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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Vying to become the national sport of Venezuela is coleo, less bloody than bull-fighting and “truly Venezuelan,” a spokesman for the national coleo organization told The New York Times in September. Four men on horses chase a bull in a large pen, competing to see who can tip it over the most times by yanking on its tail. If the bull hasn't broken any legs when it falls, the men must get it back on its feet quickly by further twisting (or biting) the tail or by electric prod, so that the game can continue.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 304th day of 2006.
There are 61 days left in the year.
This is Halloween.

- 1517
- Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Palace church, marking the start of the Protestant Reformation in Germany.
- 1994
- A Chicago-bound American Eagle ATR-72 crashed in northern Indiana, killing all 68 people aboard.
- 1999
- EgyptAir Flight 990, bound from New York to Cairo, crashed off the Massachusetts coast, killing all 217 people aboard.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The older one grows the more one likes indecency.”

VIRGINIA WOOLF
ENGLISH AUTHOR AND CRITIC (1882-1941)

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Forget them not

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

Angi Neff holds her daughter Eleanor, 5, aloft on Monday while the girl hangs a Sadako crane on to the 'Crane for Peace' altar amid Edison Language Academy's fourth annual Day of the Dead exhibit.

Inhibitions on the outs

BY AMY KAUFMAN
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE — Parents may find themselves shielding their childrens' eyes this Halloween, not from scary goblins or cackling witches, but rather the racy costumes sure to grace the streets of Santa Monica.

It's the overindulgence of eye candy on Halloween that leave some with a sour taste in their mouth.

If sales from local costume shops are any indication, a generation taught to love their bodies will embrace them tonight, donning increasingly scandalous versions of old-time Halloween favorites.

The provocative clothing choice of older “tricks” or “treaters” is what defines Halloween, according to UrbanDictionary.com, an online slang dictionary that allows its users to create definitions. The leading description of “Halloween” on the site, of a total 43, is “an annual excuse for girls to dress like sluts and get away with it.”

A polka-dotted ladybug was the most popular find at



Photo courtesy
Bearing skin on Halloween is a tradition with legs.

See COSTUMES, page 9

Candidates chiming in

By Daily Press staff

CITYWIDE — With just one week left until the Nov. 7 election, many voters may still be on the fence as to whom they will support when it's their turn to step into the ballot box.

Aside from the fact that there are 10 City Council candidates in the hunt — three incumbents and seven challengers — voters must weigh a multitude of critical and complex issues facing Santa Monica.

In an attempt to lend a helping hand, the Daily Press had each of the council hopefuls fill out a questionnaire, allowing them to show readers their individuality, personality and understanding of the issues. The wide-ranging questions focused on everything from homelessness and development, to musical preferences and comfort foods.

This is the first batch of five responders (see pages 10-11, 14), selected at random. A second set will be published in the Nov. 1 edition of the Daily Press.

ELECTION 2006

Politics take a turn for nasty

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — The gloves are coming off. With Election Day bearing down, independent committees looking to change the face of the City Council are going negative, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on cable television ads and glossy mailers bashing candidates in at least two local races.

The latest to be targeted is Council member Pam O'Connor, the subject of a mailer sent by the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC), which is attacking the incumbent because of campaign contributions she received from Macerich Co., the owner of Santa Monica Place.

In the mailer, the phrases “keeps silent,” “pockets” and “misleads” are written in bright green along with a timeline showing that O'Connor accepted 13 checks from Macerich executives around the same time the mall operator was presenting plans to city officials for a massive redevelopment project, which would have included the demolition of the mall and the construction of three, 21-story towers in the heart of downtown.

“Pam O'Connor: Willing to sell Santa Monica out to developers,” the mailer reads.

O'Connor admits she took the contributions, which totaled \$3,100, however she was not influenced by them. In actuality, O'Connor said she voted against Macerich's proposal and ordered executives to “go back to the drawing board” because their vision was out of step with what residents wanted downtown.

“This is absolutely a negative campaign because (SMCLC) is misrepresenting the whole issue,” O'Connor said. “This is a group that

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HHH Your mood could be subject to radical changes as whimsy plays into your plans. Be willing to honor the fact that what felt right yesterday might not be right today. Say goodbye to the past and what no longer works. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Wake up and decide what you want to accomplish, then make it so. If you think in these terms, you'll gain. Friends surround you, as well as a spontaneous gathering. Be willing to be a kid again. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Others look to you for solutions and ideas, whether it is a major emotional issue or what costume to wear for Halloween. Enjoy others' admiration and sense of direction. Enjoy your status and position. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Let your imagination wander, and you'll get great results. Your sense of direction comes through in a big way. Think positively. Your style emerges with a child or loved one who wants your attention at any cost. Tonight: Go with the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your sense of what might be workable could change radically given time and what goes on. Others seem to be walking on the wild side. Understand you can either play or not play. Listen to your sixth sense. Tonight: Go with a loved one's or friend's idea.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Know when to say OK and allow others to demonstrate exactly what they have in mind - you might be surprised. Express your feelings with an eye to more whimsy and happiness in your life. Let your real self emerge. Tonight: Away you go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ How you see new events and possibilities could change radically once you look at the long-term costs. You might go overboard with an effort to make someone more comfortable. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You are all smiles. Let your hair down and do more of what works for you. Understanding allows many to come in much closer than in the past. Tonight: The Scorpio gets his or her way if imaginative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You might want to stay close to home. Though others might be whooping it up, you will be the calm force. Listen to what is going on with a family member, but also with you. You might be stunned by what you hear. Turn events around positively. Tonight: Put the candy out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. Find your friends and hang out as a troupe. You could find that you are a kid again with all of the Halloween fun. How you say what you think can influence others' reactions. Tonight: Easy does it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might want to rethink your decisions with an eye to new potential and greater happiness. Others make demands that could cost you. On the other hand, you might be far more in the mood to splurge and do things differently. Tonight: Play leader of the gang.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You are all smiles, and for a great reason! You will want to make waves and act in a different manner. Take an overview before judging situations. In fact, you might want to read between the lines. Tonight: You are top dog.

BORN TODAY Rapper **Vanilla Ice** (1968), news broadcaster **Dan Rather** (1931)

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SAMOHI FOOTBALL

Upset keeps hopes alive for playoffs

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI — Following the Vikings' stunning upset last Friday of the previously undefeated Culver City High Centaurs, on the strength of a whopping 341 yards and six touchdowns from Louis Adeyemi, the Samohi squad appears to have new life.

Still, on Monday, the Vikings (4-4) players and coaches weren't resting on their laurels, hitting the practice field in full force to prepare for this week's battle with Inglewood.

The Sentinels (7-1) are powered by a strong rushing attack that features the Ocean League's leading tailback, David Freeman, who has amassed 1,219 yards and 17 touchdowns so far this season.

With that in mind, the focus of the Vikings defense will be stopping the running game. To do so, defensive coordinator Conrad Cuda is reverting back to a 4-4 defense, placing eight men in the box to stuff the run.

Against Culver City, the Vikings ran a Cover 2 formation with two cornerbacks and two safeties to protect against the pass, holding the high-powered Centaurs to just 293 total yards and four touchdowns, compared to the Vikings' 634 total yards and nine touchdowns.

"We ran a defense last week designed to shut Culver City down, and that's what we did," said Cuda, who runs the team with his twin brother, Zach. "If we follow our game plan, we can expect to do the same thing Friday."

Inglewood's lone loss this season came at the hands of the Centaurs, to whom they lost 68-27.

The key to last week's victory was the defense's incessant blitzing of Centaur quarterback Darius Banks, as well as a ferocious running game that was bolstered by the return of the team's leading rusher, Adeyemi, who suffered a broken right hand early in the season in a game against Venice.

Energized and inspired by a visit to the locker room from former Samohi standout and former NFL running back Glyn Milburn, Adeyemi ran for more than 300 yards and six scores on 34 carries.

Adeyemi's performance was described by Samohi Athletic Director Norm Lacey as "one of the greatest performances in school history."

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A win-win situation

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New McKinley Elementary School Fourth Grade teacher Jamie Marks, 27, wins a raffle prize for a dinner show to the 'Mysteries en Brochette' during the 12th annual Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's Education Celebration last week at the Le Merigot Beach Hotel & Spa. The celebration welcomed all the new teachers into the school district.

Park doubles its pleasure

Reed tennis courts are back, in the spotlight

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

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NET GAINS: Felicia Brown goes through the motions at Reed Park on Monday, where the courts are undergoing refurbishments.

WILSHIRE BLVD. — Things are looking brighter at Reed Park.

Following nearly three months of renovations, which left numerous tennis players wanting and seeking court time elsewhere, the lights are on at Reed Park.

Problems like flickering lights and blackouts shouldn't be a problem any more at the park's tennis courts, where greats like Tracy Austin and Billie Jean King have played in

the past, after the city completed a \$320,000 project to improve light fixtures and wiring.

As part of a multi-year plan to improve street and park lighting throughout Santa Monica, the city spent three months this summer to render the Reed Park tennis courts a little brighter. The process closed the tennis courts from the beginning of June to mid-August, in order to remove old bulbs and electric panels, add new push buttons on the courts and rewire the entire system.

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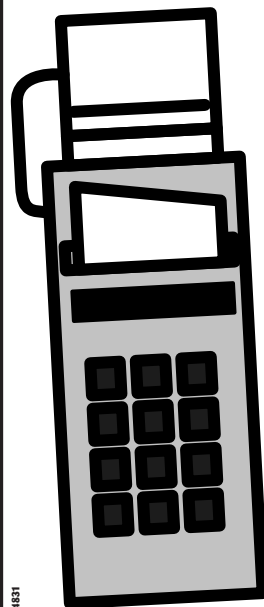
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Election signs not just a nuisance, but a safety hazard

Editor:

Melody Hanatani's article ("Profiling and styling while making the political scene, Oct. 25, page 3) noted complaints about illegal placement of election signs. The problem was even worse on Pico Boulevard, east of Lincoln Boulevard. The placards went up on the weekend when removal by city staff was not an option. Many were positioned to block safety signs that keep drivers from hitting the concrete medians at night.

The group behind these political "soft money" signs is apparently promoting the mayor, one challenger and two incumbent city councilmen. Last weekend's signs were more than a nuisance, and worse than graffiti — they violated public safety. It's agreed that our city council needs reform, but are scofflaws, and the candidates they favor, the reformers we need for public office?

Rae Starr
Santa Monica

McKeown is a worthy candidate

Editor:

The following is an open letter to Tim Dubois and the Edward Thomas Company:
We are deeply offended by your attempt to mislead Santa Monica voters through your outrageous attack on our hard working City Council member Kevin McKeown. We all know that money talks, and you and your related entities are clearly spending enough to talk louder than everyone else during this campaign. As we also know, you can't fool all the people all the time, and hopefully enough Santa Monica voters will be able to see through your expensive smokescreen to defeat your sordid attempt to buy our city at the polls.

Kevin McKeown is a council member who looks out for the residents of Santa Monica, not the big developers and other huge money interests. As longtime Santa Monica homeowners, we support his re-election to the Santa Monica City Council.

Sonya Fox and Bruce I. Sultan
Santa Monica

Campaign finance reform essential for democracy

Editor:

The ugly attack of lies against Kevin McKeown — up for re-election to the City Council in Santa Monica — is being paid for by the owners of Shutters and Casa del Mar hotels. These large land owners and developers are determined to spend what it takes to defeat McKeown, a consistently independent and thoughtful voice on the council. In addition to being a disturbing intrusion into our local election by an outsider, this says something important about the state of electoral politics in our country.

Sizable campaign contributions to candidates of both parties have become a standard business investment with a low risk, high-reward payoff. Legislators return the favor by influencing legislation to suit the lobbyists and their corporate clients, making it virtually impossible to get real reform passed on issues critical to the citizens of this country or elect independent candidates such as Kevin McKeown.

To free ourselves from huge special interests, such as pharmaceuticals, oil companies, pesticide companies, power companies, insurance companies and the like, who end up controlling public policy and our lives, we must institute campaign finance reform. We have an opportunity in California to join Arizona and Maine by passing Prop 89, the Clean Money initiative.

This provides candidates the voluntary option to run without special interest financing. In spite of the campaign rhetoric, Prop 89 will have no financial impact on individuals, cities, the state or small businesses, and is an essential step toward taking back our democracy.

Sue Miller
Santa Monica

Candy and damage done is biggest Halloween scare



WHAT'S
THE POINT?
BY DAVID PISARRA

Goblins, ghouls and ghosts — today, the children of America become fascinated with the occult, the scary and the chocolaty. What was a pagan festival to honor the dead and remember one's past family members, has been overtaken by Nestle, Mars and children's costumes manufacturers.

Halloween precedes All Hallow's Day, which was created by Pope Boniface IV in the 600s to honor saints and martyrs. The origins go even further back though, thanks to the Celts, who celebrated the last day of their year on Oct. 31, calling it "Samhain." It was a date that allowed the "curtain" between the realms of the living and the dead to be at its thinnest, and that allowed the spirits to spend the night visiting the world of the living and to find bodies to possess. It is thought that the custom of wearing a costume began here to avoid being recognized by the spirits.

It was the medieval Christians who took the pagan celebration and made it a church-sanctioned holiday — All Hallow's Day. When the church turned Nov. 2 into All Souls Day to honor the dead, the poor in Europe would go door to door and promise to pray from the dead, in exchange for "soul cakes," which is the forerunner to trick-or-treating today.

Somewhere along the line, thanks to scary movies, candy marketers and novelty sellers, the purpose of the day was lost and has become a holiday of sugar, faux fear and parental obsession with razor blades in candy bars (Did that actually ever happen to anyone?). The fear of tricks being pulled on homes that had bad candy, or no candy at all, was more the stuff of angry teenage boys who use the day as an excuse to toilet-paper someone's house, throw eggs and other assorted mischief.

This of course, was in the days long before children took guns to school and congressmen diddled with pages. These days, the biggest fear that parents should be aware of is not the highly unlikely situation of their children being in a costume that burns, but rather end up obese and with diabetes.

According to the American Obesity Association web site, the incidence of childhood obesity has more than doubled since 1980. Almost 30 years ago, the incidence of childhood obesity — that is, a body mass index over 30 — was only 7.1 percent of the population of 6- to 11-year-olds. Today, that has increased to 15.3 percent of the same population. One in seven children under the age of 12 are obese.

There are several reasons for this, the cut-back on school budgets that has diminished after-school and in-school physical education and athletic programs. The growth of

video games, computers and the parental fear of all things outside the home has certainly led to children who have become increasingly sedentary, which is a direct precursor to the increase in weight.

Today's obese children become tomorrow's invalids. The obese children today will have a shorter life expectancy than their parents, and that will be the first time in centuries that life expectancy is going down. It is all a direct result of too much indulgence in a chocolaty thing, and not enough in a good thing like getting outside and hitting a ball with a bat, or running in a field with a soccer ball.

When I was a kid, granted that was decades ago and in a totally different world, my mother and father would tell me to go outside and ride a bike, hit a ball or mow the lawn. This was when I was 7, 10 and 14. I can remember getting out of the car four blocks from home, and racing my mom home as she drove and I ran. Yes, I won, and yes, she let me, but at least I was doing something physical.

Parents have good reason to be concerned these days about children's safety, between guns at school, drugs at school and the insane way that people drive their SUVs these days. I understand that with over 11,250 registered sex offenders in the county of Los Angeles, a parent may be scared to let their children run about freely. Frankly, I was shocked when I went looking on meganslaw.ca.gov at how many there are in the city of Santa Monica.

It is sad that there is still one more thing we have to add to the list. It's not the razor blades in the candy bars or the pins in the candy apples, but the candy itself has become dangerous. Not because the candy itself is poisoned or toxic, but rather the way in which it is not offset by great physical activity.

There has been a marked uptick in children with ADHD, obesity, pre-diabetes, kidney disease and hypertension. Personally, I think it is not due to some genetic mutation that has occurred in our children, but rather in our society as a whole that has become too sedentary and too scared to go out our front door and see the world. Kids that are called hyperactive today used to be sent out to hit a ball, kick a can or paint a fence. Much of what passes today for 'ADHD' and hyperactive is what, in my childhood, was called 'high spirited.' Those kids were given a football and told to not come home till it was dark out.

It's a funny thing, but as a kid we would get home from school, have cookies and go away until the sun set. After an afternoon of creek walking, fence climbing and baseball, we were no longer so 'high spirited.'

The scariest thing this Halloween is not likely to be any child in a costume, but rather the damage we do to our future by not allowing them to burn off that sugar high.

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When I was a kid growing up in Los Angeles during the '50s, large companies, such as Fuller Brush, employed door-to-door salesmen. A total stranger would come into our house to sell his wares, which I know sounds like the plot of a cheap horror movie.

Another door-to-door company was the Encyclopedia Britannica. My father designated a special place on our bookshelves for these revered tomes, but frankly, they were never much competition for Superman and Archie comic books. But the Britannicas did come in handy when I had a paper due for school. No schlep to the library, I'd just get the stepstool, drag the correct volume off the shelf and begin plagiarizing. My older sister taught me to add a note to the teacher: "I hope you enjoy reading this as much as I did writing it." How embarrassing.

Today, our version of "door-to-door" is the Internet. When I first thought of a column about "October Surprises," I went to Wikipedia's web site ... "When an administration is in trouble, it can resort to a policy designed to alter the course of an upcoming election." Hmm. This month in Iraq may turn out to be the deadliest ever, and Afghanistan is close to slipping back into Taliban control. Sounds like trouble to me, but Dick Cheney says, "Overall our situation is going remarkably well." Forget the insurgency, I think Cheney's in the last throes.

The most notorious October surprise was in 1980. The Republicans worried President Carter would announce the release of our hostages in Iran, and the Democrats worried Ronald Reagan's people were behind the scenes discouraging the release. All I know is the hostages were ultimately released on Reagan's inaugural, and the Iranians later received TOW missiles from us. But who's pointing fingers?

Here at home the list of Republicans guilty of corruption, or indicted, or about to

be indicted, is so long you need a program to tell one from the other. For convenience, the list should be alphabetized — Abramoff, Cunningham, DeLay, Libby, Savavian and Weldon. Ironically, last week George Bush declared "Character Counts" week. It should have been "Character Counts for Nothing" week?

President Bush brags the economy is booming and the price of gas is down. He forgets to mention the debt is \$8 trillion, that's with a "t," and a gallon of gas is double what it was when Bill Clinton left office. It's as though Bush can screw up for the last five years and 11 months and then say, "But things are OK now." Are we that stupid? I guess the answer is yes.

Then there's the Foley scandal. How twisted is this scenario: the chairman of the Committee to Protect Missing and Exploited Children is the one exploiting them! I just hope Foley doesn't hold a press conference and shed crocodile tears like Duke Cunningham, who obviously took tips from Jimmy Swaggart.

Some are predicting the October surprise may be the bombing of Iran. Is that all? Bush continues to describe world events as "unacceptable" and Karl Rove is way too quiet. But the biggest October surprise may come in November. I'm referring to the possible hacking of the Diebold voting machines. Diebold's CEO has bragged numerous times he raises money for the Republican party. Isn't that just a teensy-weensy conflict of interest? If we can't guarantee a fair election, what can we guarantee? More missiles?

Instead of Jimmy Carter flying to Third World countries to monitor elections, maybe he ought to stay here.

The thought of our elections being hacked by a keyboard stroke is demoralizing, as in why bother to vote. Of course, maybe that's what they want. I'd say, "I'm mad as hell," but Paddy Chayefsky beat me to it by 30 years. So what can we do? For now, I'm writing this. If I get any bright ideas, I'll try to squeeze them into my next column.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoyed reading this as much as I did writing it. How embarrassing.

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The Q-Line

They're outta here?

Three incumbents with more than 35 years of experience of collective experience in public office are looking to extend their reign on the City Council on Nov. 7. As in all races, incumbents have an advantage thanks to experience and an already formed support base. This leads to questions about complacency, fresh ideas and new energy. With that in mind, this week's Q-Line question is:

Should there be term limits for City Council members? If so, what should the length of one term be, and how many might an elected official serve before stepping down?

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Firefighters turning the tide in fatal fight

ALLISON HOFFMAN

Associated Press Writer

BEAUMONT, Calif. — Firefighters aided by dying winds appeared to be winning the battle Sunday against a 62-square-mile wildfire that killed four of their own and destroyed 34 homes.

The 40,200-acre blaze, which authorities say was set by an arsonist, was 85 percent contained four days after blowtorch gusts overran a U.S. Forest Service crew. Four members were killed and a fifth was left clinging to life with burns over most of his body.

The blaze was still threatening a wilderness area plagued by drought and filled with dead trees, but fire officials were confident that if they could keep it out of that area they could have it under control by Tuesday night.

"It's the bottom of the ninth so we want to make sure we hit it out of the park and win this thing," said Mike Wakoski, an incident commander for the U.S. Forest Service.

Fire officials said they expected to have the fire fully contained by Monday night, and began sending home several hundred firefighters.

Meanwhile another blaze broke out Sunday in Warner Springs, a rural community about 70 miles northeast of San Diego. That fire began about noon and quickly blackened about 100 acres, forcing the evacuation of several homes, said Capt. David Janssen of the California Department of Forestry. One firefighter was injured.

More than 200 firefighters, five helicopters and an air tanker rushed to the scene to defend about 14 homes in the path of the blaze, which was moving east toward the Los Coyotes Indian reservation. The fire was five percent contained late Sunday. The cause was under investigation.

Also Sunday, church vigils were held across Southern California to pray for the families of the four firefighters who were killed and for firefighter Pablo Cerda, who was badly injured. Cerda, 23, was listed in critical condition Sunday at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center after surgery Friday to remove damaged skin.

About 50 of Cerda's family members gathered at the hospital and described him as a fighter who won't give up.

"They want everyone to know that Pablo's dream was to help people, and on Thursday morning, that's just what he was doing, protecting and serving," said Eddie Cortez, a family spokesman.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said he attended one of the services before stopping by a fire command center in Beaumont on Sunday afternoon to offer words of encouragement to the more than 2,500 firefighters on the front lines.

"It makes me, as governor, really proud to know that we have the best of the best firefighters and law enforcement people in the world working to put this fire out," he said.

Fire officials were still concerned Sunday

with the blaze's eastern flank, which borders a wilderness area that hasn't burned in more than 30 years and has been devastated by a bark beetle infestation that has killed hundreds of trees.

"This is the only place the infrared shows any activity at all. This is also the place with the heaviest fuels we have," said fire analyst Timothy Chavez.

The weather could play a role in their stand there. If the Santa Ana winds that quickly whipped the fire out of control on Thursday morning stay away they expect to surround the last of the blaze quickly.

It was apparently a sudden shift in the Santa Ana winds that blew the fire down on Cerda, Mark Loutzenhiser, Jess McClean, Jason McKay and Daniel Hoover-Najera as they were trying to save a home in the rural mountainside town of Twin Falls.

In all, the fire destroyed 54 structures — 34 homes and 20 other buildings.

Federal agents from Washington, D.C., arrived Sunday to join a 20-member criminal investigation team led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

"We had four guys — one younger than my own son — and they died, so we're taking it seriously," said Assistant Special Agent James Crowell of the ATF, who is heading the investigation. "We will not stop until we find the people who did this."

The fire was set shortly after 1 a.m. Thursday at the base of a slope in the desert city of Cabazon, about 10 miles northwest of Palm Springs.

Cabazon residents said they saw two young men leaving the fire's ignition point, and authorities quickly declared it an act of arson. They have withheld details of any evidence they have, but have acknowledged receiving hundreds of tips.

"We're keeping a real tight lid on the investigation," said Michael Jarvis, a California Department of Forestry spokesman. "We're just asking people to call in with their tips."

While fire crews made progress on the blaze, evacuees began returning to their homes over the weekend, often to find nothing left. They were allowed in only briefly on Saturday and Sunday to retrieve belongings and feed or remove pets.

Carol Hurley stood Saturday at the still-smoldering wreckage of a neighbor's house in Twin Pines but was unable to bear the sight of what was left of her own lopsided dream home.

"I'm not ready to see it," said Hurley, 68. "I just want to remember it like it was."

Three of her children and a grandson dug through piles of concrete searching for jewelry and other valuables, but found little more than a blackened fork and knife and remnants of her China.

Nearby, other homes were burned to their foundations.

"There's nothing left, just a couple of walls and rubble," said Oscar Pineiro, 52, who along with his wife returned to their Twin Pines home and found it pulverized.

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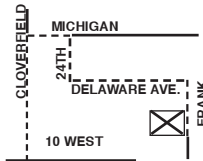


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NEGATIVE ADS, from page 1

wants you to jump when they say jump. They try to intimidate you and this is prime example of that ... Macerich never called, never pressured about their project.

"This is nasty," she added. "All you can do is hope people will look at the issues and not be swayed by the quick message that distorts."

The mailer follows a protest over the weekend in which roughly 100 residents marched outside Shutters and the Casa del Mar hotels in opposition to three television commercials blasting Councilman Kevin McKeown for voting against placing security cameras on Big Blue Buses and the Santa Monica Pier.

The commercials, paid for by the hotels' operator, the Edward Thomas Management Co., also criticize the two-term councilman for his votes on homelessness.

McKeown, who is endorsed by SMCLC, has fought back through e-mails, calling the commercials inaccurate and misleading. McKeown said the commercials represented a "new low" for Santa Monica politics.

But McKeown's feeling aren't shared by everyone. Several pundits that, while attack ads over the airwaves may be new, negative campaigning has been a staple of local races, where independent committees such as Santa Monicans for Renters Rights (SMRR) and Santa Monicans for Change have issued mass mailings that cast candidates as corrupt, inept or obstructionist.

"Every election cycle, people say it is the worst it's ever been, but I don't know if this is any worse in the absolute sense than what we've seen in years past," said former Mayor Michael Feinstein, who was the subject of an attack ad by local trash hauler Southern California Disposal during his failed re-election campaign in 2004.

Attorney Tom Larmore, who has been active in several campaigns for City Council and ballot measures, said he has detected a negative slant in the current campaign season, however, he can recall years in which the climate was even more contentious.

"Negative campaigning is something you just have to expect," Larmore said. "It varies from year to year, but you can always count on some very nasty pieces. Most of the pieces I've seen this year have been positive."

Campaign consultants said negative campaigning has become more popular in the last five to 10 years because of the increase in the number of races and propositions voters are faced with each election season. To make an impact, consultants often have to hit below the belt.

"Negative campaigning works," said Bob Stern, executive director of the Center for Governmental Studies, an independent research group that monitors the electorate. "They are much more interesting than those showing the candidate walking along the beach. Attack ads grab people's attention. Voters may say they hate them, but in their heart of hearts, they pay



Image courtesy

TENSIONS FESTER: One example of a negative ad in this year's election season equates city council candidates to Halloween monsters.

attention to them because they are interesting. They cause people to talk."

But going negative can have its drawbacks.

In some instances, voters may rally behind a candidate whom they perceive as the underdog. Voters may also take their anger out on candidates who are supported by the independent committees behind the ads, Stern said.

"Sometimes voters will take it out on the candidate even though the candidate had nothing to do with the ads," Stern said.

This is a concern for Terry O'Day, a candidate for City Council who is backed by Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities (SMSP), which is funded by the hospitality industry and Edward Thomas Management Co., the group behind the McKeown ads.

"I hope people don't draw the conclusion that I have any relationship to this," O'Day said. "From the start, I have made every effort to run a positive campaign ... I'm not even legally able to talk with an independent expenditure committee like SMRR or SMSP. I did not seek their endorsements and I think their ads underscore the reason why I got into this race in the first place."

"Our community is polarized and the political leadership is exploiting it," O'Day added. "More than ever, we need unity."

Mayor Bob Holbrook, who is also supported by SMSP, said he has no control over independent committees and all he said he can do is run his own campaign and watch the others from the sidelines.

"I don't know how this is going to play out or if the negative ads will have any effect," said Holbrook, who has served on the council since 1990 and has been the target of several mailers. "All I know is people can say what they want about your voting record, but when it goes beyond that, it becomes a bit much."

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Lions, tigers and ... oh, my

COSTUMES, from page 1

Secret Desires, an adult video and merchandise store at 2414 Lincoln Boulevard, where the costume sold "like hot bread," according to day manager Jorge Rivas. The outfit, which was "very short," sold out at all four store locations in Los Angeles County.

"On Halloween, people go out of their closet," said Rivas. "In today's society, it's so hard to express yourself. Halloween is the best excuse to dress up and let go ... to be able to use your imagination."

Pirates were the hottest fare at Ursula's Costumes, 2516 Wilshire Blvd., according to store manager Richard Boschet. "Ladies do like all that sexy stuff," said Boschet, adding that women aged 18-40 come into the store looking for more daring garb around Halloween.

The least popular outfit at Desires, Rivas said, was a pink belly dancer costume, which he referred to as "very Disneyland." Though still skin-bearing, the costume ranked notably less sexy as it hung on the rack.

But the phenomenon isn't limited exclusively to females. Rivas explained that men of all sexual orientations — gay, bisexual and straight — like to indulge in racier outfits as well.

"Guys come in asking for thongs of all kinds," Rivas noted, while holding up a red mesh variety.

Secret Desires attracts only the beautiful people, according to Rivas, who said that everyone who came in was "good looking and thin." The store sells accessories to enhance breast-size for women, including push-up bras, adhesives and petticoats, which are helpful with "accentuating a woman's waist and helping them to look thinner."

"On Halloween, you can show off your body and what you have," Rivas said.

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"I think it's the one day a year you're free to not be yourself," said Chiara Echiverri, a 22-year-old student. "It's

stereotypical for girls to dress up provocatively, so you're almost forced to do it yourself.

You're not as cool as everyone else if you don't."

Meanwhile, over at Aahs!!, located at 3223 Wilshire Blvd., the popularity of sexy outfits has ruled the season. A brand called Leg Avenue was the top-seller at the store, with its mostly tiny costumes typically accompanied by fishnet stockings and stiletto high heels.

"Half of your ass is hanging out in those costumes," said 19-year-old store employee Apple Stuart, who was dressed modestly as a pirate.

"Girls will come in saying they want something slutty," Stuart said, pointing to the ladybug costume.

Little Red Riding Hood and Dorothy from 'The Wizard of Oz,' complete with tight corset frames and petticoat under-bottoms remain common choices, according to Stuart.

"They like it when their butt or breasts hang out," she said.

Halloween seems to be getting more provocative for even younger patrons, local workers contend. Stuart said she's witnessed younger girls "getting into the sexy thing" at Aahs!! Over at Secret Desires, Rivas said he was shocked to watch "Wizard Wanda," a gray miniskirt with striped tie ensemble based off of the popular children's book series "Harry Potter," fly off the racks.

"It's totally knocking on the school girl image," he added.

Some disapprove of the racy choices, like Sarah, a Santa Monica resident who declined to give her last name while out costume shopping. With the "Wizard Wanda" outfit toted under her arm, the woman appeared distressed as her mother stood disapproving to her side, eyeing her every choice.

"I wanted to be Alice in Wonderland," Sarah sighed, "I have to wear my costume to work and everything out there is just so slutty. Halloween has just become so trashy."

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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? HOW LONG?: I am currently in the Euclid Street neighborhood, near Broadway. I am a lifelong resident of Santa Monica and counting. I was raised in northeast Dogtown, on Pearl and 10th streets.
YOUR RIDE? A few, mostly classics. However, the best is carpooling in the bio-diesel.
OWN OR RENT? Rent
YOUR PASSION? Being kind, loving and of service to the people in my surrounding community; To see my lifelong town have its spirit returned.
WHAT ARE YOU READING? “Peace Through Victory.”

THE WATER AROUND THE SANTA MONICA PIER IS SOME OF THE MOST POLLUTED IN THE STATE AND POSES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK TO SWIMMERS. HOW DO WE CLEAN UP THE BEACH?
I am an environmentalist. My history in the environmental movement, having worked with folks like Jackson Browne, goes as far back as the “No Nukes” concerts. I am definitely for clean beaches. However, I do not support Prop V for the fact it has no senior exemption or end game after the funds needed are raised. The elderly are the foundation and history of our community, and I need to support them first with no new taxes. Put a senior exemption and an end

game to Prop V and I am in.
WHAT'S A HIDDEN GEM IN OUR CITY?
Any restaurant, business or park that has a history. Oh, the tales some of these walls could tell.

HOMELESSNESS IS FAR AND AWAY OUR CITY'S MOST PRESSING ISSUE, ACCORDING TO DAILY PRESS READERS. WHAT NEW IDEAS DO YOU BRING TO THE TABLE? DO SERVICE PROVIDERS HELP THE DOWN-AND-OUT OR MERELY ATTRACT MORE HOMELESS AND ENABLE THEM?
I propose enforcement of the laws that exist on the books. Year-round enforcement like the “Holiday Sweep,” which the SMPD just performed in the parks, beaches and promenade; removing the criminal element from the homeless population should be a law enforcement priority. For the honestly in need homeless, starting with the veterans working with Bobby Shriver and The Veterans Administration for Domicile Accommodations. Also my position is a “hand-up,” not a “hand-out.” I believe in the old saying: “Give a man a fish, feed him for a day; teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime”.
BEATLES OR STONES?
Both. The Beatles were the songwriters, deeply connecting their thoughts and their hearts on page in harmony. The Stones are the performers and road dogs, like myself, after all these years still getting the job done and showing the energy and commitment to their people. The Stones are still the greatest rock and roll band in the world!
HOW DO YOU SPEND A DAY OFF IN SANTA MONICA?
Walk on the beach, lunch at “Chez Jay,” meeting with the longtime residents — my lifetime friends, among a plethora of other things such as supporting the local farmers’ markets, then ending the day with the perfect Santa Monica sunset from Inspiration

Point.
RESIDENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OFTEN CLASH OVER THE ISSUE OF GANG VIOLENCE — SOME ADVOCATE MORE ENFORCEMENT, OTHERS CALL FOR MORE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES. WHERE WOULD YOU FOCUS RESOURCES?
Law enforcement, in the proper measure, with the youth. I am for intervention and prevention strategies, like less crowded schools — our children need to be taught from day one that we are one world, one people. Yes, our city is a cultural melting pot, and all cultures need to be honored, however, from pre-school on, our students and children need to be taught non-violence and peaceful resolution.
IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY THREE PEOPLE IN HISTORY, WHO WOULD THEY BE? (SPOUSE AND CHILDREN EXCLUDED):
1) Benjamin Franklin 2) Thomas Jefferson 3) Pablo Picasso and Vincent van Gogh.
LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP?
Stop the arbitrary enforcement of zoning codes targeting small businesses. Some of these businesses have been in Santa Monica for three and four generations. Many of the residents in Santa Monica own these businesses. They should not be driven from their location by the cities “new land use vision.”

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?
The City Council’s at-odds philosophy with our law enforcement agencies. The over-development of our downtown area, beachfront and college. The Santa Monica Airport needs our attention as well.
COMFORT FOODS?

Chocolate chip cookies, Kedem grape juice, Cold Stone, Sushi at NOMA and late bites at Izzy’s Deli.
DOES THE CITY NEED MORE PARKING SPACES, OR WILL THAT JUST ATTRACT MORE DRIVERS? WHAT INCENTIVES SHOULD THE CITY OFFER TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS?
Parking structures on the perimeters of the city, and have accessible shuttles to and from our downtown businesses. A more sensible approach to parking for the citizens of Santa Monica, like locals-friendly parking meter technology which will limit the city’s ability to make the citizens taxable entities.

FREE FORM: WHAT'S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?
Since I’ve begun my campaign with the issues I knew our town needed help with, I certainly have gained a lot more education on so many more needs of our community that our incumbent candidates have neglected. One incumbent is listed as an “urban planner” and places playgrounds under jet traffic, then claims the health and safety of our children are important to her. Another incumbent suggests that the answer to solve our traffic congestion is to “move the 250,000 to 300,000 workers that travel daily to Santa Monica into Santa Monica.” This kind of thinking is what has put our city in the precarious situation it is in to date. The issues of homelessness, crime and traffic are certainly burrs under my saddle.
WHY ARE YOU SO SPECIAL?
I am one of two candidates who is a life-long resident of Santa Monica. I am not currently married or raising a family. My personal success has left me with few distractions, when elected, to work for the needs of the citizens and the community. Parents’ first priority should be to be home of support to their spouses and to deal with the needs of their children. I will work tirelessly for the solutions to return the peace to our city and quality of life to our citizens.



Glean Olivia Davis
AGE: 50
OCCUPATION: Corporate Counsel
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married to John Prindle for 14 years, a 10-year-old son, Jackson
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? HOW LONG?: I have lived in the North of Montana neighborhood since 1999. From 1988-99, I lived in Ocean Park. From 1986-88, I lived in the Wilshire-Montana neighborhood. For the first few months of 1986, I lived on Ocean Front Walk, south of the pier.
YOUR RIDE? Cadillac SRX
OWN OR RENT? Own
YOUR PASSION? I love to travel with my family.
WHAT ARE YOU READING? “The Audacity of Hope” by Barack Obama.

THE WATER AROUND THE SANTA MONICA PIER IS SOME OF THE MOST POLLUTED IN THE STATE AND POSES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK TO SWIMMERS. HOW DO WE CLEAN UP THE BEACH?
First, on Nov. 7, we need to pass local Measure V and state Proposition 84, which will give Santa Monica and the surrounding region resources to control water pollution.

Second, we have to look for opportunities to increase green and open space (which reduces runoff). Third, we must enforce existing local laws that reduce polluted runoff into the bay and onto the beach. Finally, we have to look for innovative ways to reduce pollution, such as the beach smoking ban and the recent partial ban on non-recyclable plastics and Styrofoam.
WHAT'S A HIDDEN GEM IN THE CITY?
The Santa Monica Museum of Art.

HOMELESSNESS IS FAR AND AWAY OUR CITY'S MOST PRESSING ISSUE, ACCORDING TO DAILY PRESS READERS. WHAT NEW IDEAS DO YOU BRING TO THE TABLE? DO SERVICE PROVIDERS HELP THE DOWN-AND-OUT OR MERELY ATTRACT MORE HOMELESS AND ENABLE THEM?
I support the city’s participation in regional efforts to tackle homelessness and the plan to bring food lines indoors. I believe that the Housing First model that has been successful in other cities is another good solution. I know the lack of responsiveness to complaints about the non-violent activities of some homeless persons frustrates many residents and businesses. Therefore, I would like to combine the city’s present efforts with an increased emphasis on outreach. To do that, the city should have a well-trained, non-uniformed homeless response team that can answer complaints in a timely manner and help move homeless persons from storefronts, parks and front yards to service centers and shelters. Most chronically homeless persons are unable to “pull themselves up by their bootstraps,” and if we do not help them, we are sentencing them to

abject misery. I, therefore, support programs that seek real solutions to the root causes of homelessness.
BEATLES OR STONES?
Stones (before 1982)
HOW DO YOU SPEND A DAY OFF IN SANTA MONICA?
We go to the pier and the beach or see a movie on the promenade.

RESIDENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OFTEN CLASH OVER THE ISSUE OF GANG VIOLENCE — SOME ADVOCATE MORE ENFORCEMENT, OTHERS CALL FOR MORE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES. WHERE WOULD YOU FOCUS RESOURCES?
I strongly support violence-prevention. In the short term, I think there needs to be a better police presence in and around Virginia Avenue Park. The police should staff the park substation for longer hours and the community-policing model should focus on creating a genuine sense of community. Over the longer term, I would encourage expansion of programs that provide social support for residents. In particular, I would support a proactive model which begins to serve families the day a child is born. We need to provide parenting classes, family support, full day child care and pre-school, and tutoring and mentoring for older youth and young adults. We also should emphasize peaceful conflict resolution. I also would favor a program that restores hope to families in the neighborhood and an opportunity to break the cycles of poverty and violence by exploring ways to

ensure that every socially disadvantaged child in Santa Monica has the education, personal support and financial resources that will allow him or her to attend a four-year college.
IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY THREE PEOPLE IN HISTORY, WHO WOULD THEY BE? (WIFE AND CHILDREN EXCLUDED)
Barbara Jordan, Abraham Lincoln, John Steinbeck
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I believe that businesses that support our neighborhoods are a vital part of our community. I support mixed-use developments that include business or restaurant space on the ground floor and affordable residential space (for both low and moderate-income households) on the upper floors. This type of development could be built in the commercial corridor along Olympic Boulevard and provide more space for businesses, as well as a local clientele for those businesses. We also need to make sure that City Hall is friendly to local business by streamlining licensing and other administrative procedures.
WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?
Santa Monica faces a serious threat from



Bob Holbrook

AGE: 64, lifelong SM resident
OCCUPATION: Santa Monica Mayor, Community Pharmacist
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married to Jean Ann for almost 40 years; three children: Robert, Cynthia, and Craig — all SM residents.
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? North of Montana.
HOW LONG? 37 years. Born and raised in Ocean Park. I lived there until I got married, and then lived in the Wilshire-Montana area until we bought our first home.
YOUR RIDE? 1917 Model T Ford touring car and a 2005 Ford Thunderbird
OWN OR RENT? Own
YOUR PASSION? USC Football
WHAT ARE YOU READING? “Bike Trails of Santa Monica” by Seymour Butts

THE WATER AROUND THE SANTA MONICA PIER IS SOME OF THE MOST POLLUTED IN THE STATE AND POSES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK TO SWIMMERS. HOW DO WE CLEAN UP THE BEACH?

We recently discovered a leaky sewer drain that will be repaired. It is a very large pipe and will be a costly repair. This repair should help to improve the water. In addition,

I am asking our residents to vote for Proposition V on Nov. 7. This proposition will provide additional revenue to allow the city to clean up the stormwater drains that carry runoff across the beach into our bay.

WHAT'S A HIDDEN GEM IN THE CITY?

The enormous Moreton Bay Fig tree at the Miramar Hotel is a hidden treasure. I doubt if most Santa Monicans have seen it!

HOMELESSNESS IS FAR AND AWAY OUR CITY'S MOST PRESSING ISSUE, ACCORDING TO DAILY PRESS READERS. WHAT NEW IDEAS DO YOU BRING TO THE TABLE?

A new idea would be to make sure city homeless programs are not enabling homeless people who can work, but will not work, to live on our streets. Services should be focused on those homeless people who are willing to help themselves, or unable to help themselves. We must also strictly enforce the law.

DO SERVICE PROVIDERS HELP THE DOWN-AND-OUT OR MERELY ATTRACT MORE HOMELESS AND ENABLE THEM?

The answer to both parts of the question is yes. Service providers do help many homeless people. But there is also no doubt that more and more homeless persons are attracted to Santa Monica because of the services we offer. That is why homeless services must be equalized across the region. Some of the social services provided do enable people to stay homeless in Santa Monica. The expectation of any contact with a homeless individual in our city should be to move him or her off the streets and into housing.

BEATLES OR STONES?

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HOW DO YOU SPEND A DAY OFF IN SANTA MONICA?

I putter around in my small backyard garden or work on my Model T Ford.

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Additional enforcement may prove beneficial, but it will not prevent gangs. We need to seek new strategies that remove the conditions that make gangs a choice for some kids. Clearly, parent education and support, academic mentoring and jobs for youths are programs we need to improve and expand.

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY THREE PEOPLE IN HISTORY, WHO WOULD THEY BE? (WIFE AND CHILDREN EXCLUDED)

I would focus on American history — Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Martin Luther King Jr.

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Many businesses complain that the city's permit process is too complicated and much too long. We have made improvements in our planning department and we are also looking at ways to give staff more discretion in order to speed up the building permit process. High rents also are a problem for



Jenna Linnekens

AGE: 32
OCCUPATION: Experiential Event Executive (Event Planner)
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Happily Married!! /Not yet
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? North of Wilshire
HOW LONG? 8 years
YOUR RIDE? Space Mountain ... No, I have a little black car.
OWN OR RENT? Own
YOUR PASSION? My husband, my family, my city, and health and fitness, and of course, good food.
WHAT ARE YOU READING? “Motor mouth,” by Janet Evanovich

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Measure V is an important component, as is Prop 84. In addition to both of those, we must be prudent with ongoing education to keep our beaches and water clean. I also believe that activities that bring the community together to work in concert with one another towards continued education are critical.

WHAT'S A HIDDEN GEM IN THE CITY?

My first instinct is our sweet little aquarium. My niece and nephew love it when we

take them there. And my second thought is The Gate of India. They are a true neighborhood establishment where you are often greeted by name and with a hug! A few months ago, when all power went out downtown on the promenade, they were able to remain open and serve delicious food because they truly cook using ovens that did not need power! (Note: Careful if you ask for your dish spicy ... you actually get what you ask for.)

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I intend to bring before the council a proposed ban on the aggressive panhandling and ask city staff and ask the city attorney to investigate the legality of making this a permanent ban. Second, I will work to reduce the current 150 number that qualifies an “official feeding” to 10, thereby breaking down the infrastructure that continues to enable the vagrants and discourages them to seek help and jobs.

BEATLES OR STONES?

Do I have to choose? How about Chris Botti, Dave Matthews, Van Morrison or The Tom Nolan Band?

HOW DO YOU SPEND A DAY OFF IN SANTA MONICA?

On a free day in our city ... Wow, I pack my day with all that I love to do. I will start with a walk with my beautiful dog and will either go to Revolution Spinning Studio, take a run in the park or catch a yoga class at Maha with friends. Next, my husband and I will work in our garden until we get hungry and we light up the barbecue and enjoy the world's best barbecue (yes, I am biased, but

my husband's skills are impressive!). The day dims and we settle in and watch the incredible sunset. Perfect!

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I believe that focus must remain on all three of the latter. That being said, we must increase uniformed police presence in parks, the promenade and high-propensity crime areas. I also will propose a “See and Be Seen” program by taking our police out of the cars for a higher percentage of their time and essentially have them walking a beat. This will increase communication, loyalty and understanding between the people of Santa Monica and its police force.

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY THREE PEOPLE IN HISTORY, WHO WOULD THEY BE? (WIFE/HUSBAND AND CHILDREN EXCLUDED)

Colin Powell, Meredith Viera, and my grandparents — Joseph and Esther Caden.

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I would be proactive to, first, ascertain the top three challenges businesses face when considering to do business here. Next, I would apply realistic and appropriate measures to welcome them and help them be successful, rather than hinder their ability to serve our community in a positive way. I believe that the residents, businesses and visitors to our city are all a very important part of what makes Santa Monica special.

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE

small businesses. The city is completing a new parking structure in the Civic Center. It has affordable retail space available on the ground floor. I hope this will help some small business to get established.

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?

Too many homeless persons on our streets.

COMFORT FOODS?

Meatloaf, corn on the cob and a good Cobb salad.

DOES THE CITY NEED MORE PARKING SPACES, OR WILL THAT JUST ATTRACT MORE DRIVERS?

Yes, we need more parking spaces. There are not enough parking spaces for residents, let alone visitors to our city. Having adequate parking reduces traffic by enabling drivers to stop circling our streets looking for parking.

WHAT INCENTIVES SHOULD THE CITY OFFER TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS?

I would like a Baby Blue Bus service that circulates between Montana Avenue, downtown and Main Street. It would be used by people who are shopping or doing errands. It would be convenient and low cost, an easier choice than driving and parking your own car.

FREE FORM. WHAT'S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?

Santa Monica's parking and street cleaning fines are way too high.

WHY ARE YOU SO SPECIAL?

I am just an ordinary person.

QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?

Vagrancy

COMFORT FOODS?

Cookies!!

DOES THE CITY NEED MORE PARKING SPACES, OR WILL THAT JUST ATTRACT MORE DRIVERS? WHAT INCENTIVES SHOULD THE CITY OFFER TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS?

I believe a very strong solution to this problem is through mixed-use development so more people can live and work in the community in which they live. Traffic and commute can also be reduced with my support for smart-growth mixed-use development.

FREE FORM. WHAT'S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?

I believe that the people of Santa Monica deserve better and we can do better. We are not better off today then we were eight, 16 or even 20 years ago. Our town is being overrun by vagrants. I intend to bring before the council a proposed ban on aggressive panhandling.

WHY ARE YOU SO SPECIAL?

I am a smart and passionate woman with great vision and unshakable conviction. With my background in journalism, possessing a unique understanding of the hospitality and tourism industry, being a businesswoman, a homeowner and a wife, I can assure you that once elected my voice will not be quieted. I remember before the promenade was here, there was a dime store and an Orange Julius. I remember the hat department at Hensheys department store. So, yes, I have memories of the past, but I also have great vision for the future of Santa Monica. My election will send a clear message that change is not coming, but change has arrived!



Dear Dorie
Dorie Meek

Dear Dorie,
Starting with the fall festivals and ending with Halloween, my daughter is on a sugar high. What am I supposed to do with all this candy? I don't want to throw it away, but I don't want it around the house either.

Outsweeted

Dear Outsweeted,

The candy issue is just beginning as we ramp up toward the winter holidays. If you're opposed to just storing it in the house (out of sight) and giving it out as you see fit, consider the "Switch Witch."

Allow your daughter to choose a special gift and put all the candy out in a bowl on the porch (one mom I know puts the candy in shoes — I'm not sure why). The witch comes when your daughter is sleeping and switches it for the special gift. This may be a good option for you.

If this doesn't suit you, consider a donation to your local senior center or elementary school teacher's lounge. I've never known a group of adults to turn candy down either. The key for your daughter is to enjoy some candy and learn when to let it go. You'll do a great job of teaching her that by enjoying some with her and donating the rest. Good luck.

Dorie

Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Submit your questions to meek@smmusd.org.

MANNEQUINISM?

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Sticking to the list

Avoid buying on impulse and kids will learn costly lessons

BY NEALE S. GODFREY

Special to the Daily Press

Figuring out what you really need and want and ignoring the enormous pressure to buy stuff you don't is the cornerstone of good budgeting, but it's a skill many of us don't learn until well into adulthood.

Get your tiny consumers off on the right foot by teaching them the difference between "good" and "bad" spending. Good spending might be when you use money to buy something really necessary, like notebook paper for school. Bad spending might be using all the money in your wallet to buy candy. Think of some examples of your own that will be meaningful to your children.

It's important to be a good spender or consumer. Kids can understand definitions like this one: A good consumer is a person who spends money wisely. The formula for a good consumer is simple. It requires equal parts of research and planning before you even walk into a store, plus a healthy dose of self discipline once you're there. If we expressed it as an equation, it might look like this: Research + Planning + Discipline good consumer.

Let me expand a bit on this formula, because I think it cuts to the heart of being a wise consumer and savvy financial manager.

"Planning" is what you do to decide what you want to buy before you get into the store. Making a plan is another word for "budgeting." And, as you know, I'm a big proponent of making and sticking to a budget. Planning is just as important for quick trips to the grocery store as it is for long-term savings goals. Spur-of-the-moment purchases are the biggest threat to a well-crafted budget. That's why you should always plan what you're going to buy before you leave the house.

"Research" means gathering all the pertinent information about your prospective purchase before you walk into the store or click your mouse. If I were buying an iPod today, I wouldn't know if it cost \$100 or \$1,000. I'd have to do my research first. I'd investigate storage capacity and features to make sure I got one that suited my needs.

Chances are that, as a parent, you've already gotten your "degree" in consumer research. You pay attention to adver-

tisements, watch for sales and buy items you will use. You might compare notes on big purchases with friends and neighbors. Those are all good techniques.

When it comes to "discipline," things can get tricky. So I've developed a system for planning purchases wisely. I call it the M.E.S.S. System. I encourage you and your children to make a M.E.S.S. every time you buy something!

M stands for "Make a List." A shopping list is vital because it forces you to decide in advance what you really need and what you don't before you're in the high-pressure atmosphere of the store. It also reminds you to review your supplies before you leave the house.

E is for "Evaluate." Differentiate between the things that are true necessities and things that are not. Necessities are the basic supplies you and your family use regularly and need to have at all times. I use three separate lists for this — toiletries, pantry and house. The toiletries list might include soap, deodorant and shampoo. The pantry list would cover things like sugar, milk and coffee. The house list itemizes things like dish soap, garbage bags and vacuum cleaner bags. Once you've put together your lists of essentials, your shopping decisions will become a lot easier.

S stands for "Shop the Ads." Despite any suspicions you might have about advertising, it can be a great source of information about sales, products and availability. Particularly when you're buying big-ticket items like a refrigerator or mattress. Don't overlook TV and weekly newspapers, either. For me, shopping the ads is the most exciting aspect of the shopping game. I see it as an intellectual challenge to hunt for the best value at the lowest price, and I have fun finding it!

The last S stands for "Stick to the Agenda." It's so easy to be distracted and to "impulse buy" your way through a store. Don't do it! Stick to your list. Be prudent about tossing (or letting the kids toss) additional items into the cart as you roll down the aisle. Try this stress-saving system with your children. It can make your life easier and help you stick to your budget.

Neale S. Godfrey has written 15 books, including "Money Doesn't Grow On Trees," and "Money Still Doesn't Grow On Trees: A Parent's Guide To Raising Financially Responsible Teens and Young Adults."

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PARENTING CALENDAR FOR OCT. 31

TUES., OCT 31 – HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL – 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

This awesome event is presented by the SM Police Activities League and features fun and games, music, booths, trick-or-treating, costume contest and food. For youth and their families, **FREE** admission, ticketed activities and food. Barker Hangar, 3021 Airport Ave., 310-458-8988.

HALLOWEEN at the YMCA – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This event for ages 3 months – 6 years will feature tumbling equipment, crafts, treats, photo backdrop and more. **FREE** for SMMYCA members, \$5 per family for non-members. 1332 6th St., 310-393-2721.

TRICK-or-TREATING & COSTUME CONTEST at SANTA MONICA PLACE

4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Bring your little pumpkin for an indoor trick-or-treating experience. Free candy carrier pumpkin when you sign up at Kid's World in Center Court. Costume contest at 6:00 p.m. in Center Court, registration begins at 5:00 p.m. Prizes awarded in four age groups. 3rd & Broadway, www.santamonicaplace.com, 310-394-4049.

NOW THRU NOV. 5 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Last week to check out the Spider Pavilion at the Natural History Museum. Spiders in their natural habitats with feeding times throughout the day. Special ticketed admission required. 900 Exposition Blvd., LA, 213-763-3466, www.nhm.org.

SUN., NOV. 5

RHYTHM CHILD at McCABE'S GUITAR SHOP – 11:00 a.m. Rhythm Child performs with a full band and provides drum circle instruments for lots of audience participation. Reserve seats in advance, call for costs. 3101 Pico Blvd., 310-828-4497, www.mccabes.com

MON., NOV. 6

UNLOCKING SECRETS TO SCHOOL SUCCESS - 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

This lecture is on how to enrich your child's learning experience. Call for costs and reservations. Peninsula Beverly Hills, 9882 Little Santa Monica Blvd., 310-271-9999.

TUESDAY

Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling and Library Programs

Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621

Baby Time – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years, next session starts Oct. 31. **Spanish and Bilingual Stories** – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.

Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3, next session starts Oct. 31. **Baby Time** – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2, next session starts Oct. 31.

Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.

Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages. 10/24 & 11/21 – Terrific Tuesdays – 3:30 p.m. Stories and crafts for K-2nd graders.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304

Story Time for Twos – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis

For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com

Barnes and Noble at the Grove

Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class - 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

An advanced 10-week parent education course. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

Yoga & Exercise

Exhale Center for Sacred Movement, 245 S. Main St., Venice. Pre/Post Natal – 11:25 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. 450-7676, exhalespa.com. Single class \$17, package of ten \$135.

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and work-out at the end)

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

YoMama Yoga – 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks – 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes.

yogababyia.com

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – 4:30 p.m.- separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling and Library Programs

The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052

10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

Next session starts Nov. 1 for both

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Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. - 310-458-8621

10/25 & 11/29 - Creative Kids' Club – 3:30 p.m. – Stories and crafts for K-2nd graders.

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144

Border's, Westwood – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

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Prenatal Yoga – 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$18 single class, \$85 for five classes.

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Other

Puppetolio – 1:00 p.m., 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

THURSDAY

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Storytelling and Library Programs

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Next session starts Nov. 2 for:

Story Time for Twos – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** – 11:20 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m., next session starts Nov.2.

Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.

Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Next session starts Oct. 26.

Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590

10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

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La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups

11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05; 12:30 p.m. – playgroup for babies born since March 2006. Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.

Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. www.childsplayonline.net

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; Playtime/Parent Support - 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881 for details and prices.

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YoMama Yoga – 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks – 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes.

Prenatal Yoga – 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$18 single class, \$85 for five classes.

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., \$15

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SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.

Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA – 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-BOOK.

Village Books, 1049 Swarthmore Ave, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.

826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info

@**825LA.com** or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to

supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Classes

YWCA – Toddler & Me - 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.; Parent Enrichment once per month , 11:00 a.m. – noon, call Barbara Olinger at 452-3881 for rates and dates.

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicaayoga.com

Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and work-out at the end)

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:00 a.m.,

Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

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yogababyia.com

Other

The Bridge Cinema Deluxe - Enjoy a G-rated movie for kids every Sat. and Sun.

Tickets are \$3.50. 6081 Center Drive, LA, 310-568-3375.

Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

Magicopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee.

Call 310-451-2241 for info.

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Second Saturday every month at The Pump Station, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.preciousprintsstudios.com for more info.

Lakeshore Learning Stores "Free Crafts for Kids" – Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.

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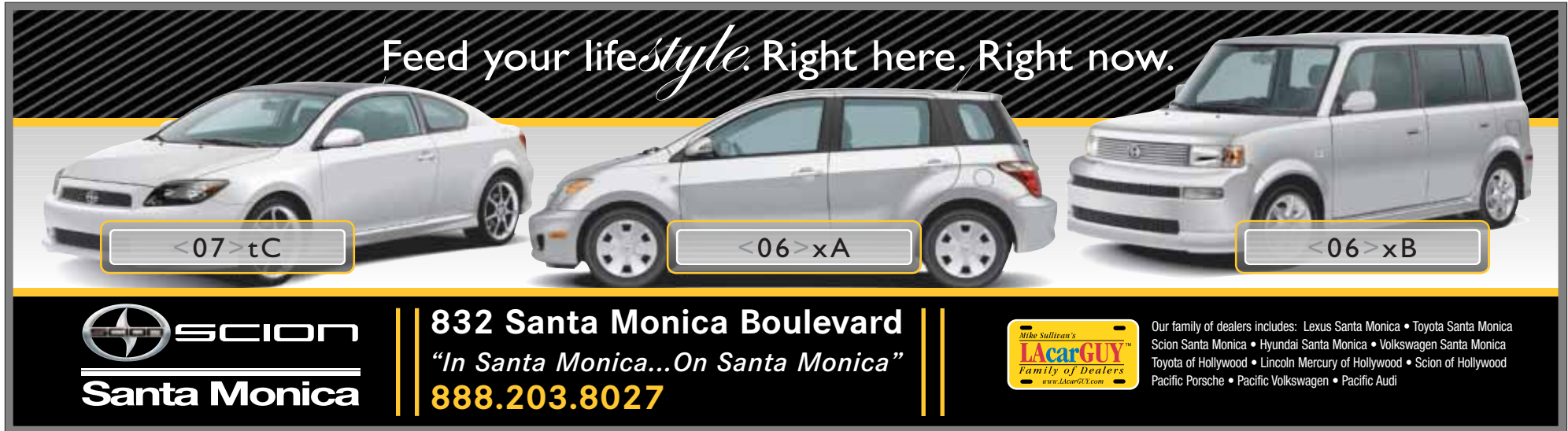
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Let the games begin: Reed tennis is a hit

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Unfortunately for netminders, due to delay in the delivery of light fixtures, the project itself dragged on a few weeks longer than anticipated, said Parks Operation Superintendent Joe McGrath, forcing longtime Reed Park patrons to seek courts elsewhere.

“It was hard being patient because I wanted to play,” said Robert Hudson, who lives across the street from Reed Park. “It’s busier now, and the most important difference is the lighting is better at night.”

Hudson has been teaching his friend, Felicia Brown, how to play the sport for the past eight months, and practiced at Reed Park once a week before construction began. Their practices moved to Memorial Park during construction, but they’re now happily back where they started.

“There are other courts around, but they’re not as nice [as Reed Park],” Brown said late Monday morning, when she and Hudson took turns practicing their strokes with an automatic ball machine.

Beginning in February, the city kicked off the project, spending approximately \$2.09 million to replace old series circuits with multiple circuits on Ocean Avenue, between Pico Boulevard and Colorado Avenue, in the Pico neighborhood, along parts of Wilshire Boulevard and in multiple parks across the city.

Series circuits posed a problem when one street lamp outage caused the rest of the lights in that circuit to go out. A multiple circuit not only avoids that problem, it also saves electricity and energy, said Gene Higginbotham, the city’s construction manager.

The light replacement project, which was performed by Baldwin Park-based Steiny & Company, has wrapped up for this fiscal year. The city has not hired a contractor to execute next year’s project, which should cost in the \$3 million range, Higginbotham said.

WALK THIS WAY

As for Reed Park, more improvements are in store for the future.

In the next two weeks, McGrath hopes to award a bid to construct a new walkway between the tennis courts with a new drainage system underneath. If all goes well, construction should begin shortly before Thanksgiving Day.

Also in store is the resurfacing of several tennis courts, and the repair of an uneven floor at court #3. This portion should be completed before July, McGrath said.

Altogether, tennis court improvements, including new lights, resurfacing, floor repair and walkways, should cost close to \$400,000.

“The tennis courts won’t be closed down for the walkway portion,” McGrath said. “When we do the resurfacing, the courts will have to be closed down a couple of days apiece.”

Reed Park tennis courts are available to the public for \$2.50 per person, per hour. The courts are open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday through Sunday.

Santa Monica residents can purchase a reservation card for \$10 a year, allowing them to reserve a tennis court up to three days in advance. Non-residents are only allowed to play on a drop-in basis.

Residents can also purchase a quarterly pass for \$45 per three months, allowing them unlimited play. The card is a wise choice for avid tennis players, said Danny Price, therapeutic programs program supervisor with the city of Santa Monica.

Price, who handles reservations for the city, said the park was closed from the beginning of June until shortly before the Santa Monica Open began on Aug. 25. He did not have a figure on the amount of revenue the city lost when the courts were closed.

If each of the six courts were booked solid all day, with a rotation of a different set of two players each hour, then the city could have lost a potential \$420 on an average 8 a.m.-10 p.m. day.

Reed Park is home to the Dudley Cup, a 90-year-old juniors tournament held during spring break every year; the Santa Monica Open, which is held during the last two weeks of August; and the Santa Monica Senior Open, held every January and February.

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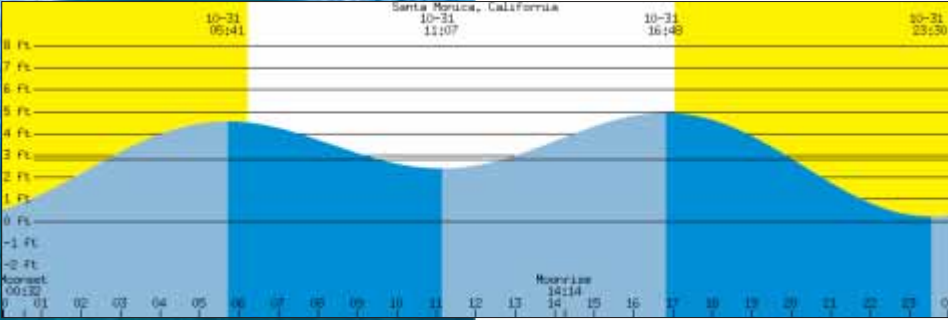
SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)

we have a small SW swell due from New Zealand: waist to possibly chest high yet infrequent. This though is angled ideally from 220 degrees, so most all south facing breaks should see some action from this one. NW action is looking about nil: knee to waist at best.

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October 25, 2006

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 3

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / ns

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / ns

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	B	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	B	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken



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FOOTBALL

SMC snaps losing skid behind a stingy defense

BY ED GONZALEZ
Special to the Daily Press

SANTA MONICA — LaVaughn Macon rushed for 121 yards and the Corsair defense forced four turnovers in the second half as Santa Monica College snapped its three-game losing skid on Saturday, posting a 21-10 victory over the East Los Angeles College Huskies at Corsair Field.

Trailing 10-0 at halftime, Santa Monica head coach Robert Taylor decided to pull quarterback Colin Clancy, who had only completed two passes for 12 yards, in favor of freshman Brandon Howell in an effort to ignite the struggling offense.

While Howell completed five of nine passes for 56 yards and a touchdown, it was the play of Santa Monica's defense and the challenge the defensive coordinator Rory Barnett placed on his players at halftime that helped lead the Corsairs to a come-from-behind victory.

"I told them that in the first half they played well, but it was not good enough. We need to create more turnovers to give our offense an opportunity to put the ball in the end zone," said Barnett.

The Corsairs finally got on the scoreboard as the third quarter ended, with Jamal Bernard recovering a fumble for Santa

Monica at East LA's 47-yard line. Five plays later, Howell connected with Carlton Richard for a 17-yard touchdown to cut the Huskies' lead to 10-7.

Santa Monica forced another fumble on East LA's next possession, as quarterback Nicolas Acuna dropped the snap and line-backer Stephen Peterson recovered the ball at the Huskies' 19-yard line. The Corsairs took the lead for good on a Macon 15-yard touchdown run with 12:30 remaining in the game.

Robert Taylor was encourage by the play of his defense against East LA.

"Our defense stepped up this entire football game," said Taylor. "They only allowed three points in this game. That's a pretty good job in 60 minutes."

Santa Monica (2-6, 2-3 Western State Conference) will celebrate their homecoming festivities next Saturday, Nov. 4, against the Glendale College Vaqueros (7-1, 4-1 WSC).

An Athletic Hall of Fame banquet sponsored by the SMC Foundation will precede the game, with inductees to include Olympic Gold Medalist and former SMC Track coach Tommie Smith. Kickoff is set for 4 p.m. at Corsair Field.

Ed Gonzalez is the Sports Information Director for Santa Monica College.

SOCCER

Corsairs secure a strange one

BY ED GONZALEZ
Special to the Daily Press

SANTA MONICA — Nicole Angrisani scored the game-winning goal in the final seconds as 17th-ranked Santa Monica College defeated 11th-ranked Glendale College, 2-1, on one of the strangest endings in Corsair women's soccer history.

With the score tied 1-1 in the 90th minute, Santa Monica's Lydia Ladden sent a high floating desperation shot at the Glendale goal from midfield. Vaqueros goalkeeper Reyes Grimes misjudged the shot as the ball bounced off the crossbar and onto the foot of a trailing Angrisani, who put it in the back of the net for her first goal of the season.

"When (Ladden) kicked the ball, I thought it was going to drop in behind

(Grimes) for the goal," said Angrisani "I just (wanted to) be there for the rebound, and sure enough it hit the crossbar, and I was right there."

While Corsair head coach Aaron Benditson felt that his team placed themselves in a position to win, he was still surprised how it ended.

"In my 27 years of life on this earth, I have never seen anything like it," he gushed. "(Angrisani) was at the right place at the right time."

Santa Monica College's next home game will be Tuesday, Nov. 7, against the Bakersfield College Renegades at John Adams Middle School. Kickoff is scheduled for 3 p.m.

Ed Gonzalez is the Sports Information Director for SMC.

Vikings thinking big

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Like any seasoned running back, Adeyemi, 17, took his offensive linemen to In-N-Out for "4x4" burgers following the win.

"It's my senior year, so I just wanted to come out and finish strong," Adeyemi said of Friday's game. "I was hyped all week, and even though my hand still hurt, I knew it would be all right. My line was creating some big holes for me and the fullback was blocking great. Plus, we had that extra push knowing that we had to win if were to have any shot at making the playoffs."

After starting the season with two impressive victories over Hueneme and Palisades high schools, the Vikings lost to Venice, bounced back against St. Monica's, then dropped three in a row, including two league games. The Vikings are now sitting with a league record of 1-2 and will have to

win their remaining two games — plus get a little help from the football gods — if they are to make the playoffs.

"We know we still have a long way to go, but the fact that we went out and beat a team like Culver City shows us that if we continue to believe in ourselves, anything is possible," said Coach Zach Cuda, who also serves as offensive coordinator. "It's nice to get some tangible proof that the stuff we have been believing in all year was true and paid off on Friday."

Anything is possible if the Vikings continue to perform as they did against the Centaurs, said defensive captain and free safety/wide receiver Cameron Collins.

"We had a slow start to our season," Collins said. "But there's nothing like getting a big win over a top-ranked team to get you back into the swing of things. Our morale is high and we are seeing the type of explosiveness on offense and defense that we expect. We just have to sustain it."

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Inglewood High School.

Lesh on mend Grateful Dead bassist fighting prostate cancer

Former Grateful Dead bassist PHIL LESH has revealed that he has prostate cancer. "Since we've caught it very early, and it's small and slow-growing, I fully expect to have a rapid and complete recovery," Lesh, 66, says in a statement on his Web site. He plans to have surgery in early December. Lesh says he's been moni-

tored by "a crack team of doctors" since his 1998 liver transplant. One doctor noticed recently that he had elevated levels of prostate specific antigens (PSA), proteins produced by cells of the prostate gland. High PSA levels can indicate prostate cancer. A biopsy confirmed the diagnosis, Lesh said. "I am feeling energetic as

always, and all my scheduled appearances will occur as planned," he tells fans. The statement was posted Thursday. ASSOCIATD PRESS

Winfrey gives crowd the gift of debit

OPRAH WINFREY has famously given members of her audience new cars, paid off their debts and fulfilled their wildest dreams. Now she's given them what she calls the "gift of giving back." On a show that aired Monday, Winfrey gave more than 300 audience members \$1,000 debit cards sponsored by the Bank of America to donate to a charitable cause. Winfrey called the show her "favorite giveaway ever." "I can honestly say that every gift I've ever given has brought at least as much happiness to me as it has to the person I've given it to," the 52-year-

old talk-show host said. "That's the feeling I want to pass on to you." People can give the entire sum to one person — relatives aren't eligible — or they can split it among charitable causes. Audience members also received a DVD recorder to tape their stories for a future show. "You're going to open your hearts, you're going to be really creative, and you're going to spend it all at once on one stranger or spend a dollar on every person," Winfrey said. "Imagine the love and kindness you can spread with \$1,000." AP

Jolie gets into Cambodian conservation

ANGELINA JOLIE has set up an independent Cambodian organization to administer a conservation project for remote northwestern areas of the country. Jolie terminated the contract with Cambodian Vision in Development and U.S. conservation group WildAid, which had co-managed the project, in December, Stephen Bogнар, executive director of the Maddox Jolie Project, said Monday. The new group is named for Jolie's 5-year-old son Maddox, who was adopted from Cambodia in 2002. The 31-year-old actress has promised up to \$1.3 million over five years for the forest conservation program, which was approved by the Cambodia government in 2003. Mounh Sarath, director of Cambodian Vision in Development, said Monday Jolie had violated the agreement "under which she agreed to provide funds to CVD."

Trevor Neilson, the philanthropic and political adviser for Jolie and her partner, Brad Pitt, denied the actress had reneged on any agreement. "A decision was made to spend the money in a new way that would be more effective for the people of Cambodia," Neilson said. "No agreement was broken. There was no reneging on any commitment." "Angelina has been funding projects in Cambodia for the last three years and is committed to doing her part to improve the lives of the Cambodian people," he added. Scenes for Jolie's 2001 movie, "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider," were filmed at Cambodia's famed Angkor Wat temple. Jolie and Pitt also have a 1-year-old daughter, Zahara, who was adopted from Ethiopia. Jolie gave birth to the couple's daughter, Shiloh, in Namibia in May. AP

Leaving no Stones concert unturned

A Rolling Stones concert at Boardwalk Hall that was canceled due to MICK JAGGER's sore throat has been rescheduled for Nov. 17. Jagger was ordered to rest after developing the throat ail-

ment, said a statement posted on Boardwalk Hall's Web site. The 63-year-old rocker had a bout of laryngitis in August that forced the Stones to reschedule or cancel several dates on their European tour. Philadelphia-based concert promoter Electric Factory Concerts announced the show would not go on Friday night hours before the doors were to open at the Atlantic City venue. All tickets for the postponed concert were expected to be honored at the rescheduled show. The Stones were scheduled to play Tuesday at the Beacon Theatre in New York City. AP

HOUSTON IN CONTROL

WHITNEY HOUSTON, who has announced her split from Bobby Brown after a tumultuous 14-year marriage, is stepping out as a new woman. Houston, 43, was escorted to a benefit for juvenile diabetes research in Beverly Hills, Calif., by her longtime record producer, Clive Davis, People magazine reported Monday on its Web site. "I feel great," Houston was quoted as saying, while Davis, one of Saturday evening's honorees, told People: "We're going to make a killer album." A blond Houston, wearing a black gown and diamond earrings, sat at the main table for the 17th Carousel of Hope Ball with Halle Berry and Berry's boyfriend, model Gabriel Aubry, People said. "American Idol" runner-up Katharine McPhee sang Houston's "I Have Nothing" at the event. "It's her first big appearance since the breakup," McPhee, 22, was quoted as saying on the arrivals carpet. "I would love to sing with her, but unfortunately all eyes are on me." Houston filed divorce papers in Orange County Superior Court two weeks ago. AP

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MOVIEGUIDE

AERO THEATRE

1328 Montana Avenue

(310) 395-4990

Thursday

Amelie, The City of Lost Children

7:30

AMC LOEWS BROADWAY 4

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(310) 458-6232

Babel (R)

12:00, 1:00, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45

The Grudge 2(PG-13)

1:55, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA

1310 3rd Street

(310) 289-4262

The Departed (R)

12:35, 1:40, 5:00, 7:35, 8:30

Flags of Our Fathers (R)

1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:30

Flicka (PG)

1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40

Marie Antoinette (PG-13)

12:10, 2:50, 4:00, 5:40, 8:25, 10:45

Saw III (R)

12:20, 1:30, 3:00, 4:10, 5:35, 7:00, 8:10, 9:50, 10:40

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE

1314 Wilshire Blvd

(310) 281-8228

Catch a Fire (PG-13)

11:10am, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55

The Last King of Scotland (R)

1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

LAEMMLE'S MONICA FOURPLEX

1332 2nd Street

(310) 394-9741

The Bridge (R)

12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

Death of a President (R)

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

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE

1313 3rd Street

(310) 395-1599

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

Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas in Disney

Digital 3D (PG)

12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

More information email news@smdp.com

An advertisement for Liquid Ice Energy Drink. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds. In the top left, there is a logo consisting of a yellow diamond shape with a blue outline, containing a white teardrop-like shape. Below the logo, the words "LIQUID ICE" are written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, and "ENERGY DRINK" is written below it in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. In the center, the slogan "This Is No Bull" is written in a large, red, italicized, sans-serif font. In the bottom left, the text "If you're gonna play the game you're gonna need the energy" is written in a yellow, sans-serif font. In the bottom right, there is a can of Liquid Ice Energy Drink, which is blue and silver with the brand name and logo on it.

Janric Classic Sudoku

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).

Difficulty
SILVER

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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

9	8	3	7	6	2	1	5	4
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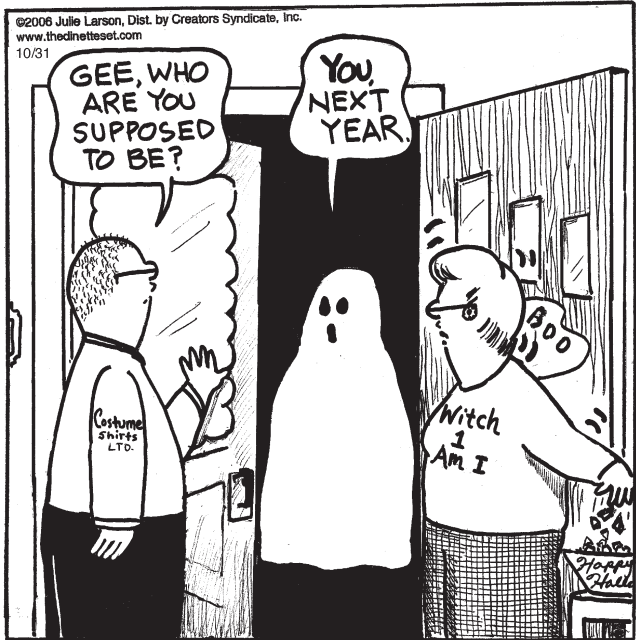


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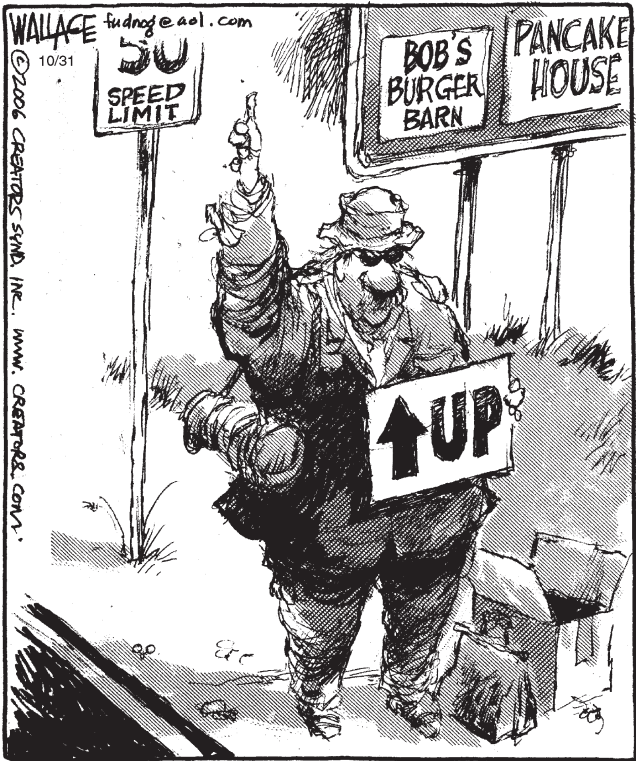
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 - 5 Showed interest
 - 10 Concert spot
 - 12 Barber a bush
 - 13 "Narc" actor
 - 15 Baseball's Mel
 - 16 Gangster's gun
 - 17 Flight board abbr.
 - 18 In truth
 - 20 Freshman, usually
 - 21 Farm pens
 - 22 Completes
 - 23 Tie type
 - 25 Champagne bucket
 - 28 CPA's busy time
 - 31 Auction bids
 - 32 Inclined
 - 34 — Baba
 - 35 Writer Kesey
 - 36 Pebble Beach peg
 - 37 Onetime Giants corner-back
 - 40 Find cute as a button
 - 41 Velocities
- DOWN**
- 1 College study
 - 2 Gives an address
 - 3 Anne Rice vampire
 - 4 Music's Brian
 - 5 Petty argument
 - 6 Louvre contents
 - 7 Soup holder
 - 8 One
 - 9 Praline ingredients

- 42 Case for a vet
- 43 Style
- 11 View-points
- 14 Company salary guides
- 19 Tale tellers
- 20 Aquarium fish
- 24 First game
- 25 Stuck
- 26 Piña —
- 27 Menlo Park man
- 29 All told
- 30 Looked lewdly
- 33 Thick
- 35 Patella setting
- 38 Assn.'s kin
- 39 Radio user

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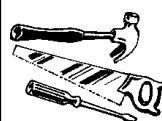
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AN UNRESPONSIVE CITY COUNCIL

and what we can do about it

Too many of us know the deep frustration and grief that can accompany dealings with high level City officials — among them the City Attorney, the City Manager, and members of the SM City Council.

In the case of residents of Ocean Towers, beset by incessant violations of law by Board members and Management officials, elements of which are criminal in nature - embezzlement in the millions, forgery, perjury, and more - the experience of dealing with a stubborn and unreasoning Council has extended over more than two years. The routine is familiar: we don't have the authority; we have to check with the City Attorney; we need documentation (for the tenth time); we are looking into it; we don't have the authority; over and over, and never a straight answer.

It's true that not every one can get their way — there are times when even real needs cannot be met. What is unforgivable is the stonewalling. If the City has good reason not to act, then let them state it. What cannot be justified is the refusal of Council and City to explain why clear provisions of law authorizing the City to deal with the Ocean Towers matter do not apply. What cannot be justified is promising in open Council session that City staff will investigate the situation, then dropping it without explanation. What cannot, under any circumstances, be excused, is the refusal of the Council to deal with issues of crime and abuse in the community. The willingness of City officials to overlook hard evidence of crimes and abuse of residents of Ocean Towers, particularly the elderly, goes beyond mere negligence. It is very profoundly shocking.

City staff is there to carry out the will of the Council. There is nothing we can do about the conduct of the City Attorney and City Manager. The City Council, however, is something else. Members of the Council come up for election. They can be replaced.

The trouble is, members of the Council feel relatively secure in their positions, even when coming up for reelection. They calculate that they can take most of us for granted, knowing that any individual resident or small group can do them little harm. That is why Pam O'Connor, one of those running for a seat in the November election, will never even respond to an ordinary resident — she never responded to us — yet Ms O'Connor has no trouble finding time to go out collecting campaign contributions from developers, or lunching with Macerich.

Robert Holbrook and Kevin McKeown, the two other incumbents running in November, are very quick to respond and show sympathy. But don't expect them to actually do anything to help, not if it means any real effort or sacrifice on their part. They'll go through the motions all right, but what they'll come back with is that they tried but can't do anything to help - just thoroughly insincere. If they are so helpless, why are they continually running for office? It is almost better to be ignored; at least that way your time isn't wasted, and your hopes raised, only to be dashed.

If we expect to be treated seriously and with respect, we have to let members of the Council know we will not be taken for granted. They can collect all the money they like; in the end, it is the votes that matter, and we are the ones who have the votes!

November 7 is when we can let them know, and here is how. There are three Council members up for reelection: Robert Holbrook, Kevin McKeown, and Pam O'Connor. I suggest that we do not vote for any of the three. We can manage very well without them, even better in fact.

We do NOT need a Pam O'Connor.
We do NOT need a Robert Holbrook.
We do NOT need a Kevin McKeown.

I attended a League of Women Voters candidate forum on October 17, and found that, for the most part, the other seven candidates running for Council seats appear qualified and serious, and between them, hold a full range of positions on the issues. We can replace the incumbents with these new people without any compromise of our individual values and principles. We can even benefit from the change — bringing in fresh faces, fresh ideas, etc. Let's vote to rid ourselves of these three self-centered politicians!

Do NOT vote for Robert Holbrook.
Do NOT vote for Pam O'Connor.
Do NOT vote for Kevin McKeown.

Just these three incumbents are up for reelection, but the other Council members will be watching almost as closely. Let's let them know, all of them, our votes are not there for the taking. Let them know we expect our representatives to deal with City issues openly and honestly — and that, if they do not, their current term in office could be their last term in office.

It is in our hands.

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“If I am not for myself, who will be for me. . . and if not now, when?”
The words of Hillel, from “Ethics of Our Fathers”

Note: We strongly commend to your attention a September 10, 2006 article in the POWER section of LAVOICE.ORG, dealing with the performance of District Attorney Steve Cooley. Follow the links to an “Open Letter to Mayor Holbrook” to read Mayor Holbrook's response to our criticisms; to evidence of crimes at Ocean Towers; and more.