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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Alternative-world online games like Second Life allow players to create identities and personalities, to communicate, and to interact commercially in a self-contained universe. Players buy, sell, invest and generate wealth using a virtual monetary system. Currently, Second Life players bump up against real-world taxes only if they earn real-world money from cashing out in-game wealth, but a congressional economist told Reuters in October that the House and Senate would soon be considering whether also to levy taxes on property and currency left inside the system ("virtual capital gains"). (Second Life's in-game economy is so robust that it is growing at many times the rate of the U.S. economy.) (The story was filed by a real-life reporter embedded as Reuters' Second Life "bureau chief.")

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 326th day of 2006.
There are 39 days left in the year.

1963

President Kennedy was shot to death while riding in a motorcade in Dallas. Texas Gov. John B. Connally, in the same limousine as Kennedy, was seriously wounded. Suspect Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested.

1718

English pirate Edward Teach — better known as Blackbeard — was killed during a battle off the Virginia coast.

WORD UP!

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1. Ranked or ranged below; subordinate; inferior. 2. (Chiefly British) Ranking as a junior officer; being below the rank of captain. 3. (Logic) Asserting only a part of what is asserted in a related proposition.

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Tune in, turn on, transfer to UC



FEELING THE VIBE: Santa Monica College student Monique Ziering (left) lets her friend Erica Hernandez listen in on her iPod. On Tuesday, SMC officials announced that for the 16th straight year, the school was the largest feeder of transferring students to the University of California.

Saying good-bye to 51 years at SMC

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC — It was like saying good-bye to a family member.

Standing before a collage of three retiring Santa Monica College trustees — Carole Currey, Dorothy

Ehrhart-Morrison and Herb Roney — former student trustee and SMC graduate Ailia Coley-McKinney recalled how her mentors changed her life, making her feel like they were a part of a family.

On graduation day in 1998, Coley-McKinney was concluding

her student career at SMC as the ceremony's speaker and was feeling butterflies in her stomach. Seeking reassurance, she glanced out at the audience to find her family. When she couldn't find them, Coley-

See TRUSTEES RETIREMENT, page 7

All gravy, baby: Holiday pilgrims ready to party

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Santa Monicans will be heading out in droves tonight, tying one on amid what has quietly become the second biggest party night of the year — Thanksgiving eve.

While retailers have been busy gearing up for "Black Friday," local bar owners have been stocking up for the unofficial holiday kickoff for those who imbibe.

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CRUNKIN': Bar owners have been stocking up for tonight's expected revelry.

Malibu passing on gas

Ventura agency out to sink LNG

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU — A plan to anchor a liquefied natural gas facility off the coast here may have to be scrapped after a Ventura County smog control agency voted unanimously to impose stricter standards on the world's largest energy supplier, environmentalists said.

The Ventura County Air Pollution Control board last week sent a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency asking it to reconsider granting an exemption to BHP Billiton that would allow the Australian-based energy company to operate a LNG facility roughly 14 miles off the coast of Malibu, and 25 miles off the coast of Santa Monica.

The exemption allows BHP to run generators on Cabrillo Port to power the facility without having to offset added emissions by purchasing existing air pollution credits, officials with the board said.

If the EPA requires BHP to comply fully with the federal Clean Air Act, it would be difficult, some say impossible, for the LNG facility to be built because there are very few credits available for purchase.

The board has asked BHP to purchase 1.3 pounds of smog credits for every one pound of nitrous oxide emissions generated at the LNG terminal.

Currently, Ventura County does not meet the federal air quality standards for ozone. It also exceeds the state standards for ozone and particulate matter, said Mike Villegas, the board's executive director.

"All districts are running into a tight supply. It's a problem for much of California," Villegas said of the shortage of credits. "Numerically,

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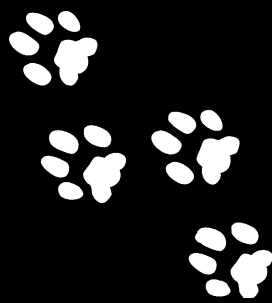
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WESTSIDE TODAY

IT'S WHAT'S GOING ON, SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006

Fitness Class— Mambo Mania
Santa Monica, 7 a.m. — 8 a.m.

Join us for the newest craze in fitness — Latin Style Aerobics!

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 story-telling, sing-a-longs, handicrafts and enactment of a fairy tale.

Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting
Santa Monica YMCA, 12 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club weekly luncheon with guest speakers.

Winter Wine Samplings
Sheraton Delfina, 5 p.m.— 7 p.m.

Come join us for a weekly wine seminar taking place every Wednesday during the month of November.

Santa Monica Fitness Group for Women
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 and power walks.

Dianetics and Scientology
Church of Scientology Santa Monica, 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Free introductory lectures every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006

Special Thanksgiving Day Class
Forrest Yoga Institute, 9 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Special Thanksgiving Day Class with visiting Forrest Yoga instructor Chanel Luck from Boston, MA.

Weekly LeTip Business Networking Group
El Cholo Restaurant, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Weekly networking over lunch to provide additional lead and referrals to your line of work. Only one person per profession may join.

Fairmont Miramar Hotel Thanksgiving Brunch
Fairmont Miramar Hotel, 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Guests can enjoy the lavish offerings of Chef Jean-Claude and his culinary team in the comfortable surroundings of the Starlight ballroom.

Yappy Hour at Tails of Santa Monica
Tails of Santa Monica, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
A social gathering for dogs and their people.

Salvation Army Youth Night
The Salvation Army, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Activities include games, crafts, and bible lessons.

DivorceCare
Vineyard Christian Fellowship Westside, 7 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.
A divorce recovery and support group that meets weekly on Thursdays at the Vineyard Christian Fellowship.

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

SMC again tops in UC transfers

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC — The student body at UCLA looks a little like the one at Santa Monica College.

For the 16th consecutive year, SMC has the distinction of being the largest feeder of student transfers to the University of California, according to Bruce Smith, public information officer at the college.

Located in Westwood — approximately six miles from Santa Monica College's campus in Sunset Park — UCLA was once again the most popular choice among SMC students for the 2005-06 school year, with 515 of the 903 transfers to the UC system opting to become a Bruin.

"(UCLA is popular) because of its geographic proximity, as well as its reputation," said Smith.

UCLA is ranked 26th in U.S. News and World Report's 2007 list of America's Best Colleges.

Santa Monica College boasts such a high transfer rate because it recruits top students, provides academic counseling, hires the best professors and keeps its reputation as a transfer school well publicized, said SMC Transfer Center Coordinator Dan Nannini.

To help keep up with its reputation, the college transfer center provides a myriad of activities, such as weekly visits from four-year schools and workshops.

"We attract students who work hard and focus on transfer, and we provide the instruction and counsel necessary to get our students into top-notch colleges and universities," Nannini said.

Santa Monica College is also the number-one feeder of transfer students to the University of California and California State University systems, with a combined 2,169 former students attending those institutions.

The University of Southern California, ranked 27th in the country by U.S. News and World Report, is another favorite of SMC students, with 180 transfers to Trojan country in the fall semester. SMC is again the largest source of transfer students to USC, beating out Pasadena City College, with 74 students.

"It's something everyone who is part of the college community is proud of," said Board of Trustees Chair Nancy Greenstein.

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A feast to remember:

St. Monica's Parish is expecting more than 1,000 people to take part in its 27th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner today. The dinner, which will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. in the parish auditorium on Seventh Street, is open to the homeless and street people, as well as anyone "who is poor, lonely, broken and struggling with life," said Monsignor Lloyd Torgerson, pastor of St. Monica's. Participants are advised to come to the dinner as early as noon. A line to the auditorium will form on Seventh Street at California Avenue.

Photos courtesy

Murdoch puts squeeze on 'Juice'

BY HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — No, O.J., no.

It was a sequel few had asked for or dared conceive, a television and book project with Simpson describing how he would have killed his ex-wife. Any fascination with Simpson's shocking return to public life was overcome by revulsion and disbelief.

Even Rupert Murdoch, a media king with a famous taste for scandal, couldn't stand it anymore. On Monday, he canceled the whole thing, less than a week after it was announced.

"I and senior management agree with the American public that this was an ill-considered project," said Murdoch, whose News Corp. owns both Fox Broadcasting and publisher HarperCollins. "We are sorry for any pain that this has caused the families of Ron

Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson."

"If I Did It" had been scheduled to air as a two-part interview Nov. 27 and Nov. 29 on Fox, with the book to follow on Nov. 30. HarperCollins spokeswoman Erin Crum said some copies had already been shipped to stores but would be recalled, and all copies would be destroyed. Should any turn up, they will become instant collectors' items.

During an appearance on CNN's "Larry King Live," Fred Goldman, Ron's father, expressed appreciation to anyone who opposed the book and interview.

"We want to say thank you, thank you for everyone in this country who raised their voice and stood up for the right thing," Goldman said.

Simpson's attorney, Yale Galanter, told The Associated Press: "We had known for three or four days that this was a possibility."

"There are only three possible reactions: anger, happiness or indifference. He's totally indifferent about the fact that it's been canceled," said Galanter, who added that he didn't know if Simpson was paid upfront.

Simpson told The Associated Press in a phone interview late Monday he could not comment on the situation "until I know legally where I stand."

He added, "I would like nothing better than to straighten out some things that have been mischaracterized. But I think I'm legally muzzled at this point."

Murdoch has never been known for his exquisite taste — sensation has long been the News Corp. game. Any hopes of commercial reward were quickly overwhelmed by near universal anger — from those who

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Laughable skateboard status

Editor:
Excuse me for rolling across the floor laughing my tookas off when I read that the building at Ocean Park and Main Street has earned historical status because of a skateboard genre that some say was spawned there (“Dogtown isn’t going anywhere,” Nov. 15, page 1).
This is perfectly laughable when one stops to consider that the skateboard generation probably started in the Depression era, when some one took a scrap of wood, a couple of roller-skate wheels and a soap box, and made a kid’s toy out of them.
Later, in the early ’60s, when these “Lords of Dogtown” weren’t old enough to walk home from school by themselves, otheras of my generation in junior high school and high school woodshop classes began to form skateboards and took on the Marine Street hill at Fourth Street with steel wheels that showered sparks as we dumped every time in thrill rides that defied sanity. Even Highland Avenue down towards Marine was a bone-breaker, and to this day, I’ve not seen the new riders of the purple rash dare try our feats.
The idea that these egomaniacs claim they are heirs to a generations-old involvement because they sold magazines and made a movie about themselves, and gave no credit to those peers — both male and female — is the height of hubris that the city bought in on when hysterical status was conferred on that building, especially when one stops to consider the real history of that building, one of Santa Monica lifeguards.
To think of all the lives saved by fine public servants who reported there for lifeguard duty, that did not rise to the level of merit, is an insult and proves only that the designation of historical status comes cheap compared to the real exploits of real working-class heroes here in Santa Monica after all.
If someone wants to bestow real honors on that structure, then be honest about it, recognize the efforts of generations past who braved the sea and all her fury and danger in a higher calling than the box office draw and the bottom line and the stroke of their own ego.

Stewart Resmer
Santa Monica

Horizons should see light of day

Editor:
I was just surfing the web for some more information on the Z-boys and it was with shock and horror that I read your article of the destruction of the old Zephyr Surf Shop. Sacrilege. Your town should be ashamed. Is nothing sacred in this world? Please pass on my heartfelt objections to the powers that be.
ShannonVernon,
British Columbia Canada

Glossy mailers keep familiar faces

Editor:
Like, wow. After years of complaining about traffic, homelessness, overbuilding, the difficulty of working with and the frequent lack of accountability of city staff, the total homogenization of the promenade, the failure to get much of a (or any) reaction when trying to contact councilors, and on and on (Kevin McKeown excepted on almost all counts), the Santa Monica voters again went for the good ol’ standbys. Those with name recognition and, of course, money to send out glossy mailers ... many glossy mailers ... very glossy (But these are good people all; let that truly be said). Yet we have returned to office some of those who allowed significant deteriorations in the quality of life to occur.
After 16 years, for example, of doing little, Holbrook wants one more year to deal with homelessness. He also believes he can preserve this “old beach town” (a favorite phrase, too, of the publisher of the Mirror), not admitting that it is long gone in no small part due to what he and his colleagues have and have not done. As for SMRR: While insisting they have done nothing but good, they have, in fact, held control of the council during the quarter-century the city has diminished. So let’s see. Who will take bets that 24 months from now Bloom, Genser and Katz will also win re-election, as will Shriver, should he find another hedge issue to stir the blood? Come on, fellow citizens. This is still a terrific place to live. Let’s stop the losses. We can’t complain and then continue to return the same people to office year after year. OK, I guess we can. But the challenge is in the moment. And that moment is in our hands.
Ron Di Costanzo
Santa Monica

In a burst of dignity, America rights itself



NEWS ON
THE EDGE
BY RON SCOTT SMITH

Human dignity might be as good a place as any to start this thing. Not a half-bad place to start anything, do you think? As difficult a concept as it appears to be for some to grasp, we all know. We’re born with it, just as surely as we’re born with a heart in our chest.
America showed off a lot of both on the first Tuesday after the first Monday, when we (pardon the indignity) threw the bums the hell out.

Common Article III of the Geneva Convention states there will be “no outrages upon human dignity” in the treatment of enemy combatants captured in war. Pretty decent convention, one might think, showing that humans — even in the face of our depraved, bloodletting conflicts with one another — strive nonetheless for some kind of higher ground in the treatment of individual prisoners of war. But, oh my, then the 43rd American president had to jump in. Lobbying Congress hard for passage of a bill that would officially sanction torture, George W. Bush went uncharacteristically thoughtful:
“It’s very vague. What does that mean — outrages upon human dignity?” And his Congress of yes-men, in what turns out to be one of their last official acts, regurgitated his bill into law. America tortures people legally now. It’s Bush’s Law. We, the people, the pretty damn decent people of the United States of America, we torture.

Well, hold onto your waterboards for just one minute there, sports fans, because here come the red states, blue states, orange, green, name it, stepping up to a color — blind plate in a sweeping scream for change, wielding a huge Louisville Slugger, demanding the self-proclaimed “war president” lose the arrogance and find a clue.
They said that whatever part of human dignity is so hard for you to understand, Mr. Decider, know that torture is surely an outrage upon it.

Listen, America self-corrects. At least that. Despite slavery, dropped A-bombs, Native American genocide, institutional greed, this nation periodically self-corrects, probably out of nothing so much as a basic survival instinct. Oops, we just did it again.

There has developed over six grueling years of Bushamerica, a gauntlet of outrages that human dignity has had to fight its way through.
For instance, human dignity, bruised, bloodied, fought its way through the tenure of Donald Rumsfeld — operations manager of the Iraq chaos, torture advocate — because he’s gone now, buried in an electoral landslide. And soon there will be no more of John Bolton, the human train wreck who

went as ambassador to a United Nations he despises as much as any human being could despise it.
“There is no such thing as the United Nations,” the current ambassador to it once said. John Bolton, see ya. Human dignity, hey.

Human dignity is rearing its shy head in demanding there will be no more of the most tragic blunder in American history, the great needless Iraq War that has taken over 3,000 American and some say up to 600,000 Iraqi lives in order to force democracy on a newly built nation that goes right on ahead and democratically elects the very fundamentalists we were said to be there to contain in the first place. This is twisted human folly at its most gruesome and America gets it, screaming: “Enough is enough.”

Human dignity will no longer allow illegal wire-tapping and unchecked monitoring of telephone conversations of American citizens in the name of the almighty Fear. And human dignity demands that even those held up as the most dangerous to western civilization shall not have the key to their Gitmo cell thrown away with no accountability and no day in court because it flies in the face of everything the United States of America has ever stood for. It’s why there is a United States of America.

Human dignity cringes at the notion of the most fortunate and wealthiest among us receiving the lion’s share of tax-cut money that does not even exist in the national coffers as deficit soars in the time of great, needless war. All the while, the millions who do the daily labor to build and service the infrastructure that the well-to-doers rely upon to accumulate their wealth, fight over the few scraps thrown their way in petty battles for things like what to leave in and what to leave out of the Pledge of Allegiance. And that cruel joke of a \$5.15 per hour minimum wage that has not been upped one cent while a Republican-controlled Congress has given itself \$31,600 in eight separate pay raises since 1997 does not go unnoticed by the seeing eyes of human dignity.

Human common sense chimes in and has many scratching their heads over a 700-mile wall approved for our southernmost border by that same newly lame-ducked Congress because that 700-mile wall will have graffiti written all over every inch of it, and it will say “idiocy” and “money-burner” among choicer things. Common sense informs us that for every 20-foot wall, there’s a 21-foot ladder, and for every indigenous person to any given homeland there is given righteousness.

Human dignity — oblivious to language, creed, color — now of this looming wall and all things Bushamerican, implores, “No mas.”

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY JEANETTE HENDERSON

Was our vote for the people or for the party?

One of the many beauties of the American democratic system is that when we cast our vote on Nov. 7, we chose individuals, candidates who had his or her own line on the ballot. It wasn't a vote for an institution or a political party (even if we voted a straight party line). Our votes were for individuals.

Whether we were voting for one person or against another doesn't matter, only that we voted for individuals.

The reason we choose individuals is because people trust people, because our candidates can look us in the eye and we can judge their believability by the way they communicate with us on a one-on-one basis. We choose them because he or she has assured us more convincingly than their opponent throughout their campaign that they better understand us and our needs, and will go to Washington (or the state or local government) to help us have those needs satisfied. The problem is, once they win, they seem to disappear into some large, onerous and untouchable vacuum, never to be seen or heard from again (until the next election).

Just look at what we've seen in the last week. We delivered our winners their victories, and they left Wednesday morning, poised and ready to satisfy our personal needs. Once the candidate wins, however, the party suddenly swoops in and takes credit for that victory and scores of others across the country, whether they deserve it or not.

The party patently paints every winner with the same party brush. The party starts spewing it's party line (which often contradicts what our candidate said during his or her campaign), and the individuals we voted for disappear behind a curtain of party politics, party ideals and party obligations. We no longer have anyone to look in the eye and believe anymore. We individuals don't trust institutions or parties, we only trust people.

Granted, we knew our candidates belonged to a party, but many of us don't, or we vote across party lines in order to vote for an individual we like or respect. Once the election is over, however, suddenly that individual is gone, and only The Party remains. This is the mistake every political machine makes; they forget the individual. They forget that the candidate is an individual, and they forget the voters are individuals.

That's the unseen uphill battle for every party once they gain power, and the cycle seems unbreakable. First, party leaders assume that because the voters elected enough individuals on one side of the "center" to give them power, they intentionally interpret that as a mandate to try to swing the entire country as far to that side as possible. The party loads all of its individual's

weight together, whether they agree with the party or not, and under that weight, the pendulum swings one way.

Once it goes too far (as it invariably and inevitably does), the voters stop the swing by voting for enough individuals on the other side of center to give the opposing party power, who then misinterprets that as a mandate, loads all of its individual winners together (whether they agree with their party or not), and try to swing the entire country as far as possible to their side. The pendulum swings the other way.

The problem is, there is no mandate, or more accurately, the only mandate is to stay in the middle. In the middle is where most of us individual Americans feel most comfortable, and that's where we want to stay. We vote for an individual because we believe that individual is like us, and that he or she will go to Washington and address our personal needs. They've looked us in the eye and told us so.

Once they've won, however, and all we have to listen to are the spoutings of the party leadership saying how much they're going to move away from the center, we start to become confused, then angry.

The only solution is for the great monolithic political parties to recognize and remember the individual after the election. All these speeches about being "bi-partisan" only remind us that our individual candidates have disappeared behind the party curtain, and any hopes we had of staying in the middle are quickly becoming pipe dreams. We already see the two behemoths posturing, claiming they'll all get along when we know that it is impossible for these two leopards to change their spots. It's just a matter of time before someone takes the first shot and blames the other one for it.

The first party that learns to effectively communicate that it is a party of individuals with individual ideas and individual responsibilities, rather than absorbing all of its candidates into its one-sided mindset that has little agenda other than to oppose the one-sided mindset of the other party, the party that appears to always put the needs of the individual voter first, before the needs of the party or its leadership, the party that recognizes that being in the middle is where the majority of Americans want to be, and that it is all the majority the party needs to win, will be the one who holds power the longest.

What is certain is that when a need exists, somebody always comes along to satisfy it. Right now, this country needs leaders who can communicate to the individual.

Jeanette Henderson is author of the book "There's No Such Thing as Public Speaking."



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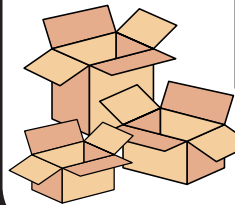
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LNG exporting nations are typically those that also export oil. Russia, Qatar and Iran hold almost 60 percent of global gas reserves, according to the Natural Gas Supply Association.

The fuel has been promoted as a cleaner and cheaper alternative to coal or oil, however it is highly volatile, capable of destroying buildings more than a mile away if ignited in large quantities.

Four years ago, the United States had only two LNG terminals — in Everett, Mass., and Lake Charles, La. Today, two more are oper-

ating, one in Maryland and another in Georgia. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has approved 12 proposals in Louisiana, Texas, Georgia and Massachusetts, with a dozen more applications pending from Oregon to New Jersey, according to Environmental Magazine.

The Coast Guard, which regulates offshore terminals, has approved two facilities off Louisiana and is considering eight more in the Gulf of Mexico and off the coasts of California and Massachusetts.

The Ventura County board's request reverses an earlier position in support of the EPA's exemption for BHP. Villegas said public testimony last summer, as well as legal opinions filed on behalf of Malibu residents, "shed new light" on the project and its impact on the region.

Villegas said initially the board thought that an exemption granted to small operations on the Channel Islands applied to BHP's project on Cabrillo Port because it was essentially a man-made island that was off the coast and out of the board's jurisdiction.

However, that opinion changed upon further examination of the law, Villegas said.

Environmentalists who have joined forces

to fight BHP's application have been aggressive in lobbying the board to make the request.

"When you build a facility of this type, it is a major new source of air pollution," said Susan Jordan, the director of California Coastal Protection Network, which is working with the City of Malibu and residents in hiring the Environmental Defense Center to fight BHP's application. "This air pollution will come ashore and affect Malibu and Ventura County, which are already struggling with poor air quality."

Representatives with BHP said the facility, which is at least five years from operation, would utilize the best technology available to limit emissions.

BHP is also in the process of replacing "dirty" engines on two tug boats that operate along the coast of California. This would remove about 165 tons of smog producing emissions annually from the coast, said Kathi Hann, an environmental advisor and spokesperson for BHP.

"The board's decision was a surprise to us since they signed off on this a year ago," Hann said. "We remain confident we will receive a positive decision on our project, which will help California meet crucial energy needs in the most environmentally

benign way possible. We have been subject to an extensive review. This is our fourth year, so we believe we have exceeded requirements of state and federal authorities."

The LNG facility is supported by business interests who are looking forward to the hundreds of jobs the operation would create, Hann said.

Supporters include the Oxnard, Simi Valley and the Gold Coast Hispanic chambers of commerce.

Hann said she expects federal officials to return with a final recommendation by the end of the year, at which time the governor and the U.S. Coast Guard will have an opportunity to weigh in.

The air permit granted by the EPA is just one piece of the puzzle, said Joseph Lapka, an environmental engineer with the EPA.

"We are working through more than 12,000 public comments, including the board's letter, and we will work through them as best and as fast as we can," Lapka said. "We will not make a decision until after the broader environmental review process is completed."

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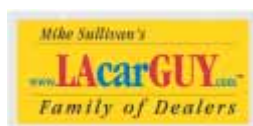
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New board members bring a fresh outlook

TRUSTEES RETIREMENT, from page 1

McKinney began to panic.

"Dorothy pulled me to the side and said, 'You pull yourself together. Don't worry about who's not here,'" Coley-McKinney reminisced on Monday. "That was the first time I recognized what I failed to realize before — the Board of Trustees is my family."

Her actual family eventually did arrive at the graduation ceremony, but Coley-McKinney never forgot the experience.

"These three in particular were the most effective trustees I ever met," she said.

The former student was among the SMC faithful who came out to wish the three trustees well in their retirements during a reception on Monday, held immediately before the board's regular meeting — the final meeting for Currey, Ehrhart-Morrison and Roney before the new board members are sworn in Dec. 11.

With a spread of cheese and crackers laid out before them, the guests in attendance, including friends, family and colleagues, took a trip back in time to the trustees' tenure on the board, staring at photo collages and listening to stories about the trio.

"I met Carol early on in my political life and asked her how to get elected to the school board," said Mayor Bob Holbrook during a speech. "She said she doesn't know."

It was a bittersweet good-bye for Roney, Ehrhart-Morrison and Currey, who with their retirement, put the finishing touches on a combined 51 years of service on the board.

"This is the greatest community college in the state (because it cares about its students)," Roney said.

First elected in 1994, Roney graduated from SMC and later served as a teacher and administrator at the college. Elected in the same year was Ehrhart-Morrison, a 30-year Santa Monica resident and former business manager and educator whose desire to contribute to the community fueled her decision to run for office.

With a little more than 27 years — the most experience on the board — was Currey, who first ran for office on the Santa Monica Unified School District (before Malibu was added) to advocate for K-12 education, not knowing that the board also included the college board. When the two

boards separated in the early 1980s, Currey, who had taken an interest in SMC, decided to stick with the college board.

"Let's face it. Twenty-seven-plus years? That's enough," said Currey, an adult education teacher in Culver City.

The trustees say their legacy is something to be proud of, with achievements such as establishing SMC as the leading transfer school to four year public universities in California, moving forward with the Bundy Campus expansion plan and diversifying a campus that just a few decades ago, had very few women and minority students.

But most importantly, they believe their greatest accomplishment was providing support and quality education to the students.

With 12 years or more of service on their resumes, the trustees say it was the right time to retire.

"This is such a wonderful rewarding service. I felt others would like to experience what I had done — to make a contribution to the community and to the college," said Coley-McKinney.

Roney believes he reached the point in his career where he accomplished everything he could have with the college board. It's time to bring new life into the board, Roney said, adding that the time was right for new ideas and new blood.

"I'm just beginning the episodes of life," said Roney, who hopes to start traveling again with his wife.

With three new faces joining the board — Louise Jaffe, a teacher and founding member of Community for Excellent Public Schools; David Finkel, a retired judge; and Andrew Walzer, an LA Community College teacher — the three retirees say they have no doubt the new trustees will fit right in.

That's what Board Chairwoman Nancy Greenstein hopes, who was reelected recently along with the three new members.

"They have a wealth of experience," Greenstein said of the retirees. "As a new board member, it was very helpful to have those types of members."

"A couple of the new board members have been adjunct faculty," Greenstein added. "There's a learning curve. Hopefully, they'll be fast learners."

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Ordinance for introduction and first reading and addition of Chapter 9.72 to the Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) to require a child care linkage fee on all new retail, commercial and hotel development of 7,500 square feet or greater in size, and all additional multi-family residential units.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, November 28, 2006 AT 6:45 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

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MORE INFORMATION

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Fox network affiliates refused to air the special

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knew Goldman and Brown, from book-sellers and advertisers, even from Fox News Channel personality Bill O'Reilly.

A dozen Fox network affiliates had already said they would not air the two-part sweeps month special, and numerous stores had either declined to sell the book or had promised to donate any profits to charity.

"I really don't think there would have been very many advertisers who would have been willing to participate in this show," said Brad Adgate of the ad buying firm Horizon Media.

With little advertising, Fox would miss the chance to profit from the show. If there were no advertisers, the show wouldn't even be rated by Nielsen Media Research.

The cancellation was a stunning rebuke to ReganBooks — a high-profile imprint of HarperCollins — and Judith Regan, who had labeled the book and interview Simpson's "confession." She insisted that she had done it not for money, but as a victim of domestic violence anxious to face down a man she believed got away, literally, with murder.

ReganBooks is known for gossipy best-sellers such as Jose Canseco's "Juiced" and Jenna Jameson's "How to Make Love Like a Porn Star." Regan, one of publishing's most driven and forceful personalities, did not immediately respond to requests for an interview.

Fox has long tested viewers with risky reality programming dating back to "When Animals Attack." O'Reilly had urged a boycott of any company that advertised on the special.

Simpson was acquitted in 1995 of murder in a case that became its own TV drama. The former football star, announcer and actor was later found liable for the deaths in a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by the Goldman family.

The TV special was to air on two of the final three nights of the November sweeps, when ratings are watched closely to set local advertising rates. It has been a particularly tough fall for Fox, which has seen none of its new shows catch on and is waiting for the January appearances of "American Idol" and "24."

The closest precedent for such an about-face came when CBS yanked a miniseries about Ronald Reagan from its schedule in 2003 when complaints were raised about its accuracy. It was seen on CBS' sister premium-cable channel, Showtime, instead.

One Fox affiliate station manager said he wasn't going to air the special because he was concerned that, whether or not Simpson was guilty, he'd still be profiting from murders.

"I have my own moral compass and this was easy," said Bill Lamb, general manager of WDRB in Louisville.

Numerous books have been withdrawn over the years because of possible plagiarism, most recently Kaavya Viswanathan's "How Opal Mehta Got Kissed, Got Wild, and Got a Life," but removal simply for objectionable content is exceptionally rare. In the early 1990s, Simon & Schuster canceled Bret Easton Ellis' "American Psycho," a graphic account of a serial killer. The novel was released by Random House Inc., and later made into a feature film, an improbable fate for Simpson's book.

Sales for "If I Did It," had been strong, but not sensational. It cracked the top 20 of Amazon.com last weekend, but by Monday afternoon, at the time its cancellation was announced, the book had fallen to No. 51.

AP Television Writer **David Bauder** and AP Special Correspondent **Linda Deutsch** also contributed to this report.

Bars expect crowds on Thanksgiving eve

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It's not as lucrative as New Year's Eve, but many establishments expect to double, if not triple, their sales tonight as those who normally might remain home watching episodes of "Lost" venture out into the night to celebrate and reconnect with old friends in town for the holidays.

The night has become so popular that some clubs bump up cover charges to rake in even more dough, while others switch things up, offering drink specials to remain competitive.

"This is going to be one of the busiest nights for us," said Steve Young, a bartender at Finn McCool's on Main Street, which had to cancel its regularly scheduled band because they expect a full house. "The atmosphere is totally different from the weekends. People are out looking to have a good time and don't really care about how much money they spend. They're just ready to let loose."

At Britannia Pub just off the Third Street Promenade, co-owner Olwyn Perrem said she is expecting to see many familiar faces and some new ones as people look to "escape the madness" of holiday shopping.

"The night before Thanksgiving is a great

opportunity to go out and party hard," Perrem said. "Nobody has to work the next day, people are just really relaxed and looking forward to a few days off."

Sales jump mainly because of an influx of college students and young professionals who return home and want to reunite with friends and family, bartenders said.

Debbie Ho, a student at New York University, was in Santa Monica shopping with friends on Tuesday night. Ho, who is home visiting relatives, said she plans to spend Wednesday night catching up with old friends from high school while partying at some Santa Monica nightspots.

"The night before Thanksgiving is great because you can stay out late and you don't have to worry about what time you get up," said Ho. "Well, that is if you don't have to help stuff your turkey and all that. I think people go out on Thanksgiving eve because they really just need a release. You've been forced to spend all this time with family and now you just want to go out and go crazy for a night, have some fun before you have to face the relatives again."

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Rural Butte County: Where buffalo roam

BY PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press Writer

BANGOR — Cars screech to a halt when they round a bend on a lonely road in the remote foothills of the northern Sierra Nevada and Hanns Michael Heick’s 200 water buffalo come suddenly, stunningly into view.

The buffalo are the main ingredient in Heick’s quixotic quest to produce the finest mozzarella cheese this side of Naples and crack Italy’s monopoly on that high-end specialty product.

“There was a point in my life where I didn’t even know water buffalo existed,” said Heick, who was born in Vienna and spent much of his adult life as a wine exporter. “Now I’m an expert.”

True mozzarella can only be made from the water buffalo’s rich milk, the fattiest among domesticated animals. The result is silkier, tastier and superior in every way to the leathery, plastic-wrapped cow milk mozzarella lining grocery store shelves and grated onto millions of pizzas.

For years, imported mozzarella di bufala was the only option for U.S. gourmands, and chefs and foodies spared little expense in airlifting the smooth, white balls from Italy. The freight charges can exceed the cost of the cheese of itself, which fetches upward of \$20 a pound. But unlike other cheeses that improve with age, mozzarella is best served as soon as it’s made.

Hoping to fill a need for fresh, domestic mozzarella — and to capitalize on a \$48 billion specialty food trend sweeping the United States — Heick and his Italian-born wife, Grazia Perrella, began making mozzarella, which his wife’s family has produced for three generations. Theirs is the larger of two mozzarella-producing water buffalo dairies in the United States.

The buffalo roam a hilly, 50-acre plot in Butte County that Heick calls Bubalus Bubalis, Latin name for the species.

“There’s a developing market in the Unites States,” Heick said as he munched a slice of mozzarella and tomatoes drizzled with olive oil. “Children love it, too.”

The average American ate a record 10 pounds of mozzarella last year, twice the consumption rate of a decade ago, according to data compiled by the University of Wisconsin. But nearly all of it was made from cow’s milk and manufactured by a handful of large, industrial dairies that are driving down cheese prices even as production increases. This is putting the squeeze on small cheese makers, prompting many of them turn to gourmet niches that command premium prices, said Wisconsin cheese consultant Robert Aschebrock.

A retired U.S Department of Agriculture dairy expert, Aschebrock first tasted Heick’s cheese last year as chief judge of the U.S. Championship Cheese Contest in Milwaukee.

“It’s much smoother and creamier than cow’s milk mozzarella,” he said, though the cheese wasn’t formally entered in

any category and so didn’t win any awards.

For centuries, Italian cheese makers have dominated the gourmet mozzarella market, due largely to the domestication of large herds of imported water buffalo in the days of Da Vinci. How and when the water buffalo — a common beast of burden that originated in Asia — got to Italy is a mystery.

So far, Heick is managing to squeeze out \$1 million in annual sales, an increase from the \$350,000 the dairy took in four years ago.

“If we had more milk, we could sell much more cheese,” said Heick, who plans to expand the Bangor herd to more than 600 head in the next few years.

Still, the dairy is a long way from profitability, held down by the expenses of an operation that is now spread across California at three locations. The “dry herd’ live in Bangor while the buffalo ready for milking are shipped to San

Bernadino and the cheese is made Gardenia.

By this time next year, Heick said the entire operation will be located at the Bangor site, which is now being outfitted with new refrigerators, pasteurizing machines and all the other equipment needed for a dairy. He’ll then work to improve on the annual mozzarella output of 150,000 pounds a year, a pittance compared to the 2.14 billion pounds of cheese the entire state churns out annually.

In the meantime, he’s attracting a small, but growing following at farmers’ markets, high-end grocers and restaurants across the country that order direct.

“Customers can’t believe the quality of it,” said David Gilbert, co-owner of the Old Yellowstone Garage restaurant in Jackson Hole, Wyo. He orders 15 to 30 pounds of Heick’s cheese a week and uses it on lasagna, pizza and other dishes. “It’s comparable to what’s shipped from Italy.”

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

A post-Thanksgiving gathering for the local Activist Support Circle

By Daily Press staff

“Thanks for Giving: An Evening of Gratitude and Appreciation for Progressive Activists” will be the theme of a special post-Thanksgiving public gathering of the Activist Support Circle. The “circle” will be held at the Friends Meeting Hall located at 1440 Harvard St. begining 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

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Marine claims violation of basic rights due to interview

BY THOMAS WATKINS

Associated Press Writer

CAMP PENDLETON — One of the Marines charged with the kidnap and murder of an Iraqi civilian said Monday that government officials violated his basic rights when they interviewed him about the incident — claims military prosecutors denied.

Lance Cpl. Robert B. Pennington, 22, made the allegations as part of an effort to discredit some of the key pieces of evidence against him — statements he gave in which prosecutors say he admits wrongdoing.

Pennington testified at a Monday hearing that when Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents interviewed him following the April 26 death of Hashim Ibrahim Awad, they threatened him with the death penalty and told him it would be a mistake to ask for an attorney.

An agent "said that would be the worst mistake I could make," Pennington said.

Pennington, of Mukilteo, Wash., was on his third tour in Iraq and part of a squad of seven Marines and a sailor who have been charged with kidnapping the 52-year-old civilian in the rural Iraqi town of Hamdania. The squad dragged him to a roadside hole and killed him, prosecutors allege, then tried to cover up the killing by planting a shovel and a gun by the body to make it look like Awad was an insurgent.

Pennington was the first in the case to testify and then be cross-examined. Three other members of the squad testified previously as they pleaded guilty to lesser charges.

Government prosecutors said Pennington should not be believed, since he lied before. Immediately after the killing, Pennington and the rest of the squad reported that Awad was an insurgent and were justified in shooting him. Pennington's defense attorneys have filed a motion seeking to bar the government from using his statements and other poten-

tially incriminating accounts by fellow squad members. The judge was expected to rule on the motion Tuesday.

"The accused has the incentive to lie," prosecutor Lt. Col. John Baker told the judge. "That's what this case boils down to, who do you believe?"

The government called two NCIS agents who testified they did not violate Pennington's rights. Both said the Marine did not ask for an attorney, made several amendments to his statement before signing it and said he understood his rights. They also denied threatening him with the death penalty.

Although the agents had the audio and video equipment to record Pennington's interrogation, they did not. An explanation was not given.

During Monday's hearing, Pennington testified that he drew for the interrogating agents five diagrams depicting the various positions of the squad members at the time Awad was killed. Pennington also said he annotated a photograph of Awad's body, pointing to the gag he said he used on the victim.

The Marine claimed prosecutors said they would help him to get "a very good deal" if he cooperated with them.

Pennington's civilian attorney David Brahms said he planned to file another motion Tuesday seeking to have the Marine removed from the brig while he awaits trial. Military courts have no bail system.

Also Tuesday, another Marine in the case, Lance Cpl. Jerry E. Shumate Jr., was expected to plead guilty to new charges of aggravated assault and conspiracy to obstruct justice. All original charges, including murder, kidnapping, conspiracy, larceny, assault and housebreaking, would be dismissed in return for his testimony, according to his lawyer.

Shumate would become the fourth person to take a plea deal in the case.

Dem. Correa moves ahead of Rep. Daucher in Senate race

By The Associated Press

SANTA ANA — Democrat Lou Correa moved ahead of Republican Lynn Daucher by 1,302 votes Monday as election officials nearly wrapped up counting ballots in the tightest state Senate race of the year.

Correa, an Orange County supervisor and former state assemblyman, stopped short of claiming victory, but he said he was "hoping to reach across the aisle and put this election behind us and do what's best for the people of central Orange County."

Daucher, an assemblywoman from Fullerton, led Correa by only 13 votes after counting stopped on election night. Eventually her lead grew to 833 votes as officials counted absentee ballots, but then Correa began to close the gap. He pulled ahead last Thursday, and his lead has been growing since.

Brett Rowley, a spokesman for the Orange County registrar of voters office, said Monday night that the count in the Correa-Daucher race was 99 percent complete.

"That other 1 percent is an estimate of absentees or provisionals that might be left, but it's really just some stragglers."

He said election officials expected to certify final results on Dec. 5.

As of Monday night, Correa had 56,270 votes, or 50.2 percent, to Daucher's 54,968

votes, or 49 percent. A Republican write-in candidate, Otto Bade, had 910 votes.

Senate Minority Leader Dick Ackerman, R-Tustin, said Correa's lead was too big to wipe out with a recount, but he said Republicans "plan to continue to look into electioneering problems that we discovered."

He said those "problems" include a disproportionate number of provisional ballots going to Correa, last-minute recorded telephone messages to voters that misrepresented Daucher's positions on gun control and abortion and claimed she had dropped out of the race and financial support for Bade from a group that also backed Correa.

"We're looking at all of these matters to determine what our possible avenues might be," he said. "If there are misdeeds and they violated the law, we intend to prosecute it."

Provisional ballots are cast by voters whose right to vote is not clear on Election Day. They're only counted after the voter's registration is checked.

Correa said he was deluged with Republican hit pieces and recorded telephone calls too.

Correa also suggested there was more Republican involvement than the GOP has acknowledged in a letter sent to voters by a Republican congressional candidate in an overlapping district.

Bishop avoids charges with counseling help

BY KIM CURTIS

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Santa Rosa Bishop Daniel Walsh will not face criminal charges for failing to report child abuse allegations if he completes four months of counseling, the Sonoma County district attorney said Monday.

Walsh, who admitted wrongdoing, was eligible for the so-called diversion program that will help him avoid misdemeanor charges because of the nature of the charges and his lack of a criminal history, according to District Attorney Stephan Passalacqua.

In August, sheriff's department investigators said they had enough evidence to pursue a criminal case against Walsh for failing to quickly report abuse by the Rev. Xavier Ochoa, who fled to Mexico before authorities could arrest him.

Ochoa, 68, worked at St. Francis Solano Church in Sonoma before admitting misconduct during a meeting Friday, April 28, with Walsh and two other church officials.

Nearly 24 hours later, Walsh made his first call on the matter to diocesan lawyer Dan Galvin. Unaware that Child Protective Services had a 24-hour hot line, Galvin had his secretary call the agency Monday, who learned the report should have been filed at the sheriff's office. Walsh spoke with investigators for the first time Wednesday, May 2, five days after learning of the abuse.

Deputies said the delay helped Ochoa escape.

Walsh has publicly apologized for failing to report the alleged misconduct immediately. He also said it was a mistake to call his lawyer first.

"I should have acted immediately, and not delayed," Walsh said in a letter of apology that followed two months later. He also said he would "accept whatever punishment is imposed."

During an interview with The Associated Press, Walsh called Ochoa an "unsympathetic character" whom he immediately stripped of his duties as a priest.

Ochoa is wanted on 10 felony counts and one misdemeanor count of child sex abuse

involving three boys.

State law requires clergymen to immediately report suspicion of child sex abuse and to follow up by fax or e-mail within 36 hours. A violation has a potential penalty of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Passalacqua said Walsh could participate in the Adult Diversion Services program, which will require him to pay \$350, check in monthly with a case worker and adhere to the contract they draw up together.

"Bishop Walsh admitted wrongdoing, has no prior record and is eligible to enroll in this program," Passalacqua said in a release.

The letter notifying Walsh of his eligibility was sent Monday, according to Christine Cook, an assistant district attorney. He has 21 days to check in with California Human Development, the nonprofit agency that runs the program.

Cook said state law enables counties to set up diversion programs and it's common policy to allow anyone who's eligible to attend.

Walsh's program could require him to undergo individual therapy or participate in community service, according to program spokeswoman Andriya Glessner.

"Our programs are individually tailored," she said.

All participants must check in with their caseworker at least once a month, she said. About 1,000 people were referred to the program last year, and about 80 percent successfully completed it.

If Walsh successfully completes the counseling program, no formal criminal charge will be filed, he said.

Messages left for a diocese spokeswoman were not immediately returned.

No U.S. bishop has ever been criminally charged for failing to disclose allegations of abuse, and a group representing victims of clergy abuse criticized the district attorney for giving Walsh the option to escape prosecution.

The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests said in a statement that Passalacqua was "a cowardly politician instead of a courageous advocate. He had a chance to show that putting children in harm's way is wrong."

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CHP inland assistant chief gets busted behind the wheel

The California Highway Patrol's inland assistant chief was arrested by his own CHP officers for drunken driving after allegedly crashing his CHP-issued Ford Crown Victoria into a parked car.

Michael Maples, 58, was arrested at his home in Reche Canyon about 11:15 p.m. Thursday after he lost control of the Crown Victoria and struck the car in his driveway, CHP Capt. Sharon Baker said Monday.

No one was hurt.

Maples was off duty and returning home. The damaged vehicle in the driveway belonged to a visitor at his home, and the unidentified visitor telephoned authorities to report the crash, Baker said.

Maples was cited and released following his arrest. The case will be submitted to the Riverside County district attorney's office for review, Baker said.

Maples is the assistant chief of the CHP's Inland Division in San Bernardino. CHP Sgt. Eric Phipps would not disclose Maples' employment status, saying it was a confidential personnel matter.

LOS ANGELES

Cardona takes a interim seat as U.S. attorney in LA

George S. Cardona, who has been chief assistant U.S. attorney for four years, will be the interim U.S. attorney in Los Angeles.

Cardona, 46, was named to the top job on Monday while the hunt continues to replace U.S. Attorney Debra Wong Yang, who left Friday to join the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

"I became acting U.S. attorney under the Vacancy Reform Act when no one else was appointed. The act says the chief assistant is to serve as acting if the U.S. attorney position is vacant," Cardona said.

Cardona was picked by Yang as the office's chief assistant after she became U.S. attorney in 2002.




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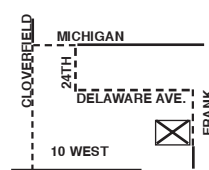

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Conservation groups
challenge wolf control

By the Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Another lawsuit has been filed in a new attempt by conservation groups to stop the state-sponsored killing of wolves.

Three conservation groups are seeking to halt the state from issuing permits to shoot wolves under the aerial wolf control program now operating in five areas of the state.

In a lawsuit filed Friday, Defenders of Wildlife, The Alaska Wildlife Alliance and the Sierra Club have asked a Superior Court judge to stop the state from issuing the permits, said Valerie Brown, an attorney for the groups.

The request for a preliminary injunction also asks the court to order permitted gunners to hold their fire.

Under the program, private individuals can apply for permits to shoot wolves with the help of aircraft. Permitted gunners in planes can chase wolves from the air, then land and shoot. In some areas, they can kill wolves while airborne. The program also authorizes the shooting of bears.

The program intended to boost moose and caribou population is entering its fourth year.

Under the program, 564 wolves and a smaller number of bears have been killed. More than 150 wolves were killed last year. The program now encompasses about 10 percent of Alaska.

Sixty-eight pilots are registered to fly under the program, said Cathie Harms, a regional program manager with the Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks. Each pilot can carry more than one gunner.

The state must respond to the conservation groups' request by Monday.

"Our legal staff is writing the state's response," Harms said. She said she expects the court to rule on the injunction request within two or three weeks.

The Washington, D.C.-based Defenders of Wildlife and the Anchorage-based Wildlife Alliance filed a lawsuit with the court in August, arguing the program should be halted because it relies on faulty science and violates state law. The Sierra Club, headquartered in San Francisco, has joined the lawsuit. Friday's injunction request was a tactic in the lawsuit.

In January, a state judge ruled that the program allowing aerial-aided killings was invalid. The state Game Board revised the program and it was allowed to go forward.

In their lawsuit, the conservation groups are challenging the revision.

In May, the board also implemented new rules to encourage bear killing in some areas. The conservation groups want those rules removed, too.

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Wars past and present follow Bush to Asia

BY JENNIFER LOVEN

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU, Hawaii — President Bush is shadowed by wars past and present at every turn on an eight-day journey to reassure Asia of America's commitment to the region.

Bush's trip to Vietnam inspired a fresh debate about whether today's increasingly difficult war in Iraq has dangerous parallels to the failed American war in Southeast Asia three decades ago. Now, the president is ending his Asian tour with an overnight stop in Hawaii, where the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor launched the United States' entry into World War II.

The Iraq situation was complicated Monday when Iranian leaders invited the presidents of Iraq and Syria to a weekend summit in Tehran to discuss the violence in Iraq. The move, viewed as an apparent attempt by Iran to counter U.S. influence in the region, was received with skepticism at the State Department in Washington.

"While there have been positive statements from the Iranian government about wishing to play a positive role in Iraq, those statements haven't been backed up by actions," State Department deputy spokesman Tom Casey said.

He offered a similar assessment of Syria, saying the problem "is not what they say; the problem is what they do. ... What we would like to see the Syrians do is take actions to, among other things, prevent foreign fighters from coming across the border into Iraq."

There has been strong speculation that the independent Baker-Hamilton advisory commission on Iraq, which is due to report to Bush soon, was considering recommendations that could include a broader role in the region by Syria and Iran.

The Iraqi government said diplomatic relations between the two countries would be restored by Tuesday.

Bush was having breakfast Tuesday with U.S. troops at Hickam Air Force Base on Oahu. Afterward, he was getting a briefing at the U.S. Pacific Command, whose territory spreads from the West Coast to the Indian Ocean.

White House briefing papers noted Bush was meeting there in an a room named after two men who played crucial roles in America's place in the Asia-Pacific region: Adm. Chester Nimitz, who commanded U.S. forces in the Pacific during World War II, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who headed the U.S. occupation of Japan afterward.

The president arrived in Hawaii on

Monday night and had dinner with Adm. William Fallon, the command's chief. He was to be back at the White House by late Tuesday night.

Bush returns to a capital where a post-election debate over Iraq is intensifying.

Democrats who won control of Congress in voting that took place a week before Bush began his trip to Singapore, Vietnam and Indonesia are demanding major changes in the president's approach to the Iraq war.

Bush, trying to head off their proposals for a timeline for troop withdrawals, says he is awaiting the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group headed by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III and former Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., even as the Pentagon and other agencies conduct an internal review of possible strategy shifts.

Gen. Peter Pace, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, also is at work on a thorough review of options for Iraq.

Appearing with Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on Monday, Bush refused to tip his hand on what direction he might go, even declining to think aloud about whether adding troops in Iraq has downsides.

He was asked about a proposal by some members of Congress, including 2008 presi-

dential hopeful Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., to send more troops to help the roughly 140,000 already there stabilize the country and curb rising sectarian violence.

"I haven't made any decisions about troop increases or troop decreases, and won't until I hear from a variety of sources, including our own United States military," the president said. "So there's no need to comment on something that may not happen."

The Indonesian leader, a close ally in Bush's war on terror, called for other nations to participate in easing conflict in Iraq. "The global community must be also responsible for solving the problems in Iraq," not just the United States, Yudhoyono said.

Despite the deep dislike of the war in Indonesia and other Muslim countries, Yudhoyono declined to directly criticize it or call for an immediate end to the U.S. presence in Iraq. He advocated only "a proper timetable" for "the disengagement of U.S. military forces and other coalition forces from Iraq."

Now in its fourth year, the war is becoming increasingly unpopular with the American public as well, and the drubbing by Bush's Republican Party in the Nov. 7 elections was seen as an expression of that dissatisfaction.

Diving too deep possible source of death

BY GENE JOHNSON

Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — One of the two Coast Guard divers who perished in the Arctic last summer died of trauma to the lungs, possibly because she and her partner had gone too deep, her father said Tuesday.

William Hill Jr., of St. Augustine, Fla., told The Associated Press that he finally received the autopsy report for his daughter, Lt. Jessica Hill, two weeks ago, but couldn't bear to open it for several days.

"It was pulmonary barotrauma — trauma to the lungs — that was the immediate cause of death," Hill said. "There was speculation they were much deeper than they should have been, but why that happened I don't know. The official report will go into

much more detail about that."

Pulmonary barotrauma is caused by the rapid expansion of air held in the lungs, which can occur during ascents as pressure outside the body decreases. The family of Hill's diving partner, Boatswain's Mate Steven Duque, could not immediately be reached to confirm whether that was also the cause of his death.

The two died Aug. 17 about 500 miles north of Alaska, and the results of two Coast Guard investigations into the matter are not expected to be released until next year. A spokesman for the Coast Guard said Tuesday the agency was not releasing any information on the autopsy.

Hill, 31, and Duque, 22, of Miami, were shipmates on the Seattle-based ice-breaker Healy, which was sailing through the region

with about 35 scientists to collect data that would help them map the ocean floor. Hill was the ship's dive officer, as well as the liaison between the scientists and the crew.

During a break in operations, she and Duque slipped into a small patch of open water near the Healy's bow to conduct a cold-water training dive. They were tethered to the surface by ropes, lest they become disoriented under the ice, and were monitored by a support team.

Their dive plan called for them to descend 20 feet, Hill's father said. Duque had never before gone diving in the Arctic, and only had been in a dry suit once before — while at the Coast Guard dive school in Panama City, Fla., he said.

Dry suits use air to control buoyancy. If Hill and Duque failed to release air quickly

enough from their suits as they ascended, they would have shot toward the surface.

The dive team pulled Hill and Duque up by ropes after noticing something was wrong. Shortly after the tragedy, the Healy's commander, Capt. Douglas G. Russell, was relieved of duty and reassigned to administrative tasks; his superiors cited "a loss of confidence in Russell's continued ability to command." Capt. Tedric R. Lindstrom is the new commanding officer.

Hill said the autopsy report is eight pages and that he plans to ask an independent pathologist to review its results, just to get a second opinion.

His daughter's birthday was Monday. "Right now, I'm just waiting to get the Christmas holidays over and wait for the new year," he said. "Then I can expect the next report."

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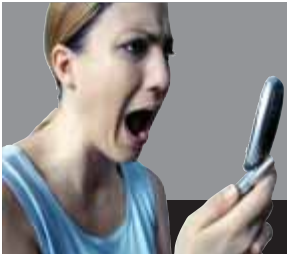
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DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

Oh, the things architects and builders used to get away with. When Abbott Kinney and Charles Loeff set about building pleasure piers along the Southern California coast, do you think there were city authorities telling them how to do it? No, they were entrepreneurs with an idea. Can you imagine if a building like the Loeff Hippodrome went before the planning commission now? It would take months of architectural modification before the planning commission and architectural review boards would approve such a structure.

"Architecture is a visual art, and the buildings speak for themselves," observed Hearst Castle + Marian Davies beach house architect, Julia Morgan.

Just think about the laughs the local architectural review boards would get if a subdivision developer wanted to build a 500-foot-long sign on the side of a hill. Suppose they proposed to build each 50-foot-high letter out of telephone poles, pipes and sheet metal and light it with 10,000 unshaded 40-watt bulbs. In the new millennium, no city would approve a plan like that; but in 1923, developers S.H. Woodruff and Tracy Shoults built a sign to advertise their 500-acre housing development, called Hollywoodland. In 1949, the sign's last four letters were removed leaving the "Hollywood" sign.

"There are no rules of architecture for a castle in the clouds," notes British author Gilbert K. Chesterton.

As time progresses, our ideas of what's aesthetically right or wrong can change. Remember the recently destroyed Santa Monica Library? In 20 years from now, someone will say that building was a shining example of post mid-century modernism. If you see postcards of the previous library —

a charming Spanish Revival building — you'd realize that it is the kind of property we landmark now.

Lately the city has taken to the novel concept of saving facades, such as the Lorimar Bowl at 507 Wilshire. Deemed one of the few remaining examples of commercial streamline moderne style that once thrived in the Santa Monica, the city required that facade be saved, as a superstructure goes up behind. Or, take a look at the Rapp Saloon/Old Town Hall at 1438 Second St. This one-story structure was the first masonry structure in Santa Monica, and has a high-rise growing out of it. Just wait and see what happens to the Mayfair Theater. Thank goodness we've saved the Sears building intact.

"Architecture arouses sentiments in man. The architect's task therefore, is to make those sentiments more precise," declared Adolf Loos, Austrian Architect.

Santa Monica is trying to avoid demolition mistakes made when great cities such as New York demolished the first Pennsylvania Station or when San Francisco tore down the Fox Theater. These properties were destroyed because we did not understand their historical significance. In 1963, when the Pennsylvania Railroad began demolishing Penn Station, the building was 53 years old — the equivalent of a structure built in 1953.

"How many people do you know who would regard a building of this era ... as worthy of preservation?" asks real estate historian and columnist Arrol Gellner. "Suppose that this preservation would also cost a lot of money — perhaps more than a replacement structure. Now what are the odds of survival? Viewed in this context, the destruction of Penn Station and a thousand other long-lamented landmarks doesn't seem so inexplicable. In fact, without extraordinary vigilance, it's just as likely to happen again in our own time."

Is the "Googie" commercial architecture of local Zucky's Deli worth saving? What about the Bayshore Bowl? The Western Dental Building on Lincoln? The original style mission-fronted Taco Bell like the one on Washington Blvd.? How about the last remaining cell phone tower?

"Architecture should speak of its time and place, but yearn for timelessness," observes world renowned architect Frank Gehry.

Just about every state has unique man-made structures that would never be able to get built today — from Mount Rushmore to the Statue of Liberty, to local favorites such as the Tail of the Pup and Randy's Donut. Could we build a Santa Monica Pier sign like the one that currently exists? Not a chance.

Asia is the continent currently stretching their architectural muscle. Shanghai has the Oriental Pearl Tower — a 1,536 foot-tall space age broadcast tower which has become an instantly recognizable symbol of Shanghai.

The world's tallest buildings are the twin towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Do you think a big building on the end of an island like Manhattan will ever be built in the U.S. again? Not likely.

These days, much of the U.S. architectural innovation takes place in Las Vegas.

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On the Las Vegas Strip, architectural design has purpose: Establishing an identity from the street. When it works, it attracts throngs of tourists through intrigue or entertainment.

The innovation taking place in Las Vegas is a far cry from the limitations in new construction going on across the country.

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THE HOA ADVISOR

BY MICHAEL CHULAK

Laying down the bylaws of real estate

In reviewing the bylaws and CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) of our homeowner association, our board has noted several conflicts. Which document takes precedence?
CC&Rs take precedence over bylaws when a conflict occurs.

Will transferring title to my home to a living trust cause a reassessment under Proposition 13?
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May our homeowner association prohibit us from displaying the American Flag on our property?
No. A homeowner association may not adopt a rule which prevents a person from displaying a flag of the United States on private property unless it is used in conjunction with an advertising display. They may prevent you from attaching the flag to the common area.

The board of directors of our townhome association has decided to rent out several guest parking spaces to individual members of our association. Can they legally do this? Their action has created a shortage of visitor parking spaces.
Absent a highly unusual provision in your CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions), the answer is no. The common area is owned by all members of the association and may be used by or for the benefit of all members of the association.
In addition, many cities prohibit the conversion of guest parking spaces to non-guest use. You may check with your local city or county building department concerning such restrictions.

I live within a large homeowner association that includes a lake which is surrounded by homes. My home is not within view of the lake, nor do we use it. It seems unfair for us to be assessed for the maintenance of the lake when we can't even see it. Do we have any recourse?
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Even if you cannot see the lake or don't use it for recreational purposes, it is a unique amenity that increases the value of your property.

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Tenant In Common defined by 15 ownership guidelines



IN YOUR SPACE

BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

Holding title as a Tenant In Common is defined as a form of asset ownership in which two or more persons have an undivided fractional interest in the asset in which the ownership interests are not required to be equal, can be inherited and each company owner has a separate deed.

The IRS has provided 15 guidelines by which a Tenant In Common (TIC) ownership interest will qualify for a tax deferred 1031 exchange. These guidelines can be found in Revenue Procedure 2002-22 and are as follows:

1. Tenant In Common ownership — There can be no other way of holding title to the property other than Tenants In Common.
2. Number of co-owners — There can be no more than 35 persons who acquire interest to the property. The only exception to this is a husband and wife are treated as a single person as is all persons who acquire interests from the co-owner through inheritance.
3. The co-ownership may not be treated as a single entity — The group of co-owners cannot treat itself as a partnership. Example: A partnership will file a single tax return; have one name for the entire group. The IRS will generally not approve of a property if the co-owners held the title to the property in a partnership or corporation just prior to the formation of the TIC ownership.
4. Co-ownership agreement — The co-owners may, but are not obligated to, enter into a limited co-ownership agreement that may run with the land. Example: The agreement could include, among other things that a co-owner must give the other co-owners first right of refusal to purchase their interest (which must be at fair market value and determined on the date the right is exercised).
5. Voting — There must be unanimous approval by the co-owners of the following: The negotiation/renegotiation of a contract for, and hiring of a property manager; the sale of the Property, any lease for a portion or all of the property, and any blanket lean (mortgage) and any negotiation/renegotiation of such. For all other actions the co-owners may agree to be bound by the outcome of a vote decided by those holding 50 percent or more of the undivided interests.
6. Restrictions on alienation — In general each owner must have the right to transfer its interest in the property without approval of any person. Exceptions to this rule are any restrictions required by a lender as long as they are consistent with customary commercial lending practices. Example: The lender may require that the whole property be refinanced to allow one of the owners to transfer their interest in the property. If you think you will sell prior to the end of the holding period, be sure to check this point with the sponsor prior to signing loan documents.
7. Sharing proceeds and liabilities upon the sale of the prop-

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erty — When the property is sold all debt must be paid off prior to distribution of any profits to owners. Neither the manager, the sponsor nor other co-owners are permitted to advance funds for the expenses to a co-owner unless the advance is recourse to the co-owner and for a term of less than 31 days.

8. Proportionate sharing of profits and losses — Each owner must share in all of the income and expense associated with the property according to the proportionate share of its undivided interest.
9. Proportionate sharing of debt — Each owner must share in debt that is secured by a mortgage on the property, in proportion to its undivided interest.
10. Options — Any co-owner may issue an option to purchase its interest provided that the price reflects its fair market value of the property at the time the option is exercised.
11. No business activities — The co-owners activities must be limited to those customarily performed in maintaining and repairing the property. This rule does not apply if the co-owners owns an undivided interest for less than 6 months (this part of the rule is meant to allow for a sponsor to prepare the property to be sold as a TIC).
12. Management and brokerage agreements — The fees charged for all brokerage and management agreements must be at fair market value, must be renewed no less than once a year, and can be the sponsor or a co-owner but not a lessee. The fees negotiated for these services may not be dependent on the amount income received from the property.
13. Leasing agreements — All lease agreements must be valid for federal tax purposes and reflect their fair market value for the specific type of use specified in the lease. The amount of rent cannot depend on the amount of any income or profits produced by the property with the exception of an amount based upon a percentage of sales receipts of the lessee (percentage rent).
14. Loan agreements— Any lender for debt that encumbers the property may not be a related person to the sponsor, any co-owner, the manager or any lessee of the property.
15. Payments to the sponsor — Any payment to a Sponsor for the acquisition of the TIC interest must reflect the fair market value for the service and the value of the interest at the time of the purchase.

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American Indian tribe seeking full management of a refuge for bison

BY MATT GOURAS

Associated Press Writer

HELENA, Mont. — The American Indian tribe that has shared management of the nation's only federal wildlife refuge for bison wants to ditch the unusual arrangement and take over full management.

But the Interior Department said negotiations are on hold until "significant" personnel issues are resolved. After that, though, it will consider more management responsibility for the tribe, said spokesman Matt Kales.

The two-year joint management agreement between the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the federal agency expired in September. The tribe said it has submitted a proposal seeking full management of the 19,000-acre National Bison Range in northwestern Montana under a contract in which the federal government would pay the tribe for its work.

The joint agreement was a compromise for the tribe, which has been seeking full management of the bison range near Moiese for years. The tribe's proposal comes just months after the release of a performance report that indicated some of the work the tribe was responsible for wasn't getting done.

"Instead of two heads running it, there would be one head. We found it a little bit awkward this style of management," tribal spokesman Rob McDonald said Tuesday. "The original deal that was offered to us wasn't perfect, but we decided to take it and show how we could run it."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will consider a deal that gives the tribe greater responsibility "on a performance-driven basis" over a three to five year transitional period Kales said.

First, the agency must resolve personnel complaints, he said. Kales said he could not elaborate on the problems, but said they are related to complaints that arose earlier this year

that work conditions have deteriorated since the tribes got involved in running the range.

The Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility has said staff members want the tribe's involvement ended.

"The issues are significant," Kales said. "Moving forward at this point is predicated on resolving those issues."

The bison range, within the borders of the Flathead Indian Reservation, was created in 1908 on Indian land the government bought to save bison from extinction. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was charged with managing it prior to the two-year joint agreement.

"We've always had interest in being managers of this completely and this is our solution to get there," McDonald said of the tribe's proposal.

The tribe's proposal would phase in full management over three years under a federal contract starting in 2007. The proposal calls for the tribe to be paid \$1 million a year for its work.

Under the joint agreement, the tribe performed some of the activities on the range, including bison roundups, weed control, fire suppression and collection of federal public use fees. About half of the range's 24 employees were under the tribe's supervision.

Negotiations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are ongoing, and the proposal is sure to have its critics.

"This is a complex issue," Kales said. "It always has been."

Earlier this year, a performance report indicated much of the tribe's assigned work wasn't getting done. And environmentalists worry the tribe's management could lead to reduced stewardship.

McDonald said those worries are unfounded, and are based on subjective and arbitrary reports of the tribe's work.

"We can't deny that some of the areas showed weakness, but they were not substantial at all," he said

Governors want federal dough for imprisoning illegals

By the Associated Press

PHOENIX — Governors of nine states, including Arizona and California, are urging President Bush to include full reimbursement for states' costs of imprisoning illegal immigrants convicted of crimes when he submits his proposed federal budget next year.

Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano's office said she and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger were spearheading the effort to increase funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program administered by the U.S. Justice Department.

Until the federal government secures the border, the SCAAP funding is needed and deserved by states that have "to fill this gap by policing the regions and incarcerating criminal aliens at their own considerable expense," said the letter, which was dated Monday and released Tuesday.

Other state governors who signed the letter were Bill Richardson of N.M.; Thomas Vilsack, Iowa; Christine Gregoire, Wash.; Phil Bredesen, Tenn.; Jon Corzine, N.J.; Ted Kulongoski, Ore.; Brad Henry, Okla.; and Kathleen Sebelius, Kan. Gov. Anibal Acevedo Vila of Puerto Rico also signed the letter.

The letter is the latest in a series of steps taken publicly and behind the scenes by governors to press for increased SCAAP funding.

In July, Gregoire sent an invoice for nearly \$50 million to the Justice Department for unreimbursed costs of housing criminal illegal immigrants in state prisons.

Napolitano has sent similar invoices since late 2004.

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Legislator expects debate on game hunting farm ban

BY DAVE KOLPACK

Associated Press Writer

FARGO, N.D. — More than a month before North Dakota's legislature starts, landowners and wildlife advocates already are locking horns over a proposal to ban private hunting preserves, known as high-fence game farms.

State Sen. Tim Mathern, D-Fargo, said he plans to bring a bill to the 2007 session that would prohibit landowners from operating businesses that allow hunters to shoot elk and deer inside a fenced area.

"I can see that this is going to be really controversial," Mathern said. "I had no idea it was that big of a business activity."

More than 100 deer and elk farms are registered in North Dakota, state veterinarian Susan Keller said.

Private game farms have been banned in several states, including Montana and Wyoming. Idaho is expected to consider a similar ban, said Terry Steinwand, director of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

Mathern said the potential for breeding problems and disease were among the factors that led him to introduce the bill — though state veterinarians said disease hasn't been a problem at the game farms. However, the most important question is an ethical one, he said.

"Is this right, basically, to put animals in a fence and shoot them and call it a sport?" Mathern asked.

Sally Dvirnak, who runs an elk hunting ranch with her husband in western North Dakota, said she believes Mathern's proposal violates property rights and free enterprise.

"We're just people trying to stay on the family farm," Dvirnak said. "What frustrates me the most is that you have people who don't like it and don't agree with it who feel they have the right to dictate what someone else can and can't do. That's not America."

Shawn McKenna, executive director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation, said game farms ignore the principle of fair chase.

"It ain't hunting," McKenna said. "It's going out there and shooting something in a pen, basically."

Shawn Schafer, who runs a white-tailed deer ranch, said most hunters would not pay to shoot animals in a pen. Customers want an authentic hunting experience, which they

said is provided by most of the game farms in North Dakota.

"People are looking for a quality hunt and a safe place to hunt," Schafer said. "Customer satisfaction will regulate the people who have animals in a corral."

McKenna said size doesn't matter.

"How much acreage is enough?" he asked. "Ultimately you're chasing them into a 7- or 8-foot fence. Where's the sport in that?"

Brian Kramer, a spokesman for the North Dakota Farm Bureau, said his group is taking a wait-and-see approach on Mathern's bill.

"This issue has come up before, and it seems to me the sentiment was along the lines of these are privately owned animals," Kramer said. "It's no different than if you buy a cow from me. You want to shoot it rather than having me take it into the butcher plant."

OMAHA, Neb. — A federal judge has cleared the last of three people accused of scheming to manipulate the feeder cattle futures market.

Todd Delay, chief executive of DL Global futures of Columbus, Ohio, was cleared last week by U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf in Lincoln.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission had alleged last year that Delay was part of a scheme to improperly boost prices of feeder cattle futures. Two Nebraska feedlot managers — Jack McCaffrey of North Platte and John D. Lawless of Imperial — were also named in a federal lawsuit the commission filed in Chicago.

The commission dropped McCaffrey and Lawless from the lawsuit a week before the trial began. McCaffrey has since died.

A two-week trial was held in May, and Kopf on Friday filed his ruling in favor of Delay. Kopf said the commission failed to prove that Delay "manipulated or attempted to manipulate the feeder cattle futures market, or that the cattle sales information he caused to be reported was false or misleading."

Said Delay on Monday: "I am happy, relieved and looking forward to continuing to serve my clients in Nebraska and around the country."

A call seeking comment from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission wasn't returned.

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Iraq and Syria resume relations after 24 years

BY THOMAS WAGNER

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — After nearly a quarter-century of severed ties, Iraq on Tuesday resumed diplomatic relations with neighboring Syria — a move seen as a possible step toward stemming some of the unrelenting violence, which claimed another 100 lives.

The Iraqi and Syrian presidents also received invitations from Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to a weekend summit in Tehran to tackle the chaos in Iraq, Iraqi lawmakers said. Iraqi President Jalal Talabani's spokesman said his boss would attend but that Syrian President Bashar Assad would not. The invitation was thought to be an attempt by Iran to upstage expected U.S. moves to include Syria and Iran in a wider regional effort to clamp off violence in Iraq.

The announcement of restored Iraqi-Syrian ties came during a groundbreaking visit to Baghdad by Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Moallem.

"The latest talks between the Syrian and Iraqi side have been crowned by declaring a new era with the participation of the Syrian brothers in working on the security and stability with Iraq and restoring full diplomatic

relations," said Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh.

Syria broke diplomatic ties with Iraq in 1982, accusing Iraq of inciting riots by the banned Muslim Brotherhood in Syria. Damascus also sided with Iran in the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war. Trade ties were restored in 1997.

More recently, Syria is widely believed to have done little to stop foreign fighters and al-Qaida recruits from crossing its border to join Sunni insurgents in Iraq. It also has provided refuge for many top members of Saddam's former leadership and political corps, which is thought to have organized arms and funding for the insurgents. The Sunni insurgency, since it sprang to life in the late summer of 2003, has been responsible for the vast majority of U.S. deaths in Iraq.

On Monday, Moallem was challenged over Damascus' role in supporting the Sunni insurgency.

"We object to any neighboring country that allows itself to be a base or a transit point for the terrorist groups that harm Iraq," Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said after meeting with the Syrian envoy.

Al-Maliki told Moallem that Damascus should not let its disputes with the United

States be played out in Iraq, where the chaos and bloodshed has become "a danger that threatens all, not Iraq only."

Asked about the Syrian's visit, State Department deputy spokesman Tom Casey said "the problem is not what they say but what they do."

"Certainly what we would like to see the Syrians do is take actions to, among other things, prevent foreign fighters from coming across the border into Iraq; and, again, to back up the positive words that they have with some real concrete steps," Casey said.

Moallem arrived in Iraq on Sunday in the first such high-level visit by a Syrian official since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003.

A U.S. soldier was killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad on Saturday night and a U.S. Marine died during combat in Anbar province on Sunday, the military said, raising to at least 2,865 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the beginning of the Iraq war. This month in Iraq, 47 American service members have been killed or died.

The Iraqi death toll rose to at least 1,371 for the first 20 days of November — the highest for any month since The Associated Press began tracking the figure in April 2005.

In all, 25 Iraqis were killed Monday in a series of attacks in Baghdad, Ramadi and Baqouba, police said. The bodies of 75 Iraqis who had been kidnapped and tortured also were found on the streets of the capital, in Dujail to the north of Baghdad and in the Tigris River in southern Iraq.

The Iraqi death toll this month is already well above the 1,216 who died in all of October, which had been the deadliest month in Iraq since the AP began its count.

The actual totals are likely considerably higher because many deaths are not reported. Victims in those cases are quickly buried according to Muslim custom and never reach morgues or hospitals to be counted.

Monday's civilian victims included Walid Hassan, an actor and comedian on Al-Sharqiyah TV who was shot while driving in western Baghdad. The motive for his slaying was unknown. Hassan had performed in a comedy series called "Caricature," which mocked coalition forces, insurgents, militias and Iraq's government.

Assailants also shot to death Fulayeh al-Ghurabi, a Shiite professor at Babil University in the province south of Baghdad, as he was driving home at midday, police said.

Oil flowing down pipeline is intentionally slowed

BY MARY PEMBERTON

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The amount of oil flowing through the trans-Alaska oil pipeline has been intentionally slowed because of high winds at the marine terminal in Valdez, where oil is loaded onto tankers for shipment to West Coast refineries.

The flow of oil is being reduced to about 25 percent of normal in several ways, Mike Heatwole, spokesman for the Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., said Tuesday.

It is being slowed both by how much is being allowed to go into the 800-mile pipeline at the Prudhoe Bay oil field on the North Slope and how fast it is flowing through the pipe to the terminal. The rate into the storage tanks also is being slowed, he said Tuesday.

"We asked the North Slope to reduce the

flow into our system. We have been adjusting that on and off probably for a week now," Heatwole said.

On Tuesday, the pipeline was carrying about 300,000 barrels. The normal throughput is over 800,000 barrels a day, Heatwole said.

January and February tend to be peak times for having to suspend operations because of wind, Heatwole said, but this wind was coming earlier than usual in the season.

"It is part of doing business in Alaska," he said.

The last tanker to leave Valdez was on Saturday night. Loading operations that were begun Sunday on a tanker were suspended Monday morning because of strong winds. That tanker remained partially filled Tuesday.

"We are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to get her loaded and sent out," Heatwole said.

Another tanker at one of the terminal's

two loading docks also was waiting to be filled, he said.

The strong, gusty winds began blowing in Valdez about a week ago, said Robert Vandegraft, meteorological technician at the National Weather Service in Valdez. The strongest gust of 83 miles per hour was recorded on Sunday.

Vandegraft said sustained winds have been blowing at between 30 and 46 miles per hour, but have diminished some and were expected to remain in the 15 to 30 mile per hour range with gusts to 45 mph over the next few days.

The terminal has 14 tanks with a capacity of 500,000 barrels each. The terminal usually operates with tank capacity in the 30 to 60 percent range but was closer to 90 percent on Tuesday, Heatwole said.

The pipeline was completely shut down for 10 hours last Thursday when the termi-

nal's storage tanks reached capacity.

Not only the strength of the winds but the direction is causing problems for terminal operators, Heatwole said.

"It is coming at us from the northeast ... the toughest direction," he said.

That's because when tankers are loaded boom is put around them as a precaution against any oil leaks. If waves breach the boom, loading operations are suspended.

Winds out of the northeast make loading operations vulnerable to wave action, Heatwole said.

As a result, loading of tankers was intermittent over the weekend, he said.

The flow of oil through the pipeline has been disrupted of late by more than high winds. A leak in an oil pipeline at Prudhoe Bay in early August cut production in half, where it remained for weeks until full production was restored last month.



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BASEBALL

Dodgers shift focus to snagging outfielder

BY KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — After ensuring Nomar Garciaparra would be back, the Los Angeles Dodgers turned their attention to free-agent center fielder Juan Pierre.

Garciaparra's \$18.5 million, two-year contract was finalized on Monday by the Dodgers, who also were trying to reach a deal with Juan Pierre.

"We've talked to his agent a few times. We're in a conversation. We don't have a deal," Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said.

An agent for another major league player and an official from another big league team said the Dodgers and Pierre were discussing a contract that would be worth about \$45 million over five years.

Colletti praised Pierre's ability at the plate and running the bases.

"He's another guy with great qualities as a human being, like Nomar," Colletti said.

Colletti wouldn't characterize whether an agreement with Pierre was close.

"It's either done or it's not done and right now it's not done," Colletti said.

Los Angeles is in the market for a center field since J.D. Drew opted out of the final three years of his contract and became a free agent.

Pierre batted .292, hit three homers with 40 RBIs and stole 58 bases for the Cubs last season. He earned \$5.75 million with Chicago. The 29-year-old also has played with the Colorado Rockies and the Florida Marlins during his six-year big league career. He has a .303 career batting average and 325 stolen bases.

"I believe Juan is moving down the road with some other clubs," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said after announcing his team's \$136 million, eight-year contract with Alfonso Soriano.

The 33-year-old Garciaparra, the NL comeback player of the year, will get a \$2.5 million signing bonus, which is deferred until Jan. 31, 2009, and Jan. 31, 2010, and

salaries of \$7.5 million next season and \$8.5 million in 2008. He would get an additional \$250,000 each year for 500 plate appearances.

A two-time AL batting champion, Garciaparra shifted to first base with the Dodgers last season, his first with the team. He hit .303 with 93 RBIs and 20 home runs to tie J.D. Drew for the team lead in homers.

"I was hoping to be back and wanted to be back. I'm glad I didn't have to go anywhere else," Garciaparra said.

He grew up in nearby Whittier and graduated from St. John Bosco High in suburban Bellflower.

Colletti said Garciaparra played a huge role in the Dodgers' success this year. After playing mostly shortstop in his previous 10 big league seasons, Garciaparra made a seamless switch to first in Los Angeles. He made only four errors in 1,124 chances for a .996 fielding percentage, the NL's second-highest for a first baseman last season.

Asked if he expects to remain at first, Garciaparra said the decision was up to manager Grady Little.

"I'm sure there'll be a time when I play first, maybe a time when I'll play a different position," he said. "Wherever Grady needs me, he can pencil me in. If he needs me to catch, I'll catch — but I don't think he will."

Los Angeles was swept by the New York Mets in the first round of the playoffs and is 1-12 in the postseason since winning the 1988 World Series.

Garciaparra was AL Rookie of the Year in 1997 and won his first batting title in 1999. He was considered one of baseball's best shortstops for several years while playing with the Boston Red Sox.

Before the groin injury in 2005, he was sidelined for 81 games in 2004 with three injuries — to his Achilles' tendon, left wrist and right groin. He had surgery on his right wrist when he was with the Red Sox in 2001.

"It's part of the game," he said. "I've battled through them, come back strong. That's not on my mind now. I'm feeling great now."

FOOTBALL

Raiders can't catch a break, lose Jordan to a knee injury

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Just when quarterback Aaron Brooks returned to give Oakland's struggling offense a needed boost, the Raiders lost starting running back LaMont Jordan to a knee injury that could sideline him for the rest of the season.

Jordan underwent an MRI on Monday, a day after tearing the medial collateral ligament in his left knee. Coach Art Shell didn't know the extent of the tear when he addressed the media and was unsure how long Jordan would be sidelined.

Jordan said he wouldn't need surgery on the knee, but wouldn't speculate how long he would be out. But with only six games remaining this season and the Raiders out of contention, it's unlikely he'd be able to make it back.

"It's just like, 'Wow.' It's not something you try to understand," Jordan said. "Everybody has been calling me and telling me that everything happens for a reason. For me, this is the biggest injury I've ever had. ...

The main thing for me is to just try to maintain a positive attitude and just try to get myself healthy."

Jordan's injury was the latest blow to the Raiders (2-8), who have scored a league-low 118 points and failed to generate any consistent threat on offense.

Brooks' return to the lineup after missing seven games with a strained pectoral muscle gave the offense a jolt Sunday against Kansas City.

He engineered three straight scoring drives in the first half — just the second time this season Oakland has done that — and drove the Raiders down to the 8 for the possible winning score before throwing an interception in the end zone in the final minute of a 17-13 loss to the Chiefs.

The Raiders hoped Brooks' return would help a running game that has struggled behind a shaky offensive line. But now they'll have to do that with backup Justin Fargas getting the bulk of the carries.

"We never really established the running game when he was healthy," Brooks said.



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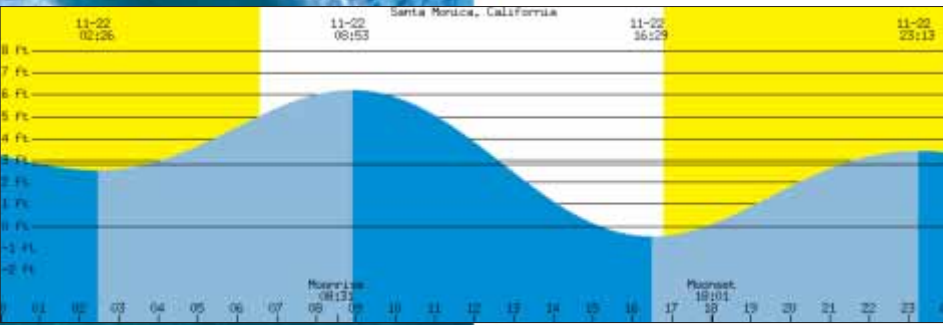
Size starts to build from the NW with greater consistency. Periods will still be rather tight in the 12-second range max, and size should start pushing the shoulder high + zone more often along west facing breaks. Winds should be a bit more manageable on Wednesday for at least the early AM sessions, but the tide will be flooding out many breaks by mid morning.

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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 — 33 / as

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 12 / as

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	as
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	as
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachness and Los Aliso creeks	A+	as
Escorial Canyon at El Mirador State Beach	A+	as
Broad Beach at Trabancas Creek mouth	A+	as
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	as
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	as
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	as
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A	as
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	as
Selkirk Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A	as
Puero State Beach at creek mouth	A+	as
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puero Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	as
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	as
Serfider Beach (beach location)- daily	B	as
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	as
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	as
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	as
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	as
Pine Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	as
Tuna Canyon	as	as
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	as
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	as
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	as
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	as

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

as — no sample taken



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Tenesca Canyon drain	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqui)	F	as
Santa Monica Beach at Marlene Ave. drain	D	as
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	as
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	as
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	as
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	as
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	as
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	as
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	as
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	as
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	as
Venice Beach- projection of Topwell St.	D	as
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach-Megand tower	D	as
Dedweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	as
Dedweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	as
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dedweiler State Beach	A	as
Dedweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	D	as
Dedweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A	as
Dedweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A	as
Dedweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	as

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Gain a perspective, Aries

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Take the time to take in new vistas. With some perspective and insight, you'll see life much differently. Your instincts take in another point of view. You have bounce and a way to land on your feet. Tonight: Gain a perspective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You need to deal with others. Carefully investigate and think through your ideas. You might be heavily weighed down by situations. Tonight: Get in close with a pal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Others see life in a different light. You might want to allow them to understand and get into a situation. Talk up a storm and reach out to many people. Think positively, and the unexpected will work for you. Tonight: Allow others to have more say.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Talk and handle a personal matter directly. You hear news, or there is a change in plans that forces you to rethink events and judgments. Others are there for you. Let them pitch in and help. Everyone wants to feel valued. Tonight: Exercise, walk or go to the gym.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Let your hair down and quit being so stringent or difficult. It is possible that you are the source of your own problems. Be open to potential and positive changes. Unexpected events could encourage being imaginative. Tonight: Ever lively.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to anchor in. Others could shake up the state of affairs. Stick to basics. You'll profoundly change the course of direction if you honor the status quo. Tonight: Settle in.

Born Today

Actresses Jamie Lee Curtis (1958)

Actress Mariel Hemingway (1961)

Tennis player Boris Becker (1967)



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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Speak your mind. You have a way of talking and impressing others. Consider your options more carefully than in the past. Still, anchor in on what is a problem. A friendship could weigh you down. Tonight: Hang out, but be willing to change plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Expenses might have even the strong-willed Scorpio reeling. You can opt to head in another direction or do something very differently. You might need to rethink a risk and your spending. You could be uncomfortable. Tonight: Expenses go out of whack.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You might be full of smiles, high energy and intellect. You have style and a way of communicating. The unexpected develops, and you head in a new direction. You need to read between the lines. Tonight: As you wish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Think twice before you take a leap of faith. Somehow, you see that a key partner might reflect recent negativity. Know when to pull back and allow life to flourish. Consider your options by revising your thinking. Tonight: Let a dear friend play devil's advocate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. You might be overwhelmed by what is going down. Know when to say "enough." Changes could be down the path that you haven't even a clue about. Think positively, if possible. Tonight: Find your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Take a stand, if need be. You could be feeling overwhelmed and exhausted. Consider your options and think through a problem more carefully. The unexpected comes forward because of your unpredictability. Tonight: A must appearance.

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Many of the items feature images of butterflies and shoes, trademarks of the 77-year-old

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Associated Press

The short film follows PRINCE CHARLES through a typical day,

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Future plans for the site include clips of the prince's speeches and interviews, his Clarence House office said.

The Oscar-winning actor met with the U.S. territory's governor Sunday and urged him to oppose a hotel project planned for a patch of

"If this keeps going the way it's going, Puerto Rico will be one big chunk of cement," The San Juan Star quoted Del Toro as saying at a press conference.

The 39-year-old actor met with

“My position is to give a little bit of me to all ‘Pinoneros.’ And to bring attention to a moral cause

Del Toro won a best supporting actor Oscar for his role in 2000's "Traffic." His screen credits also include 2003's "21 Grams."

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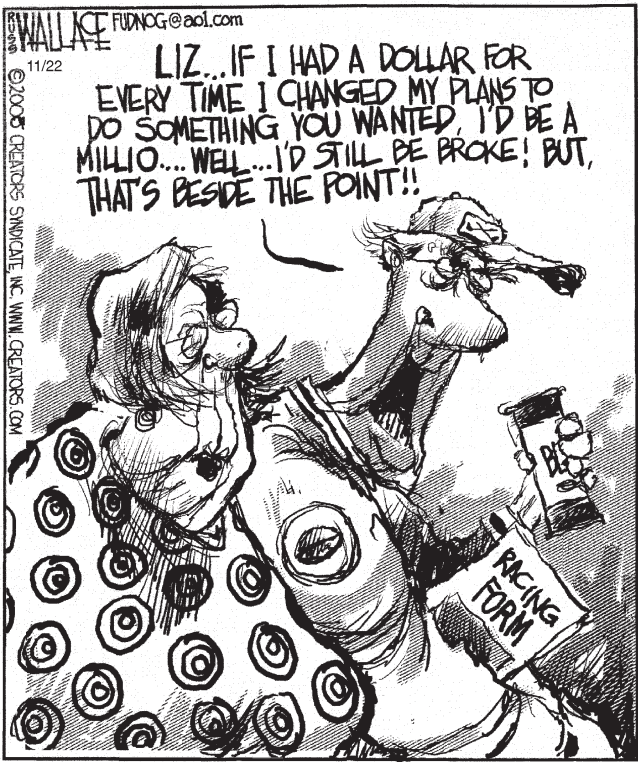
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Case No. BP101492
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MICHEL COLOMBIER
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Dana Ko Colom-bier in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PRO-BATE requests that Dana Ko Colombier be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 13, 2006 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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

Attorney for petitioner:
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT AS-SESSMENT DATED 06/11/06. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On, December 14, 2006 at 11:00 A.M., CALIFORNIA LIEN SERVICES, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment recorded on 06/14/06 as Instrument No. 06-1309296 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Jay Sarin, a single man, as Trustor, The 1440 23rd Street Homeowners Associa-

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT
FILE NO. 06 2294549 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Pure Heart Organics; PureHeartOrganics.com, 833 Euclid St. Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Annie Schmidt, 833 Euclid St. Santa Monica, CA 90403 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/ Annie Schmidt
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/15/2006, 11/22/2006, 11/29/2006, 12/6/2006.

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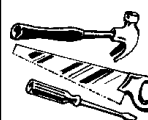
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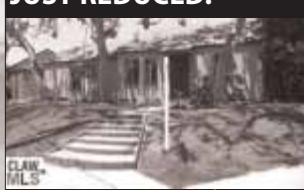
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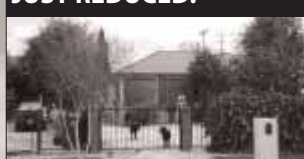
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