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A newspaper with issues

Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation raise \$100K

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

More than \$100,000 was spent to collect enough signatures to place an initiative before voters that would make historic preservation in Santa Monica voluntary.

Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation raised huge sums of money from donors mostly residing north of Montana Avenue and from special interests, such as real estate brokers, land use attorneys and developers, according to recent campaign disclosures.

After submitting its most recent campaign disclosure earlier this month, the group had about \$4,000 left over after raising \$105,334.60 this year, and it had more than \$20,000 in outstanding debts remaining.

More than 70 percent of the money the group collected went toward paying Los Angeles-based M. Goldstein & Associates, Inc. to collect the 12,947 signatures submitted to the Los Angeles County Registrar's Office on Sept. 27. The registrar verified approximately 9,800 of the signatures on Oct. 17, surpassing the 9,135 needed to qualify for a special election.

Signature gatherers reportedly received \$1.50 for every person they convinced to sign the petition.

"With that amount of money and disinformation, you could qualify a tuna fish sandwich for the ballot."

— ROGER GENSER
Santa Monica Landmarks Commissioner

The majority of the remaining money was spent on professional services from Bell, McAndrews, Hiltanck & Davidian, a conservative consulting firm that provides accounting and legal services to campaigns. Most of the left over money was spent on campaign literature and food, travel and lodging for campaign staff, according to the reports.

"It certainly tends to indicate it wasn't a volunteer effort," said city councilman Ken Genser, who has not publicly staked a position on the initiative. "The money may have been raised by the grass roots efforts, but it doesn't sound to me like a grass roots campaign."

"(That number) sounds very, very high," he added.

The Homeowners Freedom of Choice Initiative proposes giving homeowners final say whether the city can bestow their residences with preservation status or as structures of merit. Under current law, such

designations may be made over the owner's objections.

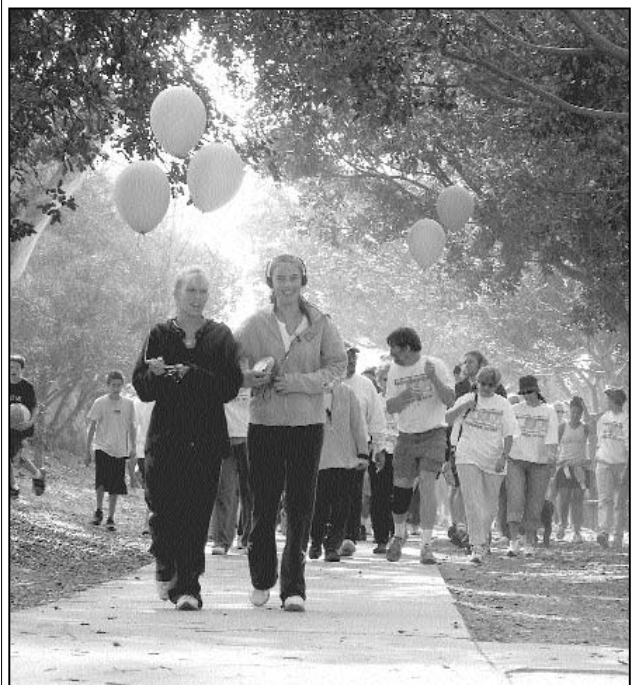
Initiative author Tom Larmore, a local land use attorney and a Santa Monica homeowner, said the high amount raised by the campaign is indicative of the outrage of homeowners in Santa Monica.

"It says to me there were a lot of people who were concerned about the issue and were generous in their donations," he said. "They are very worried what would happen to their ability to remodel their homes and what it could do to their property values."

Opponents of the initiative said the huge sum spent on gathering signatures shows the campaign is lacking in grass roots support and doesn't resonate with residents.

And they contend initiative supporters blatantly pushed residents' panic buttons on a nonexistent issue. They say the Landmarks Commission had not recently proposed creating

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Hundreds came out Sunday afternoon to walk for hunger during the Westside Food Bank's 12th Annual 5K Hunger Walk. Proceeds from last year's Hunger Walk provided enough food for 350,000 meals.

Charities city-wide hurting for donations

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
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Non-profit organizations and charities across Santa Monica are reporting some of the lowest donation levels in years, with some saying they will likely have to cut services if trends go unchanged.

As many organizations prepare for their year-end, fund raising drives, they say the economy and high donation levels after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have drained many of their regular donors' ability to give.

"If we don't have a strong year-end appeal, we will have to strongly consider cutting back programs next year," said John Maceri, executive director of the Ocean Park Community Center, a social service agency that operates many anti-poverty programs.

"We can't continue providing services at our current level if our expenditures far outweigh our

resources," he added.

Compounding the problem is that as the economy slides, more and more people have come to depend on food pantries and charities to get by.

Earlier this year, OPCC reported they have seen more than a 25 percent increase in demand for their services. And food banks say the demand for food is hovering at near-record levels.

Without those services, officials believe many working poor families would end up homeless.

"Most of our food, 80 percent, goes to low-income individuals and families in affordable housing," said Bruce Rankin, executive director of the Westside Food Bank. "It becomes for them a good defense against the threat of homelessness. If they can put their money toward rent instead of buying food, they can

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Woman murdered at beach

By Daily Press staff

A 19-year-old woman was found shot to death at Santa Monica Beach Saturday night.

At about 10:10 p.m., Santa Monica police officers responded to a 911 call from an unknown person reporting shots were being fired. When police arrived, they found the woman lying in the sand with several gun shot wounds to her upper body, police said.

Witnesses at the scene said they saw two men wearing dark clothes running from the scene shortly after the shots were fired. The incident took place near lifeguard tower 20, between Bay Street and Hollister Avenue.

The woman, whose identity hasn't been

released pending notification of kin, was pronounced dead at the scene. Police said the victim was not from Santa Monica.

Santa Monica detectives are investigating the crime. Anyone with information should call the Santa Monica Police Robbery/Homicide Unit at (310) 458-8451 or the watch command at (310) 458-8426.

Saturday's incident marks the seventh murder this year in Santa Monica. In three of the incidents, the suspected murderers committed suicide. Police have arrested and charged the alleged murderers in the other three homicides.

In 2000, there were two homicides in the city.

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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Clear out a personal matter first if you are going to maximize your positive energy with work, meetings and/or another project. Others often celebrate and tout your ingenuity. You get to show your stuff one more time. Tonight: Be a little wild.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Clear off your desk and respond to messages as soon as you get to work. Your clarity has a way of airing out problems. Not everyone wants to hear everything you have to say. Close your door in the p.m., and get the job done. Tonight: Happy at home.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Juggle money matters as only you can. You could be more successful than even you anticipated. You're delighted by the end results, but don't leave any loose ends. Make sure everything is defined and as clear as possible. Return calls in the p.m. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You beam in the morning, and others can't help but responding. Use your intuition with a financial matter later in the day. A business associate gives you important feedback. Listen to this person, especially if he or she has had a long run of monetary success. Tonight: Run errands.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Though you might drag in the a.m., by midafternoon, you could be a force to deal with. Your energy crests, but it could be the result of a misunderstanding or a change of opinion. Use your diplomatic ways, and everyone will end up smiling. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Quickly realize what you want in the morning. You do well networking and touching base with those around you. Aim for what you want professionally. Take your time thinking through a professional matter. Getting a clear opinion takes time. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Take charge this morning. You get a lot done quickly. Your fiery side emerges. Carefully consider your options with a child or loved one you care about. This person could be uptight and might need some feedback. Be imaginative. Tonight: Network away.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to do your research and get needed facts and figures. Others look to you for answers and express unusual interest in what you know. Take charge, and you'll get more done than many people could. Tonight: Could be a late night.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Work with an associate. A plan develops that might be quite comfortable for both of you. Use the afternoon to check out your facts. Tighten up an idea while you can. Not everyone agrees with your judgment. Tonight: Do something totally new.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others trust your advice and feedback. You might feel as if a boss challenges your facts or decisions. Actually, he or she is quite impressed. Don't get insecure. Express your concepts clearly, without becoming defensive. Tonight: An associate shares.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You often challenge others far more than you realize. What seems confusing could be someone's lack of confidence. Help this person express him- or herself. You might want to push your point; be easygoing. Tonight: Go along with someone else's plans.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Use your imagination with work, friends and life in general. You'll liven up the atmosphere no matter what you're up to, as well as add to the quality of your life. Carefully question an associate or partner if you don't want a problem. Tonight: Say "yes."

QUOTE of the DAY

"Though I am not naturally honest,
I am so sometimes by chance"

— Shakespeare (1564-1616)

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LOCAL



Gavel II Gavel

From the people's court in the Byron Y. Appleton Honorary Courtroom in Santa Monica.

By John Wood

Old, but operable

Bulk retailer Costco Corp. is responsible for a \$954 repair bill after workers in their auto department "bent back" the metal surrounding a customer's trunk during a routine tire replacement, a judge ruled last week.

Costco had offered Susan Bailey of Santa Monica nearly \$800 to make repairs to the trunk of her 1992 Toyota Celica, but refused to pay to replace the trunk's hinges, saying the damage was common in 10-year-old cars.

Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Pro Tem Ronald Papell described Costco's refusal to replace older components as common.

He explained the term "betterment," when an injured party is burdened with a portion of the cost of replacing used items with brand new ones.

In this instance, Judge Papell didn't think betterment should apply. He awarded Bailey the full \$954 cost of repairs, plus court costs.

"Somebody that has their '92 car is very happy with their 10-year-old struts," he said. "So long as they can open and close the trunk."

Sleigh bed a year late

There's a house in Nantucket still waiting for a sleigh bed that was shipped from Los Angeles over a year ago.

Instead of being the perfect finishing touch to a manicured summer home, the bed is collecting dust in a storeroom somewhere between Boston and Nantucket.

Apparently, no one could agree on a delivery time. But Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Pro Tem Ronald Papell last week ordered the parties involved to work it out.

Lillian Lageyre, the Santa Monica interior decorator who designed the home, said that All-American Express Moving Co. promised her delivery within 10 days.

So Lageyre took the movers to court, demanding they deliver the bed or reimburse her for its cost.

Mark Leistyna, sales manager for the moving company, said they had no control over delivery, as the bed had been transferred to another moving company to make the last leg of the journey by ferry.

The new movers had been unsuccessful in negotiating a delivery time with the homeowners, Leistyna said.

Rather than make a ruling, Judge Papell encouraged the two parties to resolve their dispute out of court.

"There's a bed, it needs to be delivered," he said. "Let's keep our eye on the ball."

Judge Papell then turned to the plaintiff, who still owes half of the \$1,200 moving fee, payable on delivery.

"You need to pay the \$600," he said, before turning to the moving man, who Papell said should foot the bill for the year's worth of accrued storage charges. "And you need to deliver the bed. And then this thing goes away."

DID YOU KNOW?:

Hydrogen is an explosive gas.
Oxygen supports combustion. Yet
when these are combined it is water
which is used to put out fires.

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

The west swell is on the decline, but on its heels is a north-west swell of good size. The initially steep-angled swell, 300 degrees, shifts more west today, better exposing L.A. County's west facing surf spots. Locations where west and northwest combine see the most size, averaging waist- to shoulder-high, with plenty of opportunity for head-high and overhead sets at the best tides.

Forecasts call for a slight decrease in swell activity Tuesday afternoon due to another shift in swell angle as the storm is expected to move north and away from L.A.'s exposure window. However, we'll still see continual three to four-foot sets throughout the day.



Today's Tides:

Low-	3:40 a.m.	1.18'
High-	9:42 a.m.	5.40'
Low-	4:23 p.m.	0.40'
High-	10:22 p.m.	4.28'

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Water Quality
County Line	4-5'/Fair	4-5'/Fair	A
Zuma	4-5'/Fair	4-5'/Fair	A
Surfrider	2-4'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A
Topanga	2-4'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A
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With concerns about privacy intrusions and decreased property rates, a group of Santa Monica homeowners are pushing a ballot initiative that will allow homeowners to have the final say over the city's attempt to landmark their homes.

These homeowners have raised a significant amount of money to further their cause, but some people believe the entire matter is a non-issue and not a concern of most Santa Monicans.

So this week Q-Line wants to know: "Do you really care about whether or not a homeowner can voluntarily designate his or her home a landmark? Why or why not?"

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OPINION

LETTERS

Remove 'agenda politics' from Santa Monica

Editor:

I saw the debate between DeSantis-Holbrook & Feinstein-Katz. Quite frankly, the Feinstein-Katz team had it all wrong. If a specific city councilman represents a specific district, they have to pay attention to their constituents. With a city-wide election, they can ignore relatively small groups with impunity and, worse yet, some areas of the city go completely unrepresented. It's about time that HH be passed and that people who live in the city are represented by a RESPONSIVE city council, rather than one with its own agenda — rather than an agenda that only addresses the interests of a limited area of the city.

Barbara Peters
Santa Monica

Wise up, Mr. Street

Editor:

VERITAS proponent Tony Street wants to make Santa Monica "a city that 'shuts out' middle-class consumers that, for whatever reason, have not excelled at their chosen professions," ("Hypocrites, all of you," Oct. 23, 2002) implying that only the well-paid deserve to live in the city. Perhaps Mr. Street should "wake up and smell the espresso (sic)" himself.

Not all of us measure our success in dollars. Santa Monica is home to many great non-profit organizations and churches that cannot always afford to reward their employees' efforts with handsome wages. I am proud of the work that I do as a church employee and resent the implication that I do not deserve to live in the city in which I was raised. Already, the sky-high market rate rents make living in Santa Monica beyond my means. If Mr. Street's words are any indicator, a post-VERITAS Santa Monica would not welcome moderate-income residents.

Please preserve the warm and welcoming community that has been and still is Santa Monica. I urge all residents to VOTE NO ON MEASURE HH (VERITAS).

Alex Bricdeau III
Los Angeles

Welcome to reality, Mr. Smith

Editor:

In his column, Mr. Ron Smith wonders if he is paranoid.

No, Mr. Smith, you are not paranoid. Nor, are you in Kansas anymore!

The footsteps you are hearing belong to the growing number of Santa Monica residents whose politics are based in reality. According to you, they are the "elitist, obscenely

wealthy ruling-class." The very scary thing for you, Mr. Smith, is that these people, who are expressing their frustration over the many problems of Santa Monica (homeless, parking, minimum wage, rent control, historic districts), are not who you say they are.

To be sure, there are a few who are conservatives (who may even be a little mean). However, most of the "elitist" people to whom you refer don't consider themselves conservative. You see, they are a lot like you — afraid of what they are becoming (or have become). They moved here to the West Coast to be free spirits, to pursue artistic endeavors, to surf.

But what they have found is that 20 years later, it is not really "cool" to have grandma and grandpa come visit and take the grandkids to the — fill in the blank — while stepping over bodies, urine, feces and garbage. They found that they can't put that extra room on their houses because of the "historic" nature of their abodes. And, they found that the appearance of their beloved neighborhoods have gone to crap because of rent-controlled apartment complexes that line their streets.

So now they are walking, Mr. Smith. They are walking right over to the voting booth. And guess what? They are going to vote as though they were the "elitist, obscenely wealthy ruling-class."

By the way, how many of the "thousands of hurting human beings" have you opened your little "abode" to over the years? I would bet not one.

So get off your high horse, Mr. Smith, and start walking!

Tony Street
Santa Monica

Don't be mean

Editor:

This letter is in response to Mr. Pastore's letter in the Oct. 23 edition of SMDP regarding the Dan Dunn football "writings." First, I'd like to state that I'm a personal friend of Mr. Dunn. And you are correct — he is a "moronic, sophomoric lout." However, I do believe that all of us who occupy this lovely town, and the rest of the earth for that matter, have much better things to do than belittle others simply because of their interests, as silly or sophomoric as they may be.

I thought if I were to be eloquent and succinct, I may be lucky enough to sway an opinion or two regarding we football fans and our propensity to enjoy life without the demeaning of others.

In the end, I decided it would neither sway this pompous, holier than thou soul, nor would it make me and the rest of the happier souls out there feel any better.

I therefore have decided to boil down my sentiments into one clear and concise statement. Blow me.

Art Haynie
Venice

Wake up Santa Monica! Wake up and smell the coffee!



Wake up and smell the coffee!

And I'm not talking about Starbucks or Coffee Bean and Tea leaf either! You are now seeing, firsthand, how the corporate world is deleting our constitutional rights right here in Santa Monica. Greed has taken hold of this city, and you are seeing it right before your very eyes.

Since I have been in this beautiful city, I have seen rent control abolished and people forced from their apartments so the land barons can raise the rent to market value. I have seen more high-cost housing than low-cost go up, (at least at a rate of 10 or more to 1). I have seen mom and pop businesses get pushed out to make way for high-end stores that people who live here REALLY don't want to shop at. And it is becoming like this all over the westside.

Now, as a Christian, I know the church is supposed to be the conscience of the community it serves, and the working and responsible homeless are part of this community. So where were the churches, who don't feed the homeless on a regular basis, the day the two anti-homeless ordinances passed last week to be that conscience?

Where was this coalition of churches that support the living wage increase on that day? I guess those of us who are not working for a business that makes over \$5 million a year are not worthy God's love and protection. I guess some of the churches in Santa Monica are only for the rich who can

give the money to support it. I guess the pastors of these churches think that what Christ did to the money changers and merchants who set up shop in his temple were not examples of what he expects his church homes here in Santa Monica to be like. I guess some of Santa Monica's churches are exempt from God's laws.

No wait. I think they also lobbied the city council and he got voted out of Santa Monica.

How many of you who are Christians, who could afford to, would actually help out a homeless person by donating money to a hotel for a room in the area for a week? Or, God forbid, take one of us homeless people into your home? And I'm speaking of the responsible ones out here who work or go to school. Not the mentally ill, the criminal element or chronically addicted.

Most of the churches here are some of the richest in Los Angeles County. And approximately four or five churches are in the zone that this sleeping ordinance covers. How many of these churches pastors would stand up for their constitutional rights of freedom of religion and grant any of us sanctuary? Or is that reserved for when an earthquake or some other natural disaster hits the homeowners and renters in the area? Or, are they afraid that the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce might get the city to do something to them? I guess they think God won't protect them. I know a 26-year-old homeless woman from the East Coast who has a job. She works at a store in the mall and is trying to get her life back on track. Now she is going to have to hope she doesn't get arrested for sleeping on someone's property in one of the surrounding neighborhoods, and possibly lose her job for it.

I guess the examples of Jesus are lost on some of the Christian churches in the area. I guess if Jesus were here today you would turn a deaf ear to him as well. Or, have him arrested for sleeping in the doorway of a

business within the area of the sleeping ordinance, because he also was homeless — by choice. He told us to take care of all who are needy, not just those who are favored. He told the Christians to be the example to those who do not believe in order to show his love to all of humankind.

By giving shelter to the poor in times of need is what attracts people to believe in God.

El Nino is coming and it's going to be a very wet, cold winter. The cold weather shelter beds in L.A. County are not enough to handle the amount of homeless on the streets. There are those of us who do not use them so that the older, weaker and handicapped ones out here don't die from exposure. I know this because I was out here for the last El Nino.

I had a small tent campsite right under the last pedestrian overpass in Palisades Park. I had two three-man dome tents and one two-man mountain tent set up. There were between eight to ten people in them on any given night. With my military training and experience, I had dug trenches and burns around each tent and put sod over the tops of the burns so that the water would not wash us out of there. I also dug a deep fire pit for warmth. All of the burns are still there to this day.

Sometimes a man would come by and give me food, clothes, soap, tooth paste, deodorant and cigarettes. He also gave me a battery-operated lantern and an extra set of batteries so I could study as it was my first semester in Santa Monica College. I also remember the times when I slept under the stairs at the Woman's Club on Fourth Street and a young couple who used to bring us sandwiches at night. They were a very attractive couple physically, so I used to call them the Ken and Barbie Angels. And when I slept under the black trailer by Sears Automotive, I used to find food, clothes and one day even a pillow and a blanket outside

my little dwelling, which I had built out of cardboard and forklift pallets. And a few months ago I was sleeping under the stairs right behind Giorgio Vasari's and used to find fruit or food under the stairs. Two of my own bosses, who are Muslim, lent me the money to buy my textbooks for my Japanese class. My other boss' girlfriend had lent me money to help keep this hotel I'm in now.

I know a Christian pastor who comes to the Promenade and preaches every week who has fed me numerous times when I didn't have a job. He saw my need and realized I was a responsible Christian. He responded as Jesus would have. I have a Christian sponsor who has given me help in all areas which I need help in. He also has helped get many of us off the streets and into rehabs and shelters.

And what about the outside churches? What makes them any different than those churches within Santa Monica that didn't support the efforts to block these two ordinances? Do you think these churches would send food here that is tainted or would harm a human being? I have been to these feeding lines and never have I been sick from the food. And if it is hygiene that is a problem for some of the homeless, how many churches have showers that, when not in use, could be used to let those of us who might do better in life if they could be clean and presentable get clean?

Yes, there are showers here for us to use, but with only eight clean, safe showers in the area and hundreds of homeless, well, you get the picture. I guess these pastors believe God put his church here for those who are affluent and wealthy. I guess they believe he only created wealthy people and they are better than homeless people. No, he created all of us and he created us the same.

Yes, it was a sad day indeed when God got voted out of Santa Monica.

Charles Springer lives on the streets of Santa Monica.

OPINION



LETTERS

Vote No on VERITAS

Editor:

For years, the League of Women Voters has worked to inform voters. For years, League members have registered citizens to vote and have worked even harder to inspire them to vote on Election Day. On November 5, Santa Monica voters will be voting on issues of fundamental importance to our community — of fundamental importance to good government in Santa Monica. One of these ballot measures, HH, is, in reality, multiple measures rolled into one. As a voter, you should read it carefully — if you don't agree with all its provisions, VOTE NO on HH.

If you agree with only one of its many provisions, you should VOTE NO on HH. As Herb Katz noted during the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce debate on October 16, there are a number of charter amendments in the measure, each one of which qualifies to be a separate ballot measure. The good government thing to do is to VOTE NO on HH.

In recent weeks there have been several letters to the editor dealing with various parts of Measure HH (VERITAS). I will focus the rest of my comments on the issue of establishing a primary election in March of each election year.

Supporters of HH say that the VERITAS system of elections will cost less — will reduce the amount of money in political races. But they propose a system that will cost the city more and will result in holding two elections, rather than one, every two years — a primary and a general. That means it will cost Santa Monica residents more.

Supporters propose a system of elections that would require many, if not most, candidates to compete in two elections (primary and general). That would mean planning materials for print and distribution over two elections, rather than one.

Supporters of HH also propose a system that would lengthen the time period of campaigns. Rather than pulling papers in July, three to four months before an election, candidates would be pulling papers nine to ten months before the election. Accordingly, timelines for fundraising and campaigning would begin significantly earlier to accommodate the spring primary and really not stop until election day in early November.

What was it they said about needing less money and resources?!

The League believes that winning candidates should optimally receive at least 50 percent of the votes cast. Rather than establish a costly primary, however, perhaps it would make more sense to look at other approaches to conducting elections that accomplish the same thing in one election. Perhaps a Community Voices-type of input, combined with study sessions, would be appropriate before bringing this kind of question to the voters of Santa Monica.

Measure HH would create lame ducks and ducks in waiting. Currently, the city budget is discussed, debated and settled before the first candidate pulls papers. Under the VERITAS system, an incumbent who chooses not to run again, or who is defeated in the primary, would be a lame-duck voice during most of the budget process/debates.

A non-incumbent who won outright in the primary (before budget adoption) would not assume office until December and would have no official voice in the budget process.

And then there is the issue of voter turnout, which is usually much less in a primary election. This could aggravate the current situation in which a candidate could be elected outright with more than 50 percent of the votes cast, even though the total number of votes cast were significantly less than half of the total number of registered, eligible voters. Establishing a primary does not resolve issues related to voter turnout or voter empowerment, regardless of whether votes are cast by district or at-large.

When I first moved to Santa Monica, local elections were held in April. Turnout was so abysmal that, as a community, we decided to move our elections to coincide with the state-wide general election in November, when there is a demonstrably higher rate of voter turnout. The move in dates was neither frivolous nor an accident! It was intended to get more people actively involved in local government.

Supporters and opponents of HH both talk the language of good government, of inclusion, of empowerment, of voice. There is no good or evil in this contest. There is, however, clear disagreement over what makes good government and what promotes the kind of good decision-making that reflects the will of the people of Santa Monica.

This is your government and your vote. The issues in this election are fundamental and effect us all. Before you vote, study the issues, look at the larger picture. Don't be fooled by rhetoric.

Remember, vote on Nov. 5 and VOTE NO on HH.

Barbara Inatsugu
former president

League of Women Voters of Santa Monica

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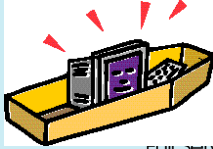
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LOCAL

Council members endorse homeowners' measure

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any historic districts, and the group rarely designates homes structures of merit.

"It just underscores the point that besides a massive disinformation campaign conducted against historic preservation, it has collected a huge amount of money from the real estate industry and developers and residents north of Montana Avenue with developer and real estate ties," said Roger Genser, a commissioner on the city's Landmarks Commission.

"With that amount of money and disinformation, you could qualify a tuna fish sandwich for the ballot," he added.

The homeowners' cause was prompted by a recent survey conducted by Hollywood-based Historic Resources Group, which was hired by the city. The study concluded that the north of Montana Avenue area includes some of the oldest and most significant historic resources in Santa Monica. The report said less than 1 percent of the potential historic properties in the area have been designated or preserved.

Consultants who prepared the report characterized Santa Monica as losing its older historical properties and said city officials need to make important decisions about how they want to preserve the remaining buildings before they are demolished or significantly altered.

Overall, the consultants looked at the 3,900 homes north of Montana. They found that about 9 percent, or 358 homes, were of historical merit.

The number of homes on the inventory didn't change very much from 1986, the last time a similar survey was taken, because many of the older homes were taken off the list and replaced with homes that have reached the 50-year-old benchmark for consideration.

The last survey on the subject recommended the city preserve about 158 homes from Palisades Avenue to Georgina Avenue.

Because those homes were not preserved 20 years ago, nearly two-thirds of them have either been demolished or altered enough to render them historically insignificant, consultants said.

However, many of the initiative's supporters believe the city's current ordinance imposes restrictions on private property, which constitutes an unwarranted intrusion on personal freedoms.

The initiative's campaign was not without controversy. On Sept. 12, an undercover investigation by the City Attorney's Office found a signature gatherer for the campaign did not properly disclose information about the initiative. As a result, the signature gatherer was fined an undisclosed amount.

City Clerk Maria Stewart will present the city council with the ballot initiative at its Nov. 12 meeting. The council will have three choices: set an election on a date in February 2003; adopt the initiative as an ordinance, thereby bypassing the need for an election; or request that the initiative be studied by staff for a period of not more than 30 days.

If the council chooses the third alternative, it would then decide in December whether to adopt the initiative or set an election for March 2003.

Larmore said the homeowners group has been actively advocating the city council adopt the initiative as an ordinance. That way, he said, both sides can avoid a long and costly battle.

"We are hopeful we will get the four votes needed to win that," Larmore said. "It would obviate the need for a special election for an initiative people obviously want to happen."

Already council members Bob Holbrook and Pam O'Connor have reportedly said they would support adopting the initiative, but Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown said he would oppose it. All three individuals are running for reelection this year.

Holidays key to fund raising

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remain housed."

The Santa Monica Salvation Army Corps said Sept. 11 causes took a great toll on the amount of money they were able to raise last year, and a poorly performing stock market has left many too worried about their own finances to donate.

Capt. Iva West, of the Santa Monica Salvation Army Corps, said she has noticed donations are slightly on the rise, and the organization hopes to raise levels this year that will surpass last season's poor performance.

"It seems to be easing up for us a little, so this year we are hoping and praying it will be better," she said. "We have found the people in our community are very generous and we are just hoping and praying this will be a better year for us."

This past weekend, the Westside Food Bank held its annual walk-a-thon, which is the group's largest fund-raiser, Rankin said.

The organization depends on 30 percent of its operating budget to come from private donations, but already sign-ups for the event are low and Rankin said he's afraid the food bank may not reach what it needs by the year's end.

"We are nervous about being able to

maintain our funding at a level we have been accustomed to in the past few years," he said. "It looks like we will be distributing less food when the need is still hovering at record levels."

Meanwhile, OPCC officials fear they may not reach the \$100,000 it needs from its year-end Holiday Appeal, which is done mostly by mail.

"I'm hoping it's going to get close," Maceri said. "The problem is that anything that isn't tied to grant funding has to be paid for by private donations."

While officials at the Santa Monica Salvation Army Corps report they, too, depend almost completely on private donations, they will expand some of their charity operations this year to respond to the greater need in the community.

Besides having Santa Claus chime a bell outside retail stores collecting change for the needy, this holiday season the Salvation Army will also set up an angel tree in Santa Monica Place Mall. Residents can take an angel ornament off the tree, thereby "adopting" a needy child for the holidays and buy that child a present.

"We're hoping people will come out and adopt a child because they all come from our community," Capt. West said.

LOCAL



Santa Monica College increases transfers to state universities

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College, again the number one school for overall transfers to state universities, increased its transfer of students to the prestigious University of California system by a huge margin, 32 percent, in 2001-02 compared to the previous year.

Holding on to its number one UC transfer position, the college also led the state in transfers of African American and Chicano/Latino students to UC schools. In addition, SMC was first in combined transfers to the UC and California State University systems.

"This extraordinarily large increase in our transfer figures demonstrates our commitment to fulfilling our students' dreams," said SMC President Dr. Piedad F. Robertson.

Altogether, SMC transferred 938 students to UC campuses in the 2001-02 school year, nearly a third higher than the previous year's 709.

The college far out-distanced the number two feeder campus, Diablo Valley, which sent 548 students to the UC system. And it dwarfed the state-wide 9.6 percent increase of community college transfers to UC campuses.

"In sports terms, this was a mon-

ster year for Santa Monica College," said Dan Nannini, SMC Transfer Center coordinator.

Nannini said there are several possible reasons for the huge increase. For one thing, SMC has added, over the past few years, a significant number of courses that are transferable to UC. In addition, the college has increased significantly its pool of counselors.

Nannini also noted that SMC's high school recruitment efforts have gotten more aggressive over the last few years, resulting in an increase in the number of well-prepared, transfer-oriented students who enroll at the college.

Another factor, Nannini said, is overall growth in enrollment over the past few years, though enrollment increased about 8.4 percent from 1998 to 2001, far less than the transfer increase.

In addition, SMC's high transfer figure is the result of the college's strong sense of transfer mission, a rigorous academic program and an ever-growing reputation as the place to go to enter a four-year institution. SMC also holds one of the largest annual college recruitment fairs, with about 90 four-year institutions from throughout the U.S.

He attributed another part of SMC's success in transferring under-represented minority students to the specialized African American Collegian and Latino centers, which provide specific counseling and support to students from those groups. SMC transferred 98 Chicano/Latino students to UC in 2001-02, a hefty increase over 74 in 2000-01, and 27 African American students.

"Although the actual numbers of under-represented students is still lower than we would like, we have reached and surpassed the numbers prior to the UC Regents' decision a few years ago to eliminate affirmative action for admission," Nannini said.

UCLA continues to be SMC students' favorite destination, with 557 transferring in 2001-02. UC Irvine has replaced Berkeley as the No. 2 transfer destination for SMC students, sharply increasing from 61 in 2000-01 to 103 in 2001-02. Berkeley took in 87 SMC students, up slightly from 84 the previous year.

Aside from its transfers to UC and Cal State, the college sends about 1,000 students each year to campuses throughout the U.S., including such universities as Stanford, Cornell and Columbia.

Local Sports

Rookie coach, team of freshman may prove to be contenders

BY JESSE HALEY

Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica College's women's volleyball program has an 8-3 record, a rookie coach and a team made up almost entirely of freshman, not to mention wins over the state's No. 1 and No. 2 teams.

"I didn't know I'd end up coaching," explained Wendy Dreher. "I was a player in college, and just was fortunate to get this opportunity to take this program over, a winning program nonetheless."

But in her short time at the helm of SMC, Dreher has brought a leadership style and work ethic to the Lady Corsairs that will put them in contention for conference honors.

Their two most distinguished victories have come over first ranked Moorpark College and second ranked Ventura College.

The Moorpark match, which was a remarkable upset, was played on the undefeated state leader's home court and went a grueling five games.

Still, freshman defensive specialist Wendy Duran wasn't phased by the win.

"We already knew we could beat them," she said. "We wanted to play them. We weren't scared."

And there doesn't seem to be any

reason they should have been. Two weeks prior to the Moorpark match, SMC's Lady Corsairs got a taste of beating a highly ranked team by out-playing Ventura.

Dreher, the humble coach, is quick to pass on credit for the team's success to her players.

"This group makes my job very easy," she said.

However, it would be more accurate to say that Dreher has made her own job easier by assembling a devoted group of fresh, young athletes to fill her roster.

Three freshman — setter Lindsay Sommer and outside hitters Emi Heaton and Katherine Shorrey — head up the Corsair offensive attack.

"(Shorrey) is a mental and physical leader," Dreher said. "She leads by example ... (She) has the maturity of a collegiate player with the personality that the girls respect."

Another stand out player at outside/opposite hitter is Susan Young. A first team all-league selection and Santa Monica local, Young possesses a fast, low arcing jump serve and leads the league in aces.

"I needed some players out," Dreher said of her selecting only two 2001 players to return. "They didn't have the kind of commitment I wanted."

Commitment and work ethic are

paramount to Dreher's program. To develop team chemistry, she emphasizes team bonding exercises and has recently experimented with motivational quotes.

Dreher asks one player to bring something that inspires them — an object, story or quote to share with the team before each game.

Whether it's making the team stronger is hard to say, but Duran explained Dreher's team dynamic in simpler terms.

"If you're not having fun, it's not going to work out," Duran said. "She makes drills fun."

So while there is a competitive edge to the Lady Corsairs play, the focus for this young program remains on improvement and team play.

"On the court we're more mature," said setter Chelsea Biaz of her 19- to 21-year-old teammates. "When we're together, we can be goofballs, but when we step on the court and it comes down to business, we execute pretty well."

With the second half of the season in front of them, the Lady Corsairs like their chances. With recent victories over Moorpark, Bakersfield and West L.A., coach Dreher is confident. "SMC should be a top contender in the state," she said. "I maintain that we can beat anybody."

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STATE

Davis, Simon enter final days of race on the offensive

BY ALEXA H. BLUTH
Associated Press Writer

ELK GROVE — As the final countdown began in the race between Democratic Gov. Gray Davis and Republican challenger Bill Simon, the men spent the weekend engaging in old-fashioned campaigning to secure votes from their parties' most dedicated followers.

Simon knocked on doors in a quiet, middle-class neighborhood in GOP-friendly Modesto and flipped steaks at a Republican barbecue in the Sacramento suburb of Elk Grove. Davis rallied with union firefighters and prayed with worshippers at one of Los Angeles' most influential black congregations.

Face-to-face campaigning has been scarce in the expensive, eight-month race fought mostly through televised advertisements. But with the approach of the campaign's final week, each candidate hustled to meet with traditional supporters — the very voters essential in the Nov. 5 election in which turnout is expected to be lower than normal.

"It's our ideas that are going to win the day," Simon declared at the Sunday event in this Sacramento suburb after arriving on his campaign bus with his wife and campaign aides. "We're surging, we're moving forward."

Polls, which show most voters are disappointed with both candidates, have shown otherwise. Simon has struggled to gain ground on Davis, who addressed worshippers at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles Sunday.

Davis said his final-week message will be encouraging his supporters to vote. "The whole purpose of this week is to get people excited."

For the next eight days, Simon will try to capitalize Davis' low approval ratings while the governor attempts to maintain his lead in the polls in the face of new questions about how he solicits campaign contributions.

Davis has spent more than \$50 million in his bid for a second term, painting Simon as too conservative for California, but has failed to capture an overwhelming lead and has been unable to shake the ill will left with voters after statewide electricity and budget crises.

Republicans had hoped Simon, a Los Angeles financier who is a first-time political candidate and the son of a late U.S. treasury secretary, could help them regain clout in this Democrat-dominated state. But his campaign has been marked by strategic missteps and controversies over his financial dealings.

"It's been kind of an ugly campaign," said Stanley Moore, political science professor at Pepperdine University.

It began in March, when Simon landed a come-from-behind win over former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan. Davis poured \$10 million into ads during the GOP primary attacking the Riordan, a political moderate considered the biggest threat to Davis, leading many to call Simon Davis' hand-picked opponent.

Davis has since used television advertisements to criticize Simon for a range of topics from his business practices and

political beliefs to how he and his family ran their private charity. Despite fund-raising help from President Bush, Simon has been forced to lend his campaign more than \$10 million from his personal fortune to stay on television through the final weeks of the race.

Simon has criticized the governor's handling of the state's schools and budget, but his key attacks have centered on fund-raising, including allegations that the governor mixed raising money with state business.

"It's our ideas that are going to win the day. We're surging, we're moving forward."

— **BILL SIMON**
State governor candidate

"Gray Davis is a desperate man," Simon declared Sunday, predicting, as he has for weeks, that he would catch Davis by the end of the week. Simon criticized Davis for reversing course after declaring two weeks ago that his camp would run only positive advertisements.

Davis has defended his prolific fund-raising as necessary to compete with personally wealthy candidates and has said he has never operated outside the law.

But the issue is likely to arise again Monday, when a federal judge is expected to unseal documents detailing a claim leveled a decade ago by a state official convicted for his role in a \$734,000 bribes-for-permit scheme.

Former state Coastal Commissioner Mark Nathanson, convicted of federal charges for accepting bribes to influence his votes, claimed he worked with an unnamed state official in a campaign contribution scheme based on Nathanson's illegal activities. He made the accusations as he tried to negotiate better treatment after his 1993 conviction. Prosecutors rejected his claims then, calling them the unreliable attempts of a proven liar to get a better deal.

Nathanson named the official in two letters sealed by a federal judge, then released in censored form. The Sacramento Bee has fought for their full release. The U.S. Supreme Court refused Oct. 7 to hear arguments to keep them closed, clearing the way for their release. Sources have told the Bee and the San Francisco Chronicle that Davis was the official named in the letters.

Davis has brushed off the Nathanson accusations and has called for Simon to "resign in shame" over that and other accusations.

Earlier this month, Simon accused Davis of illegally taking a campaign check in the state Capitol. He was forced to retract the claim when the photo he was using as evidence turned out to have been taken at a private home in Santa Monica.

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STATE



Sides on initiative debate if it boosts voter turnout or fraud

BY LOUISE CHU
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — After spending most of his career in philanthropy and occasionally dabbling in political causes, San Francisco businessman Rob McKay has found tougher going as he pushes an initiative that would allow immediate voter registration in California.

McKay, the heir to the Taco Bell fortune and a venture capitalist, is putting his weight and at least \$5 million of his personal fortune behind Proposition 52, a Nov. 5 ballot initiative that he hopes will rejuvenate California's dismal voter participation levels. Those hit an all-time low in last March's primary when only a quarter of those eligible to vote bothered to do so.

Proposition 52 would allow eligible voters to register at polling places on Election Day, replacing the current law that requires people to register 15 days before voting. Opponents, however, have downplayed any effect it would have on voter turnout, saying it would instead encourage voter fraud.

Recent polls suggest both sides will have to battle it out all the way to Election Day.

"It's been a very slow season," said McKay of the Yes On 52 campaign. "We've all been very frustrated with general voter interest. But it's coming, and our message is getting out there."

At the core of the Yes on 52 campaign's challenge is the widespread perception that Election Day voter registration would increase chances of vote fraud. Opponents say Californians won't be required to use photo identification to register, needing as little as a utility bill and a piece of mail addressed to them at a current address.

"Anyone who's interested, anyone who wants to get involved can do it two weeks in advance," said Dave Gilliard, director of Citizens & Law Enforcement Officials Against Election Fraud, which heads up the opposition to Proposition 52.

Proposition 52, Gilliard said, wouldn't give election officials enough time to verify eligibility fully and would force them to count the votes as "live ballots," which means they could not go back and cancel a ballot if someone's registration was later ruled invalid.

McKay acknowledged those concerns but said he picked the identification criteria because current law also doesn't require photo identification.

Proposition 52 would also expand the state election budget by \$6 million each year to bring in more poll workers, who would be trained to detect voter fraud. The initiative also increases criminal penalties for fraud, up to \$20,000 in fines and five years in prison.

Both sides have amassed long lists of endorsements from state officials and organizations. Former Secretary of State March Fong Eu, former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan and Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante are among its most prominent supporters, while current Secretary of State Bill Jones and the California District Attorneys Association lead the opposition.

Jones said he may support Election Day voter registration with more safe-

guards, including live databases in the precincts to immediately verify eligibility. But Proposition 52, in its current form, "is just premature at best and clearly unacceptable" in meeting zero tolerance standards for voter fraud.

A recent Field Poll found that opposition to Proposition 52 fell from 54 percent of those surveyed in July to 42 percent in September. Support for the measure has remained constant at 36 percent, with more voters sliding into the "undecided" column.

"It's been a very slow season. We've all been very frustrated with general voter interest (on Proposition 52). But it's coming, and our message is getting out there."

— ROB MCKAY
San Francisco businessman

Six states — Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Wyoming — currently have Election Day voter registration in place, and all of them have reported a 3 to 9 percent increase in voter turnout, according to a study of state election systems by the California Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"We think California's can go up even higher," said Michael Alvarez, a California Institute of Technology political scientist and co-director of the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project. The study estimated California could add more than 1 million new voters by implementing Election Day voter registration.

Alvarez said Proposition 52 could potentially give the biggest boost to young, minority and mobile populations, which typically have the lowest turnouts.

Richard Ramirez, a research fellow specializing in political participation at the Public Policy Institute of California, argued that existing research from the six states that already have Election Day voter registration cannot speak for California, which is "more urban, much larger and more racially diverse" than any of them.

The biggest factors in minority voter turnout tend to be education and income, Ramirez said, both of which are not associated with voter registration deadlines.

Opponents of the measure also say it would do little to increase voter turnout in general, attributing current low numbers to apathy, not access. They point to a statistic from the March primary that showed 65 percent of already registered voters did not cast ballots.

Gilliard proposed another approach he said would do much better for voter turnout. "Get some candidates that people are interested in."

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NATIONAL

Wellstone family asks Mondale to replace him on ballot

BY BRIAN BAKST

Associated Press Writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Sen. Paul Wellstone's oldest son has urged former Vice President Walter Mondale to step in as his late father's replacement on the Nov. 5 ballot, Democratic leaders said Sunday. One source who has spoken to Mondale said he is likely to accept.

"Based on the family's request to him, it is highly likely he will run," the source said on condition of anonymity. "It would be surprising if the vice president did not run."

Wellstone's surviving family members weren't immediately available to

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— MIKE ERLANDSON

Chairman of the state's Democratic-Farmer Labor Party

comment, the late senator's campaign staff said.

Minnesota Democrats will meet Wednesday to officially pick the substitute candidate for Wellstone, who died Friday in a plane crash.

If Democrats succeed in drafting

Mondale, it will give them a powerhouse candidate for a six-day campaign against Republican Norm Coleman, the former St. Paul mayor who entered the race at the urging of President Bush. The race had been tight between Coleman and Wellstone and was a top target of Republicans trying to regain control of the Senate.

State Republican officials have said they would attempt to cast a Mondale-Coleman race as a choice between a reluctant placeholder and someone who is eager to do the work.

"Walter Mondale is a good man," Coleman said Sunday, declining to comment further on his potential opponent. "There will be a campaign, but now is not the time."

Mondale, 74, hasn't returned calls or answered the door to reporters at his Minneapolis home.

Those close to Mondale said he isn't expected to comment publicly on a potential candidacy until after Tuesday's memorial service for Wellstone, his wife, daughter and three campaign workers who died in the plane crash. Relatives of the six passengers and two pilots were to visit the northern Minnesota crash site Sunday for a private memorial service. The cause of the crash, which happened in freezing rain, remains under investigation.

Mike Erlandson, chairman of the state's Democratic-Farmer Labor Party, said the blessing of Wellstone's surviving family members makes Mondale the clear favorite.

"He is certainly the public sentiment front-runner, among activists, among party leadership," Erlandson said. "We've had hundreds of phone calls and e-mails."

National Democratic leaders also have reached out to Mondale over the

past two days.

During a visit to Wellstone's campaign headquarters Sunday, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said Mondale was clearly the strongest choice, calling him "the great unifier."

"People in this state, people in this country can unite behind his strength," he said.

"Paul Wellstone was in many ways the soul of the Democratic Party," he said. "This has energized people."

Mondale had held the same Senate seat for 12 years before accepting Jimmy Carter's invitation to run for vice president in 1976. In 1984, Mondale challenged President Reagan for office and was soundly defeated.

He served as U.S. ambassador to Japan from 1993 to 1996 and has practiced law in Minneapolis since then.

The battle for Wellstone's seat was one of a half-dozen or so expected to determine which party will control the Senate next year. The loss of Wellstone leaves the chamber split 49-49 among Republicans and Democrats, with one independent, Jim Jeffords of Vermont, who is allied with the Democrats.

Gov. Jesse Ventura still hasn't decided whether to appoint a temporary successor who would serve until the election winner is officially certified. He met with lawyers Saturday and said if he names someone, it probably will be a Democrat and someone who doesn't plan to run for the office.

His spokesman, John Wodele, said Sunday that Ventura will likely wait until after Tuesday's service to announce his intentions.

"If the governor decides it's necessary to name an appointment it would probably be before the election, but there is no urgency right now," Wodele said.

It appeared it wouldn't be legal to leave Wellstone's name on the ballot. Absentee ballots already marked for Wellstone won't count for the Senate race, but people who submitted them could go to the polls on Nov. 5 and submit a new ballot.

Two years ago, when Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan was killed in a plane crash three weeks before the election while running for the Senate, his name remained on the ballot and he beat Republican Sen. John Ashcroft. Carnahan's widow, Jean, was appointed to serve in his place and is now seeking election.

Anti-war rally



Donna Robinson/Special to the Daily Press

Tens of thousands of people marched on Saturday in Washington D.C. near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial for a loud, angry but nonviolent protest against a possible war with Iraq. It was a broad cross section of Americans — young, old, middle class, all races, families and children. A similar protest occurred in San Francisco in which more than 1,000 people from Southern California participated in. Five of them were high school students from Crossroads School in Santa Monica.

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INTERNATIONAL



Death toll in hostage rescue clouds mission's success

BY DAVID MCHUGH

Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW — Doctors said Sunday they still hadn't been told exactly what was in a mysterious knockout gas that killed 116 hostages after Russian special forces stormed a Moscow theater to free them from Chechen terrorists.

The chief Moscow city doctor says more than 150 hostages remained in critical condition after the operation, which at first had been seen as a triumphant rescue mission.

The physician in charge of the city's poison unit said troops did not tell medical authorities they had gassed the auditorium until the 750 hostages were brought out, most of them unconscious.

"But we didn't know the character of the gas," said Yevgeny Luzhnikov, head of the city health service Department of Severe Poisoning. The substance was described as akin to compounds used in surgical anesthesia.

Andrei Seltsovsky, the chief city physician, explained that the gas affected hearts and lungs. He said he had no information when asked about reports that the compound could cause vomiting that would choke unconscious victims.

"In standard situations, the compound...does not act as aggressively as it turned out to do," Seltsovsky said. "But it was used on people who were in a specific (extreme) situation for more than 50 hours.... All of this naturally made the situation more difficult."

The approximately 800 hostages were taken Wednesday night when an estimated 50 Chechen rebels stormed the theater during a popular musical. They demanded that Russia end its war in Chechnya.

The few dozen hostages who were well enough to be released Sunday could provide few clues as to the nature of the gas.

"We knew something serious was going to happen" when the gas started seeping into the hot auditorium that reeked of excrement, said Mark Podlesny as he walked out of Veterans Hospital No. 1 near the theater.

"I lost consciousness. Yes, there was a strange smell," said Roma Shmakov, a 12-year-old actor in "Nord-Ost," the musical in progress when the gunmen burst in at 9:10 p.m. Wednesday.

The gas mystery tainted the rescue mission, overlay-



Associated Press/ITAR-TASS, Presidential Press Service
Russian President Vladimir Putin visits an unidentified victim of the theater siege at the Sklifsovski Emergency Institute in Moscow, Saturday. The institute is one of Moscow's clinics, where freed hostages were hospitalized. Special forces stormed the theater where Chechen gunmen were holding hundreds of hostages before dawn Saturday, killing their leader and dozens of other gunmen and freeing more than 700 captives.

ing it with an aura of confusion and callousness. The impression was bolstered by scenes outside hospitals where the hostages were taken for treatment. Friends and family crowded the gates in futile efforts to learn if relatives or loved ones were inside. Authorities gave out little information on hostages' identities, what hospital they were in or how they had fared through the ordeal.

Even diplomats had trouble finding information about the estimated 70 foreign citizens who were among the captives. U.S. consular officials searched the city's hospitals for one of the two American citizens known to have been in the theater. A second American was found recuperating in a city clinic. Two foreign women — one Dutch and one Austrian — were known to have died.

Only on Sunday afternoon, more than 24 hours after the hostages were freed, did hospitals post complete or even partial lists of who they were holding. Visits still

were prohibited. Some people outside the gates saw their relatives waving to them from windows.

"They are hostages again," one visitor shouted to the armed guards at Hospital 13, where about half the captives were taken.

Most of those who left the hospitals hugged those meeting them, then hurried to get out of the chilling rain and avoid a pulsing crowd of reporters and TV cameras.

Those who stopped to talk gave accounts of the ordeal that sometimes contradicted the official version.

Podlesny questioned Russian television footage that showed the captors' corpses in the theater amid liquor bottles and syringes. "They didn't drink, didn't smoke, didn't swear. They were very disciplined," he said.

Both Podlesny and Georgy Vasilyev, the producer of Nord-Ost, disputed Russian officials' statement that the gunmen had begun shooting hostages before dawn and prompting the special forces to start their assault.

A total of 118 hostages were known to have died since the Chechens stormed the theater — 116 from the effects of the gas, one young woman shot and killed early in the standoff and one hostage shot Saturday morning shortly before the rescue raid.

President Vladimir Putin visited the special forces troops Sunday to congratulate them on the mission and declared Monday a national day of mourning. As troops that had surrounded the theater building began to withdraw, Muscovites placed flowers at the perimeter.

Many of the 50 assailants killed in the hostage-rescue mission died after being shot in the head, apparently while unconscious from the gas. The Federal Security Service said three other gunmen were captured, and authorities searched the city for accomplices or gunmen who may have escaped.

The chief Moscow prosecutor, Mikhail Avdyukov, said Sunday that three people had been arrested in Moscow on suspicion of helping organize and carry out the raid, the Interfax news agency reported.

The attackers included 18 women, many of whom said they were war widows. The women had explosives strapped to their bodies, and mines were placed throughout the building the terrorists threatened to blow the building to bits unless Putin agreed to withdraw troops from mainly Muslim Chechnya.

Hurricane wrecks towns, blocks highways, floods resorts

BY LISA J. ADAMS

Associated Press Writer

PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico — Hurricane Kenna roared to shore north of this resort city known for half-priced beer and breathtaking sunsets, unleashing a wall of water that tore apart a seafont famous to millions of tourists and sent waves washing down streets and through hotel lobbies.

With the hurricane itself dissipated over northern Mexico on Saturday, tourists who had come for a relaxed vacation found themselves strolling past devastated hotels guarded by soldiers after the hurricane struck Friday.

"We had a room facing east, so we really didn't think that much of it until we saw two feet of water running through the lobby. That got our attention," said Wayne Johnson, a Minnesota tourist starting the second week of a two-week vacation.

"We really just enjoyed lying by the pool in the sun. But now the pool is filled with sand, so we're not sure what were going to do," he said.

Kenna, once a Category 5 hurricane with 160 mph winds, pummeled Puerto Vallarta as it passed by offshore on Friday before slamming into San Blas, a smaller, more rustic tourist town 80 miles to the north.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Kenna had dissipated over land as it moved into northeast Mexico, but remnants were merging with a weather system now in the northwest Gulf of Mexico.

Officials in Nayarit state, where San Blas is located, said a woman there died from a falling wall. Most of the buildings in San Blas were destroyed or badly damaged and fishing boats were toppled at its docks. Power was knocked out to a wide region and roads were slashed.

Federal authorities said communications with as many as 30 largely Indian fishing villages in Nayarit were lost after

Kenna hit and the government declared the region a disaster area, eligible for emergency aid funds.

In Puerto Vallarta, seawater rushed in from the bay, floating cars, stranding boats and damaging hundreds of businesses. Tourists fled to high ground and those left homeless took shelter in the ballrooms of luxury hotels.

On Saturday, troops used shovels and

their hands to clear away chunks of wood, scraps of twisted metal and tons and tons of sand from the streets and parking lots.

Smashed cars were overturned and half-buried in the streets near houses and hotels whose walls were partly ripped away.

The downtown area, where police said they arrested 11 looters on Friday, was roped off to keep traffic out.

Dangerous highway attracting cycling tourists

BY GRAHAM GORI

Associated Press Writer

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Onlookers inched to the edge of the road and peered 600 feet down into the misty jungle where a shattered bus and its victims lay.

A rope was flung down. Some 50 men pulled and then fell silent when the corpse of an Indian woman rose from the clouds, her clothes bloodied and torn. They stared as rescue workers laid her on the muddy ground with a tropical fern over her face.

Then came a strange click-clacking sound. Swooping down the road came a group of tourists in bright red cycling suits, riding modern mountain bikes and offering an incongruous sight on "el Camino de la Muerte" — the Highway of Death.

"It's nice, and it's really dangerous," said Esther Marechal, a 28-year-old tourist from the Netherlands. She and four other Dutch cyclists weaved through trucks backed-up on the 10-foot-wide road, then squeezed past the accident

scene and disappeared around a sharp curve, arms joggling with every bump.

So far this year, 101 Bolivians have died in traffic accidents along the 40-mile road carved into mountainside that drops 11,700 feet, or 2.2 miles, from snowcapped Andes to steaming jungle.

Yet what is a deathtrap for Bolivians has become one of this nation's hottest tourist attractions for adventurous and athletic bicyclists.

Guide books bill the single-lane dirt road as the world's most dangerous highway.

"Those up for an adrenaline rush will be in their element, but if you're unnerved by a gravel track just 3.2m wide — just enough for one vehicle — sheer 1,000m drop-offs, hulking rock overhangs and waterfalls that spill across and erode the highway, your best bet is to bury your head and not look until it's over," says the Lonely Planet guide.

Travel agencies in La Paz, 40 miles to the southwest, transport cyclists to the top

of the road and then accompany them with a guide the entire way down.

Moss-covered crosses dot the shoulder where people have disappeared over 1,000-foot precipices. At the top of the road a monument memorializes two young Dutch lovers killed in a fall. Farther down, a memorial marks where some political dissidents were pushed over the edge on orders of a military government.

Soldiers with red and green flags emerge from the mist to regulate truck traffic in an effort to prevent collisions.

Some of the road's most dangerous sections have nicknames. The curve where the bus accident happened is called "Central Sacramento."

Rescue workers pulled 31 dead from the jungle floor after the crash Sept. 2.

The government is building a new, safer highway. It was supposed to be finished two years ago, but officials say tunneling difficulties have set the schedule back. They now aim for completion by April.



SPORTS

Anaheim Angels are 2002 World Series champs

BY BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

ANAHEIM — This is definitely movie material — and the stars are the never-say-die Anaheim Angels.

They came out of nowhere to reach their first World Series, rallying past every team in their way.

Their rookie pitcher wins Game 7.

And the best hitter in the world watches from the losers' dugout, knowing he was once just six outs away from winning the only title he has ever wanted.

John Lackey, Garret Anderson and the Angels made it all come true, beating Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants 4-1 Sunday night for the franchise's first championship in 42 years.

Plus the most amazing thing — the Angels didn't even need to rely on their Rally Monkey. Anaheim third baseman Troy Glaus was voted MVP after hitting .385 with three home runs and eight RBIs.

"I can't believe it, man," Anderson said. "It's been a long year — a testament to the guys who never gave up."

Still, the highest-scoring Series in history came down to pitching, as it always seems to do in October. Behind Lackey and the bullpen, Anaheim had too much to win baseball's first all-wild-card matchup.

The Angels became the eighth straight home team to win Game 7 of the World Series. History was on their side from the start and so was an omen — a skywriting plane put a gigantic halo over Edison Field before the first pitch.

A day after it blew a 5-0 lead in the

seventh inning, San Francisco never got close to winning its first title. Bonds went 1-for-3 with a walk to close out one of the most dominant Series performances ever, yet it wasn't enough.

When it ended, Bonds walked down the dugout and picked up his glove. He walked back, tapped his son on the back and walked down the runway as the Angels celebrated on the field.

Lackey wasn't even with the Angels, stuck in Triple-A, when they went 6-14 for the worst start in team history. But with both staffs worn down, the 24-year-old righty gave Anaheim exactly what it needed with five innings of one-run ball.

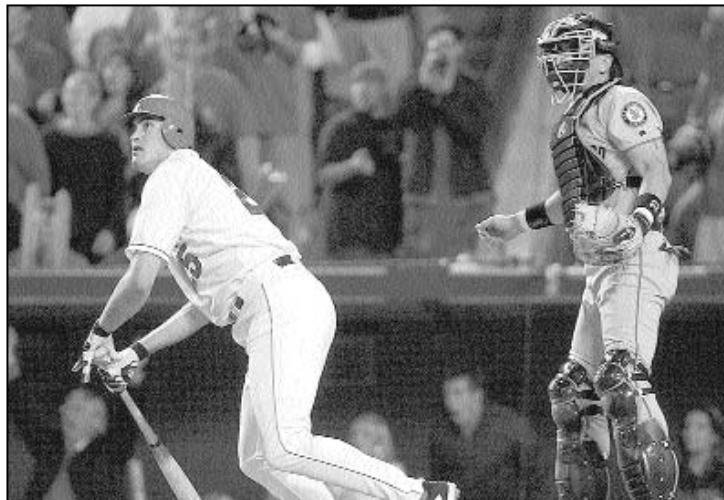
Anderson, finally due to get the recognition he's always deserved, hit a three-run double off Livan Hernandez in the third for a 4-1 lead. The monkey mascot made a brief, early appearance on the video board to celebrate the moment, then sat back and let the sellout crowd of 44,598 bang their ThunderStix like crazy.

"Well, I just wanted to get into a situation where I'd be able to hit my pitch, not do too much," Anderson said.

Brendan Donnelly, Francisco Rodriguez and Troy Percival closed it for manager Mike Scioscia's bunch. Percival escaped a two-on, one-out jam for his third save of the Series.

"Unbelievable for us, for our fans," Percival said. "This team has worked as hard as any team ever. We deserve it."

And when it was over, Southern California, the land of celluloid stars, had just added a whole teamful of them while Hollywood luminaries Pierce Brosnan



Amy Sancetta/Associated Press

Anaheim Angels' Troy Glaus, left, and San Francisco Giants' Benito Santiago watch Glaus' two-run double during the eighth inning of game 6 of the World Series Saturday in Anaheim, Calif.

and John Travolta watched from the stands.

Before this year, the Angels were known mostly for heartbreak. Beloved owner Gene Autry never saw his team get this far before passing away, and it didn't look like these guys would do it, either, especially after finishing 41 games out of first place last season.

Somehow, the Angels pulled it together. They led the majors in hitting, over-

whelmed the New York Yankees and Minnesota in the AL playoffs and then knocked out Bonds and Co.

"Somewhere, Gene Autry is smiling right now," commissioner Bud Selig said as he presented the trophy.

Owned by The Walt Disney Co., the Angels are still for sale. Before then, though, they can certainly travel the three miles or so to Disneyland to enjoy this most improbable championship.

Oregon's billboard was just a little too cocky for USC

BY ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

EUGENE, Ore. — It wasn't Oregon's two-straight Pacific-10 Conference titles, or even the Ducks' slightly better national ranking. Southern California wanted this win because of that annoying billboard.

"We took the billboard as an insult," wide receiver Kareem Kelly said after USC's 44-33 victory over Oregon Saturday, "so we wanted to come out here and put on a good show."

The billboard in question touts Oregon football, and it was put up in Los Angeles by some enthusiastic Duck boosters.

The Trojans certainly didn't care for it.

"The only thing in L.A. where they put the billboard is 'SC. So what does that tell our players and everyone who is a Trojan?'" freshman receiver Mike Williams said. "We took that personal."

To add fuel to the fire, receiver coach Lane Kiffin put a copy of the billboard — which can be seen on one of the freeways leading to the Trojans' home at Los Angeles Coliseum — in the playbook.

The result was a victory that keeps USC in the chase for the Pacific-10 Conference title, and all but eliminates Oregon's shot at a three-peat.

On the theory that any team with two conference losses is out of it, the Trojans hung with Washington State (7-1, 4-0) and surprising Arizona State (7-2, 4-0), the first team to knock off the Ducks this season.

Washington State hosts co-leader Arizona State next Saturday.

Carson Palmer led the then-15th ranked Trojans with a career-best 448 yards and matched a school record with five touchdown passes. Palmer completed 31 of 42 attempts with one interception.

His five touchdown passes tied Rodney Peete's mark in 1987 against Stanford. His 448 yards passing broke his own school record of 411 yards set against the Ducks last season.

Williams caught 13 passes for 226 yards — a USC freshman record — and two touchdowns for the Trojans. It was his fifth straight game with a TD reception.

Oregon's Jason Fife, who came in completing 60.9 percent of his passes to rank No. 2 nationally in passing efficiency, went 20-of-45 for 336 yards and two touchdowns. He was intercepted twice.

Onterio Smith, Oregon's star tailback who was vying for his eighth-straight 100-yard rushing game, was held to 79 yards.

Oregon, which led 19-14 at halftime, was hurt by its pass defense and offensive problems getting into the end zone.

Williams said the Trojans did their homework after

ASU's Andrew Walter threw for 536 yards and four scores against Oregon the week before.

"We knew coming in that they gave up a lot of passing yards," he said. "We knew what routes they could defend, we knew which routes they couldn't defend. And we knew they couldn't tackle."

Southern California outscored 14th-ranked Oregon 30-14 in the second half — with a 20-0 third quarter — en route to the win.

USC has a bye next week before facing Stanford, Oregon's opponent next week.

Raiders's offense sputters, lose to Chiefs

BY DOUG TUCKER

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City's sad-sack defense turned in an atypical performance, bringing the Chiefs a rare win over the Raiders.

Instead of giving up points in the fourth quarter, the Chiefs helped create them. Instead of getting embarrassed by the NFL's top offense, its lowest-ranked defense allowed only one touchdown and led Kansas City to a 20-10 victory Sunday.

"We shut up our critics, for a while anyway," said defensive tackle Derrick Ransom, who blocked Sebastian Janikowski's 44-yard field goal attempt in the first half.

The defense, which had blown double-digit fourth-quarter leads in bitter losses two weeks in a row, set up the clinching touchdown when linebacker Mike Maslowski forced a fumble by Jerry Rice and recovered the ball with 4:39 left.

Less than two minutes later, Trent Green hit Tony Richardson with a 4-yard TD pass, giving the Chiefs (4-

4) their first victory over Oakland in six games.

After looking like one of the league's best teams a few weeks ago, the Raiders (4-3) have lost three straight.

Before Sunday, those so-called critics had ample evidence to predict a basketball-like score between the AFC West rivals.

The Chiefs had been giving up 441 yards and 32.9 points a game, and although the Raiders were missing starters at running back (Tyrone Wheatley) and in the secondary (cornerbacks Phillip Buchanon and Charles Woodson), they still were averaging almost 33 points a game.

But Oakland's only touchdown came on a 1 yard-pass from Rich Gannon to Doug Jolley in the first quarter.

Nevertheless, Gannon was 35-of-55 for 334 yards and joined Steve Young and Kurt Warner as the only players in NFL history to pass for more than 300 yards in six straight games.

Priest Holmes totaled 184 yards running and receiving for the Chiefs,

including a 3-yard TD run that made it 13-7 late in the third.

Altogether, Holmes had 91 yards on 23 carries and caught six passes for 93 yards.

Gannon hit Rice over the middle for a first down when Maslowski forced him to fumble.

Tim Brown, who hinted that he was tired of not getting the ball enough, caught 13 passes for 144 yards.

Less than four minutes into the quarter, Janikowski kicked a 32-yard field goal to make it 13-10. He had missed four in a row, counting Ransom's block.

Morten Andersen kicked field goals of 46 and 22 yards for the Chiefs in the first half. The Raiders scored their TD when an unnecessary-roughness penalty on linebacker Glenn Cadrez gave them a first down.

A 15-yard chop-block penalty on Marc Boerigter wiped out Holmes' short TD run in the first quarter, and the Chiefs settled for Andersen's 46-yarder. Janikowski hit a 32-yarder to make it 13-10 with 11:34 to go.

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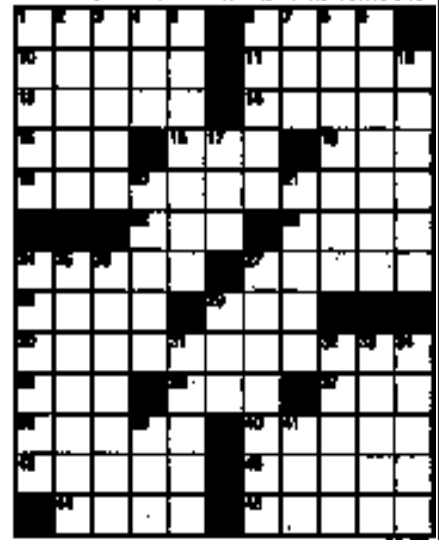
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Eyesight, medical tests considered discriminatory

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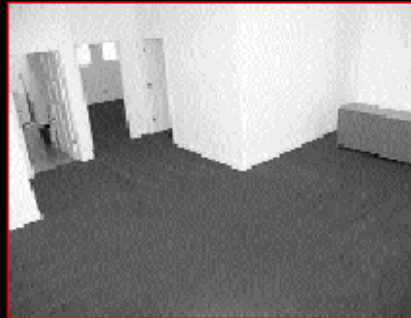
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Calendar

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movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
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Jackass: The Movie (R) 12:00, 1:00, 2:15, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:00, 10:00, The Truth About Charlie (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, The Tuxedo (PG-13) 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:15.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
The Ring (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) 11:30, 2:10, 5:05, 7:55, 10:35, My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05, Punch-Drunk Love (R) 11:15, 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45, The Transporter (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:40, 10:15.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Red Dragon (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00, Tuck Everlasting (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, White Oleander (PG-13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 9:55, Abandon (PG-13) 1:50, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30, Brown Sugar (PG-13) 2:25, 9:40, Formula 51 (R) 5:00, 7:45, 10:00.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Bowling for Columbine (R) 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Auto Focus (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20, Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:25, 9:45, Secretary (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50, Spirited Away (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
Addams Family Values 5:30, 7:30, 9:30.

Today

Community

Toddler Time, 10 a.m. Barnes & Noble at the Promenade and Wilshire. (310)260-9110.

Santa Monica Strutters, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

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Tuesday

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11:30am. Center for Healthy Aging, 2125 Arizona Avenue. Sliding scale fee. Not drop-in groups. Phone interview required. Call Information and Referral. (310)576-2550.

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BACK PAGE

Themed funerals for the deceased help the living

BY TIFFANY KJOS

Arizona Daily Star

TUCSON, Ariz. — The meat is on the grill, the sodas are on ice, and family and friends are swapping memories about their favorite barbecue chef.

In the hub of it all lies Uncle Harry — in his coffin.

Themed bereavement services, where the life of the deceased — not ceremony — takes center stage, could be the future of the funeral industry. And a Tucson company is leading the way.

Perpetua Inc., a Tucson-based owner of funeral homes, hopes to eventually go nationwide with its near-theater-quality sets complete with props, photos and special effects that depict people's lives and interests, from sports to cooking to movies.

The personalized visitation and funeral services appeal to modern consumers, who are used to getting what they want — not being told what they're going to get.

Slivly Edmonds Cotton, Perpetua's chairman and chief executive, first learned of the fledgling concept through an industry association. She knew immediately she'd found a new direction for her company, which owns four Midwest and East Coast funeral homes.

"I thought, 'OK, this is my calling — to change the face of funeral services in the United States,'" she said. "That's a pretty grand statement, but really, that's what we feel we're doing."

The concept is taking off fast. One Perpetua funeral home in St. Louis started offering themed funerals a year ago. Already, they are the choice of nearly half of the clientele.

Themed services provide not only a more comfortable, homelike environment, but something for visitors to talk about in a usually tongue-tied situation, Edmonds Cotton said.

"When they come into these sets they immediately have something to say to the family. They say, 'Oh my goodness, this is just like him,'" she said.

The sets also bring out fond recollections.

"I started having real good memories, and it wasn't

just like boo-hooing and crying," said Angela Clay Harris of St. Louis, who chose the "Big Momma's Kitchen" set for visitation services for her mother.

Family and friends, surrounded by familiar appliances, even played cards at the kitchen table during the visitation.

Consumers, particularly baby boomers, are driving this new demand for more personalized funeral services, said Joseph Budzinski, internal chief operating officer for the International Cemetery and Funeral Association.

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"In years past there was a more rigid selection of choices," Budzinski said. "Today people want to play more of a role."

Themed funerals are steering people back toward longer, more elaborate, more meaningful ceremonies that do what funerals are designed to do: start the grieving process and memorialize someone.

Susan Bring, president of Bring Funeral Home Inc. in Tucson, said the trend toward more personal funerals is happening even without detailed sets. Services at Bring regularly include photographs and mementos of the person being remembered, and have featured golf clubs, motorcycles, old cars in the parking lot and even a service at someone's home where the casket was placed on hay bales.

Funeral homes' ability to do more, including themed funerals, depends on many things, including space, time and resources. If two families are using the funeral home on the same day, their services could clash: Not everyone is going to like the idea of barbecue permeating the air.

When her husband died June 1, 2002, Margaret Cosey

of St. Peters, Mo., opted for a backyard barbecue scene for his visitation.

"His mother is from down South, so I was worried about how she would react to it," said Cosey, who was married to Lourenzy Cosey for 39 years.

She needn't have worried.

"She told me it was beautiful," Cosey said. "All the elderly people told me it was beautiful. It relaxed them."

Wade Funeral Home branch manager Aaron Grimes, known among staffers as "Mr. Disney" for his knack with theatrical devices, used dry ice to mimic barbecue smoke, and cooked food in a microwave throughout the service to keep the barbecue aroma fresh.

Many people use one of the three stock vignettes Wade Funeral Home has on hand — Big Momma's Kitchen, a sports set or a Victorian parlor — but Grimes also designs entirely new sets for services. Often employees bring in items from their own homes to lend to the sets.

"Most of the time the family doesn't know what we're going to come up with," he said. "I got a tremendous imagination. I just come up with all kinds of things."

Perpetua doesn't charge extra for themed services, but it does get "repeat business" from people who attend them and ask for the same kind of services for themselves, or for someone they know who has died.

About 40 percent of Wade Funeral Homes' clients choose the vignettes, which the company premiered in June 2001. Funeral homes that want to keep afloat will follow suit, said Joe Weigel, spokesman for Batesville Casket Co. of Batesville, Ind.

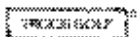
Phyllis Kettler of Tucson, who owns a small business and works for a local small-business advocacy group, said she likes the idea of practically anything other than a traditional funeral, with dim lights, somber music and weeping mourners.

"For me the theme would be barefoot, sand, saxophone player, sunshine, umbrellas to sit underneath for people who don't like the sun," said Kettler, 49. "I want the celebration of my life to be a celebration of my life, not the sadness of my passing, because passing is a part of life."

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