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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

The Havering town council in Romford, England, prepared a 300-page report in October, which was the result of a 12-month investigation, to find out who had heckled a speaker at a zoning meeting by making “baaa” noises. The authors said they had narrowed the list of suspects. And in September, London’s mayor Ken Livingstone defended his downtown anti-pigeon program, which consisted of empowering two hawks to scare the birds away, even though the three-year cost of the program (including a handler) was the equivalent of more than \$400,000, which reduced the menace by 2,500 pigeons, or about \$170 a bird.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 319th day of 2006.
There are 46 days left in the year.

- 1806 Explorer Zebulon Pike sighted the mountaintop now known as “Pikes Peak” in present-day Colorado.
- 1948 William Lyon Mackenzie King retired as prime minister of Canada after 21 years; he was succeeded by Louis St. Laurent.
- 1969 A quarter of a million protesters staged a peaceful demonstration in Washington against the Vietnam War.
- 1985 Britain and Ireland signed an accord giving Dublin an official consultative role in governing Northern Ireland.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Psychology, which explains everything, Explains nothing, And we are still in doubt.”

MARIANNE MOORE
AMERICAN POET (1887-1972)

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DOG DAYS: The owner of Horizons West Surf Shop pulled the demolition permit making it possible for the store to stay.

Dogtown isn't going anywhere

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET — A historic surf and skate shop credited with helping give rise to the fabled Dogtown skateboard culture looks as though it is here to stay.

The owner of 2001-2011 Main Street, which houses Horizons West Surf Shop, as well as artists studios for Annie Sabroux and John Baldessari, withdrew a demolition permit application on Oct. 19.

A part of Horizons West Surf Shop is home to Zephyr, a surf and skate shop at the center of the birth of modern skateboarding.

The Dogtown community came out in opposition to the owner’s plans to demolish the building in order to erect a mixed-use development, arguing the shop has historical significance as a place where the modern style of skateboarding was created.

Set to review the demolition permit during a hearing last month, the Landmarks Commission postponed discussion about Horizons West to Monday night’s meeting because of the potential historical significance

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Christmas is back

‘TILL YOU DROP: Consumerism celebrated at area stores

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE — One year after Christian activist groups launched a campaign against retailers and cities across the nation over the absence of “Christmas” from decorations and greetings, Santa Monica is already awash in Christmas spirit.

Starting this week, Bayside District Corporation — a public-private company that manages business in downtown Santa Monica,

including the promenade — began erecting three 22-foot tall plastic Christmas trees along the bustling shopping corridor, one per block.

Last year, right-wing groups lashed out at retailers that opted for the generic greeting of “happy holidays” and referred to their decorative trees as “holiday trees,” eliminating all references to Christmas in attempts to embrace customers of all faiths.

Bayside has not received any complaints about the Christmas trees on the promenade since crews

began piecing them together on Monday, and there are no concerns of isolating patrons who celebrate other religious and cultural holidays such as Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, said Marivi Valcourt, Bayside’s marketing manager.

“People love it,” Valcourt said. The trees are just one element in Bayside’s holiday program, estimated to cost close to \$100,000 this year. In conjunction with Santa Monica Place, the program includes an

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FAKE PLASTIC TREES: Crews began to assemble 22-foot tall Christmas trees along the Third Street Promenade on Monday.

NATIONAL

Gentlemen prefer Bond's blond

By The Associated Press

Now that James Bond is going blond in “Casino Royale,” will other men flock to lighten their locks?

Many are already doing it, says Adrian Wallace, a colorist at New York’s Rita Hazan Salon, which counts Jessica Simpson as a client. “Men are coloring their hair more

now than ever before. They’re concerned about their looks just as much as women.”

Blond shades work well with men

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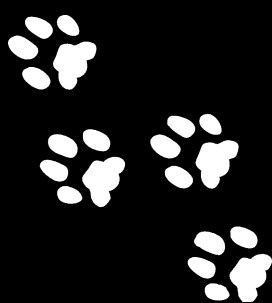
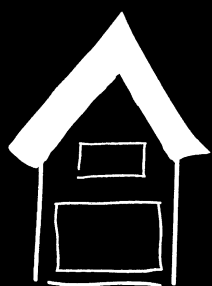
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Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre

Santa Monica Playhouse, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

An entertaining, enriching and educational 90-minute weekday Mommy (or Daddy) and Me theatre experience for kids ages 3 to 5 and their parents, with storytelling, sing-a-longs, handicrafts and enactment of a fairy tale.

Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting

Santa Monica YMCA, Noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club weekly luncheon with guest speakers.

Santa Monica Fitness Group for Women

6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Santa Monica-based women's group that meets every Monday and Wednesday night for either running, hiking, Rollerblading, Santa Monica stairs or power walks.

Rapid Dating event

C & O Cucina, 7 p.m. — 12 a.m.

Meet 15 (or more) single people for five-minute dates in two hours with no pressure.

Side By Side meeting

Ken Edwards Center, 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Side By Side is a group discussion that brings local Santa Monica homeless citizens together with non-homeless citizens to discuss the issues that people face every day.

SM YMCA Canned Fitness Food Drive

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Community members are invited to bring in 10 cans of food per visit from Nov. 13 through Nov. 21, and then can participate in any one of our fitness classes, fitness center and lap swim for free. The Santa Monica Family YMCA will donate the canned food in time for Thanksgiving to Sojourn, a local SM facility for disadvantaged families.

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CORRECTION In a picture that ran in the weekend edition ("Something to fret about," Nov. 11-12, page 17), Richard Lawrence was incorrectly identified. The caption should have stated he is the executive vice president/regional manager of First Private Bank & Trust.



Shot to the arm

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Olga Gonzalez, 80, who hails from Buenos Aires, looks away as Lelah Coppedge, 29, a SMC nursing student, administers an influenza virus vaccine during the Santa Monica UCLA Medical Centers yearly flu shot clinic on Tuesday at Santa Monica Place. "I didn't feel a thing" Gonzales said after receiving the shot. The shots were \$15. Hundreds of people waited in line with nearly 700 shots administered.

Exemption at source of criticism

As the expiration draws near, attention shifts to affordable housing

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — It's already been on the books for the last four years, but the thought of making permanent an exemption for affordable housing projects has drawn criticism from residents and at least one city commissioner.

The exemption, which will expire in March 2007, allows for builders of affordable housing projects with 50 units or less to skip the planning commission and go straight to the architectural review board, expediting the approval process.

City officials and developers of affordable housing credit the exemption — approved in February 2002, and extended in May of

2005 — with increasing the stock of units for moderate- and low-income residents who cannot afford the rapidly rising rents and real estate prices common in Santa Monica.

However, others have expressed concern about the exemption because it limits the opportunities for public input.

With a 5-1 vote, the planning commission recently voted to debate the extension at its regularly scheduled meeting in December. Following the commission's public hearing, the council will discuss whether or not to make the law permanent.

"I think the idea should be dropped. It's wrong for the community," said Jay Johnson, a planning commissioner opposed to the extension. "We are all in favor of affordable

housing, but people in the community have a right to be involved in the process. It's just a simple issue of putting light on the process so everyone knows what's going on."

The little-known exemption has been thrust into the spotlight following a proposal by mental health provider Step Up on Second to purchase a triplex near John Adams Middle School in Sunset Park. The triplex was to serve as a halfway house for young adults suffering from the initial stages of mental illness.

The plan fell apart after the city refused to grant a \$400,000 loan to the non-profit because the transitional housing program

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Kids get sweet Salvation

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

COLORADO AVE. — Though he may soon be busy assembling toys with his elves in the North Pole, Kris Kringle managed to pull himself away from his workshop on Tuesday to usher in the holiday season with a few needy children from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

With carolers from Santa Monica High School serenading them, the 75 youngsters — ages 5 through 12 — joined Santa Claus and his small army of community volunteers as they hit the second floor of Sears downtown to grab deals on shoes, jeans and T-shirts during the first holiday sale of the season.

Each child was given a \$100 gift card and allowed to roam the racks. With wide smiles, they gathered up their goodies, some of which was marked down by as much as 40 percent.

The savings may have been lost on some of the kids, but either way, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves during the 22nd annual Salvation Army holiday shopping spree.

"This is really cool," said 8-year-old Amante Allen, a student at Will Rogers Elementary School. "I got some new shoes and some pants too."

New sneakers were hot items, as were Levi's and winter coats, even socks and underwear.

Adult volunteers from the Santa Monica Police Department, Kiwanis and Elks clubs, and several local universities helped the kids find their sizes and calculate the costs. If some went over budget, a few volunteers pulled out their wallets.

"It's nice to always give something back to the community and not expect anything in return," said Capt. Eric Bradley, an associate officer and pastor with the Salvation Army, which raised just over \$7,000 for the shopping spree. "We are really just the channel for people to donate money. The whole community has really come together here to help and be a blessing to those in need."

"This is very exciting."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fiction is better than reality

Editor:

The “Borat” film is making a lot of money. And it is offending a lot of people, especially those in Kazakhstan, where Mr. Borat is supposedly from. The thing is, considering most Americans’ lack of knowledge in geography, he could have avoided offending Kazakhstan by making up a fictional country. And most Americans wouldn’t know the difference.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

Call homeless ‘the homeless’ already

Editor:

I was a resident of Santa Monica for over 10 years. My husband and I return there on business on an average of once a month and I still have friends and relatives who live there. Thus, I maintain an active interest in the community and its welfare.

Last week, during the space of only one day in the city, I encountered: At breakfast, a disheveled and disoriented homeless woman, mumbling and nervous in a restaurant on Montana (the manager apologized for her presence, but advised he could not evict her as she had money to pay for her purchase); in the afternoon, an unruly homeless woman in a promenade book store (the security guard stayed by her side, but did not evict her); a wildly screaming homeless man on the sidewalk on Main Street as I returned from lunch; and in the evening, as I waited in the dark in the car as my husband picked up a pizza, several homeless men wandered down the alley, peering into the car, causing me unease.

I notice in your newspaper when you report on various news items regarding these unfortunate individuals you describe them as “homeless.” In another column, wherein you regularly report on crimes committed, you describe them as “transients.” They are not transients in the sense that they do make Santa Monica their home and prey upon residents here.

They are who they are. They do not become “homeless” — a perhaps more sympathetic appellation in one instance and deserving another — one could say disguised — description when they commit crimes. It’s this very mindset that continually refuses to acknowledge this problem that is at the root of the failure to remedy it.

Now, Santa Monica has returned to office many of the council members whose failure to act also contributes to this problem. The voters have likewise failed to act responsibly; thus the people will have the governance — and the homeless problem — they deserve.

Sunny Collins
Palm Desert

Voters missed opportunity

Editor:

The utter destruction of Proposition 89 (the public campaign financing initiative) is a sad reflection of a public that annually complains about the influence of special interests in Sacramento, and yet refuses to do what’s necessary to greatly reduce that influence. We have First Amendment protections for a certain level of political speech, but Prop. 89 was a golden opportunity for our state to begin leading the nation in reducing perceived corruption and influence. For decades, political reform groups such as Common Cause have touted public campaign financing as the primary way to clean up politics, and I’m saddened to see that we as an electorate continue to avoid this potentially revolutionary option. Perhaps the Democratic Congress will take advantage of a lame duck presidency and consider enacting the meaningful reform that is so needed in today’s cynical political world.

Christopher Knauf
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY CHRISTIAN BEENFELDT

‘The anti-life movement’

South Dakota voters have rejected the state’s proposed abortion law — a law that would have outlawed abortion in virtually every case. The law’s supporters claim that its rejection is a blow to “the sanctity of human life.” But is it?

Consider what banning abortion would mean for human life — not the “lives” of embryos or primitive fetuses, but the lives of real, living, breathing, thinking women.

It would mean that women who wanted to terminate a pregnancy because it resulted from rape or contraceptive failure — or because the would-be father has abandoned her — or because the fetus is malformed — would be forbidden from doing so. It would mean that they would be forced to endure the misery of unwanted pregnancy and the incredible burdens of child rearing. It would mean that women would be sentenced to 18-year terms of enslavement to unwanted children — thereby suffocating their hopes, their dreams, their personal ambitions, their chance of happiness. And it would mean that women who refused to submit to such a fate would be forced to turn to the “back-alley” at a staggering risk to their health.

According to a World Health Organization estimate, 110,000 women worldwide die each year from such illegal abortions and up to six times as many suffer injury from them.

Clearly, anti-abortionists believe that such women’s lives are an unimportant consideration in the issue of abortion. Why? Because, they claim, the embryo or fetus is a human being — and thus to abort it is murder. But an embryo is not a human being, and abortion is not murder.

There is no scientific reason to characterize a raisin-size lump of cells as a human being. Biologically speaking, such an embryo is far more primitive than a fish or a bird. Anatomically, its brain has yet to develop, so in terms of its capacity for consciousness, it doesn’t bear the remotest similarity to a human being. This growth of cells has the potential to become a human being — if preserved, fed, nurtured, and brought to term by the woman that it depends on — but it is not actually a human being. Analogously, seeds can become mature plants — but that hardly makes a pile of acorns equal to a forest.

What can justify the sacrifice of an actual woman’s life to human potential of the most

primitive kind? There can be no rational justification for such a position — certainly not a genuine concern for human life. The ultimate “justification” of the “pro-life” position is religious dogma. Led by the American Roman Catholic Church and Protestant fundamentalists, the movement’s basic tenet, in the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, is that an embryo must be treated “from conception as a person” created by the “action of God.” What about the fact that an embryo is manifestly not a person, and treating it as such inflicts mass suffering on real people? This tenet is not subject to rational scrutiny; it is a dogma that must be accepted on faith.

The “pro-life” movement tries to obscure the religious, inhuman nature of its position by endlessly focusing on the medical details of late-term abortions (although it seldom mentions that “partial-birth” abortions are extremely rare, and often involve a malformed fetus or a threat to the life of the mother). But one must not allow this smokescreen to distract one from the real issue: the “pro-life” movement is on a faith-based crusade to ban abortion no matter the consequences to actual human life — part of what the Pro-Life Alliance calls the “absolute moral duty to do everything possible to stop abortion, even if in the first instance we are only able to chip away at the existing legislation.”

This is why it supports the South Dakota law, which is the closest the movement has come to achieving its avowed goal: to ban abortion at any stage of pregnancy, including the first trimester — when 90 percent of abortions take place. As the Pro-Life Alliance puts it: “We continue to campaign for total abolition.”

The “pro-life” movement is not a defender of human life — it is, in fact, a profound enemy of actual human life and happiness. Its goal is to turn women into breeding mares whose bodies are owned by the state and whose rights, health and pursuit of happiness are sacrificed en masse — all in the name of dogmatic sacrifice to the pre-human.

The result in South Dakota is the only pro-life result.

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Step Up's proposal drew new attention

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did not meet City Hall's funding guidelines.

Zina Josephs, the president of the neighborhood group Friends of Sunset Park, which fought the Step Up project, said she was not comfortable with the exemption because it would give city staff too much authority.

"Speaking only for myself, it seems ridiculous that someone planning to put a bed and breakfast next to my home would be required to have a conditional use permit, with a public hearing and city notification of nearby neighbors," Josephs said, "but someone planning to put a 50-unit affordable housing project next to my home would not be required to do so."

Andy Agle, assistant director of planning and community development, said the exemption does not allow a developer to break the rules, but rather forces them to comply with current zoning codes, which have been developed to protect the character of a neighborhood.

Agle also said the planning commission has discretionary review duties if the architectural review board's decision is appealed by the developer.

"There are tight time frames for the allocation of funding for affordable housing

projects and this (exemption) was to be sure we could be as responsive as possible," Agle said.

Under Proposition R, passed by voters in 1990, 30 percent of all new multi-family units constructed in the city each year must be affordable. The city has managed to exceed that figure for most of the last 10 years because of laws such as the exemption, city staff said.

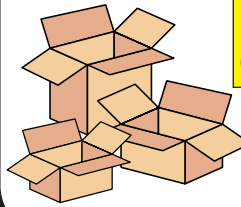
Planning Commission Chair Gwynne Pugh, an architect who designs affordable housing projects, supports the exemption because it allows projects to move through the system quickly. If not, funding could be jeopardized. Pugh also said projects that are allowed to utilize the exemption are "very compliant."

Joan Ling, executive director of the Santa Monica Community Corp. — the largest developer of affordable housing in the area — said residents need not worry about the exemption because most projects being built require funding from City Hall, which always mandates extensive community outreach.

"There is always consulting up front," Ling said. "Funding is very fragile and this (exemption) has helped us a lot in getting projects completed."

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The Q-Line

For the past 27 years, residents of Santa Monica have lived with their city being jokingly referred to as "The People's Republic of Santa Monica," a name bestowed on our hometown by opponents of Rent Control legislation pushed through in the late 1970s. The name stuck, literally, via a popular bumper sticker, and gained national notoriety when Ronald Reagan took his conservative views all the way from nearby Pacific Palisades to the White House. But many feel the moniker is outdated.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:

Given the state and direction of Santa Monica today, what would be a fitting nickname for the city, worthy of a bumper sticker? Explain.

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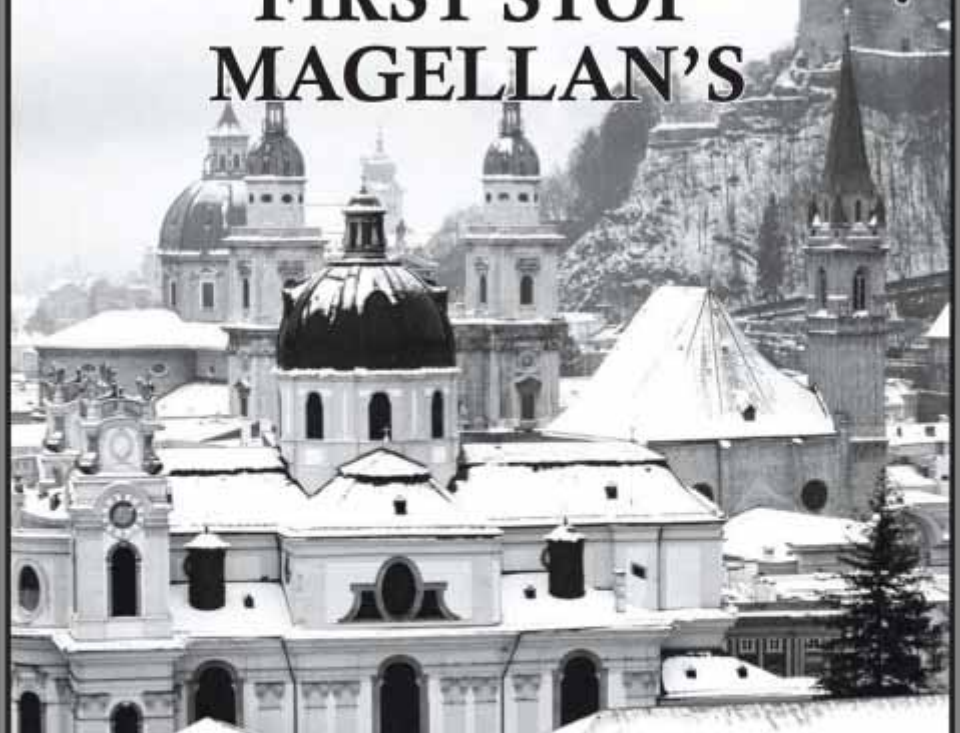
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Real trees are too expensive according to Bayside

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online auction of a playhouse, where the proceeds will go to the Santa Monica Police Activities League; a top model search and fashion show; a pet day with Santa Claus; a holiday arts and crafts weekend for children; and a children's gift drive with PAL.

With more than a month left before Christmas, some retailers in Santa Monica have already rolled out their holiday, or "Christmas," decor.

It's been all about the holidays at Hear Music Starbucks on the 1400 block of Third Street Promenade. The popular coffee-music destination released its holiday themed products last week, serving up its famous gingerbread lattes in Christmas-red cups.

"Starbucks embraces diversity and seeks to provide beverage, food and gift offerings that help customers celebrate the holiday season," said Montey Dunn, a local Starbucks representative. "Our seasonal coffee offering is packaged both as Christmas Blend and Holiday Blend."

BCBG Max Azria, a women's clothing store in the Santa Monica Place mall, decorated its windows in holiday lights, and Bath & Body Works decked out its body care store, also in Santa Monica Place, in red stockings and mittens, to the tune of "Let it Snow" in the background.

Though it will have the traditional Christmas tree and Santa Claus appearance

this year, Santa Monica Place, where shoppers will see decorations starting today, will try to generalize its theme to the holidays as a whole rather than focus specifically on Christmas or Hanukkah.

"We're a shopping center and we're much more based on shopping than religion," said Victoria Trimble, marketing manager for Santa Monica Place. "We celebrate everything here."

GOING CRAZY FOR CHRISTMAS

After facing heat from conservative groups for minimizing the presence of Christmas in its stores nationwide, while increasing products that pertain to Hanukkah, Wal-Mart has decided to go all out for Christmas this year.

"More than ever, Christmas will be dominating Wal-Mart holiday messaging and programs," said Dan Fogleman, a spokesman for the retailer. "In the upcoming weeks, Wal-Mart shoppers will see and hear the words 'Merry Christmas.'"

The retail giant has adopted "Be Bright" as its holiday slogan this year, a change from last year's marketing campaign of "Home for the Holidays," which generated a considerable amount of backlash from conservative groups.

A Wal-Mart Christmas commercial is also scheduled to hit television this week. Though Christmas is expected to dominate at Wal-Mart this year, the corporate office will look to cater to local communities by examining

the demographics in the different locations that house Wal-Marts nationwide. For example, a store in a heavily Jewish neighborhood will sell Hanukkah items and employees will greet customers with "Happy Hanukkah."

The shift in attitude comes after the marketing team listened to concerns from customers and associates.

"It is important for us to reflect the fabric of communities we serve," Fogleman said.

David Hunzicker, who works in an office on the Third Street Promenade, doesn't understand why there is controversy over references to Christmas.

"It's part of our history," Hunzicker said on Monday. "Why deny who you are?"

'IT'S KIND OF UGLY'

A far cry from the traditional evergreen trees that stand in shopping malls and outdoor business districts across the country, the three plastic Christmas trees along Third Street Promenade were originally white and intended to look like ice and snow when Bayside purchased the decorations five years ago.

Last year, the decorations received a major facelift — a splash of green paint and some big colorful Christmas bulbs.

"Now it looks more traditional, more whimsical when you see the whole display come together," Valcourt said.

By the time of its completion next week, the Christmas installation will include the

"That to me looks fake"

JEFF DONLAN
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

trees with the old-fashioned bulbs, candy canes and woodland creatures at the base.

"It's kind of ugly," Hunzicker said on Monday, glancing at the tree on the 1400 block of Third Street. "I don't know why they can't bring in a real Christmas tree."

According to Bayside's Valcourt, a real tree is cost prohibitive because of the added security and safety measures it entails.

At The Grove in Los Angeles, an outdoor shopping center comparable to Third Street Promenade, a 100-foot tree from Northern California will be lit during an official tree-lighting ceremony on Sunday.

To a native of a city covered in snow, the decorations on the promenade might seem typical of a California beach community that has very un-winter like weather.

Jeff Donlan was visiting Santa Monica this week from Anchorage, Alaska, where the trees in the park and in the city are adorned with lights every holiday season.

"That, to me, looks fake," he said, pointing to a plastic promenade tree. "But it's just how it is down here."

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Local skaters, surfers rejoiced at the news

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of the building. But the discussion was never legally able to take place on Monday because the owner withdrew the application last month, according to city Associate Planner Roxanne Tanemori.

The commission has agendaized a discussion item for its Dec. 11 meeting to consider nominating the building as a city landmark.

The skate and surf communities rejoiced in the news that the owner, 2001 Main Street LLC, nixed demolition plans, for now.

"It's definitely a positive action that will be appreciated by Santa Monica residents and surfing and skating communities worldwide," said Troy Hyatt, who brought it to the commission's attention that the building was historic. "There were various groups and various surfing magazines that got involved to preserve this building."

The owner was not available for comment by deadline on Tuesday.

Ted Winterer, a frequent patron of Horizons West, said there is a rumor circulating that the landlord was surprised by the outcry from the community and decided to hold off on plans.

"This place is a shrine to skateboarders and it may not be something that appeals to the Daughters of the American Revolution's type of history, but it is Ocean Park history," Winterer said.

The subject of two feature films — "The Lords of Dogtown" and "Dogtown and Z-Boys," a documentary — the original owners of Zephyr assembled a skating team of unknown street kids from Dogtown. That Zephyr skate team is believed to have changed history when they performed in the

1975 Bahne-Cadillac National Skateboard Championship, introducing an aggressive style of skateboarding in an era accustomed to gymnastic-like routines.

Original Z-Boy Nathan Pratt opened Horizons West Surf Shop in 1977 after Zephyr closed its doors. Current store owner Randy Wright took over 10 years later.

The building's owner was planning to build what would've been the first privately-owned mixed-used development in Santa Monica to be certified as an environmentally sound building by the federal government. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, is a designation the United States Green Building Council uses for developments that incorporate "green" elements.

After the new building had been completed, the landlord had reportedly planned to ask Wright and Horizons West Surf Shop to return.

Those who fought to preserve the building say they hope developers will think twice before making plans to demolish pieces of Santa Monica history in favor of the mega condominiums that have popped up around town.

"It's important to send a message to developers that this entire city isn't up for sale," said Jacob Samuel, a long-time resident of Santa Monica.

Samuel said he has seen the Ocean Park neighborhood change dramatically since he graduated from Santa Monica High School in 1969.

"I don't expect it to remain the same, but I would like to see some historic continuity in architecture of the area," Samuel said.

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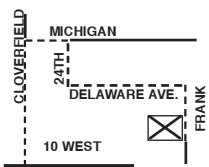
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Craig debuts a more rugged 007 in 'Royale'

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK — Bond — James Bond — is blond.

As Daniel Craig makes his debut as the British super spy in "Casino Royale," he becomes the first fair-haired 007 on the screen. He's also more rugged than suave, and not as perfect looking as fans of the movie series have come to expect over the years.

And that might be exactly the point.

Bond needs to court a new generation of fans — perhaps those looking for a more human, fallible character that they can relate to.

Save his hair color, the new Bond is probably more like the original character from Ian Fleming's books than the brunette actors who first brought him to life: Sean Connery, George Lazenby, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton and Pierce Brosnan. He wears his tuxedo bow tie open and keeps his eyes icy and his expression tough.

"Bond is a killer. He needs to have an edge," says Laurent Bouzereau, a documentary filmmaker and author of "The Art of Bond" (Harry N. Abrams).

"I think audiences are sophisticated today. Bond was at the origin of action movies — there was nothing like it before — but as it became more successful and more popular, you had people imitating Bond," Bouzereau says. "Bond constantly has to reinvent himself and try to push the envelope and bring a new flavor."

A new car or gadget is easy for audiences to accept. A new look, after three decades of tall, dark and handsome, might be harder, although Bouzereau suspects Bond buffs will fall in love with Craig in time.

He points to Dalton in the late 1980s: He was largely considered a stand-in for the role until Brosnan could take over (Brosnan was committed to the TV role "Remington Steele"). But history has been kinder to Dalton, and his 1989's "License to Kill" is now a fan favorite, Bouzereau says.

Someone like Clive Owen, a contender to be the new 007, would have been a more traditional choice, says Tom Julian, trend analyst for ad agency McCann-Erickson and Oscar.com's style expert. But perhaps the filmmakers are concerned more with character than fashion.

Julian does note, however, that a decade ago Bond turned into a marketing machine, endorsing watches and suits, marking one of the few times a male character was held up as a style icon in the manner of, say, Carrie Bradshaw on "Sex and the City." An upcom-

ing Sean John fragrance campaign, shot in the French Riviera this summer and starring Sean "Diddy" Combs, is indeed Bond-inspired.

It might have been Brosnan's particularly polished look that fueled commercial interest.

Even in his 50s, Brosnan has a classical Hollywood presence. But that has become somewhat of a rarity in Hollywood. George Clooney, Tom Cruise and to some extent Ben Affleck have it — notice that they're all dark and handsome? — while Craig, who did star in Oscar-nominated "Munich," has largely flown under the radar.

The only blond who really stands out on the red carpet now is Leonardo DiCaprio, Julian notes. But the last time a blond leading man really influenced style was in the 1970s and 1980s when Robert Redford was starring in films such as "The Great Gatsby," "The Way We Were," "The Sting" and "Out of Africa."

"Redford, he's probably been the only viable blond actor who has affected character, culture and moved beyond the film industry," Julian says. "People thought Brad Pitt was the next one, but he hasn't really gone that way."

Lori Majewski, executive editor of Entertainment Weekly, points out that, historically, blonds have been the teen idols, such as Leif Garrett, Shaun Cassidy and even today's Cole and Dylan Sprouse of Disney's "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody."

But those stars can fade from gold to gray pretty quickly — just like their hair. Brunettes, it seems, are more likely to mature into meatier roles and distinguished gentlemen.

"The flaxen hair seems to denote sweet and safe, perfect for the hearts and bedroom walls of young girls. Tall, dark and handsome men, on the other hand, have an air of mystery and danger," Majewski says.

"Look at Brad Pitt," she says. "He wasn't able to shed his teen-idol, pretty-boy image — gained by his sitcom start and his long, flowing golden locks in 'A River Runs Through It' — until he appeared on screen with his ripped body and black eyes in 'Fight Club.'"

Because Craig is playing Bond as a tough guy — producers note that the actor did many of his own stunts and was even injured on the set — Majewski says he's carving out a new version of the super spy, a version he can truly own.

But as fans know, Bond is bigger than any single actor. He's already had his way with the sports cars, the gadgets, the girls. Who knows — this blond blip could just be another secret-agent midlife crisis.

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who naturally have light hair — up to a dirty light brown shade, Wallace advises. And the blond color should be ashier than women's brighter blonds, he adds.

"Men want a more natural look," he says. "Guys like to look like surfers. They want it to be less golden than a normal blond will be."

He thinks Daniel Craig, the new 007, makes a good blond Bond.

"It's about time to change James Bond's look. It's nice to get away from such clean-cut,

dark-haired guy. They've kept that image long enough, it's time to come along with what's going on now, which is a more rugged look."

Last year, the sort-of blond, definitely rugged Matthew McConaughey was named Sexiest Man Alive by People magazine.

But Elizabeth Sporkin, executive editor of People, says there have been more brunette winners of the annual honor simply because, by the time many men reach the pinnacle of their careers, they're older and their hair has darkened. "Women stay blond, of course, because they bleach their hair," she says.

San Francisco abandons its 2016 Olympic bid

BY MARCUS WOHLSEN

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The Golden Gate Bridge and famed cable cars won't serve as a backdrop for the 2016 Olympics. San Francisco dropped out of the running for the Summer Games, leaving Los Angeles and Chicago as the only possible American candidates.

San Francisco abandoned its Olympic bid Monday after plans for a new bayfront stadium collapsed when the city's NFL team said it intended to move to Silicon Valley.

John York, owner of the San Francisco 49ers, told city officials last week he was breaking off negotiations for a new stadium at Candlestick Point and was considering a move to Santa Clara.

"There's been a tremendous amount of uncertainty created around the stadium process which has made our bid untenable," said Peter Ragone, spokesman for San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom.

Scott Givens, managing director and chief executive officer of the San Francisco 2016 Bid Committee, said the 49ers' decision created a "perceptual gap" that hurt the city's reputation in the eyes of the Olympic committee.

"The damage has been done and the damage can't be pulled back," he said.

The International Olympic Committee will select the host city in 2009. Madrid, Spain; New Delhi; Prague, Czech Republic; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Rome; and Tokyo are among those to have expressed interest. The Summer Olympics will be in Beijing in 2008 and London in 2012.

The 49ers said Monday they had encouraged the bid committee not to build its entire proposal around a new 49ers stadium at Candlestick Point. Still, members of the city's Olympic organizing panel were jolted by the team's decision.

"We're numb and we're very disappointed at the recent turn of events," said Anne Cribbs, a committee member who won a swimming gold medal in the 1960 Games.

Following last week's announcement, the committee said it would try to find a new location for marquee events, including the opening and closing ceremonies and track and field competition.

But the options they considered — including modifying At&T Park, home of baseball's San Francisco Giants; expanding Kezar Stadium in Golden Gate Park; or building a new stadium at Candlestick Point without the 49ers' help — all proved unworkable, Givens said.

Another backup plan might have been the refurbishing of an aging Monster Park, the 49ers' current home. In a September letter to Newsom that was made public by the team on Monday, York said it would "seem prudent" for the bid committee to further

explore the Monster Park option.

"This could provide a backup plan," York wrote.

"The bid committee showed no signs of listening to the team's repeated requests that they consider other plans," 49ers spokeswoman Katherine Madariaga said.

But city officials said the bid was a long shot at best without a new stadium.

"We, like everyone else in San Francisco, were under the impression the backup plan wasn't required," Ragone said. "We were under the impression the 49ers were committed to staying in San Francisco."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., a former San Francisco mayor who strongly opposes a 49ers move and has tried intervening with team owners, planned to raise the issue at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing Tuesday about sports broadcasting, her spokesman Scott Gerber said. He declined to specify what questions Feinstein planned to ask.

A spokeswoman for the 49ers said no new talks with San Francisco officials were currently scheduled.

The U.S. Olympic Committee is eager to avoid a repeat of New York's failed 2012 Olympics bid. Financing for the New York stadium fell apart about a month before the final vote, and the city didn't get nearly the votes it needed to host the games.

Now, only Los Angeles or Chicago will be the American candidate if the USOC decides in December to nominate a city. The candidates must give a detailed presentation of their plan to the USOC by March 31. The USOC would choose its candidate in April.

"While the decision to withdraw was undoubtedly a difficult one, it underscores the commitment made by the San Francisco 2016 bid committee to lend its full support to any U.S. city that may ultimately be selected," USOC vice president Bob Ctvrtlik said.

Los Angeles is the only American candidate with a stadium in place. The host of the 1932 and 1984 Games would use a refurbished Los Angeles Coliseum. The extent of the restoration will depend in part on whether the NFL returns to Los Angeles.

The city also has permanent venues in place for every sport that needs them, save shooting. They propose using housing at UCLA and USC for the Olympic village. They believe the package they offer — with more venues in place and fewer financial questions — will outweigh concerns about bringing the Olympics back to Southern California a third time.

Chicago proposes a new stadium in its Washington Park area, the centerpiece of an Olympics that would be based around Lake Michigan and downtown. The Chicago committee has not given specifics of how the privately financed venue would be paid for, other than to say the USOC would be comfortable with its plan.

Court documents reveal details on the cause of a deadly wildfire

By The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE — A matchstick-and-cigarette ignition device found at the flashpoint of a wildfire that killed five firefighters is similar to evidence recovered from two June arson blazes linked by DNA to a man charged with setting the deadly blaze last month, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

However, the court documents obtained by The Press-Enterprise of Riverside do not establish a direct DNA link between Raymond Lee Oyler and the fatal Esperanza Fire that burned in late October 90 miles east of Los Angeles.

The affidavit was written on Oct. 31 to keep Oyler, a 36-year-old mechanic, from posting bond after his arrest.



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BY JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press Writer

FREMONT — Men and women of various religions covered their heads with scarves, yarmulkes or turbans Monday in solidarity with an Afghan woman who was gunned down while wearing a traditional Muslim veil, an unsolved murder that has sowed fear among immigrants in this Bay Area suburb.

Alia Ansari, a 37-year-old mother of six, was gunned down Oct. 19 in front of her 3-year-old child while walking to pick up her other children from school.

Police are investigating the case as a possible hate crime but they have not determined whether the killer was motivated by the fact that Ansari wore a "hijab" — the traditional head covering worn by Muslim women.

Organizers of Monday's observance called on people throughout the San Francisco Bay Area to cover their heads at work or school to honor and foster comfort with religious or ethnic difference.

In Fremont, home to the nation's largest Afghan community, city officials — some also covering their heads — gathered in a city park in the rain alongside about 100 people of various religions.

"It's a show of respect," said Fremont Mayor Bob Wasserman. "We have a community that's proud of its diversity, and we honor that."

No arrests have been made in Ansari's killing. But a 27-year-old man has been held on an unrelated warrant since the day of the killing and has been labeled a "person of interest," said Fremont Police Chief Craig Steckler. He said the department is still considering the possibility it was a hate crime.

"We won't tolerate hate crimes in the city of Fremont," Steckler said.

The case has left city officials and local residents concerned about the safety of their community.

"Initially, there I was just shock and concern for the children, but as we get beyond that, questions about safety take over," Wasserman said.

"People are afraid," said Gihan Mansour, a native of Egypt who has lived in Fremont for eight years and wears the hijab daily. "It's sad, because we used to feel so safe here. And it's scary to have this happen and not know why."

It's scary to think the person responsible for Ansari's murder could still be on the loose in Fremont, said Moina Shaik, a Pakistani immigrant and Fremont resident.

"This really put us on edge," she said.

Mansour said it's important for people to feel comfortable showing their religious affiliation. That's why she never considered taking off her scarf, despite concerns about safety.

"I will still walk around like this," she said motioning to her scarf covering her hair and pinned tight around her face. "It helps people see us, get to know us, and start to see it as normal."

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LOS ANGELES

Mayor needs to get on the bus

Public transportation riders have this message for their mayor: Get on the bus.

Commuters interviewed Monday said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, an avid proponent of public transit, ought to practice what he preaches.

"Get out and ride the transit like you tell everyone else," said pharmacy student Jackie Sanders, 39, as she sat on the bus.

Subway rider George Lee, 38, who was on his way to his job at a temporary employment agency, said riding public transit would give the mayor a chance to bond with his constituents.

"Instead of being in your car and being sheltered from other people, you get to interact with other cultures," Lee said.

Villaraigosa is a member of the board of directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and has made reducing gridlock a large part of his mayoral agenda. He has urged city residents to help cut down on traffic by forsaking their cars whenever possible.

But the mayor said his hectic calendar that regularly includes a half-dozen events a day makes it hard for him to use public transit more than a few times a month himself.

"I'd like to do more, but my problem is I have to go all over the city," he said. "It's very tough because of my schedule."

FILLMORE

Bear doesn't get a warm welcome

A black bear captured in a residential area was destroyed, authorities said.

The 250-pound bear, believed to be about 10 years old, wandered into the community Monday from nearby Los Padres National Forest, sheriff's officials said.

State Fish and Game wardens subdued the bear in a cul-de-sac where deputies had cornered it, officials said.

The bear had to be destroyed because state law prohibits returning a bear to the wild within 14 days of being sedated during hunting season, Fish and Game spokesman Steve Martarano said.

"It's unfortunate that we had to end up putting it down, but at this time of year the options are limited," Martarano said.

Hunting season ends Dec. 31.

LOS ANGELES

Former president pleads guilty

The former president of a union representing city school workers pleaded guilty to federal charges that she embezzled funds for a former City Council candidate and herself.

Janett Humphries, 63, on Monday admitted taking more than \$30,000 from Service Employees International Union, Local 99, mostly to pay the travel expenses of campaign workers for one-time City Council candidate Martin Ludlow.

She also acknowledged spending some of the money on unauthorized travel for herself and a cell phone for Ludlow.

Humphries is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 26 on a count of conspiracy and four embezzlement counts.

Sentencing guidelines and her plea agreement call for her to receive no more than 16 months, prosecutors said.

Her lawyer, Ricardo Torres II, said he would seek probation because Humphries had a clean record before her recent convictions.

Humphries pleaded guilty to the federal counts after being convicted last month in state court on charges that she broke campaign finance law in Ludlow's race and lied about it.

She has not yet been sentenced in the state case.

Spotted owl population down 50 percent since the 1990s; a lawsuit filed

By The Associated Press

SEATTLE — An environmental group is suing to block logging on 50,000 acres of private timberland, saying the state's population of northern spotted owls has been reduced by half since the 1990s, when its plight prompted an 80 percent reduction in logging on national forest lands.

The Seattle Audubon Society sued last week in federal court, asking U.S. District Judge Marsha Pechman to bar logging on private timberlands west of the Cascades.

The organization targeted four sites owned by Weyerhaeuser Co. in southwest Washington where spotted owls have been seen, citing them as examples of sites where the court should order the state Forest Practices Board to ban logging.

The Seattle group, joined by the Kittitas Audubon Society, said state rules "offer no meaningful protection" for the owls outside 13 "special emphasis" areas where the state offers specific protections.

A spokeswoman for the board said it tightened some rules last year and has representatives on a federal panel working on a new restoration plan for the spotted owl, which is listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act.

"The Forest Practices Board has gone on record recognizing the importance of ... spotted owl conservation and has recognized in particular the importance of federal lands," spokeswoman Patty Henson said.

Weyerhaeuser said no owls have been seen for some time at two of the sites, and the company does not plan to cut any timber at the other two.

The lawsuit could be important if the plaintiffs can show that the state's rules violate the Endangered Species Act. Spotted owls have been declining about 7 percent per year in Washington, far faster than in Oregon and California.

"We're saying, as to these owls that are still hanging on, don't kill them," said Peter Goldman of the Washington Forest Law Center, which represents the environmentalists.

Bishops attempt gay outreach

BY RACHEL ZOLL

AP Religion Writer

BALTIMORE — The nation's Roman Catholic bishops overwhelmingly approved new guidelines Tuesday on outreach to gays, trying to support gay parishioners while strictly affirming the church stance that same-sex relationships are "disordered."

Gay Catholic activists immediately judged the document a failure that will push gay and lesbians away from the church.

The statement, "Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination," upholds the Catholic prohibition against same-gender marriage and adoption by gay or lesbian couples.

Yet bishops insisted that they're trying to be more "welcoming than condemning."

The document says it's not a sin to be attracted to someone of the same gender. The bishops also state that children of gay Catholics can undergo baptism and receive other sacraments in most cases if they are being raised in the faith.

Under the guidelines, parishes must instruct gays to remain celibate. The bishops are also discouraging gays from making "general public self-disclosures" within their churches about their sexual orientation.

"It is not sufficient for those involved in this ministry to adopt a position of distant neutrality with regard to Church teaching," the bishops stated. Gay outreach must include teach-

ing that is "welcoming yet challenging, loving but firm in the truth," they said.

The 194-37 vote, with one abstention, came at a meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Sam Sinnett, president of DignityUSA, an advocacy group for gay Catholics, said the new guidelines reflect the bishops' ignorance about sexuality. He said the document would alienate gays.

"This document recommends the most unhealthy thing to do which is to stay emotionally and spiritually in the closet," Sinnett said.

"For the person with the inclination, they find that very very difficult to accept, personally," said Bishop Kevin Boland of Savannah, Ga., during the floor debate Monday. "They feel that the church is saying to them that as a person they are disordered. I recognize that it is crucially important to say this, but to apply it pastorally it can be difficult."

On another matter Tuesday, bishops overwhelmingly adopted a statement encouraging Catholics to obey the church's ban on artificial contraception.

Church leaders at the gathering are also discussing how Catholics can make themselves worthy to receive Holy Communion. Several bishops said Monday that Catholics who persist in ignoring church teaching, including gays who are sexually active, should not take the sacrament.

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Assessing cost and value



DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

If you're a home owner, at some point you've probably thought about remodeling or selling. According to Money magazine, since 1994, the cost of buying a home has increased approximately 3.7 percent per year nationally. The cost of remodeling has increased about 2.8 percent annually.

"House prices have risen faster than the dollar-per-square-foot cost of renovating, which suggests that investing in your home is a very wise thing to do," says Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

The United States home improvement market has grown to nearly \$250 billion, according to the most recent report released by the Joint Center for Housing Studies'

Remodeling Futures Program at Harvard University.

Fueled by the home-ownership boom and strong income growth among high-earning households, improvement spending has climbed steadily for more than a decade.

"Ultimately, a remodel offer sellers two distinct but no less important benefits: pride of ownership and tax-free equity when they sell," notes Sal Alfano, editorial director of Remodeling magazine, which will publish the 2006 Cost vs. Value Report in their next issue.

The 19th annual report, published in conjunction with Remodeling magazine, estimates the price and the percent of cost recouped on sale. This year's results conclude that prices continue to climb for most remodeling projects, while the value of improvements at resale have returned to 2002 levels.

The report gives insight into what renovations have the best return on investment. Nationally, adding a family room, renovating a kitchen or bath or turning your master

bedroom into a suite are all strong decisions, with homeowners usually recouping 70 to 80 percent of their expenditures on average.

Economist Gopal Ahluwalia of the National Association of Home Builders observes unless you maintain your property, it will deteriorate. Rule of thumb is to redo kitchens and baths every 15 to 20 years to preserve the value of your investment. The cost of not keeping your home up to date translates into less money on sale, and ever seller's nightmare, that their property will linger on the market for months.

Another decision when it comes to remodeling is how long do you plan on staying in your residence. The Census Bureau notes that the current average is 12 years, up from 10.5 years during the 1980s.

While the baby boomers still account for the majority of the market, the next generation — which includes millions of foreign-born and minority households — are moving rapidly into home ownership. These younger, more diverse homeowners are now reshaping the mix of demand for remodeling projects.

"Gen X-ers already rival baby boomers in per-household spending," said William C. Apgar, senior scholar at the Joint Center for Housing Studies. "Over the past decade, minorities in general, and Hispanics in particular, have become a rapidly growing market segment."

The return on a remodeling investment will also depend on the value of your home, particularly in relationship to the value of homes in your neighborhood. Another factor is the availability of new homes and the rate at which property values are changing around the neighborhood.

"Local and regional differences in the resale value of remodeling projects are not surprising — the desirability of certain home features varies by neighborhood and is heavily influenced by buyers' expectations in a given area," observes M. Stevens, National Association of Realtors association president. "For example, adding a bathroom to a one-bathroom house in a neighborhood where most homes already have two may not return as much as remodeling an outdated bathroom in that same community."

The desirability of different remodeling projects varies by region and metropolitan area, according to the report. In the West, window replacements are highly valued, with 102 percent of costs recouped on sale. A minor mid-priced kitchen remodel may return more than 106 percent and a second story addition is worth 101 percent.

What's important to remember when perusing the Cost vs. Value Report is that return on investment is an approximation. In a neighborhood where property values are stagnant, a major remodeling project is unlikely to recoup as much as in neighborhood experiencing a rapid run-up in values. Additionally, seemingly small differences in size, scope, or quality of finishes can dramatically affect final project cost. Other variables, such as the value of similar homes in the neighborhood, the market's health, and the quality of the design and construction — help determine what homeowners can expect to recoup from their

COST VS. VALUE REPORT 2006				
2006 National Averages		Region - Pacific		
Project	Job Cost	Resale Value	% Cost Recouped	
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Mid-Range				
Attic Bedroom Remodel		\$44,073	\$35,228	79.9%
\$52,583	\$51,698	98.3%		
Basement Remodel		\$56,724	\$44,685	78.8%
\$66,861	\$62,004	92.7%		
Bathroom Addition		\$28,918	\$21,670	74.9%
\$34,311	\$31,195	90.9%		
Bathroom Remodel		\$12,918	\$10,970	84.9%
\$14,889	\$15,361	103.2%		
Deck Addition		\$11,307		
\$16,297	\$14,846	91.1%		
Family Room Addition		\$74,890	\$53,519	71.5%
\$88,371	\$72,247	81.8%		
Home Office Remodel		\$20,057	\$12,707	63.4%
\$22,385	\$17,403	77.7%		
Major Kitchen Remodel		\$54,241	\$43,603	80.4%
\$59,716	\$58,004	97.1%		
Master Suite Addition		\$94,331	\$68,458	72.6%
\$111,157	\$95,916	86.3%		
Minor Kitchen Remodel		\$17,928	\$15,278	85.2%
\$19,366	\$20,614	106.4%		
Roofing Replacement		\$14,276	\$10,553	73.9%
\$17,060	\$15,160	88.9%		
Siding Replacement (vinyl)		\$9,134	\$7,963	87.2%
\$11,173	\$9,919	88.8%		
Sunroom Addition		\$49,551	\$32,854	66.3%
\$55,813	\$39,412	70.6%		
Two-Story Addition		\$105,297	\$87,654	83.2%
\$122,085	\$123,969	101.5%		
Window Replacement (wood)			\$11,040	\$9,416
85.3%	\$12,684	\$12,963	102.2%	
Window Replacement (vinyl)		\$10,160	\$8,500	83.7%
\$11,768	\$11,338	96.4%		
Upscale				
Bathroom Addition		\$60,535	\$44,041	72.8%
\$68,852	\$59,355	86.2%		
Bathroom Remodel		\$38,165	\$29,529	77.4%
\$43,050	\$40,938	95.1%		
Major Kitchen Remodel		\$107,973	\$81,896	75.9%
\$115,549	\$103,798	89.8%		
Master Suite Addition		\$176,268	\$128,096	72.7%
\$199,312	\$166,000	83.3%		
Roofing Replacement		\$24,693	\$18,012	72.9%
\$28,884	\$24,526	84.9%		
Siding Replacement (fiber cement)			\$13,149	
\$11,573	88.0%	\$13,539	\$13,783	101.8%
Siding Replacement (foam-backed vinyl)			\$11,139	\$9,258
83.1%	\$13,544	\$11,790	87.1%	
Window Replacement (wood)			\$16,910	
\$13,952	82.5%	\$19,022	\$18,877	99.2%
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This year's Cost vs. Value Report notes that on average, home improvement project costs 20 to 25 cents on the dollar. The other 75 to 80 cents goes directly back into the home through increased value. Don't forget to factor in the enjoyment that the property owner will get from these improvements.

This year's annual report compares construction cost with resale value for 25 common remodeling projects in 60 U.S. markets and different regions. Our chart shows national and West Coast results.

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**THE HOA ADVISOR**
BY MICHAEL CHULAK

Our homeowner association was recently sued by one of our members claiming that our board of directors failed to enforce the CC&Rs against another member who allegedly caused a nuisance. The member who is suing has subpoenaed our executive committee minutes. I thought these minutes were confidential?

Executive Committee minutes can be subpoenaed, except to the extent that they may be protected by the attorney-client privilege. This means they can always be subpoenaed when your lawyer is not present.

We are in the process of purchasing a home. The escrow will be closing in two weeks. Our real estate agent suggests that we hold title as joint tenants. What is your opinion?

I don't have sufficient information to advise you on this important matter. Deciding how to hold title has many legal ramifications. A real estate lawyer should be consulted who also has experience in estate planning. Your real estate agent is practicing law without a license.

Are mortgage brokers required by law to disclose all the money they make on transactions to their clients?

Absolutely. Regardless of whether a mortgage broker is receiving compensation from its client or the lender, the broker must disclose all compensation received. The receipt of any secret profit would violate the law.

The management company for our homeowner association and our board of directors recently conducted an election of directors that did not meet the requirements of our bylaws and CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions). Can an election be challenged by a group of homeowners?

Yes. An action challenging the validity of an election must be brought within nine months after the election. If no such action is commenced, in the absence of fraud, the election will be presumed valid after nine months from the date of the election.

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Stabilizing cash

**IN YOUR SPACE**
BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

Investment in commercial real estate can provide cash flow, appreciation or both. When assessing the likelihood of consistent cash flow or appreciation there are a variety of considerations.

Today's article focuses on property improvements. Age, condition and appropriateness of the improvement to the property's current and future use can impact both cash flow and potential appreciation.

When stable cash flow is the goal, tenant quality and lease terms are fundamental factors. In addition, a good understanding of the improvements as they relate to future capital expenditures and required maintenance are important. In the short term, these factors may or may not impact cash flows.

For example, if capital improvements and maintenance expenses are paid for by a national credit tenant on a long-term lease, the likelihood of reduced cash flow to the investor due to maintenance on the property is low. If, on the other hand, the tenant is weak and/or these expenses must be paid by the owner, the predictability of consistent cash flow can become problematic.

The appropriateness of the improvement can impact both the current tenant and the ease or difficulty of re-tenanting in the future. Of particular concern are specialty buildings used for a specific use (i.e. a fast food restaurants). If the current tenant moves out, the cost to remodel or demolish and rebuild can have a significant negative impact on the property value.

Functional obsolescence and the cost to cure the obsolescence are also important considerations. An example would

be warehouse properties with low ceilings and short clear spans that no longer are suitable for a given market.

Future demand for the type of improvement can be evaluated by reviewing employment, economics and demographic trends. For example, many call centers are now being outsourced overseas because of labor costs, thus reducing the demand for office space designed as a call center.

Environmental contamination of improvements and the land need to be carefully reviewed. What environmental issues exist and who pays for remediation and when is a serious consideration. A Phase I and possibly a Phase II inspection can reveal potential contamination, the cost of which should be factored into the value and risk of the property.

Analysis of existing electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems could reveal potential for cash flow and appreciation increases. Some leases contain a clause requiring that tenants pay for upgrading the improvements if the upgrade decreases expenses. Along the same lines; an investor could shelter income from taxes by installing more efficient systems, i.e. use less of our natural resources.

Sometimes properties can be bought for less than replacement value. What this means is that it would cost more to build a new building on the site than what is being paid for the existing improvement. This type of investment can provide good appreciation potential and cash flow if situated in a strong market, providing the improvement doesn't suffer from excessive need for capital expenditures, functional obsolescence or high maintenance costs.

While there are many things to consider in investing in real estate it is important to evaluate the nature of the improvements. The improvements can either positively or negatively impact both the quality and consistency of the cash flows and the potential for appreciation.

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Dems steer focus to earth

BY JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Democrats who will steer environment issues in the new Congress are polar opposites of their Republican predecessors, but changing environmental policy is like turning around an aircraft carrier — it's very slow.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, a liberal California Democrat and one of the biggest environmental advocates on Capitol Hill, was named Tuesday to chair the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. She replaces Oklahoma Republican James Inhofe, who says global warming is a hoax and wanted to abolish the Environmental Protection Agency established by President Richard Nixon.

On the House side, the approach to endangered species and opening public lands to private development will do an about-face with Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., expected to take over the House Resources Committee. He would replace GOP Rep. Richard Pombo, a California rancher, defeated for re-election last week after environmentalists spent nearly \$2 million against him.

"Our long national nightmare is close to being over," said Philip Clapp, president of the National Environmental Trust, paraphrasing Gerald Ford on assuming the presidency after Nixon's resignation over Watergate.

Democrats will focus on cutting pollution blamed for global warming, accelerating toxic waste cleanups, reversing Bush administration tax and regulatory breaks for energy producers and switching the government's course back to strict protections for endangered species.

Their environmental allies are back on offense. "We've been forced to play defense most of the past six years," said Gene Karpinski, president of the League of Conservation Voters.

Energy companies will likely be put on the defensive. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., the presumed next speaker of the House, has already promised to repeal oil industry subsidies.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., the likely next chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, plans to investigate Republicans' oil subsidies included in the energy bill Bush signed into law last year. Dingell said he also was interested in revisiting Vice President Dick Cheney's secretive energy task force.

Environmentalists say any global warming policy must be accompanied by higher fuel economy standards for cars and light trucks. On that issue, they worry that Dingell, who represents thousands of

auto workers and is a strong ally of the auto industry, could stand in the way.

Dingell has opposed raising those standards because of concerns that jobs could be lost and automakers might suffer even more than they are now economically.

Among Boxer's first moves will be a bill to curb greenhouse gases, modeled after her home state's approach which seeks to lower emissions to 1990 levels by 2020.

"Some of the practical solutions are in the California approach" of Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, she said.

Already, John McCain of Arizona and other Republican senators have proposed bills or expressed support for mandatory caps on the U.S. fossil fuel-burning emissions of carbon dioxide.

Even some Republicans say that President Bush might eventually agree to address global warming by imposing a nationwide cap on greenhouse gases. A system for companies to swap the rights to pollute would be established under the cap.

That would require a second 180-degree reversal of his stance on global warming. He entered office in 2001 pledging to regulate industrial carbon dioxide emissions but came out against regulation shortly afterward. To date, Bush has favored voluntary strategies and more research and development.

"The president has indicated that a market-based cap is on his list of options. And it's pretty high on the list; it's in second place," said Tucker Eskew, a Republican consultant and former Bush White House aide.

It wouldn't be the first time Bush signed a bill about something he at first opposed.

Last month, Bush signed a law to build 700 miles of fence on the U.S.-Mexico border though he had wanted a broader approach that gave some illegal immigrants citizenship. In 2002, he agreed to fold nearly two dozen agencies into a new Homeland Security Department after opposing it for nine months.

Boxer also plans hearings on her longstanding complaint that the EPA has maintained a sluggish pace in cleaning up Superfund toxic-waste sites. The EPA says the sites are getting bigger, costlier and more complex to remedy.

Looking to 2008, strategists in both parties see great opportunity in the environment.

"Any candidate who allows himself to be recklessly out of touch with mainstream environmental values is vulnerable," said Carl Pope, the Sierra Club's executive director.

Mayors converge in Utah to discuss the greenhouse effect

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Nearly 30 mayors from around the country are converging on a nearby ski resort owned by actor and environmentalist Robert Redford to discuss ways to combat greenhouse gas emissions.

Redford is co-hosting the second annual Sundance Summit on climate protection with Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives.

They expect to be met by a tough crowd. "It's probably 60 percent (of the mayors attending who) are skeptics," says organizer Michelle Wyman, executive director of the council.

Wyman, Redford and Anderson hope to engage the group of mayors, which represent cities ranging from San Francisco to Warwick, R.I., in discussions on ways to cut the amount of fossil fuels consumed, both by city governments and by the residents they serve.

"We've seen those at the national and international level have policy dialogues that take a very long time to actually translate into action," Wyman says. "Mayors have Advertisement direct and immediate access to design and implement actions that begin to quantifiably reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

Salt Lake City is one of more than 300 cities nationally that have committed to meet greenhouse gas reduction goals set by the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement the U.S. government has not signed.

Salt Lake City met its goal in 2005, cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 21 percent from 2001 levels.

The city made changes such as eliminating sport-utility vehicles from the city's fleet, buying natural gas vehicles and capturing methane gas released at the city's wastewater treatment plant and landfill for electricity generation.

The city also purchases wind power. "We're headed for worldwide disaster if we don't all do our share," Anderson says. "It's not just an economic and environmental imperative, it's the greatest moral imperative that applies to leaders everywhere - whether in religion, education, (science) or government. We're already seeing drastic consequences from global warming."

Mayor Kevin Burns of North Miami, Fla., worries his city could experience disaster as a result of climate change, including more frequent and more powerful hurricanes.

His city is considering establishing adding fuel-efficient vehicles to its fleet and rewriting city codes to include incentives for green buildings.

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FOOTBALL

Shell mulls QB switch after Walter critiques the offense

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Art Shell took issue with quarterback Andrew Walter’s criticisms of the Oakland Raiders’ struggling offense and appears ready to make a switch back to Aaron Brooks.

Walter took shots at coordinator Tom Walsh’s offense after Sunday’s 17-13 loss to Denver, saying there is not enough “depth” in the playbook, the offense was too predictable, and that the team needed to utilize more quick-developing plays than five- and seven-step drops.

That didn’t sit well with Shell, who has fiercely defended Walsh all season long from criticisms that he is out of touch after being away from the NFL for more than a decade.

“You have to be accountable for what you do,” Shell said Monday. “To start making statements about what’s in and what’s not in, then you need to take a hard look at what’s there. Obviously, I don’t want to get into a contest with a young man but for him to come out and say those things, (that’s) totally off-base as far as I’m concerned.”

Walter was unavailable for comment Monday, but had plenty to say after Oakland’s latest loss.

“We need to make it more complex,” Walter said, referring to the Raiders’ playbook. “I’d like more swing routes, flat routes, short stuff. There are certain things I’d like to see.”

Shell did not respond to criticisms of the offense and coaching staff earlier in the season from receiver Randy Moss, saying everyone can “speak their mind.” But the coach wasn’t as accepting of the comments from Walter, who is in his second year in the NFL.

“When you speak out, you need to know what you’re talking about when you make those statements,” Shell said. “You can speak out. I’ve said that before. Guys are capable of speaking out but when you start going out and you start airing your laundry in public, then you’ve got to have some accountability for that, too.”

Shell said Walter’s comments wouldn’t play into the decision about who would start at quarterback Sunday at Kansas City, but he appears ready to give the job back to Brooks.

Brooks began the season as the starter before straining a pectoral muscle in the first quarter of the second game. The injury took

longer to heal than the Raiders originally thought, giving Walter an extensive opportunity to prove he was ready to be an NFL starter.

Brooks returned to practice two weeks ago and said Monday he’s ready to play in games as soon as the coaches give him the go-ahead.

“I’m going to take a hard look at it and see where we are with him,” Shell said. “He’s been throwing the last couple of weeks. I thought last week he threw the ball a whole lot better. ... I think he’s very close. We’ll see how he goes.”

Brooks, who was just 6-for-14 for 68 yards before getting hurt, said the problems on the NFL’s worst offense are more about execution than play calling. Brooks has made 84 starts in his career and said he believed he gives the team a better chance to win than the inexperienced Walter does.

“I think we have a greater chance,” Brooks said. “I possess some skills that with my experience gives us a greater chance.”

Walter has shown sporadic signs of success, but needs to do much more to overcome a poor offensive line. Walter has completed just 48.1 percent of his passes and thrown only three touchdowns and nine interceptions. He has also lost seven fumbles and been sacked 40 times.

Walter said he has asked for changes in the offense and the coaches have sometimes listened to his suggestions.

Shell said Walsh’s offense runs many of the same plays as other teams in the NFL and does not call more deep drops than many other teams. He also said that the players have more say on what plays get called than he has seen in the past.

Shell also was upset about comments made by Moss, who blamed his frequent dropped passes this season on a loss of focus because he’s not happy with what’s going on around the team.

“My concentration and focus level tends to go down sometimes when I’m in a bad mood,” Moss said. “So all I can say is if you put me in a good situation and make me happy, man, you get good results.”

Shell said he “hates” to hear comments like that.

“You’re paid to play a game that you’ve played for many years and that you love and once you hit the field, you compete,” Shell said. “That’s the way I see it.”

BASEBALL

The A’s eliminate Hillman from consideration for manager’s job

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics narrowed their list of managerial candidates to three Monday, eliminating Trey Hillman from consideration.

The team said that because Hillman had a contractual obligation to give notice to his club in Japan either way, Oakland informed him earlier in the day of its decision to move forward in the process without him.

A’s bench coach Bob Geren, Colorado Rockies bench coach Jamie Quirk and ESPN baseball analyst and former Texas Rangers pitching coach Orel Hershiser are the three remaining candidates to become Ken

Macha’s successor.

All along, Geren has been considered a front-runner for the job and the A’s have long considered him manager material because of his extensive work as a skipper in the minor leagues and winter ball.

“I haven’t heard anything,” Geren said by phone Monday.

General manager Billy Beane, a close friend of Geren’s who played against the former big league catcher during their high school days in San Diego, planned to meet with other team officials Monday at the general managers’ meetings in Naples, Fla., to discuss the job and perhaps make a decision.

The A’s will probably introduce their new manager sometime this week.



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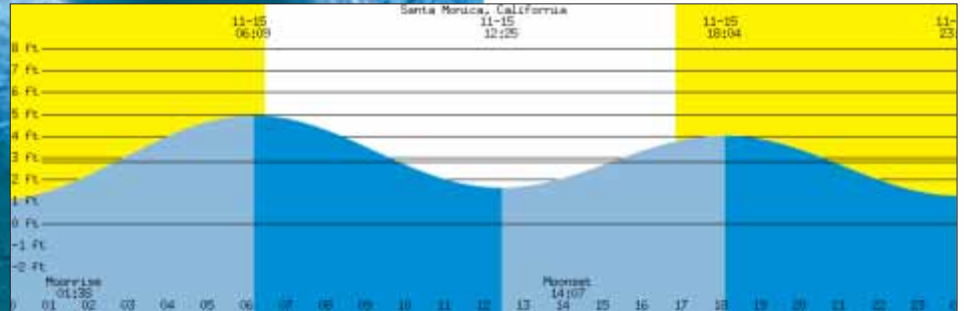
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QUICK STATS
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- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / no
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 13 / no

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Canoas Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasse and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Emick Canyon at El Metador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Salinas Canyon at Deer Blucker County Beach	A	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Mobile Rd.	F	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Calvary fence	A	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location) - daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	ns
Pena Creek at Las Torres County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	D	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsaugay)	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain	E	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Tappan St.	D	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- Hedges tower	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Bolinas Creek mouth	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty)	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	ns

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Togetherness counts, Aries

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

★★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive
★★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Take your time, especially if you hit a major confrontation. Walk away. Opportunity will strike out of the blue. The unexpected occurs through an associate or loved one. Clear out as much as you can. Make time for much-needed socializing. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your imagination carries you in a new direction. You will see results in whatever area of your life you choose to plug into. Let others put in their two cents. Great ideas come through brainstorming. Tonight: Wind down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to work from home. The more centered you are, the better off you will be. Opportunity strikes through your high energy. Someone takes a stand. You also could discover that you have a problem. Tonight: Think "midweek break." Make fun plans!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You will want to think about alternatives, especially if you feel overwhelmed or as if you have too much on your plate. Your imagination points you in a new direction. Your creativity flourishes. Tonight: Order in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Deal with a risk by not taking it. You might easily go on overload. How you see a situation could change because of pressure from others. You will need to say "no" and not give in. By the afternoon, schedule a discussion. Tonight: Hang out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might be on top of the world, but someone gives you a hard time. You're personality plus. Yet someone close could be a doubting Thomas or even sabotage you. What is going on here? Lie back and don't force a situation. Tonight: Gather your bills.

Born Today

Singer Petula Clark (1932)

Actress Beverly D'Angelo (1951)

German general Erwin Rommel (1891)



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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Take your time making a decision. You might be uncomfortable. Think positively about what you can do. Consider your options carefully. You might not hear the whole story; know when to ask questions. Tonight: Rest, and then put on your dancing shoes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Sometimes you might not be on target. A risk, even if others think it is a good idea, could backfire. Know when to say "enough" and head in a new direction. You know much more than you realize. Stop and listen to your sixth sense. Tonight: Vanish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You can kick very hard if you are not pleased with a situation. You will let others know just how unhappy you are. There is no question what is coming down the path with this strong attitude. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Look beyond the obvious. Think in terms of gains and growth. Note what facts might be left out, and you might be one step closer to getting the whole story. Someone helps you land exactly what you want. Tonight: Could be later than you think.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Work carefully with one specific person. You might find yourself not liking what is happening. Know that you cannot simply pull the rug out from under someone's feet. You might want to, but you cannot. Tonight: Relax your mind, and you will see the whole picture.

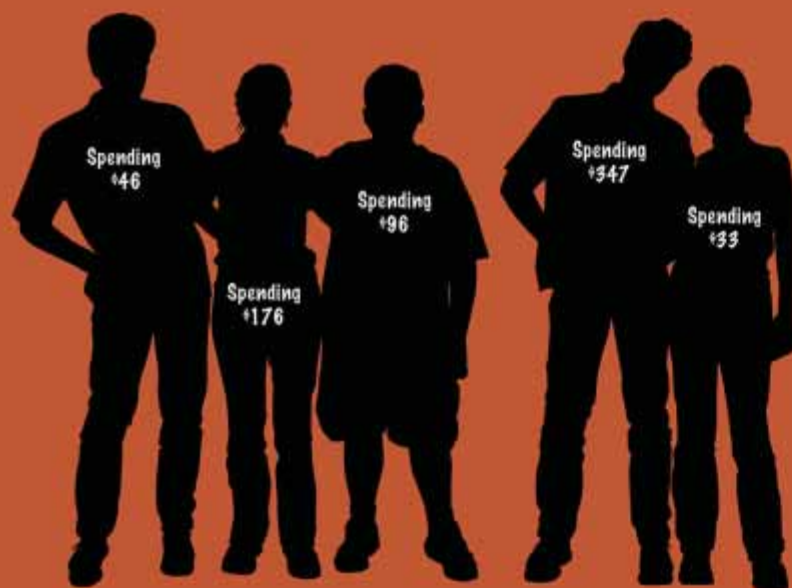
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to do something very different for a change. You are more in control than ever before. Allow greater flex. You need to flow right now and not make strong decisions. Information might be overwhelming. Tonight: Togetherness.

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Dazzling ‘Stars’ Smith’s smooth steps cause a commotion

Everyone’s talking about **EMMITT SMITH** these days. But they aren’t discussing how the NFL career leading rusher outmaneuvered linebackers on the field.

The chatter is about how Smith’s hip-swaying and smooth glides on the dance floor have gotten him to this week’s finale on the ABC celebrity dance contest, “Dancing With the Stars.”

“I think he’s just fabulous!” Ann Williams, 69, founder of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre, told The Dallas Morning News. “There’s no way that he could be in the finals without having the same stick-to-it-iveness and work ethic he had as an athlete.”

There’s no doubt many would be watching the showdown between Smith and partner

Cheryl Burke and actor Mario Lopez and Karina Smirnoff on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Sports bars and dance studios throughout North Texas have held “Emmitt watching parties” that show the appeal has cut across cultural and class lines.

That’s because dancing is something most people have thought about and wish they could do, dance instructors and academics say.

Even in the “princess dreams of little girls growing up, the prince always knows how to dance,” Rita Kirk, professor of communication at Southern Methodist University, told the newspaper.

At Skillz Salon in Plano, where many black professional athletes go, conversation among clients and staff regularly turns to Smith.

“He’s been doing really well. He’s a phenomenal dancer,” said barber Sedrick Fort, 32.

The buzz has even motivated more men to take up dancing, said Toni Musgrow, 38, who manages IDance2 studio in Plano, where Smith and Burke practiced.

“As one male customer told me just the other day: ‘Emmitt makes dancing look manly.’”

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Staying lowkey is impossible for Cruise

CRUISE’s mission was to stay out of sight in busy Rome. He appeared to be succeeding.

A few dozen fans holding photos and cameras were stationed Tuesday in front of the hotel where Cruise was reportedly staying, hoping to get a glimpse of the Hollywood star before his week-end marriage to Katie Holmes. But the actor didn’t appear.

Cruise — who landed in Rome on Monday on a private jet from Los Angeles together with some 10 people, including

Odescalchi Castle on Lake Bracciano, near the capital.

As bodyguards stood at the ready and barriers were being set up in front of the Hassler hotel, fans mingled with photographers and TV crews, waiting with their cameras.

Sophie Bassett-Symonds, a 34-year-old British tourist and Cruise fan, said she decided to stop by the hotel after hearing of the wedding.

“He’s exceptionally talented and as a man, he’ll always be a heart-

BLOND BOMBSHELL

Fans lined up in the London rain to catch a glimpse of the new blond Bond, as sandy-haired **DANIEL CRAIG** made his screen debut as suave secret agent 007.

“Casino Royale,” the 21st James Bond film and the grittiest to date, received its world premiere Tuesday. Stars including Elton John and Beyonce Knowles were expected in the audience in London’s Leicester Square for Craig’s date with double-O destiny.

The film was being screened as the annual Royal Film Performance, a 60-year-old tradition that raises funds for performers’ charity the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund. It is the second Bond film chosen for the royal honor, after “Die Another Day” in 2002.

Craig, 38, is already being praised in some quarters as the best Bond since Sean Connery, who played the first Bond role in 1962’s “Dr. No.” His debut has restored the buzz around a franchise that many felt was past its prime.

An adaptation of Ian Fleming’s first-ever Bond novel, “Casino Royale,” was previously filmed as a 1967 spoof starring Peter Sellers. It is one of the few Bond adventures not to feature the MI6 gadget-maker Q or the sharp-witted secretary Miss Moneypenny.

AP

‘The Race’ became too real for Dynamite

MS. DYNAMITE was recovering from a 100-mph crash that occurred during filming of “The Race,” a car-racing reality show on Britain’s Sky One TV network.

Brian Johnson, lead singer of rock band AC/DC, struck the back of the British rapper’s Formula Ford car at Silverstone racetrack in central England on Sunday.

“The Race” pits teams of male and female celebrities against each other. The drivers had completed lap four of a 25-lap race when the collision occurred.

Paramedics treated the singer, whose real name is Niomi McLean-Daley, at the track. Though she didn’t suffer any serious injuries, she was airlifted to a hospital as a precau-

tion and remained overnight.

“Brian Johnson’s wheel clipped her back wheel,” Sky One television spokesman Lee Robson said. “That forced her car into the barrier and sent her car spinning about 50 yards down the track.”

Robson couldn’t confirm the singer’s condition Monday.

McLean-Daley’s 2002 debut album, “A Little Deeper,” won

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4:10, 7:10

Night of the Living Dead 3D (R)
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The Prestige (PG-13)
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Running With Scissors (R)
1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20

Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas in Disney Digital 3D (PG)
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Buffett sues for use of Margaritaville

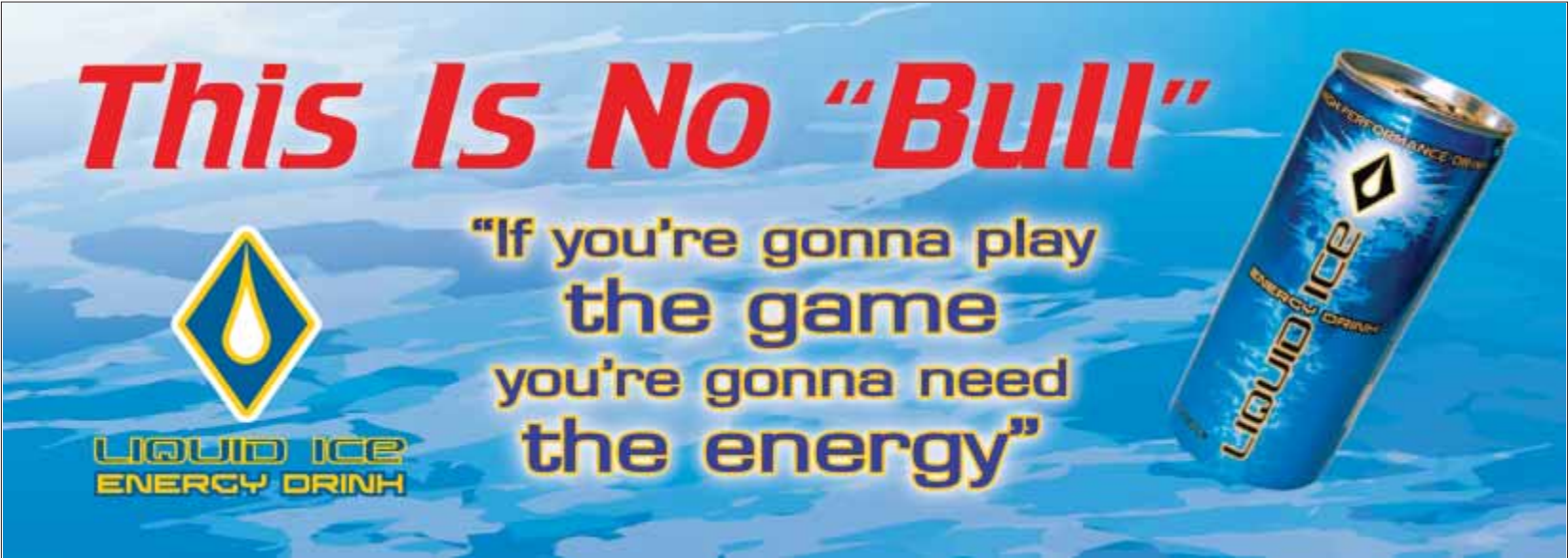
JIMMY BUFFETT has filed a lawsuit alleging that a Galveston merchant is unlawfully using his trademark to sell goods at an online store.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in federal court, seeks to shut down Robert Akard’s Web site, <http://www.underonehut.com>.

The lawsuit claims the Web site falsely represents itself as “Jimmy Buffett’s Margaritaville Online Store for Merchandise.”

A lawyer for Buffett said part of the problem is that some items on the Web site, which sells beach-themed novelties, are overpriced.

“Many of these products are ones (Akard is) not even authorized to sell, but primarily, the problem is that, in some cases, the markup on items is as high as 50 percent,” lawyer Anthony Buzbee said. “Jimmy Buffett’s not in business to make money, certainly not anymore, and he



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Difficulty
GOLD

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

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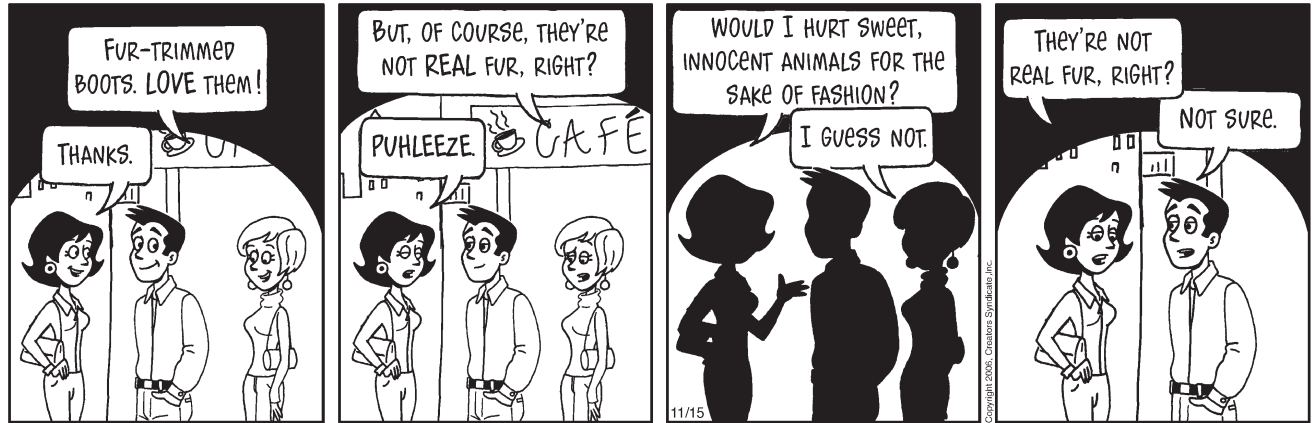
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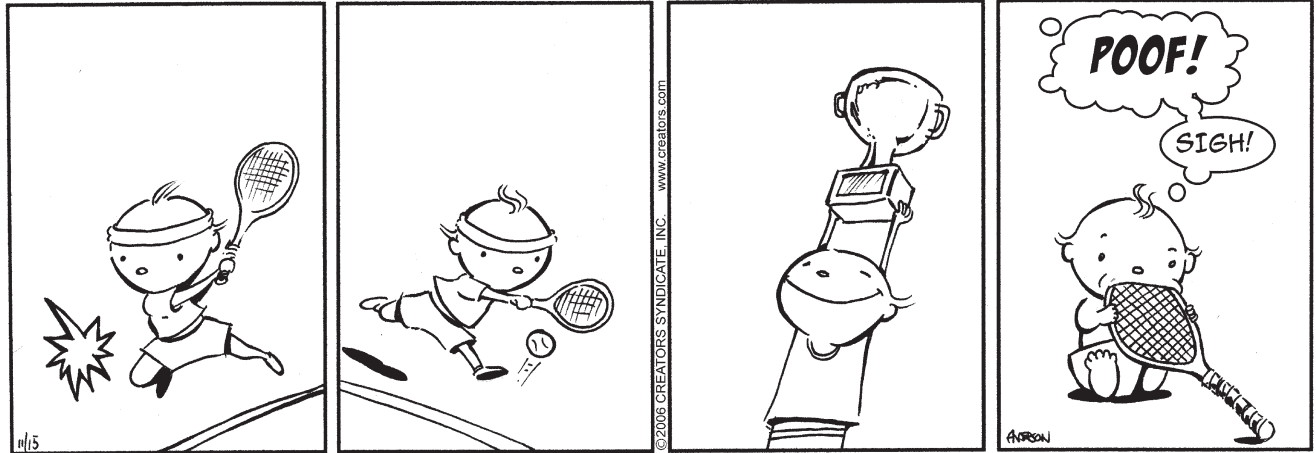
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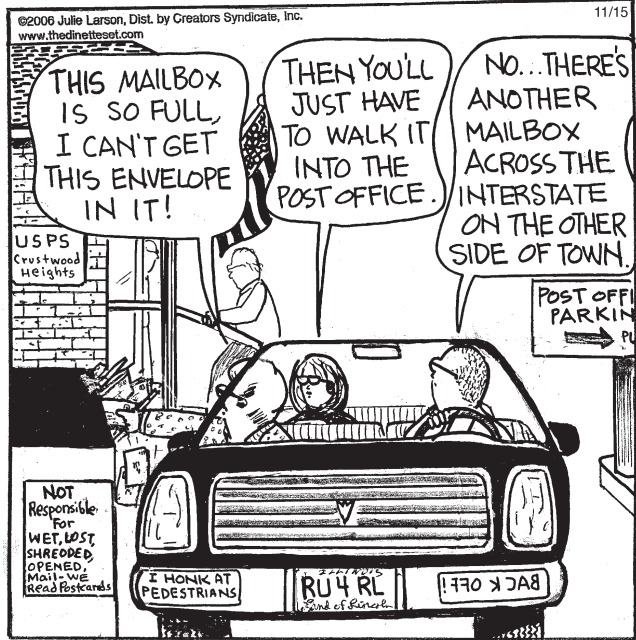


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22 Afternoon viewing

24 "The Legend of Zorro" heroine

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38 Squeak stopper

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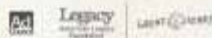


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sale will be made, but without covenant or
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tional advances if any, will increase this
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tice of Delinquent Assessments hereto-
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trant(s) is/are : Annie Schmidt, 833 Euclid St.
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conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant
has not yet begun to transact business under the
fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Annie
Schmidt
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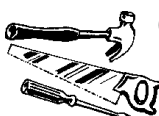
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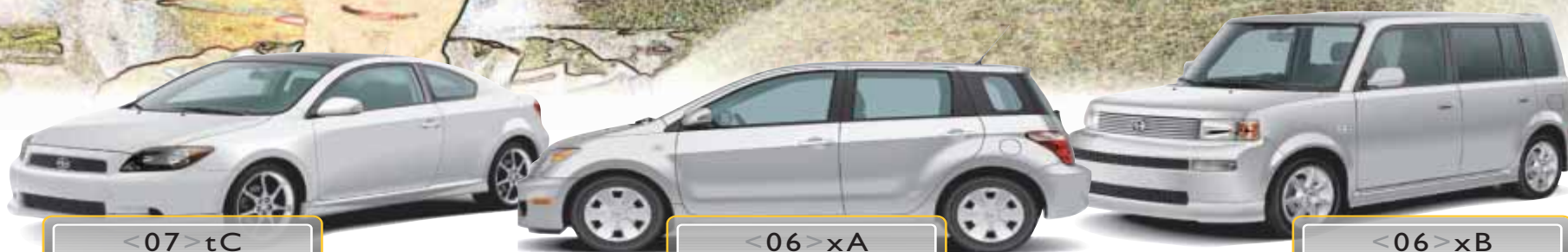
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