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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In her joyful 2004 autobiography, Sandy Sullivan, 65, the Republican candidate for secretary of state in Wisconsin, recalls her friskier days as a 1960s Green Bay Packers fan, including interludes with Hall of Fame running back Paul Hornung.

■ Donovan Brown, the Democratic nominee for a Florida state House seat, resumed campaigning in October after a two-week involuntary stay at a mental health facility after his mother took him in for evaluation.

■ Palm Beach County, Fla., whose Democratic voters' confusion over the "butterfly ballot" may have cost Al Gore the presidency in 2000, will now see if its Republicans will be confused by a state law that requires them to vote for their recently resigned congressman, Mark Foley, if they want to register votes for his Republican replacement.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 300th day of 2006.
There are 65 days left in the year.

1787 The first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the United States Constitution, was published in a New York newspaper.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The line of least resistance was always the most difficult line in the long run."

PETER CHEYNEY

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Vikings look to steady ship



Samohi needs to upset Centaurs for a playoff bid

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHİ — After suffering three straight losses, including a 35-0 shel-lacking by perennial powerhouse Los Alamitos High School, the Santa Monica Vikings are looking to keep their playoff hopes alive.

They're also out to make a state-ment — that they won't go down without a fight.

This week may not seem the ideal opponent in which to make that statement, however. Not only will the Vikings (3-4), led by junior quarter-back Ryan Katz, have to take out the undefeated Culver City Centaurs (7-0), they'll have to do it on Homecoming Night in front of what is sure to be a capacity crowd at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field.

"It's definitely going to be the

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com
DOWN 'N' DIRTY: The Samohi varsity team runs through drills on Wednesday in preparation for its Homecoming Night clash.

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ELECTION 2006



MICHAEL MCALEVEY

Case of slick editing or just intimidation?

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BLVD. — A man featured in one of three television commercials attacking City Councilman Kevin McKeown's voting record said Thursday that he is a strong sup-porter of the candidate and never suspected that a videotaped inter-view he gave on the issue of home-

See MCALEVEY, page 16

Burgers, burgers and more burgers



BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — As Rachael Ray might say, "Yum-O."

Santa Monica, renowned for its healthy green and leafy cuisine, is also home to some of the best burg-ers this side of Los Angeles County, maybe even the nation, with such popular restaurants as Father's Office, the Library Alehouse and newly-franchised The Counter serv-ing up massive quantities of the quintessential American meal daily.

While theories of the origin of the modern hamburger vary — from inhabitants of Hamburg, Germany, putting pork into a round-shaped bun to Mongols flat-tening their mutton beneath their saddles as they rode — few can deny the sandwich's continual lure.

Santa Monicans, whose healthy

See BURGER JOINTS, page 14



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THERE'S THE BEEF: A bevy of burg-er joints are thriving in Santa Monica, a city known for healthy eating and lifestyles. It seems everybody has their favorite. (At left) Alexis Manriquez has made his choice, grub-bing on a Tommy's world famous chili burger. 'This place rocks,' said Manriquez.



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In the limelight, Aries

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

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Others really appreciate your efforts, especially if you are trying to pull together a project or get-together. You will find that a key associate or loved one really only sees you in a positive light. This person's caring might be overwhelming. Tonight: In the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might see situations differently and present more of a unique slant on an issue than many. How you live your life and where you are heading really is your call. Don't make anyone feel responsible. Tonight: What a whirlwind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Listen to what a key associate is saying. You might not appreciate his or her words, but you will get ahead. Think in terms of gains. You know and understand a lot more than you realize. Still, be open to another's suggestions. Tonight: Togetherness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Romance buds with just a touch of nurturing and care. Your ability to wade past the irrelevant emerges. You come up with ideas. Let others understand where you are coming from. Teamwork draws results. Tonight: Say yes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You have a lot going on and might want to revamp your plans with family. A potential remodeling of your digs also could be possible. Why not go for it before the holidays? You care much more than you realize about "atmosphere." Tonight: Take a timeout.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Your imagination proves to be a delight, no matter where you choose to plug in this energy. Your words melt another's resistance. Let everything hang out — for a change. Tonight: Kick in the weekend with style.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You are all smiles and happiness. You might choose to spend or indulge more than normal. You let your hair down with those you feel good being around. Don't push someone too hard. Think positively. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Sometimes you can do no wrong — like today. Very few could find anything wrong with what you are doing. Open up to new possibilities. A conversation could take you down an interesting path. Keep smiling. Tonight: Hang out and let what happens evolve naturally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ What might be going on is a need to rethink a personal matter. New beginnings become possible if you are willing to start again. Foundations could be changing, or possibly you want to let go of a problem. Tonight: Treat yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your smile is a sure-bet winner. You could lure someone in like a fishing reel. Try to avoid being manipulative, though be frank. Others try to be around you, as you have so much to offer. Do nothing halfway. Tonight: As you like.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Step back rather than get involved. Your vision of what is workable might be very different from someone else's. Rather than disagree, allow another person's idea to play out. Be more visible and direct. Tonight: Opt for privacy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ How you handle someone could change dramatically. You are prone to the unexpected. Recognize that this type of behavior has its ramifications. Are you ready for them? Tonight: Find your friends.

BORN TODAY Gangster John Gotti (1940), actress Jayne Kennedy (1951)

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Not getting lost in translation

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — For the past 31 years, a cultural bridge across the Pacific Ocean has connected Santa Monica to the tranquil city of Fujinomiya, Japan, located at the foot of majestic Mount Fuji.

For three decades, the two cities have cultivated a sister city relationship, oftentimes sending high school students, community groups and delegates to each other's countries to experience a different way of life.

Located 130 kilometers from Tokyo in Shizuoka Prefecture, or 1.5 hours via bullet train, Fujinomiya is actually one of three cities the Santa Monica Sister City Association (SMSCA) has established ties with around the world.

Following the end of World War II, President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 oversaw the concept of a sister city as a way to promote world peace. Five years later, the SMSCA invited the city of Mazatlan, Mexico, to be its first sibling city.

Eight years later, the city of Hamm, Germany, was on board. In 1975, Fujinomiya followed suit.

Now, the SMSCA is looking to expand its family once again, considering the establishment of ties with cities in France, Italy, China and South Korea.

"We like to have the same kind of geographical identity and we like to have the same population and demographics," said Mary Edwards, a member of the board of directors at the SMSCA.

As of last year, Santa Monica has more than 87,000 residents. Fujinomiya's population stands at 120,000.

Each summer, three students who take the Japanese language class at Santa Monica High School homestay in Fujinomiya for three weeks. The Americans then come back with a student with whom they stayed and invite them to live in their homes for another three weeks.

"We organize Japanese activities like tea ceremony," said Mizue Sei-MacFhearchair, international coordinator in the city of Fujinomiya. "Families also take them to places like Tokyo for sightseeing."

The SMSCA pays 40 percent of the student's airfare. Everything else is up to the students and the host family.

The exchange program helps both American and Japanese students build language skills. Sei-MacFhearchair says the Japanese students often want to stay in America, where they feel they have more freedom because they can enjoy a vacation without parents.

But there are drawbacks with taking a trip to Japan during the summer, at which time a combination of heat and humidity can make for an unpleasant experience at times.

The students must be at least in the level three, or intermediate-low, Japanese language class to qualify for the exchange program, said Samohi Japanese language Teacher Emily Kariya. The process also includes an application and interview.

"Their (Japanese) definitely improved while they were there," Kariya said. "They're motivated to learn after coming back."

The program allows these students to apply classroom knowledge of Japanese culture to real-life experiences, Kariya said.

Last summer, the SMSCA celebrated its 30th year of having a relationship with Fujinomiya. The association sent the local girls and boys teams from the local American Youth Soccer Association to compete in the festival in Japan. The girl's team came back with a trophy.

The association has also hosted student exchange programs with Mazatlan and Germany. Edwards herself has hosted students from Japan and Mexico and is even a godmother to the sibling of one of her former homestay students from Mazatlan.

The Mazatlan student, Monica Lopez, is currently studying to become a doctor in neonatal surgery, Edwards said.

A sister city association not only adds cultural value to the relationship, it also helps raise visibility for the foreign city, Edwards said.

"One thing that really amuses me is when the Germans came here, they were impressed by pot luck dinners," Edwards said. "Now they have pot luck dinners in Hamm."

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CLARIFICATION: In an article previewing the City Council consent agenda ("Rolling on home more smoothly," Oct. 24, page 6), it should have been reported that \$121,134 was being requested only for the Community Building improvements at Mountain View Mobilehome Park. Council's funding consideration of the infrastructure upgrades and mobile home installations are expected to be made in early 2007.

CORRECTIONS: In Bill Bauer's "My Write" column ("College, school board races are a real yawn," Oct. 23, page 4) it should have been stated that Santa Monica College claimed a \$6 million deficit in 2003, not \$60 million. In addition, Andrew Walzer should have been identified as a "former SMC professor." Walzer is currently a professor at Los Angeles Community College. Also, there were no cuts in SMC's state funding from 2002-03 to 2003-04, but a decline in overall revenues taking into account local and federal revenues.



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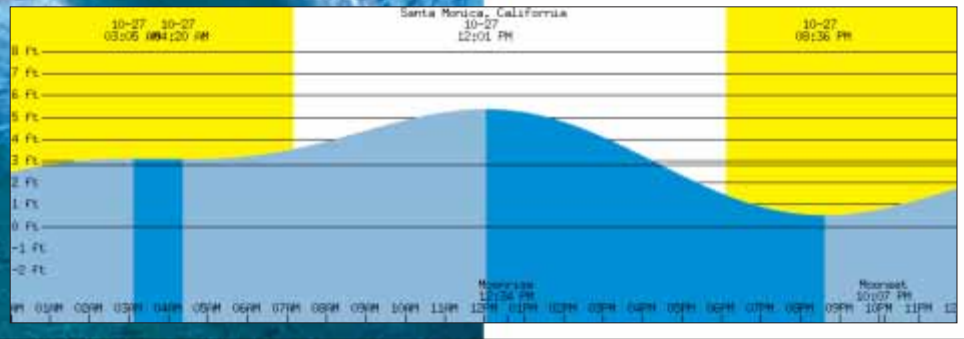
SURF CONDITIONS

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SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)
The NW declines to waist to chest, although standouts could still see some bigger set waves at times. We also have a small southern hemi swell due Friday. This is some steep angled south swell from some fetch that stirred up under Easter Island last week. The angle is steep at around 180, and size moderate at waist to chest high.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
SMALL SW SWELL DUE MONDAY...
BETTER SIZED SW FOR 2ND, BUT POSSIBLY WNW WITH WEATHER...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



The Q Line

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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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is Bloomfield fit to serve?

Editor:
Is Santa Monica-Malibu school board member Emily Bloomfield fit to serve the second term she's seeking in the Nov. 8 election?

The seven members of the school board decide key issues about our schools and negotiate the pay and benefit contracts for all district personnel.

Is it proper for a school board member to steadfastly refuse to speak or communicate with any district teacher, any district teachers union representative, any district voter?

I have taught at 16 SMMUSD schools during the past decade of full time employment. I am the senior representative for the largest single unit of the local teachers' association, and have been a district resident since the 1950s, and active in Westside political and civic organizations.

As a member of a Santa Monicans for Renters Rights (SMRR), this writer attended the August SMRR endorsing convention and was the only SMMUSD teacher and SMMCTA union rep present and voting. More than two dozen municipal elected officials and candidates at the SMRR convention spoke with me, but curiously, Emily Bloomfield refused to do so.

Letters that I subsequently mailed in August and September to Bloomfield's school board office and campaign address, as listed on her literature, requesting the courtesy of a reply, have gone unanswered.

Does a candidate such as Bloomfield, who ignores any school district stakeholder deserve to be returned to another term in office?

Rufus Baker
Santa Monica

Can the McKeown smear campaign

Editor:
Tim Dubois and the Edward Thomas companies are spending thousands of dollars on mailers smearing incumbent City Councilman Kevin McKeown, in the guise of standing up for family businesses and our community of Santa Monica.

They do not live or vote in our town. If they spent half the money they're wasting in their smear campaign on the root causes of homelessness, their purported "cause," Santa Monica would be a safer place.

Paula Goldman
Santa Monica

McKeown deserves a fair shot

Editor:
I am writing to express my concern to you. I feel that Kevin McKeown is being unfairly attacked with negative campaigning efforts that support little validity. I attend all the city council meetings and I am actively involved as a caring person and resident of Santa Monica. McKeown deserves a fair chance at being re-elected. He was the only councilman to schedule a meeting with me regarding the homeless issue. He was the only one of the few I tried to contact that ever returns my e-mail. When I show up at neighborhood meetings or other city meetings, he is always present at the meetings.

He may be the only one that goes against the grain of the city politics that are prevalent, when it comes to big developers and clean money, etc. He may be the only one that is different from the rest in his views, but he is a councilman that not only comes from a place of great intelligence, he also operates with heart.

To frame him as the culprit is just unfair and wrong. Allow him to run with justice. He has given this city a great deal of time and energy, we owe him a fair shake.

Jennifer Sandowsky
Santa Monica

Linnekens ushers in a time for change

Editor:
I just received a mailer from Mayor Bob Holbrook yesterday which discusses his 'progress' in dealing with the homeless who have taken over Santa Monica's downtown and parks. In the mailer he states: "Can we see progress on our streets and in our parks? Probably not yet, but within the next year, I believe that we will."

This is unacceptable! Mayor Holbrook has been on the city council since 1990. Why is he telling us to wait another year before we see progress? I encourage all residents to show our current city council members that the time has come for real change.

At the city council debate on Oct. 17, Jenna Linnekens was the only candidate to challenge the incumbents on the homeless situation in Santa Monica. We need more people like her running for city council. This vagrancy problem has gone too far. We need some accountability in Santa Monica. It is time for us to vote for change.

Josh Epstein
Santa Monica

Everybody's doing it, even Gandhi's young grandson



With just 10 days remaining until the mid-term elections, both political parties are pulling out all the stops. The Democrats attack Bush on the war, the debt, the environment, Katrina, the Foley scandal and corruption. The Republicans fire back, "And your point is? And, oh yeah, you better hope Osama doesn't get a nuclear bomb."

Yet I can recall, not too long ago, hearing Bush say, "I don't think about Osama that much anymore." He could have added, "Except around election time."

The war in Iraq is the overriding issue, and frankly, I think it's taken an unfair beating. For example, the missing WMDs. Dick Cheney says it's possible we'll still find them. Of course, Cheney also said there wasn't an insurgency. Then he admitted there was, but said they were "in the last throes." I suppose it depends on your definition of "throes."

Liberals say if the war was such a fabulous idea, how come we had so few allies? I admit the "Coalition of the willing" was not the most enthusiastic label. Some even called it the "Coalition of the Coerced." The Netherlands seemed quite enthusiastic with their few hundred troops, and one doesn't normally think of the Dutch as that enthusiastic about anything.

Hello? "Dutch treat?"

The criticism about the coalition is just quibbling. There isn't much left of it anyway. It just proves the old saying, "If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself." That way when it goes as bad as things have in Iraq, you don't have to make excuses for everyone else.

Everybody says the war has gone on too long. Sure, we've been in Iraq longer than all of WWII, but look at it this way. It's been nowhere near as long as the Hundred Years War, at least not yet. Now they say we'll be there at least until 2010. That's still way less than a hundred years. Actually, the Hundred Years War went on for 116 years, but that doesn't sound quite as catchy.

Another whining complaint from the liberals is the war has cost too much money. He y, what's a half a trillion dollars among friends?

ds? In this case, the friends being Haliburton. Sure, Wolfowitz said it would cost only \$50 billion and the Iraqi oil would pay for the reconstruction. It doesn't seem fair to hold somebody to every little thing they say. It's easier to promote them to the head of the World Bank and move on.

Some also say fighting in Iraq drains resources from the real battle against terror in Afghanistan, a country that actually harbored the people behind 9/11. They've never heard of "multi-tasking?" All these anti-war sentiments could send the wrong message, assuming we had a message in the first place. It's even affected Bush, who now says he never used the expression, "Stay the course," as if to say, "Are you going to believe me or your lying ears?"

His "new and improved" mantra for Iraq is, "Constantly updating and changing." To me that's the mother of all flip flops, but what do I know?

Listening to talk radio (KLTk 1150 AM), I hear that on Saturday in Hollywood, there will be a Peace Parade led by Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, Arun Gandhi. I suppose, if you're going to have a peace march, Arun's not a bad choice to lead it. When I heard it was Gandhi's grandson, I imagined a kid in knee pants. But Arun is 72 and quite accomplished, having battled apartheid in his native South Africa. Apparently "peace" is the family business. It sure beats oil.

I confess, when I first heard Gandhi, I immediately thought of Ben Kingsley. Of course, for the longest time, I thought the telephone was invented by Don Ameche. If you get that joke, you're probably as old as I am. I wonder if Arun would get it? Somehow, I don't think I'll tell him.

The full name of the march is the "Harris on the Edge" Hollywood Parade for World Peace. It will start at Hollywood and Vine, and culminate in a "Celebration of World Peace and Global Unity" at Plummer Park, on Fountain and Vista. There'll be a message from outgoing U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, Mike Farrell, Cindy Sheehan and Arun Gandhi, along with musical performances throughout the afternoon.

So if you've wanted to speak out against the war, but thought no one was listening, be there at noon on Saturday. To be "fair and balanced," I hear the other side is having a parade of their own, "Give War a Chance."

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Possible rape averted with swift kick

On Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7:55 a.m., Santa Monica Police officers responded to 1235 Second Street — Parking Structure 2 — regarding a sexual assault. When officers arrived, they contacted the victim, who said she was riding in an elevator in the structure when a man entered and began masturbating. The victim said the man tried to grab her, at which time she kicked him and ran out of the elevator. A short time later, officers patrolling Palisades Park located a man who fit the description of the suspect. The victim was brought to the scene and positively identified the man as her attacker, police said. The man was arrested for assault with the intent to commit rape, indecent exposure and possession of marijuana, police said. He was identified as Thomas Judd, 53, a transient. His bail was set at \$103,866. Judd had five outstanding warrants, police said.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 2:48 a.m., officers responded to the 2300 block of 28th Street regarding a possible rape. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said that her friend had raped her. Officers drove to the friend's residence, where he was arrested for sexual assault. The suspect was identified as Mario Anthony Gallardo, 34, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$100,000, however, the case was rejected by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, according to police.

On Monday, Oct. 16, at 3:30 p.m., officers responded to an apartment building in the 3000 block of Main Street after receiving a call of a burglary in progress. When officers arrived, they noticed the window of an apartment had been pried open. Officers heard noises coming from inside the apartment and set up a perimeter outside the building. Officers waited outside, and when the suspect exited the front door, officers took her into custody. The suspect, who turned out to be the ex-wife of the tenant, was wearing clothes that did not belong to her, police said. She was arrested for burglary. The suspect was identified as Melody Mann, 37, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at \$50,000.

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 4:20 p.m., officers on routine patrol stopped a vehicle at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Rose Avenue because the driver was playing his music too loud. Upon further investigation, officers discovered the driver did not have a valid driver's license and was on probation for narcotics related offenses. During the impounding of the vehicle, officers said they discovered a hidden compartment inside the car's console. Inside, officers said they found a plastic baggy filled with cocaine. The driver was arrested for possession of narcotics and for the hidden compartment. He was identified as Juan Valdovinos, 21, of Los Angeles. No bail was set because of the probation violation, police said.

On Thursday, Oct. 19, at 8:13 p.m., undercover vice officers went to the Shiatsu Massage parlor in the 1900 block of Santa Monica Boulevard following complaints of prostitution at that location. An undercover officer entered the location and paid for a massage. During his massage, the masseuse offered additional sexual services for money. An agreement was made and the officer gave a predetermined signal, at which time other officers entered the room. Young Sook Pang, 61, of El Segundo, was arrested. No bail information was provided by the SMPD.

Compiled by Daily Press Staff Writer **Kevin Herrera**

Two nabbed in robbery attempt

By Daily Press staff

PICO BOULEVARD — Santa Monica Police officers assisted in the arrest of two men on Wednesday a half-hour after they allegedly tied up a woman and robbed the display home she was house-sitting in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, just north of Malibu.

The two suspects — one armed with a gun — broke into a real estate agent's display home at 4069 Latigo Canyon Road just before 11:30 p.m., and bound the arms of the woman they found inside, said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lt. Joe Stephen.

The robbers fled after stealing two televisions, several cell phones and the woman's Louis Vuitton purse, according to police. The victim was then able to free herself and call for help.

Sheriff's deputies issued a description of the suspects and their vehicle. At midnight, Santa Monica police along Interstate-10 spotted a car that matched the description and pulled it over

in the 3300 block of Pico Boulevard, SMPD Capt. Alex Padilla said Wednesday.

The officers noticed what appeared to be stolen items in the car and called the Sheriff's Department for assistance. Deputies took the woman who had been tied up to Santa Monica, where she positively identified the men as the robbers, deputies said.

"Sometimes you just get lucky and this was one of those times," Padilla said. "We were able to assist the Sheriff's Department, and fortunately, were able to get two dangerous criminals off the streets."

The stolen property will be temporarily impounded, along with the suspects' vehicle, as evidence before being returned to its owners, deputies said.

Stephen said that although display-home robberies aren't common in the Malibu/Lost Hills area, criminals will sometimes go on real estate agents' tours of display homes to case them, then return later to ransack them.

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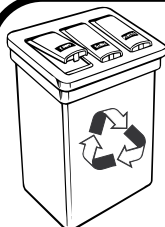
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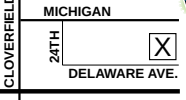


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LA mayor finds ‘the right guy’

Answers sought in death from climbing fall

BY ANA BEATRIZ CHOLO
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said his first meeting with the new superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District Wednesday could not have gone any better.

At a post-meeting news conference, both Villaraigosa and David Brewer III, a retired Navy vice admiral, appeared to be down-right chummy with one another, despite a school board lawsuit challenging a new law that gives the mayor some authority in the nation’s second-largest school district.

“He is the right guy at the right time,” the mayor gushed. “I was elated with our meeting. It was a melding and meeting of the minds.”

Brewer, who will take over for retiring Superintendent Roy Romer, was equally effusive.

“We clearly are joined at the hip when it comes to working as hard as we possibly can to educate the children of Greater Los Angeles. Period. That’s what this meeting was all about. We had to go mano-a-mano (hand to hand in Spanish) so that we understood each other,” Brewer said.

At one point, Brewer even apologized for his gaffe in mispronouncing the mayor’s last name two weeks ago. When he pronounced it correctly, the mayor joked, “You are bilingual already.”

Weeks ago, however, the mayor’s mood was not so cheery.

He was complaining about how members of the Board of Education were ignoring his requests to be part of the process in hiring a new superintendent. Then he went on a 14-day trade mission to Asia.

While he was away, the school board announced Brewer as their pick.

Villaraigosa, despite pointed questions from reporters, downplayed his initial disappointment at being left out and said he expects to include school board members in future meetings with Brewer. He said he also invited Brewer to once-a-week meetings to talk about school issues.

“I know you are all here because you would like to see a schoolyard fight but you are not going to see one,” Villaraigosa said.

Meanwhile, the lawsuit that challenges a state law giving the mayor some authority in the school district is moving swiftly through the court system.

A Superior Court judge said earlier this week that she will first consider the constitutionality of the new legislation and that once that issue is decided, she will determine whether the legislation violates the Voting Rights Act.

The lawsuit, filed Oct. 10 by a coalition of school board members, parents and other groups, challenges the school reform law signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger last month. It’s scheduled to take effect Jan. 1.

The legislation gives Villaraigosa and a council of 26 other local mayors a role in the district and shifts some power from the seven-member school board to the superintendent.

Brewer said the first item on his agenda is going after dropouts.

“You either educate or incarcerate,” he said.

Then, he wants to tackled the issue of homeless children and those in foster care. Caring for a child’s mental state will also loom large during his term, he added.

Brewer said many children are unable to learn because they have psychological issues and are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder due to the violence they witness on the streets every day.

BY GARANCE BURKE
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A friend who’s scaled peaks with renowned rock climber Todd Skinner says he sometimes used gear beyond its life span, and fears a frayed climbing harness strap may have snapped, causing him to plunge to his death in Yosemite National Park.

It will take authorities days — possibly weeks — to officially determine why Skinner, 47, fell 500 feet to his death Monday while attempting to pioneer a new route up Leaning Tower, an imposing rock face near Bridalveil Fall, the famous waterfall near the entrance to Yosemite Valley.

As Skinner lowered himself down the rock wall, a nylon loop attaching his harness to the rope broke, and he fell, hitting the side of the mountain, said his close friend Paul Piana, who received an emotional call from Skinner’s climbing partner, Jim Hewitt, on Monday afternoon.

“Jim told me it was some equipment that was too worn, which makes it really tragic,” Piana said. “Todd and I have contributed to the design and tested a lot of equipment, so we have a lot of faith in its durability. Sometimes maybe because of that, you become a little too complacent.”

Yosemite’s mammoth rock faces and craggy granite formations have a particular allure for climbers eager to push the boundaries of the extreme sport.



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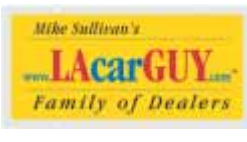
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Krazy George celebrates 25 years of the Wave

BY JANIE MCCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Krazy George Henderson has spent the last quarter-century trying to persuade everyone that he debuted the “Wave” during an Oakland Athletics’ playoff game against the Yankees — not those Washington football fans who claim the Huskies first performed the now famous cheer.

Debate aside, the Wave is 25 years old and still going strong.

“It’s been really interesting,” Krazy George said in a phone interview from his home in New Rochelle, N.Y. “I see it at the Olympics. There’s a video of Fidel Castro doing it. If it had actually originated in New York at a Yankees game, they would have thought it was sent by the gods.”

Krazy George, now 62, says he spent three years perfecting the Wave. He first pulled off the move — in which fans take turns, by section, standing up and waving their arms — on Oct. 15, 1981, at the Yankees-A’s AL championship series game in the Coliseum. Washington, meanwhile, did it two weeks later, on Oct. 31.

Former Husky yell leader Robb Weller had returned to campus for a homecoming game against Stanford. He began a vertical version of the Wave in the ‘70s, but first did the horizontal Wave that day.

Officials at Washington acknowledge Krazy George as being first, but what they are certain of is that the Huskies popularized the cheer. It soon caught on at a Seattle Seahawks game, too.

It took a year and a half, according to Krazy George, for the Huskies to fess up that they’d seen the Wave on television and given it their own twist. Good thing, too, because he has the proof on tape: The Wave was part of the A’s 1981 highlight video shown to potential season ticket holders for the following year.

“That’s the best-kept lie in the last 25 years. But now, most of the world recognizes me,” Krazy George said. “Their theory is that they came up with it in 30 seconds! ‘Oh, we just thought it up.’”

“They kept doing it the whole football season and of course they were a big national football power with a big budget. I tell everyone to call Seattle and get their side of the story. It’s like a war with me.”

Krazy George, known best by that name and for pounding his drum in stadiums across the United States, is a California native who moved north to Napa from Southern California at age 17. He left for New York three years ago.

A former high school shop teacher, Krazy George’s lone job the last 30 years has been as a for-hire cheerleader — working all of about three hours a week. Yes, that’s it. He

averages one game every seven days.

In that first Wave game, the Yankees eliminated the A’s 4-0 to reach the World Series. Dave Righetti, now the San Francisco Giants’ pitching coach, was the winning pitcher. A crowd of 47,302 was on hand for the first Wave.

“We put it on the map in 1981,” said Shooty Babitt, a rookie on the ‘81 A’s. “A lot of people wish the Wave would go away now. A lot of people don’t understand when you should do it. ... The new-age fan doesn’t understand where the Wave originated. But Krazy George still looks the same today as he did 25 years ago.”

Krazy George is a well-known figure at sporting venues, especially in the Bay Area. Mostly bald with blond curls above his ears, he wears his striped athletic socks pulled up and always has a drum in hand.

He has been featured in national magazines and TV programs and has several upcoming interviews with international publications.

That game in Oakland was the biggest crowd yet for Krazy George, who had tried the cheer a couple of times at high school rallies.

A simpler version originated at San Jose State several years earlier. Krazy George would call for the three student sections to chant — one word for each group — “San!” “Jose!” “State!” He would point to each section signaling those students’ turn.

He also did something similar for the former Colorado Rockies hockey team, using “Go! Rockies! Go!” But it didn’t work so well with only 5,000 fans in the seats many nights.

He knows there are plenty of fans out there who refuse to participate or become grumpy when their view of the game gets briefly blocked.

“There are always a few people,” he said.

So, in an era when fads tend to fade quickly in sports, fashion and technology, why has the Wave stood the test of time?

“As a professional cheerleader, I know why I do it: What it does is intensify the energy of the crowd,” Krazy George said. “It’s almost like an accomplishment. It’s their own competition, like a contest or video game. You have to participate to make it work. It takes 95 percent of fans doing it to make it great.”

Krazy George says he last got into it with Washington about the Wave before the 20th anniversary. Over the years, he has called the university’s athletic director and president, not to mention newspapers and TV stations.

The way things are going, the Wave will carry on long enough for the lore to continue.

“You can start a wave but nobody can stop one,” Krazy George said. “The only way it stops is if something exciting happens on the field.”

showed at least one building on fire. Officials could not immediately say if it was a home.

The National Weather Service issued a red flag warning about extreme fire conditions because of dry weather in the region and wind gusts that could reach 60 mph at times.

The flames raced between craggy, brush-dotted hills near Banning Pass. The area contained mainly scattered ranch homes but the hamlets of Poppet Ranch and Twin Pines were evacuated along with a juvenile center, Twin Pines Boys Ranch.

Winds fuel brushfire flames

BY JACOB ADELMAN

Associated Press Writer

CABAZON, Calif. — About 200 people were driven from their homes early Thursday as a 1,000-acre brushfire raced through desert hills northwest of Palm Springs.

The fire was being fueled by 25 mph winds that could increase, said Becky Luther, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry-Riverside County Fire Department.

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Poll: Schwarzenegger leads everywhere but L.A.

BY LAURA KURTZMAN

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is leading state Treasurer Phil Angelides nearly everywhere in the state, including the heavily Democratic San Francisco Bay area, according to a poll that gives him an 18-point advantage statewide.

The spread is ominous for Angelides, who has been unable to consolidate his Democratic base as the Nov. 7 election draws near. Since winning the June primary, Angelides has lost support and trails Schwarzenegger 30 percent to 48 percent among likely voters, according to the Public Policy Institute of California survey released Wednesday.

Despite his commanding lead, Schwarzenegger does not have majority support outside the areas that traditionally support Republican candidates: the Central Valley and the Southern California region outside Los Angeles.

But he is doing better than Republicans

usually do in Democratic areas. In the Bay area, Schwarzenegger leads Angelides 40 percent to 34 percent. In Los Angeles, Angelides leads Schwarzenegger, but only barely — 38 percent to 40 percent.

Pollster Mark Baldassare said Schwarzenegger is ahead in the Bay area but not in Los Angeles because Hispanics, who make up nearly one in three voters in Los Angeles County, are still not supporting the governor. Hispanics are far less influential in the Bay area, Baldassare said, because they account for just one in 10 voters.

But Angelides has been unable to capitalize on Hispanic disappointment in the governor. While a mere 25 percent of Hispanics favored Schwarzenegger, just 52 percent said they plan to vote for Angelides. Usually, Democrats get more like two-thirds of the Hispanic vote.

Angelides said the dynamics of the race would change when Democrats "came home" and said his support was driven down by millions of dollars in negative advertising from Schwarzenegger and the

state Republican Party.

"We're working against a tidal wave of corporate special interest money," he said Wednesday at a rally with firefighters in Sacramento. "There's no mystery here."

But Schwarzenegger strategist Matthew Dowd said that in the last six weeks, Angelides and the Democrats had outspent the governor on television advertising and that the numbers in the race had hardly changed.

"This race was set in the first 60 days," Dowd said, referring to the first two months after the primary, when the governor's campaign and the Republican Party poured millions into television advertising to undermine Angelides, who had almost no money to respond.

The institute's telephone survey of 1,076 likely voters was conducted Oct. 15-22 and has a sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

A relatively large number of voters — 13 percent — have yet to make up their minds, and half of them are Democrats.

If they fail to vote, that could hurt the

other Democrats running for statewide office, several of whom are in tight races.

But Democrats also could decide to vote to express their antipathy to Republicans in Congress or to show their support for Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who is running against a little-known conservative, former state senator Dick Mountjoy.

If the Democratic vote is depressed, however, that could affect the \$42.7 billion in bonds that Schwarzenegger is supporting, since Democrats are much more likely to support them than Republicans.

All four of the bonds put on the ballot by the state Legislature have majority support. But the two most expensive — Proposition 1B, the \$19.9 billion bond for transportation, and Proposition 1D, the \$10.4 billion bond for education — have bare majorities of 51 percent.

Voters are more likely to favor the less expensive bonds. Proposition 1C, the \$2.9 billion bond for affordable housing, has 56 percent support. Proposition 1E, the \$4.1 billion bond for flood control, has 53 percent.

Governor's campaign looking into voter buying habits

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD

AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES — Gin or vodka? Ford or BMW? Perrier or Fiji water? Does the car you buy or what's in your fridge say anything about how you'll vote?

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's campaign thinks so.

Employing technology honed in President Bush's 2004 victory, the Republican governor's re-election team has created a massive computer storehouse of data on personal buying habits and voter records to scout up likely supporters. Campaign officials say the operation, run in cooperation with the state Republican Party, is the largest of its kind in any state, at any time.

Some strategists believe the consumer information can decode a voter's political genetics even better than party label. The cocktail you have at dinner or the car you drive could provide a clue for the campaign to identify a like-minded voter, even in a heavily Democratic neighborhood.

"It's not where they live, it's how they live," said Josh Ginsberg, the

Schwarzenegger campaign's deputy political director.

The idea is an outgrowth of techniques that businesses have long used to court new customers. Using publicly available data, the Bush campaign in 2004 knew voters' favorite vacation spots, religious leanings, the music and magazines they liked, the cars they drove.

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Pellicano refuses to plea bargain in case

BY GREG RISLING

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Imprisoned private investigator Anthony Pellicano said Wednesday he rejected numerous attempts by federal prosecutors to negotiate a plea bargain in his Hollywood wiretap case because he didn't want to break the trust of celebrities, lawyers and other former clients.

"At least 10 times in this case I've been offered a plea bargain. It's not going to happen," Pellicano told The Associated Press in a phone interview from federal prison.

Pellicano, 62, said he intended to remain silent, even though Hollywood is infested with "great white sharks" who don't play by the rules and constantly lie to get what they want.

The private eye has pleaded not guilty to racketeering and wiretapping charges and is scheduled for trial next year. He is the accused ringleader of a scheme used to get dirt to aid clients in legal disputes.

Prosecutors claim he enlisted the aid of law enforcement and phone company employees by bribing them to collect information.

Scant details have been released. But prosecutors contend Pellicano illegally wiretapped stars such as Sylvester Stallone and had police officers run the names of more than 60 people, including comedians Garry Shandling and Kevin Nealon, through government databases.

Federal prosecutors said months ago that at least one more indictment was coming. But no new defendants have been named since "Die Hard" director John McTiernan was charged in early April.

Authorities also are struggling to decrypt hundreds of recorded telephone calls recovered during FBI searches of Pellicano's offices.

Pellicano said the files won't lead to charges against any Hollywood power players. The tapes "will do nobody any good to learn about my family life and my client

life," he said.

Earlier this week, Pellicano and his attorney challenged a request by prosecutors and five defendants to push the trial back from February to September. U.S. District Judge Dale Fischer has not ruled on the request.

Pellicano, who is being held without bail, said he shouldn't have to wait any longer for his trial as prosecutors needlessly complicate the case.

"The government had five years ... why do they need more time?" Pellicano asked. "This is a simple case."

Pellicano was unsure why he was charged but said the 112-count indictment against him and six other defendants could be the work of an "overzealous" prosecutor.

"I don't think the government wants me badly, it's the prosecutor," Pellicano said of Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Saunders. "Perhaps this prosecutor thought this would be a stepping stone to make him popular, get a feather in his cap."

Saunders declined to comment.

Fourteen people have been charged so far, with six pleading guilty to a variety of charges, including conspiracy and wire fraud. One former telephone company employee was acquitted last month.

Among the more notable defendants are McTiernan, who pleaded guilty to making false statements to an FBI agent; former Hollywood Records president Robert Pfeifer who admitted hiring Pellicano to wiretap the phone of an ex-girlfriend; and attorney Terry Christensen, who represented billionaire Kirk Kerkorian in a court battle over child support.

Christensen has denied wrongdoing. McTiernan and Pfeifer are awaiting sentencing.

Federal authorities also have questioned prominent entertainment attorney Bert Fields and studio bosses Brad Grey of Paramount Pictures and Ron Meyer of Universal Studios about their connections to Pellicano. All three denied wrongdoing.

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WHEN: Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California



HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact Jonathan Lait, AICP, Principal Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TTY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall.

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In Dodge City, Old West fights give way to gang-related battles

BY MARIA SUDEKUM FISHER

Associated Press Writer

DODGE CITY, Kan. — Dodge City has a rich history as an Old West frontier town, where cowboys and gunslingers could take a break from the trail and get their fill of saloons and brothels.

Today, the tidy town built on meatpacking and rodeos is again plagued by gunfighters. But this time they're in street gangs, some of which have second-generation members as young as 11. The drug of choice is methamphetamine and the weapons range from automatic rifles to baseball bats.

"When it was old Dodge City, it was cowboys coming off the range and ending up in Dodge and raising hell and letting things go," said John Ball, Dodge City chief of police. "This is entirely different. There is no comparison."

"The gangs, these are people who are choosing to commit dangerous and criminal acts and they're choosing it as a lifestyle that is criminal and wrong. There is no regard for anyone in the community, and I can't begin to explain their rationale."

Street gangs, often thought of as a big-city problem, have been turning up in rural areas across the country since the 1980s, frightening residents and straining smaller law enforcement departments. Rural gangs are often more transitory than their urban counterparts, but they appear to have a foothold in several communities.

About 24,000 gangs operate around the country, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, which estimates there are about 760,000 members in 2,900 communities.

The 2004 Youth Gang Survey conducted by the Justice Department, 82 percent of large cities surveyed, 42 percent of suburban counties, 27 percent of smaller cities and 14 percent of rural counties reported active youth gangs.

In Ottumwa, Iowa, Chief of Police Jim Clark says gangs are starting to show up in

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his town of about 25,000. Five years ago, Ottumwa had an occasional visit from a gang member from Los Angeles or Chicago. Now, Clark estimates there about 100 gang members in town. Some moved to Ottumwa with their families. Others have been sent to live with relatives to escape gangs in bigger cities, Clark said.

"But then they start up the same kind of violence," he said.

Rural gangs are often more locally grown than urban gangs, said Arlen Egley Jr., senior research associate at the National Youth Gang Center in Tallahassee, Fla. But if they are attached to a national gang, like the Crips or the Bloods, they're more likely to "cut and paste" from those gang traditions.

"You'll find Bloods wearing blue," Egley said, when they traditionally wear red. These "hybrid" gangs are more prevalent in the Midwest, he said.

Gang activity in Dodge City started in the 1980s. Ball said he now estimates the town of 25,000 has more than 300 gang members, most of whom are Hispanic. Dodge City is one of the few western Kansas towns that has been growing, largely due to the influx of Latinos drawn to the meatpacking industry in southwest Kansas.

A recent uptick in gang violence over the summer caught the town's attention. From Aug. 19 to Sept. 22, the city recorded seven drive-by shootings. No one was killed, but police made nine gang-related arrests after the shootings, and houses that weren't intended as targets were sprayed with bullets.

Ball said the violence not only threatens residents, but also ties up the police department, which has about 50 officers.

"We don't have some of the resources or the manpower that other bigger departments do," he said.

Hawaii's top court nixes landowner's attempt to extend beach boundaries

BY AUDREY MCAVOY

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — The Hawaii Supreme Court has ruled that beachfront property ends at the ocean's high water mark, not where plants stop growing, thus nixing a landowner's attempt to extend his property by planting salt-tolerant vegetation on the beach.

The unanimous decision Tuesday overturned a lower court ruling allowing plant growth to determine where the public beach ends and private property begins.

The court agreed with the plaintiffs, North Shore Kauai resident Caren Diamond and her attorney Harold Bronstein, that landowner Carl Stephens attempted to "establish a false vegetation line" by planting salt-tolerant plants and building an underground irrigation system to water them at the edge of his property.

The justices said the artificial vegetation — relied on by a surveyor to determine the shoreline — didn't represent the highest wash of the waves and didn't represent the correct shoreline.

"The utilization of artificially planted vegetation in determining the certified shoreline encourages private land owners to plant and promote salt-tolerant vegetation

to extend their land" toward the sea, the ruling said.

The justices said this was contrary to the objectives of state law, noting the law stipulates the state's aim to "protect beaches for public use and recreation." Beaches in Hawaii are public property.

Stephens' lawyer, Bernie Bays, said the ruling would not affect his client, who has already sold the land after deciding he didn't want to continue battling neighbors over the boundary.

Diamond said she was pleased with the ruling.

"Now, our government officials need to start enforcing the law and stop vegetative encroachments that are causing the loss of our sandy beaches," Diamond said in a statement issued by the environmental group Earthjustice.

Earthjustice and others say some beachfront property owners in the islands have been planting vegetation to extend their property to enable them to build closer to the ocean.

The group says this blocks public access and contributes to beach erosion.

A call to the Department of Land and Natural Resources was not immediately returned.

O.K. Corral celebrates 125 years of allure

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN

Associated Press Writer

TOMBSTONE, Ariz. — Credit nostalgia, a throwback to colorful and exciting times, the Hollywood influence, the enduring myth of the Old West.

For all sorts of reasons, the lore and lure of the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral lives on 125 years after a 30-second shootout immortalized the Earps, "Doc" Holliday and this community dubbed "the town too tough to die."

"It's one of those iconic moments in American history," said Bruce Dinges, publications director for the Arizona Historical Society.

The 125th anniversary of the Oct. 26, 1881, shootout is being observed Thursday and again on Saturday.

Author, western historian and Earp expert Ben Traywick said the public interest persists in the legends surrounding the gunfight, the figures involved and the town "because it happened in colorful, exciting times, and people are overcome with nostalgia every time they think about it."

"Most Americans would like to be part of something like that," added Traywick, 79, a longtime Tombstone resident. "And most people would just like to relive it."

For 18 years, Traywick re-enacted Earp's role in the annual observance of the gunfight. This year will be the 18th that his son, Bill Traywick, portrays Earp.

The elder Traywick has just finished his 34th book, titled "Wyatt Earp, Angel of Death," and remains firmly convinced that Earp's friend, dentist-turned-tubercular alcoholic gambler John H. "Doc" Holliday, started the deadly fight.

The two men and Earp's brothers Morgan and Virgil, the town marshal, had gone down Fremont Street looking to disarm and arrest the Clanton and the McLaury brothers for violating a town gun ordinance.

Marshall Trimble, Arizona's official historian and a professor at Scottsdale Community College, attributes the gunfight's staying power to the fact that "it's one of the few actual gunfights in the Old West which Hollywood has picked up on over and over, lawman against outlaws or whatever, and it's a standup fight."

Added Dinges: "It's one of the few times a gunfight occurred the way we imagine it to have occurred — two groups facing each other off."

The shootout occurred at 2:30 p.m. on a cool, sunless day some 70 feet from the rear of the O.K. Corral in a vacant lot 15 feet wide.

"Nine people and a horse. Pretty crowded," Traywick said. "Much too close for people armed with .45-caliber pistols and a drunk with a double-barreled shotgun (Holliday)."

A local group, the Wild Bunch and the Hell's Belles, will re-enact the gunfight Thursday and again on Saturday, with some 5,000 spectators expected each afternoon — staged in the same close-in range as the actual gunfight, during which Frank and Tom McLaury and Billy Clanton were killed.

"We're 5, 6 feet apart when we do this, so it's a dangerous thing to do even with blanks. And we have to make sure we know the people who are facing us," Ben Traywick said. "You don't want some stranger shooting at you."

Of the actual gunfight, Dinges said, "there's no way of knowing at this point exactly how it happened. So the mystery is always there and people can project their own feelings on to the event."

Another Earp author, Glenn Boyer, said Earp is "a very improbable folk hero... Most of them were."

Before Stuart Lake's book "Wyatt Earp, Frontier Marshal," was published in 1931, "nobody heard of Wyatt Earp that much," Boyer said. "Before that it was Buffalo Bill and Wild Bill Hickock. It's a myth-making process."

The continuing popularity surrounding the O.K. Corral gunfight isn't surprising, according to Trimble.

"America's rendition of the Knights of the Round Table are the western gunfighters. It's the image," he said.

That popularity is growing worldwide.

While Tombstone drew 150,000 or 160,000 tourists in the late 1960s, it's pulling in between 500,000 and 600,000 a year now, Traywick said, from places as far away as Australia, New Zealand and Japan as well as Germans, English, French and other Europeans.

People still find the shootout intriguing "because there's been so much written about it, and nobody knows exactly what happened," Bill Traywick said. "If you could bring all the participants back to life and ask them, I bet every one of them would have a different story of what happened, how it happened, who shot who. You can argue about it forever, it's still a controversy, and that's why Tombstone's still here."

Bill Traywick, 49, said he hopes his 29-year-old son gets into the Earp mode by the time the 150th anniversary rolls around "because we're going to need another Wyatt Earp by then, and we want to keep it in the family."

Ouch! Those oysters are pricey

BY JANET MCCONNAUGHEY

Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS — It's a lean year for Louisiana oysters and that means holiday stuffing made from mollusks this Thanksgiving or Christmas won't be cheap, say people in the business.

Mike Voisin, owner of Motivati Seafoods Inc. and chairman of the Louisiana Oyster Task Force, estimated the likely cost of a pint of oysters at \$9 to \$10, up from about \$8 a year ago.

He said Louisiana provides 30 to 40 percent of the nation's annual oyster harvest, and its oyster reefs are still feeling the effects of last year's hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Statewide, Voisin said, the harvest is 20 to 30 percent down from last year, which was itself down from a year before.

"We expect there'll be oysters — enough to fill their turkeys with. There won't be extra. It'll be a tight year. But we'll have enough," he said.

The shortage has contributed to a nationwide price increase, said Bart Farrell, purchasing agent for the Old Ebbitt Grill in Washington, D.C.

He said the price has gone up 12 to 15 percent over the past year, partly because of Louisiana's shortage and partly because a bacterial outbreak closed West Coast beds for much of the summer.



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Bush approves bill for 700 miles of fencing at border

BY DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush signed a bill Thursday authorizing 700 miles of new fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border, hoping to give Republican candidates a pre-election platform for asserting they're tough on illegal immigration.

"Unfortunately the United States has not been in complete control of its borders for decades and therefore illegal immigration has been on the rise," Bush said at a signing ceremony.

"We have a responsibility to enforce our laws," he said. "We have a responsibility to secure our borders. We take this responsibility serious."

He called the fence bill "an important step in our nation's efforts to secure our borders."

The centerpiece of Bush's immigration policy, a guest worker program, remains stalled in Congress.

And a handful of House Republican are at the brakes, blocking negotiations with the Senate for a bill that includes the president's proposal.

Still, Bush argues that it would be easier to get his guest worker program passed if Republicans keep their majorities in the House and Senate after the Nov. 7 elections. His proposal would allow legal employment for foreigners and give some of the estimated 11 million to 12 million illegal immigrants in the United States a shot at becoming American citizens.

The measure Bush put into law Thursday before heading for campaign stops in Iowa and Michigan offers no money for the fence project covering one-third of the 2,100-mile border.

Its cost is not known, although a homeland security spending measure the president signed earlier this month makes a \$1.2 billion down payment on the project.

Mexican officials have criticized the

fence. Outgoing Mexican President Vicente Fox, who has spent much of his six years in office lobbying for a new guest worker program and a chance at citizenship for the millions of Mexicans working illegally in the U.S., calls the fence "shameful" and compares it to the Berlin Wall.

Others have doubts about its effectiveness.

"A fence will slow people down by a minute or two, but if you don't have the agents to stop them it does no good. We're not talking about some impenetrable barrier," T.J. Bonner, president of the National Border Patrol Council, a union representing Border Patrol agents, said Wednesday.

Customs and Border Protection statistics show that apprehensions at border crossings are down 8 percent nationally for the budget year that just ended, Bonner said. Apprehensions were up in the San Diego sector, he said, an area of the nearly 2,000-mile border that has the most fencing.

A spokesman for Customs and Border Protection would not confirm the statistics or discuss reasons for the increase in the San Diego sector.

Sens. John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison, both Texas Republicans, had wanted to amend the fence bill to give local governments more say about where fencing is erected. They lost that battle, but Republican leaders assured them the Homeland Security Department would have flexibility to choose other options instead of fencing, if needed.

Cornyn said he voted for the fence because he wanted to help demonstrate that Congress was serious about border security.

"The choice we were presented was: Are we going to vote to enhance border security, or against it?" Cornyn said. "I think that's how the vote was viewed."

Associated Press Writer **Suzanne Gamboa** contributed to this report.

Republicans weak in Colorado, despite a pair of Bush triumphs

BY JENNIFER TALHELM
AND STEVEN K. PAULSON

Associated Press Writers

DENVER — Colorado could give Democrats a real Rocky Mountain high on Election Day: The governorship and three GOP-held House seats are within reach in a state that has backed a Republican in the past three presidential elections.

A confluence of growing voter unease with the Iraq war, President Bush's sagging poll numbers and Republican blunders and intra-party fighting have undercut the GOP — a reality Republicans acknowledge.

"The West is probably going to be a good battleground to watch and see if we're in a period of change," said Republican Rep. Bob Beauprez, who is running for governor.

It's Beauprez's seat in the Denver suburbs that Democrats consider one of their best chances of winning. The largely blue-collar district is nearly evenly split among Democrats, Republicans and independent voters. It narrowly went for Democratic Sen. John Kerry in the 2004 presidential election.

The two national parties have spent slightly more than \$1 million apiece on the race.

"People have had enough with the White

House and Republican leadership in Congress," said Democrat Ed Perlmutter, an attorney and former state lawmaker running against Republican Rick O'Donnell. "They've lost complete touch with the people of Colorado."

Perlmutter has a slight edge in recent polls for the open seat race, thanks in part to people like Robert Benallo, an unaffiliated voter and retired heavy machine operator.

Benallo is leaning toward voting for Perlmutter because he is worried his grandsons might be sent to fight in Iraq.

"I think the war in Iraq is a mistake," Benallo said. "This is personal."

O'Donnell, 36, acknowledges he faces an uphill battle partly because of his party. He is hoping his youthful looks and ideas translate into a fresh face that could change Washington. O'Donnell is a former director of the state Commission on Higher Education.

But O'Donnell also had to apologize early in the campaign for writing a paper 12 years ago calling for the government to "slay" Social Security. He has since enrolled his mother in Social Security and said he now thinks experts should start from scratch to overhaul the program.

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Professor's link of blacks to welfare draws outrage

BY JOHN MILLER

Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho — An eastern Idaho history professor who appears to link what he described as his region's low welfare recipient rate with the fact that "we don't have blacks in this area to speak of" is drawing an irate reaction.

Rick Davis, a professor at Mormon-owned Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg, told The Associated Press he was quoted accurately by the Internet publication salon.com in an article about Idaho conservatives.

But he didn't intend to insult blacks, he said Tuesday.

"I can see that it might sound that way," Davis told the AP. "I didn't know I put them (the reference to welfare and blacks) so close together. That's the curse of being quoted without looking at your copy."

Members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Idaho said they're concerned about Davis's comments. They unfairly perpetuate stereotypical views of minorities and further the impression that eastern Idaho is hostile to anybody but the whites who make up 96 percent of the population, they said.

"His statements are derogatory, discriminatory and racially based," Mary Toy, president of the NAACP in Boise, said Wednesday. "When you make blanket statements like that, you've got to make sure, number one, your facts are correct, and two, that you're not singling out a group of people, whether it's race-based, religious-based or politically based."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, just 0.6 percent of Idaho residents are black. In Madison County, where Rexburg is located, it's just 0.3 percent.

In the salon.com article, author Tim Grieve characterizes Rexburg as the nation's most conservative region. He describes signs outside apartments advertising "Approved housing for young ladies" and the difficulty of getting a drink in a town where liquor-by-the-glass has been banned since 1947.

Davis, who has taught in Rexburg for three decades, told Grieve why he thought so many people in the area are likely to remain loyal to their conservative roots in the upcoming November election.

"Rexburg Mormons" — "so red that you just bleed," Davis said — aren't to be con-

fused with "Boston Mormons," his description of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints members from outside the Rocky Mountain West who may be more liberal.

Rexburg's population has "a very high education level... a very high income level," Davis told salon.com.

"That equates with being conservatives," he said. "We're fiscally aware of where the money comes from, and that it doesn't grow on the great tree in Washington. We don't have any welfare state in this area at all. We don't have blacks in this area to speak of. We've had them, and they've come and gone. Not to say they were driven out; they've just felt uncomfortable because there aren't enough of them — like you and me moving to Montgomery, Ala."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the average median income in Madison County is about \$32,000 — some \$7,000 less than the average for the state. And just 24.4 percent of residents older than 25 have college bachelor's degrees, only slightly higher than the 21.7 percent average for the rest of the state, the Census reported in 2000.

In addition, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is active in eastern Idaho. In Rexburg, for instance, the number of recipients of a taxpayer-funded program that feeds poor mothers and their kids has risen about 80 percent since BYU-Idaho five years ago became a four-year school and began attracting more families, Idaho's District 7 Health Department said.

BYU-Idaho President Kim Clark, dean of the Harvard Business School in Boston before coming to Rexburg in 2005, couldn't be reached for comment.

Marc Stevens, a spokesman for the 13,500-student school, said officials have spoken with Davis.

He faces no official reprimand, though his comments are a "concern," Stevens said.

"The university has a clear policy on political neutrality," Stevens said. "Employees are free to share opinions, that's a basic right. But when their name is connected to the university, that's where it gets a little difficult."

One black university student in eastern Idaho said she was shocked by the article.

"My mouth is open," said Katrina Vollbrecht, a student at Idaho State University in Pocatello and former president of the NAACP chapter there, adding she was amazed that Davis, "who supposedly is well-educated, said this."

Storm blankets Colorado with snow; roads closed, airline flights canceled

BY DAN ELLIOTT

Associated Press Writer

DENVER — A potent storm quickly dumped up to 18 inches of snow in the Colorado mountains before moving into the populous Front Range on Thursday, forcing schools and highways to close and canceling scores of airline flights.

"We had no snow last night and we've got about 14 inches now," said Terry Shaw, manager of the Sunmart gas station in the mountain town of Georgetown, about 30 miles west of Denver. "It's still snowing hard right now."

The National Weather Service said snow was falling at a rate of about 3 inches an hour in the southeast Denver area at one point.

Up to 80 outbound flights were canceled Thursday at Denver International Airport, mostly on United Airlines, the airport's busiest

carrier. United, Frontier and Southwest airlines all reported delays of over an hour.

"We expect it to be slow going through mid-afternoon," Southwest spokeswoman Paula Berg said.

Jane Thompson of Denver said it took her an extra 30 minutes to get to the airport, only to discover her flight was delayed, but she was unruffled.

"I have four kids at home, so I'm just happy to be here," she quipped.

Many schools in the mountains and foothills canceled classes or set late start times. An early voting station in Byers, about 30 miles east of Denver closed for the day.

Snow, a rock slide and a rash of collisions prompted highway officials to close nearly 80 miles of eastbound Interstate 70 from Vail to the west edge of Denver and about 25 miles of the westbound lanes.

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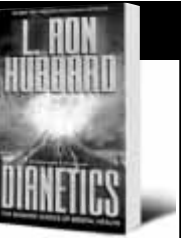
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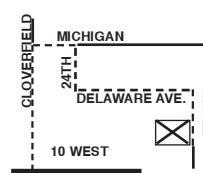
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eating habits and workout routines are legendary, are no different when it comes to the carnivore cravings.

"It tastes good," said Ian Godburn of the Father's Office interpretation. "I don't even know how to explain it."

Located at 1018 Montana Ave., The Office Burger, made from angus beef, is only served in one form — with caramelized onions, blue cheese, applewood bacon compote, gruyere and arugula. The tavern offers no alternative ingredients for picky customers, yet they keep coming back in droves.

The Library Alehouse on Main Street is also a popular destination for carnivores, especially on Monday nights, when it hosts a \$5.99 special.

Don't forget the sweet potato fries or the curly fries, said manager Elaina Leibee.

"It's the traditional American burger," Leibee said. "People love it."

Besides an extensive selection of domestic and international beers, the restaurant, located at 2911 Main St., is well known for the Alehouse Gourmet Angus Burger. Made from a mixture of rib eye, New York steak and filet mignon, it doesn't come cheap at \$14, but its legions of followers don't seem to mind.

Despite the hefty price tag, the Alehouse Gourmet Angus Burger is a customer favorite, Leibee said.

The burgers at Houston's, 202 Wilshire Blvd., top Lawrence Ospina's list of favorite places to fulfill the burger pangs.

"It's a hickory burger with barbecue sauce, Canadian ham, and a ton of shredded

cheese," said Ospina. "It's exceedingly juicy and exceedingly tasteful."

The burger is one of the dishes you never see on Houston's menu, but can easily be made if requested, Ospina said.

Oprah Winfrey swears by The Counter, 2901 Ocean Park Blvd., which gives customers the difficult decision of choosing among more than 312,000 different burger combinations.

The process of building a burger at The Counter involves five different steps, starting with choosing the type of burger, whether it's beef or turkey or veggie, all the way down to selecting the type of bun.

Indecisive customers also have the option of choosing among the signature burgers.

"It's just a good burger," said Todd Lewis, who cites Hal's Bar and Grill in Venice as his first burger choice, and The Counter second.

The burger is by far the most popular item at Rick's Tavern, 2907 Main St., where the patty is made from fresh ground beef and marinated in different spices, ketchup and A1 sauce. Turkey and vegetarian patties are also infused with similar spices.

"It beats everything else on the menu by 15 percent," said Kitchen Manager Jeff Schaeffer, who has incorporated his own family recipes into the menu at the restaurant.

"Everyone comes in and says, 'give me the burger, please, please,'" Schaeffer joked.

When Jason Barker of Culver City has a craving, he drives over to either Sunset Bar & Grill at 1240 Third St. Promenade or Johnny Rockets, 1322 Third St. Promenade, to get his burger on.

The burgers are bigger than what is



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A TOUGH CHOICE: Students at SMC wait in line for their burger fixes this week.

served in most restaurants and the service is excellent, Barker said of Sunset Bar & Grill.

One of the few places in Santa Monica that serves up a burger with the authentic smoky flavor is Big Joe's, at Broadway and 20th Street, said Shannon Kildare, who said she likes Father's Office, but sometimes feels its burgers are too rich.

"It's (Joe's) a hole in the wall, but it's one of the few places where the burger tastes like it's been done on the grill," Kildare said.

"Nothing else comes even close," Kildare said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Getting the vote out

By Daily Press staff

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Conny McCormack is reminding voters who wish to vote by mail that requests for absentee ballots for the Nov. 7 General Election must be received by the RR/CC no later than Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Registered voters who would like to obtain an absentee ballot must send a written request containing the voter's name, residence address and address to which the ballot is to be mailed. The signature of each person asking for an absentee ballot is required in order to verify the legitimacy of the application.

Absentee ballots may be requested in the following ways:

- By filling out the Vote-By-Mail Application on the back cover of the Official Sample Ballot booklet sent to each registered voter.

- By letter addressed to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Absentee Voter Section, P.O. Box 30450, Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450.

- By accessing the RR/CC web site at www.lavote.net and clicking on the Absentee Voting page under "Registrar of Voters Operations" and filling out an Absentee Ballot Application online.

- In person at the RR/CC's Office, 12400 Imperial Highway, 3rd floor, Room 3002, Norwalk.

If a voter has applied for an absentee ballot and has not received it within a week after sending in the application, the voter should call the RR/CC's Office at (800) 815-2666.

To be counted, the voted absentee ballot must either be returned in person to the Registrar's Office, delivered to any polling place in Los Angeles County on election day during poll hours — 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., or mailed in time to be in the Registrar's Office by 8 p.m. on Nov. 7 (postmarks are not acceptable).

Father's Office customers back in swing of things

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

MONTANA AVENUE — The wait is over.

Customers who have complained for months about the long wait in line to feast on a matag blue cheese-covered burger at Father's Office can finally bite their tongues.

That's because the popular tavern at 1018 Montana Ave. is finally in compliance with the city's building and fire codes on maximum occupancy, allowing the formerly overcrowded taphouse to legally accommodate up to 76 people, including employees and customers.

The Fire Department conducted a surprise inspection on May 5 after receiving an anonymous complaint that the restaurant was filled beyond capacity. Father's Office, which oftentimes had jammed patrons dining and drinking elbow-to-elbow, was immediately ordered to cut back on its number of occupants to 49 because it did not possess a public assembly permit.

In Santa Monica, establishments that wish to exceed a maximum occupancy of 49, including schools and churches, must file for a permit to operate as a place of public assembly and have two exits that swing outward — the direction of traffic. In the case of Father's Office, it had neither.

For months following the inspection, a line flowed out the door onto the sidewalk once the restaurant reached its 49-person capacity. Customers said they were happy with the extra room while dining, but patrons on the outside looking in were less enthused.

Matthew Romeo, of Santa Monica, would sometimes wait in line up to 20 minutes to enjoy a beer at "F.O." — as many regulars refer to the tavern — but anything longer wouldn't be worth his time, he said.

"They have one of the best selections of beer in Los Angeles," said Romeo, who has been to Father's Office at least a dozen times. "They probably have the best selection of draft beer in Santa Monica."

RAPID RESPONSE

Following the springtime inspection, Father's Office hired an architect and constructed a second exit in order to

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Vikings looking for a happy Homecoming

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biggest game of the season for us," Katz, 15, said during practice Wednesday. "We've struggled the last couple of games, had some tough losses, but we're feeling pretty good as a team right now. We're fired up for Homecoming.

"We're ready to come out and put all of the pieces together."

In his first year as coach, Zack Cuda, who is joined on the staff by his twin brother Conrad, has seen his fair share of ups and down this season, however, he is confident that his players are beginning to believe in themselves, which could make for an interesting finish.

"I do this job for a lot of reasons, but specifically to teach young men lessons on how to be successful in life," Cuda, 28, said. "This year, we've been faced with a lot of adversity in a lot of different ways. A lot of what we've been talking about in our program is the way in which one deals with adversity defines who they are. Do we just pack it in because we may not make the playoffs? Even if we win out that still doesn't guarantee us a spot, so does that mean we just give up?

"We've had some bad breaks, but you know what, we are still going to come out and play hard because that's who we are," Cuda added. "We're successful people. That's the message we've been sending all year and we're beginning to see some signs."

On offense, Cuda is looking for a balanced attack that will be bolstered by the return of power running back Louis Adeyemi, the team's leading rusher, who has only played sparingly since fracturing his hand in a loss against Morningside High School. Adeyemi, who has rushed for 769 yards in just 80 carries, is expected to be 100 percent entering into tonight's game.

"Having Louis back will definitely be a big plus," said Katz, who has passed for 986 yards, with 11 touchdowns and three interceptions. "He's such a leader on the field. He always brings it. We're a very close team and with all the work we've put in over the summer and now, we've gone too far to just quit now. Everyone's spirits are up and were ready to roll for Homecoming. We know there are going to be a lot of people in the stands ... we want to make sure that we show our Samo pride."

If Adeyemi can have a productive night, that should open up the defense for Katz to throw the ball to his two favorite receivers — Geo Allen and Jon Dunn, with three touchdowns apiece. Allen has 19 catches for 323 yards. Dunn has 16 catches for 254 yards.

The defense will be looking to put pressure on Centaur quarterback Darius Banks, a level-headed junior who is comfortable in the pocket, having thrown for 2,413 yards and 30 touchdowns, with just four interceptions. Banks is bolstered by a receiving corps that is regarded as one of the best in the conference.

Defensive coordinator Conrad Cuda has switched from a 4-4 defense to a 4-3, with two safeties watching the deep ball in an attempt to shut down Culver City's heralded passing game.

"Culver City likes to spread out the defense, so we have to show them different looks and bring pressure on every play," Conrad Cuda said.

With four sacks between them, defensive ends Jah'Herb Johnson and Nick Mays will have to make Banks uncomfortable by slashing through the offensive line, while linebackers Max Monbouquette and David Naylor, with more than 60 tackles apiece, will be expected to stuff the middle, protecting against short passes and the run.

The two may also be called on to blitz Banks, hoping to force him into making mistakes and turn the ball over.

Culver City can put points on the board, so keeping their offense off the field will be key to a Viking victory.

"Coming in with a losing record, we know we have a lot to provide and what better way to do that than to defeat one of the best teams out there, and on Homecoming. It's perfect," said defensive captain and free safety Cameron Collins, a senior. "The defense has been holding strong, we've been hitting hard and we'll be ready Friday night."

Tonight's kickoff is set for 7 p.m.



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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: The Santa Monica High School Vikings face a tough challenge in tonight's Homecoming game against undefeated Culver City. (At top) The varsity team runs through drills on Wednesday in preparation for the Centaurs. (Above) Sophomore Jackson Knox, a 15-year-old varsity linebacker and wide receiver, works out the kinks during practice



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Televised testimonial is disputed

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lessness would be used to turn voters against the incumbent.

Michael McAlevey, a 20-year resident of Santa Monica, said he was paid \$200 by a friend in the movie business who asked him to appear in a video on homelessness. McAlevey said he spent about a half-hour talking about the issue during a taping at Palisades Park.

Following a rant about former President Ronald Reagan's cuts to mental health services in the 1980s, McAlevey said the director cut him off and started asking questions about the number of homeless people in Santa Monica and McKeown's tenure on the council.

McAlevey didn't understand why he was asked about McKeown specifically, that is until he saw himself on TV this week while watching "Monday Night Football" on ESPN.

"I went, 'Wow! What the heck is that?'" McAlevey recalled. "It sounded like I didn't like the guy, when in fact, I was pretty sure I had voted for (McKeown) ... I thought the (taping) was about how we were going to solve the homeless problem. I guess I should have been more aware."

McAlevey checked his records, and sure enough, he had voted for McKeown — twice. He currently even has one of the candidate's campaign signs on his front lawn.

The ads were paid for by the Beverly Hills-based Edward Thomas Management Co., the owners and operators of Shutters on the Beach and Casa Del Mar hotels in Santa Monica.

The hotel operator is working with political consultants The Dolphin Group and Jacobson Communications, Inc. in attempts to oust McKeown, spending an estimated



'Time' is of the essence

Christy Knowings performs 'Every Time We Say Goodbye' during the Santa Monica Jazz Band Vocalists, as Jon Mayer accompanies on piano, in the SMC Concert Hall.

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\$400,000 on the commercials and a series of mailers calling into question McKeown's votes on the installation of security cameras on Big Blue Buses and the Santa Monica Pier, as well as his vote for a downtown parking plan that included 1,000 fewer spaces than recommended by a task force created by the council to study the issue.

The Dolphin Group was behind the campaign ads featuring convicted rapist and murderer Willie Horton, which many politi-

cal pundits said derailed then-Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis' 1988 campaign for president. The group also worked with Edward Thomas on the campaign to defeat Santa Monica's living wage law in 2002, requiring businesses in the coastal zone with more \$5 million a year in annual revenue to pay \$10.50 an hour, much higher than the state's minimum wage.

In addition to the ads, which show an image of McKeown and the words "BAD for Santa Monica," Tim Dubois, president of Edward Thomas, sent out a personal letter to thousands of residents urging them to not vote for the incumbent because his "actions make Santa Monica less attractive to residents and visitors."

DuBois believes a new council majority would help improve tourism, which "plays a vital role in our local economy, and of course, tourism is the lifeblood of our business."

SOCIAL DISTORTION

McKeown was a major supporter of the living wage law, and believes the campaign ads were made in retaliation. He said the ads are baseless and distort his stance on the issues of public safety and homelessness. McKeown is using the ads to bolster his own position that he is a grass-roots candidate representing the residents of Santa Monica, not big business.

"(McAlevey) contacted me after seeing himself on ESPN, to tell me he has voted for me twice before and intends to vote for me again this time," McKeown said. "Some clever and misleading editing turned his 'man in the park' discussion on homelessness into an attack on me personally, which was never his intent. The entities behind this television attack campaign apparently have both a surfeit of cash and a shortage of scruples."

Seth Jacobson, a spokesperson for DuBois and Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities, a political action committee that

has spent more than \$400,000 this election season opposing McKeown while supporting candidates Bob Holbrook and Terry O'Day, said McAlevey's comments were real and that he may now be refuting the commercial because of pressure by McKeown.

"We believe that this is a clear case of a local politician using intimidation and heavy handed techniques to influence a citizen that, in fact, has grave concerns about his handling of local issues," Jacobson said. "I believe the transcript along with his release bear out the fact that Mr. McAlevey was well aware of what he was doing, when he was doing it. It is extremely unfortunate that Mr. McKeown has chosen to tangle him up in this conflict and is unwilling to listen to another point of view. His voting record speaks for itself and we merely document that."

According to a transcript of McAlevey's interview released by Jacobson, McAlevey said, "Okay, okay. Okay, all politicians have a time limit to taking care of problems. Kevin McKeown has been with the council in Santa Monica for 10 years, visibly I can tell you that the homeless population has at least tripled in the last 10 years, so whatever solutions he's come up with, up 'til now, are obviously not working."

Jacobson said McAlevey may have been paid \$200, but that was for his expenses only.

"They weren't paid like actors would be," Jacobson said.

McAlevey admits he did sign a release allowing his statements to be used. He doesn't feel he was a pawn, but regrets that he wasn't more cautious and curious about the use of his statements.

"I have to take some responsibility for this," he said. "I wish I would have been more skeptical. This has nothing to do with homelessness. This is really about trying to get rid of a guy who doesn't want another hotel on the beach. We need another hotel there like I need another prostate exam."

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Rising to the occasion

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Santa Monica High School graduate Jeffrey Ramirez, 18, speaks to a group of current Samohi students about the benefits of earning a high school diploma. Ramirez, joined by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell and district officials, recently earned his diploma after passing the California Exit Exam. Ramirez was one of 819 students in the state who took the exam in July, the final time it was offered to members of the Class of 2006. Ramirez had met all of his graduation requirements, but struggled to pass the exit exam's math portion, finally making the grade on his seventh attempt. Ramirez was one of 13 seniors who failed to pass the exit exam district-wide. Ramirez currently attends Santa Monica College, with the hopes of one day becoming a high school counselor.

SANTA MONICA ART PALETTE
MAKING ARTS AND CULTURE COME ALIVE IN SANTA MONICA

BY HAMP SIMMONS

Special to the Daily Press

It's the weekend before Halloween. Witches and ghouls everywhere are busy crafting frightening costumes, erecting horrifying haunted houses, robbing fresh graves and stopping by Trader Joe's for that great deal they've got on eye of newt. Around Santa Monica, along with jack-o-lanterns and spider webs, you'll be seeing altars laden with gifts of sweets and other food and graves decorated with marigolds in preparation for Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 — los Dias de los Muertos ("the Days of the Dead"). In the meantime, we've got plenty of things to keep you entertained, stimulated, provoked and occupied while the spirits prepare for their big day.

The Track 16 Gallery presents a new collection of work by artist/activist Robbie Conal opening at Bergamot. In this new exhibition, Conal combines historical references from wartime Europe with allusions to America's favorite pastime — baseball — resulting in a biting critique of current political and social attitudes. Those of us accustomed to viewing Conal's posters as we zip past telephone poles and call boxes will be thrilled to see his work up close in this setting and get an idea of how accomplished the activist is as an artist.

Robbie Conal: Apocalypso Facto
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Track 16 Gallery
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Avenue
(310) 264-4678



The Morgan-Wixson Theatre will be presenting a new adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book," opening this Saturday and playing through Nov. 12. With a script by local playwright Callan Stout, the story will be told using masks, live music, puppets and dance. We all have at least one person in our lives who was apparently raised by wolves. You can bring that person with you to meet Mowgli, the original wolf-child, and after the show, maybe you can feed them to Shere Khan, the tiger! "The Jungle Book" is a production of YES (Youth Education/Entertainment Series) of the Santa Monica Theatre Guild (a non-profit theatre company since 1946) and made possible in part by the City of Santa Monica Community Arts Grant Program, a project of the Santa Monica Arts Commission.

Saturdays and Sundays, at 11 a.m.

Oct. 28 through Nov. 12.
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd.
(310) 828-7519



Playbox Theatre's "The White Album"

There's a very special event you don't want to miss that's happening on Friday night. The Santa Monica Playhouse is hosting their sister theatre, Playbox, and presenting the U.S. premiere of "The White Album," a love story inspired by myths, legends and fantasies surrounding the making of the Beatles' album and the very tragic consequences of Charlie Manson's misinterpretation of the Lennon/McCartney lyrics. It's a one-night-only extravaganza, with no one under 14 admitted due to mature themes and language.

Playbox Theater of the UK is one of Europe's leading theatre operations for children and young people. Currently celebrating its 20th year, Playbox's mission is to develop theatre and performance with young people through multi-disciplinary techniques. Playbox artists range in age from 2 to 25. Its partnership with Santa Monica Playhouse dates back to 1990, and this tour marks their eighth International exchange and performance tour to Santa Monica.

Friday, Oct. 27, at 6 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth Street
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And getting a head start on Day of the Dead festivities, Edison Language Academy will be the locale for the largest Day of the Dead altar exhibit on the Westside. On Saturday afternoon, the school will sponsor a free festival featuring live music by Jesus "Chuy" Perez and his six-piece salsa band, along with children's entertainment, authentic Mexican food, a costume parade, haunted house, and arts and craft activities. I hear the tamales and pozole are most excellent.

Saturday, Oct. 28
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Edison Language Academy
2425 Kansas Ave.

Did you know ...

- That 89 percent of residents believe that Santa Monica's arts and culture scene makes the city a better place to raise their children?
 - That 86 percent think having creative businesses in the community is important?
 - That 83 percent have visited a museum or art gallery in the last year?
- Learn more about how important the arts are to the Santa Monica Community at the Creative Capital community workshop and town hall meeting on Nov. 8, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Santa Monica Main Library. We'll be presenting the first draft of the new cultural plan that will map the future of the arts and culture in our city. At 4 p.m., people are invited to drop by, read the recommendations posted on the walls and talk to the planners, arts commissioners and city staff about specific items. At 6 p.m., the planners will make a formal presentation of the entire plan, followed by an Arts Commission meeting at 7 p.m.

Comments or suggestions for the Palette? Write to artpalette.mailbox@smgov.net.



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Scares, fairs and chills: Fear not, they're all on tap

BY LORI BARTLETT

Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE — Being the final weekend before Halloween, the Westside and Hollywood are putting their spook on, unveiling an array of creepy themed activities and amusing alternatives to keep kids of all ages in the spirit of things. From haunted houses to frightening films to costume contests, the excuses to skip the scary season are slim.

Here are a few options to get All Hallow's Eve up and running.

HALLOWEEN AT THE MOVIES

Haunted houses and theme park Halloween fests can be too intense for some. For those who prefer to get their frights from film, the Aero and Egyptian theatres offer a mixed bag of treats.

The Aero Theatre is hosting a dusk-till-dawn vampire-filled horror film fest on Saturday. The fright-filled event features six twisted tales.

The films draw first blood tonight with a return to the '80s for the Corey-filled (both Haim and Feldman) flick "The Lost Boys" at 7:30 p.m. The 'Boys' are followed by a rare screening of the 1973 swashbuckling adventure "Captain Kronos, Vampire Hunter."

Saturday night's horror marathon opens with a classic for any fan of the undead, George A. Romero's 1968 masterpiece "Night of the Living Dead." Goosebumps will surely emerge during this tale of citizens fighting for their lives against a ravage pack of flesh eating zombies.

The twisted, darkly funny "Re-Animator" follows with gory "House by the Cemetery" and "Castle of Blood (La Danza Macabra)" not far behind.

The story of a grief-stricken father who seeks revenge for his son's death is the basis for the next flick, 1989's "Pumpkinhead."

The series closes with an outlandish Italian fright film "Burial Ground."

Snacks, coffee and classic horror trailers will be featured between the films. For the true horror troopers who make it all night, free breakfast will also be included.

Tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for seniors and students and \$9 for members. For more information, call 323-466-3456 or go to <http://www.americancinematheque.com>.



Photo courtesy

'ABSOLUTE' ACT: **Cammy Truong**, as **Patty Patches** (bottom left), **Tim Chadwick** as **Stuffy Steve** and **Rebecca Coombs**, as **Candy Cane** appear at the SM Playhouse this weekend.

On Tuesday, Halloween day, the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood is screening the classic ghost-napping tale "Ghostbusters" with a special treat for the pre-show entertainment. Ray Parker Jr., the writer and singer of the super catchy theme song, will do an introduction and sing-along to get the crowd into the ghost-busting spirit. Parker Jr. will also be signing his new album, "I'm Free," after the show. For more information, call 323-466-3456 or go to <http://www.americancinematheque.com>.

SUPER SWEET FAMILY FUN

The Santa Monica Playhouse offers a fun way for families to get into the Halloween spirit with a sugary sweet tale on stage this weekend.

"Absolutely Halloween" is the story of a young girl named Candy who learns some surprising lessons about life, love, laughter and sugar from an intriguing array of characters. The show requests audience participation as Candy and her friends try to save Halloween.

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Keeping safe among the living dead

By Daily Press staff

It's almost time for witches, ghosts and goblins to appear at parties and on neighborhood streets in search of fun and treats. In order to make the Halloween holiday safe, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends the following tips:

■ Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features.

■ Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, etc.

■ Use flashlights when illuminating Jack-o-lanterns. Use extreme caution when decorating with candle-lit Jack-o-lanterns, and supervise children at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside Jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches and be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn including doorsteps, walkways and yards.

■ Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes. ■ Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire.

■ Instruct children who are attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

■ Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costumes.

Carnaval harkens 'D-List' celebrity

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This weekend, come in costume and get two-for-one tickets for any future family theatre show.

"Absolutely Halloween" will play on Saturday and Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. There will be complimentary face-painting by Playhouse theatre artists before each performance. Tickets are \$10.50 for children (12 and under) and \$12.50 for adults.

For ticket reservations, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2.

A CARNAVAL OF EVENTS

Haunted houses, games, and a huge costume contest are just some of the events featured at the 17th annual Halloween Carnaval in West Hollywood. The weekend and Halloween night will be filled with special events.

Hold onto your pants, or they may just get scared off of you, as you enter the haunted house at the West Hollywood Park tonight, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person.

Bring the kids out on Saturday for the Halloween Youth Carnival, which features typical festivities such as rides, game booths, treats and a costume contest. Guests are encouraged to

dress in costume for the event. Admission is \$2 and the Carnaval is held at the West Hollywood Park from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The Carnaval is capped by the Halloween Costume Carnaval on the Boulevard event on Oct. 31, from 6 p.m. till midnight. The event features three stages of live entertainment, with musical acts Climax, Nina Sky and Jody Watley.

The Queen of the Carnaval this year is actress and comedian Kathy Griffin. Actor Leslie Jordan will serve as mayor of the event.

On Santa Monica Boulevard, there will be plenty of sights to see and cash to win, as there are three prize packages up for grabs in the costume contest. The first place winner receives \$1,000 cash and gifts, second prize nabs \$500 and gifts, and third place gets \$250 and gifts.

For more information on any of these events, contact the West Hollywood Special Events Division at (323) 848-6503.

MORE FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS

Games, art, tricks and treats will be a part of the Halloween festival hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica.

Today's event features a moon bounce, joust, rides, game booths, arts and crafts, music and more. From 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. families can share in the Halloween spirit at the club. Tickets are \$.25 each, with most booths and games charging from one to three tickets.

For more information, call (310) 393-9629.

HANG WITH HALLOWEEN PALS

On Halloween day, the Police Activities League hosts the 15th annual PALloween Carnaval. The Barker Hanger, at 3021 Airport Avenue, will be transformed into a bevy of Halloween amusements with games, a fun house, picture booth and costume contest for more than 6,500 guests.

"Each year, the Santa Monica Police Activities League creates a wonderful environment where the kids can be excited and enjoy the fun of Halloween," says Patty Loggins-Tazi, director at Santa Monica Police Activities League. "We look forward to another successfully spooky event for the kids, and adults, at Barker Hangar."

The event starts at 5 p.m., with the costume contest starting at 6 p.m. Admission is free, with most activities costing \$1 or less. Families can enjoy the festivities until 9 p.m.

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On your marks, get set

By Daily Press staff

If you want to run the Los Angeles Marathon or another springtime marathon, then you best start get a move on, according to holistic marathon coach Steve Mackel.

Mackel, head coach of the Beach Runners marathon training program in Long Beach, suggests that runners who want to run in the Los Angeles Marathon on March 4, 2007, need to begin training immediately.

"Too many runners procrastinate training until the new year, then risk injury by trying to squeeze in too many long runs without enough time to recuperate," warns Mackel.

Mackel, along with Gary Smith, recently coached more than 200 people to finish their first marathons and half marathons at the Long Beach International City Bank Marathon.

"The experience of athletes was inspiring," adds Smith, "we had one girl lose 40 pounds, others found peace from stressful workplaces, and couples deepened their love affairs by training together."

Mackel and Smith are certified ChiRunning instructors, personally trained by Danny Dreyer, the originator and author of the running system. ChiRunning combines the principles of Tai Chi with the modern science of running to create a way of running that reduces the pounding, pain and damage from running.

"More than 65 percent of runners in the U.S, which works out to 15.6 million people, will have to stop running because of injuries this year," Mackel said, "but runners who take a holistic, low-impact, approach to training such as using ChiRunning and practicing yoga, can run year round without any injuries."

The training duo offers coaching advice when you sign up for their web site at <http://www.SoCalRunning.com>.

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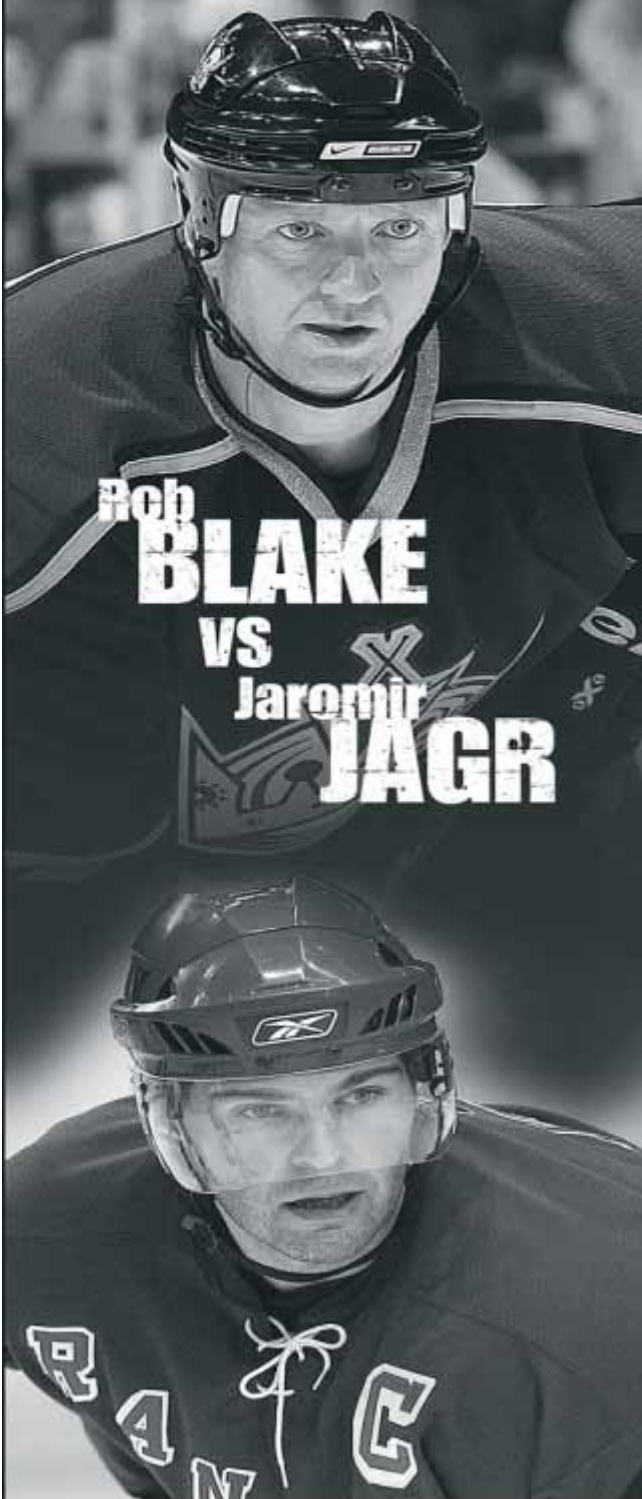
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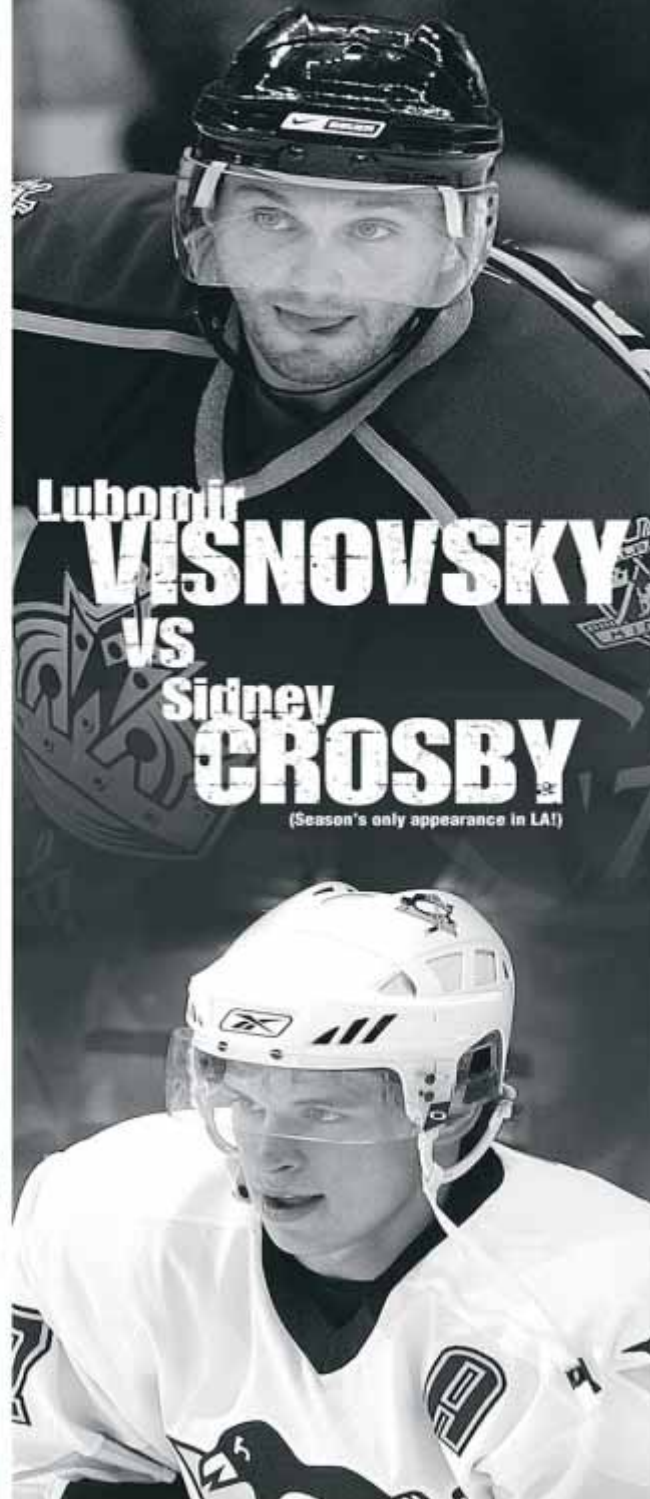


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The wait appears over for the 'F.O.' faithful

FATHER'S OFFICE, from page 14

increase its occupancy to 76, a number that is based on a formula of square footage versus the number and width of exits. A restaurant's large square footage does not necessarily mean it will have a high maximum occupancy if it has just one exit, said Fire Marshal Jim Glew.

A public assembly permit costs \$228 a year for establishments smaller than 5,000 square feet, such as Father's Office.

Those exceeding 5,000 square feet dish out \$319 a year.

Now that it has a permit, the Fire Department's Public Assembly Unit plans to inspect the restaurant every year.

"We want compliance and encourage business owners to do well, as long as they follow our life safety guidelines to ensure public safety is maintained," Glew said.

News that one of the most famous taverns in the city could once again serve larger crowds was met with a warm response.

More than 15 customers were left without a seat, waiting

around 8 p.m. on Wednesday. However, the real crowds don't typically arrive until later, around 10 p.m., said Tom Upton, who was throwing back a few beers with Romeo. Both Upton and Romeo recently moved to Santa Monica from New Orleans.

"The problem with this place was they were packing too many people," Upton said. "I come here for the beer. It's the only place that has my hometown beer."

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Santa Monica Daily Press

Restaurant Listing SM's only local listing for fun eats

 **Buon Giorno Caffè** 1431 Santa Monica Blvd.
(310) 260-0073

Buon Giorno Café specializes in authentic Italian cuisine. This trendy little café offers a wide variety of dishes. The menu consists of Insalata, Panini, Pasta, Seafood, Steak, Caffè and Dolce to name a few. Offering breakfast and lunch. Check out our tremendous \$5 express lunch menu, great for any occasion.

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HOURS MON-FRI 11:30am-10pm SAT & SUN 12pm-10:30pm

 **Britannia Pub** 318 Santa Monica Blvd.
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This English pub has a traditional charm with a Californian flair. Traditional British breakfast is served all day along with all your American favorites. Fish & Chips (our biggest seller) is a must try along with Bangers & Mash and Shepherds Pie or go American with our assortment of appetizers, burgers, salads, soups and sandwiches.

HOURS MON-FRI 11am-10pm SAT & SUN 9:30-10pm

 **KAIDO** 2834 Santa Monica Blvd.
Japanese cuisine (310) 828-7582

The closest it comes to dining in Japan! This new restaurant features authentic Japanese dishes, a Tokyo trained sushi chef, and Asian fusion cuisine. The soft shell crab with ponzu sauce and broiled butter fish are must have appetizers. Enjoy the newly remodeled atmosphere and savory creations prepared by a true Japanese chef.

HOURS Lunch MON-FRI Dinner MON-SAT

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HOURS MON-SUN 11am-Close

PRIMITIVO 1025 Abbot Kinney Blvd.
wine bistro (310) 396-5353

This Mediterranean wine bistro has a shabby-chic vibe, offering exquisite tapas dishes and an extensive wine selection from varied regions of the world. **Happy hour** happens Sunday through Thursday from 5:30pm through 7pm.

HOURS MON-FRI 12pm-2:30pm DINNER 5:30pm

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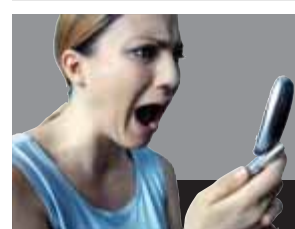
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Black is back

Iommi, Butler and Dio agree to reunite in ‘Hell’

THE BLACK SABBATH boys are back, as the new band Heaven and Hell.

Guitarist Tony Iommi, bassist Geezer Butler, drummer Bill Ward and singer

Ronnie James Dio — former members of British metal supergroup Black Sabbath — are forming the band named after their 1980 hit, according to their publicist. They plan to

launch an international tour next year.

“The fans have been wanting to see this for years and years. Now was just the time,” publicist Maureen O’Connor said

Wednesday.

Since its formation in 1969, Black Sabbath has undergone numerous member changes and reunions.

Dio, who replaced original

Sabbath vocalist Ozzy Osbourne as part of the band’s early ‘80s lineup, has been recording new songs with Iommi in England, O’Connor said.

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Madge says adopted baby is healthy

MADONNA said the 13-month-old boy she plans to adopt from the African country of Malawi is healthy and thriving in her London home.

In an interview that aired Wednesday on “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” the 48-year-old pop star said David Banda was healthy, despite having overcome malaria and tuberculosis.

“David is amazing,” she said. “What really surprises me is how great my children are with him and how he’s transitioned so easily from living in Africa in an

orphanage to living in our house.”

Madonna, who is married to film director Guy Ritchie, has two children — daughter Lourdes, 9, and son Rocco, 6.

The 30-minute interview with Winfrey, conducted via satellite from London and taped Tuesday, was the first time she had spoken in depth about the adoption, which has been challenged by human rights groups that allege the singer used her fame and fortune to flout Malawi’s adoption laws.

“If only my wealth and my position could have made things go faster,” Madonna said. “I assure you it doesn’t matter who you are and how much money you have, nothing goes fast in Africa.”

Typically, prospective parents are required to stay in the southeastern African country during an 18-month evaluation period, but the judge who granted the interim custody order said the issue of residence is not specified in the laws.

A hearing on a lawsuit chal-

lenging the government’s decision to allow Madonna and Ritchie to begin adoption proceedings was scheduled Friday in Malawi.

Winfrey, whose talk show is based in Chicago, praised Madonna during a lunchtime appearance at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

“What’s happening to her right now — being attacked for trying to save a life — I believe is both shameful and ridiculous,” Winfrey said.

AP

Cobain earns the most from beyond

Twelve years after his death, KURT COBAIN is making millions upon millions. He’s even richer than the King.

Cobain, who raked in an estimated \$50 million between October 2005 and October of this year, has edged Elvis Presley from the No. 1 spot on Forbes.com’s list of “Top-

Earning Dead Celebrities.”

Presley, who sat atop the list each year since its debut in 2001, ranks second with earnings of \$42 million. Presley died in 1977.

Also on the list: Charles M. Schulz, John Lennon, Albert Einstein, Andy Warhol, Dr. Seuss (Theodor Geisel), Ray Charles,

Marilyn Monroe, Johnny Cash, J.R.R. Tolkien, George Harrison and Bob Marley.

Cobain, lead singer of grunge-rock band Nirvana, committed suicide in 1994. In March, his widow, Courtney Love, sold 25 percent of Nirvana’s song catalog to Primary Wave Music Publishing.

AP

Smith’s status in Bahamas in question

An opposition leader has called on the government to investigate whether ANNA NICOLE SMITH has legal residency status in the Bahamas, where her baby daughter was born and her son died three days later.

Hubert Ingraham, head of the main opposition Free National Movement, said he has learned that another person owns the waterfront mansion that Smith claimed was hers in an application for permanent residency.

“If she doesn’t own the house,

then she would not have met the policy conditions which the government of the Bahamas has with respect to the grant of permanent residence,” said Ingraham, a former prime minister.

“I expect the government of the Bahamas to make a determination in accordance with the law,” he told The Associated Press Wednesday in a phone interview.

Immigration Minister Shane Gibson did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Smith’s 20-year-old son,

Daniel, died while visiting her in a Nassau hospital where her daughter, Dannielynn Hope Marshall Stern, was born Sept. 7.

Daniel Smith was buried Oct. 19. The results of official toxicology tests and a police investigation have not been publicly released.

Gaither B. Thompson of Myrtle Beach, S.C., has told The Associated Press that he owns the home where Smith moved while pregnant with her daughter, but declined further comment.

A lawyer for Smith dismissed

AP

reports that the 38-year-old reality TV star and former Playboy Playmate, doesn’t own the home. “I’ve physically seen the document that showed the property being conveyed to her,” Bahamian attorney Wayne Munroe told the AP.

The law says a person owning a house in the Bahamas valued at more than \$500,000, having the means to reside without being employed and being of good character can be eligible for Bahamian residency.

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The Grudge 2 (PG-13)
11:15am, 1:55, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA
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The Departed (R)
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Flags of Our Fathers (R)
10:20am, 1:20, 4:30, 7:30, 10:40

Flicka (PG)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20
Marie Antoinette (PG-13)
10:15am, 12:00, 2:50, 4:15, 5:40, 8:25, 10:45, 11:15
Saw III (R)
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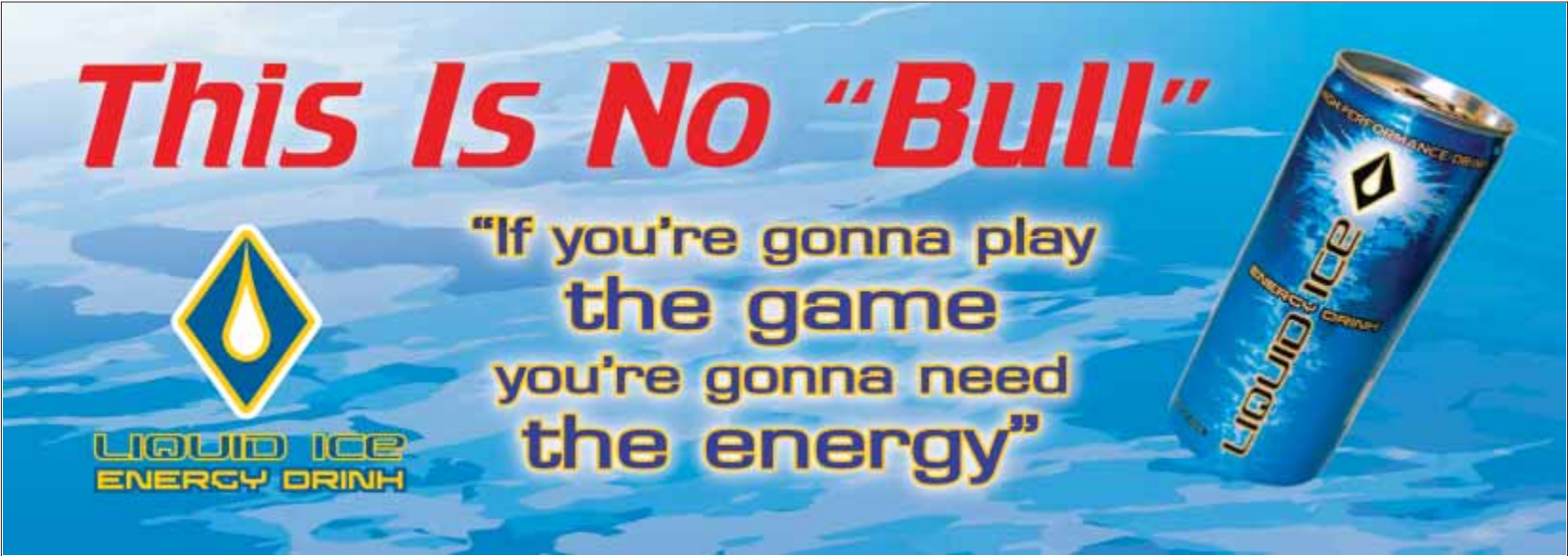
Catch a Fire (PG-13)
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The Last King of Scotland (R)
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The Bridge (R)
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12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
Little Children (R)
12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00
Little Miss Sunshine (R)
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

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Jackass: Number Two (R)
12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
Man of the Year (PG-13)
11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20
The Prestige (PG-13)
12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:10, 6:30, 7:20, 9:30, 10:30
Running With Scissors (R)
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

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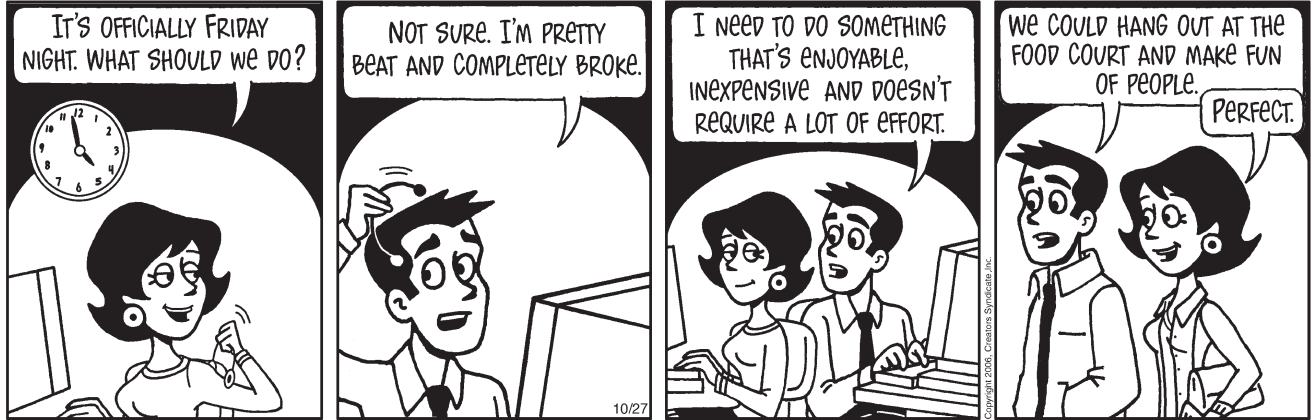
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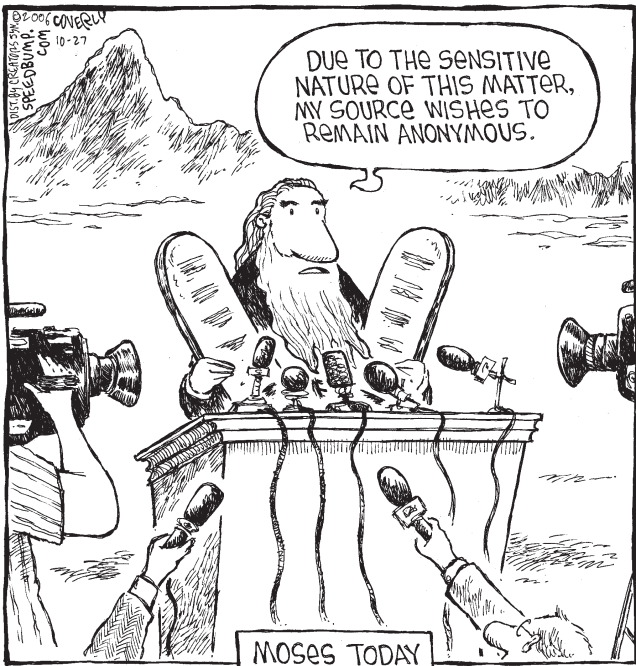
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 - 13 Place
 - 14 One of Malcolm's brothers
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 - 16 Hang down
 - 18 Storage site
 - 19 Lamb watcher
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 - 21 Rebel general
 - 22 Formal tray
 - 24 Trappers' wares
 - 25 University of Wyoming site
 - 27 Kilt wearer, often
 - 29 Flammable stuff
 - 32 Pussy foot
 - 33 Curly-haired cat
 - 34 Trouble
 - 35 Bungle
 - 36 Try out
- DOWN**
- 1 Fits together
 - 2 Parliament setting
 - 3 1983 NBC soap opera
 - 4 Chinese export
 - 5 Senior citizen

- 37 Yon fellow
- 38 Molecule's makeup
- 40 Greek letter
- 42 Bowler's button
- 43 Marriage
- 44 Oodles
- 45 Still-life favorites

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Yesterday's answer

- 6 Homer's wife
- 7 Lyric poem
- 8 1946 Alan Ladd mystery
- 9 One in the stocking trade
- 10 Act parts
- 17 Pumps full of bubbles
- 23 Big tub
- 24 Shark part
- 26 Confused
- 27 Javelins
- 28 Bloc
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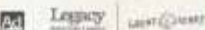


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Date of Filing Application: OCTOBER 12, 2006

To Whom it may concern:

The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: WOLFGANG PUCK WORLDWIDE INC. The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 1315 THIRD ST UNITS F & G SANTA MONICA, CA 90401-1352.

Type of License(s) Applied for: 41 - ON-SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE.

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control INGLEWOOD. LA123234 SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 10/20, 27, 11/3, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MERLE JOHNSON aka TROY DONAHUE

Case No. BP101192

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MERLE JOHNSON aka TROY DONAHUE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Eve O'Neill in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Eve O'Neill be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 21, 2006

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at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-ing of the petition, you should ap-pear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a per-son interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and ap-praisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
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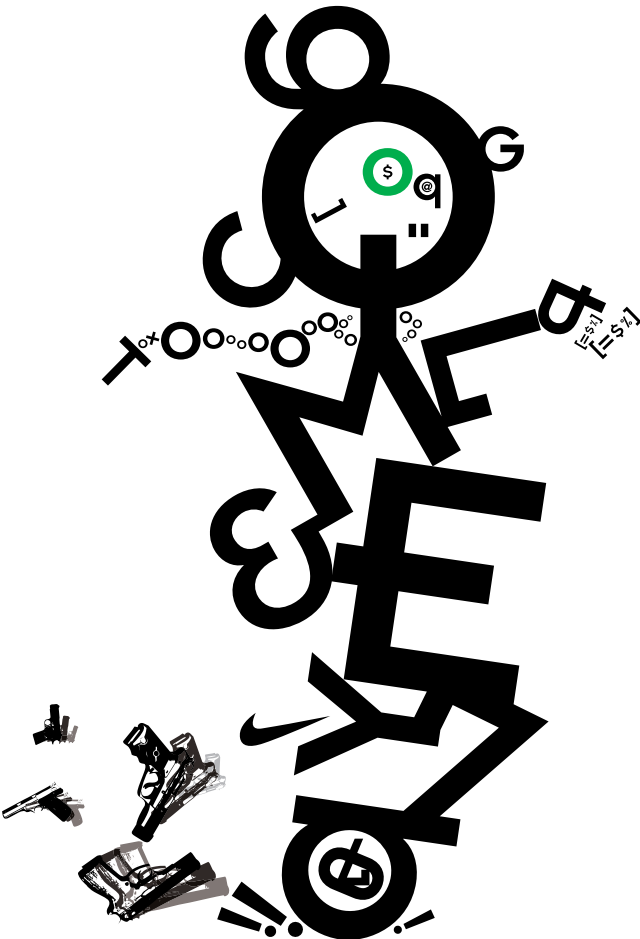
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