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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Richard Brooks, 50, was injured in a September incident in Concord, Calif., in which he became enraged at a group of bikers and drove toward them in his car, waving a pool cue with his left arm. It wasn't the bikers who injured him, though. Brooks got out, still in a rage, walked around behind his car, and was backed into because he had left the car in reverse gear. The collision knocked him into traffic, but some of the bikers pulled him to safety.

Brian Hoyt, 46, was arrested in Framingham, Mass., in August after he, riding his bike the wrong way on a busy street, headed straight for a police cruiser, forcing the driver to swerve. Said police Lt. Paul Shastany, later, Hoyt appeared to be "playing a game of chicken with the officers."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is 25, the 298th day of 2006. There are 67 days left in the year.

1854 The "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more than 600 men, facing hopeless odds, charged the Russian army during the Battle of Balaclava and suffered heavy losses.

1400 Author Geoffrey Chaucer died in London.

1879 Humorist Will Rogers was born in Oologah, Okla.

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Attack on the airwaves

HOT SEAT: Cable TV ads put incumbent on the spot

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — The hand-held video camera shakes as an elderly woman sitting on a park bench vents her

frustration over the number of homeless people living on the streets of Santa Monica.

"It's a disgrace," she says, with the sounds of children playing in the background. "I haven't seen this

many homeless people in all my life. (The City Council) needs to do something."

Then, the campaign commercial cuts to grainy, black-and-white images of homeless people picking

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through trash cans and sleeping on sidewalks. A female narrator blasts Councilman Kevin McKeown, charging the candidate with being

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Images courtesy

IMAGE CONTROL: Scenes from a cable TV ad attacking the record of City Councilman Kevin McKeown include resident testimonials and stark images of the homeless.

State beach kicks up water quality

BY JESSICA ROBERTS
Special to the Daily Press

SM PIER — While Los Angeles County beaches still have the dirtiest water in the state, the area surrounding Will Rogers State Beach was found to have improved dramatically in one year's time, according to a local environmental watchdog.

The findings issued Tuesday were part of Heal the Bay's 2006 California state beach report cards, which again saw the county earning the lowest marks in the state for water quality. As for Santa Monica

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José Bacallao/Special to Daily Press
STAGNANT: Michael Grimmer, of Heal the Bay, examines a tainted pond that has formed under the Santa Monica Pier.



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A FINAL SPIN: A woman previews a song by James Blunt on Tuesday before purchasing a CD at Tower Records on Fourth Street. The music store has filed for bankruptcy amid the soaring popularity of musical downloads and MP3 players.

Tower going the way of the 8-track

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — Business has been booming here in Tower Records over the past few weeks, with the renowned music store giant enjoying holiday-like sales levels.

But Christmas is still two months away, and unfortunately for Tower Records and its 15 employees, who will soon be out of a job, the recent sales surge is a result of liquidation as the music retailer plays its swan song.

Tower Records on Santa Monica Boulevard is one of 89 Tower stores

across the United States currently in the midst of closing sales, which have lured in thousands of customers anxious to get a good deal on compact discs, digital videos and music wares before they're all gone.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Opportunity strikes if and when you look past uproar or upset. You might want to question if reframing a situation might help. The power of perspective and mental outlook will become apparent. Tonight: Chill out to music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might be frazzled because of what you feel and hear. Remember, you can also decide the facts aren't there yet, or someone might not be as detail-oriented as you might like. Tonight: Talk to a partner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others command your attention, and perhaps not in a positive manner. Think in terms of potential gains and growth through letting someone run with the ball. If you think this person is wrong, you might be giving him or her an opportunity to see just that. Tonight: Listen to great music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Easy does it. Honor a change of tune or decide to go in a new direction. You have a propensity to overreact, especially when overwhelmed. A financial risk is unavoidable. Listen to news that heads in your direction. Tonight: You need some time off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Investigate facts with an eye to adding to your creativity and ability to sleuth through a problem. You can find solutions if you integrate different aspects of an issue. An associate or partner could act strangely. Tonight: The wild card hits financially.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You feel as if you are on a roller-coaster ride. You are tired and looking at a situation differently, and your nerves are frayed. Someone in your immediate environment acts up out of the blue. Honor a family member's needs. Tonight: Cocoon at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Knowing that you have alternatives will help you deal with the unexpected that seems to run through your life. You could be easily overwhelmed by all that is going down. Choose to take events as a challenge. Tonight: Meet a friend; swap war stories.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Every time you come up with a brainy (or so you think) idea, an obstacle gets tossed in your path. You find others more willing to tell you no than ever before. Think positively, and you'll jump over today's hurdles. Tonight: Treat yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You are on top of your game. Listen to your sixth sense. Be innovative. The incredible imagination you have needs to be put to use and funneled accordingly. Make no money commitments. You could change your tune later. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Though you might be overwhelmed by what comes down your path, you cannot put a halt to it. Listen to your intuition right now, especially as you might not be comfortable or centered. Hold action until later. Tonight: Very happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Head for what you want, whether you develop a mind-set toward a long-term desire or take an action. Move early in the day to maximize your success. You need to withdraw and do something very different. Tonight: Some time off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Take action, and you'll create what you want. Any extra energy will help you hit a home run. Emphasize what needs to happen. Aim for what you want and make it a reality. People in general play a significant role. Tonight: Where the party is.

BORN TODAY Actress **Tracy Nelson** (1963), actress, singer **Barbara Cook** (1927)

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SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE SIGNS: As the political season winds down, more and more reminders of who to vote for are popping up all across the city.

Profiling and styling while making the political scene

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — It's that time of year again. The signs are all around.

All across the city, drivers and pedestrians are being greeted with catchy slogans and toothy grins as candidates make their final push to make an impression heading towards Election Day.

Political signs of all shapes and sizes — spotted on lawns, fences, cars and businesses around town — are widely considered an effective supplement to typical campaign methods such as mailers and door-to-door canvassing. They show the public that a campaign has support, candidates say, while raising visibility and name recognition.

"A campaign sign on a piece of property shows this individual supports the campaign," said Rent Control Board candidate Robert Kronovet, who has 30 signs up around the city.

There can be strategy involved in where the signs are placed. Major thoroughfares like Lincoln and Santa Monica boulevards boast the high volume of traffic that is attractive to a campaign trying to get the word out.

Some campaigns place signs wherever there is a willingness on part of the property owner to host one.

"When I see one of my signs, it means someone has chosen to personally support me and I'm proud of that," said City Council candidate Kevin McKeown.

The campaigns of School Board candidates Emily Bloomfield, Barry Snell and Kelly Pye plan to collaborate their signage, as the three share virtually the same endorsements. Bloomfield is the lone incumbent among the three.

Still, those plans are on hold, as the Snell-Pye-Bloomfield trifecta has yet to receive the 300 signs they ordered and had hoped to put out this week. Snell said he does not believe yard signs have the same effectiveness as newspaper advertising and door-to-door canvassing, but hopes the signs might refresh his name in voters' minds.

Not every hopeful is depending on signs. Santa Monica College Board of Trustees candidate Andrew Walzer and incumbent Nancy Greenstein have decided against signage for different reasons — Greenstein believes mail is more effective, given a limit-

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CORRECTION In an article previewing the Santa Monica College Concert Band's fall concert ("The melodious sounds of fall," Oct. 21-22, page 3), the conductor was incorrectly identified as City Councilman Kevin McKeown. While the conductor is named Kevin McKeown, he is not the elected official.



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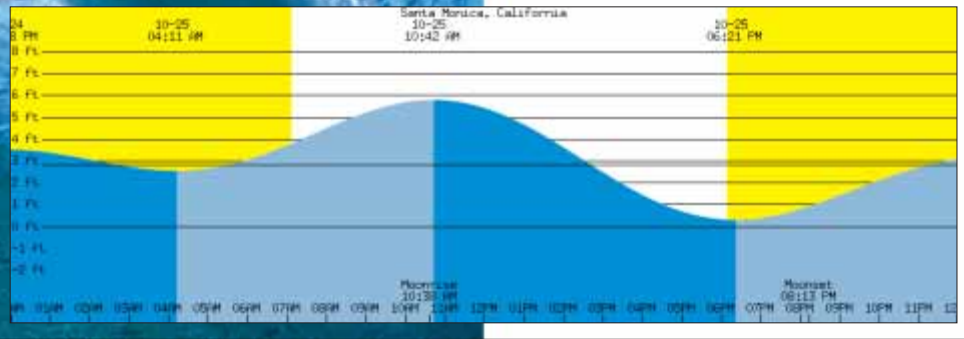
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SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 64°**

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Wednesday the 25th the SW is expected to decline down to a more steady chest high. NW energy is expected to increase, bringing west facing breaks into chest to at times head high surf. Note though that the incoming angle on the NW is quite steep, around 310 degrees, so breaks with marginal westerly exposure may only see the chest high action at best while standouts see sets at times running head high.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
NW TO BUILD AS SW FALLS OFF...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



The QLine

The verdict is in ...
Following more than two weeks of deliberations, the Farmers' Market crash jury found George Russell Weller guilty on 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence — opting against the lesser charges before the 89-year-old Weller, who drove his car through the outdoor Arizona Avenue market more than three years ago, killing 10 people and injuring more than 60 others.
While Weller faces up to 18 years in prison, sources indicate the prosecution may not seek jail time.
So this week, Q-Line wants to know:
Do you agree with the jury's verdict? What form of sentence would you advise the judge to impose on Weller?
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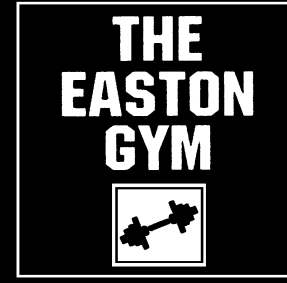
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trustees respond to ‘hit piece’ on Donner

Editor:
It is an outrage that a Community College faculty union would distribute a deceitful “hit piece” (mailer) in order to defame Tom Donner, a respected former administrator of Santa Monica College. We resent the complete distortion of (Donner’s) service to the college. Contrary to the “hit piece,” Tom Donner has been a most trustworthy administrator at Santa Monica College. He knows the facts and tells it like it is.

Hit piece claim: “Vocational programs eliminated”
The truth: Some vocational programs were eliminated because of low enrollment and lack of sufficient state funds for them. However, many vocational programs are still in place. The continuing vocational programs include photography, nurses training, early childhood education teacher training, fashion design, computer technology and business courses.

Hit piece claim: “6,000 students locked out”
The truth: The faculty union was responsible for faculty members refusing to accept late applicants to fill vacancies left by failed-to-show students.

Hit piece claim: “California Community College Chancellor places SMC on watch list for fiscal mismanagement”

The truth: When the state abruptly cut funding to all community colleges, the colleges had to use reserve funds in order to continue operations. When reserves drop below the state’s criterion, a college is automatically put on the “watch list.” This happened to many community colleges, including SMC. It was simply a consequence of a sudden budgetary action by the state, and SMC and the other colleges were automatically removed from the list as their reserves were restored.

Hit piece claim: “SMC runs \$6 million deficit”
The truth: The hit-piece \$6 million deficit is pure fiction. On Sept. 13, the Board of Trustees of the Santa Monica Community College District adopted the final 2005-06 budget, which shows an \$8.3 million surplus.

Hit piece claim: “... colossal failure of the Bundy Campus”
The truth: The Bundy Campus serves the community in many significant ways. All the Santa Monica child care workers are trained there, as are critically needed nurses.

Donner, through his extraordinary skills as the Chief Financial Officer, was able to keep SMC afloat to serve the maximum number of students possible. SMC has become one of the most distinguished community colleges in California, partly due to his accomplishments. He is widely recognized and his services continue to be sought by many community colleges across the country. Among his recognitions is the Walter Star Robie award, given to Donner by the Chief Business Officers of the California Community Colleges in the fall of 2005 for outstanding achievements and exemplary service.

Dr. Nancy Cattell, former SMC Trustee
Carole Currey, SMC Trustee
Dr. Dorothy Ehrhart-Morrison, SMC Trustee
Dr. Margaret R. Quinones, SMC Trustee
Herbert Roney, SMC Trustee
Irene & Sam Zivi, long-time residents, Santa Monica

Praise for the new ‘Girls’ in town

Editor:
I live on Fifth Street, down here in sunny Santa Monica. Just wanted to say that I’m already a big fan of the new comic ‘Girls & Sports.’ Thanks for thinking of my demographic!

Aaron Pfeffer
Santa Monica

Cover shot of Weller didn’t fit the crime

Editor:
The cover photo on your Oct. 21-22 issue was quite a disappointment. Whatever Mr. Weller’s errors in judgment or behavior were, the photo of his face with a large red “Guilty” plastered over the forehead is more suited for a psychopathic killer than for a sick old man who has, during most of his life, contributed much to this community.

Sara van Dyck
Santa Monica

If it’s an honor to serve, where’s the thanks?

Editor:
We the people of Santa Monica have selected a number of people to represent and serve us. The majority of money that is paid to Santa Monica is in the form of taxes we pay. The city is the largest property holder. This property is being purchased with our money and they claim it as their own. How can that be?

We pay for every homeless shelter and for every meal the city provides for them. Are they repressing us? Frankly, it sickens me and it goes on and on.

We pay for the trash bins. We buy the trash trucks. We pay the salaries of the men and women who operate them. I have never entered a council meeting where the council members greeted me with a real “thank you” for allowing me to serve you. Have our judges ever thanked us for their position? It’s time for us citizens to stand up and oversee the government or replace them, and the time to do that is when it comes to voting.

By the way, there is some good news — our police department has a fast responding team — the meter maids.

Greg Garrison
Santa Monica

When the stars invite the wise to assist the bold ... priceless



In many instances, the value of something is determined entirely by the person in whose hands it is held. I confess this point may seem so obvious that you wonder why it would be worth discussing. It’s because what is often not so obvious is the significant impact this principle can have in terms of either extinguishing or preserving human life.

To appreciate this point, take a moment to consider the value of the following: a nuclear bomb, a war-time business contract, the dollars sitting in our pockets.

First, the nuclear bomb. In the hands of most Americans (at least, I would like to think) its value is priceless. In other words, were your average American to have one in his closet, it is not something he would consider trading or selling at any price. But now take the same bomb and put it in the hands of someone like Kim Jong Il and we would have a different situation. For a host of reasons (both political, as well as economic), that bomb could well be given a price that not only is certain, but that some potential buyers of such stuff located around the world may find to be quite reasonable. Thus, an international market for nukes would be given birth, with all the life-threatening ramifications implicit to it.

Now, apply the same principle to a war-time business contract, and we can see how it works in the reverse. For this hypothetical, assume the German government in a time of war (say World War II) intends to award some businessman a simple contract to manufacture pots and pans for its military. In the hands of most individuals, the value of such a contract would probably be determined easily by calculating the money it would put in their pockets at the end. But now, place that same contract in the hands of a man like Oskar Schindler, and instantly it assumes a different value that would include the incomparable worth of the many lives he saved from being murdered by a madman. In short, in the hands of Schindler, an otherwise mundane contract soared in value to something far beyond priceless.

Lastly, apply this same principle to the value of the dollars we carry around. In the hands of a child, their value is likely to equal a certain combination of Snickers Candy Bars, sodas and rock CDs. However, in the palm of your average responsible adult, their value would hopefully increase. Assuming they are not required to cover life’s necessities, the same dollars would probably be more “prudently” applied toward acquiring some of life’s more important items like, say, a flashy car, an expensive meal or a flat

screen TV. Yet, as was the case with Schindler, there do exist among us a few in whose hands the value of those same dollars can become priceless.

How? By placing them in the hands of a group like the Westside Pregnancy Resource Center. There they would be used by people working in our community to make available medically accurate information to our young women who become pregnant, and thereby, assisting these women to make informed decisions as to whether or not they should choose to carry their babies to term — women who might otherwise think they are confronted with nothing but bad choices, or who, in some instances, may believe that abortion is their only choice.

Well, there are other choices, and fortunately there are a few among us dedicated to communicating that fact to women who need to hear it in a safe and supportive environment. That is what the WPRC works to accomplish. But it is something not done without a certain amount of courage. In today’s politically heated environment, their work is often scrutinized, mischaracterized and criticized both in the media and by so-called advocates of “choice.” The irony, of course, is that such pro-choice people are actually condemning the very ones who are truly bold enough to give the term “choice” real meaning. After all, doesn’t basic common sense mandate that for a “choice” to be meaningful the person called upon to choose should first be accurately informed about all the options that are available?

And if the choice so made results in a child being born, who among the rest of us is even remotely qualified to say that’s a bad thing? Sadly, however, there are some who do, just as there were those who said the world would be better without those Schindler saved. So I can only thank God for those who, like Schindler, have the boldness to stand firm against such hostile forces and actually do what many of the rest of us know to be right.

In turn, that now brings us full circle back to the dollars in our hands. Consider their value were some of them to be placed in the hands of people such as work at the WPRC. The fruit produced by even a few of them could very well be the lives of the children that your children or grandchildren will someday befriend.

This coming Nov. 11, the Westside Pregnancy Resource Center is holding its annual fundraising gala at Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel. Special guests may include Shelley Long, Kerri Caviezel, Patricia Heaton, Melissa Disney, Nancy Stafford, Clarence Gilyard, Mark Moseley and more. These will be the stars that have now come to invite the wise to assist the bold. Don’t be left out. For more information, e-mail 2006galainfo@wprc.org.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY MARK GOLD

Take the lead on Nov. 7

There is now new hope for a safe, clean and healthful Santa Monica Bay on the horizon, and it begins in the very community that in many ways gave birth to our movement and gives its name to our bay — Santa Monica.

The city of Santa Monica is asking voters to approve Measure V to provide the resources needed to implement a far-reaching plan the city has approved to clean up the most serious source of pollution to our bay — the grossly polluted runoff that spills into the ocean from our storm drains.

If Measure V passes, however, the implications will extend far beyond the city of Santa Monica. Communities all over the region — including the city and county of Los Angeles — will have an expert-developed, City Environmental Task Force-reviewed-and-endorsed roadmap to follow to a safe and clean Santa Monica Bay.

Having worked on this issue for nearly two decades, a roadmap is just what we need, and Santa Monica, with its long history of environmental leadership, is the community to provide it.

The voters of the city of Los Angeles have demonstrated that they are ready to do their share. In November 2004, they approved a \$500 million bond for stormwater cleanup called Measure O. It passed with 76 percent of the vote. Santa Monica's roadmap for a healthy bay can immediately influence priorities there.

From the very beginning of Heal the Bay, we understood that restoring our beautiful Santa Monica Bay to full health would be a daunting task, a task that might even take generations. So many years of thoughtless, and in some cases even, criminal polluting activities by governments, businesses and individuals had severely degraded our beau-

tiful bay.

It is tragic that so many people — children, swimmers, surfers and beach lovers of all ages — still get sick swimming in the bay. Just this week, we released our End of Summer Beach Report Card (see page 1), and once again, the beach next to Santa Monica Pier is one of the five most polluted in the state. Measure V would provide funds to replace the corroded, leaky drain under the pier — the biggest source of fecal bacteria to that beach. The water quality during the rainy season is even worse, and inexcusably, every rain leaves our beaches looking like trash dumps.

With new water quality regulations in place, clean beaches are no longer a moral obligation — it's the law. Santa Monica will have to pay for clean beaches out of the General Funds that provide us such wonderful services, or we can approve Measure V to provide earmarked funds to clean up our bay and beaches.

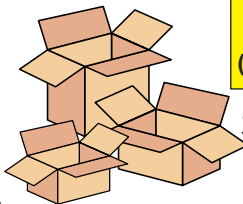
Measure V has been enthusiastically endorsed by virtually every environmental group involved with ocean issues, including Heal the Bay, the Sierra Club, NRDC, Santa Monica Baykeeper, Global Green and others. It is supported, as well, by the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association, SMPD, Senator Sheila Kuehl, Assemblyperson Fran Pavley, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities and nearly every elected official in the city.

Please join all of us in making a difference. We need a two-thirds vote to pass this measure. With your help, clean beaches and a healthy Santa Monica Bay are within our grasp.

Mark Gold is the executive director for Heal the Bay.

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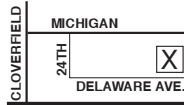
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CRIME

Wafts of marijuana lead to major SMPD drug bust

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — Santa Monica police arrested four suspects late Monday night for possession of large quantities of cocaine and marijuana with the intent to sell.

More than four ounces of cocaine and three ounces of "high quality" marijuana were found, according to SMPD Capt. Alex Padilla, who said police also discovered an electronic scale and packaging material typically used for the sale of narcotics.

The names of the suspects were not released, as of Tuesday, because the case is still under investigation.

Around 11:30 p.m. on Monday, officers responded to the 1500 block of Sixth Street after fielding a citizen's complaint about possible drug activity in the area. Once on the scene, officers surrounded two suspicious vehicles, from which they detained the four occupants.

All four smelled like marijuana and admitted to recently smoking pot in a near-

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by parking lot, police said.

Officers called in a K-9 unit to sniff for narcotics. The dog smelled the presence of narcotics and alerted the officers. The cocaine and marijuana was quickly recovered and the suspects arrested.

One of the suspects admitted to being a "marijuana connoisseur," stating that he was not ill and did not possess a prescription for medical marijuana, but does obtain his pot from various cannabis collectives located in West Los Angeles and Hollywood, according to police.

The suspect said he had several friends who worked at cannabis collectives and they obtained the high quality marijuana for his recreational use.

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McKeown opponents put feelings on film

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an enabler who has done nothing to move the homeless off of the streets.

The narrator soon charges that McKeown voted to allow the homeless to live in Palisades Park.

"Santa Monica cannot afford four more years of Kevin McKeown," the narrator says, as McKeown's smiling image gets stamped by a black circle with a line through it. The commercial, now running on CNN, MSNBC, The History Channel and local cable stations, is one of three spots entitled "Santa Monica Stories" that attack the incumbent's voting record.

The spots are paid for by the Edward Thomas Management Company, operators of Shutters on the Beach and Casa del Mar hotels. The company has gone on the offensive in these final weeks of the campaign season to oust McKeown, whom the group feels has been detrimental to the financial health of the city.

In addition to the commercials, the company's manager, Tim DuBois, sent letters to registered voters for the sole purpose of asking them to oust McKeown from office.

"My reason for writing to you today is to express our frustration with city policies that make Santa Monica less attractive to visitors as well as those of us who live and work in this wonderful community," DuBois wrote. "I'm talking about aggressive panhandling, intolerable traffic, poor city planning and a homeless problem that has grown out of control."

"Simply put, Councilman McKeown's actions make Santa Monica less attractive to residents and visitors."

The commercials have drawn criticism from McKeown and his supporters, who call them deceptive and desperate. McKeown, in turn, is using the commercials to support his image as a fighter for working-class residents who opposes the commercialization and exploitation of Santa Monica by big business.

"These negative attack ads on TV are a new low for Santa Monica politics," McKeown said. "No one spends that kind of money without expecting to make it back somehow. The big developers and luxury beach hotels targeting me stand to reap millions by turning our Santa Monica into Miami Beach."

"The real reason for their attacks on me is my strong defense of our coast, and of Santa Monica's human scale and character," said McKeown. "They know I will fight inappropriate development in Santa Monica."

READY FOR THEIR CLOSE-UPS

The TV spots mark a first in Santa Monica, where candidates for local races have traditionally bypassed spending the large sums of money needed to buy air time on television. One 30-second spot can run as much as \$700, depending on the channel and the time of day it airs.

Political pundits are watching the council race with renewed interest to see how much money will ultimately be spent.

"You've got a nice little election brewing there," said Matt Klink, a political consultant with Cerrell Associates, Inc. "It's a highly competitive atmosphere. For voters to pay attention to candidates, you've got to have the resources to do that ... There's the old saying that money is the mother's milk of politics. You can't win without it. You will see that play out on election day."

DuBois could not be reached for comment, however, Seth Jacobson, a spokesman for Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities (SMSP), which has spent in excess of \$400,000 in the campaign so far, thanks to strong financial backing from DuBois, said the commercials will run daily until the Nov. 7 election at a total cost of roughly \$35,000.

Since the commercials were paid for by DuBois' company and not the SMSP political action committee, the true cost of the commercials could not be verified.

Financial disclosure statements on the City Clerk's web site detailing contributions and expenditures from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 show that SMSP has raised \$359,000 from Edward Thomas Management, the majority of which has been spent on mailers in support of candidates Bob Holbrook and Terry O'Day, as well as mailers against McKeown.

In contrast, McKeown has spent just \$126, leaving him with a little over \$12,000 to spend, \$10,000 of which is coming out of his own pocket in the form of a loan.

Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR), the ruling political party in Santa Monica, is backing McKeown and has so far spent \$73,562 on slate mailers, canvassing and political consulting, leaving the organization with a little over \$72,000 to spend with less than two weeks to go until the election.

"I think that it is pretty absurd to spend that kind of money for local television ads attacking other candidates," said Denny Zane, a co-founder of SMRR. "It certainly can be effective, but Kevin has many friends in this community whose voices will be more effective than the voices of a couple of hotels."

Zane would not discuss SMRR's campaign strategy, however, the group plans to send more literature to voters, walk precincts and make phone calls to encourage people to get out and vote.

TURF BATTLES

Jacobson said the commercials and the letter by DuBois were created so that they could reach as many voters as possible and make the greatest impact. Since many mailboxes are already clogged with campaign literature, the best way to make a statement was through a personal letter addressed to each voter, and campaign commercials that can capture a viewer's attention better than a traditional mailer, Jacobson said.

"These are real people, real Santa Monica residents who want to express their concerns," Jacobson said of the participants featured in the commercials. "This is not an AstroTurf campaign as (some) would think. These are real voters talking about real issues."

The commercials shine a light on homelessness and public safety, specifically, insinuating that McKeown is solely responsible for the considerable down-and-out population in Santa Monica.

"The laws against camping are on the books and enforced," McKeown said. "All I've ever done is try to make effective enforcement humane; try to find shelter for those rousted, so they don't just end up in a residential neighborhood sleeping in someone's carport. That's just common sense. Move feedings indoors, I said four years ago. That's what we're finally doing."

Jacobson said it's too little, too late.

The commercials also call into question

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Survey says ... Santa Monica loves the arts

By Daily Press staff

CITYWIDE — When it comes to plays, art exhibits or concerts on the pier, Santa Monicans' thirst is insatiable.

Nearly every adult in Santa Monica participates in the arts, making the city home to one of the most vibrant cultural communities in the nation, according to an independent survey released last week.

From Aug. 6 through Aug. 30, Goodwin Simon Victoria Research — one of Southern California's leading research firms — conducted telephone interviews with 492 residents, asking each a series of questions on their participation in the arts. The survey, which has a 4.4 percent margin of error, revealed that Santa Monicans attend concerts (82 percent), visit art galleries (83 percent), go to museums (61 percent), see plays (69 percent) and participate in festivals (69 percent) far more than the average American.

In fact, Santa Monica has a higher percentage of the population actually working in the arts for all or part of their living (43 percent) than San Francisco, Chicago or New York City.

"Santa Monica's residents not only have an intensive relationship with the arts and culture, they also have a sophisticated perspective on their role and value in the community," said Jessica Cusick, manager of City Hall's Cultural Affairs Division.

Consultant David Plettner agrees.

"The percentage of community members with a strong connection to the arts is off the charts in comparison to any of the communities I have worked in," Plettner said.

The survey is part of a seven-month-long research effort by City Hall to gather community input around a new comprehensive, cultural master plan entitled "Creative Capital," which is intended to guide the development of the city's cultural life for the next decade.

Consultant Cultural + Planning Group, which is leading the way, has identified three broad areas of focus.

■ **Access and participation:** identifying community priorities and defining ways to increase arts and cultural activities in Santa Monica, as well as participation by residents and visitors.

■ **Cultural facilities:** building upon existing studies, assess community cultural facil-

ity needs and recommend options.

■ **Cultural funding:** assessing current public funding mechanisms and identify innovative models for future support, public and private, monetary and non-monetary.

In addition to the telephone survey, City Hall this week will announce the results of a separate study analyzing Santa Monica's creative sector, including a comparison of the city's creative workforce to the 20 cities in the nation that are most strongly identified as arts and cultural centers. According to the survey, 57 percent of residents believe arts are important to the city's economy.

On Nov. 8, City Hall will host a community workshop to present the cultural plan recommendations. The event will be held at the Main Library. In the meantime, city staff will be making presentations to neighborhood organizations and other community groups, Cusick said.

The final plan is expected to go before the City Council in early 2007.

Santa Monica has a long history of cultural planning. The first comprehensive cultural plan was developed in 1992, and updated four years later.

A recent analysis of both the plan and update

showed that a majority of the recommendations had been addressed, at least in a preliminary form, prompting the latest overhaul.

In addition, the city commissioned a report on the economic impact of the arts in 1997, developed a cultural facilities inventory in 1999, and in 2000, completed a study on artist live/work space in Santa Monica. Last year, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District adopted a comprehensive 10-year plan for reintegrating the arts in the schools.

While a large number of residents partake in City Hall's cultural offerings, such as the Twilight Dance Series (48 percent), concerts at the Civic Auditorium (43 percent), Bergamot Station (45 percent), the Santa Monica Museum of Art (36 percent) and local live theaters (35 percent), the survey shows residents crave more opportunities.

Some suggested larger venues for theater performances and concerts, while others favored more public art and cultural festivals. Others asked for smaller, more intimate music venues and theaters, a major art museum and more galleries.

Santa Monica is already home to 36 non-profit cultural organizations and 17 different theater groups.

Word from sponsors

'BAD' MAN, from page 7

McKeown's decision to vote against the emergency installation of security cameras on the Santa Monica Pier. That ad looks to portray McKeown as soft on crime.

In his defense, McKeown said he did not

want to bypass the normal approval process, which included consultation with the Landmarks Commission. McKeown responded that he is very concerned about public safety and has fought for more funding for the police department, which is why he has been endorsed by the Police Officers Association.

"I'm not surprised they would endorse an incumbent," Jacobson said of the associa-

tion. "It's in their best interest to do so."

The ads showcase the emerging power of cable television, political pundits said. Now, more than ever, candidates are able to use the medium to their advantage, as advertising rates have dropped while the number of viewers has increased. Candidates have the option of buying only a few spots, running several back-to-back during the final days of the campaign, or stick-

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Will Rogers beach clean-up belies SoCal's water woes

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Bay, its waters ranged from a notably improved A at Will Rogers to a another F by the pier.

The feel-good story was Will Rogers State Beach, which recorded As at all five sampling locations, including an A+. Just last year, the same beach received two Fs.

Mark Gold, executive director of Heal the Bay, attributed the improvement at Will Rogers Beach to multiple runoff diversion projects completed and upgraded by Memorial Day this year.

"These are all new projects that worked right off the bat," Gold said.

Funded by California Clean Beach Initiatives passed between 2000 and 2003, the systems pump runoff away from the beach and into the sewer system. The result is that Will Rogers beach is now compliant with water quality standards — standards several beaches, including Santa Monica Pier, failed to meet.

As part of the routine monitoring of beaches by local health agencies, water samples are analyzed for bacteria that indicate pollution from numerous sources, including fecal waste. The better the grade a beach receives, the lower the risk of illness to ocean-goers, according to Heal the Bay. The statewide study used data from 450 monitoring locations, stretching from Humboldt County in the north to San Diego County in the south.

Almost half the beaches in Los Angeles County — 44 of 97 — received grades of C, D or F, based on data collected from

Memorial Day weekend until the end of September.

Those numbers show a decrease in water quality from the same time last year, when 20 of 82 (or about 24 percent of beaches) received a grade of C or lower. And they look even worse when compared to the rest of the state, where less than 10 percent of beaches received grades of C, D or F this year.

Continuing the downward spiral of water quality in the county, for the second straight year, a record number of Fs — 29 in 2006 — were issued for beaches in LA County, as well as the lowest number of As — 46. Last year, 11 Fs and 47 As were issued.

GETTING TO THE SOURCE

Beaches in the northern Santa Monica Bay, such as Topanga State Beach and Castle Rock Beach, received some of the worst grades, while most other beaches around Santa Monica and Venice Beach received As. Several Malibu beaches received low grades, as did Manhattan Beach, which slipped to a D.

For the second consecutive year, the Santa Monica Pier area received an F, leading Heal the Bay to conduct a study on behalf of the city to identify the source of its abundant bacteria.

"We were frustrated that this is our hometown and we have one of the most polluted beaches in the state right in our bay," Gold said.

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Downloadable music burning record stores

TOWER FALLS, from page 1

On Oct. 6, Tower's parent company — MTS Incorporated — closed a deal with Woodland Hills-based liquidator Great American Group to liquidate the company's assets. This led to a nationwide going-out-of-business sale that got underway the following day.

The company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in August, citing a decline in music sales due to online downloading and competition from larger retailers like Wal-Mart as the reason for its struggles. Tower Records owes creditors approximately \$200 million.

Russ Solomon opened the first Tower Records in 1960 in Sacramento. The company eventually opened close to 90 stores across the country — including its landmark store on Hollywood's Sunset Strip — and 144 franchised stores in nine different countries.

With 60,000 CDs and 6,000 DVDs, the Tower Records in Santa Monica represents one of the smallest stores in the company. As of Tuesday, more than 50 percent of the merchandise remained, according to Manager Jennnifer Jacobson.

Liquidation is expected to take about eight weeks for all of the stores. The Santa Monica location is expected to remain open until every CD and DVD is gone.

"The more the consumer buys, the quicker my clerks can get on with their lives and find new employment," Jacobson said. "Each day, we open the doors and it's really hard on all of us. This has been a career for some people."

Discounts started at around 10 percent off lowest ticketed price when liquidation began. The response from customers was overwhelming, with many snapping up music as if it was half price, Jacobson said.

On Tuesday, beneath 20-percent discount banners and signs screaming "sale on everything," customers scavenged for bargains up and down the aisles of Tower.

Pat Gorman, of Santa Monica, was busy shopping for classical, Celtic and Hawaiian music. Tower Records is the best place to find an album that is hard to locate, even on the Internet, she said.

RECORD STORE WORKERS ON THE OUTS

Employees say they are sad that they will have to leave a favorite job. Some have spent their entire careers at Tower Records and are unsure what the future holds.

"I'm mad, like everybody else," said Mike Martin, a clerk since 1999. "It's a pretty sad thing for such a big company to go like this."

Martin also works part-time at The Gap, located around the corner on the Third Street Promenade.

Tower Records is more of a landmark than anything else, Martin said, and a popular destination for tourists.

"It'll be sad when they come for vacation and it's not here," he said.

Nick Weissman had hoped to jump-start a producing career in the entertainment or music industry through a clerking job at Tower, where he started less than two months ago.

Weissman had hoped to pass along a resume to some of Tower's sponsors, like Universal Music and Warner Bros. For Weissman, it is the second time a company has closed down less than three months after he was hired. He was also an employee at Robinson's May for two months when Federated Department Stores announced it



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CHECKING OUT: A shopper heads into Tower for its going-out-of-business sale on Tuesday.

was buying May Department Stores.

"I got the dream job I always wanted and now I have to sell it," Weissman said. "I have no idea what is next."

Area businesses affected by music download

The world of music downloading, both legally and illegally, has exploded in the past decade with the invention of the portable MP3 player and CD burners.

In February, Apple Computers announced it had topped three billion iTunes downloads since its music store launched less than three years ago.

The popularity of music downloading has hurt music retailers near and far.

"It's been a slow change over the past three years," said Chad Chapman, manager of used music store Second Spin on Wilshire Boulevard. "More people are just catching up with technology. You'll see every Christmas season more and more people get iPods."

Fortunately, Second Spin has been slightly protected from the effects of music downloads because it is a used CD store and attracts a different clientele.

"Tower is getting hit harder than the secondhand stores," Chapman said. "We're getting business from [customers who] download the CD, bring it in, and sell it back to us."

Record Surplus, on Pico Boulevard in West Los Angeles, has been hit by a 30-percent decline in CD sales over the past decade.

"I think the record companies should protect themselves better," said Michael Comstock Jr., the store owner's son. "I'm not particularly happy about it."

Calling Record Surplus the "Cheers" of music stores, Comstock said he has noticed people are ordering music online now through sites like Amazon.com. He said the store has survived on the strength of its loyal customer base.

Downloading has also hit House of Records on Pico Boulevard. Though the store has experienced declining sales in CDs, it has actually seen an increase in sales of the LP, which cannot be directly ripped.

"An LP is like the first edition of a book," said store owner Philip Smith. "It's always going to be the original way the item came out."

Similar to Second Spin, House of Records is a used music store where customers can find a CD anywhere between \$6 and \$10.

"A lot of people still want to own the

Pond beneath SM Pier believed a bay hazard

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various points around the pier and found that the point directly under the elevated wooden structure was the most contaminated.

Further investigation found a pond under the pier — directly beneath the roller coaster — that did not flow directly to the beach, but may have reached the water during high tide or under other conditions that would raise the water level.

“One day the pond was behind the fence, but another day the water level had risen about one foot,” said Mike Grimmer, who collected samples for the study. “I sampled the water from the pond and it was just off the charts.”

Gold said the bacteria count per 100 ml was “literally in the 100,000s” for a single sample, compared to a maximum count of 3,000 for samples from the ocean water beneath the pier. A follow-up study by Jenny Jay at the UCLA Department of Environmental and Civil Engineering demonstrated that the pond is a major source of fecal bacteria to the ocean under the pier.

Heal the Bay initially thought birds were responsible for the pollution in the pond, but concluded that a broken storm drain was the source of much of the pollution.

“You could see a hole in there you could walk through,” Gold said.

Observations at the beach recorded during the study showed that the number of pigeons under the pier and the number of homeless people living there were not significant, and were not a major source of water pollution.

Heal the Bay offered several recommendations to the city in efforts to improve water quality around the pier, including eliminating leaks from the pier infrastructure, installing a flap gate at the end of the stormdrain, and disciplining pier tenants deemed responsible for the tainted runoff.

“Cleaning up our beaches is no longer just a moral obligation, it’s a law,” Gold said.

State regulations approved on Sept. 14 will hold cities accountable for pollution at their beaches, meaning the city of Santa Monica could be fined \$10,000 per day for beaches that fail to meet state standards. Thus far, cities have yet to face penalties for

failing to make the grade.

“The city’s going to have to pay for this one way or another,” Gold said. “Either pass Measure V or funds will come out of the general funds.”

Ballot initiatives Measure V and Proposition 84, both supported by Heal the Bay, would raise funds to clean up coastal waters in the same manner past bond measures were used to improve water quality at Will Rogers State Beach.

Proposition 84 would raise state bond money, a big part of which would be available to communities based on competitive applications. Cities would have to match funds from the state in order to win them, which has been a problem in Santa Monica, according to Craig Perkins, director of Environmental and Public Works.

“We have had grant sources in the past that we have not been able to go after because we haven’t been able to raise local funds,” Perkins said.

Measure V is a partial tax that supporters say would cost homeowners an additional \$7 per month and renters \$2 per month in Santa Monica. Opponents, however, dispute the actual costs residents might eventually face.

Based on Perkins’ calculations, if Measure V passes, up to \$30 million would become available over the next 10 years for locally based projects. Perkins said Proposition 84 would allow the city to get as much as \$20 million of additional outside money.

“The more local money you have, the more grant money you can get,” Perkins said.

In the end, Heal the Bay’s beach report cards show that Los Angeles County has its work cut out for it in the face of potential fines for subpar water quality.

Los Angeles was the only county in the state with more than three beaches that received Fs. It received 54 percent good grades (A or B), while Orange and Ventura counties both had at least 92 percent good grades.

Some of the worst beaches in Los Angeles County are in Long Beach, where only three of the 25 monitoring locations received A or B grades. Last year, 21 of 23 locations received As or Bs during the same period. Avalon beaches also had poor water quality, as none of the five sampling locations received grades above C.

Tower spins its swan song

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physical product and have the liner notes and artwork,” Smith said.

Adrian Rashid was shopping at Tower Records on Tuesday as he listened to his iPod music player. Rashid said he likes to buy CDs for the artwork and to transfer the music to his iPod.

Though legal music downloading has become more common, there are still plenty of ways to find free music online, Rashid said.

HOW IT ALL ENDED

There was no one reason behind Tower Records’ downfall. Billy Nichols, vice president of merchandising for Great American Group, said the industry has been affected from Internet sales, downloading and competition from bigger retailers.

“Tower Records has some huge debt and we’re no different from you and me,” Nichols said. “They couldn’t generate the sales to pay off debt and that is ultimately

what led to its demise.”

Smith, from House of Records, has his own theory of how Tower Records finally went down. Stores like Wal-Mart, Target, Best Buy and Costco sell CDs at low prices in order to lure in customers to purchase costlier items.

He said Tower could not compete on price, which is why it decided to introduce books and magazines in its stores.

“They kept everything as list price, which was insanely expensive at \$18.99 a CD, and said, ‘we’ll just have the selection that the big box stores can’t have,’” Smith said. “They couldn’t have the selection that Amazon had. There is no physical way to stock everything.”

He said when customers realized they could buy DVDs for less than a CD at Tower Records, they stopped shopping at the store because there were other places.

“I’m saddened by Tower going out,” Smith said. “It’s out one era and in another.”

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DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

California is full of what can be termed as "superstar cities" — places where a certain percentage of Americans would like to live, no matter the price.

Santa Monica, San Francisco, Beverly Hills, Malibu and Santa Barbara are some of our state's superstar cities. With these cities — Manhattan being the quintessential example — there's no more room to build there. Newcomers have to pay a premium to move in. Prices go up. The number of rich Americans keeps going up and the number of houses in Santa Barbara does not. The rich are pushed out by the richer, and before you know it, people are paying millions of dollars for houses that would go for \$150,000 in St. Louis.

"The continuing shortages of housing inventory are driving the price gains," confirms David Lereah, NAR's chief economist.

Nationally, Beverly Hills leads the way as the most expensive U.S. real estate market, with an average sale price of \$1.8 million, according to Coldwell Banker's Home Price Comparison Index. With bittersweet pride, our Santa Monica is the market with the second most expensive homes in the country — average sale price of \$1.77 million. Minot, N.D., was the most affordable market among 317 U.S. markets surveyed, with an average sales price of \$132,333. And how much snow do they have there today?

The report concludes that cumulative average sales price of a 2,200 square foot, four-bedroom, 2.5 bath, home in a middle-management neighborhood in the U.S. markets and in one Puerto Rico market is \$423,950 — a 6 percent increase from in 2005 and up 57.5 percent from 2001.

After Beverly Hills and Santa Monica, the other top-10 most expensive U.S. real estate markets are: La Jolla at \$1.76 million; Santa Barbara, \$1.7 million; Palo Alto, \$1.65 million; Newport Beach, \$1.57 million; San Jose, \$1.41 million; Greenwich, Conn., \$1.4 million; San Mateo, \$1.37 million; and San Francisco, \$1.36 million. There are no homes, per se, in Manhattan.

"When you look at appreciation of home prices relative to the overall rate of inflation, these are the strongest increases on record," observes Lereah.

Markets where prices were far higher than justified based on income, employment and other variables represented 39 percent of all single-family housing value in the first quarter of 2006. As recently as 2004, only three markets, representing 1 percent of home value.

The top-10 most affordable U.S. real estate markets after Minot: Killeen, Texas, \$140,310; Arlington, Texas, \$140,975; Grayling, Mich., \$144,250; Topeka, Kan., \$148,050; Canton, Ohio, \$148,333; Tulsa, Okla., \$148,575; Billings, Mont., \$150,141; Fort Worth, Texas, \$151,250; and Cadillac, Mich., \$151,530.

Home ownership is now at the highest rate in U.S. history — almost 68 percent of American households own their homes. Yet, the median price of a typical new home tripled between 1977 and 1997. In 1989, for example, the average price of a new home

was \$148,800. By 1999, it was \$195,700.

U.S. home prices are some of the highest in North America, as well as the world, sites the Coldwell Banker Index.

High net worth individuals were focusing their real estate investment on Europe (21 percent of their investment portfolios) and the Asia-Pacific region (19 percent), according to the World Wealth Report by Merrill Lynch, a financial management and advisory company, and Capgemini, a consulting, technology and outsourcing services company.

The Index included 42 international markets. Home prices in Amsterdam, the Netherlands (\$483,513 in U.S. dollars) are comparable to those in Bend, Ore. (\$482,750); prices in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, (\$374,332) compare to those in Portland, Maine (\$375,500); Warsaw, Poland, (\$317,586) compares to Atlanta, Ga. (\$322,210); and Sydney, Australia, (\$683,109) compares to Bellevue, Wash. (\$658,000).

The most expensive international markets (in U.S. dollars) among those surveyed include: Milan, Italy, \$1.81 million; St. Thomas, V.I., \$1.45 million; Bermuda, \$1.44 million; Dublin, \$1.41 million; and Rome, \$1.26 million. The most affordable international market tracked was Bogotá, Colombia, at \$56,522.

Twenty-nine percent of the U.S. markets in the survey had home-price averages below the National Association of Realtors. U.S. median single-family home price of \$225,700, and 47 percent of the U.S. markets in the survey averaged below \$300,000.

Last year, the majority of metropolitan areas experienced historically strong annual increases in median existing-home prices, NAR concluded. A study of 149 metropoli-

tan statistical areas shows 67 areas with double-digit annual increases in median existing single-family home prices; again support the theory of superstar cities. The price gap between superstar cities and the rest of the country could get even bigger in coming years if incomes of rich Americans continue to rise and the supply of houses in the cities remains fixed.

"Those markets that have been showing the highest appreciation rates and are most overvalued are continuing to see prices increase currently," says Jeannine Cataldi, senior economist at Global Insight.

Naples, Fla., Salinas, and Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce, Fla., were the three most overvalued markets, according to a Global Insight report on overvalued real estate markets. Overall, 17 of the 20 most overvalued markets are in California and Florida.

"Over the past few years, in South Florida, the Northeast, Southern California, San Francisco and Las Vegas, the traditional forces of supply and demand have been helped along by super-low mortgage interest rates — which fell to generational lows — and an extraordinary number of real estate investors who decided they'd had enough of the stock market and needed another place to put their investment cash," is how real estate columnist Ilyce R. Glink explains the current market.

California is the superstar state; recently, a median-priced home in California cost \$512,000, up from \$452,680 in 2004. Congratulations to those of you that own real estate. You have invested wisely.

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Americans are hot for fireplaces

BY DAVID BRADLEY

Associated Press Writer

The cavernous fireplace of yore is history. In its place are upscale models that combine modern design with fuel-efficient features, yet retain the crackle and cozy ambiance homeowners love.

Gone, too, is the notion that fireplaces must be confined to a single big room. Today, consumers tuck fireplaces along walls and in corners of virtually any room in the house.

"The fireplace has really become another popular appliance for the home," says Kurt Rumens, president of Fireplace Xtrodinair, a fireplace manufacturer. "Homeowners still want fireplaces for comfort and warmth, but are now coveting faceplate designs to match their decor."

Fireplace sales are white hot. According to the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association, a fireplace trade association, fireplace sales soared to more than 3.2 million units in 2005. That's up 50 percent since 1998. More than half, 55 percent, of U.S. homes have at least one fireplace.

So popular are fireplaces, the National Association of Home Builders rates desirability of a fireplace in a home as the third most wanted feature in new home construction behind outdoor porches and upscale kitchens. Michael Gruber, an interior designer in Havertown, Pa., says his customers "still respond to fireplaces because there's psychological warmth and people like to gather around the fireplace."

What else is behind this super-heated growth? Fireplaces are no longer bulky, stone-faced behemoths. Units have become smaller and efficiently fueled by a variety of sources including wood pellets, natural or propane gas, electrical and, of course, wood

logs. Gas models account for nearly two thirds of all fireplace sales.

The stone facade of the fireplace has given way to materials consumers have embraced in myriad other home products. Brushed nickel, wrought iron and hand-rubbed copper now grace the front of fireplaces. Rumens of Fireplace Xtrodinair says this broadens the ability of the fireplace to fit many architectural styles.

"Maintaining some sort of architectural consistency makes all the difference to homeowners who want the fireplace to look like it fits a room rather than seem as an add-on," he says.

The ornamental fronts of solid metals mask other purposes: heat is pumped through these openings rather than clunky-looking louvers or vents.

In fact, today's fireplace is rarely built on site of brick and mortar. More than 75 percent of all fireplaces sold last year were factory-built with many fireplaces being direct-vented, so homeowners have reduced expense for chimneys and flues.

According to Rumens, a direct-vent appliance brings fresh air into a sealed fire-box then distributes heat through the decorative front grill or rooms throughout the house. Exhaust is sent outside, protecting indoor air quality.

Even better, fireplaces can be considered a significant source of heat in a home, and clean burning gas-fired fireplaces can crank out 1,200 F of heat output at an efficient rate of 86 percent. For some units, that's enough to heat up to 2,000 square feet of interior space.

Fireplaces also are showing up in unexpected places. Popular now are corner 'portrait style' models that fit in kitchen cabinets, bedrooms and bathrooms, like the Bed & Breakfast model by Fireplace Xtrodinair.



THE HOA ADVISOR
BY MICHAEL CHULAK

During the recent rains, the roof to my condominium leaked through a crack, causing damage to my furniture and other personal property. I have been informed by the association's insurance company that the master policy excludes coverage for my personal property. I don't have insurance. Can the association be held liable for not maintaining the roof?

Possibly. If the board of directors fell below the standard of care in maintaining the roof, they could be liable for negligence and would then be responsible for paying your damages. The fact that the roof leaked is insufficient, by itself, to prove negligence on the part of the board. For example, if the crack was new, the board would probably not be held liable for negligence. If the crack was old and the board failed to have the roof inspected, it would be more likely that a court would hold them liable. The facts of your case must be fully investigated before an educated opinion can be offered.

The lesson is clear. It is prudent for all condominium owners to obtain insurance to protect their property. It is inexpensive compared to the risk of harm an owner can suffer.

Please define "conflict of interest."

A conflict of interest exists where an individual's duty to one party leads to the disregard of a duty to another. It exists when an outside influence affects a person's ability to make an independent, unimpeded, objective decision or when a person owes duties to separate parties with conflicting interests.

Whether or not a conflict of interest exists depends on the facts of a particular situation which must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Our homeowners association recently obtained a small claims judgment for \$5,000 against a member for non-payment of assessments. What is our next step?

If you have a management company, they should be able to take any appropriate collection action. This should include filing an "Abstract of Judgment" in any county where the debtor owns real estate and/or resides.

- Other options include:
- (1) Garnishing the debtor's wages
 - (2) Seizing bank accounts
 - (3) Seizing non-exempt personal property
 - (4) Conducting a debtor's examination in order to obtain the information needed to collect the debt.

What is an "Abstract of Judgment?"

An Abstract of Judgment is a legal form filed with the County Recorder's Office that puts everyone on notice that you have a judgment against the debtor. Most importantly, it causes the judgment to attach to all of the debtor's real estate, including any real estate acquired by the debtor within ten years of the entry of the judgment. The Abstract may be renewed after 10 years, if necessary.

The recordation of an Abstract of Judgment makes it nearly impossible for a debtor to sell or refinance real estate or to obtain new unsecured credit at favorable interest rates and terms. Thus, it is an excellent collection tool.

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That's the risk you take

Understanding what you've gotten into is key to investing



IN YOUR SPACE
BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

The key to successful investing is understanding risk. All investments, by their nature, have risk associated with them. Understanding risk can be especially daunting if the investor is trying to transition into an asset class they are not familiar with.

For example: an investor owns apartment properties and now would like to enjoy the fruits of their labor. To accomplish this, the investor wants to maximize cash flow, eliminate the headache of management and minimize risk. The most common way to eliminate management responsibility is by acquiring net lease and tenant in common properties. Net Leases and Tenants In Common properties come in all asset classes.

The investor understands owning and managing apartment buildings, but now needs to grasp the nuances of other asset classes such as office, retail and industrial properties and the way these assets are owned and managed in order to clearly understand the risk involved

Each asset class has a different set of characteristics that can produce different results and risk for the investor which can also vary with different economic conditions.

We will cover the differences in these asset classes and forms of ownership in other articles. Today's article focuses on a "broad brush" approach to help sort out viable investments based on their risk and return.

The following criteria can be helpful when screening and sorting out properties to consider:

1. Location and Demographic. Where is the investment located, what type of population growth is there, what does the current and future employment picture look like?
2. What is the term of the lease or leases? Are they for five years, 10 years or more? Will the lease rate be increased? How often? Are the increases fixed? Adjusted for inflation? Based on the performance of the tenant (percentage lease)?
3. How credit worthy is/are the tenant or tenants? Are

they a national credit tenant like Walgreens or a local merchant? The risk profile (how likely they are to pay) is very different for each.

While there are a number of additional risk factors to consider, the above can be a good place to start when comparing investments. If an investment fails any one of the above tests, the investor should seriously consider eliminating it as a possibility.

For example, the investor might be comparing a class A office building and a regional shopping center, both with major credit tenants in a strong metropolitan market and similar projected returns.

On reviewing the rent rolls the investors notices that two of the major tenants occupying over 60 percent of the rental space in the office building's leases are up for renewal in two years, while the regional shopping center has staggered leases. All other factors being equal, the risk of having to re-tenant 60 percent of the office building in two years makes the shopping center far more attractive. The return on the office building would have to be significantly higher to make it a competitive alternative.

Even with a higher rate of return the office building could be the wrong investment for an investor looking for steady, uninterrupted cash flow.

A common mistake inexperienced investors make is to think that a low return investment is by its nature low risk. To avoid this mistake it is important that the investor first understand the risk of an investment.

By understanding the risk for a given investment the investor can then compare investment returns and select the best property for their individual needs.

Every investor's needs and risk tolerance are different. The secret to successful investing is to truly understand both the investor's needs and the risk and potential reward of a given investment. In the final analysis, only the investor knows the amount of risk they are comfortable with and the type of return that will satisfy their individual needs.

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Candidates play name game prior to election

SIGNS, from page 3

ed budget. Walzer, on the other hand, said it is more important to engage voters in person.

A sign cannot clearly convey issues that are important to the campaign, Walzer said, and offer little more than the name of the candidate.

Walzer claims he's spoken to hundreds of voters through door-to-door canvassing since September.

"I knock on people's doors and actually engage in the issues," he said. "I think that is what politics is all about."

FREE TO BE YOU AND ME

The placement of campaign signs is not the free-for-all many commuters might suspect. The city's Municipal Code limits sign placement to private property. Any sign on public property, such as traffic medians and lamp posts, can be removed by the city, said Assistant City Clerk Beth Sanchez.

The City Clerk's Office has received complaints in the past few weeks of signs being placed improperly on public

property. The calls are referred to various city departments, which then radio to employees out in the field to investigate the complaint. If the sign is placed in violation, they are confiscated and placed at an undisclosed location for the candidates to retrieve. There is no fine for violating the code.

Sanchez declined to name the city departments, asking that the public only contact the City Clerk's Office if they have a complaint.

Some of the signs that appeared this weekend disappeared soon after. Signs supporting City Council candidates Terry O'Day and Bob Holbrook were placed on a traffic median along Fourth Street near Pico Boulevard. By noon on Monday, they were all gone.

Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities, a newcomer to the political scene, sponsored the signs for Holbrook and O'Day — two of the candidates it is supporting this year. The slate is a newcomer to the political scene in Santa Monica and sees itself as an alternative to Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, the ruling party.

Seth Jacobson, an SMSP spokesman, said approximately 30 of the 350 signs have gone missing, feeling they were either stolen by opposing campaigns or confiscated by the city for being in violation of the municipal code. Jacobson said he was aware the city could take down any signs placed on a median.

"But they've been indiscriminate," Jacobson said of the city. Holbrook said the signs he has paid for has a red bullet and are printed in black and white.

"Anything else, I haven't put up or know about," Holbrook said. "My signs are all on private property with permission of property owners."

Several campaigns have spoken out against the illegal sign placement and say the tactic is unfair and in poor taste.

"I think that's a desperate move," said City Council candidate Terence Later.

One location that Later criticized specifically was at 20th Street and Delaware Avenue, where several SMSP signs hang on a chain-link fence surrounding a small field. The fence abuts an apartment complex on 20th Street. It is not clear whether the fence is considered private or public property.

SIGNS OF A BACKLASH

The illegal placement could result negatively for the code-breaking candidates come Election Day. Jennifer Polhemus, of Santa Monica, said she would never vote for a candidate who knowingly posted their sign illegally.

"However, in this case, they're all sponsored by Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities and I wasn't planning on supporting its candidates anyway," Polhemus said.

McKeown said some of the signs appeared to be professionally hung, but the offending candidates should still take responsibility.

"Placed appropriately on private property with permission, lawn signs are deliciously retro, harkening back to old-style neighborhood campaigning," McKeown said. "When they are irresponsibly and indiscriminately stuck on chain-link fences and road medians, though, they're disrespectful visual blight."

BUSINESSES SHOW THEIR SUPPORT

Pye does have one sign in Santa Monica. It was made by children and hangs in a crafts store on Ocean Park Boulevard.

The sign asks for the public to vote for Kelly Pye and has a picture of a pie, an obvious play on her name. It hangs in the window at Crafts Around the Corner.

Owner Lonnie Martinez knows Pye through Will Rogers Elementary School, where she is also an art director.

"A lot of kids came in one day wearing Kelly Pye stickers and they all started making signs," Martinez said.

Martinez said she is not concerned about isolating customers who support Pye's opponents because she has already established a loyal clientele.

Many of the candidates say they have or are planning to place signs in businesses. Kronovet said he has placed signs in several motels and in Poptsis Realty, where he once worked as a property manager.

George Poptsis said he had enough confidence in Kronovet to put a sign outside the office on Seventh Street.

"I'm not concerned what anyone else thinks," Poptsis said. "If I didn't like him, I wouldn't do it."



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California on track to dethrone Wisconsin as U.S. cheese capital

BY JACOB ADELMAN

Associated Press Writer

TURLOCK — Fifteen years ago, Anto Baghassarian had a small shop in East Hollywood where he processed blocks of mozzarella from other manufacturers into the string cheese he learned to make at his family's business in Lebanon.

Now his Karoun Dairies Inc. operates a plant in the state's dairy heartland, turning a couple silos of milk each day into about 16,000 pounds of feta, queso fresco and other exotic cheeses adapted for American palates.

Aided by an abundant supply of milk, an increasing nationwide appetite for cheese and some savvy marketing, manufacturers such as Karoun are contributing to a production boom that could soon propel California past Wisconsin to become the nation's top cheese producer.

California is now the home of Hilmar Cheese Co. near Modesto, the world's largest single-site, cheesemaking operation. Every day, the plant churns out more than a million pounds of cheddar, Monterey Jack and mozzarella cheeses that are sold under a variety of brand names.

In addition, small California cheese makers have built a name for themselves among consumers and connoisseurs while winning dozens of awards at national and international competitions, casting a positive light on the producers of so-called commodity cheese that dominate the state's cheese industry.

"California cheeses are really looked upon as coming of age," said Christine Hyatt, a grocery store consultant in Portland, Ore., who serves as a judge at the American Cheese Society's annual competitions.

Last year, California turned out 2.14 billion pounds of cheese — nearly a quarter of the nation's supply. The total marked a huge increase from 1985, when the state had only about 7 percent of the national market.

The growth has put California within striking distance of the 2.4 billion pounds produced every year in Wisconsin, the state that bills itself as "America's Dairyland."

Wisconsin's share of the growing national cheese market has fallen from more than a third in 1985 to just over a quarter last year.

Nancy Fletcher, a spokeswoman for the California Milk Advisory Board, said it's hard to predict exactly when California will overtake Wisconsin, but the production trends make it just a matter of time.

Wisconsin, which lost its title as top milk-producing state to California in 1993, is nowhere near surrendering, said Patrick Geoghegan, a spokesman for the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board.

"This is not something that we got into over the last 20 years or so," Geoghegan said. "It's been a big part of our past and will continue to be a big part of our future."

Geoghegan said Wisconsin's 1,300 licensed producers make 600 varieties of cheese, compared to the 250 offered by California's 55 producers.

"Bearing the title 'America's Dairyland' is about more than just producing the greatest amount of commodity cheese," he said. "It's about cheese quality, quality, quality."

Cheese has been produced in California since the first European missionaries arrived on the coast with dairy cows in tow. The recipe for its most famous contribution, Monterey Jack, is said to have originated in the Spanish missions.

The modern cheese boom began in the early 1980s, when the California Milk Advisory Board — the marketing agency of the state's dairy business — started promoting the cheese industry as a way to sop up a growing milk surplus.

The group encouraged large cheese producers to set up shop in California, then aggressively marketed the products with the "Real California Cheese" logo featuring a sunrise over rolling pastures and an advertising campaign touting the state's "happy cows."

In the mid-1990s, the board began cultivating smaller, artisanal producers and encouraging dairies to start their own onsite "farmstead" cheese-making operations.

"It's been a very concerted, consistent effort," said Michelle Greenwald, a professor at Columbia University's Graduate School of Business in New York, who uses the board's cheese campaign in class as a marketing success story. "They've left no stone unturned."

Hilmar's factory made 20,000 pounds of cheese a day, five days a week, when it began operating in 1984. It's now a sprawling complex of soaring silos, meandering pipes and milk-filled tanker trucks.

Small cheese-makers, meanwhile, have caught the attention of gastronomes while producing about 10 percent of California's output.

Marin French Cheese Co. in Petaluma took a gold medal for its Triple Creme Brie at the 2005 World Cheese Awards in London, making it the first non-European cheese producer to take top honors in the category.

Another gold medal at those awards went to Modesto's Fiscalini Cheese Co. for its San Joaquin Gold, which began as a failed attempt to make fontina.

Owner John Fiscalini was one of the state's first dairymen to enroll in a cheese-making class started in 1995 by the milk board at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo.

He now channels about 10 percent of the milk from his 1,500 cows into cheese production and is seeking the county's permission to expand his cheese-making workshop so he can manufacture even more.

"I just got caught up in some of the ambiance and the romance," Fiscalini said

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Candidate stands defiant, won't quit if charged for threatening Hispanics

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press Writer

GARDEN GROVE — A Republican congressional candidate being investigated because of an intimidating letter sent to Hispanic voters said Tuesday he would not quit the race if he is charged with a crime.

"If you're innocent and somebody charges you, would you give up? No, you've got to fight," said Tan Nguyen, who is seeking to unseat five-term Democratic Rep. Loretta Sanchez in California's 47th Congressional District.

"Innocent people can be persecuted," he told The Associated Press.

The state Department of Justice has opened a voting rights investigation into the letter sent to certain Democratic voters in Orange County.

The letter, written in Spanish, warned: "You are advised that if your residence in this country is illegal or you are an immigrant, voting in a federal election is a crime that could result in jail time."

Nguyen was interviewed at his campaign office, which opened for the first time since being raided last week by state

investigators who seized computers, political signs and other items.

He became visibly angry while talking about the search. His face turned red and he pounded a fist on his desk as he spoke.

Nguyen said he purchased a database of 14,000 Hispanic voters from a political database company so he could send Spanish-language fliers to voters.

Nguyen said his campaign sent four fliers using the database before his office manager forwarded the names to an outside party.

Nguyen refused to identify the office manager or the third party who he said mailed the letters.

He reiterated that he did not authorize or approve the intimidating letters and said neither he nor any of his three paid campaign staff members wrote or funded the mailing.

"They didn't write it. I didn't write it," he said.

Asked if any campaign volunteers were responsible for the mailing, Nguyen referred questions to his attorney.

Nguyen defended the purchase of voter databases, saying that he had also bought the names of Orange County voters with Vietnamese names.

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Ground zero recovering

BY SARA KUGLER

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — The workers who spent months searching for the remains of the dead in the World Trade Center rubble were often at odds with the agency overseeing the cleanup and frequently asked to halt the operation as they gingerly recovered body parts.

As the work was wrapping up in 2002, several officials handling the recovery warned that things were moving too fast. They believed more pieces of the lost 2,749 victims could be found, but they were overruled, two of those officials told The Associated Press this week.

The officials gave the account after a utility crew accidentally discovered body parts last week in an abandoned manhole along the western edge of the site, and forensic experts have since dug down and found more than 100 bones and fragments from skulls, ribs, arms, legs, feet and hands.

"I knew that this was going to happen — they really just wanted us out of there," said retired Police Lt. John McArdle, the New York Police Department's ground zero commander. "There was not a good exit strategy for some of these places, and if there was, it was poorly done."

The project finished months ahead of city officials' yearlong prediction and cost about

\$750 million.

The medical examiner's office said no new remains were found Monday, but recovery was expected to continue Tuesday and last through the week.

The area where remains were found is one where officials raised objections.

The officials said they repeatedly aired their concerns to the agency in charge, the Department of Design and Construction, which was later praised for the cleanup of 1.5 million tons of trade center debris.

"The desire was driven by one thing, and that was, 'Get it done,'" said another official who protested, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to publicly discuss the work. "Many a time the issue was raised about how fast it was going and things were being missed."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg acknowledged Monday that "there was a lot of pressure to do things quickly," but said workers "did everything they thought was appropriate at the time, as much as they could. It was just a massive task where things are spread out for a very large area, and the practical reality is you can't get to everything."

Deputy Mayor Ed Skyler, who is overseeing the new recovery effort, said a review of past procedures before the work is completed would be premature, but noted that the Fire Department was designated as the lead agency for finding remains.

Fishery regulators ban shark feeding off Hawaiian islands

BY TARA GODVIN

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — A federal council charged with regulating fisheries in the western Pacific Ocean has voted to ban "shark feeding" in federal waters off Hawaii, a move that could disrupt local shark tour operations. However, any ban would likely be a long way off.

The recommendation created by the vote must now be reviewed by two other divisions of the U.S. Department of Commerce before it is rejected or approved by the secretary.

That process can take years, said Ed Ebisui, a member of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council who voted in favor of the measure.

The council's move comes even though it never studied the shark feeding issue as decided over a year ago. Ebisui said high costs and conflicts over the design of the proposed analysis prevented the study from being done.

The recommended ban would be nearly identical to a state law put in effect in 2002, Ebisui said.

The state law, which also prohibits businesses from advertising or soliciting the feeding of sharks, was passed in response to community concerns over shark tour operations that put food in the water to bring the sharks into view for their customers.



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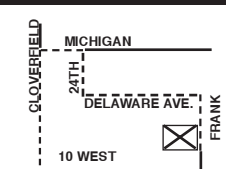


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Suri enough Cruise and Holmes to marry in Italy following child's birth

Hollywood's most high-profile engaged couple have finally set a wedding date.

TOM CRUISE and KATIE HOLMES will marry in Italy on Nov. 18, Cruise's representative, Arnold Robinson, confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday. Holmes will wear a dress designed by Giorgio Armani, Robinson also confirmed.

The wedding date was reported by Us Weekly magazine on its Web site.

Holmes, 27, and Cruise, 44,

became engaged in June 2005. Their daughter, Suri, was born April 18. She made her debut on the cover of Vanity Fair magazine last month. The photo showed Suri peeking out of a jacket worn by Cruise with Holmes looking on.

Cruise and Holmes were first photographed together in Rome in April 2005. Two months later, the "Mission: Impossible" actor announced he had proposed to Holmes atop the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

Holmes, who starred in

TV's "Dawson's Creek," was previously engaged to actor Chris Klein. Cruise, previously married to Mimi Rogers and Nicole Kidman, also had a high-profile romance with Penelope Cruz.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Foxy gets nailed following cuticle clash

FOXY BROWN has been sentenced to three years' probation for a fight with two nail salon employees, ending an assault case that dragged on for more than two years.

Brown, whose real name is Inga Marchand, tried to withdraw her guilty plea but a judge said the agreement was legitimate and imposed the sentence.

"I'm innocent," the 27-year-old rapper argued Tuesday before Judge Melissa C. Jackson, claiming she felt rushed at the time she made the plea agreement. She also said her previous lawyer had told her she would face jail time unless she agreed to the deal.

Jackson rejected the appeal for a two-week extension and new arguments, instead handing down the sentence worked out in earlier negotiations.

"The purpose of a reargument is not to let the parties go

over issues that have already been decided," Jackson said. She warned Brown that if she didn't abide by the conditions of her probation, she faced a possible sentence of one year in jail.

Brown pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault charges in August for kicking one employee and smacking a second worker in the face on Aug. 29, 2004, in an argument over payment for a manicure at Bloomie Nails.

During the course of the trial, Brown hired three attorneys, tried once before to reverse her guilty plea and was threatened with jail time for missing a court appearance Monday. An earlier effort to reach a plea bargain last December had also fallen through.

Brown's albums include "Ill Na Na" and "Chyna Doll."

AP

NOW THAT'S A KNIFE

A judge has ruled that prosecutors could not charge BUSTA RHYMES with possession of a weapon — a machete found inside a SUV — following his Aug. 12 arrest on an assault charge.

Rhymes, 34, appeared at the brief hearing Tuesday before Criminal Court Judge Shawndya Simpson. The judge rejected a prosecution request for the additional charge against the rapper.

According to prosecutor Harrison Scheiloch, a machete was found in the rear seat pocket of an SUV in which Rhymes was a passenger when he was arrested following a performance at the AmsterJam Music Festival on Randall's Island.

Rhymes, born Trevor Smith, was charged with assault after he allegedly attacked a man for spitting on his car. He is due back in court Dec. 11.

AP

Troubled singer leaves stage in shambles

PETE DOHERTY broke a microphone stand and brandished it before fans during a Babyshambles concert at the Piper club.

Concert organizers said Doherty broke the stand and "threw it up in the air" Monday night, but did not say whether the stand hit anyone.

"During the concert the singer has interacted with the public 'in his own way,' but without causing riots or anything," DNA Concerti said in a statement.

Doherty also broke all the instruments onstage during the

stormy concert, the daily Corriere della Sera reported Tuesday. No one was reported injured.

According to the newspaper, the band's drummer was hit by an object and forced to leave the stage. Doherty grabbed the microphone stand and brandished it before the fans standing in the first rows.

Doherty, 27, has had a string of arrests in London for drug possession and is undergoing a court-ordered rehabilitation program. He is the on-off boyfriend of Kate Moss.

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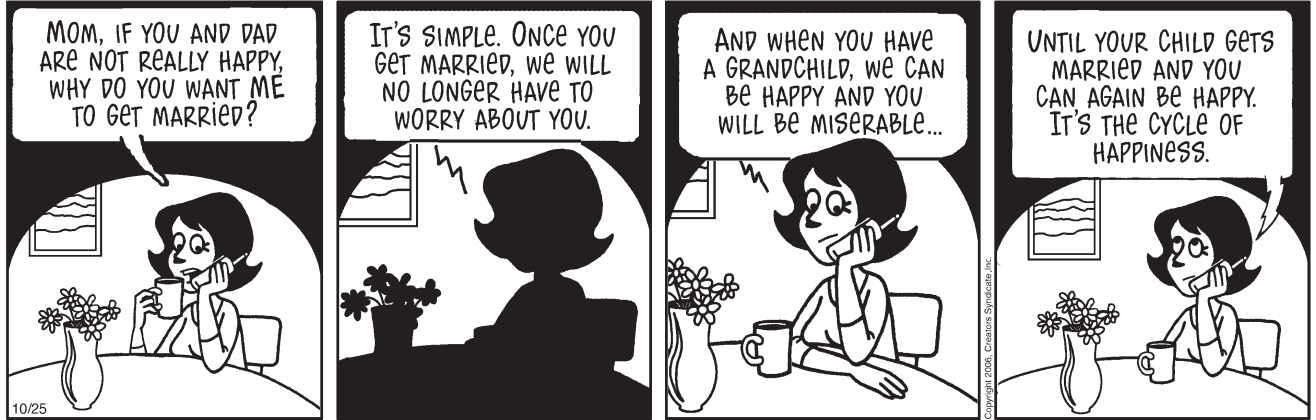
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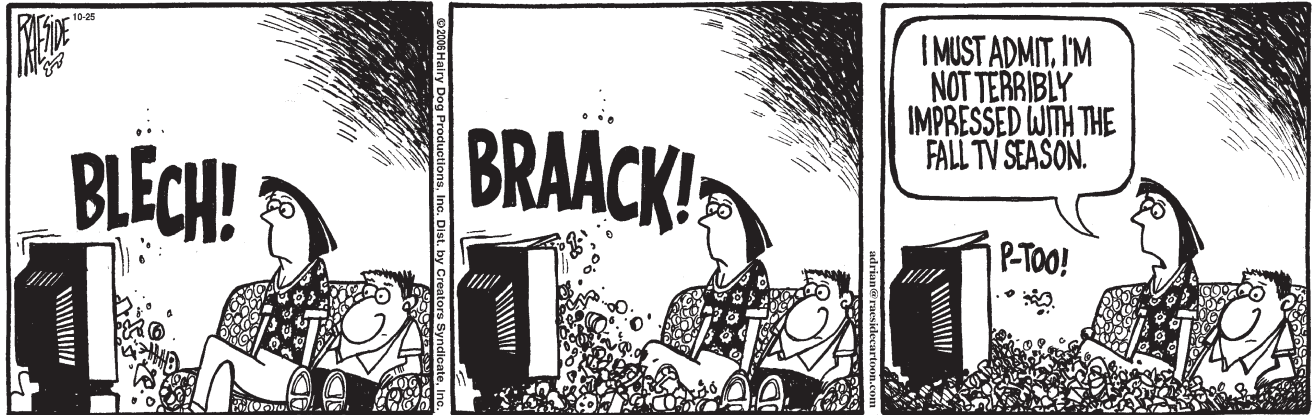
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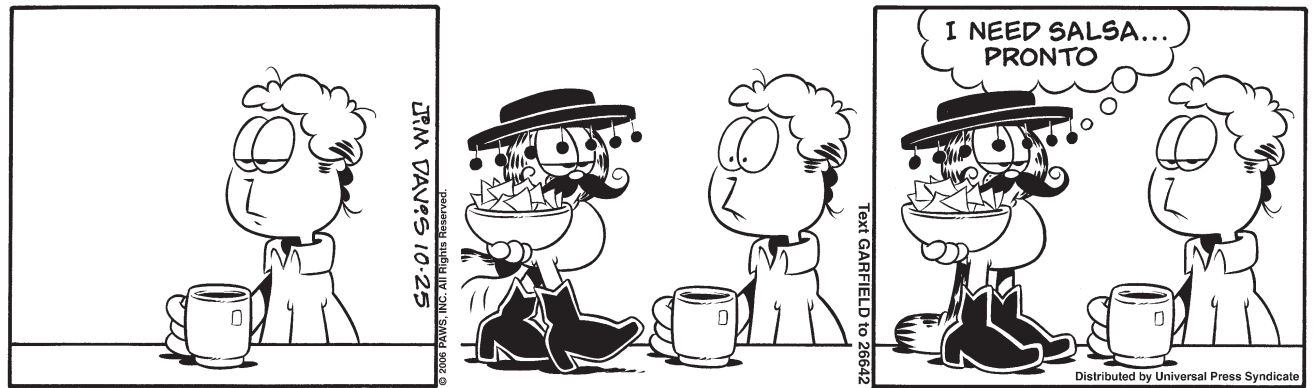
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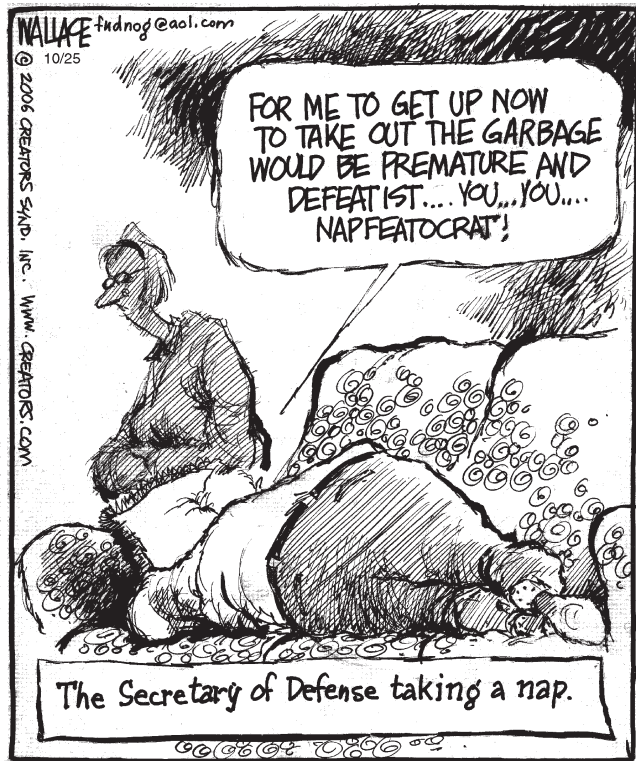
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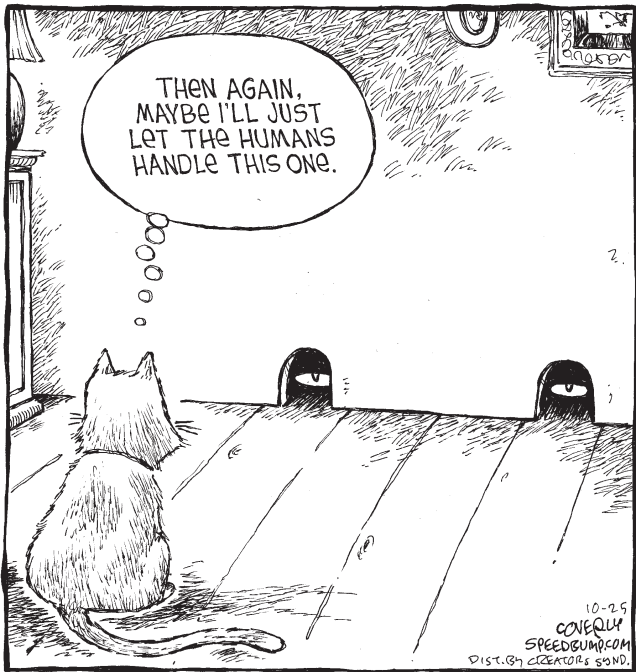
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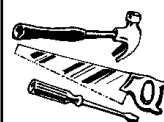
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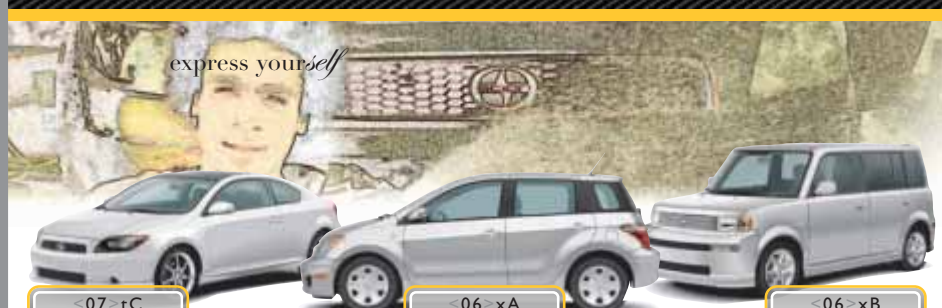
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