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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The latest version of China's periodic Animal Olympic Games, with 300 hardly voluntary participants, was held at the Shanghai Wildlife Park in September, to the consternation of animal-rights activists around the world. London's Daily Mail reported that chimpanzees played basketball and lifted weights, a bear in a tutu navigated an obstacle course, sea lions high-jumped, and an elephant took on spectators in tug-of-war. Photographs of a kangaroo boxing a garishly-dressed man were posted on the Web sites of China Daily and CBS News.

■ Injudicious: In August, Lowell, Mass., judge James McGuinness Jr. quixotically relieved Ms. Grimary DeJesus of all responsibility for failure to pay earlier court fees (which followed four arrests in eight years), provided that she recite the Pledge of Allegiance. She was only 12 words into it before she faltered, but McGuinness said, "Congratulations, ma'am, never heard it said better," and released her anyway.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 306th day of 2006.
There are 59 days left in the year.

1947 Howard Hughes piloted his huge wooden flying boat, the Hughes H-4 Hercules (popularly known as the "Spruce Goose"), on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.

1889 North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The amount of sleep required by the average person is just five minutes more."

ANONYMOUS

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Worked night and Day

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Bartender Rafael Lizarde, 57, places a photo of his late boss, Theadora Lonsway, onto the Day of the Dead altar at Lula Cocina Mexicana on Wednesday. Lonsway, the former owner of the Main Street eatery, passed away three years ago. Lonsway called the bar "Fafis Tequila Cantina" after Lizarde.

ELECTION 2006

Art of political endorsements

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Jonathan Mann is the perennial City Council candidate.

The 61-year-old flight attendant and substitute teacher is running for the eighth consecutive time, hoping once again that voters will embrace his ideas to implement free Internet throughout Santa Monica and a City Hall blog to allow the public to give its two cents and keep a check and balance on local government.

Not only is Mann running in his eighth straight council election, he is once again running without money or endorsements, making a winning campaign all the more difficult.

"The way you get elected in this city, and many other cities, is you have to have the endorsement of special interest," he said. "The machine politics is SMRR (Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights) and the Santa Monica Police Department."

See ENDORSEMENTS, page 12



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SOLID GOLD: Former Santa Monica College track and field coach Tommie Smith will be inducted into the school's sports Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Second to none

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC — It was a defining moment in the struggle for civil rights.

Following the 200-meter race in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, wearing a gold medal around his neck, sprinter Tommie Smith lowered his head during the national anthem and raised his leather-covered fist into the air, symbolizing black power.

Ten years later, Smith — the only man to hold 11 world records simultaneously — became the track and field coach at Santa Monica College, where he remained until his retirement in 2005.

He is one of three world-class athletes who will be feted by the school on Saturday for a lifetime's worth of achievement, not only in sports, but SMC sports.

Smith, female rock climber and

See HALL OF FAME, page 12

The hits keep on coming

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — In the latest twist to the Kevin McKeown saga, the forces behind a high-profile effort to bounce the city councilman from office are charging that his supporters spent money illegally to derail their efforts.

Members of Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities (SMSP) are calling on the City Clerk and the state's Fair Political Practices Commission to investigate whether or not a new group — Santa Monicans for Open Democracy — violated campaign finance laws by staging a rally on the incumbent's behalf.

SMSP filed its requests Tuesday, charging John Petz, the founder of Open Democracy, with failing to file campaign disclosure statements and for coordinating last Sunday's rally with other independent expenditure committees and the McKeown camp.

Under local election law, any organization which spends more than \$1,000 on a candidate or ballot measure must report those expenditures with the City Clerk. Under state law, independent expenditure committees are not allowed to coordinate their activities with candidates whom they support.

"This organization is clearly an independent expenditure committee supporting the campaign of Council member Kevin McKeown with signs, e-mail campaigns, telephone efforts and expenditures on his behalf," said Bob Hattoy, a spokesman for SMSP. "To the best of our knowledge, they have failed to file the required expenditure reports."

In addition to the rally, SMSP claims there are e-mails that the group has sent out asking its members to support McKeown with e-mail, phone and other campaign efforts.

SMSP is also asking for authorities to investigate any connection between Open Democracy and Santa Monicans for Renters Rights

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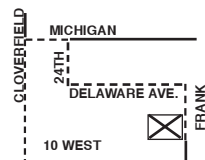
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Though you might not be together as you roll out of bed, by midday you are all smiles and happiness. Harness your charisma and energy to maximize opportunity and life. You quickly find out the power of your personality. Tonight: Wish upon a star.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Use the early hours for any key projects. You could feel worn out and a bit tense later. Know when it serves you to pull back and handle a situation differently. Know when to say no and withdraw. Tonight: Early to bed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You might be greeted with a lot of demands as the day begins. Think positively about what can happen. Aim for more of what you want. In meetings and when dealing with people, put your requests on the line — if you want them fulfilled! Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Read between the lines. Get to the bottom of a problem by asking questions and getting feedback. You will need to become a private investigator in order to sleuth out the answers. Researching and finding experts set you up for success. Tonight: Away you go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision or get beyond a problem. Listen to a partner who might have a lot to say but not too much reality in his or her thinking. Embody this person's concept and find ways of making it a reality. Tonight: Opt for a different path or activity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to try something very different or opt to go on another path. What is stopping you? Think in terms of gains and growth through working with one key associate. You will work best in a partnership. Kiss insecurity and negativity goodbye. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Though you might initially be pushed to the limit trying to accomplish what needs to be handled, you will succeed. Do not underestimate your abilities. Relax and network when quiet work becomes impossible. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your creativity flows, but plugging it into your work will take talent and focus. You have just that ability. Use it. Listen to feedback and understand what needs to happen. Your positive attitude helps you achieve your goals. Tonight: Run with the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Let your ingenuity emerge, and many won't be able to get over your wit, braininess and ability to sleuth through problems. A relationship could become much more interesting, as long as you add your special brand of magic! Tonight: Act like there is no tomorrow, despite someone's negativity!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Get down to basics through focusing on your priorities and not everyone else's. Sometimes you might be pushed beyond your limits and find others demanding. Make yourself the highest priority. Focus on family. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Reach out for others, making sure you know what you want and where you are going. You'll be in charge of a situation before you know it. Your leadership characteristics come out when dealing with others. Yes, someone is touchy and grumpy — it isn't your imagination. Tonight: Hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Use the morning to push key projects ahead. Know when you need to slow down and take some time to look at the facts. Your finances could need more care than you realize. Curb a tendency to overspend or indulge way too much. Tonight: Your treat.

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Watching paint dry

Employees from Pacific Park paint the West Coaster on Wednesday, high above the beach. The coaster was given a fresh coat of yellow paint, replacing the former purple exterior.

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Seize the Dais: Final face off for candidates

By Daily Press staff

DOWNTOWN — City Council candidates will face off against each other for the final time tonight before Election Day, ascending the dais and squaring off at “Squirm Night,” a political forum aimed at informing the public and making the candidates, well, squirm.

The Santa Monica Daily Press is sponsoring the forum, free and open to all, this evening at the YMCA, 1332 Sixth St.

Each of the 10 council candidates — incumbents Bob Holbrook, Kevin McKeown and Pam O’Connor; and challengers Linda Armstrong, Gleam Davis, Jenna Linneken, Jonathan Mann, Mark McLellan, Terry O’Day and Terrance Later — have been invited to participate.

The public forum will consist of three rounds, all in efforts to put the hopefuls on the proverbial hot seat. First, a panel comprised of Daily Press staff will ask pointed questions of each of the candidates. The second round will allow the audience to address questions to their candidates (questions can be submitted during the opening round, and will be selected by Daily Press staff). Finally, the candidates will be allowed to ask questions of one another, all in efforts to expand the public discourse and drive the wheels of debate.

The forum is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Monica Family YMCA, in the second-floor Community Room.

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STATE

Medical marijuana at a crossroads 10 years later

BY DAVID KRAVETS

AP Legal Affairs Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A decade ago, California voters were the nation’s first to approve medical marijuana, and 10 other states have since followed suit. But the future of the landmark California statute is no clearer now than when voters headed to the polls on Nov. 5, 1996.

The federal government still refuses to recognize Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act approved by 56 percent of voters. And U.S. authorities under both the Clinton and Bush administrations have won nearly every major legal battle over the measure.

“We refer to it as marijuana, not medical marijuana, regardless of its reported destina-

tion or use,” said Drug Enforcement Administration spokeswoman Casey McEnry, noting that marijuana is an illegal controlled substance under federal law.

The government’s war on drugs has also prompted a civil war of sorts within California: three of the state’s 58 counties, headed by San Diego County, claim in a lawsuit filed in state court that the measure is illegal.

A hearing is set for Nov. 16 in the lawsuit, which threatens to derail the state’s legal tolerance for the medicinal use of a drug that federal law places in the same category as heroin, cocaine and LSD.

A victory for those renegade counties

See MEDICAL MARIJUANA, page 13



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SMOKIN’: The government’s war on drugs has sparked debate over recognition of Proposition 215.

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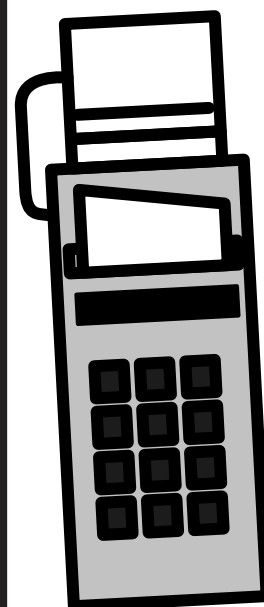
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Limiting the homeless

Editor:
In a perfect world, there would be equal opportunity for all, but in the city of Santa Monica, in this year of 2006, we find ourselves subject to the vagrancies of vagrants. For years, Santa Monica and its resident politicians have chosen to welcome the homeless to our community. In doing so, they severely limit the rights of taxpaying homeowners and rent paying tenants.

I oppose the re-election of Kevin McKeown, who continually exacerbates this problem. In his stead, I hope the voters of Santa Monica will support Bob Holbrook and Terry O'Day, who will help restore our city to the beautiful and safe place that it once was.

For three years, I worked tirelessly with adult volunteers and students to feed and clothe Santa Monica's homeless. Now, with the benefit of perspective, I am saddened that, in spite of our outreach, the homeless break our laws on a daily basis. They gather in Palisades Park, the promenade and on the beach path with shopping carts that are the property of individual store owners. They litter with their food and cigarettes, and some go so far as to urinate and defecate on public property. It is not unusual, day or night, to have one's solitude broken by the breaking of bottles, cussing and fighting.

By all means, let us assist the homeless in their plight. Let us also limit their ability to take over public space and make that space untenable to residents.

Carole Warren
Santa Monica

Anyone else running in the elections?

Editor:
How refreshing it is to be receiving and hearing about all of the negative mailers and reading the multiple articles in the SMDP regarding the City Council campaign turning "nasty" (Oct. 31, page 1).

Smart businesses know that it takes money to make money. By the hotel industry making a huge investment in making sure that the incumbents don't get re-elected, they are going to reap huge financial rewards by increased tourism, and hopefully, more convention bookings. That means more tax revenue for Santa Monica. Talk about biting the hand that feeds you.

The incumbents are sniveling that the hotels are attacking them, while they spend the millions they get from the hotel's tax revenues on bum services, curb extenders, no-smoking signs and park upgrades. Where do they think the money comes from? It seems that they should be thanking the hotel industry for footing the bill and for filling their coffers with the millions of dollars that they have wasted on programs and plans that are as ineffective as they are.

These three useless and inefficient incumbents have been diligently working at being city council members for eight, 12 and 16 years, respectively. Kevin McKeown is crying foul because his atrocious voting record has finally caught up with him. Pam O'Connor thought she could stay under the radar by simply not voting on important issues, and now there's those pesky Macerich donation checks that have come back to bite her in the rear. Bob Holbrook is just trying to ride on a new candidate's coat tails, because his re-election, based on his own 16-years of chair warming, doesn't seem likely.

The facts are that we have more than enough bums, and more than enough low-income housing, and the higher crime statistics that come from both. Our parks are unusable, our streets and shopping areas are urinals and if you can ever get through traffic, you might just get lucky enough to find a parking place. Our alleys and streets are in disrepair and you can't make a simple trip to the drug store without risking your life.

This is all the direct result of too many years of Kevin McKeown, Pam O'Connor and Bob Holbrook.

I am going to vote for anyone else — it doesn't matter who — just anyone else.

Lori Emerson
Santa Monica

Go Green for elections

Editor:
This November brings so much to Santa Monica. We're getting ready for the holidays, bringing out our warmer clothes and electing a new senator. Currently, we have Sen. Feinstein from the Democratic Party. I almost always support the Democratic Party, but these last three terms, our Democratic representative has been at a low. For 14 years, Sen. Feinstein has been making crucial decisions with poor judgments. She has supported President Bush all the way through with sending troops to Iraq and is continuing to do so. This is just one of the few wrongs she has supported. It's time for America to look outside of the box and vote for Todd Chretien from the Green Party.

Todd Chretien is a 36-year-old married writer with a 3-year-old child. He is very passionate about what he believes and truly wants to help California and eventually the world. He was a leading man in helping Ralph Nader in the last presidential elections. If elected, Chretien has promised to make the right decisions such as pulling troops out of Iraq, supporting gay marriage, and abortion rights, building more schools and raising taxes on the richest.

Todd is a great candidate for the Green Party and would be a great senator. He has good intentions and is going to help California for the better.

Hayley Zatzkis
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY ELAN JOURNO

Washington's failed war

America's campaign in Afghanistan was once widely hailed as a success in the "war on terror." We have nothing more to fear from Afghanistan, our policy makers told us, because the war had accomplished its two main goals: al Qaeda and its sponsoring regime, the Taliban, were supposedly long gone, and a new, pro-Western government had been set up.

But as the daily news from Afghanistan shows, in reality, the war has been a drastic failure.

Legions of undefeated Taliban and al Qaeda soldiers have renewed their jihad. Flush with money, amassing recruits, and armed with guns, rockets and explosives, they are fighting to regain power. In recent months, they have mounted a string of deadly suicide bombings and rocket attacks against American and NATO forces; more U.S. troops have died in Afghanistan in the last 20 months than did during the peak of the war.

Taliban forces have effectively besieged several provinces in southern Afghanistan. Local officials estimate that in some provinces the "number of Taliban ... is several times more than that of the police and Afghan National Army." Taliban fighters are said to amble through villages fearlessly, brandishing their Kalashnikovs, and collecting zakat (an Islamic tithe) from peasants. With astounding boldness, they have assassinated clerics and judges deemed too friendly to the new government, and fired rockets at a school for using "un-Islamic" books.

The Taliban and al Qaeda forces are so strong and popular that Senator Bill Frist recently declared that a war against them cannot be won, and instead suggested negotiating with the Islamists.

How is it that five years after the war began — and in the face of America's unsurpassed military strength — Taliban and al Qaeda fighters are threatening to regain power?

Victory in Afghanistan demanded two things. We had to destroy the Taliban and we had to ensure that a non-threatening, non-Islamic-warrior-breeding regime take its place. But we did not think we had a moral right to do what was necessary to achieve either goal.

Our military was ordered to pursue Taliban fighters only if it simultaneously showed "compassion" to the Afghans. The U.S. military dropped bombs on Afghanistan, but instead of ruthlessly pounding key targets, it was ordered to gingerly avoid hitting holy shrines and mosques (known to be Taliban hideouts) and to shower the country with food packages. The

United States deployed ground forces, but instead of focusing exclusively on capturing or killing the enemy, they were also diverted to a host of "reconstruction" projects. The result is that the enemy was not destroyed and crushed in spirit, but merely scattered and left with the moral fortitude to regroup and launch a brazen comeback.

Even with its hands tied, however, the U.S. military succeeded in toppling the Taliban regime, but Washington subverted that achievement, too.

A new Afghan government would be a non-threat to America's interests if it were based on a secular constitution that respects individual rights. The Bush administration, however, declared that we had no right to "impose our beliefs" on the Afghans, and instead endorsed their desire for another regime founded on Islamic law. Already this avowedly Islamic regime has jailed an Afghan magazine editor for "blasphemy;" earlier this year, Abdul Rahman, an Afghan convert to Christianity, faced a death sentence for apostasy.

The new Afghan regime cannot be counted on to oppose the resurgence of Islamic totalitarianism. Ideologically, it has nothing to say in opposition to the doctrines of the Taliban (two members of the Taliban leadership are in the new government). It is only a matter of time before Afghanistan is once again a haven for anti-American warriors.

The failure in Afghanistan is a result of Washington's foreign policy. Despite lip-service to the goal of protecting America's safety, the "war on terror" has been waged in compliance with the prevailing moral premise that self-interest is evil and self-sacrifice a virtue. Instead of trouncing the enemy for the sake of protecting American lives, our leaders have sacrificed our self-defense for the sake of serving the whims of Afghans.

The half-hearted war in Afghanistan failed to smash the Taliban and al Qaeda. It failed to render their ideology — Islamic totalitarianism — a lost cause. Instead, at best, it demonstrated Washington's reluctance to fight ruthlessly to defend Americans. How better to stoke the enthusiasm of jihadists?

America cannot win this or any war by embracing selflessness as a virtue. Ultimately, it cannot survive unless Washington abandons its self-sacrificial foreign policy in favor of one that proudly places America's interests as its exclusive moral concern.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY CRAIG PERKINS

Clearing the waters on Measure V facts

In order to assist Santa Monica voters with having all of the correct information they need on Measure V before they cast their ballots, I would appreciate being able to point out these Measure V facts:

FACT: Measure V will establish a "Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax" to raise \$2.3 million annually from all Santa Monica property owners, based on the amount of urban runoff that flows from their respective properties. The tax proceeds can only be used to reduce the amount of dangerous bacteria, pesticides, toxic chemicals, oil and grease, trash and other pollutants that are deposited onto Santa Monica's beaches and into the ocean via our storm drains, and for the repair and maintenance of our aging storm drain system to prevent urban flooding.

State law prohibits the city from using the tax proceeds for any other purpose, and all of the expenditures will be subject to audit by an independent citizens' oversight committee.

FACT: Measure V will initially cost every single family property owner \$7 per month; an average condominium owner \$2.50 per month; an average apartment tenant \$2 per month; and each business a commensurate amount per month, based on the size of their parcel. Thereafter, these amounts will be adjusted each year to match the change in the Consumer Price Index.

Neither the city council nor city staff can increase the Clean Beaches and Ocean Tax beyond these amounts. The only way the tax can ever be increased in the future would be through more than two-thirds approval by Santa Monica voters.

FACT: Measure V funds are needed to fix the stormwater pollution problems being created within Santa Monica's boundaries, not to solve the pollution problems of other cities in the region. Very stringent stormwater pollution control requirements that have

been issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board compel Santa Monica and every other city in the region to reduce the amount of polluted runoff that they each create and that exits each of their respective boundaries.

Cities that do not comply with these requirements may be fined up to \$10,000 per day. The City of Los Angeles is currently spending far more money per capita to clean up beach and ocean runoff pollution than any other city in Southern California, including Santa Monica.

FACT: Santa Monica has done a great deal over the past several years to reduce stormwater runoff pollution and improve the health and safety of our beaches and bay. But, an enormous amount of additional work, estimated to cost as much as \$100 million over the next 20 years, now needs to be accomplished to prevent beach visitors from becoming ill, protect the marine environment and comply with regional pollution control requirements.

The Watershed Management Plan that was adopted by the city council in July of this year, following a rigorous two-year process provides a comprehensive vision of the types of multi-benefit community projects that Measure V would fund. Each of the eligible Measure V projects would be implemented only after an extensive public input process followed by city council review and approval. All Measure V expenditures would be subject to audit by an independent citizens' oversight committee.

I appreciate this opportunity to provide some of the facts that may help Santa Monica voters make the right decision on Measure V.

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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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Man faces arson counts in connection with fires

BY ANDREW GLAZER
Associated Press Writer

BEAUMONT, Calif. — A man who is being described as a person of interest in last week's deadly wildfire was arrested in connection with two arson wildfires this summer just hours before a fifth firefighter who battled the latest blaze succumbed to his injuries.

Raymond Lee Oyler, 36, of Beaumont, was arrested Tuesday afternoon on two counts of arson linked to June wildfires in the Banning Pass area and two counts of possessing fire-making materials, according to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

Oyler was not named as a suspect in the blaze that started last week and roared across more than 60 square miles, but as a person of interest. Bail was set at \$25,000 and a court hearing was scheduled for Thursday.

Investigators interviewed Oyler on Friday

and then searched his home Monday, the sheriff's department said. No other details were released and it was not known if he had a lawyer.

Four U.S. Forest Service firefighters died shortly after the latest blaze began Thursday when they tried to protect a home from wind-driven flames in the San Jacinto Mountains, 90 miles east of Los Angeles.

A fifth firefighter, Pablo Cerda, 23, of Fountain Valley, died Tuesday evening at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton. He had suffered burns over 90 percent of his body.

"He was a great fighter," Dr. Dev Gnanadev said outside the hospital. "In the end we did talk to the family and gave them an option of taking him to the operating room again for further surgeries, knowing his prognosis is very, very poor, and they decided to let Pablo go."

A group of U.S. Forest Service firefighters left the hospital with tears in their eyes.

"Today more sadness is added to our almost unbearable grief," said Jeanne Wade Evans, the San Bernardino National Forest supervisor.

The fifth death made it the greatest loss of firefighters in a single incident while battling a wildfire since 14 were killed in July 1994 near Glenwood Springs, Colo., according to the National Interagency Fire Center statistics.

Cerda was in only his second year of fighting fires for the Forest Service. He had planned to begin studying to become a paramedic.

The other victims were the engine captain, Mark Loutzenhiser, 43, of Idyllwild; Jason McKay, 27, of Apple Valley; Jess McLean, 27, of Beaumont; and Daniel Hoover-Najera, 20, of San Jacinto.

Authorities said the fire was deliberately set

at the base of a slope in Cabazon, west of Palm Springs, as fierce Santa Ana winds hit Southern California. Residents said they saw two young men leaving the area where the fire began.

Authorities have sifted through hundreds of tips and interviewed previously convicted arsonists who live in the area.

The blaze scorched 40,200 acres of forest and brush and destroyed 34 homes before being fully contained Monday. Firefighting costs have reached \$9.9 million, the California Department of Forestry said.

A public memorial service for the dead firefighters was scheduled for Sunday. Individual firefighter funerals will be private, officials said.

Associated Press writers **Allison Hoffman** in Cabazon, **Gillian Flaccus** in Tustin and **Jeremiah Marquez** and **Daisy Nguyen** in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

Wildfire investigators aided by California registry of arsonists

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

BANNING, Calif. — Investigators trying to identify whoever ignited Southern California's deadly Esperanza wildfire are using a tool available in just three states: a registry of convicted arsonists.

A database created by California lawmakers in 1994 after a rash of fires in the Los Angeles area allows law enforcement officials to access the names and addresses of paroled arsonists. Only Illinois and Montana have

similar programs, officials said.

Investigators working clues at the fire said they had interviewed several people, many of whom had arson convictions. Late Tuesday, authorities arrested a man for investigation of setting two wildfires this summer and called him a person of interest in the Esperanza blaze, which killed five firefighters.

Raymond Lee Oyler, 36, of Beaumont was arrested in connection with June wildfires in the Banning Pass area and for investigation of possessing fire-making materials. A court

hearing was scheduled for Thursday.

It wasn't immediately clear if the registry played a role in Oyler's arrest, but officials said the database makes their job easier in a high-profile arson case.

"It only makes good common sense to look at folks that are in the area and have a history of doing such things. That's not uncommon to do it that way, that's what we do on every fire," said James Crowell, special agent in charge for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and lead investigator on the case.

About 3,800 people are on the registry in California, although it's impossible to tell if it is complete or accurate because parolees self-report, said attorney general's spokeswoman Robin Schwanke.

Firefighting organizations in other states, such as Oregon and Washington, have lobbied in recent years for similar arson registry laws, particularly after devastating wildfire seasons in 2003. In California, state lawmakers have tried to make the registry available to the public, much like the Megan's Law sex offender database.

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Footloose feeling may cause Lopez to lose

BY GARANCE BURKE
Associated Press Writer

ORANGE COVE, Calif. — In the two decades since Victor Lopez became mayor of this citrus growing town, times may have changed, but at least one rule has remained intact: no dancing in taverns.

Now, for the first time since he took office, the so-called mayor for life faces two serious challengers this year and one of them wants to boogie.

“People want to have fun,” said Republican challenger Manuel Ferreira, who runs recycling programs in the city. “If they get up and dance, they’re not going to drink as much at the bar and they’re going to work it off on the dance floor. I don’t know why the mayor is so against it.”

Lopez loves his country ballads, but says public dancing is a social ill, something that could easily incite the town’s residents into indecent behavior _ and even violence.

This election year, however, that idea will be put to the test, in a race that political scientists say is symbolic of old systems of patronage still alive in California’s agricultural heartland.

Tucked up against the western edge of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, Orange Cove packs almost 20 percent of California’s orange crop and sends crates of citrus to Japan and Australia. About 40 percent of Orange Cove’s 10,000 residents live below the poverty line, and most earn their living harvesting the rows of Navels and Valencias encircling the town.

“All my 13 family members, we were basically farmworkers,” said Lopez, 58, who counts Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante as his political allies. “I’ve got honors and plaques that could fill this room. But that doesn’t move me. What moves me is what I can do for you and what I can do for the people and what I can do for the poor.”

Lopez’s reputation as an effective leader in rural development has helped attract \$63 million in state and federal grants to Orange Cove in the last five years, said City Administrator Bill Little. The annual budget there is \$15.7 million.

But opponents say his no-dancing policy is just an example of his stranglehold over the town. Two of his sons are on the city payroll, and his family’s name adorns several municipal buildings.

“He’s an intimidator. He’s aggressive,” said Democratic challenger Frank Martinez, a former vice-mayor and city councilman. “He’ll shut you up or throw you out.”

Martinez, however, supports the dancing

ban because he says it helps keep a lid on gang violence. In September, after a rash of street fights, a Fresno County judge placed members of two Hispanic gangs under an injunction barring them from publicly associating with each other inside city limits.

Orange Cove is not the only town to justify keeping its residents from shimmying as a way to discourage undesirable behavior.

City leaders in Pound, Va. banned dancing without a permit until 2001, when a U.S. district judge ruled it was an unconstitutional restriction on free expression. That same year, officials in Orange County, Fla. temporarily stopped late-night dance halls from opening in an effort to curb drug use. Dancing protesters likened their cause to that championed in the 1984 movie “Footloose,” in which teens disobey their town’s ban on public dancing.

In all cases, the restrictions spurred a fight.

On a recent Friday night, Orange Cove’s city park was crowded with teens and young families looking for something to do. Tina Herrera said she was considering going to the polls this year for one reason: to tell politicians she wanted to dance.

“I think it’s stupid. Dancing is freedom,” said Herrera, 25, as she balanced her five-year-old son on her hip. “It would be just the same here if they made dancing legal.”

While there are less than 1,700 registered voters in Orange Cove, this year’s mayoral election will be closely watched. One of the state’s five voter fraud investigators will be assigned to monitor the area amid the heated Orange Cove mayoral race, said Nghia Nguyen Demovic, a spokeswoman for the secretary of state’s office.

“This is the first time Victor Lopez has had to put out signs. This is the first time he’s had to work to keep his job,” said Ferreira. “It just shows people want something new, and want to let loose.”

Lopez contends Ferreira wants to reverse the dancing ban because his wife is co-owner of a bar in town and would stand to financially gain from the change.

David Schecter, a political scientist at California State University, Fresno, said while the three-way race meant Lopez stood a good chance of staying in power, the controversy over Orange Cove’s dancing ban spoke to the changing social mores in one of the Central Valley’s more conservative pockets.

“The mayor seems to think letting dancing into Orange Cove would be the equivalent of letting in new people, new ideas and new leadership,” said Schecter. “But come on, this is 2006.”

Copley considers possible sale of seven newspapers in Ohio, Illinois

BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — The Copley Press Inc., parent company of the San Diego Union-Tribune, said Tuesday it was exploring the possible sale of its seven newspapers in Ohio and Illinois.

The decision came amid further contraction in the newspaper business and tax debt related to the death of former chairman and CEO Helen K. Copley in 2004, the company said.

The privately held company, based in La Jolla, intends to retain the Union-Tribune, the nation’s 21st largest daily newspaper with cir-

ulation of 304,334.

“The newspaper business has been very good to my family and me for over a century,” Copley CEO David C. Copley said in a prepared statement.

“The flagship remains San Diego and the moves we are announcing secure our ability to keep The San Diego Union-Tribune as an independent, locally owned newspaper for many years into the future,” he said.

Copley’s Illinois newspapers are published in Springfield, Lincoln, Peoria and Galesburg. In Ohio, the company’s newspapers are in Canton, Massillon and Dover/New Philadelphia.



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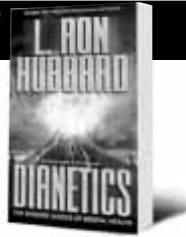
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Some rural communities express concern about election measures

BY DON THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

GILROY, Calif. — South of San Jose, Santa Clara County stretches into its past, the state's third largest metropolis giving way to suburbs surrounded by vineyards, crops and pastureland.

The remaining rural stretches of this largely urban county defend their small-town roots aggressively. An initiative on next week's ballot, however, has raised concerns that the county's quietest pockets may change for the worst.

Proposition 83, the so-called Jessica's Law initiative, will prohibit paroled sex offenders from living in many urban areas, leading to a potential exodus of offenders to less populated regions.

"I wouldn't see that as a good deal for rural areas," said Jason Evans, who lives north of Gilroy and fears for his daughter, 11, and son, 9, if sex offenders begin moving to the region in significant numbers. "The services are already stretched. It's a constant, ongoing battle."

The measure would require lifetime satellite tracking of felony sex offenders, increase sentences and parole terms for violent and habitual sex offenders, and make more sexually violent predators eligible for indefinite commitments to state mental hospitals.

Of Proposition 83's many provisions, the most controversial prohibits registered sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of a school or park.

That expands the distance requirements and the number of offenders affected by existing state law. Paroled sex offenders now are prohibited from living within a quarter-mile — or 1,320 feet — of a school, with a half-mile restriction for high-risk sex offenders.

Law enforcement and social service workers worry that those residency requirements will make it virtually impossible for paroled sex offenders to find places to live within urban areas. Some may simply stop reporting their addresses so they won't have to move.

The less-populated regions where they could find a home have relatively few treatment services for sex offenders and fewer police to track their movements.

In south Santa Clara County, for example, few treatment options exist for sex offenders, said Perla Flores of Gilroy, who directs sexual assault programs for the Community Solutions rape crisis center.

The organization already is overwhelmed by about 100 sexual assault victims each year and can't afford to hire additional counselors, she said.

The sheriff's department also can't afford to hire more deputies to monitor paroled sex offenders who move to outlying areas, said Santa Clara County Sheriff's Deputy Serg Palanov.

"It's definitely going to be affecting us, because the unincorporated areas we cover don't have a lot of schools and parks," he said. "We might end up picking up a lot of those people."

Moreover, the sheriff's department isn't sure how it would monitor the satellite tracking of sex offenders as required by Jessica's Law.

The measure would force an estimated 5,500 parolees to move immediately, including about 2,400 ex-convicts in Los Angeles County alone, according to a draft analysis by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Division of

Adult Parole Operations.

"Most parolees will be unable to secure housing, and many will be forced to leave their families and quit their jobs," states the report, which was obtained Tuesday. "They will no longer have the ability to be financially responsible for their families, and this burden will fall to the local communities."

Proposition 83 supporters say the concerns are overstated.

Parolees would be fitted with Global Positioning System bracelets upon release from prison, making it harder for them to disappear, said David LaBahn, executive director of the California District Attorneys Association.

After a sexual assault has occurred, police can quicken the pace of their investigation by using that system, he said.

That eases the fears of Gilroy resident Judi Brem, who worries that her 13-year-old granddaughter could be a target.

"As long as they can track them, that would help," Brem said.

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office estimates that satellite tracking will cost California law enforcement agencies about \$100 million a year within 10 years.

Nick Warner, who represents associations for sheriff's deputies, probation officers and rape investigators — all of which support the initiative — said most sheriff's departments will be able to shift their existing patrols to cover sex offenders in rural areas.

While its language is unclear, Jessica's Law is not intended to force California's 105,000 registered sex offenders to move if they already live in a restricted area, said state Sen. George Runner, R-Lancaster, the measure's co-author.

The housing restrictions primarily would apply to new parolees as they are released back to the counties where they lived when they committed their crime.

Jessica's Law's residency provisions are only slightly more severe than existing law, prompting Runner to suggest that it will not lead to a dramatic shift in the population of offenders.

"Nobody's being forced to outlying areas of Los Angeles County (now)," he said. "San Francisco's tough, but San Francisco is tough now under current placement (restrictions) of a quarter-mile."

Jessica's Law allows counties to impose their own residency requirements if they are tighter than those mandated in the initiative.

San Bernardino County is among those doing just that for its outlying areas.

County supervisors are considering an ordinance saying registered sex offenders could not live within 2,000 feet of daycare centers and within a half-mile of schools in unincorporated areas. They also will not be allowed to loiter within 300 feet of schools or parks. Final consideration of the ordinance is set for Election Day.

State Sen. Dean Florez, D-Shafter, who represents Fresno, Kern, Kings and Tulare counties, said he will seek legislation next year setting uniform restrictions in rural areas to prevent such local ordinances from simply driving sex offenders to regions that lack their own rules.

That's a concern for Jeff Ramsour, who moved from San Jose to rural Gustine four years ago.

"You don't want them around schools, but you don't want them in rural areas either," Ramsour said. "Rural areas have children, too."

Auditor says poor oversight of bills led to wrongful payments

BY JULIET WILLIAMS

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — A taxpayer-funded commission headed by Hollywood producer Rob Reiner awarded media contracts totaling more than \$77 million without sufficiently reviewing their costs and was lax in overseeing its deals, California's state auditor reported Tuesday.

Poor oversight of its bills also led the California Children and Families Commission, or First 5, to pay \$673,000 in fees and expenses that were prohibited under its own contract and make "questionable payments to contractors for items such as laptop computers valued at \$10,000, food catering costs, and monthly parking fees," the report found.

But the auditor concluded the commission did not violate state law by spending \$23 million in taxpayer funds on an advertising campaign supporting preschool, just as Reiner sought to get an initiative for universal preschool on the June ballot.

"Our review determined that the state commission had clear legal authority to conduct its public advertising campaigns related to preschool," and the ads were consistent with the commission's role of advocating for early childhood programs, the report said.

Voters approved the First 5 program in November 1998 when they passed Proposition 10, which levied a 50-cent a pack tax on cigarettes and raised taxes on all other tobacco products to pay for programs for children up to age five.

Reiner led the campaign for Proposition 10, as well as for Proposition 82, an unsuccessful measure that would have taxed high income-earners to pay for universal preschool for 4-year-olds. It was rejected by voters in June.

Reiner was forced to step down as head of First 5 in March amid criticism of the preschool commercials, which ran while he was collecting signatures to qualify the initiative. The commission stopped airing the ads once Proposition 82 made the ballot.

State Sen. Dave Cox, R-Fair Oaks, and Assemblyman Dario Frommer, D-Los Angeles, requested the audit.

Cox said the audit proves the Legislature may need to enact legislation providing more oversight on the commission.

"Taxpayers rightfully should be outraged at a state commission that has no oversight, no accountability, and no remorse. The First Five Commission has run amok, and it needs to be cleaned up," he said in a statement.

In its response to the audit, First 5 executive director Kris Perry said the agency often relied on other state agencies such as the attorney general's office and the Department of Finance for guidance on its contracts.

Current commission chairman Hector Ramirez said the report was overly harsh.

"We are frankly surprised by such findings because the (auditor) is now questioning many of the same contracts it reviewed in 2004, when it found no serious problems with First 5's contracting," Ramirez said.

A spokesman for Reiner, Mark Fabiani, said the audit confirmed what Reiner had said all along: "The First 5 commission's advertising to promote increased use of preschool was completely appropriate and legal and there was never any confusion between the commission's public work and political advocacy."

The audit reviewed the commission's contracts for public media campaigns from its inception in 1999 through the fiscal year that ended on June 30.

"We found a number of problems with the way it awards and manages these contracts," the audit concluded. Among them:

■ The commission did not perform a cost analysis or seek other applicants when it received fewer than the state minimum number of bids, three, for three contracts totaling more than \$47.7 million;

■ It failed to justify why it awarded one \$3 million contract and six amendments totaling \$27.6 million without seeking competitive bids;

■ Vital information was left out of the contracts, such as "a clear description of work to be performed and detailed cost proposals."

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Hispanic voters didn't turn out

BY ERIN TEXEIRA

AP National Writer

NEW YORK — After huge immigration protests earlier this year, advocates vowed to capitalize on the energy and register 1 million new foreign-born voters, mostly Hispanics.

But rhetoric has run headlong into reality: Organizers say that, as of last week, they had signed up fewer than 150,000 people.

Advocates' experiences show that cultivating new voters is tough, plodding work, and that developing Latino power will rely not on street protests but on the group becoming more politically engaged as it gets older.

"People were waving signs — 'Today we march, tomorrow we vote' — but that may not be something that's literally tomorrow," said Lionel Sosa, a Republican political strategist who is chief executive of Mexicans & Americans Thinking Together, a Web-based nonprofit. "It will be slow, but eventually everyone running for political office will understand that this is a vote to be reckoned with."

This spring, immigrants demonstrated nationwide, sparked by a House bill that would have made it a felony to be in the country illegally. The Senate's immigration bill left

that provision out and the two chambers failed to reach a compromise.

Immigrants' advocates seized on momentum from the protests and organized what they called Democracy Summer. They pledged to register 1 million new foreign-born voters by next week's election — and another 2 million before the presidential contest in 2008.

But Germonique Jones, spokeswoman for the Center for Community Change, an umbrella organization of some of the nation's biggest immigrant groups, said the total is roughly 146,000. The Center for Community Change arrived at the figure by totaling estimates from the various groups with which it has been collaborating.

Such estimates are difficult to confirm because secretaries of state do not tally new registrations based on ethnicity or where voters were born, said Catherine Ennis, a spokeswoman for Pennsylvania's department of state.

But by all accounts, simply finding 1 million eligible new voters in just a few months would have been tough.

"The 1 million — we were looking at the potential of immigrant voter power," Jones said. "Looking back, we realize ... the immigrant community is complicated — not monolithic."

First off, more than one in three of the nation's 42 million-plus Hispanics are age 17 or younger, 2005 Census data show — too young to vote. And some portion of that population, no one is sure exactly how many, includes illegal immigrants.

Plus, organizers said, many newcomers lack basic civics information. Some barely understand the nation's political system — its structure, rules and history — how and where to vote, and how to sort through political rhetoric to choose candidates. Some don't know that they can ask for election information in foreign languages, that voting is free or that the United States has elaborate voter protection laws.

Jones said the push now is to build "a culture of participation." Her group is testing a sort of civics class for immigrants in five states with plans to send it out to more states early next year. "It's a democracy school," she said. "People are hungry for it."

Lindsay Daniels coordinated voting efforts for the National Council of La Raza, a Latino civil rights group, in 20 cities this summer. "One of our lessons learned was, this work in engaging people in voter registration and becoming involved and civically engaged needs to happen year-round," she said. She said registering 1 million by 2008 was "more realistic."

Many immigrants who understand the system have eagerly registered to vote, organizers said.

In Arizona, Mi Familia Vota (My Family Votes) focused its energies on Latinos already registered, and the response has been strong, said Joel Foster, a spokesman for the group. "I've been doing this work for 10 years in Arizona," he said. "Instead of us having to track people down, many of them are calling us."

Recently, at a citizenship ceremony in Brooklyn, dozens of the hundreds of new Americans signed up to vote on the spot. "I'm very, very interested to vote — I love this country," said Irma Ines Castano, 57, a factory worker from El Salvador, in halting English. "This country need my vote, too."

Gladys Prieto, 58, a home health care attendant from Ecuador who lives in Queens, got help from her husband, Jaime, filling out her voter registration form as the naturalization ceremony ended. "I don't like (President) Bush," she said in Spanish. "I'm ready to vote."

Another hurdle to immigrants voting is that few candidates have developed a rapport with them, said Jorge Mursuli, president of Miami-based Democracia U.S.A., an advocacy group that says it registered most of the new immigrant voters — more than 100,000 in Arizona, Florida, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Two Sunni coaches abducted from youth club in Baghdad; U.S. troops reported killed

BY SAMEER N. YACCOUB

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen seized two Sunni coaches from a youth club Wednesday in Baghdad, while authorities searched for dozens of Shiites abducted along a dangerous highway north of the capital in another outbreak of Iraq's relentless tit-for-tat sectarian violence.

The U.S. military also reported the deaths of a soldier in fighting Tuesday in volatile Anbar province west of Baghdad, and a Marine killed in a non-combat related incident, raising to 105 the number of American service members killed in October — the fourth deadliest month since the war began.

Meanwhile, frustration over poor turnout in Iraq's parliament flared, with the body's speaker Mahmoud al-Mashhadani having to be physically restrained from attacking a fellow Sunni lawmaker.

Armed men driving four SUVs drove up to a youth club on Palestine Street in eastern Baghdad and seized Khalid Nejim, the basketball federation chief who also was a coach for the national basketball team, and Issam Khalef, who coached blind athletes.

It was the latest in wave of kidnappings targeting sports figures who have found themselves caught up in spiraling violence carried out by Shiite militias as well as Sunni-led insurgents.

The assault came a day after some 40 Shiites were seized near the town of Tarmiyah, north of Baghdad, as armed gunmen stood nearby, just out of sight of U.S. soldiers who were disarming a roadside bomb nearby, witnesses and police said.

Unarmed men checked identification cards and seemed to be looking for familiar faces among travelers stopped in heavy traffic, said the witness, who asked to be identified only by the pseudonym Abu Omar for fear of reprisals.

He said he and other Sunni travelers were allowed to travel onward after showing their ID cards.

At least 40 travelers were missing and feared abducted, according to the Joint Cooperation Center in Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad.

The Iraqi parliament speaker had been holding a news conference when he lashed out at a lawmaker from a rival Sunni bloc, Abdel-Karim al-Samaraie, for alleged corruption and failure to attend sessions, calling him a "dog" — a deep insult in Iraq and other Arab societies.

Al-Samaraie, a member of the main Sunni parliamentary bloc, the Iraqi Accordance Front, responded by calling al-Mashhadani a false patriot. The speaker then lunged at al-Samaraie, but was held back by bodyguards.

Al-Mashhadani had been angered by low attendance among Iraqi Accordance Front lawmakers that prevented the body from making the quorum of 138 of the 275 lawmakers. He complained that lawmakers who failed to show up were delaying the ratification of a series of edicts reached by Shiite and Sunni religious figures in the holy city of Mecca last month that aims to stop sectarian bloodshed.

The number killed in a suicide bomb attack on a Shiite wedding in Baghdad on Tuesday rose overnight to 23, including nine children. Another 19 were still hospitalized.

The attack, in which a bomber drove an explosives-rigged car into a crowd outside the bride's home, resembled recent killings aimed at sparking Shiite retaliation and pushing Iraq toward all-out civil war.

Police said U.S. and Iraqi forces on Tuesday night stormed an office in the southwestern hamlet of Ahrar belonging to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's organization, a sponsor of the feared Mahdi Army militia linked to sectarian murders and other violence.

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Program Director Barbara Palilis embraces a student after the Circle of Friends — a Santa Monica High School student-run program that works to create relationships between students with disabilities and their peers — was given the first Santa Monica Disabilities Commission award last weekend at a ceremony staged in the Main Library. The Disabilities Commission commended the commitment of Circle of Friends during an event that included performances including Lyena Strlkoff's one-woman show "Caterpillar Soup."

Rally organizer denies cahoots with the McKeown campaign

CAMPAIGN EFFORTS, from page 1

(SMRR), the city's ruling political party, which is backing McKeown.

SMSP has received nearly \$400,000 from the Edward Thomas Management Co., operators of Shutters on the Beach and Casa del Mar. The Beverly Hills-based management company has spent more than \$40,000 on cable television ads blasting McKeown.

Petz said the rally Sunday in front of Casa del Mar and Shutters was never about McKeown, but rather the "hijacking of our political process."

"For the most part, our democratic process has been community driven for decades and now we have big hotel owners coming in with millions of dollars ... to run attack ads dwarfing the opportunity for community members to have a voice in the process," Petz said.

Open Democracy is not an organization like SMRR or SMSP, said Petz. Instead, it was just a name he came up with to help people better understand his intentions for the rally, which Petz said was organized strictly by him, without any help from McKeown or SMRR.

Petz also said he has raised no money nor did he spend any organizing the rally. He contacted people through e-mail, and those who came with signs made them on their own.

"They are taking the same approach with me as they have with Kevin McKeown: Lie, distort, misdirect," Petz said of SMSP.

Hattoy claims Petz and SMRR co-founder Denny Zane, who spoke at Sunday's rally, are running the misdirection play, pulling people's attention away from the fact that Zane has accepted \$100,000 from Edward Thomas for the Measure V campaign, which, if approved by voters, would create a new parcel tax to help pay for clean beaches.

Petz is advocating for the passage of Measure BB, a \$268 million school bond. While Petz denies he is a member, the

group campaigning in support of the bond — Committee for Excellent Public Schools — has received money from the hospitality industry in prior elections.

"This is the height of hypocrisy," Hatoy said. "They take their contributions for certain causes, and then they deny them (hotel operators) their first amendment rights to support or oppose candidates of their choice. It's absolutely ludicrous."

Zane is running the campaign for the passage of Measure V, however, he said the money he has received from the hotels has been used solely for that campaign and not SMRR activities. He went so far as to commend the hotels for their generosity.

"The environment and education are two issues which traditionally everyone can rally behind," Zane said. "I will support the hotels when they are doing something right. But when they are doing something wrong, I'm going to call them on it ... straight up."

Petz said the difference between supporting education or the environment and spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to defeat a single council candidate are clear.

"The hotels have shown examples of being a good neighbor by supporting education and our students," Petz said. "But when it comes to upsetting the balance of local politics ... they go from being a good neighbor to being a bully."

Assistant City Clerk Beth Sanchez, the records and election services manager, said she has received the letter from SMSP calling for an investigation, however, the City Clerk does not investigate the types of allegations made by the group.

"So far, we have not seen one thing that would suggest (Open Democracy) has spent more than \$1,000," Sanchez said. "Those with concerns must file with the Fair Political Practices Commission."

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Taking care of business

Vice president of the creative department, Tom Rector, 48, performs 'Heartbreak Hotel' during the annual Phelps Group Halloween costume contest. Rector took the first-place prize of \$100 and then paraded with his fellow contestants down Wilshire Boulevard on Tuesday.

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Candidates go it alone

ENDORSEMENTS, from page 1

SMRR, the ruling political party in Santa Monica for nearly 30 years, has endorsed 14 candidates in four different races — Rent Control, School Board, College Board and City Council — in this year's election.

Candidates who have been left out of SMRR endorsements and those by other political players, such as labor unions, usually find themselves running a difficult campaign in a competitive election season.

"It's definitely harder," said City Council candidate Mark McLellan, 46, who works in real estate. "Being involved in government is about building coalitions and I don't begrudge anyone who has people who are supporting their campaign."

"For myself personally, this campaign is about the fact that I feel that I have something to say and something to contribute to the discussion," McLellan added.

The concept of endorsement is as old as the United States' form of government, said Santa Monica College Political Science Professor Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein. Voters are more inclined to choose candidates who have a list of endorsements to their name, basically because the public does not have the time, nor the commitment to engage in all the issues.

Voters who make decisions based on endorsements do so because they trust the group that announces its support. These voters tend to agree with the politics of the group (i.e. — laborers supporting unions) and will trust that it is making the right decision in its endorsements, Tahvildaran-Jesswein said.

Endorsements can also help with a candidate's name recognition among voters since political groups will likely financially support the candidate monetarily or through mailers and campaign signs. Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities, for example, has endorsed City Council candidates Bob Holbrook and Terry O'Day, placing numerous signs around the city.

Political financing is a significant benefit in endorsements. Some of the political slates in town have deep pockets going into the hundreds of thousands of dollars range.

A SMRR campaign finance report covering contributions and expenditures made from Oct. 1 to Oct. 21, shows the political group has received more than \$13,000 in donations and has spent more than \$29,000. Its year-to-date statement shows SMRR has spent more than \$100,000 this year.

The campaign finance report for SMSP shows the political action committee has received close to \$400,000 this year, spending in excess of \$320,000. All of its contributions have come from the Edward Thomas Management Co. — owners of the beachfront hotels Shuttles and Casa del Mar.

POSITIVE FEELINGS

Though City Council candidate Jenna Linnekens has not received endorsements by SMRR or other visible groups like the Chamber of Commerce, she feels confident heading into Tuesday's election.

Linnkens said the positive feedback she received from the police and fire unions has given her the encouragement and confidence that her campaign will succeed. She has raised approximately \$6,000.

"We've been creative with the money we have spent," Linnekens said.

Charles Donaldson knows how hard it is to run without endorsements. The retired SMC professor lost an election in 2004 after receiving 11 percent of the vote for college board.

Donaldson, a former president of the Santa Monica College Faculty Association, did not receive the endorsement of his own union, and to this day, doesn't understand why.

"It's obviously difficult. The SMRR endorsement in a local election is extremely important," he said. "They have volunteers who can go door to door and make calls and have money to put out citywide fliers."

But running in an election is something he would never take back.

"I think the problem now is we have so many groups spending so much money," he said. "My mailbox was [jammed] with expensive fliers. I'm sure a lot of people would take it out and put it in the trash."

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Three world-class athletes enshrined into Hall of Fame

HALL OF FAME, from page 1

former SMC track and field member Lynn Hill, and table tennis champion Jerry N. Davila-Castro were selected from more than 60 nominees to be enshrined as the second class of the SMC Hall of Fame.

The Santa Monica College sports talent pool is loaded with former superstars like current Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Chad Johnson and Carolina Panthers wideout Steve Smith, both of whom played at the school together in 1997.

"We have a lot of professional athletes out there right now who started their careers here at SMC," said SMC Foundation Executive Director Dr. JoAnn McLin Ortiz. "It was time we celebrated it."

Last year, SMC inducted four-time Olympic swimming gold medalist Lenny Krayzelburg, four-time track and field Olympian Johnny Gray and 44-year SMC swimming coach John Joseph.

"They're all champions in their areas and (make up) an extremely diverse class," McLin-Ortiz said.

LIVING ON THE EDGE

Hill, 45, is considered to be the best female rock climber in the world. She is the only rock climber to have free climbed the nose route of El Capitan — the most historic route in Yosemite. It was another 11 years before another climber repeated the dangerous feat. Free climbing is rock climbing with only rope and no equipment, unless it is used as a protective last resort.

Her association with Santa Monica College is as a member of the 1982 Women's Track and Field State Championship team.

Hill, a rock climber for 31 years, did not consider track and field as an option until she was discovered and recruited by coach Anna Collier to join the team. She found it a good opportunity to keep in shape for her first true passion, rock climbing. Hill currently resides in Boulder, Colo.

"I think the whole purpose of having a Hall of Fame is to show you worked hard and put your mind to something," Hill said. "It was kind of magical to achieve (a win) in the state meet."

TABLED DISCUSSION

Wheelchair-bound because of infant polio, Davila-Castro attended SMC from 1989 to 1993, becoming a member of the 1992 USA Paralympics Team in Barcelona. Among his achievements are silver medals in the 1986 Pan American Games and 1987 World Championships, a gold medal in the 1991 California State Championship and a silver medal in the 1991 National Championship — all in table tennis.

Davila-Castro was not available for comment as of press time.

Born in Clarksville, Texas, in 1944, Smith coached thousands of students in both men's and women's track and field during his 27-year tenure at SMC. His achievements as coach include numerous conference championships in the Western State Conference.

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In addition to coaching, Smith taught sociology and different swimming and water workout classes at SMC. Though he never coached Hill in women's track and field, he remembers her well.

"I used to watch her all the time and thought 'my goodness gracious, where did all that energy come from?'" said Smith.

Santa Monica College is a fine institution because of the dedication of its coaches and because of the strong recruiting program, said Smith, who now resides in Atlanta, Ga.

"We came there to do the best we can," he said. "The best I can do is no less than winning. I was very upset when we didn't win."

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International Fashion student Jane Aniela, 19, who hails from Indonesia, browses the art being displayed in the Faculty/Staff Photography Exhibit on Monday, Oct. 23. The Santa Monica College Photography department won a first-place award in the category of Best Exhibit in the recent Pico Artists at Work event.

California is at the root of the battle

MEDICAL MARIJUANA, from page 3

might also set legal precedent undermining medical marijuana laws in other states with such laws — Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. Voters in South Dakota will consider a medical marijuana measure on Tuesday.

“The state cannot authorize somebody to do something that breaks federal law,” said Thomas Bunton, senior deputy counsel for San Diego County.

Medical marijuana is used by thousands of people suffering from AIDS, cancer, anorexia, chronic pain, arthritis, migraines and other illnesses, according to the Marijuana Policy Project. The nation’s medical marijuana laws generally allow those with a doctor’s recommendation to grow or possess small amounts of the drug.

In 1999, a branch of the National Academy of Sciences expressed concerns about the health risks of smoking marijuana, but acknowledged in a report that “there is no clear alternative for people suffering from chronic conditions that might be relieved by smoking marijuana, such as pain or AIDS wasting.”

Later research suggests it might reduce tumor proliferation and a study this year by the University of California at San Francisco showed marijuana “may offer significant benefit” to those suffering from hepatitis C.

The Food and Drug Administration does not recognize marijuana as having medical benefits.

California is the epicenter of the federal-state medical marijuana battle. Communities including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and West Hollywood have authorized storefront medical marijuana dispensaries.

Proposition 215 does not expressly allow dispensaries, but Americans for Safe Access, a pro-marijuana lobbying group, estimates there are about 200 operating in California. For many backers of the law, it’s an imperfect way for patients to get pot.

“I thought we would have had more of a standardized distribution system by now,” said William Panzer, an Oakland criminal defense

lawyer who was among the handful of attorneys who crafted the proposition.

Federal agents have raided more than two dozen California dispensaries over the past decade, according to Americans for Safe Access. Some communities are now assisting in the crackdown, including San Diego, which recently shuttered thirteen.

A dozen dispensaries found on the Internet and contacted by The Associated Press declined comment or did not return messages.

William Dolphin, spokesman for Americans for Safe Access, said dispensaries are also operating secretly in other states, even though they are illegal. “I know they are operating in Oregon, Washington and Colorado. It’s underground,” he said.

So far, the federal government has taken a piecemeal approach to enforcing federal drug laws, cracking down on a few scattered dispensaries.

“The dispensary issue is a fascinating study in sociology,” Panzer said. “It’s like the speed limit, and everybody is breaking the law but it’s being tolerated.”

Nowhere is medical marijuana more accepted than in San Francisco, birthplace of the movement. The city’s top prosecutor, Kamala Harris, steadfastly supports Proposition 215.

“Sick people using medical marijuana as it relates to Proposition 215 are not criminals and will not be prosecuted,” she said.

But she acknowledged that a handful of San Francisco dispensaries raided by federal agents “were out of control” because they were selling pot to customers without a doctor’s recommendation.

“There were some abuses,” Harris said.

The DEA says it is targeting dispensaries and other large-scale growing and selling operations, whether the marijuana is for medical or illicit use. Federal authorities say they might seize individual users’ marijuana, but likely wouldn’t arrest medicinal users because they are focused on the supply chain.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Simon steps up for NWPC

By Daily Press staff

WEST LA — The National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC)-LA Westside has announced the election of Robyn Ritter Simon as president. NWPC is the nation's only grassroots organization dedicated to getting pro-choice women elected and appointed to public office.

"If there ever was a time for women to be active in politics, this is it. Our right to choose is being threatened and we can protect that right by electing more pro-choice women to public office," said Ritter Simon. "I'm looking forward to working with NWPC members and other community leaders to achieve this goal."

Ritter Simon recently served as president and CEO of the Century City Chamber of Commerce and was vice president for the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, where she played a major role in boosting the organization's membership and increasing the organization's activity in the community.

Ritter Simon co-founded the Beverlywood Moms, a grassroots parent organization that worked to reform the neighborhood public elementary school.

Beautiful Skin a click away

By Daily Press staff

SANTA MONICA — Rita's Institute for Beautiful Skin, a Santa Monica-based medspa, is marking its one-year anniversary with the launch of its web site.

The Institute's site (<http://www.ritasifbs.com>) offers Internet users an overview of the company, its staff and its products and services. The web site is designed to offer existing clients news and the convenience of online product and gift certificate purchases, and to provide information about the location, services and staff of the Institute.

"We wanted our clients and others to have a web site that is not only aesthetically pleasing, but also functional by enabling them to order their skin care products as well as gift certificates from the comfort of their own homes through the shopping interface," said founder Rita Csizmadia-Fall. "We also hope that the site makes it easier for potential clients to learn about us and feel comfortable about visiting us for the first time."

Rita's Institute for Beautiful Skin, 1260 15th Street, offers a variety of skin care treatments, including European spa facials, acne treatments, peels, cosmeceuticals and microdermabrasion.

Preserving good will

Understanding the added benefits of charitable donations



MARKET MATTERS

BY BRIAN HEPP

We are all familiar with the need for charitable giving. Oftentimes, not-for-profit organizations host an annual telethon, churches raise money for a member in need, and shelters look to volunteers for support. The spirit of goodwill is obviously the most important factor in these situations, but it is also important to understand the financial implications of your charitable gifts.

By understanding those, you may uncover added benefits for you, as the donor, as well as for the charities you choose.

To help you get started, let's take a look at the tax implications of charitable donations. In most cases, federal law lets you deduct the value of charitable contributions made during your lifetime if you itemize deductions. Therefore, your actual cost of giving equals the value of the property donated, minus the tax savings. Keep in mind, however, that the tax law also establishes certain limits regarding charitable gift deductions. The amount you can deduct in any one year depends on the type of charity to which you donate, the type of property contributed and the way the charity uses the gift.

In addition, you must itemize your deductions on your tax return in order to be able to take a charitable contribution deduction at all.

If you do itemize, then in order for your contributions to be deductible, the charity must be one of the qualified organizations, which are listed in IRS Publication 78. The law also distinguishes between public charities — which include churches, schools and other organizations that receive primary support from the public or the government — and private charitable entities, like a foundation, which are supported by a single individual or family. Gifts to public charities are given more favorable tax treatment than gifts to private foundations.

The type of property that you give is also considered in the amount of the tax deduction allowed. For example, if you give a cash gift to your local school, your annual deduction limitation will generally be higher than if you give a gift of appreciated property. Appreciated property can include items like securities or land that may have increased in value. Contributions to public charities of cash and property that are not long-term capital gain investments are deductible up to 50 percent of the donor's adjusted gross income, while appreciated property contributions have a 30 percent limitation.

While appreciated property has a lower annual deduction limitation, many choose to use investments to enhance the benefits of charitable giving. This is one way to fulfill your obligations at the lowest after-tax cost by donating appreciated securities you have held for more than one year instead of cash. By donating stock, for example, you can obtain a deduction for the stock's current market value and avoid paying taxes on the capital gain you would have realized if you

had sold the stock and donated the proceeds.

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While most people do not give to a charity for their own financial benefit, it is very important to understand these rules of taxation. You may be able to avoid any unexpected tax consequences and, more importantly, be able to preserve the spirit of goodwill and make the most of your charitable contributions.

These are just a few ideas detailed in our Charitable Giving Techniques Guide.

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Famous Vegas hotel and casino bites the dust

BY ROD SMITH AND HOWARD STUTZ

Associated Press Writers

LAS VEGAS — When the Stardust hotel opened on July 2, 1958, it was billed as the largest resort in the world, but was described in press reports as little more than a warehouse with a lot of slot machines and rooms.

It never appealed to the upscale audiences that are courted now on the ever-more luxurious Las Vegas Strip; \$5-a-night rooms and a free \$5 to gamble was what founder Tony Cornero had in mind to attract the masses.

The casino that helped define Las Vegas' neon age was overrun by more successful nearby properties as gamblers began to show a willingness to pay more for rooms, food and drinks that once were loss-leading draws to the casino floor.

Now, nearly 50 years later, the once-mob-backed institution is closing its doors for good, to make way for a hipper, more glamorous crowd and owner Boyd Gaming Corp.'s \$4 billion Echelon Place resort.

"I can understand throwing it out for something new," said Don Burt, a Chicago resident playing the horses in the Stardust's once-legendary sports book in the last days before the resort closed. "It's like a shoe. It's real comfortable, but it's getting worn."

In its heyday, the Stardust paved the way for the famous gambling corridor's glitziest era, and its design skipped the fountains, spacious lawns and driveway entries common at most of its contemporaries.

Its landmark marquee hawked the town's first topless stage production, "Lido de Paris," as well as an eye-popping \$100,000

limit on sports wagers that drew bettors small and large.

"The Stardust's exterior was certainly iconic," said David Schwartz, director of the Center for Gaming Research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. "(It) helped to define the high neon age of the city, which spanned the mid-1960s to 1980s."

The casino featured the only first-run drive-in theater in Las Vegas and a rodeo arena at the back of the property.

The Stardust also served as a lasting tribute to the mob.

Reputed gangsters Moe Dalitz and Allan Roen took over the casino construction project in 1958 after a lengthy legal squabble following Cornero's death three years earlier. With the help of financial backer Jack "the Barber" Factor, the \$10 million casino opened with 1,065 rooms.

Skimming was prevalent, and former showgirl Rena Warden, 64, remembers getting everything free when the bosses were around.

"They would count in the back room, so they would stuff their pockets full," she told Las Vegas Life magazine in its November issue. "They had so much coin that they had trouble. ... That's the story of the Stardust. It was so blatant it was funny."

Perhaps the most famous mob boss was Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal, who ran the casino in the mid-1970s for Argent Corp., and who was the basis for Robert DeNiro's character in the 1995 movie "Casino."

Rosenthal "was a fanatic about everything," recalls cocktail server Carol Geraci, who has worked at the Stardust since 1966 when she was 22. "His hair had to be perfect, and his

shoes had to be spotless."

And though it occupies what is now considered the north end of the Strip, in the 1970s, bartender Denny Onofrio says, it was at its heart.

Elvis Presley, poker players like Amarillo Slim, Johnny Moss and Nick the Greek showed up. Running back Jim Brown hosted a radio show on the property. Even New York Yankees great Joe DiMaggio once sat unassumingly at the bar, drinking beer.

"I'm telling everybody, 'Hey, that's Joe D. down there,'" Onofrio said. "He didn't like that. He said, 'Look, I'll give you an autograph, but quit telling everybody who I am.'"

In the late 1970s, the federal government and state of Nevada moved to squeeze the mob out of Las Vegas and attempted to dry up its cash resources.

The mob's control of the Stardust began to unravel in 1984 when the Nevada Gaming Commission socked it with a \$3 million fine, at the time the stiffest ever, after a long investigation into skimming. Ultimately, nine men were convicted and sent to prison.

At the request of Nevada regulators, Sam Boyd and his son, Bill, were brought in to run the noncasino operations in 1983, and then to buy the entire property in 1985.

Boyd Gaming Chairman Bill Boyd said trying to manage the casino with the mob was one of the most unpleasant experiences of his life, but credits gangsters with setting the city's foundation.

"The ironic thing is Las Vegas would not be Las Vegas today if it weren't for the mob," he said. "They loaned money when the banks wouldn't. They got Las Vegas started."

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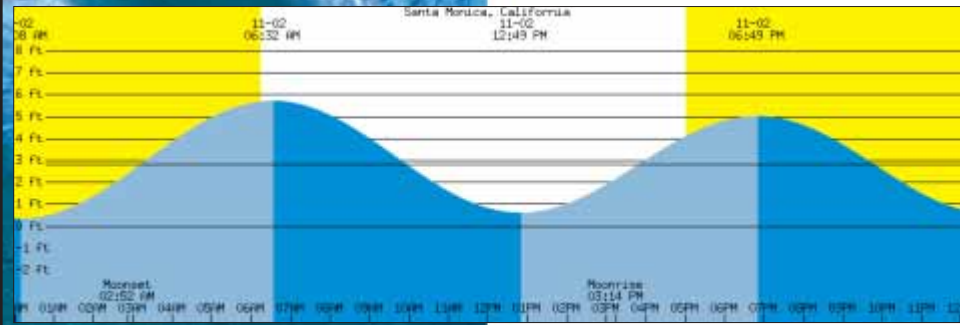
SWELL FORECAST (4-6 FT)

Our next southern hemi swell is due, and we're expecting to see some building WNW swell around this time as well. The SW is from a system we started tracking near the ice cap last week that drifted slightly northward, throwing us some south swell. Size on this one looks to be around chest to shoulder high from 180-190 degrees with 14-16 second periods.

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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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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	F	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	B	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	F	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	D	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	B	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	D	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	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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ENTERTAINMENT

K-Fed hopes debut album ignites a ‘Fire’

BY SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — Let’s face it, Kevin Federline is pretty much a walking punchline. But when you meet him in person, surprise: he’s soft-spoken, he looks you in the eye and he seems grounded, if a little out of touch.

Federline — aka K-Fed and Mr. Britney Spears — wants to be taken seriously as a rapper. His debut CD, “Playing With Fire,” is out this week.

The 28-year-old says he’s more than just a tabloid target: He’s a working father of four dedicated to developing himself as an artist.

“That’s like the big transition, how I can get people to relate to that,” Federline says thoughtfully while dragging on a Marlboro Light outside a Hollywood TV studio. “They’re thinking about the family life and K-Fed and all this stuff, he’s living off her and blah, blah, blah. They don’t know that I paid for my own album and I paid my way. I paid my dues to be able to do this.”

Federline took a dance-strewn route to his rap dreams, working as a backup dancer for artists including Pink, Destiny’s Child, ‘N Sync and Michael Jackson.

But the Fresno, Calif., native says music “was always in the back of my mind since I was young.” It’s just that breakdancing was big when he was a boy, he explains, so he learned the moves. Then he heard he could make money doing it. The middle child in a family of six, Federline moved to Los Angeles nine years ago to work as a dancer and found success almost immediately.

He was still dancing — and dating former girlfriend Shar Jackson — when he and Spears fell in love in 2004, something Federline says he “never expected.”

“I was never interested in (her) that way,” he says. “It was always just whatever to me.”

The two first met when Federline was 20 and Spears was 16, he says. When they reconnected a few years later, “it was one of those love-at-first-sight type deals,” he says.

“I’ve been in relationships since I was 13 years old so I know what I want. Her personality and her attitude and all that stuff, it really works. I don’t know how sometimes, but it really works.”

Jackson gave birth to Federline’s son, Kaleb, in July 2004. Spears and Federline wed two

months later. (He and Jackson also have a daughter, Kori, 4.)

Their romance seemed to both horrify and amuse the nation. The idea that America’s favorite pop princess would take up with a chain-smoking background dancer who was already in a relationship was grist for plenty of gossip columns; the couple’s wild exploits (some of which were captured for a UPN reality show) just made their relationship more of a target.

Shortly after marrying Spears, Federline turned his attention to making music — seemingly giving credence to critics who claimed he was using Spears to further his own fame.

When his wife got pregnant a few months into their marriage, Federline began building a recording studio in their Malibu mansion. He started working on his album as soon as their son, Sean Preston, was born.

The home studio allowed him to be near the baby while he figured out how to make a record, he says.

“I just wasn’t very familiar with putting songs together. So I took a good seven-month lesson and went on my way after that.”

He brought in writer-producers such as Kanye West collaborator Bosko and Jonathan “J.R.” Rotem, who has worked with Rhianna and 50 Cent.

The result? Thirteen thumping tracks of K-Fed on K-Fed. He brags about his wealth (“One earring costs more than your budget”), postures about his rhyming skills (“When this emcee cocks the hammer you can’t touch me”), and takes repeated swipes at the media for treating him “unjustly” and “sabotaging” his name. Spears joins in for one track.

In an interview, though, Federline insists that the incessant media attention doesn’t bother him. He says the tabloids’ take on him as a party-loving bad boy is all wrong.

“Say what you want,” he says. “I know who I am.”

And that, he says, is a family man. When it comes to his two sons with Spears, he changes diapers and doles out the discipline. (The couple’s second son was born in September but they have yet to announce his name and Federline didn’t want to talk about it.)

“I’ve already slapped a couple of fingers and done all that,” Federline says. “I’m going to be as close to how my parents were with me as I possibly can because I think they did a good job.”

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Pop star adopts Madonna takes in a Malawian orphan

The father of the African child **MADONNA** plans to adopt praised the pop star for opening “the way for a better life” for his 13-month-old son and questioned legal attempts to delay the adoption.

“Madonna was like a bulldozer who has cleared the way for a better life for my son,” Yohane Banda was quoted as saying in an interview in Bunte magazine, set to appear on newsstands Thursday.

Banda left his son, David, with a Malawian orphanage, where Madonna found him, after the boy’s mother died shortly after childbirth — a relatively frequent occurrence in the impoverished African nation that suffers from high rates of maternal and infant mortality. He lost two other children in infancy to malaria.

He rejected efforts by a human rights group to hold up the adoption to make sure no

Malawian laws were broken.

“Madonna explained to me that she wanted to adopt my son,” Banda was quoted as saying in the interview, which took place Friday. “She assured me she would take good care of David and raise him in peace.”

“I told her that the most important thing for me was that she offered my son a good future. And then I agreed to the adoption.”

The people in his village con-

sidered it an honor that Madonna had adopted one of their children, and Banda said he slaughtered a goat to celebrate with the whole family.

Banda was asked if it would have been better for the 48-year-old pop star to give him money so he could raise his son.

“She knows what to do with a lot of money, and I don’t,” he said. “I could not have started anything with the money, and in

the end it would have only spoiled things for me and David.”

Madonna has told NBC “Today” show co-anchor Meredith Vieira that Banda had refused her offer of financial assistance to help him keep his son.

“I said I would be happy to ... bring him back to your village and help you financially raise him. And he said no,” Madonna said.

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Trump’s dismay over large American flag display

DONALD TRUMP’s display of patriotism is apparently too flamboyant for this chic ocean-side town.

Palm Beach officials cited Trump for hoisting a large American flag atop an 80-foot pole at his lavish Mar-a-Lago estate and club.

Town officials said the real estate mogul has violated zoning codes with a flagpole taller than 42 feet and for erecting it without a building permit and permission from the landmarks board. Trump has until Nov. 27 to apply for approvals or face a Dec. 21 code enforcement

hearing that could result in \$250-a-day fines.

“You don’t need a permit to put up the American flag,” Trump said Tuesday. “The day you need a permit to put up the American flag, that will be a sad day for this country.”

Lee Hanley, vice chairman

of the town’s landmarks commission, previously said the 15-by-25-foot flag makes the town look like “we have an Okeechobee car dealer,” referring to a strip of auto dealerships along Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach.

Trump responded in a letter last week saying that “anyone who objects should not, in my opinion, hold a public office of any kind — at least not in this country.”

The flag appeared outside the estate Oct. 3.

AP

Selling movie, music memories for the right price

MARILYN MONROE’s lace-trimmed pantaloons and the hat John Lennon wore at the Beatles’ last photo shoot are among more than 150 items of entertainment memorabilia that will go up for sale later this month.

Lennon’s black cowboy hat is expected to fetch between \$15,200 to \$19,000, Bonhams

auction house said Tuesday. Lennon wore it during an August 1969 photo shoot that followed the Beatles’ final recording session.

The cream pantaloons that Monroe wore in the 1954 Western movie “River of No Return” are estimated to sell for between \$3,800 to \$5,700 at the Nov. 22 sale.

A handful of rare publicity

posters for 2002’s “Spider-Man” film will also be on the auction block. The posters, printed before Sept. 11, 2001, and recalled after the terror attacks, show the twin towers of New York’s World Trade Center reflected in Spider-Man’s eyes.

The auction will also include movie posters from early 20th-century hits such as “All Quiet

on the Western Front” and concept sketches for the 1960s TV show “Thunderbirds.”

“We are delighted to be selling such an important collection of TV memorabilia,” Stephanie Connell, of Bonhams’ rock and roll and film department, said Tuesday. “Rarely can one have an insight into the concepts of such an iconic series.”

Derek Meddings, special effects supervisor for “Thunderbirds,” also worked on the “Captain Scarlet,” “Batman” and “Superman” shows. The sale includes his original drawings of the Batplane from the first of Tim Burton’s “Batman” films and the designs of the Cox Gun used in the 1977 James Bond movie, “The Spy Who Loved Me.”

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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).

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

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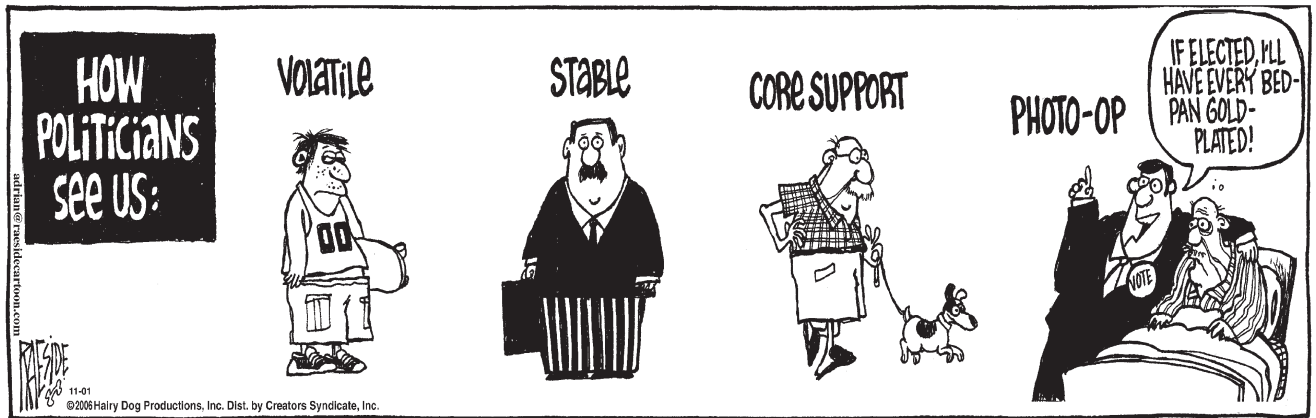
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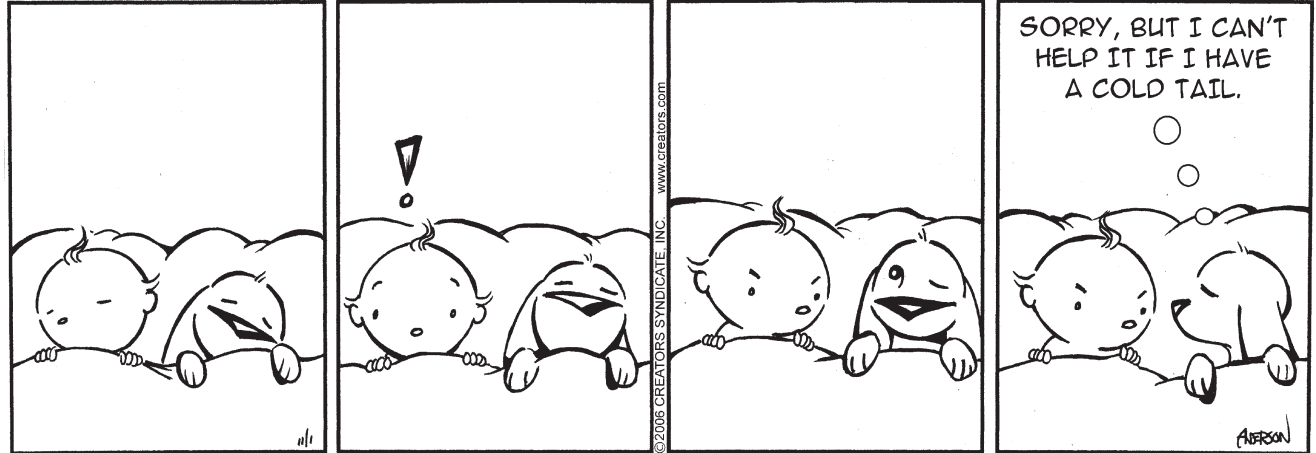
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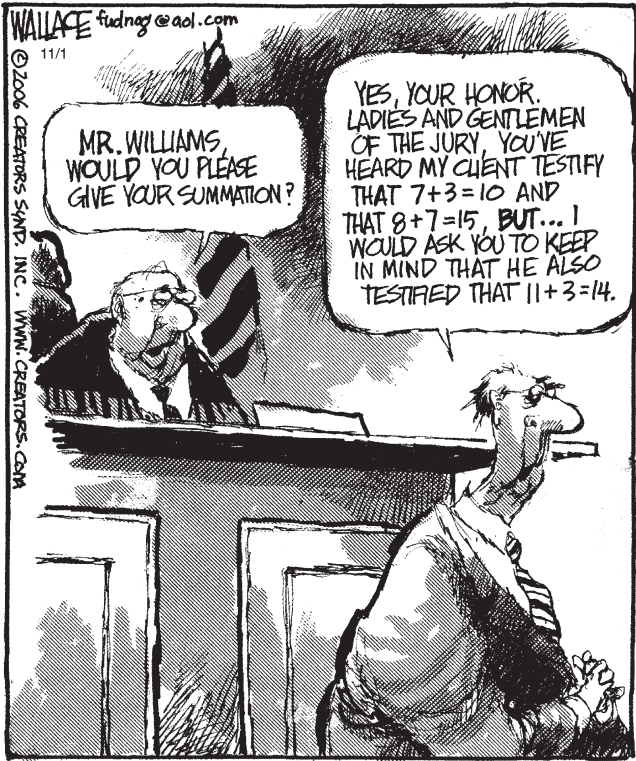


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- 45 Manipulative sort

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- 21 Stagger
- 22 Urban woe
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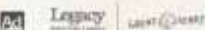


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SUMMONS
Case NO. SC 091036SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WEST
DISTRICT
UNLIMITED JURISDICTIONACTION APARTMENT ASSOCIATION, a nonprofit corporation,
Plaintiff and Petitioner

v.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA, COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBERT T. HOLBROOK (MAYOR), BOBBY SHRIVER (MAYOR PRO TEMPORE), PAM O'CONNOR, KEVIN MCKEOWN, HERB KATZ, RICHARD BLOOM, AND KEN GENSER, in their official capacities, and ALL PERSONS INTEREST IN THE VALIDITY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2191 AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 9.56.050 AND 9.56.060
Defendants and Respondents.

NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 13, WHICH IS TEN (10) DAYS OR MORE AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

¡AVISO! USTED HA SIDO DEMANDADO. EL TRIBUNAL PUEDE DECIDIR CONTRA USTED SIN AUDIENCIA A MENOS QUE USTED RESPONDA NO MAS TARDE QUE EL DIA TRECE DE NOVIEMBRE, QUE SON DIEZ (10) DIAS O MAS DESPUES DE TERMINACION DE PUBLICACION DE ESTA CITACION JUDICIAL. LEA LA INFORMACION QUE SIGUE.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE VALIDITY OF CITY OF SANTA MONICA ORDINANCE NO. 2191 THAT WOULD REQUIRE DEVELOPERS OF MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOUSING TO CONSTRUCT AND SUBSIDIZE HOUSING FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PERSONS, AND TO THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA, COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBERT T. HOLBROOK (MAYOR), BOBBY SHRIVER (MAYOR PRO TEMPORE), PAM O'CONNOR, KEVIN MCKEOWN, HERB KATZ, RICHARD BLOOM, AND KEN GENSER:

Plaintiff has filed a civil complaint against you. (Los Angeles Superior Court, No. SC091036.) Persons other than the City, its City Council, and Councilmembers named above may contest the validity of the above matters by appearing and filing with the Court a written responsive pleading to the complaint not later than November 13, 2006, which is ten (10) days or more after the completion of the publication of this summons. Your pleading must be in the form required by the California Rules of Court. Your original pleading must be filed with this Court with proper filing fees and proof that a copy hereof was served on Plaintiff's attorney. Unless you so respond, your default will be entered upon Plaintiff's application, and the Plaintiff may apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Persons who contest the validity of the matters described below and in the complaint will not be subject to punitive action, such as wage garnishment or seizure of their real or personal property.

/// DETAILED SUMMARY OF THE MATTER THAT PLAINTIFF SEEKS TO VALIDATE:

This action seeks the invalidation of Santa Monica City Ordinance No. 2191 pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 863, because of alleged violations of federal and state constitutions and statutory law. On June 13, 2006, the City adopted Ordinance 2191 which amended Municipal Code sections 9.56.020, 9.56.030, 9.56.040, 9.56.050, 9.56.060, and 9.56.070. Ordinance 2191 modifies the options for meeting affordable housing requirements to require the onsite or offsite development of affordable housing units in conjunction with multi-family ownership housing development in multi-family residential districts. The Complaint alleges that the requirements of Ordinance 2191 mandate that owners transfer ownership of the required affordable unit(s) to third persons for the benefit of the City's housing policies.

Plaintiff, a nonprofit corporation and association of owners of developed and undeveloped land, including land in Santa Monica, filed this validation action to obtain a judicial declaration of the validity of the matters alleged in the Plaintiff's complaint and described herein. In this action, the Plaintiff seeks a

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declaration from the Court that, among other things, Ordinance 2191 is violative of the Mitigation Fee Act, because of one or more of the following constitutional and statutory provisions:

1. The Takings Clause to the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution as incorporated by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
 2. The Takings Clause of Article I, section 19, of the California Constitution.
 3. The Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution.
 4. The Due Process Clause of the California Constitution.
 5. Government Code sections 66000 through 66022.
 6. Government Code sections 65583 and 65585.
- Plaintiff acknowledges that City of Santa Monica disagrees with the allegations in Plaintiff's complaint, and that the City reserves its claim that the Complaint fails to state a claim.
- YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY IN ANY MATTER CONNECTED WITH THE COMPLAINT OR THIS SUMMONS. SUCH ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED PROMPTLY SO THAT YOUR PLEADING MAY BE FILED OR ENTERED WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY THIS SUMMONS.

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

Case No. BP101192

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

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

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 21, 2006 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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

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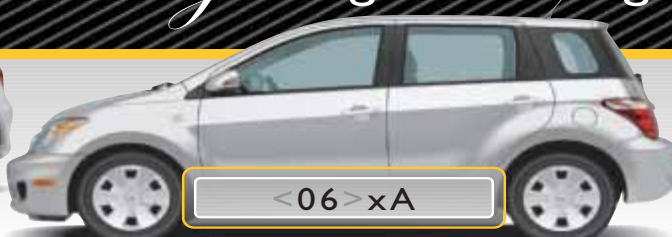
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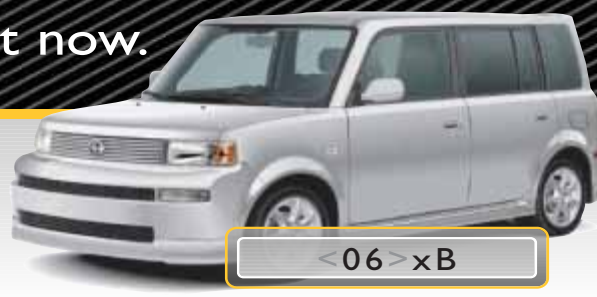
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