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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The chosen professional interest of biologist David Scholnick of Pacific University (Forest Grove, Ore.) is in how shrimp act when they get an infection, which he gauged by building a tiny treadmill in order to run crustaceans through their paces to measure blood lactate levels. "As far as I know," Scholnick told LiveScience.com in October, "this is the first time that shrimp have been exercised on a treadmill." To increase the shrimps' stress, Scholnick designed tiny backpacks out of duct tape but still found that healthy shrimp could go for about an hour without fatigue.

■ Inspecting the Dukovany nuclear power plant in Moravia in September, an unnamed American official with the International Atomic Energy Agency wandered away from the group and fell into a water tank.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 314th day of 2006.
There are 51 days left in the year.

- 1775
- The U.S. Marines were organized under authority of the Continental Congress.
- 1976
- The Utah Supreme Court gave the go-ahead for convicted murderer Gary Gilmore to be executed, according to his wishes. (The sentence was carried out in January 1977.)
- 1969
- The children's educational program "Sesame Street" made its debut on PBS.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is a stupidity second to none, to busy oneself with the correction of the world."

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STUDY IN ECONOMICS: Students study in the library on the campus of Santa Monica College on Thursday. With registration for winter semester fast approaching, the news that tuition is finally decreasing was met with open arms on campus.

INTERNATIONAL

All in genes: Site reveals stars' origins

By The Associated Press

LONDON — The ancestry of some famous Americans, including Tom Cruise, Halle Berry and Donald Trump, is revealed in immigration records posted on a British genealogy Web site.

On Thursday, the Web site Ancestry.co.uk launched over 100 million U.S. immigration records from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, showing a list of passengers on voyages from the British Isles to the United States between 1820 and 1960.

"Without question, the millions of names in the Ancestry passenger lists represent brave and colorful individuals who played a significant role in shaping what has become modern America," said Simon Harper, the Web site's managing director.

The records show date, departure port, destination, age, nationality, occupation, accompanying family

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Lowdown at SMC

RECESS: College students to pay less

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC — The more than 29,000 students here should be pleasantly surprised to see their next tuition bill.

Tuition will drop in the state's community colleges, from \$26 to \$20 a unit, saving the average full-

time student \$72 a semester.

With registration for winter and spring semester fast approaching, the news that tuition is finally decreasing — after students' bank accounts took a hit a few years ago when fees more than doubled —

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Mysterious ways

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Prophet Mark (left), from Test of Faith Ministries, tells the masses that the next tsunami in a series will hit the Pacific Ocean, but not harm California.

Weller's defense on prowl

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA — Attorneys for the 89-year-old man convicted last month of vehicular manslaughter for driving his car through a crowded Santa Monica farmers' market, killing 10 and injuring more than 60 others, filed a motion for a new trial Thursday, claiming juror misconduct.

In court papers filed with Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael Johnson, defense attorneys charge that at least one juror concealed a bias towards George Russell Weller during jury selection, something which only came to light during a press conference following the verdict.

The attorneys also claim that another juror asked for guidance from his minister prior to reaching a verdict, and that at least two jurors paced off what they may have believed was a distance of 240 feet in the corridor of the courthouse, discussing the measurement with other jurors outside of deliberations.

Defense attorney Mark Overland is requesting a hearing on these allegations Nov. 20, the day his client is expected to be sentenced. It is unclear whether Weller will be present in court that day, as his attorneys filed a notarized waiver to exempt him from attending.

"He's not well," another of Weller's attorneys, Mark Borenstein, said last month. "He's 89 years old. He's quite sick and deteriorating."

Weller was convicted Oct. 20 on 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence and could face up to 18 years in prison. It is unclear what effect the

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision or attitude. Act much more positively. Think in terms of understanding others. Add a touch of creativity into the mix, and you could be delighted by what heads down your path. Tonight: Walk on the wild side.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You say what is needed, and others make an effort to offer much more. Sometimes you feel all alone, but not anymore. Let more optimism and joy into your life. Anchor in and know what must be done. Tonight: Mosey on home.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Money makes your world go round even more. You have a way of doing everything you need and more. Do not accept the word "no." Find ways to make what you want a reality. Your efforts pay off. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You are in a whirlwind of activity. If you let go of methodical and go for ingenuity, you'll land on your feet. You might be amazed by what you can accomplish. Don't lose sight of an admirer, or could this be a secret admirer? Tonight: Treat others.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ If you kick back, you'll get the results you want. Right now, do your research and check out alternatives. What you see might surprise you. Relax and think. No one says you need to be "on" every single second. Tonight: Beam in what you want.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to zoom in on what you desire. Emphasize groups, meetings and the special people in your life. Happiness can become a sidekick if you allow yourself to relax and enjoy others. Tonight: Take some overdue personal time.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You understand timing. Right now, the Force is with you. Use it accordingly, for your sake. Others will go along with your ideas, adding to your success. Listen more carefully to someone who often is a source of good advice. Tonight: Find your pals.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Taking an overview appears to be your specialty right now. You find that attitude honestly works if you are open to processing new information. Remember, at times, even today, you need to take strong action. Tonight: The lead actor.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Work with others directly. You might want to rethink a situation. How you deal with someone could change greatly as the result of a one-on-one conversation. Listen to what others are saying. Your instincts are right-on. Tonight: Take off ASAP.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might not be able to see the whole picture or all the details, but with some effort, you will get there. Realize more of what you need to make your life work. Understanding takes you to a whole new level. Tonight: Say yes.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Clear up your errands, getting done what you must. Be understanding and direct when dealing with someone you care about. Opportunity will strike if you manifest follow-through and diligence. You might need to rethink a decision. Tonight: Sort through the many invitations.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to try something different or approach life from a more creative bent. Take in as much information as you can, but also listen to your intuition. You know much more than you realize. Tonight: Happy slowing down. Why not?

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STATE

Olympic officials imply it's not all fun and games

BY EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

COSTA MESA — Though they spent the day discussing in blunt detail the pitfalls in the arduous bid process, U.S. Olympic Committee officials sounded sure as ever Wednesday that they'll nominate a city to host the 2016 Summer Games.

At times, the opening of the two-day USOC seminar headlined by chairman Peter Ueberroth sounded more like a primer on why not to bid for the Olympics than why to get excited about it.

Still, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco are in the game. They were given every indication that the USOC will commit in December to picking one as its candidate.

"We're becoming more and more optimistic that we will be going forward," said Bob Ctvrtlik, the USOC's new international vice president.

Ctvrtlik is a central cog in the USOC's effort to spearhead a potential 2016 bid. A former Olympic volleyball player and current member of the International Olympic Committee and USOC board of directors, Ctvrtlik knows as much as any American about how to negotiate through the confusing terrain that is the IOC.

He, Ueberroth and CEO Jim Scherr spent much of the day reminding potential bidders that the United States' reputation is hurting — on the geopolitical front in the wake of an unpopular war, and on the Olympic front where the USOC leadership only recently has been stabilized after years of turmoil.

"The international community viewed us as a revolving door, and it was," Scherr said.

The key to the 2016 bid is for the city to figure out a way to overcome the negatives and get 51 percent of the approximately 120 votes come selection day in 2009.

"The next time I say it, it won't be in a friendly way," he said. "You have to tell us how you can get 60 votes. That's your No. 1 objective."

To help set a roadmap, the USOC whipped out the overhead projector and presented what was essentially an "IOC 101" class to the dozen representatives from each city.

One presenter offered a detailed history of the modern Olympic movement. Then, Ctvrtlik tried to boil down the nuances of the seemingly impenetrable culture of the IOC into a 30-minute presentation.



Head bobbin' for Apple

Joseph Israel played a live in store performance at the Apple store on the Third Street Promenade on Thursday night.

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ELECTION2006

Cleaner beaches? Not so fast

Votes are in, but 'V' remains undecided

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — The fate of a new parcel tax intended to protect the Santa Monica Bay from urban runoff remains uncertain today, as county election officials continue to count thousands of absentee and provisional ballots.

Currently, Measure V, also known as the "Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax," has received 16,623 votes, or 66.77 percent, a "razor thin" margin considering the measure needs the support of two-thirds of the voters, or 66.7 percent of all votes cast, to be approved, county election officials said.

Supporters of the measure, including environmental watchdog Heal the Bay, are confident it will pass.

"I'm feeling quite good about it, but getting two-thirds is difficult under any circumstances," said Denny Zane, who coordinated the campaign in support of the measure. "To have a parcel tax on the ballot at the same time there is a school bond measure and a half-dozen bond measures on the state ballot, those are the circumstances when voters are usually most reluctant to vote for a tax increase."

"I personally thought, and so did everyone familiar with this dynamic, that it was a longshot to win two-thirds," Zane added. "The fact that we did receive two-thirds on election day is testament to Santa Monica voters knowing that quality of life depends heavily on a willingness to invest in it."

If Measure V passes, it is expected to raise \$40 million over the next 10 years to fund a watershed management plan.

For each single-family home, the annual maximum tax rate will be set at \$84 for the first year, with annual reviews. Other hous-

ing and businesses will pay a tax based on the size of the parcel and the amount of runoff found there.

"Voters sent a clear message to the City Council that it is time to take the for sale sign down."

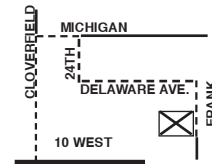
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ELECTION WATCHDOG

In addition to reducing urban runoff pollution, supporters of the tax claim it will increase water reuse and conservation, recreational opportunities and open space, as well

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A stand-up guy for the down and out

Editor:
You would think it's a vacation for us homeless living on the streets. As has been said before, other cities kick us out, send us on to the next town. Santa Monica may not be a party for us, but at least we have someone who looks out for our rights, too. That's not just for the rich land owners or the almost-as-rich renters, but us street people.

Councilman (Kevin) McKeown and also (Council member Pam) O'Connor are the only ones who try and help. Without them, we would not have at least some food once in a while and a place to sleep at the picnics in front of City Hall and in the parks.

We need help and McKeown has been there for us.

May Rutchauski
Santa Monica

Voters win some, they lose some

Editor:
The election is over, so we won't have to hear any more ads. Of course, we still get to hear all the talk of what the results mean, on and on.

But the best thing about the election is most of the candidates lost. The worst thing is some won.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

Rent control is a communist regime

Editor:
Thank you for printing the SM City Council candidate bios (SMDP, Oct. 31-Nov. 1). I couldn't help noticing that all of the SMRR-backed candidates live in rent-controlled apartments; isn't that a blatant conflict of interest? It seems strange that they (and the RCB members themselves) are allowed to propagate a system from which they directly benefit. Kind of makes me wonder who is going to end up living in the "affordable housing" units they want to build on Ocean Front Walk, right next to the luxury hotels.

I also could not help noticing that one candidate is decidedly "pro-homeless." I'm sorry, but when I see people camping directly beneath the "no camping" signs (and defecating in public), I do think they're breaking the law. I would love to be able to camp on the beach for free. I would also love to be able to use the parks that my tax dollars have paid for — but I gave up that dream 20 years ago, shortly after moving here and being accosted in Palisades Park in front of my date (never saw her again, either).

Then, last night, I had a (really bad) dream: What if all the homeless people banded together, pooled their panhandling resources, and passed a ballot measure that forced citizens to open up a portion of their homes to homeless people? Think that couldn't happen? Ask any landlord in this city — their property rights were taken away almost 30 years ago. Rent control is communism, plain and simple.

Actually, it's a bit worse — with communism the government is the entity that subsidizes an individual's income and standard of living. Here in the People's Republic, it is the landlords' responsibility. Take a look at all the German sports and luxury cars parked underneath our city's apartment buildings — and I did my informal survey back in 1986, long before vacancy decontrol.

The only way to make effective change in this city is to get rid of SMRR.

Mark Tracey
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY ALEX EPSTEIN

Honoring the defenders

Every Veterans Day we pay tribute to our fellow Americans who have served in the military. With speeches and ceremonies, we recognize their courage and valor. But justice demands that we also recognize that we should have far more living veterans than we do. All too many of our soldiers have died unnecessarily — because they were sent to fight for a purpose other than America's freedom.

The proper purpose of a government is to protect its citizens' lives and freedom against the initiation of force by criminals at home and aggressors abroad. The American government has a sacred responsibility to recognize the individual value of every one of its citizens' lives, and thus to do everything possible to protect the rights of each to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness. This absolutely includes our soldiers.

Soldiers are not sacrificial objects; they are full-fledged Americans with the same moral right as the rest of us to the pursuit of their own goals, their own dreams, their own happiness. Rational soldiers enjoy much of the work of military service, take pride in their ability to do it superlatively, and gain profound satisfaction in protecting the freedom of every American, including their own freedom.

Soldiers know that in entering the military, they are risking their lives in the event of war. But this risk is not, as it is often described, a "sacrifice" for a "higher cause." When there is a true threat to America, it is a threat to all of our lives and loved ones, soldiers included. Many become soldiers for precisely this reason; it was, for instance, the realization of the threat of Islamic terrorism after Sept. 11 — when 3,000 innocent Americans were slaughtered in cold blood on a random Tuesday morning — that prompted so many to join the military.

For an American soldier, to fight for freedom is not to fight for a "higher cause," separate from or superior to his own life — it is to fight for his own life and happiness. He is willing to risk his life in time of war because he is unwilling to live as anything other than a free man. He does not want or expect to die, but he would rather die than live in slavery or perpetual fear. His attitude is epitomized by the words of John Stark, New Hampshire's most famous soldier in the Revolutionary War: "Live free or die."

What we owe these men who fight so brave-

ly for their and our freedom is to send them to war only when that freedom is truly threatened, and to make every effort to protect their lives during war.

Shamefully, America has repeatedly failed to meet this obligation. It has repeatedly placed soldiers in harm's way when no threat to America existed — e.g., to quell tribal conflicts in Somalia, Bosnia and Kosovo. America entered World War I, in which 115,000 soldiers died, with no clear self-defense purpose but rather on the vague, self-sacrificial grounds that "The world must be made safe for democracy." America's involvement in Vietnam, in which 56,000 Americans died in a fiasco that American officials openly declared a "no-win" war, was justified primarily in the name of service to the South Vietnamese. And the current war in Iraq — which could have had a valid purpose as a first step in ousting the terrorist-sponsoring, anti-American regimes of the Middle East — is responsible for thousands of unnecessary American deaths in pursuit of the sacrificial goal of "civilizing" Iraq by enabling Iraqis to select any government they wish, no matter how anti-American.

In addition to being sent on ill-conceived, "humanitarian" missions, our soldiers have been compromised with crippling rules of engagement that place the lives of civilians in enemy territory above their own. In Afghanistan, we refused to bomb many top leaders out of their hideouts for fear of civilian casualties; these men continue to kill American soldiers. In Iraq, our hamstrung soldiers are not allowed to smash a militarily puny insurgency — and instead must suffer an endless series of deaths by an undefeated enemy.

To send soldiers into war without a clear self-defense purpose, and without providing them every possible protection, is a betrayal of their valor and a violation of their rights.

This Veterans Day, we must call for a stop to the sacrifice of our soldiers and condemn all those who demand it. It is only by doing so that we can truly honor not only our dead, but also our living: American soldiers who have the courage to defend their freedom and ours.

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A dog's tale is one of unconditional love and deep fortitude



One of the many upsides of walking a dog is that you get to know people you might not otherwise meet. The only downside? Cleanup.

As I bend over with the plastic bag, Oscar seems to be saying, "Thanks, but no way could I do that for you. Yuck!" Poop aside, dogs bring so much joy. They're also a great ice breaker, which is how I met Kate Holt and Scott Smith. They're the "human companions" of Buck, a handsome, intelligent German Shepherd mix, who at age 16, is sadly in failing health. I generally try to be amusing in these columns. I hope you'll understand if this time I don't try so hard.

Five years ago, my neighbor, who was in a wheelchair, was given a golden retriever

trained as a medical dog. As we both needed daily exercise, and in the 15,000-year bond between humans and dogs, Oscar and I became best friends. Buck, Kate and Scott began differently. Scott, a photographer, was driving to work at a Hollywood production company, when he saw a puppy darting in and out of traffic. Scott pulled over and rescued the puppy, who was wearing a pink cat collar with a bell attached, but no ID.

Within an hour, the puppy was sleeping peacefully in a cardboard box under Scott's desk. On his way home, Scott picked up Kate from her work at a famous architect's office in Santa Monica. Intimidated by the open steel stairs, the puppy arrived at the reception desk via the elevator, just like other VIP visitors.

For a week, Scott scoured the neighborhood looking for the puppy's owner to no avail. He was reading "Call of the Wild" at the time, so the puppy inherited "Buck" from Jack London's canine protagonist. Buck became a happy resident of Ocean Park. Soon, he developed a passion for



Photo courtesy

SITTING STRONG: Due to arthritis and cancer, Buck's owners take him for "walks" in a wagon outfitted with cushions and a blanket.

Frisbee, which was good and bad — Buck loved making mid-air catches of the moving sphere, but was always running afoul of the law. If there was an "America's Most Wanted" for dogs, Buck would have been a regular. Chasing his Frisbee, he was always dodging lifeguards and Animal Control officers, a subject Oscar and I are all too

familiar with.

But Buck has "street cred" over Oscar, having served time in the Big Doghouse. A few years ago, an over-zealous Animal Control officer nabbed Buck for playing off-leash at Clover Park and hoisted him up by the neck, despite Scott's pleas. Buck nipped the officer's hand and minutes later, 15 squad cars descended on the field and Buck was unceremoniously hauled away to the pound. Early the next morning, Scott and Kate sprung him from his quarantine cell before he could be mistakenly euthanized.

One of Buck's dearest friends is Paul Sand, an actor who won a Tony for his Broadway portrayal of a dog. Like Paul, Buck has a remarkable inter-species vocabulary, spanning 50 words, including: "cat," "Frisbee," "beach" and "egg" (of which he has eaten many: hard-boiled, poached and scrambled).

Arthritis eventually put an end to Buck's

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LAUGHING MATTERS

Buck still has guts

BUCK'S TALE, from page 4

athletic pursuits, so Scott devised "Codger Frisbee," a game in which Buck sits on the bed to catch short throws from across the room. To see Buck's former Frisbee skills, go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3kposwm2S4>.

A few months back, Buck was diagnosed with cancer. Because of his age (90 in dog years), Scott and Kate decided to forego chemotherapy in favor of maintaining his quality of life. Buck's human friends have rallied, especially Andrew Gledhill, an ad agency president and member of the household. He stops at Gelson's on his way home from work to buy Buck tuna sashimi or thinly sliced roast beef and turkey (An indulgence in Scott and Kate's vegetarian household).

Most dogs with lymphoma don't live more than a month without treatment, but

Buck still has a glossy coat and a gleam in his eyes. And, although he can barely get around, his spirit is strong. Scott and Kate take him for "walks" in a wagon outfitted with cushions and a warm blanket. Andrew, who is English, says the two are Buck's "haulers," the British equivalent of "teamsters."

Buck's longtime vet, Dr. Carlsen, has told Scott and Kate it's their love that's keeping him alive. He's confident Buck will let them know when he's ready to go. Until that day, they will continue to pull Buck around the neighborhood. All the dogs and their human companions, Oscar and myself included, will be happy and grateful to see them. To complete the journey, Kate and Scott will take Buck in the wagon down to the surf to watch ... one more sunset.

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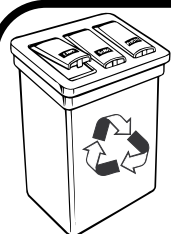
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Indeed, several studies have shown that more and more young adults are using such outlets as their primary news source, gleaning the issues of the day from satirical reporting.

With that in mind, this week's Q-Line question is:

Is the increasing appeal of news satire healthy, drawing non-news watchers into topical discussions; or does the glut of satire only serve to blur the truth in journalism and politics?

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LA billionaires bid on Tribune Co., owner of LA Times, Cubs

BY GARY GENTILE

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Two Southern California billionaires who had signaled interest in buying the Los Angeles Times instead joined forces Wednesday in a surprise bid for the entire Tribune Co., the Chicago-based parent of the Times and other media properties.

The offer came from Eli Broad, a philanthropist who made his fortune in housing construction and investment services, and Ron Burkle, whose billions came from owning supermarket chains, according to a person familiar with the offer who was not authorized to publicly discuss it.

Further details were unavailable on the amount of the bid and whether the potential buyers would break up the company that owns 11 newspapers, including the Chicago Tribune, 25 television stations and the Chicago Cubs baseball team.

It also has sizable stakes in the Food Network and the online classified advertising venture CareerBuilder.

Broad declined to comment. A call to Burkle's office was not immediately returned.

The bid came a day after Chicago-based Tribune replaced Dean Baquet as editor of the Times because he defied demands to make further staff cuts at the paper.

Broad and Burkle have long said they would be interested in returning the Times to local ownership.

A third billionaire, entertainment mogul David Geffen, is also known to be interested in buying the Times. A call to his office was not immediately returned.

Tribune Co. spokesman Gary Weitman declined comment.

Tribune signaled its willingness to sell all or part of the company in September after being pressured by several large shareholders angered by its lagging stock price and sagging fortunes.

Chief among those shareholders were members of the Chandler family, which owned the Los Angeles Times for decades before selling Times Mirror to Tribune in 2000 for \$6.5 billion.

The Chandlers, now Tribune's largest shareholders, pressed for a breakup of the media giant in June while reportedly citing analysts who estimated Tribune's value at as much as \$46 a share.

The company's stock has skidded badly since trading above \$50 as recently as early 2004.

Shares of Tribune were up 86 cents, or 2.7 percent, to \$32.48 at the close of trading Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange. Shares continued to climb in after hours trading.

Other bids came from Boston-based Bain Capital and an alliance made up of Chicago's Madison Dearborn Partners, New York-based Apollo Management and Rhode Island-based Providence Equity Partners.

No major media groups bid for Tribune in the last round of offers. Instead, it received nonbinding preliminary offers from three investor groups.

One group consisted of Fort Worth, Texas-based Texas Pacific Group and Boston-based Thomas H. Lee Partners.

Other bids came from Boston-based Bain Capital and an alliance made up of Chicago's Madison Dearborn Partners, New York-based Apollo Management and Rhode Island-based Providence Equity Partners.

When bids for Tribune came in far lower than expected, Tribune told prospective bidders that individual pieces were available for sale.

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LOS ANGELES

Power struggle for public relations firm to settle claims

A former subcontractor to public relations giant Fleishman-Hillard Inc. has agreed to pay \$1 million to the Department of Water and Power to settle claims that it overbilled the city agency for consulting services, officials said.

The settlement announced Wednesday allows the Lee Andrews Group to repay the money over six years. It also resolves claims against the firm that were raised in audits by the DWP and city Controller Laura Chick.

Fleishman-Hillard agreed last year to pay \$5.7 million to settle a city lawsuit that claimed the firm padded its bills to the DWP and other city agencies.

“With this settlement today, the final chapter comes to a close in this sorry tale of corporate greed,” Chick said.

A call to the Lee Andrews Group seeking comment Thursday was not immediately returned.

COSTA MESA

Community college drops the Pledge

Student government leaders at a community college decided to stop reciting the Pledge of Allegiance during meetings.

The Orange Coast College’s student trustees voted 3-2 Wednesday not to recognize the pledge at a tense student government meeting attended by backers and opponents of reciting the pledge.

Board member Jason Ball said he thought the pledge is irrelevant to the business of student government, inspires nationalism and violates the separation between church and state.

Sophomore Chris Belanger, one of the many students who attended the meeting to back the pledge, accused the board of “radical views and anti-Americanism” and waved the American flag at the start of the meeting.

School officials said the dispute would be up to students to resolve.

“They run their own show, so to speak,” district spokeswoman Martha Parham said.

RIALTO

Lumber company to pay firefighters tab

A company allegedly responsible for an accidental fire that spread over 640 acres of brush and destroyed a lumber business will likely be accountable for firefighting costs, officials said.

The cost could exceed \$1 million, said fire investigation supervisor Mike Huddleston.

A subcontractor working for Coffman Specialties Inc. was using a torch to cut steel bars as part of a guard rail replacement project on a freeway overpass when sparks and molten steel fell into dry vegetation, officials said.

Coffman Specialties receptionist Naomi Tafao said Wednesday that the company would not comment.

Criminal charges will not be filed because the fire was an accident, forestry Battalion Chief Doug Lannon said.

LOS ANGELES

Carjackers escape after ramming into police

Three carjacking suspects escaped from police after ramming a stolen Mustang into a patrol car and running away, officials said.

The three men were being sought by police after they assaulted the Mustang’s driver and stole the car Tuesday, police Lt. Bob Davis said.

Police pulled the Mustang over that night and were getting out of their patrol car when the Mustang barreled backward into it, Davis said. The Mustang’s occupants jumped out and darted off in different directions, he said.

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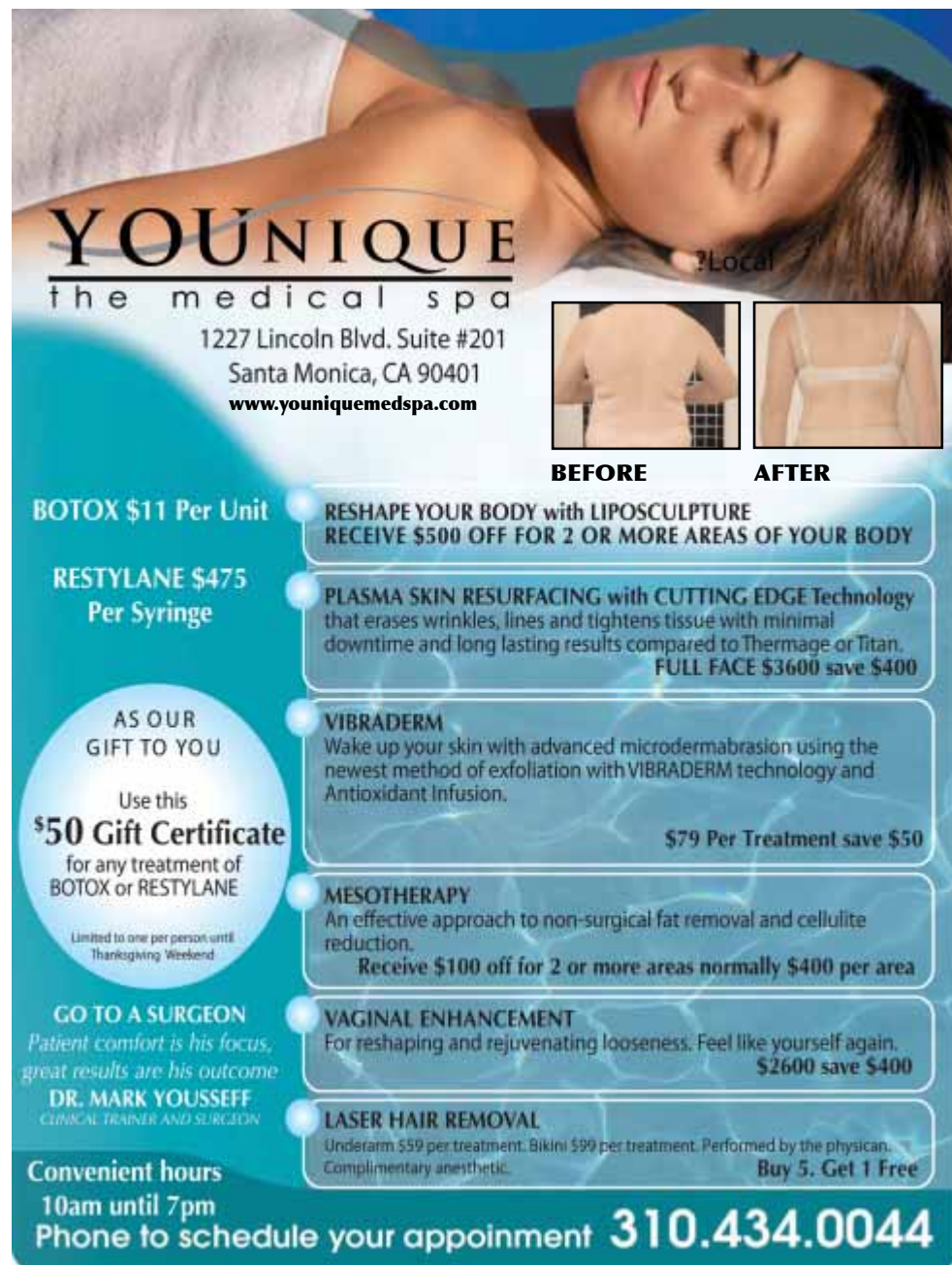
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'San Francisco values' unlikely to be adopted during the Dem reign

BY RACHEL KONRAD AND LISA LEFF

Associated Press Writers

SAN FRANCISCO — Gay weddings in the Capitol. Burning Man-style pyrotechnics on the Mall. Hempfest along the Potomac.

Republican campaign strategists invoked such images to cast a shadow on all Democratic congressional candidates and disparage the "San Francisco values" of Nancy Pelosi, who has represented Babylon by the Bay since 1987.

Now that the Baltimore-born congresswoman stands poised to become speaker of the House, the rest of the nation may become familiar with the political ideals of her adopted home. But in the district where she was re-elected Tuesday with more than 80 percent of the vote, constituents said Middle America has nothing to fear from a city more nuanced than its most colorful elements suggest.

"They think we are tree-huggers and granola eaters," laughed Mary Graves, 47, a self-described mainstream Democrat. "I explain that I'm just tolerant and love diversity and having everyone get along and respect each other."

Since its days as a port of entry for the Gold Rush, San Francisco has been an epicenter of Western-style individualism. Yet given the city's high cost of living and role as an international tourist destination, alternative lifestyles coexist with cutting-edge businesses and a monied class that thrives on fine dining and the arts.

"We're a city where everyone comes from somewhere else," said Tim Zahner, a spokesman for the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau. "People left the East Coast and went to the Ohio Valley. They left there and went to the Great Plains. Then they came to San Francisco. We're the logical progression at the forefront of new ideas. Everyone's welcome here."

The results of Tuesday's municipal election, in which Pelosi's Republican challenger garnered more votes than the Green Party candidate, capture San Francisco's political complexity. Residents approved a measure requiring employers to provide sick pay to their hourly workers — but rejected a proposal to raise taxes on private parking garages.

Aaron Peskin, president of the city's Board of Supervisors, said San Francisco has such ethnic, cultural and political diversity that its elected officials must be masters of consensus building.

"The kinds of skills you need to be an effective decision-maker on the local level in San

Francisco — having to compromise between various constituencies — makes someone very well situated for doing that in our nation's capital," Peskin said of Pelosi.

Pelosi, 66, a mother of five married to a wealthy investment banker, occupies the middle ground of San Francisco politics. California's two Democratic senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, also from the Bay Area, respectively stand to Pelosi's right and left.

Jeane Jordan Kirkpatrick, Ronald Reagan's foreign policy adviser and a U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, coined the "San Francisco liberal" label in 1984. Addressing the Republican National Convention, she blamed San Francisco Democrats for pulling the party too far to the left and not aggressively fighting communism.

More recently, the region's early embrace of gay rights, medical marijuana and anti-war rallies cemented the stereotype of contrarian peace-nicks out of synch with American values.

That's ironic, said Richard DeLeon, professor emeritus of political science at San Francisco State University.

"The values of the American creed — individuality, liberty, free speech, democracy and at least the aspiration of equality — can be expressed and experienced in San Francisco to an extent that's hard to find elsewhere," said DeLeon, who first came here during the 1967 Summer of Love. "San Francisco isn't un-American. America has become less American, with a retreat from civil liberties and, in the White House, suppressive policies and pre-emptive war."

Despite its perception as being on the social fringe, the Bay Area plays a central role in the national and global economy; entrepreneurship is an entrenched and richly rewarded value.

Silicon Valley gets more venture capital funding than any other region in the world, and companies here set the pace for workplace trends such as casual dress codes, telecommuting, stock option compensation and the intersection of academia and industry.

"San Francisco is a place where ideas are accepted and heard," said Sharon Miller, CEO of Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, a nonprofit that trains people who want to open their own businesses. "We're known for innovation — and for supporting innovation."

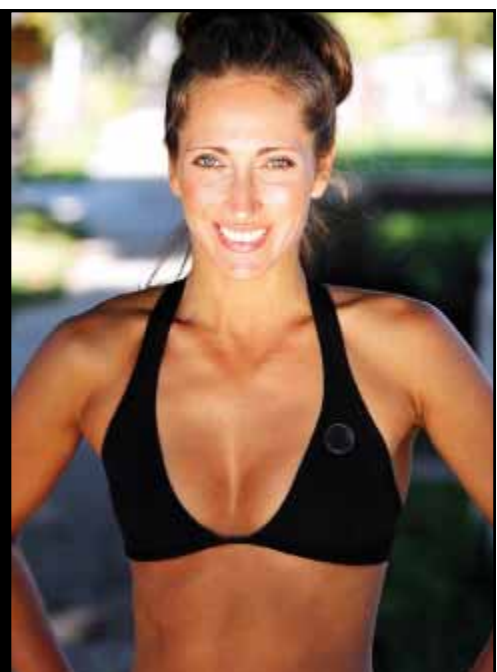
Arianna Orleans, 35, an associate English professor and married mother of a 15-month-old boy in San Francisco, wondered why many Americans see San Francisco as unaligned with "family values."

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Schwarzenegger's lack of time hurt fellow GOPs

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger tirelessly promoted himself and his ambitious package of public works bonds en route to his landslide re-election.

But he spent little time campaigning for fellow GOP candidates gunning for six other statewide offices on Tuesday's ballot.

Some experts believe that was one reason only one other Republican joined Schwarzenegger in victory.

"Arnold is bigger than the Republican Party in California," said Thad Kousser, an expert in state politics at the University of California, San Diego.

"He wants to be known as the person who rebuilt the infrastructure of the state rather than the person who rebuilt the Republican Party here," Kousser said.

Republicans account for 34.3 percent of registered voters in California, compared to 42.5 percent for Democrats.

Four years ago, Democrats made a clean sweep of the statewide ballot. Republicans hoped Schwarzenegger's resurging popularity would help them take back some of those posts and gain power in Sacramento.

Instead, Democrats won races for lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer and controller.

In June, Democrat Jack McConnell was elected state superintendent of schools.

The governor will be joined in Sacramento by another centrist Republican, Steve Poizner, a Silicon Valley multimillionaire.

He spent more than \$8.5 million of his own money to defeat two-term Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante in the race for insurance commissioner.

"I'm not a big believer in the coattail theory," said Poizner, who intends to take a non-partisan approach to his new office.

The GOP lost a constitutional office it had controlled, when Democratic state Sen. Debra Bowen won a surprise victory in the race for secretary of state.

She edged out incumbent Bruce McPherson, a moderate Republican and former state legislator appointed by Schwarzenegger last year after Democrat Kevin Shelley resigned amid scandal.

Democrat John Garamendi, who currently serves as insurance commissioner, won a close race for lieutenant governor against Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock, an anti-tax ideologue.

"The conclusion to be drawn here is that California is still a true progressive state, even though it has a nominally Republican governor," Garamendi said.

Analysts said McClintock and other Republicans may have collected some benefits from Schwarzenegger's appeal, even though the governor did little campaigning on their behalf.

"On the whole, Republican candidates did better than they might have otherwise."

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McClintock did well when he ran against Schwarzenegger in the 2003 recall. This year, he collected 46 percent of the vote after helping unite the state GOP behind the governor.

"It's a remarkable accomplishment that McClintock did as well as he did under the circumstances," said political scientist Jack Pitney, a professor at Claremont McKenna College in Pomona.

"On the whole, Republican candidates did better than they might have otherwise," he said.

Democrat Jerry Brown, a well-known two-term former governor and current Oakland mayor, easily won the race for attorney general against Republican state Sen. Chuck Poochigian.

Outgoing Attorney General Bill Lockyer, also a Democrat, became state treasurer after defeating Republican Claude Parrish, a member of the Board of Equalization from Los Angeles.

And Democrat John Chiang, a member of the state Board of Equalization from Los Angeles, won the contest for state controller against McClintock protege Tony Strickland.

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members and purpose of travel, among other criteria.

For example, Cruise's great-great-grandfather, Dylan Henry Mapother, emigrated to Louisville, Ky., in 1850 from Flint, Wales.

Berry's grandmother, Nellie Dicken, was 9 months old when she sailed with her family from Liverpool, England, in 1912 onboard the Merion to settle in Philadelphia.

And Trump's mother, Mary MacLeod, traveled from the Isle of Lewis, Scotland, to

America onboard The Transylvania in 1935.

The lists also reveal the journeys of Scottish men who became symbols of success in American business, including the founders of Buick, Campbell's soup and Forbes magazine.

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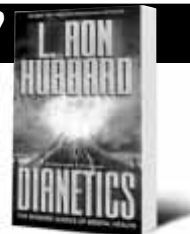
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THURSDAY, OCT. 19, AT 12:30 A.M.

Santa Monica police responded to a residence in the 600 block of Raymond Avenue regarding a burglary. The resident had been away on vacation for a week, and upon returning that morning, noticed someone had been living in her apartment. There were clothing, luggage and toiletries that did not belong to her in the apartment. Through further investigation, officers identified the suspect and issued a warrant for her arrest. On Nov. 1, the suspect was arrested by officers with the Los Angeles Police Department and transported and booked at the Santa Monica Jail. The suspect was identified as Angela Lynne Fante-Pettiet, 38, from San Bernardino. She was charged with burglary, and her bail was set at \$50,000.

MONDAY, OCT. 30, AT 11:50 A.M.

Officers responded to 631 Wilshire Boulevard — a Sprint store — regarding a subject who had thrown and broken items that were on display inside the store. The suspect was upset about a delay in customer service. The suspect left the store, but responding officers detained him just outside. The suspect was identified as Mark Anthony Scott, 39, from Marina del Rey. He was charged with vandalism, and his bail was set at \$20,000.

MONDAY, OCT. 30, AT 3:10 P.M.

Officers responded to the 500 block of Wilshire Boulevard regarding a subject fighting with firefighters who were attempting to treat him for injuries he had sustained while riding a bus. The subject had fallen inside the bus and hit his shoulder. The suspect was identified as Larry Douglas, 43, a transient. He was arrested for assault and battery on emergency personnel. His bail was set at \$20,000. There were no injuries to the firefighters.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31, AT 8:40 A.M.

Officers responded to an apartment complex in the 1300 block of 14th Street regarding a burglary. The victim said he was inside the residence when the suspect forced open a window and entered the residence. The victim detained the suspect inside the apartment. The suspect was in possession of a wallet and cash that belonged to the victim. When the victim attempted to call police, the suspect broke free and fled. The victim was able to provide information regarding the vehicle the suspect fled in, and officers responding to the area observed the fleeing vehicle. Officers stopped the vehicle, the suspect was identified by the victim and arrested for burglary. The suspect was identified as Lisa Marie Wood, 44, a transient. Her bail was set at \$50,000. A wallet, credit cards and \$15 in cash were recovered at the scene. Wood was involved in a burglary at the same location six months ago.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31, AT 10:35 A.M.

Officers responded to ZJ Boarding House at 2619 Main Street regarding a shoplifter. The suspect was followed by store employees. When officers responded to the area, they observed the suspect being detained in the 400 block of Pacific Avenue by store employees. They claimed the suspect had taken a jacket from the store's rack, gone into a dressing room, concealed the jacket under his shirt and left without paying. The suspect refused to stop when confronted and fled. The suspect was identified as Evan Anthony Bento, 25, a transient. He was arrested for grand theft, and his bail was set at \$20,000. The jacket, valued at \$500, was recovered.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1, AT 12:50 A.M.

Officers on routine patrol observed a subject in the 2000 block of Ocean Avenue, in the park area, in violation of a municipal code prohibiting people from being in the park after midnight. Officers approached the suspect, and a search of his person revealed a hypodermic needle, which contained heroin. The suspect was arrested and booked at the Santa Monica Jail for a parole violation and possession of a controlled substance. The suspect was identified as Anthony Arthur Nevarez, 38, a transient. Because he was held for violating his parole, no bail was set.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2, AT 8:30 P.M.

Officers responded to a residence in the 1800 block of 16th Street regarding an assault and battery. Upon arrival, the officers made contact with the victim, who claimed she was assaulted by her intoxicated husband, from whom she had been separated for the past two years. Officers said that when questioned, the husband would not answer. Based on information from the victim and another witness, the suspect was arrested for domestic violence. An emergency protective order was also issued. The suspect was identified as Gabriel Lopez Gonzales, 39, from Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$20,000.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4, AT 10:25 P.M.

Santa Monica Police officers responded to 1431 Third Street Promenade — Gotham Hall — regarding a fight. Upon arrival, officers saw the doorman wrestling with two suspects on the ground. Officers detained the suspects at the scene. Officers then spoke with the doorman, who said the suspects had been refused entry for not being dressed appropriately. The doorman said the suspects began to scream and yell and then assaulted him, punching him on the left side of his head and in the jaw. Both suspects were arrested and given citations. The suspects were identified as Estaban Terceros, 35, from Los Angeles, and Jaime Vejar Terminel, 27, also from Los Angeles.

Crime Watch reports were compiled by **Maya Meinert** for the Daily Press.

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Schools get a boost courtesy of voters

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as 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 implemented. 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 so, of polluting it.

If the measure doesn't pass, City Hall may be forced to cut services or raise fees. If poor water quality persists, the city could be subject to thousands of dollars in fines.

"Bottom line, the city has to clean up the bay one way or the other," said Mark Gold, executive director of Heal the Bay. "Hopefully, Measure V will come through and provide the money for it, or the City Council will have to make some tough decisions, especially when it comes to cleaning water around the Santa Monica Pier."

County election officials have until Dec. 5 to release official election results.

SCHOOLS TO GET A BOOST

While it is still unclear whether or not Measure V will go into effect, voters did send a resounding message when it comes to improving schools, voting overwhelmingly in favor of Measure BB — "Santa Monica-Malibu Schools Safety and Repair Measure."

With all 89 precincts reporting, the measure received 19,418 votes, or 67.11 percent of the total votes cast, well over the 55 percent needed for approval.

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

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

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.

Those opposed pointed 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 the new tax.

GANJA GOES FORWARD

In addition to the bond measure, voters also approved an initiative that makes marijuana use by adults the Santa Monica Police Department's lowest law enforcement priority.

The measure received 15,339 votes, or 65 percent of total votes cast, county election officials said.

"We are very pleased that the voters have sent this clear message to local, state and federal officials that we believe the war on drugs has failed and it is time for a new approach," said Nicki La Rossa, coordinator of the cam-

paign in support of Measure Y. "Citizens are ready to see our resources directed towards serious, violent crimes rather than non-violent marijuana users."

"In the other cities where it has passed, it has improved public safety."

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.

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

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 prohibits 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 also requires oversight by the council to ensure compliance, including semi-annual reports on arrests and other statistics. The council will also be required to receive complaints from those who believe they were arrested in a manner inconsistent with the measure.

Former SMPD Chief James T. Butts, as well as the president of the Police Officer's Association (POA), came 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.

"We're disappointed," said Jay Trisler, president of the POA. "The only thing we can do is see how the new chief will put this into place and see how it works. Obviously, it will hinder our response time and it's going to lower the service we can provide. I feel bad for the resident who calls regarding a quality of life issue and we have to wait and handle other calls first."

CIVIL SERVICE

Voters also approved Measure U, which gives 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.

The measure received 15,823 votes, or 71 percent.

The reforms are necessary, supporters said, because the civil service system is outdated and hinders the swift removal of those managers 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 — create greater accountability on all levels of government, while modernizing the civil service system to bring about more efficiency in operations, supporters said.

Those who would be affected by the

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Calif. has one of lowest college tuitions in country

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brought smiles across campus at Santa Monica College.

"Thank god," said Garrett Stokes, a sociology student who has attended SMC since 2004.

The new tuition was set through educational bill A.B. 1802, which Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed this summer, affecting 2.5 million students at 109 community colleges statewide. Enrollment is projected to jump at Santa Monica College, as education becomes more accessible and affordable.

"We're always grateful for any approach to make it easier for students to enroll," said SMC Board of Trustees Chairwoman Nancy Greenstein.

Students at the state's community colleges took a hit in recent years, after tuition jumped from \$11 in the spring of 2003 to \$18 in the following fall semester. The colleges were adversely affected again when fees spiked to \$26 in the fall of 2004, according to Ron Owens, spokesman for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

It was a difficult time for students like Stokes, who had started at SMC around the time the latter of the two tuition increases took place. The dent in his bank account forced him to be creative with his disposable income, including being selective with which textbooks to purchase.

"We have other bills to worry about," Stokes said on Thursday at the SMC campus. "It was crazy and really hard to budget."



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Pontus Willfors, 33, works on a stone sculpture Thursday during a sculpting class at SMC. Tuition will drop in the state's community colleges from \$26 to \$20 a unit.

Even at \$26 a unit, California is still considered the home of cheap community college tuition.

Nationwide, public community college tuition fees rose an average of \$90, or 4.1 percent, this school year over last year, according to a study by the College Board.

Illinois community college students pay an average of \$67 per credit/hour — the equivalent of a unit in California — bringing

the semester total for an average full-time student to \$1,005 a semester.

"Our tuition has been on the rise," said Bruce Bennett, assistant director of system finances for Illinois Community College Board. "A lot of it is mainly because the state funding for community colleges has decreased over five years."

Massachusetts community college tuition is on par with California. Students there pay

between \$20 and \$26, depending on the community college.

The drop in fees would help SMC reach its enrollment target number, which the state uses when deciding the amount of funding community colleges receive. The schools are guaranteed a level of funding if they reach their full-time equivalent enrollment target, which in SMC's case is 21,000, said Randal Lawson, executive vice president of SMC.

SMC will not know whether it met its target number until the end of this school year.

The reduction in fees shows students that when times are good, the state will take measures that benefit community college students, like making tuition more affordable, Lawson said.

"It sends a message to students that community college education is affordable and it reminds them that the state and college do attempt to keep that cost down to allow access to higher education," Lawson said.

A.B. 1802 received bipartisan support from both the Democratic-controlled legislature and Republican governor, Owens said. The fee reduction is meant to help Californians to have access to quality and affordable education.

"Basically, the legislature and governor are investing into the current and future citizens of our state," Owens said. "They wanted to eliminate higher education barriers, ensuring students have access as well as the resources to go to college."

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Defense claims juror bias and requests new trial

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motion for a new trial may have on the sentencing.

The request comes just a day after the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed a motion calling for the defense attorneys to be punished for harassing at least three jurors.

Deputy District Attorney Ann Ambrose, who prosecuted Weller, said in her motion that in the last week, she had been contacted by three former jurors who were unexpectedly confronted either at home or at work by an investigator working for the defense.

One juror was told that if she did not sign

a declaration prepared by the defense, she would be subject to a court summons.

"Two of the jurors expressed their frustration at being bothered after they feel they have completed their jury service," Ambrose wrote. "They expressed a desire not to speak to the defense. A family member of another juror stated she felt the defense investigator employed confusing and misleading questions and took advantage of her father's politeness."

Ambrose said at least three jurors have received subpoenas from the defense, a violation of Judge Johnson's order that anyone

wishing to speak with the jurors first contact him before they do so.

A hearing has been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 13.

Overland said in a telephone interview that the motion was "frivolous."

"There was no court order that precludes the defense and the prosecutor from contacting the jurors," Overland said. "We had information of juror misconduct and we are filing for a new trial."

Jane Robison, a spokesperson for the District Attorney's Office, declined to comment on the motion filed by the defense,

other than to say, "We will deal with this on Monday in open court."

Ten people were killed and 68 others injured on July 16, 2003, when Weller's Buick LeSabre tore through the open-air market on Arizona Avenue. His attorneys said that the then-86-year-old man accidentally hit the gas pedal instead of the brakes, a rare case of "pedal error."

Jurors, however, returned a verdict siding with the prosecution's theory that Weller had the means to avoid the wreck and the carnage that resulted.

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'W' shot down

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proposal include all department heads, except the chief of police. The 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.

There was no discernible opposition to this measure.

ONE IS THE LONELIEST NUMBER

The lone measure to be defeated Nov. 7 was Measure W, also known as the "Good Government Act of 2006," which failed to receive the simple majority necessary.

With all precincts reporting, Measure W received 10,588 votes in favor of passage and 11,933 against.

If approved, Measure W, which was supported by the City Council, would have replaced 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 more than \$50, regardless of the vote.

One person could not give gifts totaling more than \$250 a year. City officials would also have been 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 have replaced the Oak's Initiative, or Prop. LL, passed by nearly 60 percent of voters in 2000. City Hall 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, claimed elected officials were trying to do away with the law because it limits their ability to raise funds for their re-election campaigns. They said the measure proposed would have weakened current standards and allow City Council members and others to receive kickbacks in exchange for their votes.

"Voters sent a clear message to the City Council that it is time to take the for sale sign down," said Carmen Balber, a spokesperson for Election Watchdog, which distributed mailers and posted a billboard in opposition to Measure W. "Despite a very long ballot, voters hung in there and saw through the council's attempt to overturn strong conflict of interest laws that are working in Santa Monica."

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BY HAMP SIMMONS

Special to the Daily Press

I'll bet Clive Barker never expected to see his name in a headline right next to Dancing Penguins, but this is Santa Monica and the unexpected is only to be expected. Last weekend was an arts and culture marathon and I'm still tired, but as you see, there's more on the horizon. Janis Ian is coming to town. The Virginia Avenue Project kids are doing improv. Laraine Newman and Melanie Chartoff are revealing secrets. And tap dancing penguins. It's gonna be a great weekend!

Julia Gerhardt as a stumping politician — “Winging It!”

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The Virginia Avenue Project will be presenting its first show of improvised performances at the Miles Playhouse this weekend. This amazing agency uses the performing arts to work with kids in Santa Monica's Pico Neighborhood. Under their tutelage, 100 percent of Project kids graduate from high school with 90 percent of them going on to college. This is an agency that everyone can support and the performances are true delights.



Laraine Newman and Melanie Chartoff — “Half-Baked”

Friday at 8 p.m.
Main Stage, Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth Street
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Two of Los Angeles' funniest people — Melanie Chartoff and Laraine Newman — will present their new show “Half-Baked” as a benefit for the Santa Monica Playhouse tomorrow night. It's a sneak peak at a very special work-in-progress exploring the two women's lives, which just coincidentally also happen to be works-in-progress.

Janis Ian
Friday at 8 p.m.
McCabes
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Janis Eddy Fink wrote her first song at age 12, changed her name (can you blame her?) to Janis Ian and recorded her first album in 1965. Her first hit, “Society's Child” ignited controversy from coast to coast, resulting in the burning of a radio station and the firing of a disc jockey who dared to play the song about an interracial romance. She taught me and a few million others the truth at 17, was the first performer to sing on “Saturday Night Live” and is still making excellent music today. Find out just how excellent on Friday night, when Ian performs in concert at McCabes.

A Tribute to George Miller — Tap-dancing penguins!

Saturday
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave. (at 14th Street)

American Cinematheque at the Aero Theatre presents a tribute to George Miller on Saturday, kicking off at 10 a.m. with a sneak preview of “Happy Feet!” This animated adventure comedy takes a cue from the documentary film “March of the Penguins,” but this time focusing on the life of Antarctica's first tap-dancing Emperor Penguin. Miller himself will introduce this screening, followed by a penguin party with penguin stories and refreshments at Every Picture Tells A Story. And at 7:30 p.m., the tribute continues with screenings of Miller's nihilistic road-rage sci-fi flicks “Mad Max” and “Mad Max II: The Road Warrior,” neither of which has tap-dancing penguins which, in my humble opinion, would have made them much more entertaining.

Clive Barker and Jane Ray book signings

Saturday, at 5 p.m.
Every Picture Tells A Story
1311-C Montana Ave.
(310) 451-2700

Fantasy author/illustrator Clive Barker introduces the art of his friend, Jane Ray, including remarkable original watercolor work from her book of “Shakespeare's Romeo And Juliet.” Both Barker and Ray will be signing their books and Barker's new limited edition prints from Abarat will be on display, as well. Barker promises that there will be no ghouls, monsters, ghosts or evil spirits on hand as they are all resting up from last weekend.

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Hamp Simmons is the cultural affairs coordinator for the City of Santa Monica. Send comments or suggestions for the Palette to artpalette.mailbox@smgov.net.



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Book ‘em SaMo

Bookstores aren’t just for worms anymore

BY LORI BARTLETT

Daily Press staff writer

CITYWIDE — Beatniks, book-lovers and paperback writers in the Santa Monica area have a bevy of choices when it comes to picking a venue to sip their mocha soy chai non-fat lattes and ruminate on the world of print.

A visit to one of the numerous local book boutiques offers a physically relaxing, yet mentally stimulating week-end activity. In addition, area booksellers often feature readings, signings and even live music to entice folks to stop and stay awhile.

Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center offers free workshops this weekend and throughout the fall. Tonight at 7:30 p.m., poet and fiction novelist Eileen Myles is joined by poet and editor Michael Friedman for a workshop. On Saturday, a professor of Chicano studies at UC Berkeley, Alfred Arteaga, will read from his latest book, “Frozen Accident.” Juan Felipe Herrera, whose “Cinnamon Girl: Letters Found Inside a Cereal Box” won the 2006 America's Book Award, will join him for a 7:30 p.m. workshop. Then, on Sunday at 4 p.m., members of Cathy Colman's writing workshop will read some of their works.

The Beyond Baroque bookstore is open limited hours on Fridays, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and during events. The store offers books by local artists, as well as classics. Beyond Baroque is located at 681 Venice Blvd. For more information, call (310) 822-3006.

On the Third Street Promenade, pop down to Borders on Sunday for a little live music. Aloe Blacc's performance features a blend of Latin and soul music from a SoCal native. Blacc's set is supporting his latest release, “Shine Through.” His diverse guitar melodies begin at 2 p.m. at the Borders located at 1415 Third Street Promenade. For information, call (310) 393-9290.

Just down the street, Barnes & Noble is a popular spot for author signings to support their literary endeavors. On Wednesday, cooking enthusiasts can get educated as well as a signed copy of “The America's Test Kitchen Family Cookbook.” Author Chris Kimball will discuss the more than 1,200 recipes for classic American family fare at noon. Barnes & Noble is located at 1201 Third Street Promenade. For more information, call (310) 260-9110.

Two independent art and design bookstores are just around the corner from the massive chains. One, located between Borders and Barnes, is Acana: Books on the Arts. The store specializes in rare and out-of-print books for art,



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LIVE AND LEARN: **Pierre Plassart of Venice checks out books at Arcana on the Third Street Promenade. Santa Monica offers many speciality bookstores along with the major chains.**

architecture, design and photography. Arcana is located at 1229 Third Street Promenade.

Around the corner, Hennessey + Ingalls stands as the largest art and architecture bookstore in the western U.S. The store boasts a strong selection of books in art and art history, all phases of architecture, photography, interior design, graphic design and landscaping. The store is located at 214 Wilshire Blvd.

Equator Books in Venice features collectible books in specialty categories such as surf and skate, music, prostitution and call girls, black studies, circus freaks, bullfighting, and drugs and crime, in addition to books in the more common areas of art, photo, literature, design, architecture and poetry. The store also features a permanent gallery space with rotating exhibits.

Equator is located on the Abbot Kinney strip, between Venice Boulevard and Main Street at 1103 Abbot Kinney Blvd. For information on the store or gallery events, call (310) 399-5544 or log on to www.equatorbooks.com.

Also in Venice, get bookish on Ocean Front Walk at Small World Books, which features fiction and non-fiction titles, as well as poetry and science-fiction. The store touts itself as the local small town bookstore. Small World is located near the beach, 1047 Ocean Front Walk.

So whether it's a quick stop at the big chains, buying a book on a specific subject or supporting the small-town bookseller and coffee shop, the greater Santa Monica area has many options for escaping into the world of words.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



Photo courtesy

An artist's turn to shine

By Daily Press staff

Encounter a whimsical world filled with delectable desserts, bathing beauties and the Santa Monica sunshine. Beginning Monday, local artist Carolyn Fernandez will brighten the Community Focus Gallery at the Santa Monica Place shopping center with her delightful picnic and pool party paintings.

At an early age, Fernandez was exposed to art: Her mother was both an artist and art educator. Growing up in New Jersey, her mother continually took Carolyn to visit The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Guggenheim Museum, MoMA and galleries in New York City. These outings fueled her imagination and sealed her desire to become an artist.

Having battled the brutal winters of the east coast, Fernandez was quick to trade her snow boots for flip-flops and call Southern California her home. Living in Santa Monica has provided her with an endless source of inspiration for her colorful canvases. Backyard BBQ's, California cuisine and aquatic sports are a few themes that come to play in her festive works, which have been displayed in galleries and museums nationwide.

For more information, call (310) 451-9808.

Some 'Electric' personalities

By Daily Press staff

Meet the creative team behind "Who Killed the Electric Car?" at Vidiots on Friday, Nov. 17.

The free meet-and-greet includes director Chris Paine, editors, producers, EV activists and on-screen personalities. Also, check out electric cars provided by Plug-In America.

The GM EV1 was among the fastest, most efficient production cars ever built. It ran on electricity, produced no emission and catapulted American technology to the forefront of the automotive industry. The lucky few who drove it never wanted to give it up. So why did General Motors crush its fleet of EV1 electric vehicles in the Arizona desert?

"Who Killed the Electric Car?" chronicles the life and mysterious death of the GM EV1, examining its cultural and economic ripple effects.

Vidiots is located at 302 Pico Blvd. For information, call (310) 392-8508.

On a mission for God

By Daily Press staff

First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica will hold its annual holiday boutique "The Year of the Angels."

The preview is today, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (\$5, includes refreshments) and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (free). Items for sale include: Baby clothing and toys, holiday and home decor, jewelry, gifts for all ages, baked goods, and preserves.

First United Methodist Church is located at 1008 11th St. All proceeds go to missions. For information, call (310) 393-8258, or send an e-mail to info@santamonicaumc.org.

English gets the vote

BY JACQUES BILLEAUD

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — About half the Hispanics who voted Tuesday in Arizona supported a successful ballot proposal that makes English the state's official language, according to an exit poll by The Associated Press.

While whites and blacks favored it overwhelmingly, Hispanics and other racial groups were divided over Proposition 103, which also requires that government functions be conducted in English.

Like three other immigration measures on the Arizona ballot, Proposition 103 drew in support in the 70 percent range. People on both side of the immigration debate said they weren't surprised by Hispanic support for the proposal.

Fred Solop, a political science professor and pollster at Northern Arizona University, said the views of Hispanics are varied and shaped by their education, income and the length of their families' presence in Arizona.

"I think our sense that the Hispanic community is monolithic is just shattered when these issues come before us," Solop said.

The poll of 2,523 voters was conducted for AP and television networks by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International. The survey included 600 absentee voters interviewed by

telephone during the past week and their responses were weighted to represent 20 percent of the total sample — their estimated proportion of the state's electorate. Results were subject to sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, higher for subgroups.

Immigrant rights advocates said Hispanic support for the measure isn't a swipe against immigrants, but rather reflects a feeling that people ought to speak English in America.

"Even the immigrants who can't vote know they have to speak English to prosper," said Lydia Guzman, chairwoman for the Coalition for Latino Political Action, which opposed the four measures.

Republican state Rep. Russell Pearce of Mesa, the driving force behind the immigration package, said the measure's support from Hispanic voters reflects their love of the country.

"They are Americans, and they understand what's good for America," Pearce said.

Those who proposed the measure said that proposal was needed to encourage the assimilation of immigrants.

Immigrant advocates said it serves no practical purpose and was meant to tap into voter frustration over Arizona's border woes.

Party with friends, the family you choose

BY DOUGLAS J. ROWE

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK — When Aunt Sarah died, so did a longtime holiday tradition. No longer would I have a place to go for Christmas Eve in South Philly with the Sicilian-American clan in which I grew up.

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This year marks my seventh annual Christmas Eve bash, proving you can have happy holidays without family.

"Our closest friends are our chosen family," observes Paul Siegel, an assistant professor of clinical psychology at the State University of New York/Purchase.

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Guilty of firebombs

BY JEFF BARNARD
AP Environmental Writer

EUGENE, Ore. — Four militant environmentalists pleaded guilty to arson and conspiracy charges Thursday in federal court, part of an investigation into what federal officials say was an ecoterrorism cell that caused \$30 million in damage in firebombings over five years.

As a result of plea agreements, prosecutors recommended sentences of five years for one of the four, Jonathan Paul, 40, of Ashland, a wild-

land firefighter and animal rights activist.

Sentences of eight years were recommended for the three other defendants: Nathan Block, 25, of Olympia, Wash.; Daniel McGowan, 32, of New York City; and Joyanna Zacher, 28, of Olympia, Wash.

Authorities said a Eugene-based group calling itself The Family set firebombs around the Northwest to stop logging, wild horse roundups, genetic engineering of plants, sport utility vehicle sales and the expansion of a Vail, Colo., ski resort into endangered lynx habitat.

The arsons, from 1996 to 2001, were claimed by the Earth Liberation Front and the Animal Liberation Front.

“I’m hopeful that this will conclude and destroy the arson cells of the ALF and ELF in the Pacific Northwest,” said Assistant U.S. Attorney Kirk Engdall after a hearing before U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken.

Sentencing is expected to be scheduled for the spring.

In all, 13 people were indicted out of Eugene. Six had previously pleaded guilty, and three are fugitives.

Texas executes carjacker for 1992 Houston slaying of man

By The Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Texas executed a man convicted in the 1992 carjack slaying of a vacationer who had been living under an assumed identity in the federal Witness Protection Program.

Willie Shannon, 33, received a lethal injection Wednesday for the fatal shooting of Benjamin Garza in a Houston parking lot.

Garza, 38, had brought his family to Houston from their home in Lubbock for a vacation. He was trying to catch a quick nap inside the family station wagon while his wife and children were shopping nearby. Shannon jumped inside, pulled his gun and demanded the family’s 15-year-old Ford, according to arrest records. A struggle ensued and Garza was shot.

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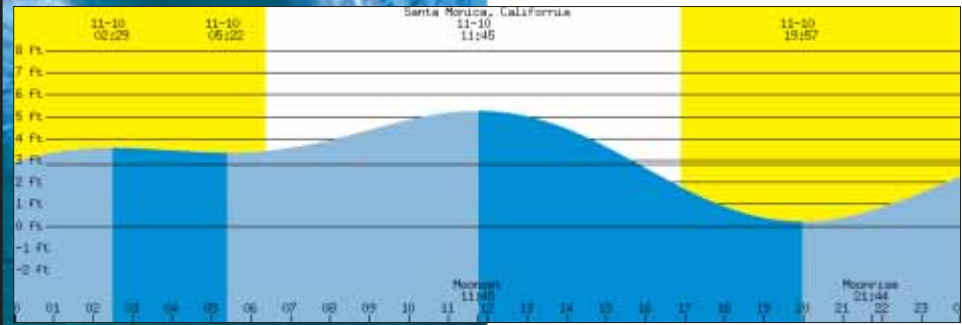
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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

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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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cienegas Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Alitos creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tennessee Canyon drain	A+	ns
Enchanted Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chimneyway)	A	ns
Dead Beach at Tomazos Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	D	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private)	A	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kentner storm drain	A	ns
Escalante Beach, just east of Escalante State Beach	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Lido Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Occom Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Saltwater Canyon at San Blas County Beach	A+	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rodeo Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marine Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Serfside Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Serfside Beach (beach location) - daily	F	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topaz St.	D	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- playground	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zone)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 10948 PCH stairs	D	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A	ns
Pico Creek at Los Angeles County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jct)	D	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A	ns
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hygiene Treatment Plant	A	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns			

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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BASEBALL

Padres hire Black as manager

BY BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Padres found their new manager just up the freeway.

Bud Black was hired to replace Bruce Bochy, giving the Los Angeles Angels' pitching coach his first major league managing job — and drastically reducing his commute. Black lives in exclusive Rancho Santa Fe just north of San Diego.

“Good dude,” Tony Gwynn said Wednesday about his former teammate at San Diego State. “He’s been in the game a long time and really warrants this opportunity. I think he’ll do well.”

Padres CEO Sandy Alderson said Black was offered the job and accepted it Tuesday night. Alderson said the deal was still being finalized, and wouldn’t say how many years Black’s contract is for. Black will be introduced at the Padres’ awards banquet Thursday night.

“I think he’s an individual with intellect as well as an instinctive feel for the game,” Alderson said. “He understands what we’re trying to accomplish here in San Diego, which is to win as well as develop players at the minor league level. He just seemed to have the right package of qualities for us.”

Black was not available for comment.

The 49-year-old Black has been the Angels’ pitching coach for the last seven seasons, including when they won the World Series in 2002. He pitched in the big leagues for 15 seasons, helping the Kansas City Royals win the 1985 World Series.

“I think that Buddy’s baseball knowledge and ability to communicate have made him so coveted the past couple of years,” Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. “He not only has a great understanding of the pitching side, but a grasp of the fundamental side of baseball that every team needs to be successful.”

Black was one of six candidates to interview with general manager Kevin Towers. Black got a second interview on Tuesday, with owner John Moores and Alderson.

Dusty Baker, one of the leading candidates, said he was told Wednesday morning that he didn’t get the job.

“Life’s full of disappointments some time and you have to deal with them,” said Baker,

who formerly managed the Chicago Cubs and San Francisco Giants.

Baker spoke highly of Black, who inherits a team that relies on pitching and defense at spacious Petco Park.

“Blackie’s one of my favorite people,” Baker said. “He’s a good baseball person and just a good person.”

Bochy managed the Padres to consecutive NL West titles for the first time in club history, but wasn’t offered a contract extension beyond 2007. He accepted a three-year contract with San Francisco late last month.

Bochy was with the Padres organization for 24 seasons, the last 12 as manager.

Padres right-hander Jake Peavy said he’s never met Black but has heard nothing but praise for him.

“I’m excited. I obviously didn’t want a new manager and I’m not excited about Bochy’s departure, but I like the guy we’ve got,” Peavy said. “I think it’s only going to make our pitching that much better. I think he’s going to understand all aspects of the game. When he sees the kind of ball we need to play in this ballpark, he’ll know that we need to work around pitching and defense.

“To get a local guy and a well-qualified individual is a good move,” Peavy said.

Gwynn said Black is a lot like Bochy.

“He knows the players and he knows what the players have gone through, being a former player,” said Gwynn, the former Padres batting star who coaches his alma mater. “He’s got the wit, he’s got the whole package. He’s really a funny guy.”

Gwynn said Black drops by campus before going to spring training every year, and the two have talked about his chances of getting a job as manager.

“You knew sooner or later he was going to get a shot,” Gwynn said.

“As a player you knew he was going to get to the big leagues, and then after playing against him you realize if he wanted to coach or be a pitching coach or one day be a manager, he’d do it,” Gwynn said. “He’s very shrewd, very observant. You can’t slip things by him.”

Black was 121-116 with a 3.84 ERA during his career, pitching for Seattle, Kansas City, Cleveland, Toronto and San Francisco.

AP Sports Writer **John Nadel** in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

FOOTBALL

Brayton spared suspension

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA — When Tyler Brayton got back to the Oakland locker room after being ejected for kneeling Seattle tight end Jerramy Stevens in the groin, he counted on facing a suspension.

The infraction happened on national television and he heard the commentators compare him to Tennessee cheap-shot artist Albert Haynesworth, making a suspension seem like an inevitable punishment.

The NFL spared Brayton a suspension Wednesday, ruling that Stevens was also to blame for the altercation and fining both players instead. Brayton got docked \$25,000 and Stevens will lose \$15,000 for their behavior in Seattle’s 16-0 victory over Oakland on Monday night.

“I feel like I let a lot of people down. I embarrassed myself, my family, the Raiders organization, the entire NFL,” Brayton said. “For that, I apologize. I kind of allowed my personal frustrations and emotions to get the best of me. My actions are inexcusable, provoked

or unprovoked. I also apologize to Jerramy Stevens and Seattle Seahawks. Doesn’t matter what the situation was, I had no right to do that.”

Gene Washington, the NFL’s director of football operations, ruled that Stevens attempted to kick Brayton in the groin area on the same play, leading to his fine.

Washington also ruled that Stevens head-butted and taunted Oakland safety Stuart Schweigert on a play in the second quarter that drew a personal foul. Stevens was not ejected from the game.

Stevens refused comment through a team spokesman after the Seahawks practiced in Kirkland, Wash.

Teammate Julian Peterson said he “couldn’t stand” Stevens when Peterson played in San Francisco prior to this season, because Stevens “knows how to rub people the wrong way.”

“It’s sort of like that gnat that keeps on being around you. You’re like, ‘Man, get away. You end up trying to slap it all the time,’” Peterson said, slapping his arm.

The ‘Late’ act

Met opera previews a scene on Letterman’s talk show

Opera fans got a preview of the Metropolitan Opera’s new production of ROSSINI’s “The Barber of Seville” on David Letterman’s “Late Show.”

An abbreviated performance from the finale of the opera’s first act marked the first time the

CBS late-night talk show had presented a scene from an opera in full costume, the Met said.

A 22-piece orchestra, 16-member chorus and six principal singers crowded onto Letterman’s signature blue floor Wednesday at the Ed Sullivan

Theater, where the show is taped.

They offered viewers a nearly 3-minute preview of the Met’s new production of “Barber,” which premieres Friday at Lincoln Center.

Letterman said he was honored and very excited to have the Met perform on his show.

“Maybe I’ll learn something,” he said. “These are, like, as good as it gets in the world of opera. Just try and get these folks to your house some night. It’s just not gonna happen.”

Peter Mattei, the baritone who stars as Figaro in the

Bartlett Sher-directed opera, said the “Late Show” appearance was “very cool,” according to the Met’s Web site.

“You can call your friends who know nothing about opera, but they know Letterman,” Mattei said.

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Karma catches up with the Club tour

CULTURE CLUB announced they are postponing a reunion tour, days after criticizing former frontman Boy George.

Three founding members of the ‘80s pop band — drummer Jon Moss, bassist Mikey Craig and keyboard player Phil Pickett — had been due to start a British

tour Dec. 7 with new singer Sam Butcher replacing George.

A statement issued Wednesday by Culture Club’s manager, Tony Gordon, said the tour was being postponed until next year so the band could finish recording tracks for a new album.

No new dates were

announced.

The band said recording was “taking longer than we planned, but we feel it’s the right decision.”

Band members said they wanted to begin the tour “with the release of a hit comparable to our worldwide hits ‘Karma Chameleon’ and ‘Do You Really

PRaised POP STAR

Two senior Malawian officials have praised MADONNA for adopting a child from their country — and rebuked those who have criticized the pop star.

Madonna’s efforts to adopt a motherless 13-month-old boy, David Banda, from the African country have set off a media storm. The 48-year-old singer and her husband, filmmaker Guy Ritchie, who have a home in London, were granted an interim adoption order by Malawi’s High Court last month.

Some critics have said it would have been better for the child if Madonna had helped his impoverished father, Yohane Banda, to care for him in Malawi.

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Blake spirit dances in the Southern Plains

Oklahomans should honor the land and those who came before them, said MICHAEL BLAKE, who won an Academy Award for the screenplay version of his novel “Dances With Wolves.”

Blake returned Wednesday to western Oklahoma’s Southern Plains, which inspired

the novel, as part of a three-day speaking tour.

“My spirit is lifted by being here on the Southern Plains,” said Blake, who is promoting his new book, the nonfiction “Indian Yell.” “So many of my heroes lived here — Kiowas or Comanches or Cheyenne.”

Blake recounted how history

inspired him to chase his own dream of becoming a successful writer.

“For 27 years, I worked every odd job imaginable so I could become a writer,” Blake said. “Then, in 1986, I began writing my first novel. I lived out of my car.”

“Dances With Wolves” would

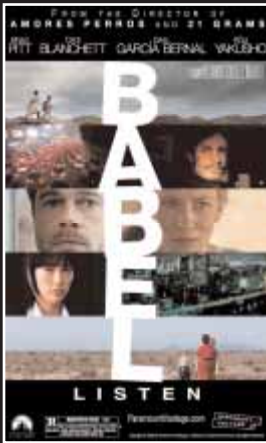
become a New York Times No. 1 best-seller and the screenplay would be turned into the 1990 film directed by Kevin Costner, who also starred in the movie.

Blake’s new book chronicles episodes from the Plains and Indian wars between 1854 and 1890.

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MOVIEGUIDE



DIRECTOR: Alejandro González Iñárritu
STARRING: Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett, Gael Garcia Bernal, Koji Yakusho, Elle Fanning
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5:25, 8:00, 9:00
Flags of Our Fathers (R)
5:15, 8:10, 11:00
Flushed Away (PG)
5:45, 8:20, 10:30
Marie Antoinette (PG-13)
5:20, 8:15, 10:55
The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (G)
5:30, 7:55, 10:20
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7:10, 10:00
The Prestige (PG-13)
7:20, 10:30
Running With Scissors (R)
7:30, 10:20
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GETTING STARTED

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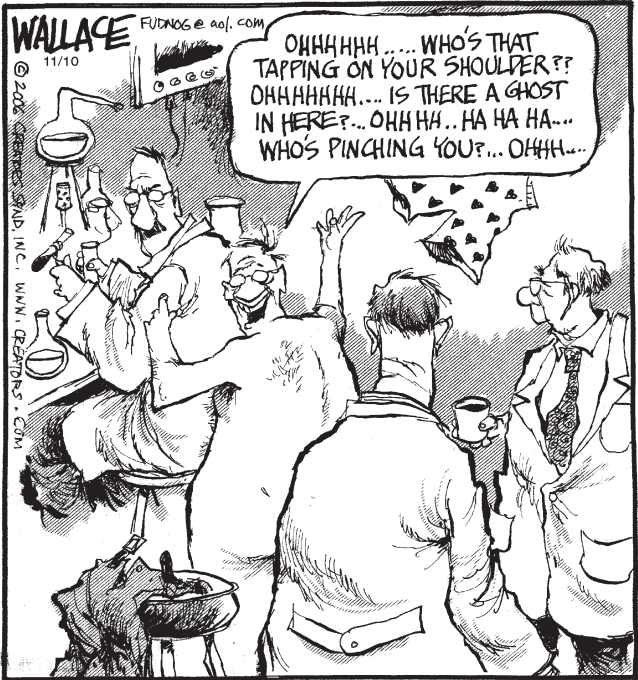
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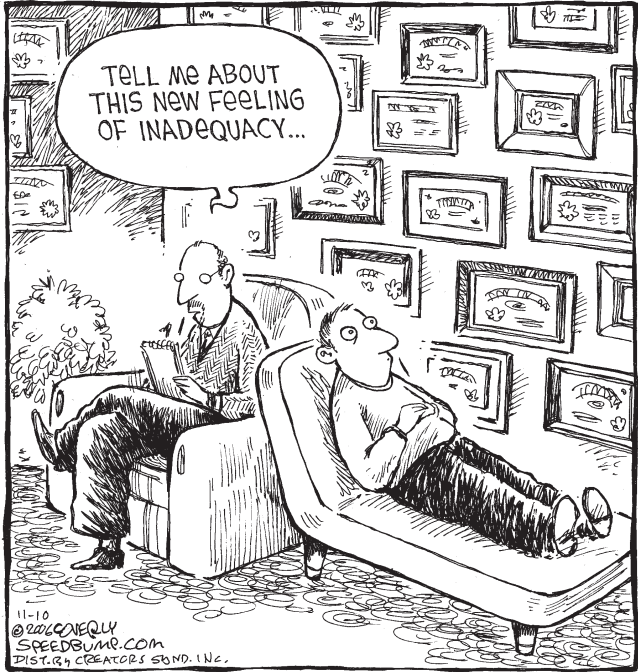
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9 Mine worry
10 Dancer Castle
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by U.S. Bank, N.A. (successor-in-interest to Santa Monica Bank) in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that U.S. Bank, N.A. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important

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actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 28, 2006 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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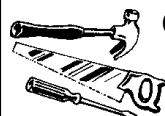
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