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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

According to a September Reuters report, four gang-member inmates at the maximum-security Zacatecoluca lockup in El Salvador were caught with "cell phones, a phone charger and spare chips" in their rectums, "far enough (in) to reach their intestines," according to prison official Ramon Arevalo. And in September, arrestee Melissa Roberge, 25, allegedly set fire to the mattress and blanket in her jail cell in Conway, N.H. She had earlier been frisked, but after the fire, a full-body search revealed a cigarette lighter in an unspecified "body cavity."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 312th day of 2006.
There are 53 days left in the year.

1923 Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power with a failed coup in Munich, Germany, the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

1942 Operation Torch began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.

1960 Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency.

1966 Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California.

1966 Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts became the first black to be elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There's nothing that makes you so aware of the improvisation of human existence as a song unfinished. Or an old address book."

CARSON McCULLERS
AMERICAN AUTHOR (1917-1967)

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BOARDS TAKING SHAPE

New faces on board for SMC and schools

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — The next term for School Board, Rent Control Board and Santa Monica College Board of Trustees will be filled with a number of new faces, according to unofficial election results.

With 11 percent of precincts reporting (as of 11 p.m. on Tuesday), the School Board will most likely see the return of incumbents Emily Bloomfield and Oscar de la Torre, and welcome newcomers Kelly McMahon Pye and Barry Snell.

Bloomfield lead the pack with 23 percent, followed by McMahon Pye who took 19 percent, de la Torre (18.6 percent) and Snell (18.4 percent). Incumbent Shane McCloud, a teacher, was a close fifth with 14 percent. Sidonie Smith, who dropped out of the race shortly after qualifying for the ballot, rounded out the list, garnering 7 percent of the votes cast.

With 11 percent of the precincts reporting, the SMC Board of Trustees will welcome back its only incumbent running for reelection — Chairwoman Nancy Greenstein, who held 22 percent of the vote on Tuesday. Greenstein will be joined by Louise Jaffe, a teacher, who had 20 percent of the vote, professor David Finkel (18 percent) and

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Decision 2006

STATUS QUO: Incumbents look for Council sweep



TWO CHEERS: Mayor Bob Holbrook and his wife, Jean Ann, celebrate some positive early vote results on Tuesday night at the Best Western Hotel.

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BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — In the hotly-contested race to fill three seats on the City Council, incumbents Bob Holbrook, Pam O'Connor and Kevin McKeown were leading the pack of 10 candidates nearly three hours after polls closed, county election officials said.

With all absentee ballots counted, but just five precincts reporting, Holbrook was in the lead with 3,510 votes, followed by O'Connor with 3,021 votes and McKeown with 3,013 votes.

Planning Commissioner Terry O'Day was a close fourth, with 2,759 votes; followed by attorney Gleam Davis, an education advocate, who pulled in 2,117 votes; event planner Jenna Linnekens, with 654 votes; real estate agent Mark McLellan, with 579 votes; entertainment consultant Terence Later, with 563 votes; homeless advocate Linda Armstrong with 380 votes; and flight attendant Jonathan Mann with 378.

The top three candidates will be sworn in Dec. 12.

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They go in cycles

HOT WHEELS: Bike thefts problematic

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — A customer walked into the Performance Bicycle Shop on Monday to replace a bike that had been stolen on the beach earlier that day.

"He said he turned his back for five minutes, turned back around and saw the bike was gone," said Operations Manager Phillip Wilson.

It's the type of story heard in bike shops across Santa Monica, where

bike thefts seem as common as parking tickets. With shiny cycles and Lance Armstrong wannabes around every corner, sporting rides that cost thousands of dollars, Santa Monica is a hot spot for bicycle thieves.

"We get at least one or two people every day who say their bike got stolen or they're getting a new lock because their friend's bike got stolen," Wilson said.

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BETTER SAFE: SMC has many bike thefts due to students fancying the two-wheelers.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You could be called on the carpet when you least expect it. Certainly your ideas will be challenged. Rather than cop an attitude, accept this testing as a means to solidify and strengthen your ideas. Tonight: Make merry at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Though you have strong feelings about finances and how they should be handled, it doesn't mean that you are always right. When someone says "no, you are wrong," don't turn a cold shoulder. Consider this person's statement as a possibility. Tonight: Hang out with a friend or two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You can be smiling from ear to ear but not have a clue what the ramifications of an unusual situation might be. Be aware that someone you thought was OK could turn into a slithering snake out of the blue. Tonight: Remain aware. Get your bills together.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You move into high gear as the day ages. You feel better and better. Be willing to discuss a situation using a more imaginative or creative bent. You might be surprised by what you'll come up with. Tonight: As you like.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Stop and smell the roses. It might be difficult to accomplish what you want right now anyway, though you certainly are a fountain of great ideas — only others might not think so. You have what it takes, though others might not act like it! Tonight: Get some relaxation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Knowing who your allies are and where you are heading will create a candidate for success. Meetings and groups of people give you an edge that others admire. You know what it takes to get along with others. Tonight: Aim high.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You need to step up to the plate and handle certain responsibilities. You have reason to smile. Though you easily could become irritated by someone challenging you, you do come out on top. Tonight: Know that you are setting an example.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Take in more information without making a decision. Reach through the fog of information and decipher key details. Don't sell yourself short. Detach and see the big picture. Emotions can run high, especially when the topic is money. Tonight: New vistas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by someone you care about and what he or she does. Though you have some very personal things to say, you might not find the right time immediately. You will if you look. Tonight: Easy does it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Others do what they must to get your attention. Trust that statement. Your popularity skyrockets. You hear news that might stop you dead in your tracks, whether you are ready or not. Emphasize what is important. Tonight: Go along for the ride.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might want to jump up and down in order to work through nervous energy. The good news is, you will get a lot done. Others are finally ready to spill the beans. You think it is about time. It is! Tonight: Meet a pal to unwind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You might want to dance and let your hair down. Make this OK if you can. You discover how meaningful a key person in your life is. Think positively and openly about different ways and styles. Tonight: A very meaningful talk.

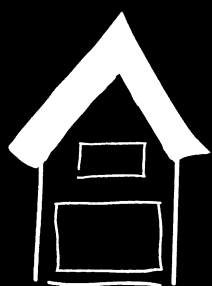
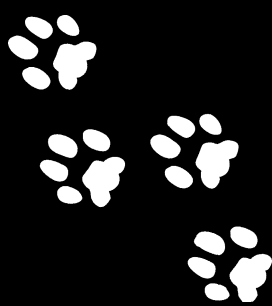
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SPACE CASE: SMC officials plan to demolish the old structure on the Bundy campus to make way for a new two-story classroom building.

STATE
Brazen thieves are stealing California nuts by the truckload

BY OLIVIA MUNOZ
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO — At first, Larry Ladd just let it go. But when the farmer caught six thieves plundering his walnut orchard in less than a day, he knew he had a problem.

“At first, I’d just ask the deputy to impress upon them that this is the wrong thing to do,” said Ladd, who figures he’s collared about 25 would-be crooks, including families with children, hauling hundreds of pounds of walnuts off his farm. “But then it got ridiculous.”

As prices for almonds and walnuts rise with demand, a growing black market has emboldened nut nappers to cut holes in fences, sneak into distribution centers and drive off with truckloads of nuts. California farmers have reason to be vigilant — growers here produce about 80 percent of the world’s almonds and 99 percent of walnuts grown domestically.

Ladd, who farms 24 acres on the outskirts of Modesto, said he expects to get about \$1 per pound for nuts this year. California wal-

See **STOLEN NUTS**, page 5

A traffic crunch

SMC expansion plans have residents’ attention

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

BUNDY DRIVE — The neighbors of Santa Monica College’s satellite campus are mired in gridlock with school officials over a familiar topic — the additional traffic anticipated here as a result of the college’s growth.

The master plan for the SMC’s Bundy Campus, located just south of the Santa Monica Airport, includes the construction of a new, two-story classroom building around 33,000 square feet, the addition of more than 170 parking spaces and a new driveway to accommodate a new traffic signal on Bundy Drive at the northeast corner of the campus.

Once completed, the project is expected to generate an additional 2,877 daily commuter trips, of which about 121 would occur during the peak morning hours (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.), and 203 trips during the evening peak (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.), according to traffic studies presented in the draft environmental impact report, now circulating for public comment.

Friends of Sunset Park has raised concerns about the traffic that will be created by the new building and a proposal to allow

cars exiting the campus to drive both east and west on Airport Avenue. They say complete use of the road would increase the number of additional car trips by 1,000 in intersections just west of the airport.

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Zina Josephs, president of the neighborhood group, said those intersections — which include 23rd Street and Walgrove Avenue — are already packed with cars during rush hour, having been rated “F” by City Hall.

“According to the Santa Monica traffic management department, “feeder” streets such as 23rd Street should have no more than 15,000 daily car trips,” Josephs said.

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Baldwin brother busted again

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BLVD. — Actor Daniel Baldwin, the second-oldest member of the celebrity Baldwin brothers, was arrested Tuesday morning for drug possession and driving a stolen vehicle, marking the second time this year the 46-year-old has been busted in Santa Monica on drug charges, police said.

SMPD Cpt. Alex Padilla could not confirm what type of illegal substance was found, however, in the prior arrest — which occurred April 22 just blocks from the latest incident — Baldwin was found to be in possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

Baldwin — the lesser known brother of Alec, Billy, and Stephen — pleaded no contest in May to being under the influence and for possession of a pipe used to smoke rock cocaine, both misdemeanors. He was ordered to attend a drug rehabilitation program and remain clean and sober for 18 months, according to the City Attorney’s Office.

Baldwin, who has appeared in more than 65 films and television movies — including “Born of the Fourth of July,” “Mulholland Falls” and “The Beach Party at the Threshold of Hell” — has a history of drug use, having admitted in 1998 to having been hospitalized in “critical condition” after he was found in his hotel room suffering from a suspected drug overdose, according to the Internet Movie Database.

The latest incident occurred in the 2100 block of Lincoln Boulevard when officers on routine patrol spotted Baldwin leaving the Santa Monica Hotel around 11 a.m., Padilla said.

Officers ran the license plate number for the 2003 GMC Yukon that Baldwin was driving and determined the vehicle to be stolen. Officers stopped the actor for questioning and searched his hotel room, at which time

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Resign of the times

Editor:
As a schools employee, Kevin McKeown has a conflict of interest, and is not supposed to participate in one of the Santa Monica City Council's major preoccupations: The continual quest for ever more ways to give money to the Malibu and Santa Monica schools.
The honorable course would be for Kevin McKeown to resign from the Santa Monica City Council and register as a lobbyist for the Malibu and Santa Monica schools.

Marjorie Campbell
Santa Monica

A shout-out for Palisades Bowl coverage

Editor:
Thank you for your coverage ("Residents are feeling Bowled over," Oct. 14, page 1) on the problems we are facing as the new owner of our Palisades Mobile Park wants to convert our trailers into condominiums.
Your staff reporter, Kevin Herrera, came to our park and interviewed me along with Florence Cotton about the dilemmas we face if this should happen. We are both senior citizens who have everything to lose should this "sham" conversion take place. Our homes and all our support systems would be at stake.
Affordable housing in Los Angeles and other cities across our country is diminishing. This means more homeless people and near poverty conditions for thousands of others.
Again, my thanks to you and your reporter, Kevin Herrera, for bringing our problems to the attention of our community.

Beatrice Prentice
Pacific Palisades

'Funny Girl' had something to say

Editor:
(In regards to Cliff Nichols' "Contending Streisand's political enlightenment," Nov. 1, page 4) This was not an arena of civic discourse. It was a concert that was billed "Barbara Streisand." What part of that doesn't he understand? If the heckler didn't like what was being said: A) He could leave. B) He could not go to her show. He could instead go to an open arena of civic discourse and see how divided this uniter President has made this country, or for that matter, the world.
If while in court, (Nichols was) interrupted by a heckler, I imagine (he) would just have the bailiff remove the person ... quite similar to "Shut the F*** up!"

Roy Persinko
Mar Vista

Tear down the walls of political correctness

Editor:
If the government permits the building of an "eruv" for Orthodox Jews on public property ("Jewish symbolic wall raises concerns at beach," Oct. 26, page 4), I hope there won't be any complaints over Christmas (as opposed to "Holiday") displays on public land this season.

Thomas M. Sipos
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THE WITNESS STAND
BY CLIFF NICHOLS

This is said to be the week voters will determine which party will control Congress. Since by the time this column prints that vote will have already taken place, let me take a position now about a matter I think is important to consider, regardless of which party ultimately triumphs this week.
We live in the greatest country, under God, that the world has ever known. Our current prosperity and good fortune, however, is not the product of an accident. In large part, it is due to the solid fundamental imperatives of governmental restraint and justice for all that are embodied in the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution and its amendments known as the Bill of Rights. So it would seem reasonable to suggest that, notwithstanding which party assumes "control" of Congress this week, all of the members of that august body would do well from time to time to revisit the profound principles these documents set forth with an earnest desire to rededicate themselves not only to abide by them, but also to "legislate" accordingly. That would be my hope. Sadly, however, it is not something I realistically expect to happen. Why? Because it is my observation that our abandonment of these principles has probably become far too institutionalized to reverse.
Let me give an example of what I mean by telling you about a case that stands out for me as one that led to one of the saddest days I have ever experienced in the over 20 years of practicing law. My client was a rancher who was legally entitled to graze his cattle on specific federal land allotments, albeit subject to the dictates of an apparently all-powerful bureaucracy known to many of us as the United States Forest Service. As best as I was able to determine, one of the Forest Service minions given authority over my client's allotments had developed a personality disorder that was likely caused by too much power being given to too small a mind. Consequently, this minion wielded his power by issuing orders to my client that were calculated to completely destroy this rancher's livelihood upon which he and his family had depended for decades.
Naturally, the rancher chose to resist legally by seeking justice in accord with the administrative appeal regulations written by the Forest Service. That didn't help to abate the onslaught of unreasonable orders issuing from the minion, however. As time went by, the minion's arbitrary and capricious orders only increased in number the more the rancher sought relief. It all came to a head, however, when the minion ultimately issued an order for the rancher to immediately remove all of his cattle from his allotments, knowing full well that the rancher's administrative appeals could not possibly run their course for many more months to come. The minion's reason for the order? He claimed the grazing of the cattle may have some adverse impact on one of the many rodents in the area that a supposedly endangered spotted owl may want to eat from time to time.

As a result, the rancher was given a choice. He could either obey the order and die (financially speaking) himself before any remedy would be afforded him under the Forest Service's honourous appellate process, or the rancher could try to take the matter directly to a United States District Court judge in the hope of obtaining a dispensation of justice soon enough to enable him to survive. The problem? Since Congress began wrongfully delegating all of its lawmaking authority in this area to the executive branch back in the 1970s, all the statutes, rules and regulations necessary to prohibit the latter alternative have been enacted by the Forest Service. And, if that means the appellant dies while trying to obtain "justice," well, according to them, that's just too bad.
That now brings us to the "sad" day. Lacking a legal procedure entitling him to obtain justice from the federal judge, my client was left to ground his appeal for a stay of the minion's latest order on principles found in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. For example, consider in light of the abuses to which this rancher had been subjected the following language from the Declaration of Independence: "When a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government ..." Consider also this from the Fifth Amendment: "No person shall be ... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." And this from the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law ... abridging ... the right of the people peaceably to ... [meaningfully??] petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Rightly or wrongly, these were the only principles my client was left to work with to convince a federal judge to issue the stay of the minion's abusive order.
To rebut my client's arguments, the U.S. Attorney representing the Forest Service only had to shrug his shoulders and say to the judge, "Your honor, it's obvious that this rancher and his attorney are Constitutionalists." To this, the federal judge rolled his eyes to indicate his shared contempt for anybody who would take the language of such documents literally. Then, with a smirk, he proceeded to deny my client's plea for a stay of the minion's order.
The message? Even the most basic principles upon which this country was founded are no longer considered relevant by those in power, and those among us who might think otherwise are to be considered extremist morons. Sadly, such are the times in which we now live. If you doubt it, ask the people whose property can now be taken today by the government's use of eminent domain only to be given to companies like Wal-Mart and Home Depot. Unless we do something today to reverse this course of abandonment of our most cherished constitutional principles, future generations will rightly accuse us of being the generation that is guilty of having placed this country's future greatness in jeopardy.

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It's all about the nuts

STOLEN NUTS, from page 3

nuts earned nearly \$4.4 million in 2004, according to the latest figures available from the California Farm Bureau Federation.

But savvy scoundrels also are eyeing a more valuable nut: almonds.

Last month, a Fresno County task force that tackles rural crimes recovered 44,000 pounds of processed almonds taken from a distribution center. The recovery was a rare break in a series of thefts that have cost California farmers at least \$1.5 million in stolen almonds this year, according to the Agricultural Crime Technology Information and Operations Network.

There are typically one or two almond thefts every fall, but in the past 18 months there have been at least a dozen reports of larger looting, said Marsha Venable, spokeswoman for the Almond Board of California, a marketing group.

"Almonds have become such a huge crop. It's attracting anyone," Venable said.

Acreage devoted to almonds has increased 13 percent over the last five years as growers abandon other crops. Almonds were a \$2.2 billion commodity in California in 2004, according to the farm bureau.

This year, growers expect to harvest just over 1 million pounds of almonds, a figure that's expected to rise to 1.5 million pounds over the next four years. Almonds sell for about \$3 a pound wholesale and for twice that in stores.

The nuts are worth so much — the stolen load was worth \$135,000 wholesale — that thieves who drive away whole truckloads have been known to abandon the vehicles and keep just the almonds.

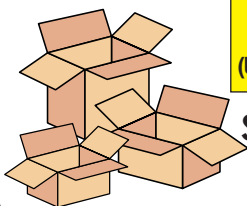
"The industry is huge, so the thefts are probably a drop in the bucket," Venable said. "But handlers now have to protect their products."

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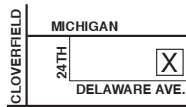


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Tales of theft haunt cyclists

BIKE THEFTS, from page 1

The Santa Monica Police Department does not currently keep statistics specific to bike thefts, which falls under the category of misdemeanor thefts, but according to Capt. Alex Padilla, the department does recover a substantial number of looted bicycles every year.

"A lot of people don't report their bikes stolen because they figure they'll never get it back," said Padilla, adding that recovered and unclaimed bicycles are auctioned off.

Thefts are more common in Santa Monica and its surrounding areas than in other parts of Los Angeles County for a number of reasons, but mostly because of the prevalent riding culture and the price tag that comes along with the shiny rides, said Scott Eisiminger, service manager at Triathlete Zombie on Santa Monica Boulevard.

"Santa Monica is affluent and people have expensive bikes," Eisiminger said, pointing to a row of bikes in the store that cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000 apiece.

The bike theft industry works similarly to the car "chop shops," where thieves dismantle the automobile and sell its expensive parts. Similarly, bike parts are also expensive and very desirable, Wilson said.

Some of the common bike parts stolen and resold are wheels and lights, which can easily snap off, even if the bike is locked, Wilson said.

"They take the bike, paint it and sell it the way it is, or sell it piece by piece," Wilson said.

Though it's never safe to leave a bicycle unattended and unlocked, regardless of the location, there are discernible hot spots where



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LOCK IT UP: The prevalent riding culture in Santa Monica makes it a hotspot for bicycle thefts.

bike theft tales are a constant, such as: the beach, from Malibu down to Venice; low pedestrian traffic areas, like alleys; and high vehicular traffic areas, such as Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards, where many thieves know they can find a bike left on top of a car roof or inside one.

Bicycle thefts can also be prevalent at Santa Monica College, where many students opt to travel via two wheels, rather than by car.

There are theories about how thieves operate in Santa Monica. The Performance Bicycle Shop customer whose bicycle was stolen on Monday believes there are thieves who sit along the beach waiting for people to leave them unattended. Eisiminger believes there are thieves who drive along Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards, waiting for someone to leave their bike on top of a car, or inside one overnight.

"Somebody probably drove by here [in the

past five minutes] looking for a bike," Eisiminger said.

"Bike theft" are two words commonly heard in Triathlete Zombie, where customers have talked about stolen riding equipment, and where three store bicycles on display just outside were stolen within the past year.

It's often the source of local complaints.

"We literally hear about it every day," said Jeff Botello, manager of Helen's Cycling on Broadway. "Sometimes multiple times a day."

Bike owners can take precautions such as using a steel U-shaped lock instead of a chain, which can be easily broken.

For even more security, Botello suggests tying the bike using a U-lock and locking the wheels to the frame with a chain.

But even the mighty U-lock won't provide 100 percent protection.

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MAKING COMPROMISES



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SAFETY IN NUMBERS: Certain cylinder locks like these pictured are prone to a brute-force attack with a BIC pen. Other type of attacks include leverage attacks, freon attacks and lock picking and an electric grinder (can take 5 seconds).

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http://www.totse.com/en/bad_ideas/scams_and_rip_offs/takebike.html

YouTube show demonstrations on how to break through a top-selling U-lock using nothing but a plastic pen.

Perhaps the best way to prevent a theft is to keep a watchful eye on the bike at all times.

"Nobody here leaves their bikes unattended for a minute," Eisiminger said. "Sometimes they have their friends watch the bike for them."

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Water under the bridge

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Ross Vasquez from the city of Santa Monica's maintenance division performs some routine cleaning at the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility (SMURRF) on Monday.

Gridlock at Bundy

SMC GROWTH, from page 3

"(Twenty-third Street) already has 24,000 daily car trips, so an additional 1,000 would bring it to 25,000 ... way beyond its capacity."

Mar Vista residents have expressed similar concerns about increased traffic on Centinela Avenue, as have airport officials who are worried about the impacts of traffic on airport operations and the newly named Airport Park, now under construction off Airport Avenue.

"We have air quality issues, security, traffic generated and its impact on the park and those living in between the two campuses," said Bob Trimborn, acting manager of the airport.

Currently, City Hall has allowed SMC to use Airport Avenue, but students and other visitors are only allowed to exit the campus parking lot onto the road, and then must turn right, heading east towards Centinela Avenue and Bundy Drive.

The Airport Commission voted earlier this month for an access alternative that would essentially maintain the status quo.

Officials with SMC said they have responded to requests from various parties in Santa Monica and Los Angeles to address traffic generated by the project, including closing one entry point, moving driveways further to the west and building a new roadway that would serve as the main driveway for vehicles entering the campus.

"What we found when we studied 16 different ways of entering and exiting the site was that all of them had the same number of significant impacts," said Don Girard, executive assistant to the president. "To give you an idea of a significant impact in Santa Monica, the addition of one car over 24 hours is considered significant."

Girard, a resident of Sunset Park, said the alternative recommended by staff, which would allow drivers to turn left and right on Airport Avenue, adds about 14 cars a day to Dewey Street and 180 cars a day to 23rd Street, both of which are just west of the airport.

Residents living around the college have oftentimes clashed with the college over parking problems and traffic congestion created by the roughly 30,000 students who are enrolled each year.

SMC officials said the primary objective of the Bundy master plan is to provide an essentially "self-sustaining" campus, largely operating independently of the SMC main campus and other satellite sites.

Among the programs centered at Bundy currently are early childhood development, teacher education and nursing. In addition, faculty and staff have identified a number of other programs that could be moved to Bundy from the main campus, including journalism, cinema, television broadcasting, fashion and merchandise and a career opportunity center.

The college purchased the 10.4-acre property in 2001.

Public comments regarding the adequacy and completeness of the draft EIR can be submitted in writing to SMC's environmental review coordinator, Randal Lawson, executive vice president of SMC, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, 90405. Comments can be submitted up until Nov. 13.

The draft EIR and master plan are available at www.smc.edu/facilities_bundy. Printed copies are also available at the Bundy Campus, 3171 S. Bundy Dr., Room 120, Los Angeles, 90066.

SMC's board of trustees is expected to weigh in on the EIR in February 2007.

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Baldwin's bad act

BALDWIN, from page 3

they discovered narcotics, Padilla said.

Baldwin was transported to the Santa Monica Jail, where he was booked for the possession of narcotics and drug paraphernalia. He was also booked for grand theft auto. His bail was set at \$20,000.

In April, Baldwin was arrested at the Ocean Park Inn along with another man, Winston Anthony Hunter, 52, after police responded to the hotel following a complaint about loud noises coming from Baldwin's room.

Police said they found Baldwin with a drug pipe in his hands and Hunter hiding in the bathroom. A "small amount of cocaine"

was also recovered, police said.

When questioned by the officers, both men admitted to being high on illegal drugs and were arrested for possession of cocaine, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and being under the influence of narcotics, police said.

Baldwin spent the night in jail and was released the following day when he posted \$10,000 bail. Hunter was on parole for a previous conviction, according to police, and was thus denied bail.

In 1998, the Baldwin black sheep admitted in an interview that he'd been battling cocaine addiction since beginning his career in Hollywood in the late 1980s.

"I never want to have to do this again," he said about his overdose. "I don't want to have to face my family like this again."

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Incumbents keep their edge

ELECTION, from page 1

“I’m trying to look at this optimistically,” Holbrook said of his slim lead. “I’m happy that I’m ahead, but it’s still early.”

In the race to fill four seats on the Santa Monica-Malibu school board, incumbent Emily Bloomfield was leading the pack, followed by newcomer Kelly Pye, current member Oscar de la Torre and challenger Barry Snell (see related story).

For the Santa Monica College board of trustees, where there are four seats open, Nancy Greenstein was on top, followed by Louise Jaffe, David Finkel and Andrew Walzer.

In the race to fill three seats on the rent control board, incumbent Jennifer Kennedy was leading by just seven votes, followed by running mates Marilyn Korade-Wilson and Zelia Mollica.

PARTY TIME

Surrounded by family and friends, Holbrook, a veteran with 16 years of experience on the council, seemed at ease as he drank beer and mingled with his guests, who included fellow council members Herb Katz and Bobby Shriver, as well as Bayside District Corp. board member John Warfel.

The conference room at the Best Western on Santa Monica Boulevard — the exact location where Holbrook announced he was running for reelection earlier this year — was decorated with American flag banners and red, white and blue balloons. A television was placed in the corner, broadcasting up-to-the-minute election results.

“I’ve really worked hard on a positive campaign,” Holbrook said. “I really campaigned in two stages. I went out early to reach absentee voters, who turned in their votes early October. Then I made a final push in the last few weeks, and from the looks of things, it seems to have paid off.”

The atmosphere was similar at the party for candidates supported by Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, the city’s ruling political party, which has held a majority on the City Council for much of the last 30 years.

More than 20 supporters gathered in a brick office building on the corner of Sixth Street and Colorado Avenue that was decorated with hand-made campaign signs. A small television sat on a desk in one corner as others leaned over two laptops waiting for the latest results. Many mingled, chatting with friends. The mood was very positive.

“I’m feeling good,” Greenstein, a founding member of SMRR said. “The race is exciting when everyone comes out after the polls ... It’s a grass-roots effort ... I’m glad everyone worked so hard.”

Davis, who was endorsed by SMRR along with McKeown and O’Connor, said she was “happy” with the campaign she ran, “regardless of the outcome.”

“I think I ran a good race,” Davis said while visiting the after-party for Measure BB, a \$268-million school bond, which was on the verge of passing with 59.7 percent of the vote, with only absentee votes counted.

“I got a very good response from talking about the issues,” Davis added.

LAST-MINUTE POLITICKING

With several strong challengers and three incumbents amongst the crowded field of candidates, it was thought victory may come down to a handful of votes, forcing many of the council hopefuls to hit the streets and the telephones on Tuesday in a last-minute, get-out-the-vote campaign.

Others decided to spend the day relaxing with family, including new father O’Day, 33, whose latest addition to the clan — Taryn Juliet — was born over the weekend.

“I’m making some phone calls, going door to door, but I’m trying to stick around family and spend some time together, get my daughter to get to know her new baby sister a little bit and make sure mom is taken care of,” O’Day said.

After working during the morning as a computer technician for the school district, McKeown, 58, said he rode his bike to the beach to beat the heat and enjoy some fresh pineapple. It was the candidate’s “first break in weeks.”

Real estate agent McLellan said he spent the day talking with neighbors north of Wilshire Boulevard near Euclid Street to encourage them to vote.

McLellan, 46, who voted around 7:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Community Church in Mid-City, made his first run for City Council and admitted that being a newcomer was tough, especially since he had a “late start” and failed to raise significant sums of money to support his campaign.

“I’m a realist,” McLellan said. “I know it takes money, but



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HAPPY DAYS: Council incumbent Kevin McKeown gets a round of applause amid early voting results that showed him doing well.

I’ve made a lot of good contacts through this campaign that are going to prove beneficial down the road. This isn’t the last time I’ll be involved in civic activities.”

Linnekens, an event planner making her first run for City Council, felt the same way, pledging to remain active in local government after building considerable momentum by channeling residents’ dissatisfaction with the way in which City Hall has handled the issue of homelessness.

Through a strong grass roots campaign, which included a “Jenna” mobile and an army of volunteers dressed in bright yellow T-shirts, Linnekens was able to build name recognition that could prove valuable come next election.

“This is not the end for me. This is just the beginning,” Linnekens said. “If I am elected, I have a lot of work to do to really uphold the platform that I stood on. If not, then I will remain active in the community and within City Hall, be it through a commission or through committees.”

Linnekens was out early in the morning Tuesday visiting coffee shops while her volunteers walked the streets doing some damage control — removing several campaign signs that had been vandalized overnight.

“I don’t know what that was about,” Linnekens said of her signs, which were painted over and featured slogans that belittled her campaign. “Good thing I have a tough skin.”

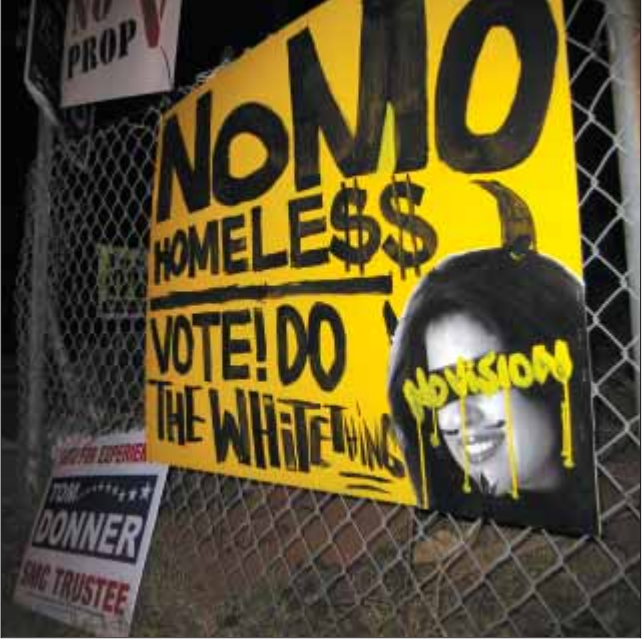
IMPRESSIONS

The last-night attack on Linnekens’ signs seemed a fitting finale to what was described by many observers as one of the most negative council campaigns in recent memory, as the hospitality industry, in particular, the owners of Shutters on the Beach and Casa del Mar hotels, waged war against McKeown and Santa Monicans for Renters Rights — the city’s ruling political party and a McKeown backer.

Beverly Hills-based Edward Thomas Management Co. spent nearly \$400,000 on mailers and a trio of cable television ads blasting the incumbent’s voting record on homelessness and public safety.

“What I know is the most money was spent on the most negative attack campaign I’ve seen in the last 30 years,” said Denny Zane, a political consultant and co-chair of SMRR. “If the candidates we supported win, it will be a testament to the strength of grass roots in Santa Monica. If big money should win, it will raise very serious questions about the future of our city.”

Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities, the political



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THE LAST DRAW: A number of city council candidate Jenna Linnekens’ signs were vandalized the night before the election leaving her supporters to do damage control on Tuesday.

action committee funded by the hospitality industry, spent more than \$80,000 on Holbrook and O’Day, who both expressed concern that they might be punished at the polls for the negative campaigning.

“The campaign the hotels ran was the most brain-dead campaign ever seen in my life,” said Jean Sedillos, who helped draft Holbrook’s campaign literature. “They seriously underestimated the intelligence of Santa Monica voters. It was frustrating because Bob ran a very honorable campaign and then he gets caught in the cross fire.”

Alex Pugh, campaign manager for O’Day, said virtually the same thing about his candidate, who painted himself as an independent willing to work on both sides of the dais.

“We are concerned about voter backlash,” Pugh said. “It could come back to hurt us, but we’ll just have to wait and see.”

ELECTION 2006

Pot, schools getting nods

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — A ballot measure making marijuana the lowest law enforcement priority seemed well on its way to becoming law Tuesday night nearly four hours after polls closed, county election officials said.

With just 12 precincts reporting, Measure Y had received 4,855 votes, or 62 percent of the total votes cast, well over the simple majority needed for it to pass.

A \$268 million school bond known as Measure BB received considerable support as well. With 17 precincts reporting, the bond measure received 6,712 votes, or 63 percent. To pass the measure, which was supported by the Santa Monica-Malibu school board and education advocates, needed 55 percent, county election officials said.

A change to the city charter that would give the city manager the power to hire and fire City Hall's top executives also received strong support from voters, according to early returns.

With just 12 precincts reporting, Measure U earned 5,423 votes, or 72 percent. To pass, the measure needs a simple majority vote.

While voters seemed willing to pass a bond, many were reluctant to tax themselves further, even when it came to cleaning up the beach.

A parcel tax that would generate an estimated \$40 million over the next decade was on the verge of being defeated late Tuesday, with only 61 percent of the vote in favor of it, according to early election results. To become law, the parcel tax initiative, which was supported by environmental watchdog Heal the Bay and the City Council, needs two-thirds of votes cast.

A measure that would have made it easier for council members to accept gifts from those who received a benefit from City Hall also seemed headed for defeat. With 16 precincts reporting, 52 percent of voters were against Measure W.

SCHOOLS

Citing the need to repair leaky roofs, improve computer technology and replace deteriorating, 30-year-old school restrooms, the school board Aug. 3 voted to place the \$268 million bond measure on the ballot.

No money would be used to pay salaries or other administrative costs, district officials said.

If approved, property owners can expect to pay an additional \$30 for every \$100,000 of assessed value when their property taxes are due.

The measure comes as the district completes an extensive community outreach process to develop a facilities master plan, which will drive land use in the district for the next 20 years.

School board members and other supporters believe the money is needed to prepare the district for the future, which could include the construction of new classrooms to ease overcrowding at some of the district's largest schools, including John Adams Middle School and Santa Monica High School.

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Pat on the back

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Heather Subin, 28, votes with one hand while patting her year-old daughter, Mia, on the back with her other hand on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at Virginia Avenue Park polls.

County worker delays election

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK — About 50 ballots cast on Tuesday might not be counted for a month after the election because of delays caused by a county worker who arrived late to the polling place.

A number of early-bird voters left angry and frustrated with having to cast provisional votes. Others opted not to vote at all.

Registered voters that arrived between 7 a.m., when polls opened, and 8:30 a.m., were forced to cast provisional ballots because poll workers did not have a list containing the names of all registered voters from the three precincts serviced by Virginia Avenue Park. The list was instead in the possession of a Los Angeles County Clerk election inspector who arrived one and a half hours after polls opened.

Provisional ballots are normally used by registered voters whose names do not appear on the list. The ballots are placed in an official county pink envelope and are verified after election day. The county has up to 28 days to verify the voter is registered and confirm the vote.

It is unclear why the election inspector arrived late, said Kathy Salama, spokeswoman for LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Office.

Six years after the presidential election fiasco of the butterfly ballots and hanging chads that left many doubting the

election process, some would-be early voters left Virginia Avenue Park on Tuesday without having cast their provisional votes.

"They were upset because they were concerned about their votes being counted," said Poll Worker Norman Franz. "Some people didn't want to vote there because of that."

Joe Deering arrived at Virginia Avenue Park around 7:30 a.m. and saw a handful of angry residents leave without voting.

"They felt they should vote the regular election way and shouldn't have to vote provisionally," said Deering, who decided to vote provisionally.

Those who did cast provisional ballots before the inspector arrived were allowed to return later in the day to cast normal votes, which would nullify their provisional votes, Salama said. They also had the option of driving to the County Clerk's Office in Norwalk, about 30 miles southeast of Santa Monica, to cast votes via touch screen machines.

Provisional ballots are frequently used by voters who are registered in a new area and whose names do not appear on the list. If a voter accidentally cast a ballot in the wrong precinct, their votes cast in precinct-specific issues and candidates are discounted.

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Getting out the last-minute vote

BOARDS, from page 1

Los Angeles Community College professor Andrew Walzer (17 percent).

College Administrator Tom Donner was a close fifth, netting 15 percent of the vote, followed by Financial Advisor Susanna Kim Bracke (8 percent).

Santa Monicans for Renters Rights was on the verge of sweeping the Rent Control Board race, according to unofficial results, which shows incumbent and Chairwoman Jennifer Kennedy leading the pack with 28.4 percent, followed by retired educator Marilyn Korade/Wilson (28.2 percent) and Bookkeeper Zelia Mollica (25 percent).

Real Estate Broker Robert Kronovet, the lone non-SMRR endorsed candidate, was fourth, garnering 19 percent of Tuesday's votes, as of press time.

Meanwhile, two years of campaigning seem to have paid off for State Assembly candidate Julia Brownley, who lead Tuesday's election for the 41st District with 57 percent of the vote, with 9 percent of precincts reporting. The soon-to-be former School Board president had a comfortable 10-point lead in the early absentee ballots.

"I'm very excited to have the honor and privilege to serve," Brownley said.

PARTYING HEARTY

"The mood is cautiously optimistic," said Jaffe, who awaited results of the SMC Board election with friends and fellow candidates at a Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS) party hosted by Dennis and Lauri Crane at their residence on the 200 block of 12th Street.

The mood was jovial yet anxious at the CEPS party immediately after polls closed at 8 p.m. With the news coverage of the election blaring in the background and a delectable spread of food, candidates and their supporters chatted about not only local contests, but state and national elections as results started flowing in from the eastern states heading west.

"I feel very confident about being elected," Jaffe said. "I'm anxious about the responsibilities that it entails."

The feeling of confidence was lost on schools board candidate Snell early in the day, but returned as he joined his friends and supporters at the CEPS party. Snell realized he might not win when he cast his ballot earlier that day and did not see any familiar faces at his polling location.

"But now I'm here among friends and they tell me we have a chance because of the absentee," Snell said.

The mood at the CEPS party mirrored the atmosphere at the SMRR party across town at their headquarters on the 500 block of Colorado Avenue.

Under the watchful eye of Rosie the Riveter and the slogan "We Can Do It," SMRR-endorsed candidates and supporters kept their ears open for updates on results, conversing with one another about who they

suspect will pull it out.

"Now it's over," said SMRR organizer Michael Tarbet. "We're waiting for what we think will be good results."

"But you never know," he said.

A group of supporters huddled around a television, watching NBC's coverage of the election on how the Democrats were slowly gaining ground on their Republican opponents in the congressional elections. After a long day of campaigning, other supporters were busy stuffing their mouths.

"It's been quite an experience," said rent control candidate Mollica. "I hope all three of us [Kennedy and Korade/Wilson] win. If I don't win, I will continue to work with Renter's Rights through LA Voice, where I am a board member."

Standing in front of a sign for the rent control candidates reading, "vote for champs," Kennedy said she feels very confident about her reelection.

Not all candidates spent their time at the party. Before he headed over to SMRR headquarters, Walzer spent two hours practicing yoga. McLoud hosted a small gathering of friends at his house, but not before pitching in a softball game at Memorial Park, across the street from the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District headquarters.

THE FINAL PUSH

Campaign hopefuls were out in full force hours before polls closed to remind residents to vote and to sway any last-minute undecideds.

Many candidates said their last-minute campaign efforts meant handing out literature and making reminder phone calls to residents who previously pledged their support.

"Now, we're ensuring that they make it happen," said de la Torre, whose volunteers made hundreds of calls to residents.

Some candidates took the day off, like Greenstein, who is the director of police community services at UCLA. Walzer, on the other hand, continued his normal routine and taught classes at Los Angeles City College. Meanwhile, his volunteers followed up with voters who had pledged their support during his door-to-door campaign in 15 precincts.

Pye was in high spirits Tuesday afternoon while she made calls and handed out fliers to voters. She planned to vote with her son in her presence to exhibit the election process.

"I like him to see me vote to be involved in the process," Pye said.

Volunteers working on the Kronovet campaign were also busy making reminder phone calls to residents and offering rides to the polls. Aside from campaigning, Kronovet spent some time gardening, painting, and relaxing the final hours.

"We feel pretty good about it," Kronovet said. "We think we can bring a minority voice and balanced government."

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City manager may wield more influence

MEASURES, from page 9

Those opposed point to two parcel taxes — Measures S and Y — already providing roughly \$10 million a year for district operations, as well as declining enrollment figures as reasons not to support a new tax.

Opponents also believe money generated by the measure would not be distributed equally throughout the district, with Malibu schools receiving less. They also contend the district has been vague in terms of identifying where the money would be spent.

A district-sponsored survey conducted by an independent firm in Santa Monica found that an overwhelming majority of the 500 voters contacted said they would support a bond if the tax level stayed at or below \$30.

POWER PLAY

Measure U would give the City Manager more power in the hiring and firing of City Hall's top executives by re-classifying department heads as "at-will" employees, stripping them of protections granted under the city's civil service system. Voters are also being asked to give the City Manager sole authority over the hiring of department heads without first seeking the approval of city commissioners and board members.

Councilman Richard Bloom and former Mayor Nat Trives said the reforms are necessary because the civil service system is outdated and hinders the swift removal of those manages who perform poorly. In some extreme cases it has taken as long as two to three years to fire someone under the system's lengthy disciplinary and review process.

The charter changes — four in all — would create greater accountability on all levels of government, while modernizing the civil service system to bring about more efficiency in operations, Bloom and Trives said.

Those who would be affected by the proposal include all department heads, except the chief of police. City Attorney, council members, and the City Manager, all of whom are already considered at-will employees, are not covered by the civil service system.

CLEAN BEACHES

To continue protecting the bay from harmful urban runoff and other pollutants, the City Council is calling on voters to approve a new parcel tax — Measure V — that is expected to raise \$40 million over the next 10 years to fund a watershed management plan.

For each single-family homes, the annual maximum tax rate will be set at \$84 for the first year, with annual reviews. Other housing and businesses will pay a tax based on the size of the parcel and the amount of runoff found there.

In addition to reducing urban runoff pollution, supporters of the tax claim it will increase water reuse and conservation, recreational opportunities and open space, not to mention wildlife and marine habitat.

Don Gray, an opponent of the measure, said approval would be nothing more than "giving government a blank check to do what they want."

Gray said the watershed management plan lacks oversight and does not guarantee that water will be safer once it is implement-

ed. He also said Santa Monica residents should not be solely responsible for cleaning up the bay when other municipalities are just as guilty, if not more of polluting it.

GOOD GOVERNMENT

In an attempt to simplify and clarify a voter approved initiative prohibiting kick-backs to elected officials in exchange for votes, the council chose to place the Good Government Act of 2006 on the ballot.

If approved, Measure W would replace current restrictions on gift giving or campaign contributions in exchange for a "yes" vote in favor of those giving the gift, with prohibitions against any gift giving of over \$50, regardless of the vote. One person could not give gifts totaling more than \$250 a year. City officials would also be prohibited from making decisions on issues in which the party directly involved is negotiating, or has any arrangement concerning current, future, or prospective employment with that official.

The act would replace the Oak's Initiative, or Prop. LL, passed by nearly 60 percent of voters in 2000. City Hall tried sued the City Clerk's Office to have the Oaks Initiative ruled unconstitutional because it believed the law prevents residents and others from participating in the electoral process, discourages public participation on boards and commissions, and is too burdensome and confusing to be complied with correctly, forcing part-time politicians to hire expensive, expert treasurers to make sure they aren't violating the law.

Those opposed to the act, including the Santa Monica-based Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, claim elected officials are doing away with the law because it limits their ability to raise funds for their re-election campaigns. They say the act proposed would weaken current standards and allow for City Council members and others to receive kick backs in exchange for their votes.

GRASS GETS A PASS

The council reluctantly placed Measure Y on the ballot, forced to do so under California elections code because supporters, Santa Monicans For Sensible Marijuana Policy, were successful in gathering the 5,580 signatures needed for it to qualify. That figure represents 10 percent of the 55,801 registered voters living in Santa Monica, according to the City Clerk's Office.

The measure, supported by the National Organization for Marijuana Reform and Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, would make adult marijuana use in someone's private residence the lowest law enforcement priority for the Santa Monica Police Department. Adult applies to anyone who is over 21 years old. The initiative would not legalize marijuana nor allow adults to smoke it in public or while operating a car.

Supporters brought the initiative before the council following a survey which showed that 73 percent of voters here "agree that adults that use marijuana but otherwise follow the law should not be criminalized," according to the group's Web site. Supporters believe the war on drugs has failed and that valuable law enforcement resources are being wasted on locking up

harmless marijuana users.

The measure would prohibit the SMPD from working with state or federal agencies to do enforcement work within the lowest priority and from receiving federal funds for such work. The measure would also require oversight by the council to ensure compliance, including semi-annual reports on arrests and other statistics. The council would also be required to receive complaints from those who believe they were arrested in a manner inconsistent with the measure.

The City Clerk's Office would also be forced to send letters every year to federal

and state officials, including the President of the United States and the governor of California, requesting that similar laws be enacted elsewhere.

Former SMPD Chief James T. Butts, as well as the president of the Police Officer's Association, have come out against the law, charging that it would inhibit officers from uncovering more serious crimes and allows for the smoking of hashish and other cannabis products containing high concentrations of THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive substance found in marijuana plants.

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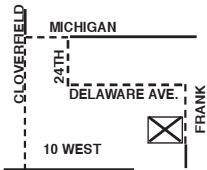
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Yosemite makeover put on hold over concerns for a scenic river

BY GARANCE BURKE

Associated Press Writer

FRESNO — Ambitious plans to remodel lodging, move a road and expand campsites in Yosemite National Park are on hold until officials prepare a better plan to protect the Merced River, which runs through the heart of the park, a judge ruled.

Two conservation groups celebrated Friday's ruling, which effectively halts about \$60 million in construction projects for at least two years, as a major environmental victory.

Yosemite officials, still reeling from the decision, said it could have "huge negative impacts" on the park's efforts to accommodate the 3 million visitors who travel there each year.

"The fact that now we can't repave a road, with winter coming on, is just devastating," said Scott Gediman, a park spokesman. "Sure you can argue about campgrounds or building the lodge, but what about when you've got paving on a road that's literally falling apart?"

The order, issued in a U.S. District Court in Fresno, directs the park service to immediately stop nine projects included in the Yosemite Valley Plan, a grand scheme to develop the park's amenities that has been the subject of a lengthy legal battle.

While the case likely will be appealed, legal scholars said it was not surprising that part of the park's \$442 million remodeling effort now figured in a lawsuit.

"Anything that's done in a national parks system, particularly those that are beloved and heavily visited, is likely to be challenged by some group of stakeholders," said Richard Frank, an environmental law professor at the University of California, Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law. "We're seeing more litigation of this kind than ever before."

Under the Wild and Scenic River Act, the park is required to have a plan to regulate development near the banks of the Merced, whose tributaries course through many of the Valley's cherished sites. A creek borne of the river, for instance, rushes over Yosemite

Falls, the tallest waterfall in North America.

The river became central to debates over Yosemite's future in 1997, when it wiped out campgrounds, lodging and parking in a flood. Environmental groups said the park's plans to replace those features did not adequately protect the Merced, and filed suit.

By 2004, the case had made its way to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal, which ordered officials to revise their management plan for the river.

But park officials have failed to write a management plan that adequately protects the river, U.S. District Judge Anthony Ishii ruled Friday.

The judge sided with the plaintiffs, who argued some of the construction projects lie directly in the Merced's flood plains and as such, could harm the river's "outstandingly remarkable values."

"What the court is saying is, it's in the public's interest to stop the park from doing what it wants to do, immediately," said Greg Adair, executive director of Friends of Yosemite Valley, which filed the suit along with Mariposans for Environmentally Responsible Growth.

"Yosemite is an ecological treasury of the Sierra Nevada and as we see the population growing and global changes happening, its resources become more and more precious," Adair added.

Park officials now must devise a legally valid plan to protect the Merced River before going ahead with projects to upgrade the Valley's sewer system, redevelop Yosemite Lodge and repave roads.

In Friday's order, Ishii agreed with a previous ruling that park officials did not properly assess the impact of an increased number of visitors — an issue also raised by environmental groups.

"We need to put in place some kind measure to keep the Valley from being loved to death," said Barbara Boyle, a spokeswoman for the Sierra Club in Sacramento. "The overall problem that we face in Yosemite is how to reduce the footprint of the development and commercialization in the park. How many people is just too much?"

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Murder case under way after 19 years

BY LINDA DEUTSCH

AP Special Correspondent

PASADENA — Nearly 19 years after Mickey Thompson and his wife were slain, three witnesses testified Monday that a former business partner made threatening remarks about the racing legend just weeks or months before the couple was gunned down by killers who escaped on bicycles.

The testimony against Michael Frank Goodwin came after a prosecutor told jurors it was a professional hit engineered to make Thompson see his wife killed before a bullet was fired into his brain.

"As he was shot, over and over the mantra he repeated was the same, 'Please don't hurt my wife,'" Deputy District Attorney Alan Jackson said, quoting neighbors who heard the couple's cries.

Thompson had won a \$793,000 judgment against Goodwin in a lawsuit and after legal wrangling Goodwin had been forced to declare bankruptcy, Jackson said in outlining a circumstantial case.

Goodwin's public defender, Elena Saris, countered in her opening that there is no forensic evidence, no murder weapon, no proof of a payout to anyone or a money drop to pay assassins.

"This is the story of a botched investigation and a Hollywood series of events based on false assumptions," she said.

Thompson, who was 59 when he died in 1988, competed in numerous auto sports and was the first person to travel more than 400 mph on land. He was inducted posthumously into the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.

The 61-year-old Goodwin, whose fame was in staging Supercross motorcycle races, is charged with two counts of murder with special circumstances and faces life in prison if convicted. His prosecution came about after years of pressure by Thompson's sister, Collene Campbell.

Saris told jurors that most prosecution witnesses emerged after they saw TV shows about the case and learned there were large rewards. She acknowledged that the prosecution's first witness didn't fit that profile.

Bill Wilson, a former police commander and later manager of the Rose Bowl and Jack Murphy Stadium in San Diego, testified that he and his wife hosted a dinner party for Goodwin and his wife a little more than a month before the killings. Wilson said it was he who had introduced the two men and suggested they do business together.

Wilson said he knew there were problems between the two but was stunned when Goodwin told him: "Thompson is killing me. He's destroying me. He's taking everything I've got. I'm gonna take him out."

Wilson said he replied, "Nobody wins that one. Mickey's dead and you're in prison."

Wilson said he was upset.

"I couldn't believe what I was hearing. He was going to kill a friend of mine," he testified.

Wilson said before the conversation ended Goodwin looked at him and said, "You know I'm just kidding. I couldn't do anything like that."

Asked if he believed Goodwin's comments, Wilson said, "Nothing led me to believe the defendant was making a joke."

Wilson's wife, Nina, gave a similar account of the conversation. She said that when Wilson told Goodwin he would go to jail, Goodwin responded, "Oh no, I'm too smart for that. Nobody will pin it on me."

Neither of the Wilsons said they reported

anything to police after the dinner.

The third witness, Karen Dragutin, testified that some months before the murder she encountered Goodwin at dinner with a friend and she joined them.

"They started talking about the lawsuits and problems with lawyers," Dragutin said.

She said Goodwin's attitude became "cocky and arrogant and he was pretty mad. I remember them talking about Mickey Thompson."

She testified that Goodwin "made a statement somewhere along the line that the only way to get out of the mess was to take care of Mickey Thompson."

On further questioning she added that Goodwin said "the only way he was going to get out of it was if Mickey Thompson died."

Dragutin, who said he also talked of getting a boat and going to Bermuda, testified she did not contact police until she saw the case on the TV show "Unsolved Mysteries" and "thought that what I had heard was relevant."

She said she called a hot line, a detective came to interview her and she picked Goodwin out of a photo lineup. She said she also called after a "48 Hours" show and the lead officer on the case called and took information.

On cross-examination, Dragutin said she couldn't remember if there were large rewards offered in the case.

During the prosecution's opening, Jackson showed pictures of the couple lying in pools of blood in their driveway.

"Although they died March 16, 1988, their demise started four years earlier when they went into business with Michael Goodwin," Jackson said.

The prosecutor said Thompson, who was known for staging Motocross races, went into business with Goodwin because he felt it was time to cut back on his grueling schedule.

But Thompson realized he was being cheated by his new partner and began filing "crushing" lawsuits that led Goodwin to develop a "vendetta," Jackson said.

Jackson alleged Goodwin hired two hit men to go to the Thompsons' house in the gated Los Angeles suburb of Bradbury, which he had scoped out beforehand, to shoot them and escape on a bicycle route.

"It was a professional execution," Jackson said.

Jackson said he will call neighbors who came forward years after the killing to say that they saw a man resembling Goodwin checking out the bicycle path with binoculars days before the killings.

Shortly after the killings, he said, Goodwin liquidated assets, sold his home, transferred money to an account in the Caribbean and bought a \$400,000 yacht on which he and his then-wife left the United States for three years.

Defense attorney Saris acknowledged harsh words were spoken between Goodwin and Thompson, but said that "folklore was generated by the media" which led witnesses to come forward.

She acknowledged her client had refused to pay the judgment Thompson won.

"You might not think of this as honorable behavior, she said, "but it is not evidence of murder."

She claimed the two men had reached a settlement days before the murders.

She also disputed the claim that Goodwin fled, saying he often flew back to California to take care of business, that police knew his whereabouts and his lawyers had offered to make him available.

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**DAYS ON
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BY JODI SUMMERS

As financial guru Suze Orman asserts, "You have to have a relationship with your money."

Passive real estate investors sit back and feel confident that with time, property investments get easier and more lucrative. Proactive real estate investors want to know how much their property is yielding on its equity. Proactive investors are always looking for ways to increase their return.

"The whole point of building a larger net worth is to provide the wherewithal for living expenses while you do what you most want to do," notes George Kinder, author of "The Seven Stages of Money Maturity."

Those looking for maximum bang for their buck are big on yields. Yields work this way — say you have \$100,000 to invest in a Certificate of Deposit. You would see which bank offers the best rate on the money — a.k.a. the best yield on their equity. If First World Bank is offering 3.28 percent and World First Bank is offering 3.4 percent; obviously you are going to buy the CD with the 3.4 percent yield — \$3,400 annually. Say you liked the return and bought a million dollar CD, the cash flow would be \$34,000 and the yield would still be 3.4 percent. Yield is a constant, but the cash flow changes as the equity changes.

"In the recent marketplace, you can exchange a property every couple of years

for a considerably higher yield," confirms investor Bruce Norris.

If you've held an investment property in SoCal for three years or more, it's most likely bumped up in value. Maybe it's time to exchange that property for something that will make more money for you.

"If it is your intention to be the master of your financial destiny, you must begin paying more attention to your money," confirms Orman in "The Courage to be Rich."

Take the concept of yield and apply it to real estate. Let's say you paid \$500,000 for a well-located eight-unit in the property lull following the Northridge earthquake. Because of your reputation with the lender and your promise to fix the damage and bring the building up to code, you were able to squeeze by with \$150,000 down and took at \$350,000 loan. When you bought the property, your cash flow (total income less expenses and debt service) was \$10,000. Your yield on equity, or cash-on-cash return was 8 percent. The math is your cash flow — \$10,000 — divided by the hard cash invested — the \$125,000 down payment.

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"Some people are content to acquire and hold property," states Norris. "More aggressive investors are constantly turning over properties to maximize the yield on their investments."

What is the financial difference between active and passive investing? By reinvesting the \$1,750,000 to earn an 8 percent yield, as the investor was receiving on their original equity, their current cash flow would be \$140,000 — \$90,000 more than the \$50,000 annual cash flow the investment property is currently earning.

"Investing in real estate is all about math," notes Gerald Friedkin, founder of the Friedkin Investment Group, owners of some very nice commercial properties in Santa Monica.

Sure, part of investing in real estate is obvious — is the location good, are the structures sound — but the profits come from doing the math. To be a good property investor you've got to embrace a few essential commercial calculations. Knowing how to calculate these real estate revenue formulas is the first step in investing in commercial real estate.

"Aggressive investors will continue to buy and sell properties to create higher yields," notes Norris.

If you are interested in active real estate investing, here are some terms that will be of use to you:

Holding Period: The length of time the typical investor expects to hold the property.

LTV (Loan to Value Ratio): This represents the loan or debt portion of the property investment in terms of a percentage.

Mortgage Constant: Mortgage constant is a rate that reflects the periodic annual payment of principle and interest on a mortgage with a level amortization schedule that will extinguish the debt.

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Mortgage Rate: Mortgage Rate is the annual interest rate lenders charge when making real estate loans.

Mortgage Term: Mortgage term is the number of years for which the mortgage was given.

Equity Dividend: The "cash on cash" return (usually reflecting the first year) that measures the portion of income remaining after satisfying all expenses including mortgage debt to the initial down payment.

Equity Yield: The annualized total return an investor would desire from the property (required rate of return on and of equity capital).

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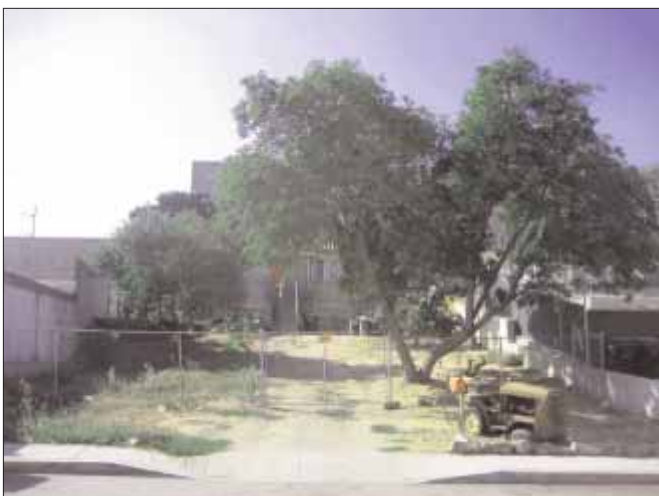
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BY JEANNINE AVERSA

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The future is gnawing at homeowner Scott Klimek. Will the interest rate on his adjustable-rate mortgage go up? Will he be able to afford the monthly payments if it does?

Klimek, 47, bought his home in Brighton, Colo., with a five-year ARM. "If it was, like, this year that it was going to adjust, then I would really be worried, but I'm just moderately worried," says Klimek. He has four more years until the rate on his mortgage changes.

He is not alone.

An AP-AOL Real Estate Poll found that more than one-third — 36 percent — of those surveyed with adjustable-rate mortgages worry that they won't be able to afford their monthly mortgage payments if their interest rates increase.

Sixty-four percent, meanwhile, aren't sweating it and say they're not concerned about such a scenario.

The poll also found that those who believe that housing prices will go up were more likely to have adjustable-rate mortgages than those who think prices will go down or stay the same.

In the boom days, home sales racked up record highs for five years in a row, with the last one in 2005. Home values skyrocketed, growing by double digits, which made homeowners feel wealthy but some house hunters feel poor. Low mortgage rates lured buyers, including some people who stretched to buy a pricey home that they otherwise probably couldn't afford.

The situation is different these days. Mortgage rates have gone up. Home prices have dropped in some markets, while in others not rising nowhere near the pace that

they had during the boom times.

This new climate has clobbered some homeowners.

Joann Clapp, 50, of Cynthia, Ky., has suffered a double whammy. She recently moved and hasn't been able to sell her old home, so she is paying on two adjustable-rate mortgages. The rise in interest rates has hurt her finances "big time," she says.

Of all U.S. homeowners with a mortgage, 24 percent have an adjustable rate, while 76 percent have a fixed-rate mortgage, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Initial rates on adjustable mortgages have gone up faster than those on longer-term, fixed-rate loans.

Last week rates on one-year ARMs stood at 5.60 percent, up from 4.91 percent a year ago, says Freddie Mac. Rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.40 percent, compared to 6.15 percent a year earlier.

Klimek said he was advised that an adjustable-rate mortgage was his best option to finance the home he wanted to buy. "It just worked out to get us in the house," he recalls. "We were in a townhome and we wanted to get out of there."

He would like to refinance and get the security of a fixed-rate mortgage before his ARM adjusts in four years but isn't sure he'll be able to swing it. "I think it could happen," he says.

The AP-AOL poll found that a third — 35 percent — of likely future buyers say they'll seek an adjustable-rate mortgage to finance their home purchase.

People most likely to seek adjustable-rate mortgages are first-time home buyers, younger people, those with less education and lower incomes, unmarried adults and minorities, the AP-AOL poll says.



THE HOA ADVISOR
BY MICHAEL CHULAK

When life isn't all a wash

Our homeowner association has serious water intrusion problems in the common areas. We have attempted several times to obtain a set of plans from the developer without success. What should we do?

Sections 19850 and 19851 of the California Health and Safety Code require that every city or county maintain a copy of the plans for every common interest development during the life of the building(s) for which the building department has issued a permit.

These plans and specifications are open for inspection and may be copied, with some limitations.

Your association board should also contact an attorney who specializes in construction defects as soon as possible. The "statutes of limitation" extinguish the legal rights of the association after the passage of time, as set forth in the various statutes.

I own a townhome, however, I don't reside in it. Am I still eligible to be a member of the board of directors?

It depends upon your bylaws. Some bylaws permit non-resident owners to be members of the board. Some do not. There is nothing in the California Corporations Code to prohibit you from being a member.

Our association has recently adopted an amendment to our CC&Rs that requires purchasers of homes in our community to put at least 50 percent down. The intention is to discourage buyers who cannot afford to pay our association's assessments. We are tired of dealing with delinquency problems. Is this amendment enforceable?

Probably not. Courts will not enforce unreasonable restraints on alienation (the sale or leasing of property). A 50 percent down payment requirement will probably be considered unreasonable because most second trust deed lenders do not require such large down payments or equity positions. Your association is effectively in the same position as a second trust deed lender, in terms of risk.

One of the members of our homeowner association refuses to pay her monthly assessments because the developer has not made repairs to the interior of her individual home. The developer is still in control of the association. What should the board do?

The board must enforce the established delinquency policy and should assume no responsibility in assisting the owner in her dispute with the developer. An owner's dispute with the developer is not an effective defense to the payment of assessments.

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IN YOUR SPACE
BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

Many Southern California property owners find themselves trapped by management responsibilities while earning only a fraction of the monthly income they desire. With good investment planning, they can frequently double and sometimes triple their monthly income, reduce the risk of their investment portfolio and minimize management responsibility all while avoiding taxes in the process.

This article addresses how investors can reposition their portfolio and literally change their lives with significantly greater income, security and peace of mind.

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MANAGEMENT RELIEF

Frequently, investors have created wealth through management intensive asset classes such as multi family or single family rentals. While this is an excellent way to create wealth, investors can reach a time in their lives where they have "had enough" and want to enjoy the fruits of their labor. By switching asset classes to net leased properties (the tenant does all the management and the owner receives a monthly check with little to no involvement in the property) or to a synthetic net lease investment (tenant in common or similar) the owner can enjoy the benefits of real estate ownership while avoiding burdensome management responsibilities.

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Capital gains taxes are forgiven and a new basis is established when a property is passed from one generation to the next. A diversified portfolio of properties that requires little or no management has the flexibility to designate specific properties for heirs who might not have the time or the inclination to manage real estate.

As with any investment decision it is important to consult your tax and or legal professional to make sure the investment fits your needs.

Contact Christina Porter at (877) 4TM-1031 or Christina@TM1031Exchange.com. TM 1031 Exchange specializes in assisting investors in planning and executing successful real estate investment strategies. Visit www.TM1031Exchange.com.

Property must support the loan by itself



REAL ESTATE 101
BY MIKE HEAYN

Every now and then, I get a phone call from a potential borrower who wants to buy a 100 percent financed apartment building. I try to explain that the property must support the loan by itself, without any help from the owner. I usually get one of two answers: the "Oh, OK, thanks," with a hang-up, or the "Why? I don't get it." When they ask why, I usually run through a scenario with a hypothetical property.

If you were to find a property and it were to cash flow, and by chance you found a lender that would allow owner financing for the difference between the loan and purchase price, you would still have to make sure that the property could carry the loan based on a reasonable debt service coverage. Remember, debt service is a measurement of a property's ability to support a specific loan payment. Debt service is expressed as a decimal.

Let's run through a hypothetical scenario:

Purchase Price	\$1,000,000
Units	10
Square Feet	10,000 (1,000 sq. ft per unit)
Gross Income	\$120,000 (\$1,000/month/unit)
Effective Gross Income	\$114,000 (subtract 5 percent vacancy/loss of rents)
Taxes	\$12,500 (.0125 x purchase price)
Insurance	\$4,000 (.40 x 10,000 sq/ft)
Utilities	\$7,000 (\$700 per unit per year x 10 units)
Maintenance	\$6,000 (\$600 per unit per year x 10 units)
Management	\$5,700 (5 percent of the Effective Gross Income)
Cash Reserves	\$2,000 (\$200 per unit per year x 10 units)
Total Expenses	\$37,200
Effective Gross	\$114,000
Less Total Expenses	\$37,200

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Net Operating Income	\$76,800
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.15 (Debt Service Divided by Net Operating Income)
Equals Annual DSCR	\$66,782
Interest Rate	7 percent
Amortized Over	30 years
Loan Amount	\$750,000
Purchase Price	\$1,000,000
Deficit	\$250,000

Now if you were to add a second trust deed, or other owner financing to the deal, you have to add it as an expense as well, which would lower your first loan amount. See the example below:

Purchase Price	\$1,000,000
Units	10
Square Feet	10,000 (1,000 sq. ft per unit)

Gross Income (\$1,000/month/unit)	\$120,000
Effective Gross Income	\$114,000 (subtract 5 percent vacancy/loss of rents)
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Maintenance	\$6,000 (\$600 per unit per year x 10 units)
Management	\$5,700 (5 percent of the Effective Gross Income)
Cash Reserves	\$2,000 (\$200 per unit per year x 10 units)
Second Trust Deed Payments	\$20,000 (\$250,000 TD at 8 percent interest only for 5 years)

Total Expenses	\$57,200
Effective Gross	\$114,000
Less Total Expenses	\$57,200
Net Operating Income	\$56,800

Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1 . 1 5
(Debt Service Divided Net Operating Income)	
Equals Annual DSCR	\$49,391
Interest Rate	7 percent
Amortized Over	30 years
New Loan Amount	\$615,000
Plus 2nd TD	\$250,000
Total Loan Amounts	\$865,000
Purchase Price	\$1,000,000
Deficit	\$135,000

As you can see, the second T.D. lowers the first loan's proceeds. This is due to the second T.D. payment, which is treated as an extra expense. Remember, you should always use real numbers to evaluate a potential property. Even if you remove the management, because you are not going to pay yourself a management fee, take out the cash reserves, which is not a good idea as things will go wrong with a property and need repair, lower the utilities and maintenance to \$600 and \$500 per unit per year; you would still not have enough available cash flow for 100 percent financing.

Even though you are close to full leverage, you will have placed yourself in a tough spot as any major repair or vacancy would give you negative cash flow, per the example below:

Purchase Price	\$1,000,000
Units	10
Square Feet	10,000 (1,000 sq. ft per unit)
Gross Income	\$ 1 2 0 , 0 0 0 (\$1,000/month/unit)
Effective Gross Income	\$114,000 (subtract 5 percent vacancy/loss of rents)
Taxes	\$12,500 (.0125 x purchase price)
Insurance	\$4,000 (.40 x 10,000 sq/ft)

Utilities	\$6,000 (\$600 per unit per year x 10 units)
Maintenance	\$5,000 (\$500 per unit per year x 10 units)
Management	\$0
Cash Reserves	\$0
Second Trust Deed Payments	\$20,000 (\$250,000 TD at 8 percent interest only for 5 years)

Total Expenses	\$47,500
Effective Gross	\$114,000
Less Total Expenses	\$47,500
Net Operating Income	\$66,500
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.15 (Debt Service Divided Net Operating Income)
Equals Annual DSCR	\$57,826
Interest Rate	7 percent
Amortized Over	30 years
Loan Amount	\$720,000
Plus 2nd TD	\$250,000
Total Loan Amounts	\$970,000
Purchase Price	\$1,000,000
Deficit (Down Payment)	\$30,000

My readers should note that the above examples are also very generous in terms of price. You would be hard pressed to find a deal that works this well in Los Angeles currently. Unlike other areas of the country, Los Angeles County apartment property values are astronomically high. This is due to shrinking supply and ever increasing demand. An apartment loan is always going to be driven by the property's actual income. One way to counteract this reality and enter the apartment market is to do so with other investors. Keep in mind that no matter how good or bad the current real estate market, a good deal will always sell quickly.

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Students and teachers agree to a short week

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS

Associated Press Writer

BONNERS FERRY, Idaho — As you might imagine, students don't complain much about the four-day school week in the Boundary County School District. Adults don't complain much either, and the experiment has been dubbed a success since it started two years ago as a money-saving device.

In this remote town near the Canadian border, Monday is the new Tuesday, at least for students who get every Friday off.

"It's way better. You go to school an extra hour, but you don't go an extra day," said Ryan Wilson, 14, a freshman at Bonners Ferry High School.

"The extra hour is a small price to pay for extra time off," said Emily Sukenik, 17, a senior. "There's a lot more time with your friends, too."

The rural school district along the Canadian border covers 1,277 square miles, and has 1,650 kids. Two-thirds are educated in Bonners Ferry, the rest in outlying schools.

The idea was first raised in 2004, when the district needed to trim \$185,000 from its local levy budget of \$799,700. Most of the district's \$9.9 million budget comes from other sources.

After much discussion, some of it heated, the school board decided it could save money simply by cutting back to four days per week. The savings come in reduced utility costs on school buildings, plus pay for bus drivers, custodians, secretaries and other staff, Superintendent Don Bartling said.

Pay for teachers was not affected, and no academic programs were cut, he said.

The school day is one hour and 15 minutes longer each day, running from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to ensure that students receive the amount of classroom time required by state law, Bartling said. Many extracurricular activities, such as sports, were moved to Friday, resulting in less lost classroom time for students.

The four-day week for schools has its origins in the energy crisis of the 1970s, which drove up costs of heating and transportation, prompting some rural districts to cut one day of school.

The concept has survived since, mostly in small, rural districts. It is most popular in Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Oregon, Arizona, Louisiana and Utah. Schools in Orofino, Idaho, also use a four-day week.

Luci Willits, spokeswoman for the Idaho State Board of Education, said the policy-making panel does not have a problem with

four-day weeks. With travel distances for sports teams so great in Idaho, having the Friday as a full travel day is an improvement, she said.

When the concept was first raised in Bonners Ferry, it polarized the community, Bartling said. The biggest issues were child care for working parents, the potential for at-risk students to fail, and whether a longer school day tired students, Bartling said.

The superintendent said he initially opposed the four-day week, in part because he worried that idle students would get in trouble on Fridays. He has met with law enforcement officers, and there has been no increase in vandalism or other crimes, Bartling said.

Now in its second school year, the concept is widely accepted, he said.

"Approximately 70 percent of our patrons are in favor of the four-day week," Bartling said.

The issue will come up again this spring when the school district conducts a survey of parents and students to determine if they like the change. Bartling said the school board will have to authorize a continuation.

To help working parents, the district has established a day care program in the middle school where children can spend Fridays, Bartling said. For some parents, having kids in school until 4 p.m. rather than 3 p.m. actually cut their daycare needs, he said.

The four-day week also produced higher attendance. Two years ago, attendance averaged 89 percent of students, about average for a rural district where kids sometimes ride the bus for an hour to get to class, Bartling said.

Last year, attendance rose to 94.8 percent, bringing in \$160,000 more to the district because the state of Idaho pays school districts based on average daily attendance, he said.

Academic performance was so good that the district this year for the first time met all 41 federal benchmarks tested by the No Child Left Behind Act.

The four-day week also caused student discipline problems to decline, because students did not have as much free time during the school day to get in trouble, he said.

Ted Reynolds, the school's athletics director, said increased vandalism and juvenile delinquency did not materialize. Athletic team practices now start at 4:30 p.m. and end about 6:30 p.m., with everything moved back an hour, Reynolds said.

"We have a high percentage of students who do extracurricular activities," Reynolds said. "We try to schedule as much as we can on Fridays. And lots of kids go out and get jobs."

Guilty of putting vole in danger

BY JEFF BARNARD

Associated Press Writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — A small rodent that lives in the treetops of old growth forests is blocking two timber sales in southwestern Oregon.

A federal appeals court on Monday ruled the U.S. Bureau of Land Management illegally downgraded protections for the red tree vole to make the two sales possible.

The three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco found that the BLM failed to conduct a public review before changing the classification

of the red tree vole, whose numbers are dwindling because of clear-cutting and other forestry practices. The public review is mandated under the "survey and manage" provisions of the Northwest Forest Plan.

The Northwest Forest Plan reduced timber harvests on federal lands west of the Cascade Range in Oregon, Washington and Northern California by more than 80 percent to protect habitat for the threatened northern spotted owl, salmon and hundreds of other species. The bureau has been much more aggressive than the U.S. Forest Service in trying to reach the timber harvest goals, which have never been met.

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'Ridiculously dangerous' — guards say Supermax is understaffed

BY CATHERINE TSAI

Associated Press Writer

FLORENCE, Colo. — Cory Hodge was a prison guard for less than three years at Supermax — home of America's most feared and notorious criminals — before he decided he had had enough. He left to take a job as a train conductor.

"I felt like staffing levels were coming to a point where it was getting ridiculously dangerous to be there," said Hodge, who was stabbed in the head and arms at another prison before going to Supermax. "I have a wife and children. I want to be around for them."

Guards at Supermax complain that

because of cost-cutting, staffing levels are perilously low, and as a result, prisoners are growing angrier and threats and assaults against the staff are on the rise at the Alcatraz of the Rockies.

The \$60 million institution is the nation's most secure prison, reserved for the worst of the worst. Unabomber Ted Kaczynski, al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui, terrorist cleric Omar Abdel-Rahman, would-be shoe bomber Richard Reid and Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols are all here, locked up in solitary, awaiting a single hour outside each day.

As of August, however, of the 221 guard positions allotted to Supermax, only 186

were filled, U.S. Bureau of Prisons spokesman Mike Truman said. There were 240 guards when the prison opened in 1994, said Barbara Batulis, a union vice president. Today there are more than 460 inmates, up from 265 in 1995. Supermax has 490 beds.

An arbitrator recently said staffing is so low that job hazards have increased, some cellblocks have been left unstaffed at times and cells are not being searched regularly. Last year, two inmates were beaten to death by other prisoners — the first slayings in Supermax history.

"To me, that's a red flag to say let's figure out what happened and not let it happen again," said state Rep. Buffie McFadyen, whose district includes the prison. "It could've been a correctional officer that didn't go home those days."

The union has filed a grievance over staffing levels, and critics want Congress to funnel more money for staffing.

Warden R. Wiley declined a request for an interview. Bureau of Prisons Director Harley Lappin said in a note dated Aug. 22 that his office would try to reduce the workload on the staff by eliminating and reducing duties where possible.

The Bureau of Prisons, with some 35,000 staff members last year, has been eliminating positions nationwide. Nearly 2,400 jobs have been cut out of 3,118 targeted to be phased out, a 2005 report said.

At Supermax, formally known as the Administrative Maximum facility, or ADX, the cells are 7-by-12-foot soundproof spaces, designed so inmates cannot make eye contact with each other. The inmates rely on guards for nearly everything — toilet paper,

toothbrushes and the like. If there are not enough officers around, inmates may have to do without daily recreation or may have to wait longer for their mail.

And the inmates take it out on the guards when their routine is disrupted, according to former and current officers.

"There's not enough staff to open the door. It's not because we don't want to give it to them. We can't," Batulis said.

In an arbitration hearing last spring, prison Capt. Harvey Church said he found 55 incident reports of threats against staff members from March 1, 2004, to Feb. 28, 2005. That doubled the following year, around the time the Bureau of Prisons permanently removed some positions, the union said.

Assaults against members of the staff went from 30 to 38 during that time period, according to testimony at the hearing.

"We're dealing with the most dangerous people with little backing us up," said Mike Schnobrich, an official with the union. "When they decrease staff levels, we have to ask ourselves: Who's watching our backs?"

Union officials would not directly tie the Supermax killings to staffing shortages but said officers have less time to build rapport with inmates.

Both inmates killed were in "step-down" units, for prisoners who have gained more privileges. Some do not have to be handcuffed when they leave their cells.

Bank robber Robert Brame spent 12 years at Supermax and was in a step-down unit before a recent move to a federal prison across the street. Ted Brame said he grew more worried for his brother after the killings.



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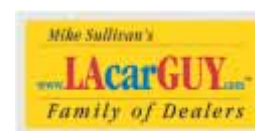
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The GOP control of Congress is on the line for '06 election

BY CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Voters put the Republican congressional majority and a multitude of new voting equipment to the test Tuesday in an election that defined the balance of power for the rest of George W. Bush's presidency.

Both parties hustled to get their supporters out in high-stakes contests across the country, Republicans conceding nothing as their vaunted get-out-the-vote machine swung into motion, Democrats appearing confident and appealing one more time for change.

Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York seconded her party's mantra, with one qualification.

"I voted for change, except for me," she said, casting her ballot with her husband Bill, the former president, in Chappaqua, N.Y.

Voting at sunrise, Bush switched from partisan campaigner to democracy's cheerleader as he implored Americans of all political leanings to cast ballots.

"We live in a free society and our government is only as good as the willingness of our people to participate," Bush said, his wife, Laura, at his side and an "I voted" sticker on the lapel of his brown suede jacket. "Therefore, no matter what your party affiliation or if you don't have a party affiliation, do your duty, cast your ballot and let your voice be heard."

About a third of voters were using new equipment, and problems in several states were reported right out of the gate. The government deployed a record number of poll watchers to the many competitive races across the country.

Glitches delayed balloting in dozens of Indiana and Ohio precincts, and Illinois officials were swamped with calls from voters complaining that poll workers did not know how to operate new electronic equipment. In Delaware County, Ind., officials planned to seek a court order to extend voting after an apparent computer error prevented voters from casting ballots in 75 precincts.

Florida officials, working to avoid a repeat of the vote-counting debacle of 2000, fielded extra voting machines, paper ballots and poll workers.

"This is my duty," said 41-year-old Mario Georgalas, who voted Republican in Miami Beach on his way to work. "I was in the Navy for six years, that's why I vote." In the Jacksonville suburb of Orange Park, Fla., voters were forced to use paper ballots after an electronic machine broke.

The uncertainty of it all made many jittery, candidates included.

In Tennessee, where Republican Bob Corker and Democrat Harold Ford Jr. were in a pitched battle for a Senate seat, even a spotty rain made Corker edgy.

"Any candidate doesn't like to see rain," Corker said, greeting supporters on a damp Tuesday morning in Kingsport. "You don't know what kind of variables that brings into it."

At stake in the midterm election were all 435 House seats, 33 in the Senate, 36 races for governor, ballot measures on gay marriage, embryonic stem cell research, the minimum wage and more — plus the overarching fate of Bush's agenda in the last two years of his presidency.

Democrats hoped finally to answer the rout that drove them from legislative power in 1994. Despite brave words for public consumption, Republicans worried that control of the House would slip from their hands.

Even Senate control was up in the air, but a tougher climb for Democrats.

The chairmen of the Democratic and Republican parties talked optimistically as voting opened Tuesday.

"I believe we're going to defy the experts and maintain our majority in the House and the Senate," GOP Chairman Ken Mehlman said on CBS's "The Early Show." Countered Howard Dean, his Democratic opposite number: "If you want change, we can give you change."

In Texas, Bush finished a restrained five-day round of campaigning mostly in GOP strongholds around the country. His presence on the stump was a mixed blessing for candidates attracted to the attention and fundraising prowess generated by a president but nervous about being associated too closely an unpopular leader.

Charlie Crist, a Republican running to succeed Bush's brother Jeb as Florida governor, bailed from a planned appearance with Bush in a safely Republican section of the Panhandle, an embarrassing snub on the eve of voting.

Hussein calls for reconciliation

BY SINAN SALAHEDDIN
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A somber Saddam Hussein called on Iraqis to forgive each other Tuesday, when he returned to court two days after being sentenced to death for crimes against humanity in another case.

Saddam, speaking to the court in the afternoon session, cited references to the Prophet Muhammad and Jesus who had asked for forgiveness for those who opposed them.

"I call on all Iraqis, Arabs and Kurds, to forgive, reconcile and shake hands," Saddam said after respectfully challenging one witness' testimony.

The ex-president, who was wearing a black suit with a white shirt, appeared subdued during the proceeding, where he and six other defendants are on trial for the Operation Anfal crackdown against Iraqi Kurds in the late 1980s.

Saddam showed none of the bravado of Sunday, when he shouted "Long live the people and death to their enemies!" as another court sentenced him to the gallows for the deaths of nearly 150 Shiite Muslims following a 1982 assassination attempt against him in the town of Dujail.

He and two others were sentenced to death by hanging. Four co-defendants received lesser sentences and one was acquitted.

Instead, he sat in stony silence Tuesday as Kurdish survivors told of being duped by promises of amnesty, only to watch their friends and family being shot by Iraqi government soldiers.

On Tuesday, the court called three witnesses who survived the Aug. 28, 1988, slaying of more than 30 Kurdish men who had surrendered after hearing of an amnesty offer.

The first witness, Qahar Khalil Mohammed, told the court that he and other men from his village turned them-

selves in after being promised that Saddam had issued an amnesty for them.

Instead, the 33 men were lined up at the bottom of a hill and soldiers opened fire on them.

"When they fired in our direction, we all fell to the ground," he said.

Mohammed said he was wounded but survived.

"When I went back, I saw my father and two brothers had been killed, as well as 18 of my relatives," he testified. He said an Iraqi medical officer used a broken bottle to clean his wound.

Another survivor, Abdul-Karim Nayif, repeated the false amnesty claim and submitted a video of a mass grave found near his village after the Kurds gained self-rule in 1991. The video showed numerous human remains.

The Anfal trial, which was adjourned until Wednesday, will continue while an appeal in the Dujail case is under way. The prosecution says about 180,000 Kurds, most of them civilians, were killed in the crackdown in 1987-88.

The chief prosecutor in the Dujail case said Monday that a nine-judge appeals panel was expected to rule on Saddam's guilty verdict and death sentence by mid-January. That could set in motion a possible execution in February.

The Iranian government called for the death sentence on Saddam to be carried out, saying the former Iraqi dictator was a criminal who deserved to die.

"We hope the fair, correct and legal verdict against this criminal ... is enforced," government spokesman Gholam Hossein Elham said Tuesday at a news conference.

Iran and Iraq waged a bitter eight-year war after Saddam invaded the country in 1980.

Shiites and Kurds have hailed the sentence as just.

Sinan Salaheddin reported from Baghdad, and Robert H. Reid from Amman, Jordan. Some material from a pool report was included.



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SURF CONDITIONS

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We have some NW swell due from that disturbance we started tracking early last week forming off the western tip of the Aleutians. This system has made its way into the Gulf of Alaska and slammed the coast of British Columbia last night with 30-foot waves. If the jetstream were lower (which could occur in the next few months from the El Niño) the California coast would get thrashed.

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QUICK STATS

(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 1

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

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 15

Number of ICDF grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / 15

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cienitas Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lockase and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Enchil Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Dead Beach at Tomazos Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escandida Creek, just east of Escandida State Beach	A	ns
Ladiga Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Saltstone Canyon at San Blocker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Serfider Beach (beach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carlson Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 10948 PCH stairs	D	ns
Picoa Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castrocker Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Tennessee Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chonitanga)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kentner storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Green Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rizzo Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsoil St.	D	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- Shipyard tower	C	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballenas Creek mouth	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jcty)	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hygiene Treatment Plant	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	ns

FOOTBALL

L.T. thrilled to meet his idol, Jim Brown

BY BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Forget for a minute the 172 yards rushing and the three touchdowns that rescued the San Diego Chargers.

LaDainian Tomlinson was just as thrilled that he got to meet one of his idols, Hall of Famer Jim Brown, before the Chargers played the Cleveland Browns on Sunday.

Tomlinson turned a corner outside the locker room at Qualcomm Stadium and almost ran into Brown, who is an executive advisor for the Browns.

“It was almost kind of like stunning seeing him there,” Tomlinson said Monday. “I was thinking to myself, ‘My goodness, that’s Jim Brown.’ I’ve never met him before, so the first thing I do is go over to shake his hand just to say, ‘Hey, you inspired me to be a runner.’”

The two engaged in small talk for a few minutes, and Brown congratulated Tomlinson on his career so far.

“The guy inspired me a lot,” Tomlinson said. “To me, he was the best combination of power and speed. He was phenomenal.”

Walter Payton was another of Tomlinson’s idols.

“Walter was my guy, probably because I’m the same size as Walter. But Jim Brown, if I was a big guy, he would be my guy, I tell you,” Tomlinson said.

A few hours after meeting Brown, Tomlinson took over the game. He scored three times in the final 16 minutes to boost the Chargers to a 32-25 win that kept them tied with the Denver Broncos atop the AFC West at 6-2. The Chargers travel Sunday to face Cincinnati, which has lost two straight.

Tomlinson had just 43 yards at halftime, when the Chargers trailed 12-10.

He broke a 41-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter to give the Chargers the lead, then added TDs on runs of 7 and 8 yards in the fourth quarter. He averaged 9.6 yards per carry.

“I think yesterday was probably one of my most memorable Sundays,” Tomlinson said. “Not only because of the yards but how we came back, you know, struggling a little bit, staying the course in the game, and also the first time I’ve ever met Jim Brown. I will never forget the moment.”

With 828 yards, Tomlinson has pulled within two of the NFL’s leading rusher, Tiki Barber of the New York Giants. The big difference between the two is Tomlinson has 12 TDs rushing and Barber only one.

Tomlinson took over the league lead in yards from scrimmage with 1,151, six more

than Larry Johnson of the division rival Chiefs. The Chargers’ star back leads the NFL with 14 touchdowns.

“I feel great,” he said. “I tell you what, if I continue to feel like this, then I’m going to be real happy going into January.”

The Chargers are trying to get back to the playoffs for only the second time in 11 seasons.

A week earlier, Tomlinson rushed for 183 yards in a 38-24 win against the Rams, as well as catching three passes for 57 yards and scoring three touchdowns.

“Yeah, it’s been a pretty impressive stretch, but we’ve run the ball a little more consistently,” he said. “We’ve kind of gotten into our groove knowing what plays we like to run. There’s certain plays your offensive line likes to run. We know what plays we like to run with them and what plays work. That’s why the last two games you’ve seen us run the ball real effective.”

Added quarterback Philip Rivers: “Hey, can he keep it going? If anybody can, he can. Nothing he does, week to week, surprises us in the locker room. He did some things again in the passing game. Catching those swing routes, and doing some things like that, it drives them crazy.”

After winning two straight at home, the Chargers hit the road for games at Cincinnati and Denver. San Diego hasn’t won a game outside of California, losing at Baltimore and Kansas City. The Chargers did win at Oakland and San Francisco.

“We need to win a tough game on the road,” Rivers said.

The Chargers were missing both starting outside linebackers on Sunday. Shawne Merriman began serving a four-game suspension for a positive drug test and Shaun Phillips missed his second straight game with a calf injury.

At one point, the Chargers had four backups in at linebacker. Donnie Edwards went out for a spell with a hip injury, but returned. Edwards is expected to practice this week, as is end Luis Castillo, who sprained an ankle.

Phillips is expected to practice on Wednesday. If Phillips returns, “it would mean we could probably field 11 on defense,” coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

“In the absence of that, I’m not sure, and I don’t think (Greg) Manusky can play like he used to, and I certainly can’t. Hopefully he’ll be available.”

Manusky, the linebackers coach, played 12 seasons in the NFL. Schottenheimer was a backup linebacker in his playing days.

BASEBALL

Money talks start to lure players

BY BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Alfonso Soriano and Aramis Ramirez might hit more home runs than Barry Bonds, while Andy Pettitte and Jason Schmidt could win more games than Barry Zito.

Still, in a free-agent market stuffed with names like those, it’s all about Barry.

Both of ‘em.

Surveying the field, here’s an early guess on how it’ll shake out: the Oakland Athletics lose Zito, but sign Bonds and pair him with Frank Thomas in the middle of

the order.

Shopping starts in earnest Sunday, the first day teams can talk money with the players they’re trying to lure.

Gary Matthews Jr., Carlos Lee and Jeff Suppan are sure to attract attention from the get-go. Moises Alou and Luis Gonzalez will move, Mike Piazza and Bernie Williams should stay and Roger Clemens, well, it’s a no-decision for now.

Add in Greg Maddux, Nomar Garciaparra, Kerry Wood, Jeff Weaver and Sean Casey, and there’s plenty for fans to debate between now and the winter meetings in December.

Just cause

Keys bashes criticism of celebrities bandwagon effort to assist Africa

As more celebrities get involved in helping African nations overcome debt, AIDS and poverty, some cynics have questioned whether their motives are spurred by good intentions or publicity — most notably, with Madonna's recent trip to Malawi to adopt a child.

ALICIA KEYS, who is hosting her annual Black Ball charity concert in New York City on Thursday, says such criticism is unfair and a disservice to those

in Africa who need help.

"I think that's horrible, and I think that really degrades and tries to discourage people who do have a voice, who do have power, who do have money, who do have the ability to reach out to people and get involved in situations," the 25-year-old R&B singer told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

"I think if you make a choice to do something positive, that shouldn't be diminished. I think

that takes away from what's actually going on."

Keys, who has been involved in African causes for years, said celebrities have been in the forefront of charitable and political causes, and that's how it should be. She also said celebrities have helped direct attention to the problems in many African nations.

"I do think that it has become more on people's radars, whereas before it kind

of came across as, 'Oh, it's so far away,'" she said. "It's really positive to know that it is a global community."

Keys is hosting the Black Ball concert with supermodel Iman to benefit Keep a Child Alive, which provides drugs for AIDS and HIV patients. The event will include performances by Keys; Iman's husband, David Bowie; Damian Marley; and Angelique Kidjo.

Keys, who visited Africa ear-

lier this year, said the problems that beset some countries can seem insurmountable, but she's seen how charity can save lives.

"That's why when I speak and I use my voice, I like to emphasize the way that everyday people like you and me ... can really be a huge hero," she said. "If you don't do anything else in your life, if you can save one life — one life? It's amazing. Imagine saving 10 or 20 or 50 or 100."

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Can't teach a Snoop Dogg new tricks

SNOOP DOGG was booked on one felony count of possession of a deadly weapon filed after security officers at John Wayne Airport found a collapsible baton in his carry-on luggage.

The 35-year-old rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, turned himself over to authorities

at the Orange County Jail on Monday morning. He was expected to post \$150,000 bail, said Susan Schroeder of the district attorney's office.

If convicted, he could be sentenced to three years in prison.

The Sept. 27 incident occurred as Snoop Dogg prepared to take a

flight to San Francisco. At the time of his arrest, he told deputies the baton was a prop for a movie, a spokesman for the sheriff's office has said.

The weapon charge was filed Thursday and an arrest warrant was issued. Snoop Dogg's attorney, Donald Etra, has called the

charge "bogus."

Last month, the rapper was arrested at Bob Hope Airport in Burbank for investigation of illegal drug and gun possession. He posted \$35,000 bail and was ordered to appear in court Dec. 12.

AP

'Fat Actress' bares in a bikini for Oprah

KIRSTIE ALLEY — who was once the "Fat Actress" — donned a bikini to show off her new shape on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," fulfilling a pledge she made about a year ago.

Winfrey said Alley, who is 5-foot-8, has lost 75 pounds, after hitting a high of 220 pounds. Her weight gain was documented in various unflattering paparazzi photos.

To the sounds of the Commodores' "Brick House," Alley, 55, strutted onto the

stage in a maroon bikini on Monday's show.

Wearing a dress for an interview with the talk-show host, Alley said she never would have had the courage to wear a bikini onstage when she was 30, despite being slender.

"I think women — I don't think we ever feel like we're good enough. We don't feel like we're thin enough or pretty enough or smart enough or work hard enough. And we are good enough," she said.

"The bikini thing is neither here nor there, other than the fact, you know, I am 55 years old. So I thought — come on, we are all good enough. And we look good enough. And we are not our bodies."

Alley, a spokeswoman for the Jenny Craig diet program, starred on Showtime's reality-comedy series "Fat Actress." Her TV credits also include "Cheers" and "Veronica's Closet."

She joked about the "stripper hose" she bought to flatter

her legs — and how she had initially wanted to wear them up to her neck.

Alley said she's learned how to make smart choices when dining out. For exercise, she dances and works out with a personal trainer. She's also quit smoking.

"We can decide to change anything — at any age," Alley said. "What I hope for all women is they feel good about themselves, they look the way they want to look."

AP

CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

Their infectious melodies, flamboyant frontman and multiracial mix made **CULTURE CLUB** a sunny beacon of 1980s pop. Now, though, it's war.

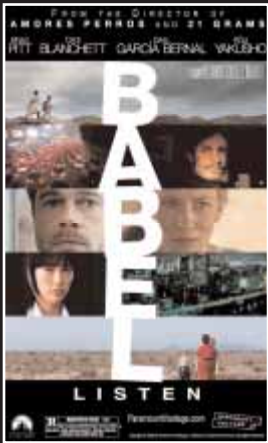
Two of the band's founding members told The Associated Press last week they're furious with Boy George, who recently accepted a songwriting award without telling them and labeled their new vocalist "dreadful."

"We've never said anything about George, because George has always been George," said drummer Jon Moss. "But this has gone too far."

Culture Club topped the charts in the '80s with songs such as "Karma Chameleon," "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me" and "Church of the Poison Mind." The androgynous George, with his broad-brimmed hats, makeup and beribboned hair, became an early MTV star and a global style icon.

AP

MOVIEGUIDE



DIRECTOR: Alejandro González Iñárritu
STARRING: Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett, Gael Garcia Bernal, Koji Yakusho, Elle Fanning
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5:45, 8:20, 10:30
Marie Antoinette (PG-13)
5:20, 8:15, 10:55
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The Prestige (PG-13)
7:20, 10:30
Running With Scissors (R)
7:30, 10:20
Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas in Disney Digital 3D (PG)
6:50, 9:00

Janric Classic Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty

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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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BEEP!! BEEP!! BEEP!! BEEP!! BEEP!! BEEP!!

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The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose

WHY THE SKIRT?

I HAVE A DATE AFTER WORK.

REALLY? YOU DIDN'T MENTION IT.

I KNOW. MY MOTHER SET US UP...

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The Other Coast

By Adrian Raeside

CONGESTION IS BUILDING OUT THERE, FOLKS. TWO MOTORIZED SCOOTERS HAVE COLLIDED OUTSIDE THE PHARMACY, AND SCOOTERS ARE SLOWING DOWN TO LOOK. BACKING SCOOTERS UP AS FAR AS THE MALL...

MORNING TRAFFIC REPORTS AT THE RETIREMENT COMPLEX

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adrian@raesidecartoon.com

Garfield

By Jim Davis

LIZ AND I HAVE A DATE TONIGHT. WILL YOU TWO BE OKAY ON YOUR OWN?

WE'LL MANAGE... SOMEHOW...

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Dog eat Doug

By Brian Anderson

OKAY, DOUG, WE'RE ALL SET TO GO OUTSIDE.

AND LOOK, SOPHIE! MOMMY GOT YOU A SWEATER!

AM I THE ONLY ONE PICKING UP ON THE INHERENT REDUNDANCY IN THIS, OR WHAT?!

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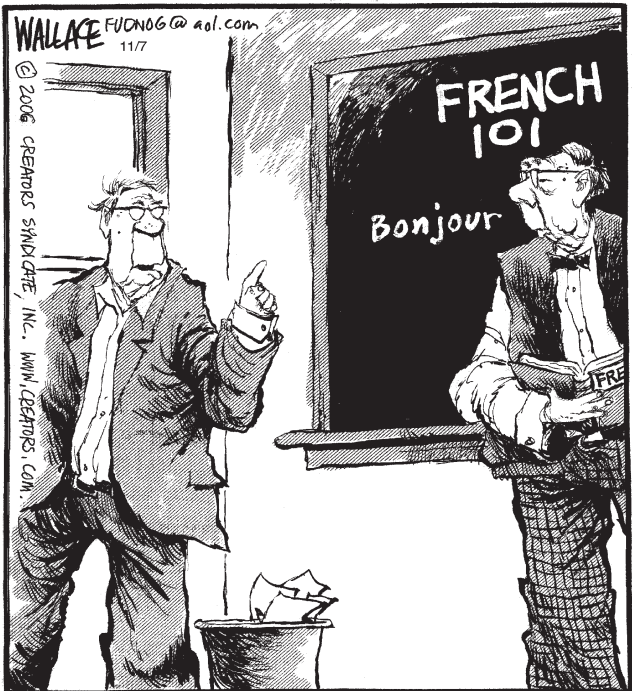
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The Dinette Set by Julie Larson



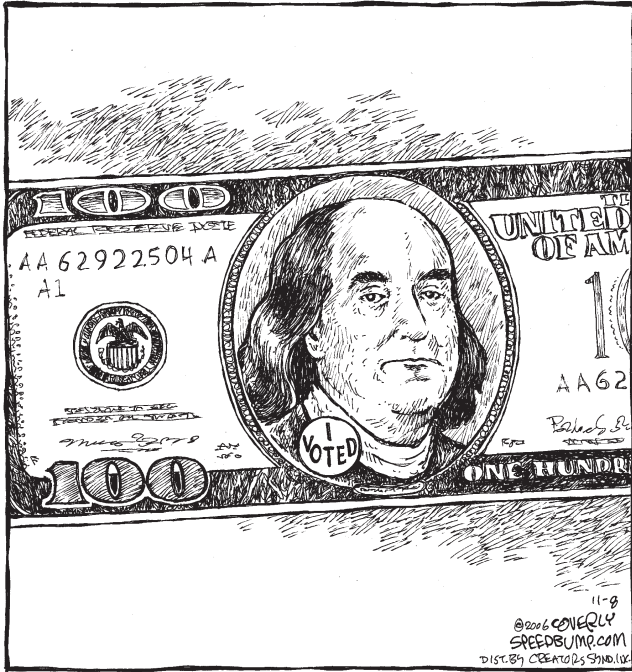
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 Sealed Bids will be received by the
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 Public Works, Construction Division, for
 the installation of automatic retractable
 screens in existing storm drain catch
 basins to reduce the amount of trash
 and debris entering the storm drain sys-
 tem and other appurtenant work under
 Project ID No. FCC0000771, Stormwa-
 ter Pollution Prevention - Santa Mon-
 ica, in the City of Santa Monica.

 The Bids must be submitted at the
 Cashier's Office, located on the Mezza-
 nine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue,
 Alhambra, California 91803-1331, be-
 fore 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November
 28, 2006. The Bids will then be pub-
 licly opened and read in Conference
 Room A or at the location posted in the
 main lobby.

 The Work shall be done in accordance
 with the Plans and Specifications on
 file and open for inspection at the
 County Board of Supervisors Executive
 Office and the Department of Public
 Works. The Work is estimated to cost
 between \$340,000 and \$435,000 and
 shall be completed in 60 working days.
 The Work requires a California Class A
 contractor's license. Prebid questions
 regarding the Plans and Specifications
 should be directed to Mr. Charles Chen
 at (626) 458-7917.

 The Bids must be submitted on the
 Proposal forms included in the Bidder's
 package of the Contract Documents,
 which may be purchased for \$15, if
 picked up at the aforementioned Cash-
 ier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday
 through Thursday between 7 a.m. and
 5:30 p.m., or for \$19, if mailed, which
 includes postage and handling.

 Each Bid must be accompanied by a
 certified check, cashier's check, or
 surety bond payable to Los Angeles
 County in an amount equal to at least
 10 percent of the Bid to guarantee that
 the Bidder will enter into the Contract
 if it is so awarded.

 All persons performing the Work shall
 be paid not less than the General Pre-
 vailing Wage Determination made by
 the Director of Industrial Relations pur-
 suant to the California Labor Code.
 Copies of these wage rates are available
 at the Department of Public Works.
 Furthermore, minimum wage rates for
 this Project as predetermined by the
 Secretary of Labor (Federal) are set
 forth in the Special Provisions.

 If there is a difference between the
 minimum wage rates predetermined by
 the Secretary of Labor and the applica-
 ble prevailing wage rates per the Direc-
 tor of Industrial Relations for
 similar classifications of labor, the Con-
 tractor and its subcontractors shall pay
 not less than the higher wage rate.

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 The rate of compensation for any clas-
 sification not listed in the schedule,
 but which may be required to execute
 the Contract, shall be commensurate
 and in accordance with the rates speci-
 fied for similar or comparable classi-
 fications or for those performing similar
 or comparable duties.

 Bidders are advised that, as required by
 Federal law, the State has established
 a statewide overall DBE goal. This
 Agency's Federal-aid contract is consid-
 ered to be part of the statewide overall
 DBE goal. The Agency is required to
 report to Caltrans on DBE participation
 for all Federal-aid contracts each year
 so that attainment efforts may be
 evaluated. To provide assistance in
 meeting the statewide goal, the Agency
 may include a DBE Availability Advisory
 in this contract. Bidders need not
 achieve the percentage stated in any
 DBE Availability Advisory as a condition
 of award.

 The County hereby notifies all Bidders
 that it will affirmatively ensure that mi-
 nority business enterprises will be af-
 forded full opportunity to submit Bids
 in response to this invitation and will
 not be discriminated against on the
 grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or
 national origin in consideration for
 award of any Contract entered into pur-
 suant to this advertisement.

 NOTICE OF REQUIRE-
 MENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO
 ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTU-
 NITY (EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246)

 The goals for minority and female par-
 ticipation, expressed in percentage
 terms for the Contractor's aggregate
 workforce in each trade on all construc-
 tion work in the covered area, are as
 follows:

 Goals for Minority
 Participation in
 Each Trade
 28.3%

 Goals for Female
 Participation in
 Each Trade
 6.9%

 These goals are applicable to all the
 Contractor's construction work (whether
 or not it is Federal or Federally as-
 sisted) performed in the covered area.

 The Contractor's compliance with the
 Executive Order and the regulations in
 41 CFR, Part 60-4, shall be based on
 its implementation of the Equal Oppor-
 tunity Clause, specific affirmative ac-
 tion obligations required by the speci-
 fications set forth in 41 CFR, Part
 60-4.3(a), and its efforts to meet the
 goals. The hours of minority and fe-
 male employment and training must be
 substantially uniform throughout the
 length of the Contract, and in each
 trade, and the Contractor shall make a
 good faith effort to employ minorities
 and females evenly on each of its pro-
 jects. The transfer of minority or fe-
 male employees or trainees from con-
 tractor to contractor or from project to
 project for the sole purpose of meeting
 the Contractor's goals shall be a viola-
 tion of the Contract, the Executive Or-
 der, and the regulations in 41 CFR,
 Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals
 will be measured against the total work
 hours performed.

 The Contractor shall provide written no-
 tification to the Director of the Office of
 Federal Contract Compliance Programs
 within ten working days of award of any
 construction subcontract in excess of
 \$10,000 at any tier for construction
 work under the Contract resulting from
 this solicitation. The notification shall
 list the name, address, and telephone
 number of the subcontractor; employer
 identification number of the subcon-
 tractor; estimated dollar amount of the
 subcontract; estimated starting and
 completion dates of the subcontract;
 and the geographical area in which the
 Contract is to be performed.
 As used in this Notice, and in the Con-
 tract resulting from this solicitation, the
 "covered area" is the County of Los An-
 geles.

 The Bid must provide full disclosure of
 False Claims Act violations, labor
 law/payroll violations, debarments, and
 civil/criminal legal actions as provided
 for on the forms included as part of the
 Proposal. Failure to complete these
 forms may result in a determination
 that the Bidder is nonresponsive and/or
 not responsible.

 The Contract, if awarded, will be
 awarded to the lowest responsive and
 responsible Bidder; however, the Board
 of Supervisors reserves the right to re-
 ject any and all Bids.

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 A responsible Bidder is a Bidder who
 has demonstrated the attribute of trust-
 worthiness, as well as quality, fitness,
 capacity, and experience to satisfacto-
 rily perform the Contract. It is the
 County's policy to conduct business
 only with responsible contractors.

 The successful Bidder will be required
 to fully comply with all applicable State
 and Federal reporting requirements re-
 lating to employment reporting for its
 employees and comply with all lawfully
 served Wage and Earnings Assignment
 Orders and Notice of Assignment and
 continue to maintain compliance
 throughout the duration of the Con-
 tract. Failure to comply may be cause
 for termination of the Contract or initia-
 tion of debarment proceedings.

 The successful Bidder will be required
 to submit a faithful performance bond,
 payment bond, worker's compensation
 insurance, and liability insurance with
 the Contract.

 As provided for in Section 22300 of
 the California Public Contract Code, the
 Contractor may substitute securities for
 any monies withheld by the Department
 of Public Works to ensure performance
 under the Contract or enter into an es-
 crow agreement for payment of such
 monies to an escrow agent.

 Each person by submitting a response
 to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies
 that such Bidder and each County lob-
 byist and County lobbying firm, as de-
 fined by Los Angeles County Code Sec-
 tion 2.160.010, retained by the Bid-
 der, is in full compliance with Chapter
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 Para mas informacion con relacion a
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 de Lunes a Jueves.

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 By order of the Board of Supervisors of
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Dated October 31, 2006.

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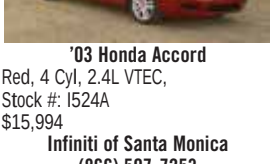
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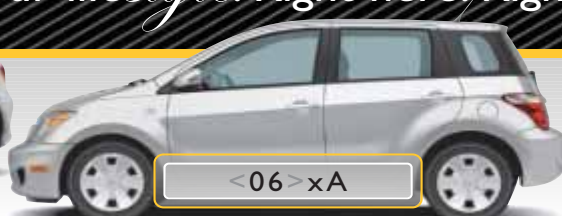
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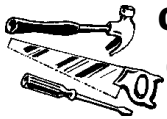
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