We both worked in Santa Monica and our son was attending a local public school, McKinley

Hobbies/interests. How do you spend your recreational time? Lifting weights, volunteering for the SMPD, SMFD and local Red Cross chapter.
What's the last live performance you saw? "Martin Guerre" in London.
Last book you read? "The 9/11 Report."
Have you ever been arrested? If yes, what for? No.
Family: Marital status. Number of children? Not married, no children.
Endorsed by: My mother.
Public service/political experience? Back in the mid-1970's: I was the public relations lead for the Save The (Santa Monica) Pier Citizens Committee and helped prevent demolition of the Santa Monica Pier. I also helped pass the Pier Preservation Act which now protects the pier, forever. I was co-chair of Wilshire/Montana Neighborhood Coalition in 1999-2000. I've written an opinion column on the Ocean Park Gazette for two years before relocating to the Daily Press where I've written "My Write" for the last two years.
Political affiliation: Non-affiliated.
Educational background: BA Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa., post-graduate studies: UCLA, Los Angeles.
Question #1:
In 300 words or less, answer this: If you were elected into office, what would be the first policy change you would make? How would you ensure a majority vote on that policy?
I'd change the city's homeless policy. Twenty-five years of misguided, ineffectual city leadership has made Santa Monica a transient

an ordinance prohibiting them in Santa Monica.
How do you take the edge off? (How do you relieve stress). I take a deep breath, take walks and take my wife's advice.
What's your biggest accomplishment in life? My two children.
What's your biggest disappointment in life? I have deep regret over the difficulty of maintaining friendships, due to time constraints, since I was elected.
Tell us one thing people would be surprised to know about you. I enjoy singing.
Fetishes? Are you kidding?
Hobbies/interests. How do you spend your recreational time? Reading, gardening, baking, traveling and sleeping.
What's the last live performance you saw? The Santa Monica Symphony; Van Morrison and Dianne Reeves; most of the Pier Concert Series.
Last book you read? "The da Vinci Code."
Have you ever been arrested? If yes, what for? No.
Family: Marital status. Number of children? Married, 24 years. Two children, Zac, 17, Emmett, 15.
Endorsed by: Santa Monicans for Renters Rights Santa Monica Firefighters Association, Santa Monica Police Officers Association, Coalition of Santa Monica City Employees, United Transportation Union , SEIU-Local 660, Santa Monica Democratic Club, Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee, Americans for Democratic Action, The Coalition to Protect the Living Wage, State Senator Sheila Kuehl, Assemblywoman Fran Pavley, Sherrif Leroy Baca
Public service/political experi-

Elementary.
Rent or own? Own.
Favorite place in Santa Monica? Our home.
Worst thing about living in Santa Monica? Lack of representation in our local government for residents.
How many cars do you own?
What do you drive? Several. Depends on the trip.
If you could have dinner with three people from history, alive or dead, who would they be? Actually, I would pick four and they would be my grandparents. One of whom I never met. Why?

magnet. Millions of dollars in our taxes support eleven agencies and 22 programs.
This and free food handouts in parks from mostly out-of-town organizations have made Santa Monica a dangerous and dirty place. The difference between us and Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, El Segundo, etc., is they don't have food handouts and nearly two dozen services or transients. I would suggest to colleagues that we require the city's human services department to implement long- range planning and goals such as reducing the number of "homeless" on our streets 25 percent by 2007. I'd request that we honor the terms of the 1994 Public Safety Act (SMMC 2.69.010 (f)) "by decreasing expenditures for services whenever feasible."
I'd suggest incentives for city financed providers to change, drop or add programs to make their services more effective and result driven. I'd work to curtail "enabling" services that allow people to exist on our streets in misery and pain. I'd propose that the time clients can spend in services be limited to encourage quicker and more positive transition into mainstream society.
I'd ask for budgets for mental health professionals to work with providers and police to evaluate and determine appropriate courses of action or treatment of mentally challenged transients.
I'd work with colleagues and staff to develop ways to curtail public food handouts and link them with services. I'd recommend that law enforcement efforts be accelerated to discourage antisocial and criminal behavior
ence? I was elected to the Santa Monica City Council in April, 1999. I served as Mayor Pro Tem (2000-2001) and, since December 2002, as Mayor. Among other duties, I have been the council's liaison to the Commission for the Senior Community, Library Board, Recreation and Park Commission, Civic Center Task Force, Social Services Commission and Bayside District Board (which oversees Santa Monica's downtown and Third Street Promenade). In 2003, I was appointed to serve on the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission and became a Blue Ribbon Panel member of "Bring L.A. Home" a coalition of leaders who are developing a 10-year plan to end homelessness in Los Angeles County. I now serve on the organization's Executive Committee and as a member of its Resource Group.
I have served on numerous boards of directors over the years, including the Santa Monica Democratic Club, the American Red Cross of Santa Monica and the Friends of Sunset Park. I am a member of the State Bar of California, American Bar Association, Los Angeles County, Santa Monica and Beverly Hills Bar Associations, Temple Beth Shir Sholom, Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, the Sierra Club, California League of Conservation Voters, National League of Cities, California League of Cities and Local Government Commission. Political affiliation: Democratic party
Educational background: I received a degree in communications and public policy at the University of California, Berkeley (1974) and a Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, Calif. (1978).

Because they are the people I most admire and now that I am older I could learn so much more from them.
Favorite quote? Don't have just one.
Pet peeves? Selfishness and dishonesty.
How do you take the edge off? (How do you relieve stress). I am blessed to have found out how to live life without stress. So I don't have to engage in any one activity to relieve stress.
What's your biggest accomplishment in life? Becoming a husband

While there's no way to assure that anything will pass City Council, electing candidates who think as I do will go a long way to insuring enough votes to accomplish these changes. Lastly, the people must let the Council know they support my plan.
Question #2:
In 300 words or less, convince the public on why they should vote for you.
I'm an independent thinker. I have no hidden agenda. I'm not behold-ing or obligated to any special interest, business or labor union. I'm honest, reasonable and straight-forward. As a 33-year resident renter on Social Security, I know the value of a dollar.
Most of our problems can be solved through honest discourse and common sense. Government must work hand-in-hand with the people, for the people to make our city a great place to live in, work in and visit.
I want to end the social engineering of the ruling Santa Monicans For Renter's Rights political machine. And, I oppose the pro-development, anti-resident position of most Chamber of Commerce backed candidates who will make things even worse.
Here are "Top 10" common sense reasons to vote for me:
1. I'll work to fix ineffective homeless services programs, get help for those who need it, control food giveaways and support aggressive policing for lawbreakers.
2. I will support our schools and children because they must come first.
3. I'll stop ridiculous traffic calming schemes.
4. Our own seniors and disabled
Question #1:
In 300 words or less, answer this: If you were elected into office, what would be the first policy change you would make? How would you ensure a majority vote on that policy?
I don't have a "policy change" agenda. My approach to elected office is to listen to the constituents of our city, my fellow councilmembers and our city staff, and only legislate where necessary to improve our city.
For example, when the recent controversy arose over hedge height enforcement, the issue was brought to us at the behest of numerous members of the community. We held two council meetings that encouraged and accepted considerable public comment. The council responded decisively by enacting a moratorium and directing staff to make changes to conform to community expectations.
Contrary to others, I believe that this is an example of a government that is working and doing what local government does best: Being highly responsive to the community.
My method for achieving majority votes is simple. I pay close attention to the positions of councilmembers and then find common ground. These are the same skills that I use in mediation in my professional life.
There is much more to leadership then council meetings and votes. I have led with civility, compassion and rational dialogue, based on the belief that we do our best when we work collaboratively. Our best leaders are also our best listeners. One of my primary jobs is to make certain that public process is open and vibrant — lest the only people we listen to are ourselves.
Those who pay close attention to

and father.
What's your biggest disappointment in life? Finding that the community I live in is controlled by a small group of people who are not honest.
Tell us one thing people would be surprised to know about you? I don't seek to surprise anyone. I guess I have a few things that would be surprising but I leave those items to people who are close to me.
Fetishes? None.
Hobbies/interests. **How do you spend your recreational time?**

must have priority for assisted housing and services.
5. I support slow but controlled growth and intelligent development.
6. A person's private home is not a community resource and deserves protection.
7. I'll defend your right to be heard on all issues including planning and development.
8. Political pork, cronyism and special interest giveaways will cease. I'll stop the squandering of resources and make sure we get the biggest bang for our buck possible.
9. I'm dedicated to enriching life in the Pico neighborhood.
10. Our new Civic Center must be a cultural and recreational resource for all, not apartments for the privileged few.
A vote for me is a vote for a better place for all of us.
Question #3:
In 300 words or less, what will be your top three priorities the first year of holding office?
1. Institute an orientation toward resident-serving services and away from political agenda and social giveaways that don't benefit residents. This covers a wide range of topics such as public input on development issues and more open public participation in task forces, previously restricted to councilpersons and their minions, that shape our future.
It would include meaningful code enforcement to improve resident's lives as opposed to harassing them, resolving neighborhood resident versus business parking issues and making government more accountable to the people. I'd put park improvements on the fast track and insure adequate funding support for
our council meetings have seen that I am at my best when leading on difficult issues — for example on homelessness or in crafting the compromise on education funding when none seemed possible.
If re-elected, I will continue to lead this way because I have only grown more passionate about our community and have never enjoyed (save having children) a more enriching experience.
Question #2:
In 300 words or less, convince the public on why they should vote for you.
In my prior campaigns, I was fond of saying "I'll do whatever it takes to preserve and improve Santa Monica's unique heritage and quality of life."
Over these past few years in office, I have made good on my promise. As Santa Monica's Mayor, I have:
— Presided over unparalleled improvement and expansion of our parks.
— Led the fight to preserve the quality of our neighborhoods.
— Worked tirelessly to keep Santa Monica safe.
— Negotiated the historic compromise that adds \$3 million in new city funding for our public schools.
— Used my skills as a mediator to bring opposing sides together.
— Ensured that council meetings are respectful, conducted without rancor, allowing every person to be heard in an open process.
— Enacted the toughest airport noise ordinance in the country and taken important other steps to deal with the terrible problems caused by jet traffic at our airport.
— Insisted on fiscally responsible spending policies.
We are a phenomenal, beautiful city that each of us should feel privileged to live in. But, we are not

Travel and history.
What's the last live performance you saw? My sister singing at the Disney Concert Hall.
Last book you read? The collective works of Shelly and Keats.
Have you ever been arrested? If yes, what for? No.
Family: Marital status. Married 29 years. **Number of children?** One.
Endorsed by: Did not seek endorsements.
Public service/political experience? Too much to list. Suffice to say I believe of oneself.
Political affiliation: American.

schools. I'd make sure assisted housing and services, including home ownership, goes to our seniors, the disabled and needy resident's first. I'd put more resources into the Pico neighborhood to stop the violence.
2. The second priority would be to deal with the vagrant problem. The cost of our 1,100 transients (at any given time) on our streets costs us tens of millions of dollars annually for direct services, police and fire resources. Imagine what \$20 million annually could do for schools, parks and quality of life if it weren't spent on vagrants and transients?
We must make services more efficient and result driven for those who really need help, use "tough love" on the "bums," drunks and those who refuse service and reduce the number of and control the food giveaways.
3. For years, policy has been to gridlock traffic to force us out of our cars. Narrowing streets, removing traffic lanes, unsynchronized traffic signals, curb bump outs, traffic islands, speed bumps, and roundabouts are designed to modify our driving behavior. I'll end their social engineering, stop this ridiculous traffic calming and open up our main streets, thus keeping traffic moving and out of residential neighborhoods. I'll use enforcement to deter bad driving.
OPTIONAL:
Is there an afterlife? Don't think so.
Do you believe in extraterrestrials? Yes.
What's the meaning of life? A Monty Python movie released in 1983.
Have you inhaled? Yes.
without our problems. So, there is a lot more work to do and I have much more to contribute.
If re-elected, I will focus my energy on bringing regional solutions to bear on homelessness and transportation, ending gun and gang violence and vigilantly protecting our neighborhoods from irresponsible over development.
I want to continue to lead our community on the important work of making Santa Monica a great place for all of us.
Question #3:
In 300 words or less, what will be your top three priorities the first year of holding office?
The community has more than three priorities and there is no "magic number" of priorities. Some of the community's priorities, and, therefore, mine are:
1. Making certain that the regional approach to ending homelessness takes root.
2. Ending gun and gang violence.
3. Finding creative ways (Expo light rail, shuttle bus systems, etc.) to reduce traffic congestion.
4. Reforming our development review process while still maintaining our tradition of public participation and protecting our residential neighborhoods.
5. Maintaining our excellent public schools, programs for youth and seniors and increasing access to music and art.
6. Sustaining our commitment to fiscal responsibility so that we can accomplish all of the above.
OPTIONAL:
Is there an afterlife?
Believe in extraterrestrials?
What's the meaning of life?
Have you inhaled?

Educational background: Degree in communication and multiple state certifications and licenses.
Question #1:
In 300 words or less, answer this: If you were elected into office, what would be the first policy change you would make? How would you ensure a majority vote on that policy?
To stop the future development of city building projects that are not completely funded by the city budget and halt the process of funding projects by creating debt.

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DAVID COLE, from page 6

I would hope that common sense might sway a majority. If not I would encourage the members of the public to craft a ballot measure that would amend the City Charter to disallow the current practice of funding projects without the money to pay for them.

Question #2:
In 300 words or less, convince the

Matt Dinolfo

Age: 57
Profession: Physician/university teacher.
Alternative career. What you do if you weren't employed in your current profession? Architect.
How long have you lived in Santa Monica? 24 years.
What neighborhood do you live in? North of Montana Avenue.
Why did you choose to live here? Because of the diversity of the city, its extraordinary health care facilities, the excellent schools, the beautiful coastline and sense of community.
Rent or own? Own.
Favorite place in Santa Monica? Palisades Park and the pier.
Worst thing about living in Santa Monica? Traffic.
How many cars do you own?
What do you drive? Two. I drive a Nissan Z.
If you could have dinner with three people from history, alive or dead, who would they be? Why? Abraham Lincoln: He was able to articulate in the simplest terms the agony of the Civil War. Leonardo da Vinci: He must have been the most amazing, visionary teacher. Mahatma Ghandi: His enduring humanity and compassion, and his sense of sacrifice for what he believed in.
Favorite quote? "In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king."
Pet peeves? Mean-spirited people.
How do you take the edge off?
How do you relieve stress? I read.
What's your biggest accomplish-

Michael Feinstein

Age: 45
Profession: Activist/author.
Alternative career. What you do if you weren't employed in your current profession? Wandering Jew.
How long have you lived in Santa Monica? Twenty years, since 1984.
What neighborhood do you live in? Ocean Park.
Why did you choose to live here? The natural beauty of the area.
Rent or own? Rent.
Favorite place in Santa Monica? The beach, the ocean and Palisades Park.
Worst thing about living in Santa Monica? When the marine layer stays for two weeks at a time and we never see the sun and it feels like we are living inside a cloud.
How many cars do you own?
What do you drive? I mostly store a classic 1970 blue and white VW van that I drive once in a while, but mostly just hold onto, until there will be an environmentally sound alternative fuel I can practically convert it to. In lieu of this, I drive a Toyota Prius gas/electric hybrid. If you could have dinner with three people from history, alive or dead, who would they be? Why?
Other than having my parents reunited (unfortunately my father passed away in 1992, while fortunately my mother lives three blocks away from me here in Santa Monica), I would start with Albert Einstein and Mohandas Gandhi. After those two, I'd see what else I needed to learn, and pick a third person then.
Favorite quote? "Never up, never in." I used to be a golfer. I even lettered in it in college and this is a golf quote about putting, author

public on why they should vote for you.
The candidates that are endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce, the Santa Monicans' For Renters Rights group, the police and fire employee's union, the city employee's union and the CEPS group are all clearly required to consider these folks first in their deliberations as repayment for the endorsements and the financial contribu-

ment in life? My children and my marriage.
What's your biggest disappointment in life? That my father died before he could see me graduate from medical school.
Tell us one thing people would be surprised to know about you. That I was voted "Best Dancer" in my high school graduating class.
Fetishes? Actually, I collect Zuni Indian carvings that are called fetishes.
Hobbies/interests. How do you spend your recreational time? Reading, movies, travel, going out with my family.
What's the last live performance you saw? Crosby, Stills & Nash
Last book you read? "Guns, Germs and Steel, The Fates of Human Societies" by Jared Diamond
Have you ever been arrested? If yes, what for? No.
Family: Marital status: Married for 14 years to my wife Melissa.
Number of children? Two, Philip, 12; Adrianna, 10.
Endorsed by:
I am proud to be recognized as a "Reliable Supporter of Education" by the Community for Excellent Public Schools, and to have been endorsed by the Santa Monica Pier Lessees and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. In addition, I am honored to have received many personal endorsements from community leaders active in education, community advocacy, city government, and the medical and business communities.

unknown.
Pet peeves? People who can't make a left turn and don't get out far enough into the intersection.
How do you take the edge off?
(How do you relieve stress?) Sports, nature, international travel.
What's your biggest accomplishment in life? Being in the right place at the right time, to be adopted as an orphan in Athens, Greece by wonderful American parents, who brought me back to the United States and gave me all of the love, education and advantages that I could ever want, giving me all the opportunities to be whomever I wanted to be.
What's your biggest disappointment in life? The Minnesota Vikings losing four Super Bowls. I was raised in Minnesota and the whole state has a "second best" complex, it's part of "Minnesota Nice."
Tell us one thing people would be surprised to know about you. I was the first sales representatives for Rollerblades in California. I went to high school with the inventor and helped start the trend here back in the early 1980s.
Fetishes? Long council meetings.
Hobbies/interests. How do you spend your recreational time? Sports, nature. Family.
What's the last live performance you saw? R.E.M., Oct. 13, 2004 at the Greek Theatre, which was the first show of their 2004-2005 world tour.
Last book you read? "Julian" by Gore Vidal (about 4th Century Rome), which I read in Rome itself, as well as in Ravello on the Amalfi Coast (of "Beat the Devil" fame with Humphrey Bogart). Mixing the book and actually being in Italia at the same time was great.
Have you ever been arrested? If

tions made to get them elected. You could elect anyone if you have enough money for glossy mailers filled with lies.
I am not endorsed and am beholden to no special interest groups, as noble as their causes may be, and therefore would consider the needs of the residents first. I would be accountable to the people who elected me. That is what makes me a better candidate. And I am honest.

In no particular order, and with apologies to the many more I do not have room to name, I would like to thank the following people for their endorsements: The Honorable Bob Holbrook, Abby Arnold, Chris Volaski, Nat Trives, Jean McNeil Wyner, George Rosenthal, Shane McLoud, Margaret Quinones, Carol Coote, Shari Davis, Harry Keilly, Annette Shamey, Piedad Robertson, Leslie Mintz, Pablo De La Rosa, Mary Anne La Guardia, Josefina Aranda, Babette Heimbuch, William Spurgin, Bob Gabriel, Lauri and Dennis Crane, Ellen Conrad, John and Sharon Lee, Joy Horowitz and Brock Walsh, Leslie Wizan, Richard Corlin, Charles Pietrafesa, Walid Ghurabi, Chris Harding and Tricia Crane.
Public service/political experience? Candidate, Santa Monica City Council 2002, Campaigned for Measure EE, Member, 2002-2003 Measure S Task Force, Campaigned for CEPS Charter Amendment, Member, Community for Excellent Public Schools, Member, For The Arts, SMMEF. I was instrumental in bringing affordable, high quality health care to Santa Monica through my leadership in physician organizations; active advocacy for the establishment of managed care networks; and my chairmanship of the UCLA Community Practice Network which oversees millions of dollars of health care resources for Santa Monica residents.
Political affiliation: Democrat.
Educational background: Doctor of Medicine, Wayne State

yes, why?
Family: Marital status. Number of children? Single.
Endorsed by: My mother, the Sierra Club and hundreds of your neighbors.
Public service/political experience? City Councilmember, 1996-present; mayor 2000-2002, see www.feinstein.org/2004/govern.html.
Political affiliation: Green Party.
Educational background: Bachelors of Arts, Carleton College (Northfield, Minn.) '82, philosophy major.
Question #1:
In 300 words or less, answer this: If you were elected into office, what would be the first policy change you would make? How would you ensure a majority vote on that policy?
The major task of the City Council in the next few years will be the update of the city's general plan, the first such update in more than twenty years. That process will involve revisiting all of the zoning ordinances in the entire city, along with the city's circulation plan, all in a comprehensive manner. This will shape the future of our community for decades.
Before us are the hard questions about "what is the capacity of our infrastructure," and "what land use choices will actually reduce traffic" by promoting a healthy jobs/housing balance and promoting/retaining community-serving local business.
It is critical that this process to be done well and thoroughly. We must begin by ensuring the broadest participation of all of Santa Monicans. At the same time, it is critical that we go forward together, based upon a shared foundation of knowledge of applicable local, state and feder-

Question #3:
In 300 words or less, what will be your top three priorities the first year of holding office?
To work to solve the parking, traffic and homeless problems here in Santa Monica.
Regional solutions, continued commercial development, increasing population are reasons for these problems but not excuses as to why we can't tackle and solve problems

University, Detroit, Mich., Master of Science, Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich.
Question #1:
In 300 words or less, answer this: If you were elected into office, what would be the first policy change you would make? How would you ensure a majority vote on that policy?
The first policy change I would make is to address homelessness. Among the many things I'd do to control the homelessness problem are: reconvene the Homeless Task Force; work regionally to increase transitional housing; enforce the local ordinances banning feedings in the parks, and transfer the feedings to shelters where they can be tied to receipt of social services. Simply feeding people is not effective, active intervention to discern and address the multiple causes of homelessness is necessary.
I'd also aggressively pursue available government funding, and focus social services on equipping people who are eligible for benefits to be able to go through the application processes needed to receive them. I'd take a substantive look at cities that have had more success with this issue, for example, Philadelphia. Any best practices that can be imported, should be. I'd also establish benchmarks to evaluate existing programs and close those who do not meet them. I'd like to work with Bring LA Home as it brings us closer to regional solutions.
To implement these policies I believe that I bring two qualities to the table. As a physician I am well

al laws and standards as regards growth and development, as well as upon a shared foundation of knowledge of best land use practices around the nation and the world.
My goal is to ensure this really happens, as we finalize our work plan, including with the consultant the city has hired.
As an example of how I can make something like this happen, the last time I was elected in 2000 (and was also then chosen as mayor), I took immediate initiative to propose what became the East-West Corridor Task Force, to look at parking solutions along the elongated commercial corridors of Wilshire, Santa Monica, Pico, Montana, where we've had ongoing tension between neighbors and small businesses, both of which are short on parking.
The recommendations of that task force are coming to council shortly.
Question #2:
In 300 words or less, convince the public on why they should vote for you.
It's been an honor and a privilege to serve our community over the past eight years, as a City Councilman and mayor. With your support, I would like to continue that work.
I am a 20-year resident of Santa Monica who loves and knows this city well. I combine enthusiasm with reason and common sense, and I make my decisions from the heart, listening carefully to everyone and trying to do what is best for our community.
My goals include:
— A community of opportunity and quality of life for all — families, youth and seniors, renters and homeowners, workers and small businesses.
— A community of awesome natural beauty and a healthy environ-

right now. If a Councilperson has the will (and the residents sure do) then they can find a way. The incumbents have had long enough and now quite suddenly, during the campaign, they have the solutions — ya right. If you believe that I have a bridge you might be interested in buying.

OPTIONAL:
Is there an afterlife? Check with me later.
Do you believe in extraterrestrial? No, but it would be nice if they exist that they would come to Santa Monica and restore democracy.
What's the meaning of life? Each person might answer this differently. I am still searching for what the meaning of life is and frankly it's not that important to me to understand everything.
Have you inhaled? No, never.
qualified to evaluate programs and determine if they are successful, particularly those dealing with mental health and substance abuse. But in the end success depends upon character and leadership. I believe that I have the intensity, the integrity, and the drive to work this problem until solutions can be found.
Question #2:
In 300 words or less, convince the public on why they should vote for you.
I believe that there is a crisis of leadership in Santa Monica. The current City Council focuses more on process than on outcomes. Their priorities are not our priorities. Homelessness and vagrancy are out of control, traffic is steadily worsening, and our quality of life is suffering. The city is divided by competition and ill will between special interest groups.
Through my work in the medical community I have been established as a proven leader and consensus-builder. I have the ability to engage disparate parties around a table and bring them to agreement. I am a practical, moderate, focused person who can reliably identify the critical issue at hand and drive the group to a solution. Every organization that I have joined, I have been elected to lead; and in every organization that I have led, there has been unity of purpose and accomplishment of goals.
In addition, to my contribution to the City Council in terms of leadership, I also bring a unique background and perspective. Being a physician will allow me to better

ment, with a clean bay bordering livable, tree-lined residential neighborhoods, where people of all incomes can live and be secure in their tenancies/homes;
— A community of vibrant, walkable commercial districts that mix community-serving small businesses together with regional/national/int'l destinations. A community with an increasing number of parks and public open spaces, with quality education and sufficient child care available to all. With major development choices before us as part of the general plan revision, I bring important skills and experience regarding traffic and development.
When first elected in 1996, I was part of a community reaction to large-scale development in the late 1980s, early 1990s, as well the subsequent ongoing development pressure resulting from spiraling land prices.
Immediately, I helped enact a variety of interim ordinances designed to respond to these changes and protect our local quality of life. I've also served regionally on the Southern California Growth Visioning Task Force, gaining critical experience doing land use, housing and transportation planning for six Southern California counties over the next twenty years.
If re-elected, you will have my commitment 100 percent, heart and soul. Please consider me as one of your four choices this November.
Question #3:
In 300 words or less, what will be your top three priorities the first year of holding office?
Priority one: To increase transparent and well-planned partnerships between the city, school district and college. In particular I would focus

prepare the city for the impact of opening two major medical centers. It will allow me to critically evaluate social programs and medical assistance programs for our elderly, indigent, and homeless populations. I have many years' experience in all aspects of financial management, and a proven ability to design and execute long-range strategies. Through my commitment to the public schools, I will strengthen the relationship between the City Council and the School District. These skills will work to better the community for all of our residents.
Finally, electing me throws open a door for other people, of other backgrounds, who have had the same commitment to the city that I have but have been discouraged from seeking public office.
Question #3:
In 300 words or less, what will be your top three priorities the first year of holding office?
Focusing on homelessness and vagrancy. Reconvening the Homeless Task Force. Working regionally to increase transitional housing. Enforcing local ordinances banning park feedings. Redirecting feedings to shelters with ties to social services.
Addressing critical issues affecting public safety including neighborhood violence, traffic, and Santa Monica Airport noise and air quality concerns.
Making certain that city funding supports public education, including early childhood development programs. Adding to city parks and green space.
on coordinated land use and ballot strategies that will get the most educational support and open space acquisition for our dollars.
The broader public also has to be involved in the creation of these strategies up front, rather than hearing about them right before they either go to the ballot or the initiative process, as has been the case in recent years.
Priority two: Build upon the momentum here in Santa Monica and across Los Angeles County to achieve effective regional approaches to homelessness, including the siting and funding of affordable housing, social services, health care and other services across the county.
Priority three: To achieve an integrated, healthy approach to land use and development in the downtown, including:
■ Ensuring that the Expo Rail line will ultimately come to Santa Monica.
■ Coordinating the Fourth Street/Colorado rail station that will come with it together with the renovations of the Civic Center and Santa Monica Place, in order to create an interconnected urban fabric between the pier, Promenade, Civic Center and light rail station.
■ Finalizing a strategy to renovate/relocate the theatres that are currently on the promenade, in order to preserve their role in the vitality of the downtown.
■ Continuing to promote diversity and balance of uses in the district, so the Promenade and overall downtown does not become devoid of character, like many indoor malls.
■ Moving ahead on the city's parking plan to add and better distribute parking across the downtown.

DID YOU KNOW?: Jeanne Louise Calment's CD was released on her 121st birthday in 1996. Titled "Time's Mistress" it features Ms Calment reminiscing to a score of rap music and other tunes.



Ken Genser

Age: 53
Profession: Planner.
Alternative career. What you do if you weren’t employed in your current profession? Singer and dancer.
How long have you lived in Santa Monica? 32 years.
What neighborhood do you live in? North side.
Why did you choose to live here? Two reasons: My family history here, and this is where I was going to school.
Rent or own? Rent.
Favorite place in Santa Monica? On the pier, just north of Mariasol Restaurant. From there, you can look back at the city, enjoy the ocean breeze, and listen to the waves.
Worst thing about living in Santa Monica? Youth violence.
How many cars do you own?
What do you drive? One, a 1999 SAAB.
If you could have dinner with

three people from history, alive or dead, who would they be? Why?
Favorite quote? “God is in the details,” — Ludwig Mies van der Rohe.
Pet peeves? Inconsiderate people, and people without open minds.
How do you take the edge off? (How do you relieve stress?) Having a nice meal with friends.
What’s your biggest accomplishment in life? Overcoming physical challenges.
What’s your biggest disappointment in life? Not having kids.
Tell us one thing people would be surprised to know about you. I often cry at the movies. (I often sleep at them, too).
Fetishes? Whatever you heard is untrue. (And those pictures on the Internet are fakes.)
Hobbies/interests. How do you spend your recreational time? Conversations over meals with friends.
What’s the last live performance

you saw? Shakespeare’s “A Winter’s Tale at the Theatricum Botanicum.”
Last book you read? It’s been so long that I’ve read a book, I can’t recall.
Have you ever been arrested? If yes, what for? No.
Family: Marital status. Number of children? Single, no kids.
Endorsed by:
 Senator Sheila Kuehl, Assembly Member Fran Pavley, Sheriff Lee Baca, Santa Monica Fire Fighters’ Association, Santa Monica Police Officer’s Association, Coalition of Santa Monica City Employees, Santa Monicans for Renters’ Rights, Santa Monica Democratic Club, Sierra Club, Coalition for the Living Wage
Public service/political experience? Late 1970s: Re-zoning of the “beach tract” in Ocean Park to preserve its character.
Early 1980’s: Organizing a tenant’s association in the Sea Castle to preserve affordable housing.

1981: Citizen’s task force to revise the Housing Element of the General Plan.
1983: Co-founder, Community Corporation of Santa Monica; Board Member 1983-1988.
1983-1985: Member, Santa Monica Planning Commission.
1985-1988: Board Member, Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation.
1988-present, member of the City Council; Mayor 1992 & 2000; Mayor pro tem 1991 and 1999.
Political affiliation: Democrat
Educational background: AB- Architecture, UC Berkeley; Post Graduate Study, Southern California Institute of Architecture.
Question #1:
In 300 words or less, answer this: If you were elected into office, what would be the first policy change you would make? How would you ensure a majority vote on that policy?
 If re-elected, I will work to lower the size of future commercial

development and reduce the resulting traffic. Over the years, we have already reduced the permissible size of development, but we have further to go. The best way to get a majority vote is to respect your colleagues and work with them in an open, straightforward manner.
Question #2:
In 300 words or less, convince the public on why they should vote for you.
 I have demonstrated that I work collaboratively with the community and with my colleagues to get things done. I carefully consider public input and I respect other points of view. I think every resident should live in a safe community and expect a high level of service from the city. As a councilmember, I have worked to make Santa Monica one of the most financially stable cities in the nation, with the lowest crime rate in decades. There are challenges ahead, and I understand -- as you do -- that there are no simple solutions. It takes hard

work, careful deliberation, and sensible decisions to manage this city. I have shown I'm up to the task, and I respectfully request your support.
Question #3:
In 300 words or less, what will be your top three priorities the first year of holding office?
 Limiting development (and resulting traffic.) Adding parks and open space.
 Reducing youth violence and developing more programs for middle school youth.
OPTIONAL:
Is there an afterlife? I have absolutely no idea.
Do you believe in extraterrestrials? Because of the vastness of the universe, I think it is likely that there is some form of life elsewhere.
What’s the meaning of life? I wish I knew. All I can do is try to make things better for future generations.
Have you inhaled? Yes. (I was in Berkeley in the ‘60’s!)

Jonathan Mann

Age: 59
Profession: Flight attendant.
Alternative career. What you do if you weren’t employed in your current profession? Parole agent or teacher.
How long have you lived in Santa Monica? 35 years.
What neighborhood do you live in? Sunset Park.
Why did you choose to live here? I like it.
Rent or own? Rented then owned, then rented.
Favorite place in Santa Monica? The beach.
Worst thing about living in Santa

Monica? The government.
How many cars do you own?
What do you drive? One car: Classic Mercedes Roadster.
If you could have dinner with three people from history, alive or dead, who would they be? Why? Hitler, Osama and Bush, so I could give them all a piece of my mind.
Favorite quote? “This above all, to thine own self be true” (advice of Polonius, to hisson Laertes). “Yeah, well — my mama loves me.” (Hud)
Pet peeves? Stupid questions.
How do you take the edge off? (How do you relieve stress). Body surf
What’s your biggest accomplish-

ment in life? Running for city council six times.
What’s your biggest disappointment in life? Losing.
Tell us one thing people would be surprised to know about you. I’m not from this planet.
Fetishes? Why?
Hobbies/interests. How do you spend your recreational time? Read science fiction, water sports, ski, play with my kid.
What’s the last live performance you saw? Die Fliedermaus. Too expensive.
Last book you read? “The Case for Israel” by Dershowitz
Have you ever been arrested? If yes, what for? Protesting the

Vietnam War and marching for Civil Rights.
Family: Marital status. Number of children? Married twice — two sons; age 32 years and 22 months.
Endorsed by: Association of Flight Attendants.
Public service/political experience? Internet activist. Worked for city, county, state, and federal bureaucracies.
Political affiliation: Green Party.
Educational background: Sociology degree.
Question #1:
In 300 words or less, answer this: If you were elected into office, what would be the first policy change you would make? How

would you ensure a majority vote on that policy?
 I would resurrect the Public Electronic Network, because that is my platform. If I was elected that would give me a mandate that the council would have to respect.
Question #2:
In 300 words or less, convince the public on why they should vote for you.
 I have no conflict of interest, no endorsements (other than my union), and no contributions so I come to the voters with no strings.
Question #3:
In 300 words or less, what will be your top three priorities the first year of holding office?

Implement electronic democracy to poll the citizens of Santa Monica; hold city official and public agencies accountable and audit the entire city budget online.
OPTIONAL:
Is there an afterlife? Hell no!
Do you believe in extraterrestrials? Heaven no! Haven’t you heard of the Fermi paradox or the Drake equations?
What’s the meaning of life? Whatever you make of it, and the second law of Thermodynamics.
Have you inhaled? Damn right.

Patricia Hoffman

Age: 55
Profession: Board of directors, non-profit organizations.
Alternative career. What you do if you weren’t employed in your current profession? As a child, I wanted to be a geologist when I grew up.
How long have you lived in Santa Monica? 25 years.
What neighborhood do you live in? Northeast.
Why did you choose to live here? Before we were married, I agreed to go to Seattle with Gene if he would agree to move back here when he completed his residency. I love Santa Monica. This is where my heart is. It is a wonderful place to live, work and raise children. Someday, it will be a wonderful place for us to retire.
Rent or own? Own.
Favorite place in Santa Monica? I love being at home.
Worst thing about living in Santa Monica? The lack of a broad circulation daily paper — my apologies to the SMDP.
How many cars do you own?
What do you drive? I drive a 2000 Toyota minivan.
If you could have dinner with three people from history, alive or dead, who would they be?
Why? Cesar Chavez, Dr. Maya Angelou and Groucho Marx.
 Cesar Chavez was one of the most charismatic people that I have ever met. I admire his passion and commitment. Maya Angelou is a brilliant poet, educator and author, as well as being a civil rights activist. Both of these people have made huge contributions to improving our lives. Groucho Marx has always fascinated me. I grew up knowing that, “Outside of a dog, a book is man’s best friend. Inside of a dog it is too dark to read.”
 Anyone who thinks that way would be great fun.
Favorite quote? “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of

grievances.” To me, this is the heart of the Constitution and has an impact on our everyday lives.
Pet peeves? The phone ringing early in the morning.
How do you take the edge off? (How do you relieve stress?) My antidote to nearly everything is coffee.
What’s your biggest accomplishment in life? Trite but true, my sons have turned into wonderful, well-adjusted adults who are all college graduates and all do community service in the communities in which they live.
What’s your biggest disappointment in life? Not going further with my own education.
Tell us one thing people would be surprised to know about you. I love dolls and have a number of them scattered about my bedroom. I wake up each morning to a room full of smiling faces.
Hobbies/interests. How do you spend your recreational time? I read a lot and I like to work with my hands. I do crafts with my 9-year-old cousin.
What’s the last live performance you saw? The Santa Monica Civic Light Opera and Viking Underground’s production of “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” at Santa Monica High School.
Last book you read? “Reason” by Robert Reich.
Have you ever been arrested? If yes, what for? No.
Family: Marital status. Number of children? Married to Gene Oppenheim, M.D., M.P.H., three grown sons: Jonas, Lucas and Jed Hoffman Oppenheim.
Endorsed by: I have been endorsed by many local elected officials and community members as well as State Sen. Sheila Kuehl, Assemblymember Fran Pavley, former State Sen. Tom Hayden, former Council PTA President Rick Gates and SMMUSD Classroom Teachers Association President Harry Keiley.
 I have also been endorsed by the Coalition of Santa Monica City Employees, the Coalition to Protect the Living Wage, the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, the National Women’s Political Caucus /LA Westside, the Santa

Monica Police Officers’ Association, the Santa Monica Democratic Club, Santa Monicans for Renters’ Rights, Service Employees International Union Local 660, Southern California Americans for Democratic Action and the 41st Assembly District Democratic Committee and the Committee for Excellent Public Schools gave me their highest ranking as a reliable school supporter.
Public service/political experience. I served on the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women 1983-1985; the city of Santa Monica Task Force on Youth 1986-1988 and the Charter Review Commission 1989-1991. I was elected to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education in 1986 and was reelected in 1990. I was twice elected the president of the board.
 In 2000, I was appointed as a member city’s Bayside District Board, which runs downtown Santa Monica. I have been vice-president of the board since 2002. I am a member of the board and executive committee of Community Corporation of Santa Monica (CCSM). CCSM builds and maintains affordable housing in Santa Monica. I am the immediate past president of the Santa Monica Democratic Club. I am also an appointed member to both the financial oversight and the Intercultural Committees of the school district.
Political affiliation: Democrat.
Educational background: I went to UCLA.
Question #1:
In 300 words or less, answer this: If you were elected into office, what would be the first policy change you would make? How would you ensure a majority vote on that policy?
 I don’t see the city as having a consistent policy of evaluating what they do. I think that programs should be carefully planned and, where possible and desirable, implemented on a pilot basis. The pilot should then undergo a thorough evaluation before the program is enacted citywide. I also would like to see long-term programs evaluated regularly to make sure that they are still serving the people.

Often, it seems as though the evaluation component of programs and people falls through the cracks. It is important to assess whether the program is working. I also think that evaluation of the employees who report directly to City Council needs to be done on an annual basis. This should be a normal part of goal-setting and should be seen as an opportunity to improve and fine-tune rather than as a threatening experience. I appreciate the fact that the school board shares the results of its evaluation of the superintendent with the public.
 Developing a majority vote for this would not be too difficult since the city already does this with some programs. For example, the grants to social service agencies are reviewed on a regular basis. The fact that you have received funding in the past is no guarantee that you will continue to do so. The agency must regularly demonstrate that it is still doing their job. The council also regularly schedules evaluation of its key administrators; however, we sometimes see the same closed session evaluation carried for months on the agenda. We can tighten up the process.
Question #2:
In 300 words or less, convince the public on why they should vote for you.
 I have 25 years of service to the community of Santa Monica. I have spent countless hours in front of the City Council, school board, planning commission and Architectural Review Board lobbying for the things that make our city such a great place. I will continue to work for high quality education for all students in our schools and college, clean air and water, accessible public transportation, public art and cultural opportunities, parks, beaches and open space, public safety and neighborhood serving businesses.
 I served on the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women 1983-1985, the city of Santa Monica Task Force on Youth 1986-1988 and the Charter Review Commission 1989-1991. I was elected to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of

Education in 1986 and was reelected in 1990. I was twice elected the president of the board.
 In 2000, I was appointed as a member city’s Bayside District Board, which runs downtown Santa Monica I have been vice-president of the Board since 2002. I am a member of the board and executive committee of Community Corporation of Santa Monica. We build and maintain affordable housing for working families and individuals, seniors and the disabled in Santa Monica. I am the immediate past president of the Santa Monica Democratic Club. I am also an appointed member to both the Financial Oversight and the Intercultural Committees of the School District.
 I have the experience, knowledge and ability to get things done.
Question #3:
In 300 words or less, what will be your top three priorities the first year of holding office?
 I will start with growth and development issues. The next council will be updating the land use and circulation elements. This is going to set the standards by which we will develop for the next twenty years. I would want to ensure extensive public discussion and review before synthesizing a plan based on community input and sound planning principles. Also, under this umbrella, we need to work with the planning department on improving efficiency in the delivery of services. The processes need to be more user-friendly. Enforcement should focus on some of the more egregious violations. Implementing the Matrix recommendations is a good first step.
 Growth and development needs to be slow and thoughtful, and it must be sustainable. As the population in the region grows, Santa Monica will be required to absorb its share of this growth.
 We should not allow hundreds of thousands of square feet of development. Controlled growth through careful planning best serves the needs of the community. The city should also continue to acquire land for open space and public use. Second, we need to address the issues of housing and homelessness

in our community. Homelessness is a national and local disgrace. We are the richest country in the world and there are people sleeping on our streets. I would like to follow the example of the large cities that are taking a multifaceted approach, such as those in New York, San Francisco and the most recent addition, “Bring LA Home.” Housing, social services and job training programs are part of this approach. We need livable wages in addition to the safety nets of child care and health care that were once a larger part of the federal and state budgets.
 There are no quick fixes. The solutions must be addressed at regional, state and federal levels. The prevention of homelessness is the first step. This includes a safety net to catch those who have lost their job or housing before they start a downward spiral. Once people become homeless, the best way to help them is to provide housing and services as quickly as possible. This is the surest way to keep the person or family off the streets and on a safe pathway. It is not illegal to be homeless, so it should not be treated as a crime. People who commit illegal acts should be dealt with by law enforcement.
 Lastly, traffic and congestion must be addressed. We all have a role in reducing the number of automobiles on our streets. We must improve public transportation and decrease individual car trips. We can encourage combining trips, carpooling, walking and bicycle riding. We need the light rail. Also, while Santa Monica has about 85,000 residents, our daytime population is well over 200,000. Much of the traffic is generated by employees of the area businesses.
 The council could do more to create and publicize incentives for traffic reduction plans. It could also seek out smarter traffic flow devices. There is very little synchronization of signals, and while there is a blight of signs in the city, there is no signage that helps people find better flowing routes into, around, and out of our city.

LOCAL



Herb Katz

Age: 73
Profession: Architect (senior principal of RTK Architects, Inc.)
Alternative career. What you do if you weren't employed in your current profession? Maybe be a landscape architect, and travel.
How long have you lived in Santa Monica? 41 years.
What neighborhood do you live in? Sunset Park.
Why did you choose to live here? Educational reasons, i.e. two of my children were blind, and Santa Monica had the best integrated special-education system. Plus, the climate and ocean were factors as well, since I grew up on the Westside and I wanted to be near the beach.
Rent or own? Own.
Favorite place in Santa Monica? Home. I love my home.
Worst thing about living in Santa Monica? Traffic.
How many cars do you own?
What do you drive? One, a Mercedes.
If you could have dinner with three people from history, alive or dead, who would they be?
Why? President Harry Truman, because of his courage, strength and honesty; he was one of our best presidents. Thomas Jefferson, because of his intellect; he was a man for all seasons. Leonardo Da Vinci because of his vision.
Favorite quote? The sign in my office that reads: "Grant me patience Lord ... but hurry."
Pet peeves? What are NOT my pet peeves.
How do you take the edge off? (How do you relieve stress?) Racquetball, reading, entertainment, fishing.
What's your biggest accomplishment in life? Living this long, and being lucky enough to be healthy.
What's your biggest disappointment in life? Not being 6'-11", 180 pounds, a superb athlete, and having the brains of Einstein.
Tell us one thing people would be

surprised to know about you. I'm basically shy.
Fetishes? None, they are all rational.
Hobbies/interests. How do you spend your recreational time? Racquetball, weight-lifting, fishing. Watching spectator sports, especially football and basketball.
What's the last live performance you saw? The other night at City Council.
Last book you read? "The da Vinci Code"
Have you ever been arrested? If yes, what for? Fifth Amendment.
Family: Marital status. Number of children? Married, with one living daughter and two deceased children.
Endorsed by: Fire Fighters Association, CEPs, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, and United Transportation Union (AFL/CIO).
Public service/political experience? Santa Monica YMCA
"Family of the Year for 1967," for family involvement and contribution, Chair for 6 years of their camp at Big Bear, California, Designs "pro bono" for camp cabins, Board of Directors, 1970-1983 and Advisory Board 2003 to current, Member of Men's Club, 1965-1984. Community Activist, 1965-present, City of Santa Monica Architectural Review Board, Appointed by the City of Santa Monica Council, 1974-75, Initial board and its first chairperson, Major author of City of Santa Monica Sign Ordinance, Co-author of Architectural Review Board's Goals, Tasks and By-laws
Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation Board of Directors, Appointed by City Council, 1983, Public/private corporation formed to oversee the development and operation of Santa Monica Pier, Initial Board of Directors, Formed and appended By-Laws, Developed a master plan for the pier, schools /education, special education with my two blind sons, Parent Teacher Association, Santa Monica High

School Band President, Created the Glenn Katz Music Memorial Scholarship in my son's name at Santa Monica High School , Created a music scholarship in my daughter's name, Dana, at Santa Monica City College, Formed a Santa Monica College Foundation Ilona Katz Chair of Excellence in memory of my deceased wife at Santa Monica City College Neighborhood organizations, Sunset Park Associated Neighbors, Co-Founder for activist organization, President: Member of Board of Directors, Concerned Homeowners Organization, Heritage Square Museum - Charter member, Trees on Pico Association, Santa Monica Bay Area Girls' Club - Board of Directors, 1974 - 1978, PTA Member, 25 years, Santa Monica High School: Band Parents' member, 1977, President, 1977-78, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce Mall Committee, 1970s, Current Board of Directors member, Planning Commission, Appointed by the City of Santa Monica Council, 1975 - 1983, Chairperson, 3 years, Vice-Chairperson, 1 years, Set landscape standard, Passed on Sign Ordinance, with revisions, Assisted in the design and adopted new zoning ordinance, Adopted Noise Element, Housing Element for State of California, Reviewed and adopted Traffic Analyses and Patterns, Reduced and set new Building Height Limits, Technical Advisory Committee, City of Santa Monica - Local Coastal Plan, Chairperson, Developed master plan for obtaining local control regarding the Coastal Commission, American Institute of Architects, California Council, Member of Legislative Committee, League of Cities - State of California, Board Member, National League of Cities, Board Member, Santa Monica City Council, Current elected Member of Santa Monica City Council, 2000-2004, Elected member for two terms, 1984-1992, Mayor Pro-

Tempore, 2 years, One of chief founders of the Third Street Promenade (Bayside District), Reviewed and passed revised Housing Element, Updated Zoning Code, Parking and traffic access for City Council, Liaison to Bayside District, Third Street Promenade, Council Liaison to Planning Commission, Council Liaison to Pier Restoration Corporation, Council Liaison to Recreation and Parks, Council Liaison to Airport Commission, Council Liaison to Arts Commission, Bayside District, Member 1993-2000, Executive Board Member, 1994 - 2000, Chairperson, 1998 - 2000
Political affiliation: Democrat
Educational background: A bachelor of architecture college degree.
Question #1:
In 300 words or less, answer this: If you were elected into office, what would be the first policy change you would make? How would you ensure a majority vote on that policy?
The policy change that would most benefit our community would be for the City Council to set resident service as the top priority for city — and then to hire staff who are dedicated to that high level of resident service. The bottom line is that city staff must understand their job is to be helpful — not just to say "no" — and our ordinances need to be flexible so we can get away from the current atmosphere of over-control with no adjustments. That requires a City Council majority more interested in service to the public than in enforcing its own whims.
I believe many of the problems that have arisen in confrontations between city staff and residents are due to the fact that the current council majority has adopted a policy of micro-management on many issues. This increases the cost of city government — money that could be used to improve essential city services — and reduces the freedom of residents.

I advocate policies that demonstrate that Santa Monica will treat its residents with enormous respect. A good first step would be for the City Council majority to implement my proposal that all council hearings and meetings end by 11 p.m. so residents no longer have to wait until 2 a.m. to have their voices heard.
Question #2:
In 300 words or less, convince the public on why they should vote for you.
I'm proud that I have been called "the voice of reason" on the council, in large part because I am also committed to ensuring that the city's elected officials and staff conduct themselves with utmost respect for members of the community. I am also the only member of the current council who is a business person, owning and operating an architectural firm that requires me to meet a payroll for 21 people in my office — that's a real-world business and professional perspective the City Council needs from at least one of its members, if not more. I believe voters will benefit by re-electing me to continue as the voice of reason and real-world perspective at City Hall — for all the people of Santa Monica — using my extensive experience in city government, my professional background as an architect and all I've learned from my neighbors in the community.
I'm also proud that I've been able to serve our city for the past 30 years as a community volunteer, school advocate, Planning Commissioner and City Councilmember. That experience has put me in touch with real-world problems and real-world solutions.
My experience has helped guide the City Council on fiscal issues as I try to bring a "service first" attitude to city government. That approach is essential if we are going to demand that the City Council set of respect for the community and a high-level of resident service as the top priority for city

— and then transmit that attitude to staff — because the current Council majority does not esteem Santa Monica citizens.
Finally, my professional background has helped the city in my work with the downtown parking task force, which helped focus City Hall on the need for parking, as well as working to revitalize the Third Street Promenade through the Promenade Task Force.
Question #3:
In 300 words or less, what will be your top three priorities the first year of holding office?
My top priorities in the next term are not limited to three. They include: Traffic and parking: Developing more small-scale, accessible parking facilities where they are needed throughout the city, as well as a shuttle system to help residents get out of their cars for short trips.
Homelessness: Finding answers — both local and regional — that truly address homelessness without having lasting negative impacts on residents.
Housing: Creating additional housing of all types as quickly as possible by simplifying and speeding up the planning and building permit process.
Parks, landscaping and open space: Working with residents and neighborhoods to expand these essential community resources.
Greater respect for the community: A good start would be for the Council to adopt a policy that no official city meeting or public hearing continue past 11 p.m. so residents won't be forced to wait until 2 a.m. to express their opinions.
OPTIONAL:
Is there an afterlife? I'm too busy with this one to contemplate the next.
Do you believe in extraterrestrials? Yes.
What's the meaning of life? I quote comedian Jackie Vernon: "Wet birds don't fly at night."
Have you inhaled? Yes, and I have also exhaled.

Kathryn Morea

Age: 40
Profession: Database Analyst
Alternative career. What you do if you weren't employed in your current profession? Probably something artsy or creative.
How long have you lived in Santa Monica? 8 years.
What neighborhood do you live in? Pico neighborhood.
Why did you choose to live here? Where else? Isn't this where everybody wants to live? Seriously, I always dreamt of living near the ocean, but couldn't afford a home in Santa Monica when first starting out. I bought my first home in the Valley and lived there for 10 years. Later, I was able to afford a home in the Pico neighborhood. I've always worked full-time either in downtown Los Angeles or Century City, and Santa Monica is close enough that a daily commute is reasonable. Plus, I can pick up the Big Blue Bus less than a block from home. It runs about every 15 minutes and goes straight near my office in Century City with no transfer needed.
Rent or own? Own.
Favorite place in Santa Monica? Main Street Farmers Market on Sunday mornings.
Worst thing about living in Santa Monica? The apathy from our leaders and police about the transients and vagrants living on the streets. Santa Monicans often refers to them as "homeless," but that's a misnomer. A "homeless" person is someone who has fallen on hard times, a person who needs and wants a help. Santa Monica is full of very generous, good hearted people. We need to help the truly needy, homeless individuals to get

back on their feet. Some programs do a great job at this. Unfortunately others are not getting people off the street. They feed them and dump them. The vagrants, transients and street drunks who have taken over our beautiful city have been "enabled" to continue a lifestyle supported by Santa Monica. It isn't helping them get better. They often refuse help. They've made a lifestyle choice that has been condoned and even welcomed by those in power. The residents, especially women and children, are being confronted by dangerous and "anti-social" behavior more and more frequently.
How many cars do you own?
What do you drive? One car, a Mitsubishi Lancer (purchased in Santa Monica, of course!).
If you could have dinner with three people from history, alive or dead, who would they be?
Why? Benjamin Franklin: He was constantly learning, inventing, improving on so many fronts. A true renaissance man. Nikola Tesla: The real genius behind electricity, the light bulb and other inventions of the 19th Century. He was far more gifted than the commercially popular and successful Thomas Edison. Jesus Christ: It's the obvious answer, but there is so much to ask him. What would he think of our 21st Century world? Of the power of churches and Christianity? How much of his message has been lost or misinterpreted?
Favorite quote? "Never, never, never give up." — Winston Churchill
Pet peeves? Spam (unsolicited e-mail).
How do you take the edge off? (How do you relieve stress?) Working out: Lunch hours on the

stair stepper at the gym and training with Fabian twice a week.
What's your biggest accomplishment in life? Raising a son.
What's your biggest disappointment in life? Hmmm. How can I know that yet? My life is not over.
Tell us one thing people would be surprised to know about you. I have a huge collection of rubber stamps and scrap booking supplies. Before my campaign for City Council, I was a teacher at Michaels (in Santa Monica), sharing my love of arts and crafts with others.
Fetishes? Does chocolate count as a fetish? I do love chocolate. And pizza. Not at the same time.
Hobbies/interests. How do you spend your recreational time? You mean other than this?
What's the last live performance you saw? Cavalia. Amazing.
Last book you read? "How to win a local election" by Lawrence Grey
Have you ever been arrested? If yes, what for? No.
Family: Marital status. Number of children? I'm divorced, I have a son and a stepson, both grown. My son attended Santa Monica public schools and is now in college. My stepson has a business in Santa Monica.
Endorsed by: Bob Holbrook, Member, Santa Monica City Council; Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, Nat Trives, Former Santa Monica Mayor, CEPs (Community for Excellent Public Schools); Shane McCloud, Member, School Board SMMUSD; Jean Sedillos, Chair, Restore Barnum Hall and a host of other Santa Monica neighbors and friends.
Public service/political experience? A few years ago I began

organizing my neighborhood for what we thought would be a simple task of getting the city to relieve an intolerable parking situation in our area. During our four-year struggle, I met many other Santa Monica residents who had felt similar frustrations caused by unresponsive city leaders. I began attending council meetings, neighborhood meetings, organized a neighborhood Web site, newsletters, e-mail group and neighborhood watch. Earlier this year, I helped initiate the SAMO Parking and Transportation Task Force under the school district, bringing residents, students, city and school officials together to find solutions to transportation and parking problems surrounding the high school. I am action oriented, persistent and a strong advocate for residents.
Political affiliation: Non-SMRR.
Let me explain, the City Council is considered a "non-partisan" race. Yet for 25 years, one group-SMRR has almost entirely controlled Santa Monica. Perhaps they had good intentions at one time, but they've lost touch. Their focal point, rent control, is part of the city charter. It can never be overturned regardless of who is on the City Council. The only way to overturn rent control is to put it on the ballot and let voters get rid of it. It will never happen. Santa Monica's population is mostly renters — so rent control will never be voted out. It's protected and safe. Sadly, the SMRR incumbents have used fear tactics to scare tenants into believing they will lose rent control if they don't vote for them. It's irresponsible. And it's wrong. I'm proud to be an independent non-SMRR candidate.
Educational background: N/A
Question #1:

In 300 words or less, answer this: If you were elected into office, what would be the first policy change you would make? How would you ensure a majority vote on that policy?
I would require accountability and sunset clauses on the programs that the city funds for homeless services. Homelessness is the No. 1 issue according to satisfaction surveys, polls and canvassing. The SMRR majority has done essentially the same thing for 25 years and we haven't solved the problem. Doing the same thing and expecting different results is one definition of insanity. We must change what we are doing. I believe people who live in Santa Monica are fed up and want to see results instead of rhetoric. It's time for change.
Question #2:
In 300 words or less, convince the public on why they should vote for you.
I represent two groups who are currently under-represented on City Council.
Women: We have only one woman on our City Council. Yet women comprise more than half of Santa Monica's population. That's extremely out of balance. As a woman, and a mother, I have a heightened awareness of the safety — or lack of it — in our public spaces.
PICO neighborhood: No one from the Pico neighborhood has ever been elected to City Council. Yet Pico is the largest neighborhood in Santa Monica. Time and again we hear about crime and troubles in the Pico neighborhood, yet none of our leaders actually live in the neighborhood, so they don't really have a stake in improving it.

Look, I live in the Pico neighborhood. I understand the issues because I live the issues everyday.
I am the only candidate who is both a mother and a Pico resident.
Question #3:
In 300 words or less, what will be your top three priorities the first year of holding office?
■ Homeless/vagrants: Our streets need to be made safer. The industry that has been created around "the homeless" in Santa Monica must be made accountable. Our tax dollars are supporting programs, and we owe it to our residents to see that those dollars are being used effectively. Why do we have a greater population of homeless people on our streets than in most nearby cities? Why do we continue to spend about \$5 million each year on programs without tangible results? Why must my neighbors or I be forced to step over someone who is passed out drunk on my sidewalk? It's not compassionate — we must end the suffering on our streets. I propose enacting sunset clauses and tying food giveaways to services such as addiction counseling and job training so people who want to get help are given the chance, only then can we help those who truly need and desire help.
■ Traffic : We need to allow traffic to move through our major arteries with computerized signal timing and reduced barriers while simultaneously protecting neighborhoods from cut-through traffic.
■ Parking is difficult and getting worse. Current city policies offer no relief. It's time for a citywide plan that protects residents but still allows us to shop, visit friends, and help local businesses.



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Bobby Shriver

Age: 50

Profession: Attorney, organizer/financier/manager of nonprofit organizations.

Alternative career. What you do if you weren't employed in your current profession? NASCAR driver.

How long have you lived in Santa Monica? 17 years.

What neighborhood do you live in? North side.

Why did you choose to live here? It is the best place to live in the whole country.

Rent or own? Own. I rented in earlier days.

Favorite place in Santa Monica? Any yoga studio.

Worst thing about living in Santa Monica? Not enough places to buy coffee.

How many cars do you own? Two. **What do you drive?** A 1994 Mercedes.

If you could have dinner with three people from history, alive or dead, who would they be? Why? Jesus, Shakespeare and Mozart. I challenge anyone to come up with a better group.

Favorite quote? "If you want to touch the sky, you'd better learn to kneel." — Bono

Pet peeves? Questionnaires.

How do you take the edge off? (How do you relieve stress?) Accordion music — polkas are best.

What's your biggest accomplishment in life? My relationship with my fiancée.

What's your biggest disappointment in life? Not meeting my fiancée earlier in my life.

Tell us one thing people would be surprised to know about you. I once sat still for five minutes.

Fetishes? Hmmm.

Hobbies/interests. How do you spend your recreational time? Yoga.

What's the last live performance you saw? U2

Last book you read? Santa

Monica city budget.

Have you ever been arrested? If yes, what for? Not as an adult.

Family: Marital status. Number of children? Engaged, one step-daughter-to-be.

Endorsed by: Santa Monica Police Officers' Association, Santa Monica Firefighters' Association, Los Angeles County Democratic Party, Community for Excellence in Public Schools, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, Pier Lessees Association, and I have been designated "The Pick of the Litter" by Unleash the Beach.

Public service/political experience? I have produced eight Christmas albums that raised \$60 million for the Special Olympics. I invested the money and turned it into \$100 million. With the rock musician Bono, I formed the DATA Foundation, which has secured \$15 billion from both Democratic and Republican administrations to alleviate AIDS and poverty in Africa. I am a director of the Crossroads Foundation at Antigua, a substance-abuse rehabilitation center. I am chair of the California State Parks and Recreation Commission. In Santa Monica, I organized a successful grassroots movement to force the city to rewrite its outdated ordinance regulating the height of hedges. Many people — including me — are involved in city government because of it.

Political affiliation: Democrat.

Educational background: B.A. in American studies from Yale (cum laude). J.D. from Yale Law School.

Question #1:

In 300 words or less, answer this: If you were elected into office, what would be the first policy change you would make? How would you ensure a majority vote on that policy?

I would change the council rules to shorten the meetings. Depending on who is elected, the majority could favor that. If not, I would propose some new rules limiting the amount of time a councilmember can speak.

The public is limited to three, or even two, minutes — but councilmembers have no limit. I'd also propose a stricter procedure to make it harder for meetings to go past 11 p.m. (Maybe require a 5-2 vote, or an emergency situation).

Question #2:
In 300 words or less, convince the public on why they should vote for you.

I get results for people. During this campaign reporters have said that I'm entering the family business — meaning elective politics — by running for office. But the Shriver family business is serving people. That's what I've done my whole life. When I'm raising money for Special Olympics, I consider disabled athletes my clients; for DATA, poor people in Africa. As a councilmember, I would work for the people of Santa Monica the same way.

Question #3:
In 300 words or less, what will be your top three priorities the first year of holding office?

1. Begin the process of establishing permanent housing for chronic homeless people in vacant buildings on the Veteran's Administration grounds in West Los Angeles. Mental health, substance abuse, medical, nutritional, occupational, and social support would be available at that facility.

We must end the situation we now have on our streets and in our parks, for the sake of the homeless people and all Santa Monica residents.

2. Change the attitude city leaders have toward residents and businesses from "Here's what you must do for me." to "What can I do for you?"

3. Regarding traffic and development: Start incorporating the "less is more" philosophy into Santa Monica's land use policies.

OPTIONAL:

Is there an afterlife? Yes.

Do you believe in extraterrestrials? No.

What's the meaning of life? God is great.

Have you inhaled? None of your business.

Rocking the vote: Westerners may give primaries the heave-ho

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Washington state voters want to go back to politics as usual. Californians are thinking about getting away from it.

They have the same solution.

In the latest testament to the independent streak in Western voters, residents in both states are considering dumping political party primary elections.

If approved, proposals on the November ballot would turn virtually all state and federal primaries into a sort of political free-for-all in the two states. Voters, regardless of party affiliation, could cherry-pick from candidates of every stripe on a single primary ballot.

Only the top two finishers would move to the November ballot, hence the catch phrase "top-two primary."

What that means is that in a primary election, Democrats could vote for a Republican. Republicans could pull a lever for a Green Party candidate. Greens could choose a Democrat. And so on.

Controversial?

In a presidential election year with a noxious political climate, it has produced oddball alliances among Democrats, Republicans and minor parties that see a threat to their authority and want it defeated.

The California initiative has placed Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger essentially at odds with his own party. The governor has not formally endorsed the state initiative, known as Proposition 62, although he has said, "In principle, I'm all for that, yes."

"The West has always been more independent in its politics — we are not tied as securely to the parties like in the East and the upper Midwest," said University of Washington political science professor David Olson, who backs the change.

As elsewhere in the country, voters in Western states have grown weary of deadlocked legislatures, cookie-cutter candidates and rubber-stamp elections. Some see the "top-two" idea as a continuation of other election-reform movements, which have produced term limits and caps on campaign financing.

In California, supporters argue that an open-style primary would force candidates to appeal to Main Street voters, rather than pandering to the right- or left-tilting activists that tend to dominate primaries. The result is less gridlock.

One reason the change is taking root — it's also being talked about in Oregon and Alaska — is because voters in California and Washington have the ability to take government into their own hands.

Because residents can place initiatives on the ballot, "They have the tools of direct democracy to bypass the state legislatures and force reform," said Elizabeth Garrett, director of the Center for the Study of Law and Politics at the University of Southern California-California Institute of Technology.

Both states have long held nonpartisan local elections.

Political parties argue that the "top-two" idea would steamroll third-party candidates off the November ballot, in effect limiting choice, if not democracy.

STATE



Jobs commission fights to avoid full disclosure

BY TOM CHORNEAU

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's jobs commission, which he announced to great fanfare in March and which has arranged details for two of his foreign trips, is fighting state conflict of interest and financial disclosure policies.

Although Schwarzenegger campaigned last year for more openness in government and has referred to the California Commission on Jobs and Economic Growth as "my team," the commission has told the state's Fair Political Practices Commission that it is a private group with little connection to the governor or public policy. Therefore, according to a letter from the commission's attorney, it is exempt from adopting conflict of interest policies or requiring its members to file investment disclosures.

"Although the governor and some other state officials have been invited to serve in an honorary role in order to foster a synergy between the private and public sector, these officials have no authority to direct the commission's activities," attorney Kathryn Donovan wrote in a September letter to the FPPC.

While no FPPC officials would comment on why they believe Schwarzenegger is behind the commission, the governor and his staff have given that impression often. For example:

■ A March 10 press release from the governor's office headlined, "Gov. Schwarzenegger names job promotion team," announced the members of the commission.

■ During the event introducing the commission in Long Beach, Schwarzenegger called the new organization "my team." Virtually every news account from the press conference referred to Schwarzenegger as appointing the commission members.

■ The organization, led by Los Angeles attorney Ron Olson and San Francisco financier Warren Hellman, helped organize meetings with Israeli business executives during the governor's trip to the Middle East in May. The group is also involved in setting up similar meetings with Japanese businesses for trade mission Schwarzenegger is taking to Tokyo next month.

■ Among the 24-members of the commission are some of Schwarzenegger's biggest campaign supporters, a longtime business associate and three members of his staff.

But even if a legal review proves otherwise, the aggressiveness with which the jobs commission is fighting conflict of interest requirements seems to contradict campaign promises Schwarzenegger made and has repeated since taking office to open up government activities to public review and break down the influence of big special interests.

"In spite of his promise for a government that is open to the people of California, Schwarzenegger is essentially creating a shadow government that is behind the curtain and operating without accountability," Doug Heller of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, a Santa Monica-based interest group.

This isn't the first time Schwarzenegger's activities have been shielded from scrutiny.

So far, he's funneled almost \$250,000 to another private nonprofit corporation

aimed at promoting his political interests without disclosing how the money is being spent or where it came from, campaign finance records show.

A spokeswoman from the governor's office declined comment Thursday.

The FPPC is reviewing the jobs commission issue, and a spokeswoman said she did not know when it would be resolved.

At issue is the role the governor and his staff had in creating the commission and directing its activities.

While the governor and the commission co-chairmen said in March that the new organization would receive no public money and operate as a private nonprofit corporation, the FPPC wrote the group in July saying some private nonprofits are still considered government entities because of how they are formed and who controls membership.

Mark Mosher, the commission's executive director, said the organization is private and Schwarzenegger has only an honorary role.

"We are not doing state business," he said. "We don't pass laws, we don't influence government service. We exist to promote the state as a place to locate business."

Olson and Hellman created the group, Mosher said, and Schwarzenegger was just the inspiration.

"He (Schwarzenegger) said, 'Hey, I think we ought to do something because I promised to do that during the campaign,'" Mosher said. "He said to Warren and to Ron, 'Could you guys do something?'"

All of the commissioners were recruited by Olson, Hellman or himself, Mosher said.

Calls to other members of the board were not returned, including Rachel Berliner, co-founder of a \$100 million frozen food company; Paul Folino, chairman and CEO of Emulex Corp.; and John Wilhelm, president of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union.

While Mosher called the group's activities completely independent of the state and the governor's office, he acknowledged visiting Tokyo earlier this month to prepare for the governor's trade mission.

Mosher said his job was to set up meetings for members of his commission with Japanese businesses who might be interested in making investments in California. He said he has no knowledge of whether the governor or members of his staff would attend any of those meetings.

Schwarzenegger's press secretary Margita Thompson said Tuesday the governor would have at least two business-related events in Tokyo during the Nov. 10-13 trip as well as private meetings.

Although not required under IRS guidelines, Mosher released the commission's income to date of \$380,000 from its members so far and promised a more detailed disclosure of contributions in the near future. But he said, the group did not believe it should comply with state conflict of interest codes.

Besides ongoing promotion of California, the commission is paying for a \$600,000 national billboard campaign that feature the governor calling for businesses to come to California. The group also paid the cost of relocating a small printing company from Las Vegas to Los Angeles last month that the governor used as a press conference.



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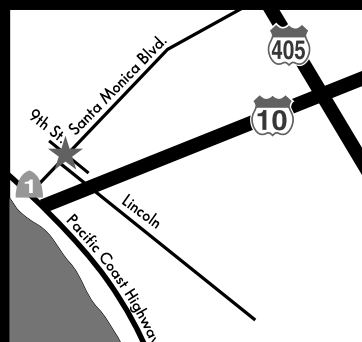
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Rain cuts state fire risk, relief may be short-lived

BY TIM MOLLOY

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Heavy rain this week may have spared California from a second straight year of catastrophic wildfires, but dangers remain, especially in national forests plagued by drought, unchecked growth of brush and bark beetle infestation.

With even more rain expected next week, fire season will end Monday in Central and Northern California, said Karen Terrill, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Forestry.

"We haven't made a decision yet regarding closing fire season in Southern California," she said. "But this good soaking rain in many areas lessens the fire danger."

Wildfires across Southern California last fall blackened 750,000 acres, killing 24 people and destroying more than 3,600 homes.

The region has so far escaped a replay of the disaster, despite previous warnings that this was shaping up to be one of the most dangerous fire seasons in history.

In San Bernardino National Forest, hundreds of thousands of dead trees are clustered together outside cities like Lake Arrowhead and Idyllwild. The area has been hard hit by several years of drought

and a bark beetle infestation. At least one-third of the forest is dead.

One fire ecologist suggested homeowners in the area take advantage of the rain this year to hack away dense trees and prepare for the next round of wildfires.

"We just bought a year's time, that's all that happened," said Richard Minnich, a professor at the University of California, Riverside.

On Wednesday, officials reopened some areas of the San Bernardino forest that had been closed due to fire danger. Angeles National Forest was also reopened after 90 percent of that forest was shut down earlier.

The San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountain ranges received from 5 and 10 inches of rain this week, with isolated parts of the San Bernardino Mountains getting up to 14 inches, according to the National Weather Service.

"It's definitely pretty wet out there. It looks like we're going to be able to escape October without any fires or winds, and the further we go, the closer we are to winter," said Steven Vanderburg, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

"As long as this pattern stays as it is, there's not too much to worry about," he said.

Sierra skiing season off to an early swoosh

By The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — The Sierra ski season traditionally opens around Thanksgiving, but a storm that dumped up to 4 feet of snow in places has skiers laying down tracks before Halloween.

Boreal Mountain Resort opened one of its nine lifts on Thursday and plans to operate two more this weekend.

Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort opened two of its 27 lifts Thursday. Kirkwood Mountain Resort is scheduled to open two of its 12 lifts Saturday and will remain open on weekends until beginning daily operations Nov. 20.

"There were people waiting at 4:20 this morning to be first on the lifts," Jamie Bumgarner, Mammoth's advertising and production coordinator said Thursday.

Boreal's opening was the second earliest in its 39-year history, with the earliest being Oct. 11, 2000, said Kyle Truesdell, group sales manager. He said about 125 people were at the resort by 11 a.m.

Mammoth's earliest opening was Oct. 8, 1994. Kirkwood's best was Halloween, 1999.

Officials at other resorts either haven't decided whether they will open early or have said they wouldn't open before their previously announced opening date.

Squaw Valley USA spokeswoman Katja Dahl said its Nov. 20 opening date may stand because temperatures could turn warmer.

"We're looking at it, but we have to assess what Mother Nature has in store for us next," Dahl said. "We got a ton of snow and we're headed in the right direction."

At Heavenly Mountain Resort, spokeswoman Molly Cuffe said plans are to open Nov. 19 because Heavenly wants to open with as much accessible terrain and operating lifts as possible.

John Wagnon, Heavenly's vice president of marketing, said that despite one of the earliest major snowstorms in years, Heavenly wants to complete work on its new six-passenger lift and upgrades to its snowmaking and grooming operations.

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ACLU wants answers about questions

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The American Civil Liberties Union sued the FBI this week, trying to get more information about the agency’s questioning of Muslims and Arabs as it investigates the possibility of pre-election terror attacks.

The ACLU, which describes the unannounced interviews at homes, workplaces and mosques “interrogations,” is seeking internal documents under the Freedom of Information Act about whether the government is protecting the constitutional rights of those interviewed.

“We are trying to get much greater sunshine over these activities,” said ACLU attorney John Crew.

Among other things, the group wants to know how the agency chooses who it will interview.

“These random interviews or interrogations raise the concern that the FBI and the Joint Terrorism Task Forces operating in Northern California are infringing upon the civil rights and civil liberties of immigrants, U.S. citizens and organizations by interrogating them without any valid basis, rationale, or individualized suspicion for doing so,” the ACLU’s FOIA request says.

Total recall: Secretary of state loses luster

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Secretary of State Kevin Shelley guided California through a surprisingly trouble-free recall election last year and became a national champion to voting rights activists when he sounded the alarm about the potential for fraud and other problems using electronic voting machines.

But on the eve of this year’s general election, he’s been mired in scandal, accused of taking questionable campaign contributions and misusing federal election funds. The deepening controversy has paralyzed his office, leading the chairman of the nation’s election oversight commission to warn that California could lose \$170 million in federal election funds.

“We have information that suggests that the state may not be just behind, but be completely delinquent in addressing some of the mandates,” Election Assistance Commission Chairman DeForest B. Soaries Jr. said Wednesday, citing failures to fulfill federal requirements for boosting voter education programs and training poll workers.

Shelley has also been accused of accepting a campaign check in his state office and may have taken other campaign contributions laundered through a state grant he secured for a political supporter. Now his critics are questioning whether the 48-year-old Democrat can be trusted to manage a presidential election in the nation’s most populous state.

Boxer opponent may take a dive

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Bill Jones appears set to close out his race for U.S. Senate without airing a single television ad — likely dooming himself to failure in a state where commercials are considered key to reaching voters.

Jones entered the final stretch of his campaign against incumbent Democrat Barbara Boxer with a mere \$326,000 in cash, according to campaign finance reports filed Thursday. That’s not nearly enough for a week of television ads in California, which can cost more than \$1.5 million.

And Jones has yet to come up with the \$2 million he promised to donate his campaign from his own pocket. With Jones struggling to liquidate the cash, according to advisers, it’s looking less and less likely that he will do so — or that it would make a difference.

Instead, Jones has used his campaign money to repay himself the \$450,000 he previously lent to his campaign.

Boxer, meanwhile, was set to air her fourth television commercial Friday. She had \$1.4 million in cash to take her through the campaign’s final weeks and already has ad time reserved through Nov. 2.

The candidates filed pre-election campaign finance reports for Oct. 1-Oct. 13 to the Federal Election Commission Thursday.

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NATIONAL

Bush signs tax-cut bill without much ballyhoo

BY PETE YOST

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush showed \$136 billion in new tax breaks on businesses, farmers and other groups Friday, quietly signing the most sweeping rewrite of corporate tax law in nearly two decades.

Announcing the action without fanfare aboard Air Force One, the White House said the new law is good for America's workers because it will help create jobs here at home.

The election-year measure is intended to end a bitter trade war with Europe and supporters said it provides critical assistance to beleaguered manufacturers who have suffered 2.7 million lost jobs over the past four years.

The legislation also includes about \$10 billion in assistance for tobacco farmers. A Senate provision that would have coupled the assistance with regulation of tobacco by the Food and Drug Administration was dropped by the conference committee that ironed out differences between the two chambers.

Though the legislation provides new tax breaks, Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation says it has no impact on the deficit because it also closes corporate tax loopholes and repeals export subsidies.

Opponents disagree, saying it will swell the nation's huge budget deficit with a massive giveaway that will reward multinational companies that move jobs overseas and add to the complexity of the tax system.

The centerpiece of the tax legislation is \$76.5 billion in new tax relief for the battered manufacturing sector, which has lost 2.7 million jobs over the past four years. Manufacturing in the law is broadly defined to include not just factories but also oil and gas producers, engineering, construction and architectural firms and large farming operations.

John Kerry's presidential campaign says the assertion that the new law is revenue-neutral is bogus because many of the tax breaks in the new law are for only one or two years and likely will be

extended by Congress, while revenue-saving offsets are for 10 years.

The law will "shut down corporate tax abuses — without increasing the federal deficit," insisted House Ways and Means Committee chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif.

There was no signing ceremony.

"This legislation will end the European sanctions on American exports, and it will help promote the competitiveness of American manufacturers and other job creators, and help create jobs here in America," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said on the campaign trail in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Kerry missed the vote on the corporate tax breaks. Kerry spokesman Phil Singer said that "in his first budget, John Kerry will call for the repeal of all the unwarranted international tax breaks that George Bush included in this bill."

The handling of the corporate tax bill stood in contrast with Bush's action on Oct. 4 when he sat before television cameras on a stage in Des Moines, Iowa, to sign three tax-cut breaks popular with middle-class voters and revive other tax incentives for businesses.

The original purpose for the legislation was to repeal a \$5 billion annual tax break provided to American exporters that was ruled illegal by the Geneva-based World Trade Organization. Repeal of the tax break was needed to lift retaliatory tariffs on more than 1,600 American manufactured products and farm goods exported to Europe.

The tariffs now stand at 12 percent and are rising by 1 percentage point a month.

The measure is the most sweeping overhaul of corporate tax law since 1986. It replaces the \$49.2 billion export tax break with \$136 billion in new tax breaks for a wide array of groups from farmers, fishermen and bow and arrow hunters to some of America's largest corporations. Among the beneficiaries: native Alaskan whalers, importers of Chinese ceiling fans and NASCAR race track owners.

Gas pipeline reopened after storm moves along

BY EDUARDO MONTES

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — A pipeline that supplies Arizona with about 70 percent of its gasoline, diesel and jet fuel was operating again Friday after being shut down in the aftermath of severe rain in Southern California.

Inspectors determined the 20-inch line to Phoenix was OK and it was reopened about 3 a.m. PDT, said Rick Rainey, a spokesman for Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, the Houston-based company that operates the line.

"We're not going to take chances with running it unless it's safe," Rainey said.

The line was shut Wednesday as a precaution after a freight train derailed atop it. The line wasn't damaged.

Heavy rain caused the train derailment near Fontana, Calif. Soil underneath the tracks had been washed out by the water, according to authorities.

A nearby 16-inch line to Las Vegas was also stopped Wednesday when heavy rain washed out soil around it. That

pipeline was operating again a day later, Rainey said.

Arizona officials were watching the pipeline closure closely.

Because it has no gasoline refineries, Arizona must import all its gas; all the demand is filled by Kinder Morgan. What isn't piped in through Southern California is delivered through another line from El Paso, Texas.

Last summer, the El Paso-to-Phoenix pipeline shut down because of a rupture in Tucson.

The closure forced many gas stations to close, led to long lines throughout the Phoenix metro area and sent prices skyrocketing. Much of the shortage was blamed on panic buying.

Kinder Morgan officials said there was no imminent threat of a shortage in the Phoenix area because of the latest shutdown.

There was plenty of fuel in storage in Phoenix and there was gasoline remaining in the pipeline, said Rainey.

NATIONAL



Border Patrol agents living life on the edge

BY LESLIE HOFFMAN
Associated Press Writer

ARTESIA, N.M. — A class of 48 aspiring Border Patrol agents on Thursday became the first to begin training at an academy much nearer to the U.S.-Mexico border than they'll soon be charged with protecting.

For years, new agents have trained in Glynco, Ga., and Charleston, S.C. Consolidating training at the federal law enforcement center about 80 miles north of New Mexico's border with Texas gives trainees a chance to learn in a Southwestern environment akin to the one they'll be working in.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Robert Bonner welcomed the class Thursday and said they are "training to become modern-day centurions, charged with guarding our country from all those who seek to harm us or violate our laws, whether they're international terrorists or drug smugglers, illegal entrants or other criminals who intend to break our nation's laws or who are likely to commit crimes in our country."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Bonner said that Border Patrol agents no longer merely stand guard against waves of migrants in search of work or drug smugglers. They are a critical line of defense in U.S. efforts to repel terrorists.

"The reality is that we need to do our traditional mission even better — and that is the ability to detect people coming across our border unlawfully — to make sure we are in a position to prevent potential terrorist operatives from entering our country," he said.

During the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, agents made more than 1.1 million undocumented immigrant arrests, up from more than 931,000 the year before. In New Mexico, arrests have hit a three-year high.

Up until now, the Artesia center provided only advanced training to experienced Border Patrol agents. The decision to locate the Border Patrol Academy here was prompted, in part, by the remote location — an element seen as a bonus for federal law enforcement activities.

The southeastern New Mexico locale also allows new agents "to train in an environment that's realistic, that's relevant to where most Border Patrol agents are assigned and stationed and that's the Southwest border," Bonner said.

For example, trainees can see firsthand how to "cut sign" — Border Patrol lingo

for tracking — and how border checkpoints operate here, he said.

The government acquired the former Artesia Christian College campus in 1989 and started the center as an advanced training facility for federal law enforcement officers, partnering with dozens of federal organizations, including the FBI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Artesia training center and three others nationwide were moved to the Department of Homeland Security last year.

During the year after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, center personnel focused their efforts on training air marshals. The following year, the emphasis shifted to basic training for uniformed officers from various agencies.

Last year, the center held the first six-day class aimed at certifying pilots of passenger jets to carry a handgun in the cockpit. Cargo jet plane pilots are also getting the same training to carry handguns in the cockpit during flights.

Amid the changes, the 2,540-acre campus has transformed from a law enforcement community college into a national security university suited for the Border Patrol's academy, said Linda Thomas, a senior policy and project analyst at the center.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the government has poured about \$30 million into improvements, from new security and administration buildings to a new 286-room dormitory and cafeteria, Thomas said. To accommodate the Border Patrol Academy, there are plans for an aquatic center, expansion of an building used for physical training, an additional 150-bed dormitory and a language arts building.

The Border Patrol eventually hopes to train about 1,000 new agents here annually, which means an economic boost for a small community largely reliant on the oil and gas industry and agriculture.

"I think it's going to be significant having them here," Artesia Mayor Daniel Reyes said.

Federal officials have told him to prepare for the relocation of more than 100 permanent agency staffer members and their families, all looking for places to live and shop in this community of about 10,500. Over the last month, the city council has already approved five new housing subdivisions and plans are in the works for a Wal Mart.

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NATIONAL

Rear ended: Kids of Kingston clan go to foster care

BY DEBBIE HUMMEL
 Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Eight children taken from a couple who belong to Utah's polygamous Kingston clan were ordered into foster care Friday, amid a series of legal moves aimed at separating the parents and shielding the children from alleged abuse.

The children were taken on Tuesday from John Daniel Kingston and Heidi Mattingly, who have 11 children, including two teen girls who had already been removed from the home. The state did not take the couple's youngest child, a 3-month-old girl, who will remain with Mattingly.

State child welfare officials have alleged abuse, neglect and efforts by the couple to block access to the children by state case workers.

At a hearing Friday, Judge Andrew Valdez ordered the children placed in foster care and the mother, Heidi Mattingly, to a domestic violence shelter with her infant.

The judge also ordered Mattingly to have no further contact with John Kingston or the rest of the clan. The judge ruled Kingston can have supervised visits with the children.

What motivated the judge's rulings was not immediately clear. Most of the hearing was held in the judge's chamber, and officials refused after the hearing to detail the allegations of abuse made by the Division of Child and Family Services.

Mattingly has been investigated by the agency at least three times since 1994, and found each time to have neglected her children by not providing enough supervision or a clean home.

Kingston was ordered earlier this year to pay support for the children he has with Mattingly. The support was ordered as part of a case in which both Kingston and Mattingly were accused of child abuse and neglect.

Kingston is believed to have 14 wives and more than 100 children.

The Kingston clan, which is also known to authorities as the Order, has an estimated 1,200 members and runs a \$150 million business empire that includes pawn shops, restaurant supply stores, dairies and mines.

The judge set separate hearings for each parent Nov. 3-4 to determine if either can be reunited with the children.

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NATIONAL



Voters ask: Where have all the cowboys gone?

BY WILL LESTER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Many voters are dissatisfied with President Bush's job performance but uneasy about Democrat John Kerry's ability to protect the nation, according to an Associated Press poll that found the two presidential candidates locked in a tie.

"The country is looking for a real leader — an FDR or a Kennedy," said Warren Hutchinson, an independent from Massachusetts who leans toward Kerry. "There don't seem to be any on the horizon."

Many voters believe Bush is better qualified to protect the country — an important attribute for an electorate very focused on national security. A majority consider Kerry indecisive, less solid on national security. But Kerry is seen as stronger on creating jobs.

Neither candidate has been able to gain a clear advantage. In the survey of 976 likely voters, Democrats Kerry and Sen. John Edwards had 49 percent, compared to 46 percent for Republicans Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney. That's within the margin of error of 3 percentage points for the poll conducted Oct. 18-20.

Many polls out recently show the race even, and some show Bush slightly up.

Almost one in five, 17 percent, of voters remain the target of nonstop campaigning by Bush and Kerry, the AP-Ipsos poll found. These persuadable voters say they're undecided or are tentatively backing a candidate while remaining open to changing their minds.

They are more likely than others to disapprove of Bush's job performance and believe invading Iraq was a mistake. And they are more likely than other voters to believe the nation is on the wrong track, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

More in this group lean toward Kerry

than Bush. But persuadable voters backing Kerry are more likely to switch sides than those backing Bush and they're more likely to trust Bush than Kerry to protect the nation.

"Kerry spent his whole time in the debates saying, 'your president has not done this or done that,' instead of saying what he would do as president," said Laurie Anuszkiewicz, a businesswoman from Beckley, W. Va.

Some surveys have found that a majority of voters saying they're concerned about the risks of changing presidents at a time of terrorist threats and war.

"I'm pretty sure I'll vote for Kerry," said Mary Anne Connolly of Middletown, N.J. "It's more that I don't want Bush. I'm still not comfortable with Kerry. I'm not sure he's real strong on foreign policy."

Despite doubts about Kerry on national security and strength of leadership, Bush hasn't been able to pull away from the Democrat.

Less than half of likely voters in the AP-Ipsos poll, 47 percent, approve of Bush's job performance. A rating below 50 percent spells trouble for any incumbent, and the president hasn't been above that threshold since before the first debate.

Some 56 percent of likely voters believe the nation is on the wrong track, another warning sign. By an 18-point margin, voters believe Kerry would be best at creating jobs. They are evenly split on who would do the best job on Iraq.

The president fares better on national security issues like terrorism. A majority of likely voters approve of Bush's handling of the war on terror and foreign policy. By 7 percentage points, more believe he would do a better job than Kerry of protecting the country; Bush had a 23-point advantage in March.



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NATIONAL

States of disbelief: Westerners frustrated over lack of dialogue

BY STEVEN K. PAULSON

Associated Press Writer

DENVER — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry have repeatedly missed chances to lock up votes in battleground states like Colorado and New Mexico by trotting out well-worn stump speeches that fail to mention key Western issues such as water and energy development, according to residents and regional experts.

Rancher Tweeti Blancett of Aztec, N.M., a county chairwoman of the Bush-Cheney campaign four years ago, said she is undecided headed into Nov. 2. She said the Bush administration's record is "miserable" on managing the oil and gas drilling that has proliferated in her area.

But she also says she expected more from Kerry and has heard nothing to convince her he will do a better job.

"I would like him to say that he recognizes there is a West. Does he understand the issues as they affect federal lands?" Blancett asked.

Kerry planned to attend a rally in Pueblo on Saturday, while Bush will visit Greeley on Monday. Vice President Dick Cheney visits New Mexico and Colorado this weekend.

Tim Sullivan, regional director of the Environmental Defense Fund, said the presidential candidates are missing an opportunity to capture more votes in a close race, with four of the 10 battleground states in the West.

Sullivan said energy, global warming, management of public lands, forest policies, roadless access and air quality are all important issues west of the Mississippi River that are not being adequately addressed.

"The campaigns just don't understand how important these issues are in the West. I'm sure polls show other issues higher on the list, but the environment is important," he said.

Daniel Kemmis, director of the Center for the Rocky Mountain West at the University of Montana, said both men talked about the environment and other Western concerns early in their campaigns, but those issues have been lost in the final days of this election.

Instead, both candidates have focused on national issues like the economy and the war on terrorism.

"For the last month or two, even though they have made a number of trips to the West, their speeches have been their standard stump speeches," Kemmis said. "I think they have a blind spot with regards to the unique issues of the West."

During an interview in August with The Associated Press, Kerry said people in the West share the same concerns as all Americans on major issues, including jobs, the economy and terrorism. Pressed about specific Western issues, Kerry said he supports limited thinning

of forests but that Bush went too far. He also said the Endangered Species Act has been misused but still has a role in environmental policy.

During dozens of trips to the West this year, Bush has talked about access to federal lands and his energy policies. Bush has touted his "healthy forests" plan over the past several weeks and is expected to bring it up in Colorado next week.

Nicole Andrews, spokeswoman for the Bush campaign, said the president, a Texan, has a good grasp of Western issues. She said he has also done a good job addressing regional issues, working through Interior Secretary Gale Norton, a native Coloradan who has worked hard on water issues.

Steve Haro, spokesman for the Kerry campaign, said Kerry addresses environmental concerns when he talks about reducing dependence on foreign oil and promoting renewable energy.

Sullivan, however, said Bush and Kerry are avoiding more contentious environmental issues, including the Endangered Species Act, which environmentalists want enforced and farmers and ranchers say goes too far in limiting land use.

"I think both of them see the environment as an issue that can get them in trouble," Sullivan said.

Haro said the act has not been a major issue, though Kerry has addressed it when he is asked about it.

"It hasn't jumped out as much as folks would like," Haro said.

Attorney General Ken Salazar, the Democratic nominee for Senate in Colorado, said he plans to talk with Kerry about Western issues during their first joint campaign appearance on Saturday.

"One of the challenges we face in this country is how we deal with the rural parts of America," Salazar said. "I think it's important to put the focus on these issues. I'll be talking to John Kerry about that."

Kemmis said Kerry has the most to lose by alienating Westerners, leaving them with no one to vote for or driving them to support Ralph Nader.

"I think Nader can pick up some support on this issue," he said. "It may not be much, but in some states it may not take much to make a difference."

Blancett said many fellow ranchers who have teamed up with environmentalists across the West to protect air, water and land feel the same way she feels.

"I think most of us are Americans first, Democrats and Republicans second," Blancett said. "I think that we want to truly choose the very best person to lead our country. But since neither one of them is even thinking about representing us on the Western issues, it's leaving a lot of us just hanging."

Nuance getting its 'but' kicked in this campaign

BY CALVIN WOODWARD

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — These are rough times for the "Yes, but" view of life.

Sure, Churchill didn't save Britain from the Blitz by voting for something before voting against it.

But most people think in shades of gray when bombs aren't dropping on their heads. The expression "On the other hand" reflects the reality that people have two.

Whoever wins the election, nuance has become a no-no this year, bludgeoned by campaign attack ads and each side's distortion of the other's positions.

President Bush's wish to introduce choices to the Social Security system is cast as a dastardly move that will leave old people short of money to buy presents for their grandkids. Democrat John Kerry's multifaceted opinion of the Iraq war is feasted upon daily by the GOP in branding him a United Nations-loving equivocator.

Nuance, a trait most often associated with the Democrat and rarely with Bush, now is taken to mean flip-flop, wishy-washiness or appeasement.

Even his friends say Kerry can see eight sides of an issue, and they mean that as high praise. They say he won't shut his mind to other possibilities, that all things will be considered. His strategists may wince, but he can construct a scenario that reduces terrorism to a future nuisance.

"He maybe deliberates a little longer than he likes,"

his wife Teresa says, "but deliberation is not a sin in a complex world."

Whether it's a desirable leadership attribute or not, nuance is threaded through even the most divisive issues, not to mention through life.

Take abortion. Americans in the main are neither solidly for nor against abortion rights. They are in some nuanced in-between. How they feel about an abortion issue depends very precisely on how they are asked in an opinion poll.

Nuance is what helps keep polls fluid. Polls matter because average people do all the time what politicians do only at their peril — change their minds. Is there a hotter commodity right now than the undecided voter?

Bush has flip-flopped a number of times in office, and compromised, too, as even the most assured presidents do. But he marches along in self-confidence, unable or unwilling to name a mistake, declaring to the world that you are either for us or against us on terrorism, branding three troublesome countries evil and upending the government of one of them, Iraq.

Kerry, sarcastically if not defensively, credits Bush with his convictions. "Never in doubt," Kerry says of Bush, "but frequently in error."

Polls find that Americans see Bush as a more decisive leader than Kerry by a wide margin. But the election is so close in part because they've not decided whether decisiveness trumps everything else.

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NATIONAL

Democrats shooting themselves in feet over gun-control issues

ABY SCOTT SONNER

Associated Press Writer

TONOPAH, Nev. — John Cahill stood up at a meeting of state Democratic leaders in this small rural town a year ago to complain his party was ignoring the impact tens of thousands of Nevada gun owners could have on the 2004 election.

“When is somebody going to do something about Democrats and guns?” asked Cahill, 58, a lifelong party member and former parole officer who teaches gun safety.

Cahill’s rant about the bad rap the party gets for being “anti-gun” hit home with many at that meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee in the high desert halfway between Democratically dominated Las Vegas to the south, and Republican-leaning Reno in the north.

Since then:

■ Cahill established the Nevada Outdoor Democratic Caucus to organize the party’s elected officials who are pro-gun rights and try to keep Democratic hunters in the fold.

■ Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., has received \$4,500 in contributions from the National Rifle Association’s political arm in his bid for re-election to a fourth term against Republican Richard Ziser.

■ The AFL-CIO has launched a direct mail and telephone campaign to reassure union members in Nevada that Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry is a hunter who won’t take away their guns.

“In this election, my gun is safe. But my job isn’t,” states an AFL-CIO mailer that started arriving in mailboxes a week ago. “Both John Kerry and George W. Bush are gun owners and sportsmen.”

“Your Second Amendment rights will not be in jeopardy when we elect John Kerry president,” says a tape-recorded telephone message, “but your job and your union will be in jeopardy if we let George Bush have four more years in the White House.”

It’s the latest sign that Nevada’s outdoor enthusiasts — many cut from the mold of so-called “Reagan Democrats” — could help determine whether this rugged Western battleground state sticks with President Bush as it did in 2000, or swings back Democratic as it did the two presidential elections before.

“I’ve done some research in this area and it is one issue that can really swing Democrats. Pro-gun Democrats are always ready to jump ship,” said Ted Jelen, head of the political science department at University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

“It is one of the lessons of the Gore campaign (in 2000), that there is kind of a gun Democratic vote that really cares about that issue,” he told The Associated Press.

That view was echoed in interviews with veteran candidates, strategists and analysts across Nevada, where registration is divided nearly evenly between the two major parties.

“It is an issue that has traction with a group of people who have very, very strong feelings about gun rights,” said Richard Bryan, former Democratic governor of Nevada and two-term U.S. senator.

Aside from national security, Republican Rep. Jim Gibbons is hard pressed to name a more pervasive issue in his largely rural district covering most of Nevada outside Las Vegas.

“It is an enormously important issue for the West. It is absolutely a baseline issue for Nevada voters,” Gibbons said.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

A decade ago, then-House Speaker Tom Foley of Washington was among the Democrats who concluded that a vote on gun control legislation played a part in their historic loss of the House majority in the 1994 elections.

Bryan remembers campaigning that year with then-Rep. Jim Bilbray, D-Nev., who lost his seat to Republican challenger John Ensign, now one of Nevada’s U.S. senators.

“I would go to union meetings where Bilbray had very strong support — almost a 100 percent voting record with the AFL-CIO. And frankly, all they wanted to talk about was guns,” Bryan said.

“I think it was a big issue, rightly or wrongly. They had been persuaded that Bilbray was a gun opponent,” he said.

More recently, the NRA claimed credit for President Bush’s victory over Democrat Al Gore four years ago.

“You are why Al Gore isn’t in the White House,”

NRA executive vice president Wayne LaPierre told more than 4,500 delegates at the group’s annual meeting in Reno in April 2002.

In a speech that proved to be an early preview of his address to the GOP National Convention in August, Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., gave the keynote address to the NRA convention — the first Democrat invited to do so in a decade.

“What many do not understand is that the gun issue is not just about guns,” he told the Reno crowd.

“It’s about values. It’s about setting priorities. It’s about personal freedom and trust,” said Miller, who argued Gore’s stand on gun rights cost him Arkansas, West Virginia and Tennessee.

“Whenever I hear politicians talking about gun control, it makes me wonder if they understand my values or my way of thinking.”

Those words ring true with Cahill. He sees it when he visits meetings that many national labor unions hold in Las Vegas.

“They have family values,” said Cahill, an avid gun collector who moved to Nevada from the Midwest in the 1960s and worked 30 years as a juvenile parole officer.

“They are union guys. Their dads were union guys. And then they let something like guns divide them,” he said.

“They say they will not vote for someone they think is going to take their guns away. It approaches a religious belief.”

Bob McGowan, a longtime Democrat and Washoe County assessor, tells anyone who will listen that there are planks in both state party platforms supporting the Second Amendment’s right to bear arms.

Nevertheless, Republicans “have been very successful in beating us up on that because of the perception. And the perception means a lot,” McGowan concedes.

Though Kerry is a gun owner, he supports requiring background checks at gun shows and favored extending the recently expired ban on assault-style weapons.

Maj. Gen. Montano, former adjutant general of New Mexico who campaigned for Kerry in the West this summer, said gun control is “more of a passionate, wannabe kind of thing than it is a real issue, because we are not walking around the OK Corral anymore.”

“I go back 10, 12 generations in New Mexico and I’m a hunter, and I used to collect assault rifles, but I didn’t mind the assault weapons ban,” he said.

NOT SO SURE

Eric Herzik, a political science professor at the University of Nevada, Reno, isn’t convinced Kerry’s effort to appeal to gun owners will work in Nevada.

One NRA ad attacking Kerry says, “That dog won’t hunt.”

“Maybe it’s an attempt by Democrats to court the rural vote, which looks like will go overwhelmingly to Bush,” Herzik said about the Democratic push.

But Herzik warns the “gun issue cuts both ways.”

“For every vote that John Kerry may be courting with a gun owner, he’s at risk of alienating his more liberal base, which probably includes a lot of people who are both anti-gun and both anti-hunting,” he said.

Try telling that to the Nevada Outdoor Democratic Caucus. The group’s 165 members include two of the state Legislature’s most influential mainstream Democrats in Assembly Speaker Richard Perkins and Senate Minority Leader Dina Titus. Another member is congressional hopeful Tom Gallagher, a former casino executive trying to unseat Republican Rep. Jon Porter, who was endorsed by the NRA.

Gallagher supported the recently expired ban on assault-style weapons, but he also is a hunter with a long interest in gun rights, Gallagher’s campaign spokeswoman Mara Gassmann said.

“It is important for hunters to know that he doesn’t have any intention to take hunting rifles away. He is a big supporter of the Second Amendment and actually a pretty good shot,” she said.

At least 41,000 Nevadans were licensed hunters with guns as of a year ago, according to the Nevada Division of Wildlife.

It’s not known how many are among the state’s nearly 1.1 million registered voters. But their total is more than the number of registered voters combined in the 11 smallest of Nevada’s 17 counties — from Churchill County’s 13,282 to Esmeralda County’s 655.

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SPORTS

Red all over: Sox meet Cards in red-hot series

BY BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

BOSTON — The World Series logo was back on the field at Fenway Park, just like last year.

Only this time, it's for real.

That's right, the 100th World Series opens Saturday night in the city where the Fall Classic began in 1903 with Cy Young pitching a complete game against Pittsburgh for the Boston Pilgrims, predecessor to the Red Sox.

Beleaguered Boston, seeking to win the World Series for the first since 1918, will be playing the St. Louis Cardinals, the team that did in the Red Sox in Game 7 in 1946, then again in 1967.

Fenway Park, the smallest ballpark in the big leagues and one of baseball's jewels, will be hosting the Series for the first time since 1986, when Boston left home with a 3-2 lead only to watch Mookie Wilson's grounder squib through Bill Buckner's two nights later. With it went perhaps the best chance for the Red Sox to break Babe Ruth's Curse.

Now that they've pulverized those pinstriped Yankees, becoming the first major league team to win four in a row in the postseason after losing he first three games, the Red Sox will try to roll over a Cardinals' team that won 105 games, the most in the majors.

"I think I appreciate where we are," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "But as far as that goes, that's it. The task at hand is all that's on our mind, because the task isn't over. When it's over, we can sit back and think about a lot of things, and I'm sure that will bring a smile to my face."

Last year, the Red Sox grounds crew painted the Series logo on the field before the seventh game of the AL championship series in New York, only to have the Yankees rally from a four-run deficit to win on Aaron Boone's 11th-inning homer off Tim Wakefield.

On Wednesday, Boston went ahead early Game 7 and beat New York 10-3. After celebrating in front of Yankee Stadium's monuments on Wednesday night, the Red Sox took Thursday off, then worked out at midday Friday in empty Fenway on a cool and cloudy day.

There figures to be a boisterous crowd Saturday night, with dry weather forecast and the temperature in the low 40s.

"This is all bonus time," said Kevin Millar, who will

play first base for the Red Sox in Boston but make way for ALCS MVP David Ortiz when the designated hitter comes out of the lineup at Busch Stadium.

Boston is used to the charm of its own 92-year-old ballpark, which holds about 35,000 fans. There's the 37-foot-high Green Monster looming beyond left field, just 310 feet from home plate at the foul line. Across the way, there's Pesky's Pole in right, 302 feet from home, with a tricky fence that's only 3-to-5 feet high.

"It's a neat environment. Fans very close to the ball-field," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "A lot of passion, a lot of knowledge of the game."

St. Louis, which beat Houston 5-2 in Game 7 Thursday night to return to the World Series for the first time since 1987, didn't arrive until early evening. With the sky turning dark, the Cardinals got an up-close look at Fenway, which the Red Sox claim is "America's Most Beloved Ballpark," according to a big sign outside the stadium.

How hot a ticket are this weekend's games?

On eBay, \$5,100 was bid for four bleacher seats for the opener. Want a better view? Someone bid \$7,700 for four box seats.

"I want to see us win one time, because it's been a long time coming," said 85-year-old Johnny Pesky, a former Red Sox star who now is a special assignment instructor with the team. "I can die happy then."

Pesky was blamed by some for Boston's Game 7 loss to the Cardinals in '46, with some saying he held the relay too long on Harry Walker's double, allowing Enos Slaughter to score in his mad dash from first.

Boston didn't make it back to the World Series until 1967, when it faced the Cardinals yet again, and Bob Gibson pitched a three-hitter on three days' rest to beat Jim Lonborg.

St. Louis, which last won the Series in 1982, will start Woody Williams in the opener. The Cardinals' bashers, whose .278 batting average led the National League, will have to deal with Tim Wakefield's often-baffling knuckler before Curt Schilling, his ailing ankle held together by sutures, throws harder stuff at them in Game 2. St. Louis isn't ready to pick its Game 2 starter.

Last year, the Cardinals played a regular-season inter-league series against Boston for the first time, taking two of three at Fenway.

"It's a little something," La Russa said.

Postseason baseball

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DIVISION SERIES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Minnesota 2, New York 0

New York 7, Minnesota 6, 12 innings

New York 8, Minnesota 4

New York 6, Minnesota 5, 11 innings

Boston 3, Anaheim 0

Boston 9, Anaheim 3

Boston 8, Anaheim 3

Boston 8, Anaheim 6, 10 innings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis 3, Los Angeles 1

St. Louis 8, Los Angeles 3

St. Louis 8, Los Angeles 3

Los Angeles 4, St. Louis 0

St. Louis 6, Los Angeles 2

Houston 3, Atlanta 2

Houston 9, Atlanta 3

Atlanta 4, Houston 2, 11 innings

Houston 8, Atlanta 5

Atlanta 6, Houston 5

Houston 12, Atlanta 3

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston 4, New York 3

New York 10, Boston 7

New York 3, Boston 1

New York 19, Boston 8

Boston 6, New York 4, 12 innings

Boston 5, New York 4, 14 innings

Boston 4, New York 2

Boston 10, New York 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis 4, Houston 3

St. Louis 10, Houston 7

St. Louis 6, Houston 4

Houston 5, St. Louis 2

Houston 6, St. Louis 5

Houston 3, St. Louis 0

St. Louis 6, Houston 4, 12 innings

St. Louis 5, Houston 2

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St. Louis (Williams 11-8) at Boston (Wakefield 12-10), 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 24

St. Louis (Marquis 15-7) at Boston (Schilling 21-6), 5:10 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

Boston (Martinez 16-9) at St. Louis, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Boston (Lowe 14-12) at St. Louis, 5:25 p.m.

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INTERNATIONAL



Abducted CARE director weeps, pleads for life

BY ROBERT H. REID

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Margaret Hassan, the kidnapped director of CARE International in Iraq, wept and pleaded for Britain to act to save her life in a video aired Friday. "Please help me. This might be my last hours," the gaunt Hassan begged, shaking with fear and burying her face in a tissue.

The wrenching appeal by Hassan puts new political pressure on Prime Minister Tony Blair's government after it agreed to a U.S. request to redeploy troops to the Baghdad region to free up American forces for a new assault on insurgents.

Hassan, an Irish-British-Iraqi citizen who has been doing humanitarian work in Iraq for 30 years, pleaded with Britons to persuade Blair not to carry out the redeployment and warned she might meet the same fate as British hostage Kenneth Bigley, who was beheaded by his captors.

Unlike most hostage tapes released by insurgents, Hassan's showed no masked gunmen, no banners of the militant organization and no explicit demands for her release. Bigley's kidnappers had demanded that U.S. and Iraqi authorities free all women prisoners.

In the video, aired on Al-Jazeera television, Hassan stood alone in front of a bare wall, visible from the shoulders up, her eyes baggy and her face haggard.

"Please help me. Please help me," Hassan said, trembling. "This might be my last hours. Please help me. Please, the British people, ask Mr. Blair to take the troops out of Iraq, and not to bring them

here to Baghdad. That's why people like Mr. Bigley and myself are being caught. And maybe we will die like Mr. Bigley."

"Please, please, I beg of you," she said, then broke into tears and wept into the tissue.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw called the video "extremely distressing."

"I have the greatest sympathy for what her family is suffering," Straw said in a statement Friday. "Margaret Hassan has spent more than 30 years working for the Iraqi people. We hope all Iraqis will join us in calling for her immediate release."

No one has claimed responsibility for the abduction of Hassan.

She was born in Dublin and was naturalized as an Iraqi after marrying an Iraqi man and became widely known for her charity work in the Middle East, particularly in Iraq, where she distributed food and medicines. But her kidnappers, who pulled her from her car in the Iraqi capital, have pointed specifically to her British citizenship.

An editor at Al-Jazeera, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the network received Hassan's tape Friday but refused to say how or where. He said the tape included only Hassan's statement.

Blair's government agreed Wednesday to move some 850 troops from the southern Basra region to more dangerous central Iraq.

The U.S. military requested the redeployment to allow American forces to launch a new offensive to put down Sunni insurgents who control swaths of central Iraq ahead of Iraq's crucial elections, scheduled for January.

U.S. troops and insurgents also battled Friday near Buhriz, a former Saddam

Hussein stronghold about 35 miles north-east of Baghdad, exchanging gun, rocket and artillery fire as U.S. forces scoured palm groves in search of hidden rebel weaponry, the military said.

Between 20 and 25 insurgents were in the fight, Lt. Col. Keitron Todd told The Associated Press in nearby Baqouba. U.S. forces killed one suspected insurgent, but no Americans were reported dead, said Todd.

In other developments Friday:

■ Abdurrahman Yildirim, a Turkish welder kidnapped last week, escaped from his captors after they left a door open, his uncle said. Yildirim made it to Iraqi and

U.S. authorities and called his family in Turkey on Wednesday, the uncle said.

■ The Macedonian Foreign Ministry confirmed that three Macedonian contractors kidnapped in Iraq were beheaded by their captors. Al-Jazeera aired video showing two of the men on Monday, but investigators examining the full tape said it was clear all three men were killed. The three Macedonians, employed by a construction company, were abducted Aug. 21.

■ A car bomb exploded Friday near an American armored vehicle in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, wounding five U.S. soldiers, the military said.

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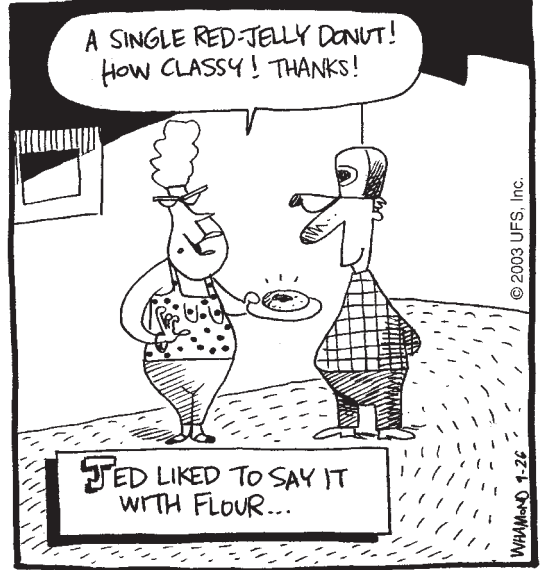
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

FX is getting Close: Actress attracted to cop role

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Glenn Close has joined the cast of FX's "The Shield."

The "Fatal Attraction" actress will star as Capt. Monica Rawling for the cop drama's 13-episode fourth season, the cable channel announced this week. This is the first time Close will play a regular on a prime-time TV series.

"Glenn is flat-out, hands-down one of the very best actresses on the planet," said "Shield" creator and executive producer Shawn Ryan in a statement. "We think this is an extremely unique, dynamic character that shakes our 'Shield' world upside-down over the course of the entire season."

The Rawling character will empower Detective Vic Mackey, played by Michael Chiklis, to enforce her controversial community policies.

Production begins in January.

"As a great admirer of Glenn Close's work, I'm thrilled she will be bringing her prodigious talents to FX and 'The Shield,'" said FX President of Entertainment John Landgraf. "Shawn Ryan has created an original and complex character, and we have great excitement about what Glenn will bring to her."

DES MOINES, Iowa — A little-known actor has been cast as Superman in a big-budget film slated for 2006, according to Variety magazine.

Brandon Routh, 25, of Norwalk, has appeared in the soap opera "One Life to Live" and just finished his first feature film, "Deadly."

He attended the University of Iowa and has had guest appearances on the television shows "Cold Case," "Gilmore Girls" and "Will and Grace." He also appeared on the third season of MTV's "Undressed."

Routh's father, Ron Routh, confirmed the Variety report but declined further comment because his son has not signed a contract.

He said he's been told publicity about the movie

won't happen until after it's shot. "Their motive is to keep the mystique up," he said.

Christopher Reeve, who made the role of Superman famous, died Oct. 10 after complications from an infection caused by a bed sore. He was 52. Reeve was left a quadriplegic after a May 1995 horse riding accident.

BERLIN — Joel Grey won't be giving last-minute advice to the cast of the new production of "Cabaret" opening in Berlin, even though he's in the German capital for the premiere and to show his work as a photographer.

"If they asked my opinion, which it's too late for, I would have very little to say," said the 72-year-old actor, who won a Tony and an Oscar for his performance as the Emcee in the Broadway and film versions of the show, set in 1930s Berlin.

"Actors need to be certain, when they open, of what they're doing ... it's not a time to be giving advice," he said.

Grey missed a chance to direct the production, which opens Saturday at the Bar Jeder Vernunft theater, because he was playing the Wizard of Oz in "Wicked" on Broadway. Instead, the job went to Grey's friend, choreographer Vincent Patterson.

But he had his own opening — of an exhibit of color photographs taken with his 1970s-vintage Nikon 35mm SLR camera over the past three decades — at the Galerie im Einstein on Berlin's Unter den Linden boulevard.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Las Vegas mainstay Wayne Newton, belting out his trademark version of "Danke Schoen," entertained troops during a recent trip to a U.S. base in Baghdad, the U.S. military said.

Newton, along with special guests that included actor Rob Schneider and country singer Neal McCoy, spent nearly three hours at a 1st Cavalry division camp in the capital on Tuesday.

They talked with troops, signed autographs, posed for pictures and shared a meal at the base camp's dining facility, a statement said.

Newton took over for entertainer Bob Hope two years ago as a celebrity figurehead on United Service Organizations tours, traveling around the world to headline entertainment shows for U.S. troops.

"Our purpose for the USO is to bring, obviously, a touch of home to our military men and women," Newton said. "And, to let them know they are not going to be disrespected when they get home."

Schneider echoed Newton's comments, saying, "This is a small thing that I could do, to make them laugh and just say, 'Hi,' and let them know America is behind them and we love them and hurry up and get home."

"In my career, I've done a lot of different things, television, movies, been all over the world — I get more out of performing for the troops than anything else," Schneider said.

The seven-day tour of the region included three evening performances, the first in Kuwait and two others in Iraq. It also includes stops at some base camps in Iraq.

INDIANAPOLIS — The chief executive of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra has been named the next president of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Simon Crookall will take the new position Jan. 1, the Indianapolis symphony said. Crookall, 44, has been with the Scottish orchestra for nine years, eight as its chief executive.

"I'm absolutely delighted," he told The Indianapolis Star Wednesday by phone from Scotland. "I was over in Indianapolis in the beginning of September for the gala opening concert. ... It was very clear to me that the orchestra is held in high esteem by the entire community."

Crookall, chairman of the Association of British Orchestras, succeeds Richard Hoffert, who will retire Dec. 31 after six years as the president and chief executive officer of the Indianapolis symphony, one of only 18 year-round professional orchestras in the United States.

Hoffert, 61, plans to move to College Station, Texas, where his wife, Sylvia, is on the faculty at Texas A&M University.

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