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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In October in Cincinnati, lines once again formed well in advance of the grand opening of a Chick-fil-A restaurant, populated in part by out-of-town customers who chase openings around the country much as rock fans follow their favorite groups on tour. As usual, there were tents, sleeping bags, lawn furniture and portable generators in evidence. "We've been planning it for two weeks," said a 24-year-old woman from New Richmond, Ind., who was there with her grandmother. (The first 100 in line received coupons worth $260.)

■ Researchers at the University of Bradford in the UK said in October that bandages soaked in maggot secretions were successful in accelerating tissue repair.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 333rd day of 2006.
There are 32 days left in the year.

1963 President Johnson named a commission headed by Earl Warren to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy.

1947 The U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

1956 The musical "Bells Are Ringing," starring Judy Holliday, opened on Broadway.

WORD UP!

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1. To draw up or frame (a statement, proclamation, etc.); to put in writing. 2. To make ready and put in shape for publication; to edit.

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Giving or taking?

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Jessica Roberts *news@smdp.com*

Mario Martin (left) asks a man for contributions to causes running the gamut from children with AIDS to the homeless on the Third Street Promenade last week.

Jetting off to sustainability at SM Airport

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT — In a city where residents and officials oftentimes strive to save the world, a landmark general aviation airport here could be the first in the country to help the environment in its own right.

In keeping with the city's continuous efforts to make Santa Monica a sustainable city, Santa Monica Airport management, along with the city's Environmental Program and Public Works staff, are currently drafting a sustainable initiative for the airport.

If adopted by City Council next year, Santa Monica Airport would be the first general aviation airport in the country with a sustainable plan and policy, according to an airport staff report presented to the Airport Commission on Monday.

"Since we're a facility within the city of Santa Monica, we feel it is appropriate for us to act accordingly [with the city's sustainability plan] and become as environmentally

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Melody Hanatani *melodyh@smdp.com*

SHOWING INITIATIVE: **Santa Monica Airport management is currently drafting a plan to make the airport the first with sustainable goals and policy.**

NATIONAL

A dog tag discovery

By The Associated Press

ROY, Utah — Darrel Thorsted, a U.S. soldier in World War II, survived the Bataan Death March but didn't last as a prisoner in the Philippines.

"They just starved him to death," said a sister, Margaret Strevay, 79.

His family in Ogden never recovered his body. But they recently received one of Thorsted's dog tags — 63 years after his death — from a Filipino immigrant in Texas who found it in a cave and kept it in her wallet.

"We were so surprised. I guess it was just meant to be," Strevay said Tuesday. "I feel like it was a miracle, and my brothers feel the same way."

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CORRECTION In the Nov. 28 article "Puffing in Peace," the California Air Resources Board would not be able to consider an outright statewide smoking ban, as reported, since it only has authority over outdoor air.



Photo courtesy

CALI DREAMING: **Delgado is a candidate to be a student representative at the state level.**

Malibu student on his way to the State Board

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL — With aspirations of a career in politics and dreams of improving public schools throughout the state, it would appear that Chris Delgado is well on his way to achieving such lofty goals.

The Malibu High School junior just might have the opportunity to make his dreams a reality if he's selected next year as the student representative to the State Board of Education. The 16-year-old is one of three finalists — from a field of hundreds of eager candidates — awaiting a final interview with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"I'm pretty fond of the whole public education system," Delgado said on Monday. "I want to give back to the system because I feel it has given me so much.

"I learned a lot and I want to help out some kids in the area who aren't as fortunate to have the wonderful resources [available] at my school."

Delgado is all about giving back to the community. Not only is he a member of the

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Could prove hard to swallow

Fabian Lewkowicz *fabianl@smdp.com*

Kelly Nomura, 9, (left) feeds a spoonful of pudding to her teammate, Sherryn Pattarawuttimong, 8, during the Blindfolded Pudding Challenge last week at the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club.

NATIONAL

American Red Cross faces new fine over blood safety

VIOLATION: A large fine follows failure to comply with a 2003 agreement

BY ANDREW BRIDGES
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The American Red Cross is facing another heavy fine over blood-safety violations, bringing penalties against the organization to more than $15 million despite a promise three years ago to fix the problems.

The Food and Drug Administration disclosed that it had fined the organization $5.7 million recently for continuing to violate blood-safety rules and failure to comply with a 2003 agreement aimed at correcting the unsafe practices.

The latest fine was noted in an FDA letter dated Nov. 21, to Red Cross interim president and CEO Jack McGuire, and posted Monday on the FDA Web site.

The Red Cross was given a mid-December deadline to produce a report on how it intended to comply with FDA requirements, or possibly be subject to additional penalties.

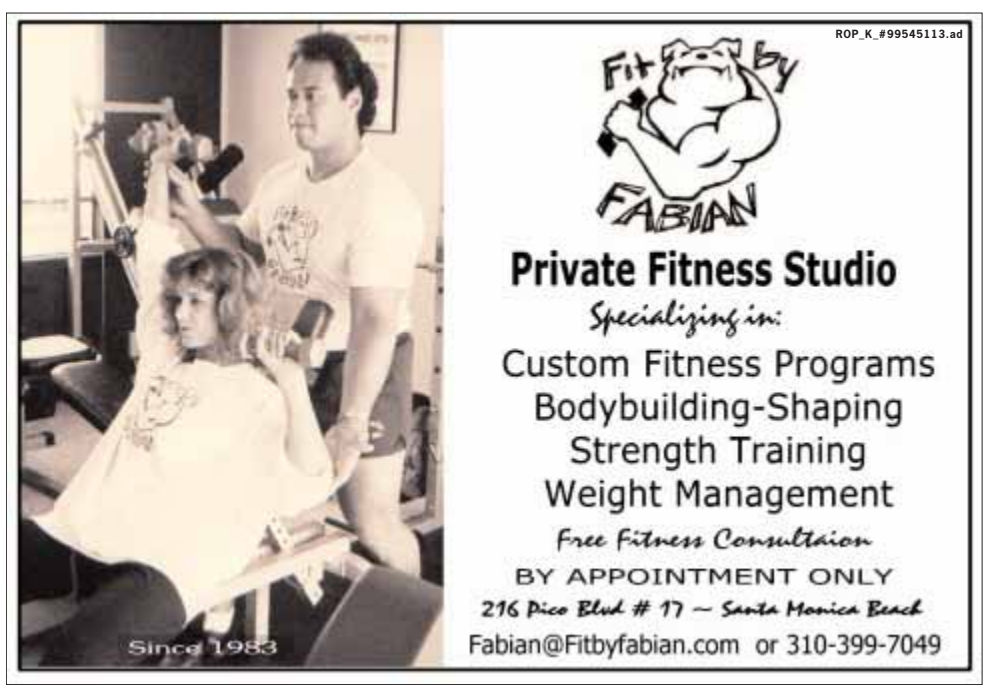
The latest fine is being added to a tally of nearly $10 million in previous FDA penalties for violation of blood-safety laws, regulations and the terms of the 2003 consent decree.

That settlement resolved charges that the Red Cross had committed "persistent and serious violations" of federal blood safety rules dating back 17 years.

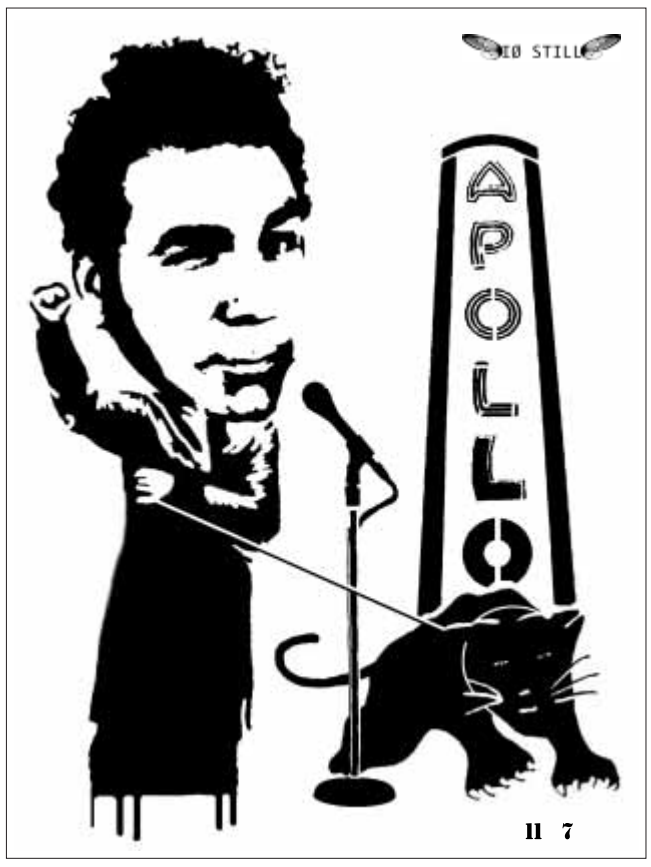
In 2004, the Red Cross implemented a plan to detect, investigate, monitor and correct the sorts of problems repeatedly cited by government investigators.

A 2005 inspection of a Red Cross facility

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The lesser of two evils

Editor:

Regarding your Crime Watch column on Friday, Nov. 24 (SMDP, page 5): The first story was of a registered sex offender caught masturbating in "plain sight" at Victoria's Secret on The Promenade. (His) bail was set at $10,000.

The second story was of a woman who shoplifted $55 worth of items from Bay Cities Beauty Supply. Her bail was set at $50,000.

Obviously, when she saw the police, she should have started masturbating. Santa Monica considers it a lesser offense.

Kevin Skoglund
Santa Monica

Not deserving extra credit

Editor:

The people Michael Richards swore at want an apology. They are entitled to one. They are entitled to any money they are out, such as drinks or club admission. What they don't deserve is a cash payment for the insult. People have been so greedy in this country it is disgusting. Every little thing they want money, money, money.

Boohoo! These crybabies need to grow up.

Mike Kirwan
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY THOMAS M. SIPOS

Hating on crime laws

Racial hatred was once a serious problem in America, manifested in lynchings and government-enforced segregation. But the pendulum to "combat hate" has now swung into a Kafkaesque Orwellian Zone. Our laws encourage shakedown artists and charlatans, while exacerbating rather than mitigating race relations.

Consider comedian Michael "Kramer" Richards, who shouted the N-word to black hecklers in his audience. Attorney Gloria Allred now represents two hecklers and is threatening to sue Richards for "assaulting" her clients with "verbal missiles." She claims that Richards' remarks were "not free speech, but hate speech."

Then there's firefighter Tennie Pierce, awarded $2.7 million by the Los Angeles City Council because Pierce claimed he was "racially harassed" when colleagues tricked him into eating dog food. It later emerged that Pierce himself often engaged in insensitive firehouse antics, taunting a bound firefighter whose clothes were scrawled with: "Oy Vey, I'm Gay!" While the City Council reconsiders its settlement offer, Pierce's attorney is threatening to sue for a larger amount from a "downtown jury" (code for "black jury") unless the city meets her extortion demands.

Extortion is the right word. Hate crimes can either include legal speech that is illegal due to its context (usually the workplace, though Allred claims that the comedy club made her clients a "captive audience") or an illegal act, such as an assault, that's punished more severely because it was motivated by hatred toward certain protected groups (i.e., killing your boss because you hate her is not a "hate crime").

Perhaps because hate crime laws are passed to appease activists, they attract two kinds of extortionists — those seeking money and those with an agenda. Jesse Jackson has made a career out of extorting money by crying "racism" (see Ken Timmerman's "Shakedown: Exposing the Real Jesse Jackson"). So has Al Sharpton, who in 1998 was found guilty of libel by a New York court for his role in the Tawana Brawley hate crime hoax. Ironically, publicist Howard Rubenstein has advised Richards to seek forgiveness from Jackson and Sharpton for his comedy club meltdown.

Hate crime laws encourage political grandstanding. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger called GOP congressional candidate Tan D. Nguyen's letter to 14,000 Latino voters (in which he wrote: "if your residence in this country is illegal or you are an immigrant, voting in a federal election is a crime that could result in jail time") a "hate crime."

Hate crime laws encourage false reports. Last October, police arrested University of New Hampshire student Breanne Coventry Snell for falsely reporting that she'd suffered an anti-Semitic attack after leaving the Hillel Jewish Center. Universities seem to incubate hate crime hoaxes. A few years earlier, Leah Miller, a black student at San Francisco State, wrote racial epithets on her own door because she wanted "to be a part of something," and Claremont McKenna College professor Kerri Dunn spray-painted her own car with racial and anti-Semitic epithets before reporting it as a hate crime.

Hate crime laws are unevenly enforced, further fueling racial tensions. Three Long Beach women (ages 19 to 21) were beaten last Halloween by 20 to 40 black youths while hurling racial epithets. Had a white gang beaten three black women, it might have made national TV news, with the D.A. immediately announcing hate crime charges. But when police arrested several youths for the attack, hate crime allegations were not included in the district attorney's filing.

"Outrage over the lack of hate crime charges was swift," reported the Long Beach Press Telegram. Hate crime charges were eventually filed, but residents were further outraged when City Councilwoman Rae Gabelich tried to limit advance notice of a public hearing on the assaults. "I was trying to keep it out of the press," she admitted. This double standard plays into the hands of racists. According to LBReport.com, the Press-Telegram article was e-mailed across the nation and linked by white supremacist groups.

Defenders of hate crime laws claim that our legal system has long considered the criminal's mental state when determining guilt or punishment, but these people confuse intent (Did you intend for the crime to occur?) with motive (Why did you intend for the crime to occur?). Premeditated murder is punished more severely than accidental homicide, but we've never cared why you premeditated a murder (greed or hatred). Motive is useful as evidence, but was never itself punished.

Let's return to tradition and fight hate — by abolishing hate crime laws.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN W. WHITEHEAD

Drafting more ways to get military members

Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY) is right: If the U.S. intends to provide its military might to the world — and continue to take on Iraq and Afghanistan, and potentially, Iran and North Korea — we will have to do something about signing up more service people.

Rangel has voiced his intent to sponsor a bill next year to re-institute the draft, more technically termed "conscription," as a way to alleviate the burden the current all-volunteer military places on minorities and lower-income families. But that's where Rangel went wrong. Re-instituting the draft is not the solution, for a number of reasons.

First, it's a question of constitutionality. Author and research analyst Anthony Gregory believes that forcing citizens to take up arms involuntarily violates the Constitution.

"Every major instance of the U.S. government's implementing the draft since the Civil War has stood in clear violation of the 13th Amendment," said Gregory.

Indeed, the 13th Amendment to our Constitution protects Americans from slavery and involuntary servitude. Passed in 1865, this amendment was targeted at ending an oppressive chapter in American history — the slavery of African Americans. Yet many contend it also extends to other instances of government oppression.

Also, many view conscription as a loss of all liberty. After all, what is left of the right to free speech, due process of law and other fundamental rights enshrined in our Constitution if the government can force you to pick up a gun to fight with no right to refuse?

Second, it's a matter of morality. Although the Supreme Court ruled in 1918 that a government draft does not violate the Constitution, many see a moral dimension with the government forcing citizens to take up arms against their will. In fact, as compelling as the constitutional arguments against the draft may be, they are secondary to the moral issues. As Gregory states, "The draft is a form of slavery. Forcing a person to fight, kill, and possibly die in a war — and threatening resisters with imprisonment and deserting conscripts with death — is a particularly immoral brand of enslavement, and it is murder for all conscripts who do not survive the war."

No less strident in his opposition to conscription, Rep. Ron Paul (R-Tex.) insists that "the draft, whether for military purposes or some form of 'national service,' violates the basic moral principles of individual liberty upon which this country was founded." And to those who suggest that young Americans owe it to their country to fight as conscripts, Paul responded, "Hogwash! It just as easily could be argued that a 50-year-old chickenhawk, who promotes war and places innocent young people in danger, owes more to the country than the 18-year-old being denied his (or her) liberty."

Paul goes on to state that a real sacrifice exists by "forcing a small number of young vulnerable citizens to fight the wars that older men and women, who seek glory in military victory without themselves being exposed to danger, promote."

Third, it's a question of attitude: "want to" vs. "have to." With an active list of more than 15 million names (an estimated 93 percent of all men in the United States between the ages 18 and 26), the U.S. Selective Service System has already announced its readiness to institute a draft should it become necessary. But as someone who served in the military as an infantry officer during the Vietnam era, I know the difference between a soldier who chooses to fight and one who is forced to do so. And I know which one I'd want to have covering my back. As Ivan Eland, national security analyst at the Independent Institute in Oakland, Calif., stated, a draft "contradicts the principles of a free society by coercing people to fight for freedom. Soldiers who want to be in the military do a better job than those who don't, and the military services know it."

Finally, it comes down to what we want America to stand for. If individual freedom, self-government and the rule of law are our primary concerns, then it's clear where we should stand on the draft.

History has a funny way of circling back on itself. Thirty-some years after the Vietnam War, the U.S. government is once again engaged in a foreign war. As the prospect of success in Iraq grows bleaker, the calls increase for U.S. troops to either pull out or stay the course and send for reinforcements, which would inevitably require instituting the draft. But if history has taught us anything, we should have learned that forcing Americans to serve in the military and fight a foreign war will not ensure victory.

As Ronald Reagan stated in a 1979 article in Human Events, the draft "rests on the assumption that your kids belong to the state. If we buy that assumption, then it is for the state — not for parents, the community, the religious institutions or teachers — to decide who shall have what values and who shall do what work, when, where and how in our society. That assumption isn't a new one. The Nazis thought it was a great idea."

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The Q Line

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Sticks and stones ...

Recent racially heated outbursts by Oscar winner Mel Gibson and Michael Richards, best known as "Seinfeld" neighbor Kramer, have thrust racism back into the headlines in recent weeks. While some would argue such hate speech is only newsworthy because they are anomalies, others could conclude that similar feelings still simmer in many of us.

This week's Q-Line questions asks:

Are the Gibson and Richards rants the isolated feelings of two Hollywood racists, or is racism still rampant in Los Angeles County?

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BY JESSICA ROBERTS
Special to the Daily Press

THIRD STREET PROMENADE — Along with the season of giving, invariably comes the season for taking advantage.

A group of mainstay solicitors on the Third Street Promenade — clipboards in hand — continue to claim they collect funds for children with AIDS, abused women, gang violence and homelessness, but the money donated by unwitting shoppers may not be going to philanthropic causes, a Daily Press investigation finds.

One reason for the problem is a gap in licensing non-profit solicitors that leaves the city of Santa Monica unregulated, and as a result, open to fraudulent solicitations.

On any given day, several individuals on the 1400 block of the promenade ask shoppers to contribute, showing an information card from the Los Angeles Transition Center (LATC), an organization that works to house and employ homeless people.

Mario Martin, who often works the afternoon shift on Third Street, said last week that the solicitors are volunteers who used to be homeless.

"Everybody should do volunteer work," said Martin, who claimed he works for One Nation Under God church and LATC. "Do something to help people that are less fortunate than they are."

The LATC, a legitimate organization, only solicits donations at Los Angeles International Airport.

"We don't have anybody in Santa Monica," said Chloe Harris, assistant director of LATC. "They've taken our paperwork and duplicated it."

Asked about Martin, who claims to represent the organization, Harris said, "We've never even had anybody by that name."

In addition, Mike Morales, a representative of One Nation Under God Christian Church in Los Angeles, claimed that Santa Monica was not in their coverage area. The church does solicit donations in Orange County to support homeless shelters, but those solicitors are provided with photo badges.

A call to the phone number provided by Martin for his organization last week went unanswered. Another promenade solicitor, who identified himself only as "Frank," provided the Web site address www.transitional.org, which is not a site for a non-profit organization, but a real estate Web site.

Martin and the other solicitors who claim to work for LATC typically solicit promenade shoppers just north of Broadway. Frank and "Patrick," who also declined to provide a last name, work from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., while Martin mans the 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. shift.

Each displays an information card issued by the City of Los Angeles, which is part of the city's effort to monitor solicitors. The County of Los Angeles also issues cards, but does not cover Santa Monica.

"We just do the unincorporated areas of the county, unless the city has a contract with us," said Nyla Jefferson, of the Los Angeles County Business License Commission. "I'm sure they [Santa Monica] have their own solicitation board."

However, the Santa Monica Business License office said they do not issue licenses or regulate non-profit solicitors. They said only that solicitors should show IRS non-profit certification — something those on the promenade do not have — and that solicitors on the promenade are licensed by Bayside District Corporation, which manages the Third Street Promenade.

Although the city does not have a system to monitor solicitors, the Santa Monica Police Department can be called to look into solicitors and investigate potential cases of fraud, which is a felony.

"We would investigate it as a crime," said Anna Bishop, a dispatcher with the SMPD. "All we're there to do is prove or disprove who they say they are."

Bishop said it is in solicitors' best interest to wear identification or carry some verification of their status in case someone challenges them. She suggested paperwork, fliers, a phone number or an address where people could send money if they are more comfortable donating by mail.

"If everything checks out and everything they say is true ... and they can be proven to exist, they can go on their way," she said.

Bishop also said the promenade, as a semi-private public area, would fall under the jurisdiction of the Bayside District Corporation.

"The promenade is extremely competitive," said Bishop. "You need a permit before you can go down there to solicit anything — you can't do it without Bayside recognizing what's going on. If you're going to be stationary, going to be handing out stuff, or if you want to make some money, you're competing with the businesses out there."

While the police department and the city assume that Bayside District Corporation issues permits for solicitors on the promenade, the organization said they do not have any licensing system in place for non-profit solicitors.

"Anybody can do anything they want," said Lynn Wile, a representative at Bayside, adding, "they should have a card issued by the city or county."

IDS PASSED OUT 'LIKE CANDY'

The Los Angeles County information cards are acquired through a process that begins with an application available on the Los Angeles Police Department Web site. After attending a meeting and filing paperwork — including proof of 501(c)(3) non-profit status, a board member list and financial statements — organizations receive a hearing. The license to solicit is granted and the organization doesn't have to appear any more after that, according to the Los Angeles Business License Commission.

The information card issued by either the county or city of Los Angeles will include the name of the organization, its phone number, the date of issue, time period of solicitation and type of event, purpose of soliciting, anticipated expenses and fundraising goal. The cards do not include individual names or photographs, because different people may use them.

Martin and the others display an infor-

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ID cards offer no real regulation

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mation card listing LATC as their organization, anticipated expenses of $10,825 to "bring the church van down here," according to Martin, and a fund-raising goal of $40,000.

Donna Munoz, an investigator with the Charitable Services Section of the Los Angeles Police Commission, said LATC "has a current information card ... and lots of problems."

The information cards are generally hard to monitor, said Munoz.

"They just pass them out like they're candy," she said. "There's nothing we can do about it. It's just so hard to regulate these people."

Investigators in the Charitable Services Section monitor 4,000 organizations in the city of Los Angeles.

"That's a lot of organizations to investigate," Munoz said. "We have watched them [solicitors] and busted them going into the liquor store right after they got something."

She said it's worse around the holidays, when people are feeling more charitable.

"The holidays are the worst," said Munoz. "Everybody's feeling generous and light-hearted and it's give, give, give — but give wisely."

The Charitable Services investigators get many calls for verification, but not many to report fraud because, according to Munoz, "people are reluctant to report it because they're embarrassed."

Munoz said the charities, and LATC in this case, are not the culprits.

"He's [the director of LATC] pretty good about sending people out there and telling them to come back in," she said.

When informed last week that solicitors were using their cards on the promenade, Harris, of the LATC, said the organization would try to get them off Third Street.

"We'll have someone take their paperwork from them," she said.

However, as of Tuesday, the solicitors were still active on the promenade.

Munoz said the Charitable Services Section is trying to find a better way to monitor people who use the information cards.

"We're trying to figure out a way with the city attorney's office to keep track of these people," she said.

Besides duped shoppers, legitimate charities are the real victims in this gap in accountability, as they miss out on donations that were meant for their coffers.

Munoz recommends that donors give to reputable organizations by approaching the organization of choice directly.

"Be real discerning about who you give your money to," she said.

The section's "Give Wisely" campaign is intended "to assist the public in making informed decisions when donating money or personal time to non-profit organizations," according to its informational pamphlet.

Listed as the keys to giving wisely are tips such as do not send cash, watch out for similar-sounding names, call the charity, and avoid "instant" charity Web sites. The pamphlet also notes that the Los Angeles Police and Fire departments do not solicit donations over the telephone, by mail or door-to-door.

Concerned givers can call the LA Police Commission's Charitable Services Section at (213) 978-1144 or get more information at www.lapdonline.org by searching for "charitable services." The Charitable Services Section Web page provides information on giving wisely, rules and regulations applying to solicitors and hints for identifying dubious solicitors.

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Try these tips for wise gift giving from the Los Angeles Police Commission Charitable Services Section in dealing with charities and solicitors this holiday season.

BE AN INFORMED GIVER

Ask questions before you give. Find out how much of your donation will actually go to the charity.

If you don't know who is asking, don't give. When a stranger asks for donations, Do not assume the money is honestly being raised for charitable causes.

Call the charity. To avoid falling victim to a fraudulent solicitor, contact the charity directly before giving a donation and verify the solicitation is authorized and legitimate.

REFUSE HIGH-PRESSURE APPEALS

Do not allow a caller to intimidate you to give "right now." Legitimate charities won't rush you to donate.

Watch out for similar sounding names. False charities often use names that closely resemble the name of a well-known organization.

Do not send cash. Always make contributions by check payable to the organization and insist upon a receipt.

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

Do not give credit card or personal information over the phone.

AVOID "INSTANT" CHARITY WEB SITES

The Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments Do not solicit donations over the telephone, mail or door-to-door. Call the agency directly to ensure actual fundraiser participation.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT ...
DIRECT MAIL SOLICITATIONS:

Many individuals complain about the large quantities of direct mail received from charitable organizations and seek advice on how to have their names removed from a mailing list.

The easiest method to handle unwanted mail is to destroy and discard. Do not feel obligated to support all groups writing to you; charitable organizations Do not expect a donation from every person solicited.

For more information for ways to handle unwanted mail, write to:

Philanthropic Advisory Service of the Council of Better Business Bureau, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22203

DOOR-TO-DOOR AND STREET SOLICITATIONS: DO NOT FEEL PRESSURED TO GIVE A DONATION.

If interested in donating, do your research. Request to review a copy of the required information card and proper identification from the solicitor.

TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS:

Be assertive on the telephone with callers. If you don't want to receive calls, request your name be removed from the list. However, if you choose to donate, ask the caller where and how your contribution will be used. Request written information, including financial statements before making a donation decision. Be wary of an organization that thanks you for a pledge you do not remember making.

The following resources are available to provide searchable databases to learn about specific charities in the state or to report fraudulent activity:

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The initiative helps tackle community outreach issues

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responsible as we can," said Airport Director Robert Trimborn on Tuesday.

The initiative is guided by the principles outlined in the Santa Monica Sustainable City Program and the airport's current programs.

Santa Monica's Sustainable City Program was established in 1994, making it the first community in the country to develop such a coordinated plan, said Shannon Parry, the sustainable city coordinator.

"A sustainable city plan means we come up with coordinated strategies to address issues ranging from resource conservation to environmental public health, from economic development to human dignity," Parry said on Tuesday.

The city recently received high marks on its second annual "Sustainable City Report Card," with good grades in areas such as environmental health and human dignity.

The one-page draft of the airport initiative is intended to implement new policies and programs that would make the airport environmentally sustainable, doing so by addressing 12 different areas: water, urban runoff, open space, hazardous materials, construction practices, air quality, noise, energy, transportation, solid waste, public participation, and advocacy.

Within each category is a sub-list of measures that the airport staff could undertake in order to ensure sustainability in the given areas. For example, under solid waste, the draft states that the airport will strive to achieve an overall 80 percent diversion rate by 2010 through the creation of waste reduction and waste recycling requirements.

STAYING IN THE LOOP

Because of the airport's strained relationship with neighbors over noise and safety issues, the initiative addresses community outreach and promotes education with residents and community groups to keep them in the loop in regards to airport activities.

"The Santa Monica Airport sustainability initiative is really meant to build upon the city's existing programs and policies that we use to make all of Santa Monica a sustainable city and utilize those successes to create policies and programs ... to make Santa Monica Airport one of the most environmentally sustainable general aviation airports in the country," Parry said.

Still in its "embryonic stages," the draft has been presented to both the Environmental Task Force and the Airport Commission for their consideration. If the plan receives support from the Airport Commission, a recommendation for adoption will be forwarded to the City Council, according to Trimborn.

Thus far, the plan has received little input from the community.

Members of the Friends of Sunset Park Airport Committee, a subcommittee of community group Friends of Sunset Park, is trying to convince officials to add language in the initiative that would address traffic, safety and environmental issues caused by the airport.

"There is already a large traffic issue at the intersections and perimeter of the airport," said Cathy Larson, chairwoman of the Friends of Sunset Park Airport Committee.

But the main issue concerns airplane emissions, which the committee wants the initiative to aggressively tackle, Larson said.

In its current form, the initiative does address the issue of air quality and aims to reduce emissions by adopting measures including advocating for stricter federal regulations, collaborating with the South Coast Air Quality Management District to collect data on air quality caused by the airport and using alternative fuel vehicles.

The Friends of Sunset Park Airport Committee is also concerned about the impact of noise on neighbors, though Santa Monica Airport already has regulations on the noise of airplanes departing from and arriving to the airport.

The initiative would address the noise issue by exploring ways to enforce stricter noise regulations.

Santa Monica Airport management has worked towards creating a sustainable environment for quite some time. Almost every airport vehicle runs off alternative fuels. In addition, a park that would improve percolation for stormwater and rainwater into the ground is currently in the works, Trimborn said.

"We're trying to bring this whole thing together for a sustainable plan," he said.

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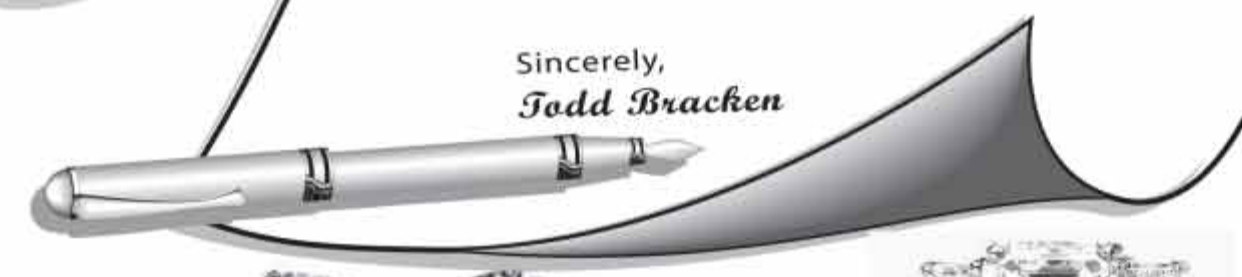
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The 16-year-old awaits his interview with Schwarzenegger

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youth commission at his church — Corpus Christi Catholic Church in the Pacific Palisades — he is also a member of the Key Club at his high school, and serves on the city of Malibu Youth Commission, an advisory board to the City Council.

Helping the community is driving his desire for a career in politics — something he would like to pursue after having established himself as a businessman.

"I feel like I've been given so much in my life," Delgado said. "It's only right to give back."

Delgado, who said his favorite subject in school is math and has played almost every sport at Malibu High School, is considering attending a handful of Ivy League universities, such as Harvard, Penn and Yale.

If selected as the student representative, he could be taking steps toward the East Coast. A number of the student representatives who served in the past five years have gone on to attend Ivy League schools, said Gary Borden on Tuesday, deputy executive director for the State Board of Education.

Delgado was among hundreds of high school juniors across the state who submitted an application in late October to be considered as a candidate. The staff at the State Board of Education then screened the applications and forwarded the top 12 to the Student Advisory Board on Education (SABE).

The top 12 candidates were interviewed by SABE, which then forwarded a recommendation to the State Board Screening Committee — consisting of three members of the State Board of Education — for its favorite six during an annual conference in November.

The Screening Committee then narrowed the field to three candidates and forwarded the recommendations to the whole board, and ultimately, the governor's office.

The other two finalists are Erika Solanki, of Castro Valley High School in the Castro Valley Unified School District, and Monica Liu, from Palos Verdes Peninsula High School in the Palos Verdes Unified School District. Castro Valley is located in the Bay Area.

The interviews with the governor have not been set, with Schwarzenegger expected to make a decision sometime in the spring as to which student would serve on the board for the 2007-08 school year.

If selected, Delgado would attend the State Board of Education meeting every other month in Sacramento. He

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The tag was returned to the family 63 years later

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The tag, etched with Thorsted's name and serial number, was accompanied by a letter from Lourdes McLaughlin of Austin, Tex.

"I have carried Darrel's dog tag for 50 years, since I found it as a child in my dad's property in the mountains near Baguio City, Philippines, hoping that one day his family could get it," she wrote. "I'm sure Darrel would have wanted it that way."

McLaughlin, 10 at the time, found it in a cave where Thorsted was thought to have been held after capture.

She kept the discovery hidden from older playmates for fear they would take it in exchange for common Japanese bullets elsewhere on her father's land.

McLaughlin tracked down the Thorsted family in Utah with the help of a genealogist.

She sent the tag to Darrel's 86-year-old brother, Chester "Chet" Thorsted of Roy, a retired Air Force civilian worker. Another brother, Paul Thorsted, 83, and Strevay still reside in Ogden.

McLaughlin was reminded of her promise to return the dog tag in May, when she came across a story in the Austin American-Statesman about a picture of an unknown soldier in an antique shop.

Darrel Thorsted's family last saw him on a brief Army leave in 1939, before he was sent to Hawaii and then the Philippines. His family didn't learn he was overseas until 1941, when he wrote a letter saying he had married a Filipino woman and had two children.

Thorsted told his siblings he wanted to send his wife and sons to the United States. They didn't make the move, however, until long after his death.

His widow, now deceased, remarried in the 1950s moved to San Antonio.

Thorsted's siblings had only a picture of his flag-draped coffin. They never learned where he was buried and could only guess he was given a grave site in the Philippines.

That's why the dog tag means so much.

"We can't believe that after all these years we'd secure anything of Darrel's," Strevay said.

Latest fine tallies $5.7 million

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in West Henrietta, N.Y. was supposed to be the first comprehensive evaluation of how the plan was working. But the federal inspectors, over 29 days, turned up 207 deviations from the plan, the FDA said.

The latest fine of $5.7 million stems from that inspection.

The inspectors found shortcomings in quality assurance, inventory management, control of non-conforming blood products, donor screening and blood component manufacturing issues as well as other problems, according to the FDA.

The Red Cross said it would devise a new plan to comply with FDA requirements. The Red Cross board of governors also has asked for an independent and comprehensive assessment of how it complies with FDA regulatory requirements.

The Red Cross does not use donated money to pay fines, but instead relies on operating funds, according to the organization. Those include revenue from the sales of blood products.

The Red Cross provides more than 40 percent of the nation's blood supply, selling blood products to health facilities.

A lesson in policy

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would also have the opportunity to join subcommittees that deal with specific education initiatives, Borden said.

Officials in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District are beaming over the news that one of their own has made it so deep into the race.

"He's an excellent representative of Malibu High School," said MHS Principal Mark Kelly on Tuesday. "He has demonstrated that he understands the issues and really can represent the student voice well."

Sitting on the State Board of Education should teach Delgado a valuable lesson in policy making, one he probably wouldn't have gleaned from the classroom, said Superintendent Dianne Talarico. Delgado will learn first-hand that the education code and changes in the state curriculum impacts not only today's students, but students of the future.

Delgado's presence on the board would also serve as a bonus for the district, Talarico said.

"For our district to have a student voice at the table of the State Department of Education is extremely valuable to the students here and for our community," Talarico said on Tuesday.

Delgado intends to treat every student in every school district the same, if picked, and wouldn't give any preferences to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. He said he would meet with students and visit different school districts in the state.

"I really want to better the lives of students in the state of California," Delgado said. "If I can better a bunch of lives by doing this and make the school process so much better for so many students, then I feel I have accomplished my goal."

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New age relationships and property rights issues



DAYS ON THE MARKET
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One small step for California, one giant leap for South Africa. Earlier this month, as Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a bill allowing gay couples to file joint state tax returns, South Africa became the first African nation to give legal recognition to same-sex partnerships.

South Africa's high court ruled that existing marriage legislation discriminated against same-sex couples. Trying to right previous wrongs, South Africa's constitution is the first in the world to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

In 1989, Denmark became the first country to legislate for same-sex partnerships. Several other European Union members have followed suit, including Germany, the United Kingdom and Spain. The Netherlands became the first country to allow full civil marriage rights in 2001. Canada, Argentina and New Zealand have all introduced various gay marriage laws.

In the United States, only the state of Massachusetts, allows same-sex couples to marry. Those marriages aren't recognized by other states, and Massachusetts law prohibits non-residents from seeking marriage licenses there. California, along with Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey, Hawaii and Maine have established either civil unions or domestic partnership laws that provide many of the benefits of marriage to same-sex couples.

A change in the laws would mean a whole new approach to who gets to inherit property in a community property state. Community property, defined as "property accumulated through joint efforts of husband and wife and owned by them in equal shares." Community property laws are very popular in many states, and much of the Western U.S.

A married person has the power to get divorced in their state of residence, regardless of where the marriage was celebrated. A married person has the right to seek property distribution under that state's laws; the right to inherit even if their spouse dies without a will (intestate). They cannot be disinherited because they are entitled to a spousal share. A married person has the right to sue for wrongful death if their spouse dies as a result of medical or other negligence.

According to polls, the majority of Americans are against same-sex partnerships or marriages. North of the border, our brothers in Canada are far more progressive.

"When you get married in Canada, the law treats your marriage as an equal economic partnership," observes Realty Times columnist P.J. Wade. "If your marriage ends, the value of property acquired during the marriage and the increase in value of any property brought into the marriage will usually be divided in half and shared between the spouses, regardless of who contributed more money or labour, or who is to blame for ending the relationship."

California is a progressive state when it comes to gay marriage, allowing same-sex couples many of the rights and duties of marriage if they register with the state as domestic partners ... but the state will not go all the way. In February 2004, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom permitted officials to issue marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples. A 2-to-1 decision by the 1st District Court of Appeals subsequently declared that same-sex marriages were unconstitutional.

Around 4,000 marriages became invalid. The most recent comment by our state appeals court ruled that state laws limiting marriage to heterosexual couples are constitutional and do not deprive gay or lesbian couples of a "vested fundamental right."

Diplomatically, Gov. Schwarzenegger supported the election results of Proposition 22 (2000), which said: "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

While the U.S. grapples with the issue of gay marriage, should we reexamine common law marriages? A common law marriage is where there is mutual consent and a sharing of property, such as a joint checking account. The couple hold themselves out to others as being married and they have been together for a "significant time" (that length of time is not strictly defined).

In California, the precedent is the 1977 case of Marvin vs. Marvin, in which Michelle Marvin sued the actor Lee Marvin for what has come to be known as "palimony." She lost because the court found that during their cohabitation, she and Lee Marvin never agreed to combine their efforts and earnings or to share equally in any property accumulated as a result of their efforts.

Different states that allow common law marriage have different requirements. In addition, states are required to recognize common law marriages from other states.

Title insurance companies will not take a social position on the matter of gay or common law marriages. Title companies state that they are ultimately bound by state law. They will support instructions from the buyers as to the language of the vesting, except they will not vest as community property.

Insurance policies uphold that everyone on title is responsible for the entire mortgage, whether vested as joint tenants, community property or tenants in common.

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In preparing a house for sale, early vigilance can save some serious cash

BY DAVID BRADLEY
By The Associated Press

When Linda Lehman decided to sell her 30-year old home, she worried that years of deferred maintenance would come back to haunt her.

"I was scared that when I got to the end, I'd have to make $10,000 to $20,000 in repairs" for the buyer, says Lehman, a 51-year-old homeowner in Charlotte, N.C.

Her concerns were twofold: that that trouble spots would knock down her asking price, and that repairs to placate buyers would reduce her net proceeds. Like many suddenly single women, she found herself suddenly on her own to repair and sell a home that was maintained for years by her husband.

So Lehman did the unusual: She hired a home inspector to go over her house.

Her thinking reflects a sound strategy to repair only the most critical items necessary to pass inspection muster. The usual approach is to wait for an offer before inspectors scope out a home. Once inspectors for buyers get involved, though, it opens a Pandora's box of costs and demands.

Lehman's path is a proactive course easily emulated by others who know little about the real-estate sales process. It's important for a basic, crucial reason: Lehman's inspector represented her interests, not the buyer's.

The implications for home inspections that work in the favor of single women are enormous. According to the National Association of Realtors, 17 percent of home sellers in 2006 were single women. That dwarfs the 6 percent of single men NAR reports as home sellers.

In Lehman's case, she had plenty of cause for concern.

The heating and cooling system was "on its last legs," the garage door wavy and warped, the last termite inspection a distant memory and the basement a disaster zone. Her estimated out-of-pocket costs might have topped $20,000 or more. And those were repairs she could scarcely afford. She needed every nickel from the sale to purchase a new, smaller town home nearby.

But the exhaustive 30-page inspection report found all systems mechanically sound. The components might appear cosmetically iffy but were still operational. On the other hand, inspectors for buyers can raise a red flag on the most nitpicky of items. By hiring her own inspector, Lehman eased pressure from sole reliance on the buyer's report. Problem areas became negotiable items.

According to home inspector Rob Kent of Pittsburgh Property Inspectors in Pennsylvania, a scant 1 to 2 percent of his business is for sellers. "I find it amazing that a lot of these people think their house is in fantastic shape, then they find all these things wrong and they wonder how this happened," Kent says.



REAL ESTATE 101
BY MIKE HEAYN

A different strategy to real estate wealth

People always want to know the secret to real estate investing. I do not know the secret, but I do know that one of the simplest ways to create wealth through real estate is to use the buy and hold method. The buy and hold method, as simple as it sounds, is purchasing property, such as an apartment, at any price and holding it for the long term, usually in excess of 10 years. After several years, the property should have appreciated, as long as it did not fall into disrepair. "Is this the only strategy?" you ask. No. I will explain another strategy later in the article. No matter the strategy, real estate should be looked at as a vehicle for wealth, with cash, in the form of a down payment, acting as a tool.

We as a society place a great deal of emotional attachment on cash and for good reason. Cash to purchase food, clothing, electronics, etc., is used daily by most people in the form of revolving debt, such as credit cards; debit cards, such as a check cards; or physical currency. Nevertheless, when investing you should remove your emotional attachment to cash, as it is merely a tool. When investing in real estate, or any other investment for that matter, you should simply look at the return on investment (ROI). ROI is essentially a measurement of the effectiveness of your money as a tool for wealth creation.

As I have stated before, when you purchase a piece of commercial real estate you are purchasing an income stream. When purchasing commercial real estate you should look at ways to increase that income stream relative to cost, and try to find value where other investors can not in order to increase your return on investment. For example, if you were examining the particulars of a property, called completing due diligence, in a rent controlled area, you would want to see if you could add value to the property by reducing the expenses. Some investors only look for income increases, or rental upside, but examining how to both increase income and decrease expenses is how real value is added.

As I stated earlier, another strategy for acquiring real estate and making a solid return on investments exists. One such strategy, which has made many investors wealthy, is what I refer to as 'following the herd, but getting there before them.' Simply put this strategy establishes where population growth may take place. Numerous facets exists where to retrieve this information, one of which is the census. The census will gauge where population growth is taking place.

Another way to track growth is finding out where large corporations are moving. When a corporation moves, many employees move with it causing people to migrate to the new location. The idea is to get to a location prior to the explosive growth phase where large numbers of people are moving into an area. If you invest in an area prior to the construction phase, in the right direction of the growth, your investment will yield a strong return. However, like all strategies, this is not a guaranteed way to make you wealthy. If you buy in an area and the 'explosive growth' does not take place due to a corporation not moving, a government not offering incentives such as tax abatements or low interest rates, or any number of other reasons, you stand the possibility of losing a great deal of money or making a nominal return on investment.

In the end all investing, no matter what type, offers some level of risk. Some investments offer little risk, such as U.S. bonds, but deliver small returns. While other investments have a great deal of risk, such as a condominium construction project, but deliver huge returns if done correctly and at the right time in the market. No matter what type of investment you choose, remember to stay emotionally detached, as the cash you invest is merely a tool to help you strive closer to that goal of independent wealth.

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Costs come with any real estate transaction



IN YOUR SPACE
BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

Investors are attracted to Tenant in Common (TIC) investments for several reasons, including; reduced risk through diversification, the ability to own a small portion of a higher quality property that otherwise would be unavailable to them, little to no management responsibility and a high certainty of close (an important consideration when doing a 1031 exchange).

One concern when considering investing in a TIC property is the additional fees incurred which typically add between five and seven percent of the value of the property to its cost. The fee structure, and in particular how and when a sponsor is compensated requires careful consideration. The key question is whether the advantages listed above justify the additional fees which can impact cash flow and potential appreciation.

Certain costs are inherent in any real estate transaction — whether purchased as sole owner or through a TIC structure:

- Escrow and Title Fees
- Financing Fees
- Legal Fees
- Sales Commissions (while technically paid for by the seller they ultimately are paid by the buyer)
- Working Capital Reserves

In addition to the above expenses the investor is paying fees to the TIC Sponsor for identifying and packaging the property. Effectively, the Sponsor purchases property at a "wholesale" price, adds fees for services rendered, and sells to Tenant in Common investors at a retail price. To get to the retail price the Sponsor may add fees such as:

- Marketing and Due Diligence
- Equity Organization Costs
- Formation Fees
- Closing and Carrying Fees

If offered as a security, additional fees may also be incurred.

These fees are typically disclosed in the "Sources and Uses of Funds" or "Compensation of the Sponsor and its Affiliates" sections of the offering material.

It is important to compare what the Tenant in Common investor is paying versus what a single buyer would pay for the property. The difference in the two prices is a measure at the Sponsorís efficientcy and if the Tenant in Common investor is being treated fairly.

There is a good deal of confusion around the additional fees needed to create a TIC investment. One consideration when reviewing various Tenant In Common fee structures is that many fees are the same amount no matter what the size of the deal, and may represent more than five to seven percent of additional load on smaller opportunities. Investors should also keep in mind that the higher the debt on the property, the larger the percentage of the investor's initial cash will be used to pay these fees.

When thinking about appreciation potential investors should take into account that at disposition the property will be sold in its entirety, not as a TIC. The core issue is whether the projected appreciation will cover the additional fees paid on purchase while providing a reasonable return to the investor.

Certainty of cash flow and the likelihood of adequate appreciation relate to the quality of the property being purchased. Location, quality and appropriateness of the improvements, quality of the tenants and terms of the leases all factor into whether the investment is viable, both for a single owner and the TIC investor.

The typical hold period for most income producing real estate is five to seven years. This means that the investor is giving up roughly one percent per year in potential appreciation by investing in a Tenant in Common property (the typical load of five to seven percent spread over the life of the investment). It is important to keep in mind that the one percent per year is for an all cash property; leverage will magnify any appreciation or loss in value.

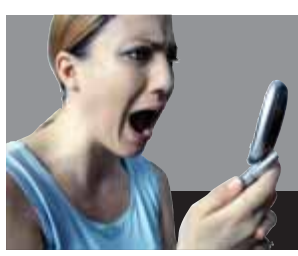
Sponsors may also receive compensation through property/asset management fees. Any investment is going to require some form of management be it the investor's own efforts or paying someone else for the services. It's best to focus on management quality and how reasonable the fee is compared to fees for similar properties.

The ability of a sponsor to bring a competitively priced investment to market deserves fair compensation. The investor's job is to make sure they are receiving a fair return on their money when compared with other investment options of similar risk.

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Bush says current violence in Iraq is part of a plot

BY DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

TALLINN, Estonia — President Bush said Tuesday that the sectarian violence rocking Iraq is part of an al-Qaida plot to goad Iraqi factions into repeated attacks and counterattacks.

"No question it's tough, no question about it," Bush said at a news conference with Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves. "There's a lot of sectarian violence taking place, fomented in my opinion because of the attacks by al-Qaida causing people to seek reprisal."

Bush, who travels to Jordan later in the week for a summit with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, said the latest cycle of violence does not represent a new era in Iraq. The country is reeling from the deadliest week of sectarian fighting since the war began in March 2003.

"We've been in this phase for a while," Bush said.

The president dated the current spike in violence to the Feb. 22 bombing of a sacred Shiite shrine in Samarra, which triggered reprisal attacks between Shiites and Sunnis and raised fears of civil war.

Reviews of how to alter the Iraq strategy are underway within the administration, even as a bipartisan panel, led by former Secretary of State James Baker III and former Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., is completing the recommendations it is expected to present to Bush next month.

Bush said he will ask al-Maliki to explain his plan for quelling the violence.

"The Maliki government is going to have to deal with that violence and we want to help them do so," the president said. "It's in our interest that we succeed."

Directly seeking help from Iran and Syria with Iraq, as part of new, aggressive diplomacy throughout the region, is expected to be among the recommendations of the Baker-Hamilton group.

Bush continued to express his administration's reluctance to talk with two nations it regards as pariah states working to destabilize the Middle East.

Iran has reached out to Iraq and Syria in recent days.

Bush said Iraq is a sovereign nation, free to meet with its neighbors. "If that's what they think they ought to do, that's fine," he said. "One thing Iraq would like to see is for the Iranians to leave them alone."

The president added that the U.S. will only deal with Iran when they suspend their program of enriching uranium, which could be used in a nuclear weapon arsenal.

"The Iranians and the Syrians should help — not destabilize — this young democracy," he said.

The New York Times on Monday quoted a senior U.S. intelligence official who said the Iranian-backed Hezbollah had been providing training for the Mahdi Army, the Iraqi Shiite militia led by anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The anonymous official told the Times that 1,000 to 2,000 Shiite fighters had been trained in Lebanon by Hezbollah, also backed by Syria.

U.S. officials have previously accused Iran of military interference in Iraq.

Estonia, a former Soviet republic being rewarded as an anti-terror ally, was Bush's first stop en route to a NATO summit in neighboring Latvia where discussion will focus on the tens of thousands of alliance troops clashing in Afghanistan with insurgents, particularly in the south where the Taliban is resurgent.

Bush said in the news conference that NATO "members must accept difficult assignments if we expect to be successful." It was an apparent reference to the fact that only a handful of countries are doing much of the heavy lifting in the dangerous southern areas.

Some U.S. officials have openly hinted that Germany, for instance, which is now deployed in relatively stable northern areas, should move troops to the south. Thus far, however, Germany has balked at such suggestions.

An issue of high concern in central and eastern European countries is their lack of participation in a U.S. visa waiver program that allows business travelers and tourists to enter the U.S. for months using only a passport. Ilves said it is something his country "constantly has been raising" with the United States.

Bush promised to try to convince Congress to add more countries, like Estonia, to the program by adding new security elements to overcome wariness in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"It's in our nation's interest that people be able to come and visit," the president said.

On Iraq, Jordan's King Abdullah, who is hosting al-Maliki's meeting with Bush, has warned that unless bold steps are taken urgently, the new year could dawn with three civil wars in the Mideast.

Bush, dodging a direct answer of whether civil war exists or not, tied the three conflicts together in a different way. He said that recent strife in Lebanon and the heated up Israeli-Palestinian dispute are, like Iraq, the result of extremists trying to choke off democratic progress.

"When you see a young democracy beginning to emerge in the Middle East, the extremists try to defeat its emergence," Bush said. "Extremists attack because they can't stand the thought of a democracy. And the same thing is happening in Iraq."

Bush, the first sitting U.S. president to visit Estonia, was welcomed to this small Baltic country with a daybreak ceremonial welcoming at Kadriorg Palace, the official residence and working office of the president of Estonia.

Bush also met with Estonian Prime Minister Andrus Ansip, praising him for "your economic accomplishment and your contributions to peace and liberty around the world."

The U.S. president met democracy activists and Estonian soldiers who have served on foreign missions.

After lunch, Bush was departing this medieval capital for Latvia.

Both Estonia and Latvia are strong U.S. allies, with forces in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Unlike in most of Europe, there is hardly any public criticism here of Bush's administration or the Iraq war. A small protest by anarchists was planned in Tallinn on Tuesday but was not expected to cause any major disruption.

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BASEBALL

Fame seems too far away for McGwire

BY RONALD BLUM AND BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writers

NEW YORK — For one glorious summer, Mark McGwire was bigger than baseball itself. America stopped to watch each time he came to the plate, and cheered every time he sent a ball into orbit.

He could do no wrong, it seemed. Surely he would be a shoo-in for the Hall of Fame someday.

And then came that day on Capitol Hill. Over and over, the big slugger was asked about possible steroid use, and his reputation took hit after hit as he refused to answer, saying he wouldn't talk about his past.

Now, with Hall ballots in the mail, McGwire's path to baseball immortality may have hit a huge roadblock.

The Associated Press surveyed about 20 percent of eligible voters, and only one in four who gave an opinion plan to vote for McGwire this year. That's far short of the 75 percent necessary to gain induction.

In fact, that total would put McGwire, for all his 583 career home runs, closer to the 5 percent needed just to stay on future ballots.

"There is a clause on the ballot indicating that character should be considered and after his nonperformance at the congressional hearings his character certainly comes into play," said the Dayton Daily News' Hal McCoy.

"He doesn't want to talk about the past?" he said, "Then I don't want to consider his past."

McGwire, Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn headline the ballot that was released Monday. Results will be announced in early January

"Mark fits the criteria, just like everyone else," Hall chairman Jane Forbes Clark said. "We've been very pleased with the judgment exercised by the writers over the past 70 years of voting.

"The ballot says a player's record of achievement, contributions to the teams, the game, their character, longevity and sportsmanship should be considered. I think this year's balloting will be interesting," she said.

The AP contacted 125 of the approximately 575 present or former members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America who are eligible to cast ballots.

And the breakdown was:

- 74 will not vote for McGwire.
- 23 will vote for him.
- 16 are undecided.
- 5 refused to say.
- 5 aren't allowed to vote by their employers.
- 2 will abstain from voting.

That means if all the undecideds and those refusing to say voted for McGwire, and everyone else voted, McGwire would need 84 percent of the rest to get into the Hall.

Chaz Scoggins of The Sun in Lowell, Mass., was among McGwire's supporters.

"He wasn't breaking any baseball rules during his career," he said. "As for using performance-enhancing substances, the fact that so many pitchers have been detected using them kind of evens the playing field."

McGwire played in the majors from 1986-2001, the first 12 seasons with the Oakland Athletics and the rest with the St. Louis Cardinals.

When he hit 70 homers in 1998 — breaking the mark of 61 Roger Maris had set 37 years earlier — McGwire became a national hero for his Paul Bunyan-like physique and feats. A year later, part of an interstate highway in St. Louis was named after McGwire. Large signs at both the current and previous Busch Stadium called attention to "Big Mac Land," ads for McDonald's referencing McGwire.

But his reputation plummeted following allegations by former teammate Jose Canseco, who claimed in a 2005 book and subsequent interviews that the Bash Brothers used steroids together while playing on the A's.

And then came McGwire's testimony to a congressional committee on March 17, 2005, when he repeatedly avoided questions, saying time after time: "I'm not here to talk about the past."

That appearance and those allegations are still fresh in the minds of many voters.

"He won't get my vote this year, next year or any year," said the Chicago Tribune's Paul Sullivan.

When the AP conducted a survey of Hall voters during the week following McGwire's testimony, 56 percent of the 117 voters who gave an opinion said they would support his induction.

Ballots will be mailed to voters this week and must be postmarked by Dec. 31. Results will be announced Jan. 9, and inductions will take place July 29.

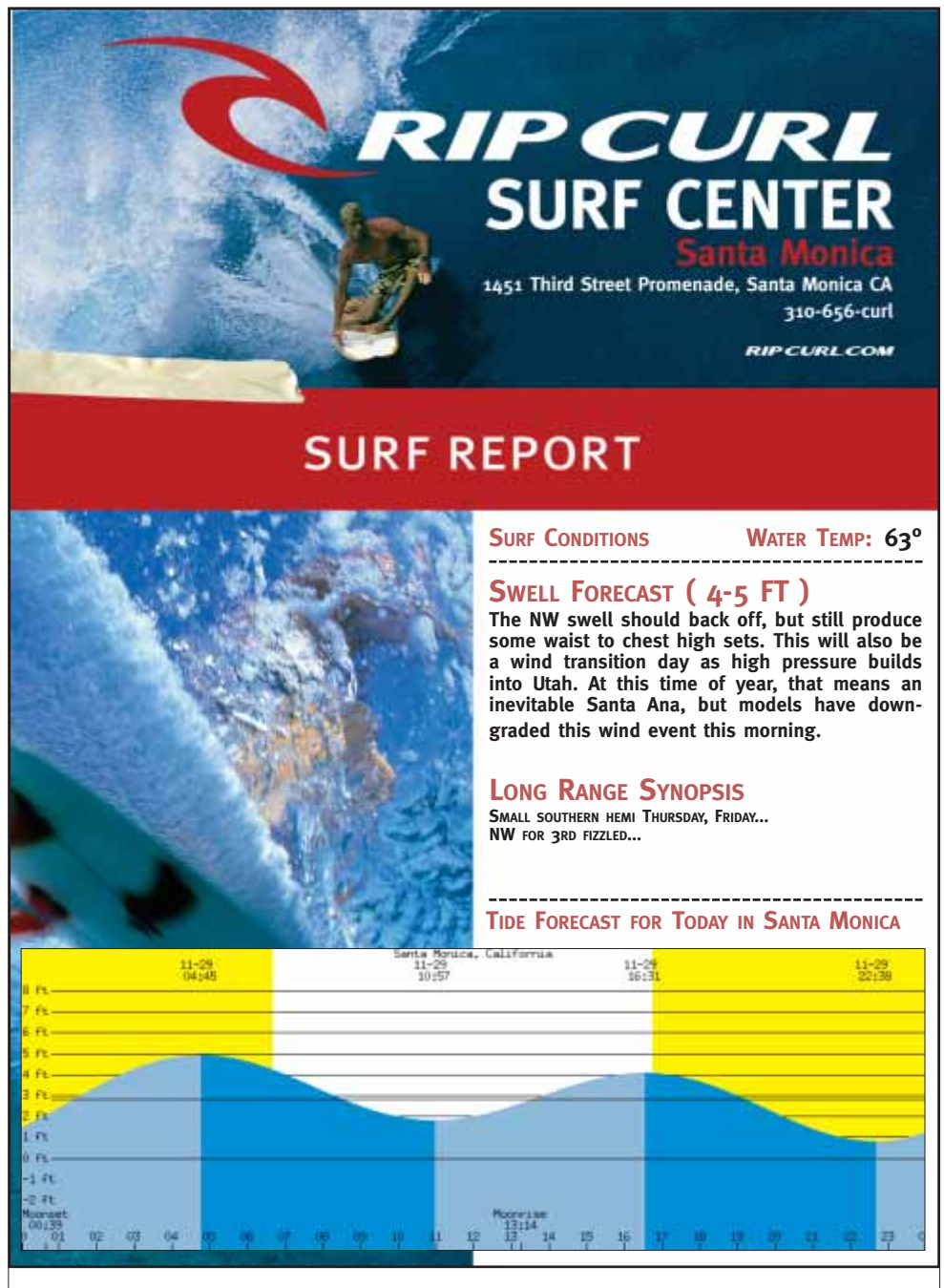
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Los Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	D	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D6W jetty)	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	ns

LEGEND
DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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Get a project done, Scorpio

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

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Take your time, knowing that you are moving through a problem and are about to come out on top. Your creativity surges to a new level, making the impossible possible. As the day closes, you have a strong sense of direction. Tonight: Do your thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Use the daylight hours to forge ahead and follow through. Tap into resources such as friends and associates. Broaden your horizons. The more you see the total situation, the happier you will be ultimately. Remain optimistic. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Assuming greater responsibility heads you down a new path. Others find you for advice and direction. You think in terms of possibilities and new opportunities. A meeting is starred in the near future. Tonight: Happy times are here. Get into the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You will see life in a more diligent and positive manner. Evaluate what is happening with someone at a distance. You might not have the full story. Think in terms of taking a greater role in what is going on. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You find answers when others cannot. A discussion with a partner could be enlightening. You might not realize what a strong team you make with this person. Work with others, especially if they challenge you. You will gain a stronger understanding. Tonight: Let your mind play and/or relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to let others make decisions, knowing that you don't have all the answers and perhaps will never have them. Answer others and be responsive to suggestions. Having your say is one matter; controlling others is another. Tonight: Be a duo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Dig into a project and get your work done. Remain optimistic in your dealings. Revise your words. Speak differently. Consider your options more carefully. Network as the day becomes older. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might be more creative than usual. Knowing this fact, plug in your energy where it will make a difference. Many opportunities head your way. Allow yourself to lift restrictions — self-imposed ones too. Tonight: Get a project done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Dig into your imagination and get past a problem. You discover that many people will give you feedback, whether you want to hear it or not. You are extremely optimistic and positive. Let go of a situation. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ What you say is a definite reflection of where you are. You might want to consider the options in your life more carefully. Your sixth sense plugs in and helps you make strong choices. Sort through your must-dos. Tonight: Happy to be home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You are able to see situations differently if you get past a possessiveness or a need to have certain matters occur. The more relaxed you get, the happier you will be. Loosen up and open up. Tonight: Easy does it. Just hang out with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ See how many ways you can make a difference. You have humor mixed with happiness. Listen to feedback from someone you care about. Financial matters come to the forefront. Trust what is happening. Tonight: On top of the world.

Born Today

Musician John Mayall (1933)
Actress Kim Delaney (1961)
Politician Adam Clayton Powell Jr. (1908)



Happy Birthday

You make waves and, consequently, a difference this year. You might be prone to excess at times, but it really doesn't need to be a problem if you don't allow it to be. Consider options that you haven't before. Be open to trying new ideas. You are lucky. You are creative. You are walking into a new 11-year luck cycle. If you are single, life treats you well. Be open to many different people who want to get to know you. You might pick who you want close.

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But a dream

Knowles seeks film roles after working with Foxx

BEYONCE KNOWLES says she enjoyed working with Jamie Foxx, Eddie Murphy and director Bill Condon on "Dreamgirls," and is looking forward to doing more film roles.

"I got to work with the best actors. They are so polished and so supportive. Usually, when you have Oscar-winning actors, sometimes they are not so supportive. But I could just watch and learn," the 25-year-old singer said in an interview published in the December issue of Prestige Hong Kong magazine.

"Dreamgirls," adapted from the Broadway musical, stars Oscar winner Foxx as a car salesman who worms his way into the Detroit music scene and becomes an impresario, orchestrating the crossover of black music to white mainstream culture.

Murphy co-stars as a flashy R&B singer. Knowles, "American Idol" finalist Jennifer Hudson and Anika Noni Rose play the Dreamettes, who start out as Murphy's backup singers but become a sensation on their own under Foxx's management.

"It was a great vibe," said Knowles, who fronted R&B group Destiny's Child. "Everyone was just happy to be involved in the movie."

Foxx won the best-actor Oscar for his performance in "Ray," and director Condon won an Oscar for adapting the screenplay of "Gods and Monsters."

Knowles won five Grammy Awards for her top-selling solo debut, 2003's "Dangerously in Love." Her second solo album, "B'Day," was released earlier this year.

Her screen credits also include "The Pink Panther" and "Austin Powers in Goldmember."

"It's exciting to do something new and put myself out of my comfort zone. I hope there will be more roles, and deeper roles, and this one will help prepare me for the future," she said.

"Dreamgirls," a DreamWorks and Paramount Pictures release, will be in U.S. theaters starting Dec. 25.

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MAMMA'S COMING HOME

A museum dedicated to the music, clothing and history of Swedish supergroup ABBA will open in Stockholm in 2008.

Organizers are still searching for a suitable location for the museum, but said Tuesday it will open somewhere in central Stockholm in 2008.

ABBA is one of the most successful bands in history, having sold more than 370 million albums. While the group hasn't performed together since 1982, it continues to sell nearly 3 million records a year and the musical "Mamma Mia!" — written by Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus and based on the group's hits — has been seen by more than 27 million people around the world.

The interactive museum will feature original outfits and instruments used by ABBA, handwritten song lyrics, a display of awards and "all other things we can think of and find," said Ulf Westman, an event consultant who is spearheading the project with his wife, Ewa Wigenheim-Westman.

The museum will also feature a studio where visitors can record their own ABBA songs and an experience that "will recreate the feeling of being at Wembley Stadium and seeing ABBA live with 50,000 others," Westman said. AP

Police got Gotti's son on drug charges

FRANK AGNELLO, who starred with his mother and two brothers on the reality TV show "Growing Up Gotti," was arrested earlier this month on drug charges, police said.

Agnello, 16, was found with marijuana, OxyContin and morphine pills when authorities pulled him over on a Long Island road for failing to heed a stop sign, Suffolk County police Lt. Donato Mignone said Monday.

The teen, who was driving a rented sport utility vehicle, was charged with two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance, police said. He could face up to a year in prison if convicted.

Agnello's attorney, Adam Mandelbaum, said no drugs were found on Agnello during the Nov. 10 arrest in Dix Hills. "The rest of the matter is under investigation," Mandelbaum said.

He said Agnello will plead not guilty at a Jan. 24 hearing in Central Islip.

Mignone said police discovered the OxyContin and morphine pills in the SUV's glove compartment, console and trunk. He said two passengers were also charged.

Agnello was also given a summons for driving without a license, police said.

The teen is the son of Victoria Gotti, daughter of legendary mob boss John Gotti and sister of John "Junior" Gotti. Besides starring in "Growing Up Gotti" with his mother and brothers, Carmine and John, Agnello has written a book, "The Gotti Diet."

John Gotti was convicted of racketeering and murder in 1992. He died 10 years later in a federal prison.

AP

Turning Japanese TV to Guinness gold

There's no escaping NORIO MINORIKAWA on Japanese TV. He hosts news shows, talk shows, wildlife shows — even his country's version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

On Tuesday, he reaped the benefit of all that work: a Guinness World Record for most live hours on the tube by a TV host.

The hyperactive TV personality, better known to Japanese TV fans as Monta Mino, spends a total of 21 hours and 42 minutes every week on live TV across 11 shows, according to the Guinness Web site.

"I'm touched. I want to die talking," Minorikawa told London-based Guinness Chief Operating Officer Alistair Richards at a presentation ceremony in Tokyo.

Minorikawa hosts a further five prerecorded programs including "Millionaire," the wildlife show "Amazing Animals" and "Full Throttle TV," on which he advises viewers on lifestyle, health and relationships.

AP

Gentry gives up the gun after bear shooting

TROY GENTRY, who pleaded guilty this week in Minnesota to a misdemeanor charge of falsely registering a captive bear as being killed in the wild, said the ordeal has been "a humbling experience."

"I relied on the experts around me for guidance, and I regret that today. Not so much because I was fined and punished, but because it appears that I don't have respect for the law," Gentry, of the hit country singing duo Montgomery Gentry, said Monday in a statement.

"This has been a humbling experience for me, and one which I deeply regret."

Under the plea announced Monday, the 39-year-old singer agreed to pay a $15,000 fine, give up hunting, fishing and trapping in Minnesota for five years, and forfeit both the bear's hide and the bow he used to shoot the animal in 2004. The bear, named "Cubby," was killed in a 3-acre private enclosure.

The plea meant Gentry avoided a trial, which had been scheduled to start Monday in Duluth.

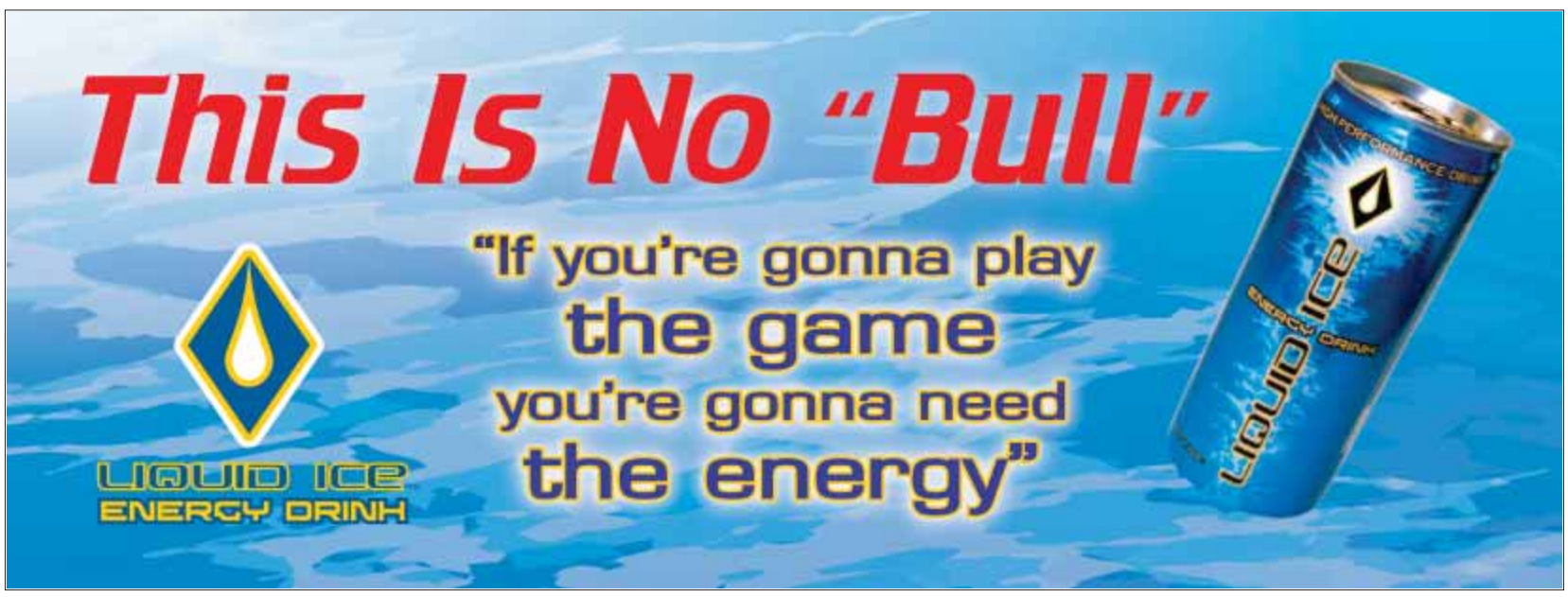
Gentry said he participated in improperly tagging the bear without realizing the seriousness of what he was doing.

"For that, I am truly sorry," he said.

In exchange for Gentry's plea, federal prosecutors dropped a felony charge of violating the Lacey Act, which authorities said bans possessing or transporting illegally obtained wildlife.

Montgomery Gentry's hits include "My Town," "Hell Yeah" and "Something to Be Proud Of."

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For Your Consideration (PG-13)
1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:20, 8:15, 9:45
Fountain, The (PG-13)
2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:15
Let's Go to Prison (R)
3:05, 10:30

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Deck the Halls (PG)
11:50am, 2:35, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Deja Vu (PG-13)
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The Departed(R)
11:45am, 3:30, 7:05, 10:20
Flushed Away (PG)
11:30am, 12:50, 1:30, 3:35, 6:30
Marie Antoinette (PG-13)
8:35, 11:20
Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13)
11:55am, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
Tenacious D in the Pick of Destiny (R)
11:40am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

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Bobby (R)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
The Last King of Scotland (R)
12:45, 3:40, 7:00, 10:00

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Fast Food Nation (R)
1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
The History Boys (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Little Children (R)
1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15
The Queen (PG-13)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE
1313 3rd Street
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Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (R)
12:00, 2:20, 4:00, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40, 10:10
Casino Royale (PG-13)
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Happy Feet (PG)
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The Prestige (PG-13)
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GOLD

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

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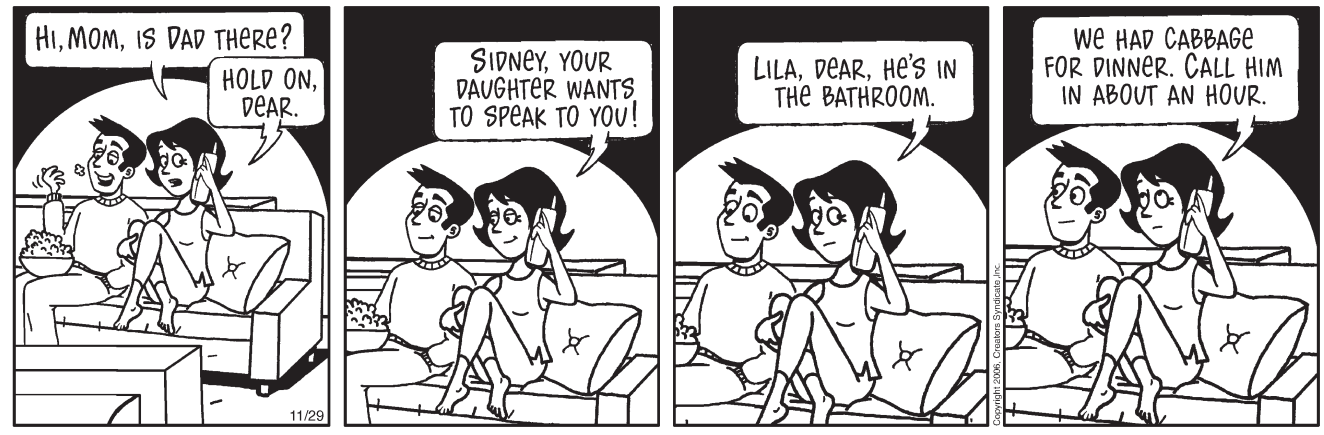
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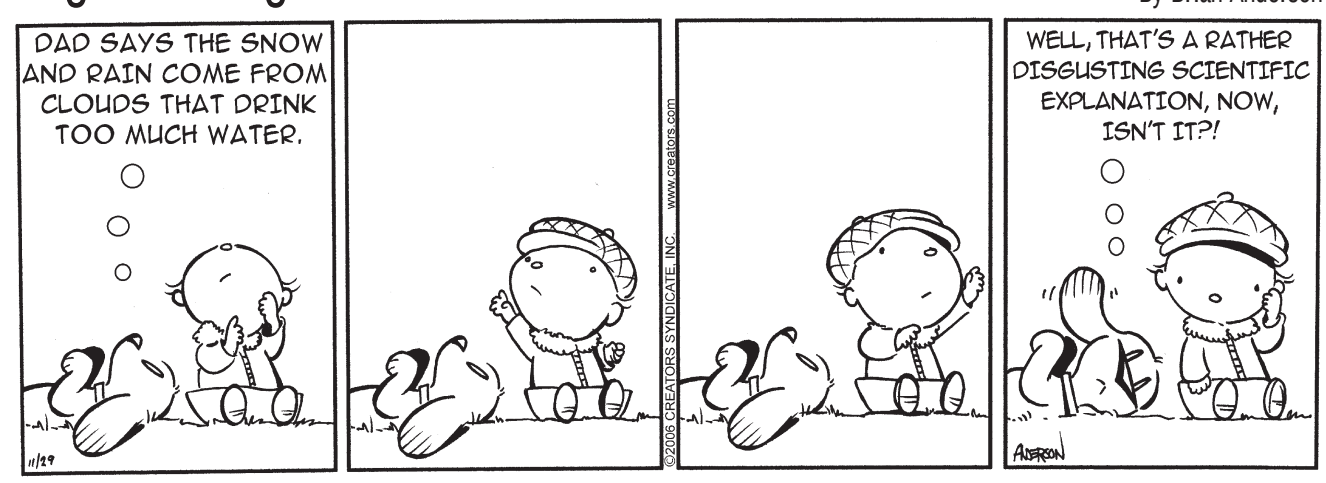
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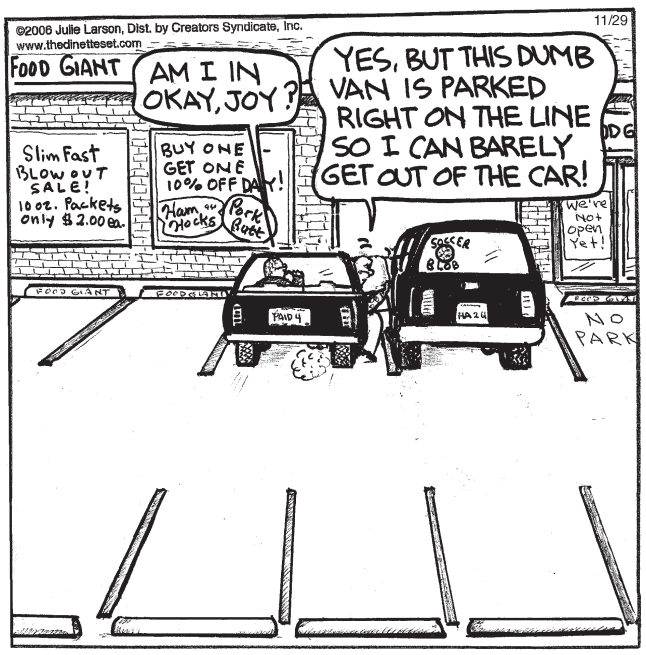


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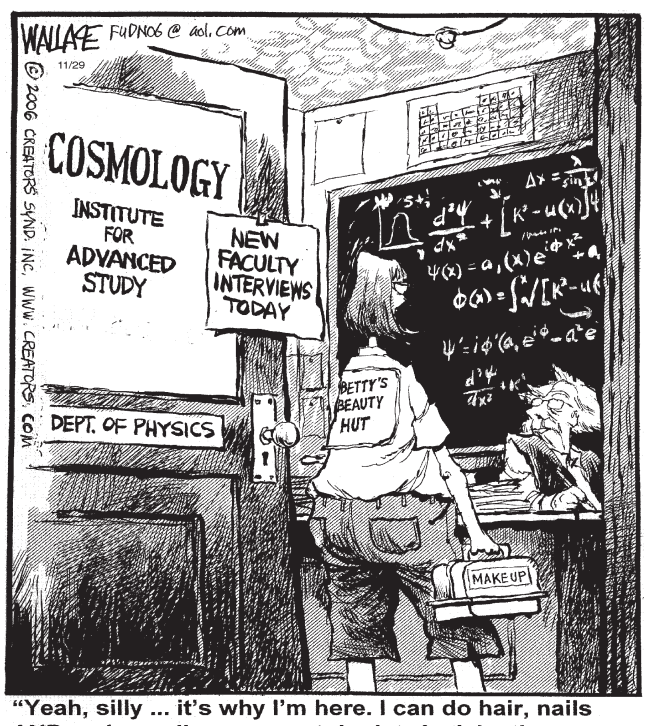


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39 "Don't — stranger!"
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On, December 14, 2006 at 11:00 A.M., CALIFORNIA LIEN SERVICES, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment recorded on 06/14/06 as Instrument 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 Association, as Beneficiary.

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Unit 311 of Lot 1 of Tract No. 36008 in Book 912, pages 91-93

The property heretofore described is being sold ``as is``. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be:

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Accrued interest and additional advances if any, will increase this figure prior to sale.

The claimant under said Notice of Delinquent Assessments heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MICHEL COLOMBIER

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 Cali-fornia, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PRO-BATE requests that Dana Ko Co-lombier 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 Administra-tion of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representa-tive to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important ac-tions, however, the personal re-pre-sentative 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:
PAUL GORDON HOFFMAN ESQ
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARGARET T. HOWE
CASE NO. BP101690

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARGARET T. HOWE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MATILDA BUCK in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MATILDA BUCK 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 12/20/06 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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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

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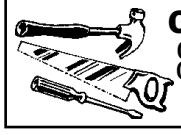
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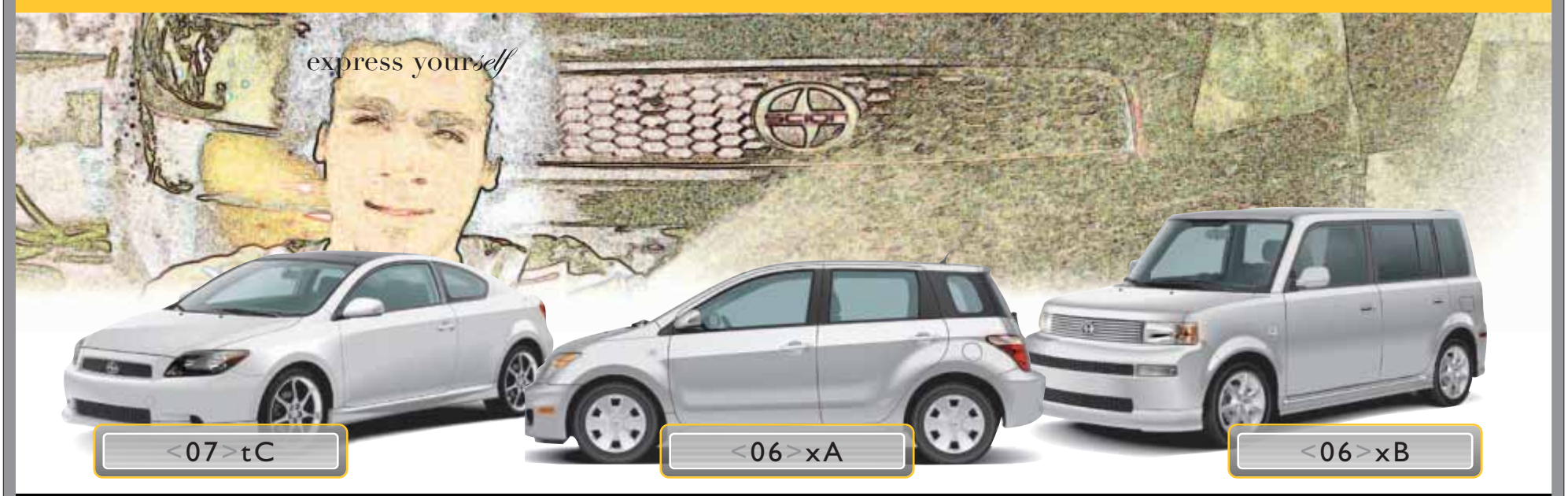
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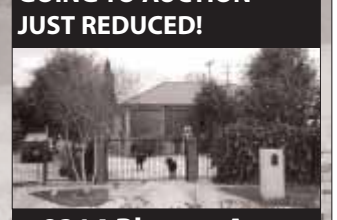
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