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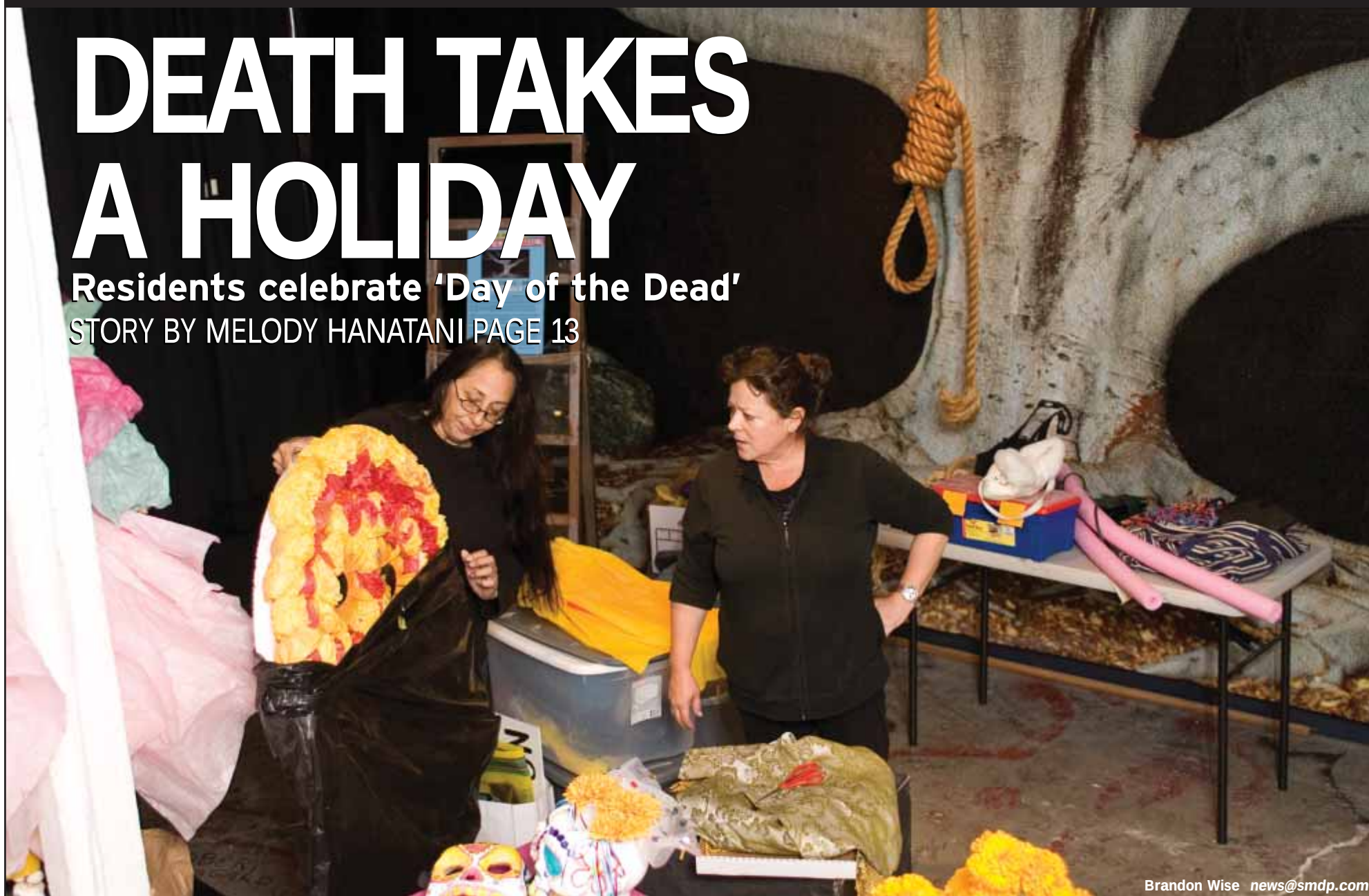
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Win some, lose some, or both

Former Council candidate's
legal fight results in a tie

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE Note to tenants that have a bone to pick with one another: Work it out on your own.

That's the message a small claims court judge sent to two long-time Santa Monicans that battled in court last week over allegations of harassment, including the ques-

tionable placement of dead fish in the plaintiff's yard.

William and Gretchen Richert filed a lawsuit against former City Council candidate Terence Later, claiming the son of their landlord was harassing and threatening them by setting off wild barbecue fires in the courtyard, leaving dead fish in front of their door and making numerous false disturbance calls to the police. Later, who ran for Council in 2006, denied all the claims and countersued the couple who have been living in the Euclid Street apartment building for the past 14 years, alleging the neighbors defamed him in circulating a short documentary about their feud.

Both parties made their cases in the Santa Monica Courthouse last Wednesday and the judge's decision came in just one day later.

"Defendant does not owe plaintiff any money on plaintiff's claim ... plaintiff does not owe defendant any money on defendant's claim," the decision states.

Both parties claim the animosity arose more than two years ago. The Richerts said Later, who they believe is the heir to building ownership, is trying to kick out the long-time rent control tenants, who pay only \$790 a month for

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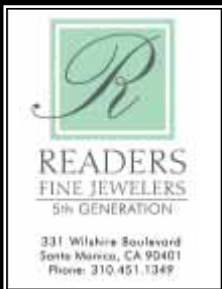
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Viva Villa

2332 W. Fourth St., L.A., 8 p.m.

"I Killed Pancho Villa," written and directed by Ruben Amavizca
Murua, visits the last days of the legendary leader of the Mexican
revolution. General tickets are \$15. Special \$11 tickets are
available for Thursday performances. For more information,
visit www.fridakahlotheater.org.

'Bathroom Talk'

1404 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Promenade Playhouse presents "Bathroom Talk," an improv
sketch comedy about the unusual things that occur in the ladies
room at a nightclub. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more
information, call Laura at (310) 430-8828.

Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica

2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

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Friday, Nov. 2, 2007

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sands in art. For more information, visit
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or call (310) 301-6976.

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1211 Fourth St., 6 p.m. — 7:20 p.m.

"Cinderella" is an original Rudie-DeCarlo musical for kids 2 to 102,
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well-meaning stepmother, and Cinderella. Tickets for children are
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A receptive audience

1426 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Bad Abbot is hosting an artist's reception for William Tunberg and
his exhibit of wall sculptures — "Marquetry Master." For more
information, call (310) 664-8852.

Santa Monica Critical Mass bike ride

Santa Monica Pier entrance, 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Ride through the neighborhoods of Santa Monica and Venice once a
month. For more information, visit www.SantaMonicaCriticalMass.org.

Kultural Columbus

1700 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.

"Columbus," is split between Kulturas' two locations — on Fourth
Street and Ocean Park Boulevard. The Fourth Street display
exhibits two large and striking panels of pastel on paper, while
the Ocean Park location exhibits the smaller oil on wood panels.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Illustrating emotions of thanks

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHÍ The ghastly festivities started early at one of the oldest art galleries in the city.

The blank white walls in the Roberts Art Gallery on the Santa Monica High School campus were adorned with the deep ruminations of about 60 art students on Tuesday, their thoughts of what they are thankful for on this Earth plastered on a small piece of canvas.

The topic of the student exhibit was not Thanksgiving Day, but rather a rich and ancient Mexican tradition honoring the dead, called "Día de los Muertos," or "Day of the Dead" as it is commonly referred to in the United States.

The more than 60 pieces currently exhibited in the 70-year-old art gallery are products of several advanced placement and advanced painting courses being offered at Samohí. The assignment for the annual Día de los Muertos exhibit is to create a retablo — a Latin American form of art that, in general, is an expression of gratitude, according to Amy Bouse, the chair of the high school art department.

"As the (exhibit) has gone on, the kids have gotten more specific and inventive of what they are grateful for," Bouse said Tuesday night at the exhibit's opening.

Inventive is the word to describe how the students chose to articulate their feelings of gratitude.

In one piece, Ellen Herra decided that she is thankful for "Jenny's camera phone," creating a collage of photos taken with the camera phone in question. Another student, Kai Landworth, expressed that he is grateful for showers by sticking a shower head on his canvas.

The Día de los Muertos exhibit dates back about 10 years, when a faculty member, who always created a Mexican altar to give homage to his deceased parents, decided to share the tradition with the students at Samohí.

The retablos — small oil paintings on tin, zinc, wood or copper which depict

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A KICK IN THE SHINS

Morgan Genser news@smdp.com

Ashley Green (left) from the College of the Canyon's soccer team keeps the ball away from a defensive Lydia Perez (center) from Santa Monica College's squad during a game at the Airport Park soccer field on Tuesday. The Corsairs hosted College of the Canyons on their home turf in a Western State Conference match-up that SMC ended up taking 4-0.

Not-so dirty decision

City Council considers partnership to collect refuse and recyclables

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL In what could be the start of a beautiful friendship, the City Council earlier this week voted in favor of exploring a public-private partnership that would be responsible for collecting all of Santa Monica's garbage, sorting out the recyclables and then shipping the refuse off to landfills for disposal.

Following a lengthy discussion that

involved a 30-page PowerPoint presentation, plenty of confusion and a lot of unanswered questions, the council decided to move cautiously, ordering the City Manager's Office to begin talks with Athens Services, Allan Co. and Southern California Disposal (SCD) to see which company could offer the best rates and services to customers while possibly working in partnership with the city's Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD), which currently collects all residential refuse and recyclables while operating the city-owned transfer station, where garbage is sorted and shipped.

The decision shortened the lists of companies in the running for a potentially lucrative contract that could affect rates charged to residents and business owners

for the next 15 to 30 years.

The council is in the middle of a in-depth review of its solid waste operations. The goal is to stabilize rates and provide the best possible service to customers while creating efficiencies.

In voting for the public-private partnership, the council expressed its desire to work with a company that has a clean environmental record, is known for treating employees fairly and is committed to increasing the number of tons of garbage that are diverted from the landfill.

"This has been going on for years and the one thing we've learned from this whole process is that it all boiled down to the city (SWMD), SCD and Athens," said

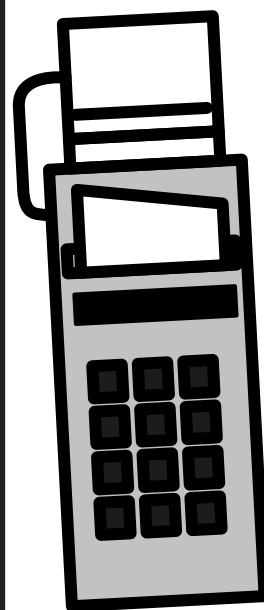
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Council should say no to status quo
Editor:

While listening to Councilmembers discuss among themselves the pros and cons of public campaign financing and negative campaigns at City Council's Oct. 23 meeting, I was struck by how personal their discussion was (i.e. – relative to their own experiences), and hence, the decision was made that Santa Monica is well served by the status quo, for now.

This, in spite of a large roster of citizens – many representing high profile community groups, who prior to Council's vote, presented pro-active, well-informed and thoughtful reasons why this now-national debate should continue to be studied and discussed in our city.

Among the many reasons stated, an important one for Santa Monica would be the leveling of the playing field for more women and minorities to run for office. This has been proven to be the case in other states that have public financing.

Mary Kay Gordon
Santa Monica

Our Fathers knew best
Editor:

It is dawning on me that our Founding Fathers' experiment in democracy may be on the brink of extinction, as power and greed pre-empt our Constitution, and with it our democracy.

Flo Ginsburg
Santa Monica

Racism now targets immigrants
Editor:

The anti-immigration movement is a shrill chorus of self-righteous white xenophobics (people afraid of foreigners) who have been sucked into a divisive nationalist agenda.

The immigration debate about brown-skinned Mexicans and Latinos is no different than the social unrest over blacks in the '50s. Racism has just spiraled around again and taken on a new shape.

An example of what most Americans are not seeing as they ride in the comfort of their SUVs: I ride public transportation and many of the passengers are Mexican. They don't wear signs saying I am a legal or illegal immigrant. They are hard-working and courteous fellow passengers. But, there are others who ride the same buses who have an agenda – white, rude, belligerent and obnoxious anti-immigrationists who spew obscenities about Mexican men, women and children. The police have had to be called on occasion.

So, who would you rather sit next to: A respectful immigrant or one of these white hatemongers? This is not an extreme and isolated case.

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica

Coulter needs to close it
Editor:

On the Michael Medved radio show (Oct. 15), Ann Coulter claimed that "Jews believe that my savior, a Jew, was a raving lunatic."

No, Ann, we don't. But many of us think that Ann Coulter is a raving lunatic.

Stephen Krashen
Santa Monica



Dispatches from Dystopia

Ryan Hyatt

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To honor thy family's name

WHAT IS IN A NAME: THAT IS A QUESTION
I recently asked my sister Courtney to answer. She decided to drop her last name and take on her spouse's.

On Sept. 22, Courtney Deanne Hyatt became Courtney Deanne Cassler. My sister married Carlos Cassler, a fine man who she met while attending the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz.

I, Rev. Ryan Hyatt, was master of ceremonies. I'm glad I sent off Courtney and Carlos in holy matrimony with a few poetic words. I love them both very much and meant everything I said, comparing their lives to a garden that needs to be cultivated for their children and grandchildren.

Still, I would have preferred it if Courtney remained a Hyatt. Or at least keep Hyatt for a middle name. There's simply no reason for her to have discarded it.

Instead, Courtney changed her last name with what seemed to be a lack of reflection. To me, doing so is the equivalent of an identity eraser — stripping oneself of family and past.

Courtney told me nothing could change the past. It didn't matter if she kept her name or not. A name is just a name. It means nothing.

Well, then, if a name means nothing, she could have just as easily have kept hers. Right?

Annoyed, drunk — stupid — I punched a hole through a friend's windshield the night before the wedding. I was troubled over Courtney's familial slight and felt it necessary to take it out on some glass. Surprisingly, there was no harm to my hand, just some embarrassment as I put the pieces together the morning of the ceremony.

Luckily, my buddy had full-glass insurance coverage. No one appeared surprised by course of action either. But I guess such behavior isn't so surprising. After all, I'm a Hyatt.

Which brings me to the point: What's in a name is family. History. And family history, good or bad, is a legacy. It's who you've been that helps make who you are. So keep your last name, whatever it is. Trust me. You and your family deserve it.

The ceremony was held at Aunt Chilada's Restaurant, caddy corner to the Phoenix Squaw Peak Hilton. Courtney and Carlos already have a house and three kids, and after the exchange of vows, all 100-plus guests enjoyed an open bar and delicious Mexican buffet.

A band played '70s rock classics and

Dixieland on a thumping dance floor; we all enjoyed shots with Tequila Sheila; an adult piñata spewed condoms and G-strings, and guests shared a raspberry champagne cake.

WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE POINT: WHAT'S IN A NAME IS FAMILY. HISTORY. AND FAMILY HISTORY, GOOD OR BAD, IS A LEGACY. IT'S WHO YOU'VE BEEN THAT HELPS MAKE WHO YOU ARE.

Mine is not a traditional family, and this was obviously not a traditional wedding, all the more reason for my sister to keep her name.

Or so I thought. The highlight of the evening was the toasts. Once the bride and groom's two daughters and son were whisked home by a babysitter, the best man compared Carlos to a stubborn George Bush. He said neither of them knew when to pull out.

The result of the wedding: \$20,000 spent on a decent party, Courtney Hyatt has become Courtney Cassler ... and I punched a hole through my buddy's windshield.

I cannot help but feel that for my sister to deny her last name is to deny, in part, what makes her beautiful; it is to deny the very genes that make her unique.

At least those genes are still present in her children. There's some consolation.

The Hyatt legacy sounds good on paper but isn't worth much to anyone except those who keep it. For me, it's a name I'd like to one day pass on. I understand my sister won't, but I still don't understand why it's a name she's given up.

Luckily, the relationship I have with her is fantastic. In fact, our differences, it appears, are in name only.

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A cover letter to S.I.

1 November 2007

Terry McDonell
Managing Editor
Sports Illustrated

Dear Mr. McDonell,

IT WAS WITH GREAT INTEREST THAT I read the news recently that your back page columnist, Rick Reilly, will be leaving Sports Illustrated for ESPN. I would be honored if you would consider me for his job.

At first blush, I'm probably not the most obvious choice for SI's next back page columnist since the chance of me writing about sports in any given week has generally been about one in 33. That, and because I don't actually subscribe to or read SI. But my husband does, and for what it's worth, I purchased the subscription for him (he really wanted the Saints fleece).

The truth is, I have a wealth of first-hand sporting experience. For instance, I played a season of Little League baseball when I was 8. Never mind that my neighbor, who was the coach and needed to get a token girl or risk forfeiting the season, forced me onto the team. The only time I got on base was when the pitcher hit me with the ball. However, the experience taught me to appreciate firsthand how it feels to be a bench warmer. (Let's face it, probably all but a few hundred of your millions of weekly readers are benchwarmers, couch potatoes or armchair quarterbacks.) Plus, my entire team applauded me when I was in left field and gave the ball that had been hit to me to the centerfielder to throw to the infield. I knew there wasn't a chance I could throw that far. I pride myself in having that same good judgment today (and vow to use it to call in sick for all SI softball games).

Throughout elementary and middle school, I played soccer. I even made the all-star team for a few years. I stopped making the team when my dad stopped coaching. But I don't think there was a correlation.

I was on the junior varsity tennis team for two years and varsity for three. I wasn't a star, but my sister was. To this day she's still one of the best players on the country club circuit in Westchester County, NY. So, I kind of like to think of myself as great by osmosis.

Plus, I used to go to the U.S. Open every year and managed to get tons of autographs. I became an expert at sneak-

ing into the really expensive box seats to get the John Hancock's of stars like Michael Douglas. Bill Cosby wouldn't give me his signature, but he did kiss me on the cheek. I have a feeling your readers would be impressed with my stick-to-itiveness and keen ability to spot celebrities at crowded sporting events. I don't want to brag, but even when just flipping by a Knicks game on TV, I can always pick Spike Lee out of the crowd.

My column in the annual swimsuit issue would definitely help boost sales, as I'd offer salacious insight into which supermodel is dating that race car guy who keeps schtupping all the other supermodels. And P.S., I could have told your readers way before everyone else this week that SI's first Israeli supermodel, Bar Rafaeli, and Leonardo DiCaprio were never going to last.

To be perfectly frank, I won't be devoting a whole lot of space to boxing. But then again, neither does SI, right?

I also predict that the subject of hockey won't come up often in my columns, but that's mostly because hockey fans can't read.

Extensive ink will be spent writing about the choice of music in Ford commercials. After all, isn't it time to move away from the blue-collar tunes of Bob Seger and John Mellencamp? Wouldn't it make more sense to use something more sassy like "Freeway of Love" by Detroit-native Aretha Franklin or Prince's "Little Red Corvette." (OK, some of these ideas will need a little work.)

Finally, I think it'll help my chances if you know that I've seen "Jerry McGuire" at least seven times and "The Natural" is my favorite movie (second only to "Tootsie").

I am confident that SI and I could have a long and mutually beneficial relationship. (Secret deodorant would probably hop on board as an advertiser — after all, it is strong enough for a man. And I'm sure SI could arrange for my husband to be well-clad in all Saints gear, not just the fleece stuff.)

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

PS — Don't worry about offering a signing bonus. If you could just get me one of those football phones, we'll call it even.

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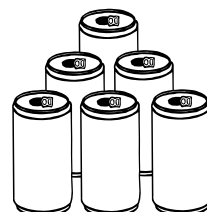
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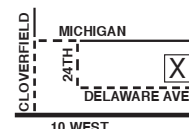


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Going to pot

City officials have been accused of dragging their feet when it comes to allowing medical marijuana dispensaries into the city. Some city bosses say it would be more trouble than it would be worth.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Should the city welcome dispensaries as they would any other state-approved business? What safeguards do you believe should be put in place if such a thing were to occur?

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The full text of the Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica; phone (310) 458-8211.

The two former assistant sheriffs, Donald Haidl and George Jaramillo, previously pleaded guilty to related charges as part of a deal with prosecutors. Jaramillo, who is currently serving a 12-month term on state charges, cooperated with federal investigators to bring the case against Carona, his

He also gave Carona a boat and boat trailer valued at more than \$5,000 in 2001 and the personal use of Haidl's yacht and private plane, the indictment claims. Additionally, Haidl made monthly \$1,000 payments to Carona for "full access to sheriff's department resources" and a "get out of jail free card" for friends and family members, authorities said.

More than 300 excessive force complaints were filed, including 27 from members of the news media.

Frank Family Partnership attorney Ed Connor says the property owners extended the close of escrow eight times.

On the other side of the wildfire

Hundreds of residents chose not to evacuate their homes

BY GARANCE BURKE | Associated Press Writer

LAKE ARROWHEAD They were all told to leave. Thousands did. Hundreds chose to stay.

Since the wildfires began tearing through Southern California more than a week ago, they have been called foolhardy, brave, stubborn and defiant. After all, three of the seven people who died in the fires perished because they refused to evacuate their homes.

No one here died, but twin forest fires burnt down 375 resort homes and destroyed 14,000 acres. As evacuees returned to the San Bernardino mountains and other ravaged zones this week to tally their losses, those who stayed behind proudly recounted their victories.

While fires in Green Valley and Grass Valley licked closer,

several hundred people battled spot fires with garden hoses, powered up their generators to keep the lights on and occasionally, took glee in dodging the law.

Vietnam veteran Jim Humphrey, 62, ignored San Bernardino County's voluntary evacuation orders Oct. 22 for his home in a tiny hamlet called Valley of Enchantment, even as flames leapt across a ridge of pines nearby.

Like many other hardy locals, Humphrey felt the government's intrusion into his way of life was unwarranted, despite the emergency. While patrols roamed the streets enforcing a sunset-to-sunrise curfew to keep residents away from fire crews, Humphrey was nearly arrested for sneaking out on his bicycle to go to a bar along nearby Crestline's main strip where a handful of regulars were meeting up.

"Some people bit the hook and did what they were told to do," said Humphrey, whose home is equipped with a generator and a week's worth of food. "The out-of-town cops don't know the area so I had an advantage over them. I don't want to say I fought the system, but hey."

In California, no law bars residents from staying put even

under a mandatory evacuation, nor does the state mandate when stores must shut, said Lynelle Jolley, a spokeswoman for the state Office of Emergency Services. Counties set their own policies for when and how to evacuate in emergencies, and must allow residents to make their own choices.

That had tragic consequences in Escondido, where a couple who refused evacuation died, and in Tecate, where firefighters could not save Thomas Varshock, 52, who died trapped in his own home.

But in the isolated, wooded communities of the San Bernardino mountains, getting people to leave — and keeping the peace among the defiant residents who stayed behind — was harder than in the cities, local law enforcement officials said.

"They're just a group of people who consider themselves survivalists, your more rugged individuals who are less inclined to evacuate because they're used to extreme conditions," said San Bernardino County Sheriff's Sgt. Richard Ells. "But if you ask people to leave their homes, you have a responsibility to make sure nothing happened to them while they're away. We took that one seriously."

Firefighters want to strike agreement with Marines

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LOS ANGELES State firefighters want the Marines to strike a formal agreement to battle wildfires in California, after confusion over the availability of military aircraft and flight rules left some helicopters grounded in the early days of last week's deadly blazes.

The California National Guard and Navy train each year with state firefighters, and the drills pay off when aircraft are called in to fight fires, officials say.

But the Marines have no comparable agreement, even though the state for years has recognized the need to make improvements in the way its military aircraft are deployed in wildfires.

The Marines' Camp Pendleton base was close to the worst of the recent fires.

"It would take time and effort, but it's a commitment the Marine Corps should make," said Mike Padilla, aviation chief for the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The need for an agreement with the Marines "is very evident. When we have emergencies like this and you want to put those assets to work, you want to make sure they can easily blend into the operation," Padilla said.

Under current rules, he said, Marine helicopters are not available during the early stages of fires, when quick action can mean the difference between limited damage and potential tragedy. He said the Iraq war stood in the way of an earlier agreement with the Marines.

Three years ago, a panel appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said finding ways to quickly get military helicopters and planes airborne to battle out of control wildfires should be a "high priority." Yet, last week, delays launching aircraft revealed a system still suffering from communication and planning shortfalls.

The Governor's Blue Ribbon Fire Commission, formed after 2003 wildfires destroyed more than 3,600 homes, urged the state to clarify and improve policies and regulations for using military aircraft in fire-fighting.

The report also recommended a host of other changes, including buying new helicopters and fire engines.

Schwarzenegger said as far back as September 2004 that his administration was working with the federal government to make sure plans to use military helicopters

and airplanes were "efficient and effective." However, when the latest fires flamed out of control on Oct. 21, not all available military aircraft were quickly pressed into service.

The problems were highlighted by Orange County Fire Authority Chief Chip Prather, who said last week he could have gotten control of a blaze near Irvine in its early stages with more support from aircraft.

The Associated Press reported last week that Marine, Navy and National Guard helicopters were grounded because state personnel required to be on board weren't immediately available. And the National Guard's two newest C-130 cargo planes couldn't help because they've yet to be outfitted with tanks needed to carry thousands of gallons of fire retardant.

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"It's very troubling that something that was identified as a high priority doesn't appear to me to have been treated with the urgency and respect that it deserved," said Assemblyman Pedro Nava, a Santa Barbara Democrat who heads the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Services and Homeland Security. Nava has promised hearings, as soon as mid-November, to review the state's response to the wildfires.

The state's preparedness could get tested again later this week, when moderate Santa Ana winds are expected to return to Southern California. Schwarzenegger said in San Diego the state was deploying aircraft, in preparation for possible fires.



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Food

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Talk cold turkey:
Defrost the bird

Unfreezing a turkey is no problem, even if it's at the 11th hour

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Writer

Maybe you wanted more time with your family or just needed the oven space for other dishes. More likely, you forgot to thaw the turkey or you overslept and now are two hours behind on your roasting.

Whatever your reason, there are all manner of tricks for speeding up the thawing and roasting of your turkey.

Cutting corners isn't recommended by the National Turkey Federation: "Trying to cut time will result in unhappy family and friends," says spokeswoman Sherrie Rosenblatt. "If you oversleep, have some appetizers for people and have dinner a little later. ... If you fail to defrost, run out and buy a fresh."

But for those of us willing to risk it, read on:

■ The refrigerator is the best way to thaw a frozen turkey. An 8- to 12-pound bird will take about two days. To do it in 4 to 6 hours, cover the frozen turkey (don't unwrap it) with cold water in a sink. Change the water every 30 minutes.

■ Cook the turkey in a browning bag (available at most grocers). These trap heat close to the bird and can cut cooking time by 1½ hours (depending on bird size), says Frank Terranova, a culinary instructor at Johnson & Wales University. ■ If you don't have a bag, the editors at Bon Appetit magazine suggest tenting the turkey with foil after the first 30 minutes of roasting to get the same effect.

■ Don't stuff the turkey, says Leah Holzel, associate food editor at Every Day with Rachael Ray magazine. Unstuffed turkeys can cook as much as 40 minutes faster. Instead, cook the stuffing in a casserole dish.

■ Don't crowd the oven, says Sandy Gluck, food editor at Everyday Food magazine. Food cooks more slowly in a full oven. Instead, choose sides that can be prepared in advance, then reheated in the oven while the turkey rests.

■ Jump-start the cooking by roasting the turkey at 450 F for the first 30 minutes, then reducing it to the temperature called for by the recipe for the remaining time (usually 325 F), say the editors at Bon Appetit magazine.

■ If you don't care about presentation, cut the turkey in half (or have your butcher do it) before roasting, says Terranova.

■ With the same presentation caveat, Holzel says to consider separating the legs and thighs from the breast before roasting. This gets the heat to all parts of the turkey faster.

■ Don't wait until the turkey is done to make the gravy. Instead, Gluck says use the giblets, canned broth and the same seasonings used on the bird to prep the gravy early, then enhance it with some of the pan drippings when the turkey is done.

■ For small gatherings, don't buy a whole bird. Most grocers sell fresh and frozen turkey breasts.



Photo courtesy

BEFORE THE FREEZE: Whatever the reason, there are all manner of tricks for speeding up the thawing and roasting of your turkey.

■ Ditch the giant bird and roast two smaller birds, or one smaller turkey and one breast, says Holzel.

■ Avoid basting the bird, say the editors at Bon Appetit magazine. The frequent opening of the oven lowers the temperature, requiring longer roasting.

■ Brine the turkey. Eve Felder, associate dean of culinary arts at The Culinary Institute of America says brining forces liquid into the meat, which not only produces moist meat, it also speeds the transfer of heat to the meat.

A brined turkey will roast 6 to 8 minutes faster per pound than a bird that was not brined, she says.

TURKEY BRINE

Start to finish: 12 hours
Brine for one 10-pound turkey
2 gallons water, divided
½ pound sugar
½ pound salt
Herbs and spices, to taste (such as thyme, bay leaves, black peppercorns, cloves)
½ gallon ice

In a large pot, bring 1 gallon water to a boil. Add the sugar, salt and spice, then stir until the salt and sugar dissolve.

Add 1 gallon of cold water and the ice. Transfer the brine to a container large enough to contain it and the turkey. Many grocers sell special brining bags for this purpose.

Add the turkey to the brine, breast side submerged, close the container and refrigerate overnight.

Once brined, remove the turkey from the liquid and drain. Pat the bird dry with paper towels and proceed with roasting as directed by your recipe. Check the internal temperature early, as brined turkeys cook faster than those not brined.

(Recipe from Eve Felder, associate dean of culinary arts at The Culinary Institute of America)

Helping in a time of crisis

Santa Monica-based business offers to pay pricey rental deposits

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE A Santa Monica-based home rental search agency is throwing in their name among the businesses and organizations lending a helping hand to the wildfire relief effort.

Westside Rentals is offering assistance in covering the rental deposits for victims displaced by the wildfires that ravaged much of the Southland last week, including Malibu. The largest home rental business in Southern California is also waiving membership fees for fire victims seeking a place to live. The home-finder business charges \$60 for a 60-day member-

ship.

Mark Verge, the owner of Westside Rentals, has pledged to spend up to \$100,000 to cover the rental and security deposits for the wildfire victims.



IT'S ALL REPLACEABLE STUFF, BUT IT'S THE PLACE WHERE ALL THE KIDS GREW UP ... LOSING PICTURES IS SUCH A TRAGEDY."

Mark Verge
Owner, Westside Rentals

The fires in Malibu, Orange and San Diego counties have burned more than 517,000 acres and destroyed more than 2,900 structures. At least 3,800 structures are still threatened, according to the governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Verge, who lives in the Palisades, saw the fire from his home last week.

"It must be a tragedy to lose (everything)," Verge said on Tuesday. "It's all replaceable stuff, but it's the place where all the kids grew up ... losing pictures is such a tragedy."

be looking at Matthew Cooper's apartments in Orange County. Cooper, who owns several buildings in Orange County and on the Westside, said he plans to waive the security deposit, which includes the first and last month's rent, for the displaced victims of the wildfire.

Cooper lists his vacant units on Westside Rentals.

"It's a tragedy what happened with those people losing their homes," Cooper said.

Westside Rentals also offered its database of more than 17,000 rental listings to the U.S. Department of Housing and Development. A representative with HUD's Los Angeles field office did not return a request for comment on Tuesday.

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City of Santa Monica Request for Proposals (RFP) Strategy for a Sustainable Local Economy

The City of Santa Monica is accepting proposals from qualified consultants to produce a Strategy for a Sustainable Local Economy for the community.

The purpose of the Strategy for a Sustainable Local Economy is to ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of our local economy and to attract and retain businesses to Santa Monica that contribute to the overall environmental, economic and social sustainability of our community.

The RFP package contains the key questions and informational requirements for respondents to address. For more information or to request an RFP package, please call 310-458-2227 or send your request via e-mail to Shannon.parry@smgov.net.

Proposals are due no later than November 5, 2007.

The City of Santa Monica reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all minor irregularities.



City of Santa Monica Ordinance Number 2241 (CCS) (City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA
AMENDING CHAPTER 2.04 OF THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING
TO CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2241 prepared by the City Attorney.

Ordinance Number 2241 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") substantially amends Chapter 2.04 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code which establishes the City's Civil Service rules and regulations. The Ordinance deletes many sections of the code which merely duplicated current or former provisions of the City Charter, conforms the Civil Service rules to applicable state and federal law, harmonizes the Rules with existing City union contracts, incorporates changes which the voters adopted in Proposition U, eliminates antiquated terminology and makes the Rules more concise. Among other things, the Ordinance also streamlines the City hiring process, clarifies certain rights of employees and management, and lengthens the time limits for temporary and emergency appointments and time limits for conducting Personnel Board hearings.

The Ordinance was adopted on October 23, 2007 and will become effective 30 days later.

The full text of the Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica; phone: (310) 458-8211.



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Tenants vow to remain put

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a one-bedroom apartment in Mid-City. But Later, who denies it's an issue of rent control because many of the residents in the building are long-time tenants, believes the issue stems from a deeper and more personal financial situation with Gretchen Richert's family. That claim has also been denied by the Richerts.

Despite all that's transpired, Later remains hopeful the two neighbors can find peace with one another.

"Of course I feel justice has been served and I am relieved, however, I really believe forgiveness is in order," Later said in a statement Tuesday. "The Commandments say to, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.' I believe in that philosophy."

A nine-minute-long video documenting the un-neighborly relationship was created by William Richert, an actor and director, and posted on YouTube under the headline "Santa Monica candidate versus tenants." The video shows a distressed Gretchen pleading to a Santa Monica Police officer to take action against Later and filing a restraining order at the Santa Monica Courthouse, where video cameras are not allowed.

In three months, the video has attracted 254 views and six comments, most recently by user "paulyjerkov," who asks why the tenants don't just move away.



DEFENDANT DOES NOT OWE PLAINTIFF ANY MONEY ON PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM ... PLAINTIFF DOES NOT OWE DEFENDANT ANY MONEY ON DEFENDANT'S CLAIM."

Judge Pro Tem Frank Ariel

"We have no intention of moving from our home because of Mr. Later," William Richert said in a statement Tuesday.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Red Cross seeks volunteers

The American Red Cross of Santa Monica has a number of volunteer positions open for all kinds of willing participants.

The chapter is looking to staff positions for front desk and telephone reception, blood services, computer and web design, public relations, class instructors, fundraising, working in disaster preparedness and assisting the chapter's youth program.

Those interested in volunteering can call Tom Viscount at (310) 394-3773, Ext. 112, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

GABRIELLE HARRADINE

Go migrate to a talk on migration

Santa Monica College is offering a free lecture, "Global Migration & the Rise of the Service Economy," at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 6, in Art Complex Room 214, 1900 Pico Blvd. The talk, by Dr. Ali Modarres, is the second in SMC's fall "Global Connections Lecture Series." Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

Modarres is the associate director of the Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Institute of Public Affairs and professor in the Department of Geography and Urban Analysis at California State University, Los Angeles. For information, call (310) 434-4303.

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'Tis the season to sidestep the flu

For those looking to avoid that nasty influenza bug, the Santa Monica Fire Department has some advice on ways to go about it. They suggest the single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccination each fall.

Health officials recommend getting a "flu shot," approved for use in people 6 months of age and older, or the nasal spray-type flu vaccine, for use in healthy people between the ages of 5 and 49 who are not pregnant.

In addition to the vaccine, the SMFD says you should wash your hands – and make sure you are washing correctly. Cover hands with soap and rub hands together for at least 20 seconds. An easy way to pass the appropriate time to wash is to sing the Happy Birthday song. If there is no way to get to a sink, consider using a hand sanitizer.

Another rule of thumb the fire department suggests is to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, but use your entire hand when you do it. Just as important is to avoid touching your mouth, nose or eyes with unwashed hands. Also, wipe common area surfaces with disinfectant wipes when possible and try to avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Lastly, the SMFD advises people to stay home if they are sick.

For more flu-based information, visit www.cdc.gov.

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SCENES OF HALLOWEEN

(Above) Jennifer Argenti, the current WSA West Coast women's champion, makes a break for it, surfing in costume Tuesday just off Bay Street. (Top right) Costumed students (from left to right) Sam Spound, Ryan Nordberg and Hannah Nordberg take in a reading of 'Hansel and Gretel' on Wednesday at the Santa Monica Playhouse. The performance was part of Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre. (Bottom right) Kyra Coulam, 1, receives a lollipop from Susan Sohrabpour, of Sliver Haven, during the Spooktacular Extravaganza at Santa Monica Place on Wednesday. Coulam's mom, Cari, keeps a watchful eye on the trick-or-treat transaction.



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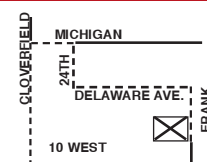
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On Nov. 1, death takes a holiday

Mexicans remember lives lost along the way

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE In the entryway of a 16-year-old Mexican eatery on Main Street hangs a colorful painting of a skeletal family, surrounded by loved ones and pets that have passed away.

The painting that adorns Lula Cocina Mexicana was commissioned in 2002 by restaurant owner Theodore Lonsway for his wife Geraldine Gilliland, who had been married for 13 years at the time.

Three months after the painting was completed, Lonsway died.

Beneath the artwork, a table display has been set up for the restaurant's annual "Dia de los Muertos" celebration, or "Day of the Dead" as it is referred to in the United States. The table is filled with traditional items related to the Mexican cultural holiday, including skeleton and skull figurines, a replica of a Spanish sweet bread called Pan de Muerto, and a photo of a smiling Lonsway, still looking after his restaurant, Gilliland said Wednesday.

The restaurant is one of many Santa Monica businesses and organizations celebrating the ancient Mexican holiday today and Friday.

The Day of the Dead is a cultural holiday that celebrates the lives of loved ones that have died. It is believed that the Day of the Dead has its roots with the Olmec people in the 12th Century and its traditions were modified throughout the subsequent centuries, including with the Aztec civilization, which added the skeletons and skulls often seen today, according to Xavier Yxayotl, a Mexican historian and performer.

Traditionally, the first day of the festivities are reserved for children that have died, while the passing of the adults, is commemorated on Nov. 2.

In Mexico, about 90 percent of the population celebrates Dia de los Muertos, Yxayotl said, as many celebrants visit the cemetery with the whole family and bring favorite foods of the people that have died.

The holiday is frequently misinterpreted as being the Mexican version of Halloween, perhaps because of the proximity of the two cultural occasions — Dia de Los Muertos begins the day after the cavity inducing mainstream holiday.

"Halloween is nice, but Day of the Dead is a real tradition for thousands of years," Yxayotl said.

That tradition continues to be celebrated citywide.

The Temple Bar, located at 10th Street and Wilshire Boulevard, will hold a special Dia de los Muertos celebration on Friday, with musical performances by three Latin bands, including Mezklah, Upground and Quinto Sol.

Lula Cocina Mexicana will hold its annual Day of the Dead dinner tonight, featuring a five-course meal and table-side margarita for two. The event is already sold out, with about 120 reservations. The restaurant rolled back prices to that of the original year of the celebration 16 years ago — \$35 a person.



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DEAD ON ARRIVAL: At Highways, a non-profit located in the 18th Street Arts Center, a four-day-long Dia de los Muertos celebration began Wednesday with the decoration of an altar.

Highways, a non-profit organization located in the 18th Street Arts Center that works to promote contemporary artists socially involved with their communities, is holding a four-day-long Dia de los Muertos celebration that began Wednesday with the decoration of an altar.

Members of the community were invited to place their offerings to the dead on the altar Wednesday afternoon. The altar will be open to the public tonight from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The organization will hold a traditional ceremony welcoming and honoring deceased ancestors on Friday and Saturday.

**WE'RE
REACHING OUT
AND WANT TO MAKE
SURE (DAY OF
THE DEAD) DOESN'T
GET OVERLOOKED."**

Leo Garcia, director, Highways

"We're reaching out and want to make sure (Day of the Dead) doesn't get overlooked," said Leo Garcia, the director of Highways.

The event is being organized by Paulina Sahagun, a Santa Monica native, and financially supported in part by City Hall's Cultural Affairs Division.

Because Halloween and Dia de los Muertos are so close to one another, the two holidays are beginning to take on a synonymous identity, Sahagun said. The problem is that most people don't even understand the origins of Halloween, she said.

"The project is intended to make (Day of the Dead) clearer," she said.

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Exhibit honors Spanish arts

FROM EXHIBIT PAGE 3

Catholic saints — has its roots with the Catholic Church, where worshippers were encouraged to bring small portraits of their favorite saints to be put inside the church. Traditionally in Mexico, if a person was in a perilous situation, they

AS THE (EXHIBIT) HAS GONE ON, THE KIDS HAVE GOTTEN MORE SPECIFIC AND INVENTIVE OF WHAT THEY ARE GRATEFUL FOR."

Amy Bouse
Chair, Samohi Art Department

would pray to their saints to be rescued and would commission an artist to paint a retablo as a form of gratitude.

"In that spirit, the retablos that were in our gallery by the students are ones that give thanks," said David Wood, the

Roberts Art Gallery director. "(But) most of our kids haven't been in a peril situation yet."

In creating their own retablos, at least one student maintained the Dia de los Muertos spirit in honoring the dead.

Hanging in one corner of the gallery was a copy of a lithograph piece made by Rosie Archorn-Rubenstein's grandfather who died recently. The Samohi junior isn't sure when her grandfather created the piece, nor his intentions in what it represents, as the artwork shows two people hugging each other.

"To me, it's representative of two people who are incredibly close," she said. "They're probably not romantically involved, but they're two people that are inseparable."

Some paintings are left open to interpretation.

Dean Schneider painted, perhaps, one of the most puzzling pieces — a giant monster about to consume a group of people standing on top of a cliff. Some believe the piece speaks to global warming or the apocalypse, said Schneider, who conceived the idea in his dreams.

"Whatever you take from it," he said.

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HONK! HONK!

Morgan Genser news@smdp.com

Mara Karause, a volunteer with the American Red Cross, solicits donations from passing motorists Tuesday afternoon in front of the Santa Monica Chapter on Broadway. Karause was on hand along with several other volunteers to collect donations for the California Wildfire Fund.

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Confused Council mulls trash plans

FROM TRASH PAGE 3

Mayor Pro Tem Herb Katz. "The numbers aren't set, but that will be part of the negotiations. Then we'll have a clearer picture of what the best option is."

Allan Co., one of the largest recyclers in the Western U.S., is interested only in running the recycling portion of the operation and not transfer and disposal. Allan currently runs the Santa Monica Recycling Center.

It wasn't an easy decision for many of the council members to make, given the complexity of the issue and their lack of familiarity with the garbage business.

"I have to say that I found this very difficult to understand and I've spent a good part of my career doing numbers. I found (the report) to be almost opaque," said Councilman Bobby Shriver, who did not cast a vote for the public-private partnership because he did not feel he had enough information to make an intelligent decision. "There should be a much simpler version of this."

What made it even more difficult was the lack of accurate information provided by city staff. There seemed to be holes in the report that needed to be filled and clarifications made.

Members of the council said they were disappointed with the information they received and asked staff to come back with answers to their questions in the next 45 days.

THAT'S THE WAY THE COOKIE IS COLLECTED

Under two scenarios that will be considered, SWMD would build and operate a new, fully covered transfer station at the City Yards and Allan Co. would continue to run the recycling, just as it is done today.

The facility would be covered, a dramatic improvement over the current transfer station, which is an open-air facility, exposing waste to the sun, wind and rain, causing City Hall to come under fire from environmentalists, and state and county officials who have demanded the station be covered.

Under another option, Allen Co. would continue to handle recyclables while SWMD would be in charge of receiving and sorting materials, while a third party, SCD or Athens, would provide transfer services to the landfill.

The council could ultimately decide to let SWMD, Athens or SCD run the entire operation.

Representatives with SCD, which operates its own transfer station adjacent to that of the city's, said they were pleased with the council's decision and hope to make their case during negotiations. They believe they are the best company in the bidding war, citing their clean environmental record, their dedication to their employees and their ability to continue operations without interruption while they build a new facility that would be certified sustainable.

"We feel very confident that we will be able to sit down in good faith and see whose ship floats and whose ship sinks," said Mike Matosian, vice president of SCD. "This is where the rubber meets the road."

Matosian was concerned heading into Tuesday's council meeting because the staff report left out pertinent information about SCD's proposal, he said.

One issue that wasn't explored in more detail is the potential for a land swap between SCD and the city, Matosian said. SCD owns about an acre next to Bergamot Station, a possible site for light rail. SCD proposed swapping that piece of land for land adjacent to the city's and SCD's transfer stations so that one, integrated station could be built.

Councilman Ken Genser expressed support for consolidation given that SCD operates independently of City Hall and will continue to process trash brought in by other cities if Santa Monica does not use some of its capacity.

"That means more trash being imported into our city with smaller trucks, only to get exported in small trucks," Genser said. "That isn't good for our environment. Why are we importing trash to export it to a landfill?"

Matosian believes SCD can outperform SWMD and is in a better position to offer more secure rates.

A committee charged with evaluating proposals felt SWMD would be the best choice given its price and commitment to environmental stewardship.

Representatives from Athens did not return phone calls seeking comment.

A representative with the Municipal Employees Association called on the council to keep operations "in house" to ensure no positions are lost.

It is still undecided on which direction to take in the commercial sector. The council failed to move forward with a recommendation on how to best handle the more than 2,000 businesses that currently contract with SWMD and over 40 other companies.

Some were leaning in favor of awarding commercial collection to SWMD since workers there already collect garbage, green waste and recyclables from residents around town.

"I think the city has provided fine collection service and they certainly will continue to do that. They know the city better than anyone," said Councilman Bob Holbrook. "I think that this would be a step in the right direction to reduce the number of trucks rolling through Santa Monica's commercial areas."

Holbrook made a motion to begin negotiations with SWMD, but the motion failed with a 3-3 vote.

City staff will return with more information on the commercial collection proposals for council to consider.

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Cruel world

Britney Spears laments media attention surrounding her life

BRITNEY SPEARS defended her parenting and chastised her critics, lamenting “how cruel our world can be,” in a brief interview on Ryan Seacrest’s radio show Wednesday. Spears, always pho-

tographed but rarely interviewed these days, also spoke about her new album “Blackout” during the seven-minute talk, during which she giggled frequently as her assistant, Alli Sims, and friend, Sam

Lufti, laughed and shouted in the background. When “American Idol” host, who has a morning radio show on KIIS-FM in Los Angeles, asked Spears if she was doing all she could for her children, Spears

replied, “Oh God yeah.” “People say what they want and do what they do and it’s sad how people, how cruel our world can be,” she said. “At the end of the day ... you’ve just got to know in your heart that

you’re doing the best you can and that’s basically it.” Spears’ ex-husband, Kevin Federline, has primary custody of her two sons, Sean Preston, 2, and Jaden James, 1.

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MILLS GOT DEATH THREATS

HEATHER MILLS

McCartney accused Paul McCartney of failing to protect her and their 3-year-old daughter Beatrice from abuse, which she says ranges from lies and slander to death threats.

Breaking her recent silence about issues surrounding their divorce case, Mills McCartney gave two television interviews Wednesday. She also announced that she would seek European legislation to compel newspapers to apologize for untruthful stories.

“Do you fear for your life?” she was asked in a British Broadcasting Corp. television interview.

“Yes I do, yes I do,” she said.

AP

Garrison faces three years in prison

LANE GARRISON was sentenced to three years and four months in prison Wednesday for a drunken driving crash that killed a 17-year-old Beverly Hills High student last December.

“The public has the right to know that conduct such as this, causing devastation such as this” will have consequences, said Superior Court Judge Elden S. Fox.

“Unfortunately, in this case, you have to be the messenger,” he told the former “Prison Break” actor.

Garrison, 27 could have received nearly seven years in prison. He had no reaction to the sentencing and was taken away in handcuffs.

Before the sentencing, he apologized to the family

of Vahagn Setian.

“I’m sick of my own behavior that night,” he said. “This remorse is genuine. I feel it every day.”

About 30 teenagers, many of them Beverly Hills High students, packed the courtroom, some wearing T-shirts that had Setian’s photograph and the motto: “Dream as if you’ll live forever. Live as if you’ll die today.”

“There are no winners in this situation, obviously,” Setian family spokesman James Lee said outside court.

“I wouldn’t characterize the family as being happy about this,” he said. “Vahagn will not come back.”

After the hearing, defense attorney Harland Braun said his client “was

hopeful (of leniency) but someone’s dead and he’s alive.”

Braun said Garrison told him: “I’m the lucky one.”

Setian was a passenger in the 2001 Land Rover that Garrison rammed into a tree on Dec. 2. Two 15-year-old girls who also were in the vehicle survived.

Garrison met the teens at a grocery store and accompanied them to a party. At the time of the crash, Garrison had a blood-alcohol level of 0.20 percent, more than twice the legal limit for driving, and was under the influence of cocaine, according to police.

Garrison pleaded guilty in May to one count of vehicular manslaughter without gross negligence, one count of driving under

the influence with a blood-alcohol level of 0.15 percent or higher and a misdemeanor of providing alcohol to a minor.

Classmates and relatives of Setian had pressed for Garrison to get the maximum sentence. On Tuesday, they tried to deliver a petition carrying more than 3,000 signatures making the request, but were told to submit it at the hearing through a prosecutor.

The judge refused to accept the petition Wednesday, calling it inappropriate.

Fox imposed both prison time and four years’ parole and ordered Garrison to pay around \$300,000 in restitution to the victims and their families.

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7:30, 10:15
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Writer Stephen Crane (1871),

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Gather your bills, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ What has been a “mess” in some context of the word becomes easy and perhaps even clear – finally. Others finally start talking about what has been bothering them. You are relieved as the air clears. Tonight: Act like there is no tomorrow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Settle in and become anchored, knowing what is important. You might need to clear the air. Understand what is going on with a key partner by listening more. Confusion surrounds daily talk. Cars and mechanical matters are important. Tonight: Happy at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ How you say what you are thinking could make a big difference in the outcome. Keep communication flourishing. Understand what is making you tick, as well as a key co-worker or associate. Tonight: Hang out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Be aware of how much you offer. Let others come to you. It is time to get a problem resolved. You have allowed a situation to go to an extreme. Clearing the air now will feel good. Let it happen. Tonight: Gather your bills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You are full of energy and sparkle. You might wonder what needs to happen in order to make someone feel more at ease. How you feel about a situation could change dramatically once the talks begin. Tonight: Fun and games.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Know when to back off and assume a lower profile. What you are doing might not be working well for you. If you want to think through a problem, there is no better time than now. Be willing to reveal your thoughts. Tonight: Some time for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might want and need to rethink a situation involving work. How you feel could change greatly if you open up to conversation and share more. Know your limits and honor them. You might be pleasantly surprised. Tonight: Out there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Take charge; it is time to clear the air and come to terms with a situation. A discussion might shed light on what you thought was a mess. Isn't it nice to get everything cleared up? Tonight: Out there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You should look at what isn't being said as much as what is being said. If you do, you will be closer to ending a problem than you can imagine. Communication appears off, but actually now you have an opportunity to open up. Tonight: Look at the big picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Work with a partner directly. You might be surprised by what comes up. Listen to news with an eye toward gaining a greater understanding. You might want to revise your thinking about a partner's view. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Others want to dominate in an unprecedented manner. You might want to let them do this so that you can better understand where they are coming from. Conversation breeds a better sense of direction. Tonight: Could be a late night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Focus on accomplishment. You could be slightly overwhelmed by your options. A problem with a loved one or a child will open up with a little patience. Say “thank goodness.” Tonight: Take it easy.

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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.

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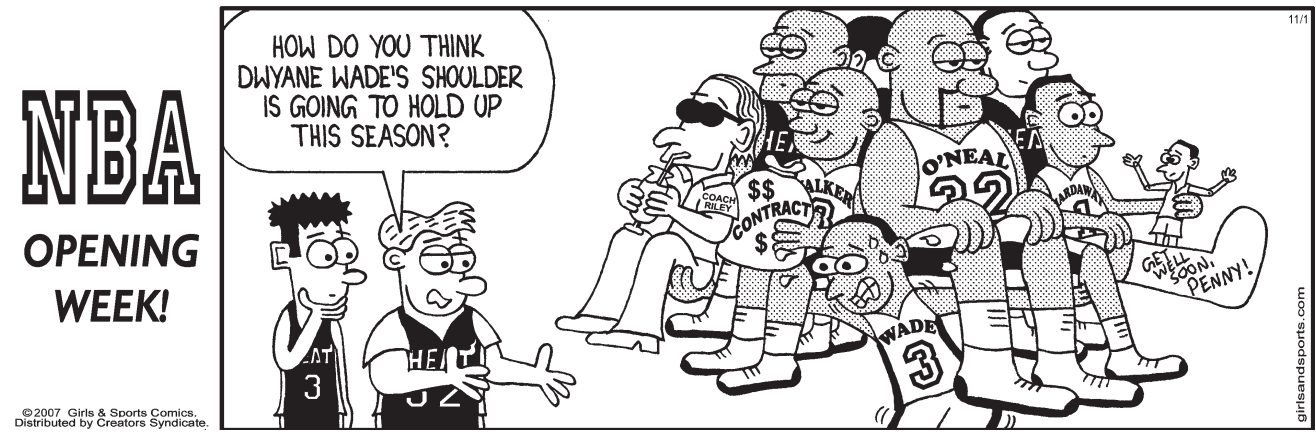
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Recurring Themes: Wrong Place, Wrong Time: Small-time drug operators, thinking they are keeping a low profile, continue to have their hideouts inadvertently discovered by police. In June, a single-engine plane crash-landed outside a home near Baton Rouge, La., and responding police discovered marijuana plants in the yard. In September in Escatawpa, Miss., Curtiss Coleman, 53, attempting to dial 411 directory assistance, mistakenly dialed 911, though he immediately hung up. However, police routinely investigate dropped-911 calls and discovered Coleman's methamphetamine lab.

■ Undignified Deaths: Tall Buildings Claim Three More: A 27-year-old man who idolized the late singer Jim Morrison accidentally fell to his death from a New York City apartment building in July. (Morrison himself was known as a daredevil, with a fondness of walking on the ledges of buildings.) And in June, a man and a woman in their early 20s were found dead and naked next to a four-story building in Columbia, S.C., and police concluded that they had accidentally fallen. (The pair had apparently discarded their clothing on the roof and, said police, possibly had tumbled off while having sex.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1512 Michelangelo's paintings on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel were shown to the public for the first time.

1520 The Strait of Magellan, the passage immediately south of mainland South America, connecting the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans, is first navigated by Ferdinand Magellan during his global circumnavigation voyage.

1611 William Shakespeare's romantic comedy The Tempest is presented for the first time, at Whitehall Palace in London.

1755 Earthquake, fires, and tsunami leveled Lisbon and claimed 70,000 lives.

1765 The Stamp Act, the first direct tax on the American colonies, went into effect.

1870 The U.S. Weather Bureau made its first meteorological observations.

1936 Benito Mussolini described the new alliance between Nazi Germany and Italy as an "axis" running between Berlin and Rome.

1952 The United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb in a test in the Marshall Islands.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LAWRENCE T. LEUNG

Case No. SP007303
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LAWRENCE T. LEUNG
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Geraldine Richards in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Geraldine Richards be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or

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consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 30, 2007 at 9:15 AM in Dept. No. R located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.
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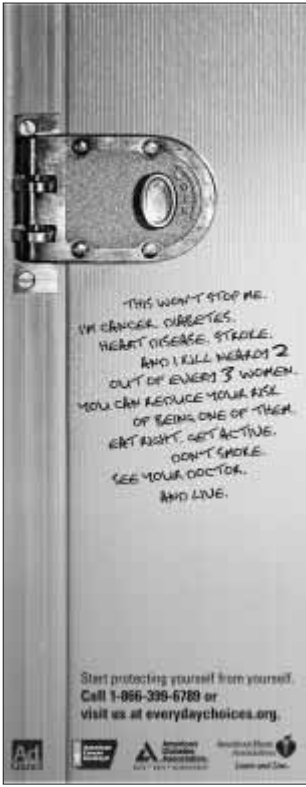


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Inside your home:

- Change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors.
- Clean and/or change the filters in your furnace.
- Clean out any lint and/or fabric from the vents of your clothes dryer.
- Check electrical outlets for potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose fitting plugs.
- Check for overloading of electrical outlets, fuse boxes, extension cords etc.
- Keep a filled and ready-to-use, multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible.
- Check water heater for leaks and corrosion.

In your yard:

- Remove all dead trees & keep healthy trees & shrubs trimmed & away from utility wires.
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