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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Blond twins, Lamb and Lynx Gaede, age 13, of Bakersfield, Calif., sing professionally as Prussian Blue at white-supremacy concerts and rallies and on the white-nationalist Resistance Records label (with songs like "Sacrifice," which is a tribute to Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess), according to an October ABC News story. The girls' parents home-school them and are active in the Aryan movement (rancher-dad Ted Shaw's cattle brand is a swastika). Said Lynx, "We want our people to stay white. (W)e don't want to just be, you know, a big muddle."

■ David Duvall and his 2-year-old daughter were hospitalized with burns on the head suffered during the Maryland Renaissance Festival in Crownsville in October after a female acrobat mishandled a flaming wand. The woman, seeking a volunteer from the audience, asked Duvall, in front of his family, if she could set fire to his bald head, and Duvall said, "Sure." Said Duvall's wife, later, "We thought they knew what they were doing."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 348th day of 2005.
There are 17 days left in the year.

On Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon home at age 67.

In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died in London.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first man to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1939, the Soviet Union was dropped from the League of Nations.

In 1980, fans around the world paid tribute to John Lennon, six days after he was shot to death in New York City.

In 1985, Wilma Mankiller became the first woman to lead a major American Indian tribe as she took office as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Linwood 'Woody' Fenderson (left) and Tony 'Chip' Moreno (right) on Tuesday remove the last of what's left of a Southern California-style winter holiday scene by washing and chipping away at imported snow on the Third Street Promenade.

'Young Buck' enters plea for SM stabbing

He'll do community service out of state

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer



File Photo

Young Buck leaves the Santa Monica Police Department after his 2004 arrest with then-attorney Roger Rosen.

LAX COURTHOUSE — Rap recording artist "Young Buck" will be required to do community service in his home state of Tennessee for an alleged stabbing that took place at the November 2004 Vibe awards ceremony held at the Santa Monica Airport.

David Darnell Brown, 24, who records under the name "Young Buck," entered a plea agreement on Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court. Under the terms of

the agreement between prosecutors and Brown's attorney, the rapper received a sentence of three years probation and 80 hours of community service, which he may serve in Tennessee, according to court records. Superior Court Judge James Brandlin approved the terms of the agreement.

At the judge's discretion, a criminal convicted in California need not perform community service in the place where a crime is committed as long as the service is

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LA government calls for end to Lincoln Place dispute

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES CITY HALL — Elected officials on Tuesday unanimously requested that all parties

return to the negotiating table over the recent evictions at Lincoln Place, an affordable housing complex in Venice.

Dozens of tenants took to the streets more than a week ago after

deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department forced their removal from Lincoln Place, a 54-year-old post-World

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BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — In an unprecedented move, city officials plan to hire a consultant who will analyze Santa Monica's success in battling homelessness.

The consultant will evaluate Santa Monica's "Continuum of Care," the multi-faceted approach whereby tax money is used to support social service groups that assist the city's homeless population. City officials weren't immediately available to say how much the consultant would be paid.

The City Council in 1991 appointed community members to a task force to develop recommendations on ways to fight homelessness. That effort resulted in a report entitled, "A Call to Action," which laid out strategies that have become the blueprint for the development of homeless services in Santa Monica.

The report continues to guide City Hall's homeless efforts, according to city staff. Servicing has centered around the "Continuum of Care," which begins with outreach and emergency day services, and leads to case management, housing, jobs and post-service counseling.

The goals of the consultant's evaluation will be to refine the city's strategies for homeless services and to more effectively manage resources under its jurisdiction. The evaluation also will provide a tool for the city's non-profit grantees to become better collaborators throughout the system, according to city staff.

More than 80 professional research and academic organizations were contacted to possibly become the potential consultant. They all were determined to have relevant experience in human service program evaluations.

Interested parties are expected to apply to City Hall by Thursday after which interviews will be scheduled with those judged to be most qualified for the job.

A short list of applicants will then be asked to submit proposals to a staff review team, leading to a final selection. The staff review team will consist of City Hall's

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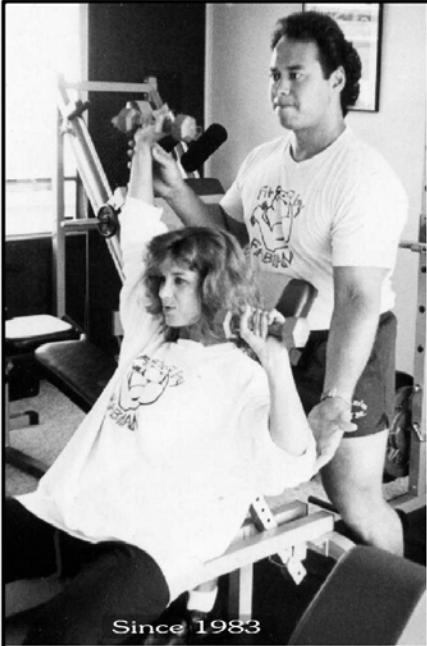
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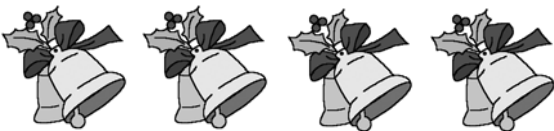
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★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You might want to have a serious talk and get past a problem. You have a way of coming up with unusual solutions, but right now you have a practical idea. A friendship could be significant. Tonight: Midweek munchies with your friends.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ As the holidays roll on, you might feel a bit tight financially. Could this be the case? Your imagination will take you in new directions if you are willing to brainstorm and chat with someone you look up to. Tonight: Gather your bills.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You have a way that draws many people to you, especially now. You develop an ethereal manner that others find quite unique and different. Honor what is happening. Communication remains key to reaching others. Tonight: You are on top of your game.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Carefully listen to others, especially someone who could impact your finances and emotions. You might feel uptight financially and want to play it conservatively, which is not a bad idea. Tonight: Do your thing.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Aim for what you want and be determined. The results will be positive no matter what. A partner plays a strong role in your decisions. He or she could be unusually creative. Tonight: Be with your friends.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You're more in control than you believe. Don't allow yourself to think otherwise. You might need to step up to the plate and assume a leadership role. You are inspired by your work and daily life. Tonight: Your enthusiasm could be contagious.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to detach from a situation. Do you really want what you are zeroing in on? You might be so determined that you haven't fully looked at what you want. Listen to feedback from a wise friend. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Work with others individually, and you will get the results you desire. Think carefully about a mutual decision. Listen well to someone you care about. Be willing to cross the line and do something differently. Tonight: Togetherness works.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You will be able to see a situation differently if you allow others to take command. You will learn more about those around you. Sometimes you have a problem opening up your mind. Walk away from that attitude. Tonight: As you like.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Plunge into work as if there were no tomorrow. You might want to think through a decision. Listen more carefully to a co-worker. Your imagination might affect your spending — careful. Tonight: Your turn to make dinner.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your playfulness and creativity come forward. You are capable of the impossible right now. Don't allow anyone to rain on your parade. Your spunk might be irritating to someone who is more serious or down. Tonight: Romp the night away.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You might want to stay close to home and relax. You'll have an easy time if you get enough R and R. Demands might be very heavy right now. Pace yourself or work from home. Others might want to take off early. Tonight: Snooze and veg.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Annual winter faire heats up holiday flair

By Daily Press staff

A local school is bringing winter shopping and fun together for its annual Winter Faire.

The Westside Waldorf School invites the community to attend the faire on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The campus is located at 1229 Fourth St. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

Each member of the family is sure to discover something unique, from the artisan's market showcasing handcrafted items to the snow fairy market where only children may shop, event organizers say. A tea party will be hosted for children as adults peruse an extensive book sale. At dusk, a candle ceremony will brighten winter's darkness.

Enjoy seasonal music from around the world, savor food and drink, experience hands-on crafts and shop from a specially selected treasure-trove at the Westside Waldorf School's annual Winter Faire.

Liberty Hill doling it out

By Daily Press staff

The Liberty Hill Foundations is embracing the season of giving. Santa Monica's largest public foundation announced its final grants to Los Angeles County nonprofits, bringing the 2005 total to \$2.1 million.

For nearly 30 years, Liberty Hill has partnered with grassroots organizations to combat poverty and injustice. Liberty Hill Foundation's hallmark is identifying and "seed-funding" grassroots organizations. Liberty Hill has often provided the very first grant to a fledgling organization that eventually becomes a well-established and influential to the community, officials said.

Since 1976, Liberty Hill Foundation has given away nearly \$27 million to grassroots community organizations in Los Angeles County.

Historic fly over scheduled at Santa Monica Airport

By Daily Press staff

On Dec. 17, 1935, aircraft designer and builder, Donald Douglas, watched as the first Douglas DC-3 transport took to the sky on its maiden flight from Clover Field, the Santa Monica site of the Douglas Aircraft Factory.

On Dec. 17, 2005, the National Aviation Hall of Fame will observe the 70th anniversary of the historic DC-3 milestone, and the 102nd anniversary of powered flight, as part of festivities taking place at the Santa Monica Airport.

One of the historic planes is Duggy, the DC-3 named for Donald Douglas. Duggy is the flying ambassador and classroom for "Project Skyreach," the hall of fame's youth education program.

Duggy and the Skyreach crew will lead a fly over of DC-3s and its military derivative, C-47s, over Santa Monica on Dec. 17 in tribute to Douglas and the thousands who helped design, build and fly the venerable transport.

The aerial anniversary armada will make a circuit over Santa Monica Airport to coincide with the 2 p.m. groundbreaking for DC-3 Monument Park, where the Spirit of Santa Monica, a restored DC-3, will eventually stand on a pedestal in tribute to the legacy of Douglas Aircraft. The Spirit of Santa Monica was donated to the airport by David Price, president of the Santa Monica Museum of Flying, and has undergone more than 3,000 hours of restoration by a team of volunteers.

Duggy and several other DC-3s from the larger group will then land to join the Spirit of Santa Monica at a USO-style Christmas party in celebration of the anniversary that begins at 3 p.m. at the Santa Monica Air Center/Barker Hangar. The party is co-presented by the Santa Monica Museum of Flying and the National Aviation Hall of Fame. The party will feature a swing band, food, beverages and period historical displays in addition to the Douglas DC-3s on static display for public tours. Admission is a suggested donation of \$50 per person to the Museum of Flying that will benefit the DC-3 monument park construction.

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS

DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM

BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 3	LIFTS OPEN 2
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed				

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-24"	LIFT HOURS 8:30am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 35	LIFTS OPEN 4
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed, Obstacles				

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-36"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 150	LIFTS OPEN 21
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed, Obstacles				

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 10	LIFTS OPEN 6
CONDITIONS: Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed				

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 0"-1"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 0	LIFTS OPEN 0
CONDITIONS: N/A				

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS N/A	RUNS OPEN 6	LIFTS OPEN 4
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed				

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-0"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 3	LIFTS OPEN 3
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Hard Packed				

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 60°

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SWELL FORECAST (4-6FT)

Today, the size backs down a bit more from Tuesday, but we should still see some waist to chest high sets at breaks working the swell, and not hindered by island blockage or other mitigating factors.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

Substantial NW swell headed to California Sunday...
NW to increase more early next week...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

MONDAY
LOW TIDE: 1:36PM -0.4FT N/A N/A
HIGH TIDE: 6:23AM 6.3FT 7:57PM 3.7FT

TUESDAY
LOW TIDE: 12:34PM 2.0FT 2:18AM -0.8FT
HIGH TIDE: 6:58AM 6.4FT 8:49PM 3.7FT

WEDNESDAY
LOW TIDE: 1:12PM 2.3FT 2:57PM -1.0FT
HIGH TIDE: 7:32AM 6.5FT 9:36PM 3.7FT

THURSDAY
LOW TIDE: 1:50PM 2.1FT 3:41AM -0.1FT
HIGH TIDE: 8:09AM 6.1FT 10:04PM 3.1FT

FRIDAY
LOW TIDE: 2:34PM 1.8FT 4:36AM 0.0FT
HIGH TIDE: 8:42AM 5.8FT 10:34PM 2.9FT

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Dozens of tenants who were evicted from the Lincoln Place apartment complex by their landlord, Denver-based Apartment Investment Management Co., have set up a tent city to protest the loss of their affordable housing. The company, one of the largest real estate management companies in the country, plans to redevelop the land into condos. The ex-tenants and their supporters say they will stay put until the landlord agrees to renegotiate a settlement that will allow them to return to their apartments.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, **"Do you think a compromise can be reached between the tenants and their former landlord? If so, what form should it take?"**

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OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abolish the death penalty

Editor:

I just learned that in recent years, the death penalty has been abolished in country after country around the planet. For example, less than 30 years ago (in 1977) only 16 countries had abolished the death penalty for all crimes while today the number is 86. Over 60 percent of the world's countries have now abolished the death penalty, in law or in practice.

Every single western European country has now abolished the death penalty. Australia (1985); New Zealand (1987); Italy (1994); Poland (1997); South Africa (1997); Canada (1998); Chile (2001); Greece (2004) and Mexico (2005) have all abolished the death penalty in recent years.

According to Amnesty International, during the past decade an average of over three countries per year are now abolishing the death penalty. Perhaps the U.S. (and California) should now seriously consider joining this accelerating trend which will likely soon eliminate the death penalty almost everywhere.

Kate Tanaka
Oakland, Calif.

Rest in peace Rosa

Editor:

Well Rosa Parks
Wherever you are
Listen to the voice of my heart
I respect your dignity
Definitely the front seat on the bus is your seat
Even though you now sit next to God
Where probably not everyone can sit
I am an old lady
Who can stand up just barely
So with much respect
I may take your seat now and then
I know that you would not mind
Because you believe in Civil Rights
Rest in peace
Dear Rosa Parks

Ludivina de la Torre
Santa Monica

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Christians are not the evil-doers of the world



THE
WITNESS
STAND
BY CLIFF NICHOLS

Go figure. Could it be more than just a coincidence? Why, just last week we were discussing Vanity Fair's article that disparaged both Christ and Christianity. Yet, this week we find that the entire issue of Mother Jones magazine is dedicated to covering "Where (the editors of Mother Jones apparently think) the Christian Right is Leading Us." Consider a sampling of the subjects listed on their cover:

Our Godless Constitution — "No matter what the religious right says, the Founding Fathers purposely left God out of the Constitution."

Radio Stations of the Cross — "In the beginning, the creators of Salem Communications set out to found some Christian radio stations. Oh, what they have begat."

Antigay Inquisition — "For a thousand years the Catholic Church has been refuge for gay men. Now Pope Benedict hopes to 'purify' his priesthood."

Before running out for a copy, however, I warn you — please, exercise caution. This publication could leave you with the possibly mistaken impression that the magazine's editors believe a majority (of "normal" people) in our society would agree that everything Christians say, do or think is not only weird, but actually a threat to our culture's scientific advancement, rational thought, spiritual well-being and economic welfare.

But, wait a minute. Is it possible I have evaluated Mother Jones' motives wrongly? Could it be that in fact it is their ultimate purpose to cast aspersions upon Christ, Christians and Christianity? No. Surely not ... well ... OK, it is a remote possibility I suppose. So ... in an abundance of caution (lest Christians be thought of as closed-minded) perhaps we should take a moment to contemplate the implications of this gross improbability.

First, if such secular hostility to the teachings of Christianity were to take root in our society, logic suggests to me it could eventually lead to the persecution of Christians. But wait a minute. Didn't Christ himself say that just such times would precede His return? Specifically, he said that in those days people throughout the world would grow to hate Christians to the point that they would not only persecute them, but would kill them on account of His name. Without more, however, even I must admit that it's a stretch to say those are the days we are living in. So let's see if there exists any other evidence that might corroborate it.

Other events mentioned by Christ that would occur immediately prior to his return include: the existence of wars and rumors of wars; the occurrence of nations rising up against other nations; and the spread of pestilence, famines and earthquakes in diverse places around the world. Well? So far so good? Doesn't that at least sound interestingly descriptive of events we find ourselves witnessing today? Then, add to that, Isaiah's prophecy (delivered with some degree of incredulity I might add) that in those same days the nation of Israel would be reborn in a sin-

gle day ... sort of similar to the way the U.N. created the present day nation of Israel in 1948 in a single day perhaps? Coincidence? Maybe, but first we might want to consider also the descriptions of the same events found in Chapter 37 of Ezekiel, or better yet, the one found in Chapter 9 of Amos where he prophesied, "I will restore the captivity of my people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat fruit, and they will never again be rooted out from their land." says the Lord your God." (Memo to Iran: You may wish to read the last clause very carefully one more time.)

For now, trust me ... these passages are but representative of many others found throughout the Bible validating the thought that we could be living in those times. For our purposes, however, perhaps those given thus far will be sufficient to lend credence to the possibility. And if so, we would be remiss to not mention expressly at least one other — that is Christ's warning to those who would be alive when they actually did commence — they are instructed to be both alert and prepared because that generation will not pass away until all of the events prophesied, including Christ's return, have occurred.

I admit ... the foregoing probably does seem weird to anyone who doesn't believe in a God; much less that Jesus Christ was His son. Thus, I concede that, to those who have chosen to view both the world and their existence from that perspective, even if it is true that Mother Jones is hammering Christianity, it really is for them probably a matter of little significance — the editors are merely affirming what they already believe to be a valid point of view: Christians are weird. Before committing oneself to join their ranks, however, one might first want to investigate just a few additional Old Testament passages, like Chapter 53 of Isaiah and the 22nd Psalm that seem to describe with chilling accuracy the prophesied Christ. Maybe those with such inquiring minds may then have reason in the future to at least question whether or not it's a good thing when others rebuke, ridicule and revile Christ, Christians and Christianity. Who knows? Some could even find themselves asking, "Could we be living in the end-times generation about which Christ spoke?" And, why might that be important? Because, if it is that generation and if Christ is who He said He was, one thing is certain: We will not have long to wait before we are given a most definitive answer. If Christians are wrong, the good news is that nobody stands to lose very much. However, if Mother Jones' position is wrong, many who may be misled by them will have a lot to lose, and perhaps for eternity. Now, might that be something worth pondering this Christmas? If so, maybe now ... as we scurry about doing our Christmas shopping ... would be a good time to "go figure."

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Evaluation of city's homeless services the first of its kind in SM

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human services division, police and representatives from other departments who deal with homeless issues.

It's anticipated the evaluation will be completed in the next nine to 12 months so it may be incorporated into the next cycle of grant funding, which begins in July 2007.

City Hall last week announced that former Los Angeles County Supervisor Edmund D. Edelman will work on contract for a year at a \$200,000 salary to help bring regional cohesiveness to solving the regional homeless problem.

Edelman's advocacy efforts are expected to center on the establishment of a mental health court, where by certain homeless individuals may be removed from the criminal justice system in exchange for their willingness to engage in treatment. He also will be charged with delivering

more regional governance and a high level of leadership on the homeless issue.

Debate has raged for years in Santa Monica over how to deal with its homeless population, said City Councilman Kevin McKeown. However, the appointment of a homeless czar, as well as a program evaluation and expected changes within the system, show City Hall may be willing to put more resources toward combating homelessness, especially if the effort pays off.

"There have been historic sides among Santa Monicans over how best to resolve homelessness," McKeown said. "This is being set aside and what we're approaching is a new consensus on how and where to focus resources."

"I give a lot of credit to the community's willingness to overcome compassion fatigue and pursue tough new policies that still treat homeless individuals with good will and dignity."

Man accused of punching Dre gets one year in county jail

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completed, attorneys said.

Brown had been charged with one count of assault with a deadly weapon by means likely to produce great bodily injury, according to Deputy District Attorney Hamid Towfigh, who prosecuted the case.

Brown surrendered to authorities in Santa Monica days after the incident and was freed on \$500,000 bail. If convicted, he faced up to eight years in state prison.

Brown was suspected of stabbing Jimmy James Johnson, 26, after Johnson allegedly punched rap star and record producer Dr. Dre in the face after requesting an autograph. Dr. Dre's real name is Andre Young.

The attack spurred a chair-throwing melee that spread throughout the crowd. Young was attending the Nov. 15 ceremony at the Barker Hangar to receive a lifetime achievement award.

Roger Rosen, Brown's former attorney, had said Brown was at home when

the stabbing took place. Several videotapes of the chaos reveal that three men were seen holding knives, one of whom was identified by police as Brown. At one point in the videos, Brown is allegedly seen lunging over another man and swinging the knife at Johnson while he was looking away, according to police.

Leonard Levine, Brown's current attorney, said he was satisfied with the terms of the plea agreement.

"It was fair and reasonable," Levine said. A native of Nashville, Tenn., Brown is a member of 50 Cent's G-Unit group, which is part of Dr. Dre's Aftermath label. He released his first major solo album, "Straight Outta Ca\$hville," in August.

On Sept. 14, Johnson pleaded guilty to one count of assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury, according to Jane Robison, a spokeswoman for the DA's office. Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner sentenced Johnson to a one-year prison term in county jail, followed by three years of probation. He also was ordered to stay away from Dr. Dre.



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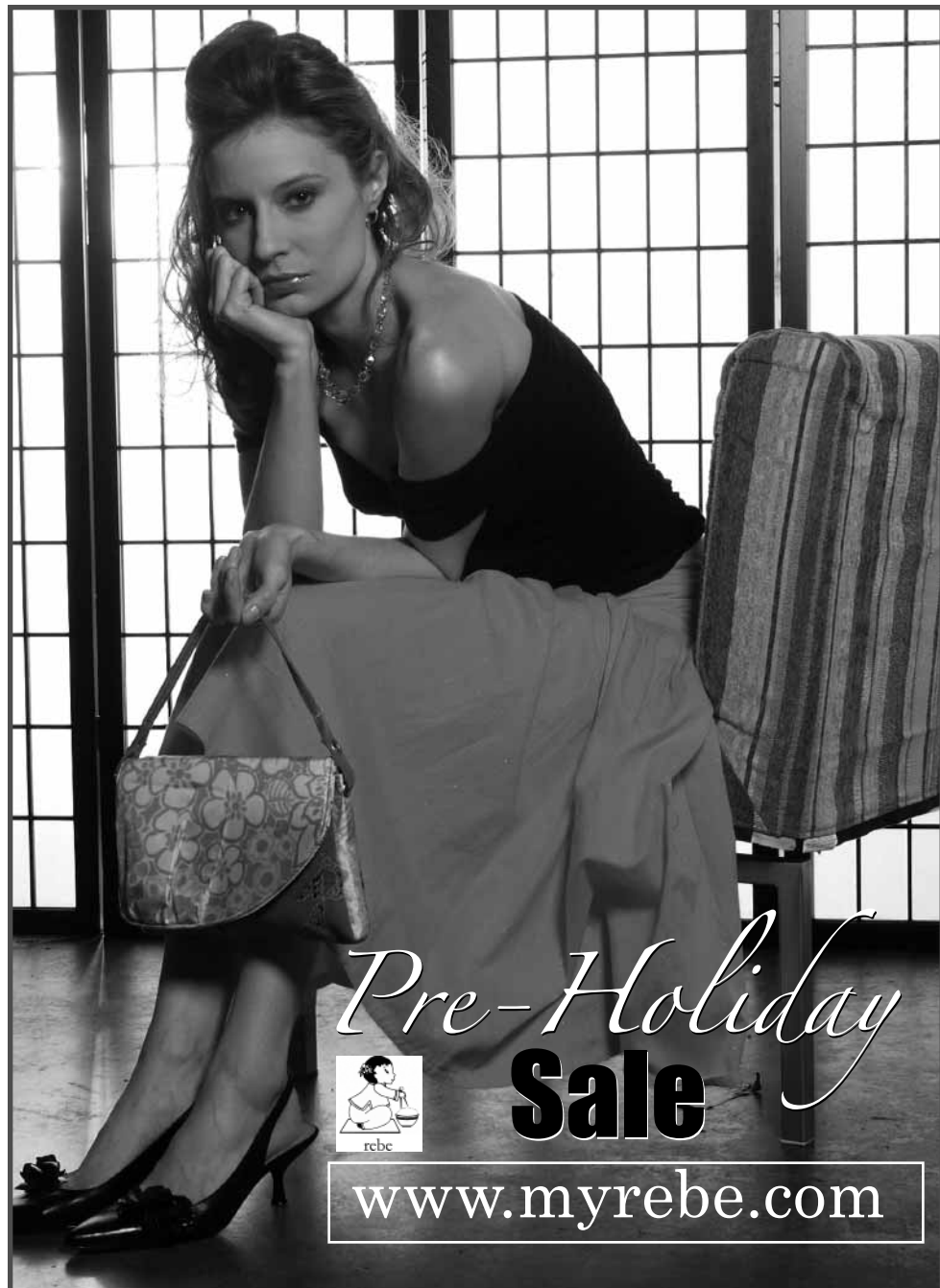
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Woman goes on hunger strike after being evicted

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War II apartment complex located on the 1000 block of Elkgrove Avenue.

The sheriff's department was acting on a court order requested by Denver-based Apartment Investment Management Co. (AIMCO), the landlord which plans to redevelop Lincoln Place into condominiums.

Meanwhile, local politicians said AIMCO's move may make it difficult for the company to expedite development projects in the Los Angeles area in the future. The Los Angeles City Council unanimously supported a motion from City Councilman Bill Rosendahl to urge AIMCO, the Lincoln Place Tenants Association, and historical preservationists to return to negotiations.

"Everyone must come together and find a resolution," Rosendahl said. "These evictions are intolerable. We cannot continue to see the middle-class and affordable housing be squeezed out of the west-side."

In October, AIMCO was prepared to provide as many as 180 Lincoln Place households with apartments at the site, in which they would pay below market rent for life. In addition, 50 more units also were to be designated as historical and would not be redeveloped, under the terms of the settlement. Some tenants were offered between \$3,000 and \$10,000 a piece to relocate.

The settlements fell through, due to the tenants' distrust of AIMCO, they said.

The City Council also unanimously approved a second motion made by Rosendahl directing various city departments to conduct a sweeping review of the state Ellis Act and make recommendations for it be reformed on the state level. The Ellis Act, which has been used by AIMCO, allows landlords to go out of the rental business and evict tenants so long as they redevelop the property into condominiums.

Rosendahl said the act has been abused and misinterpreted, resulting in widespread condo conversions and reducing affordable housing stock citywide.

The Ellis Act motion will be heard before the City Council's Housing Committee before the holidays, according to City Councilman Eric Garcetti, who chairs the committee.

Rosendahl said he also contacted State Attorney General Bill Lockyer, who has agreed to investigate potential reforms of the Ellis Act. Rosendahl has been meeting with state lawmakers to alert them to the problem and find a champion of such reform in Sacramento.

Tuesday's action came after nearly 90 minutes of deliberations on the Lincoln Place evictions.

Lincoln Place tenants were present to speak at the meeting. One of them was Maria Luisa Colores, who's been fasting for seven days in the hopes that it will send a message and will allow her and her fellow neighbors to return to their units.

Venice and neighboring communities have shown their support for the locked-out and remaining tenants by contacting city leaders and by providing food and moral support to the tenants' tent city, which was erected last week.

On Dec. 9, Father Tomas Elis from St. Clement's Catholic Church led an ecumenical mass with Reverend Janet McKeithen of the Church in Ocean Park and Pastor Tom Ziegert of the Venice United Methodist Church. Rosendahl said approximately 200 tenants and members of the community attended.

AIMCO has indicated it will evict the 100 remaining households, who are elderly and disabled, by March 2006.

Aaron Gross, a representative from Rosendahl's office, said the councilman has been in direct contact with AIMCO and hopes the company will come around.

"We've been unsuccessful so far, but Bill is holding out hope," Gross said.



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Feds raid 13 San Diego area marijuana dispensaries

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Federal drug agents raided 13 San Diego-area marijuana dispensaries on Monday, seizing large quantities of the drug, computers and records in one of the largest crackdowns of its kind in California.

Authorities executed warrants at 11 dispensaries in San Diego and two in the northern suburb of San Marcos as well as the home of one of the shops' owners, said John Fernandes, special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

"These were nothing more than a front for distributing marijuana," Fernandes said.

One man, armed with a firearm, was arrested as he drove up to a dispensary with two pounds of marijuana he was trying to sell — apparently unaware of the raid taking place. Agents seized a large, but unspecified amount, of marijuana along with small amounts of psychedelic mushrooms, hashish and hashish oil.

Steph Sherer of the medical marijuana advocacy group Americans for Safe Access called the raids outrageous and a cowardly act of an administration that was out of touch with voters. Medical marijuana advocates planned to protest the raids Tuesday outside San Diego's federal courthouse.

In 1996, California voters passed Proposition 215, which decriminalized the use of medical marijuana under state law.

However, under federal law, it is illegal to use marijuana even for medical purposes.

In addition to California, medical marijuana laws are on the books in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont and Washington state, though Arizona has no active program.

Authorities began investigating San Diego's dispensaries six months ago, prompted, in part, by complaints from neighbors. Instead of providing marijuana to seriously ill patients as voters had intended, dispensaries that were raided Monday sold marijuana to young adults, Fernandes said. The combination of drugs and cash also has attracted armed robbers, he said.

"The message here is to essentially notify the community through our actions that these dispensaries posed a severe public hazard," Fernandes said.

DEA agents treated the dispensaries as they would any other criminal narcotics operation, seizing computers and other records to get an inside picture of how the dispensaries operated, where they obtained their marijuana and how profits were distributed, he said.

Last month, San Diego County became the first county in California to defy a state-ordered medical marijuana identification card and registry program. County supervisors ignored a warning from their own attorneys that the action would lead to costly litigation.

Undercover informant used in ecoterrorism investigation

BY JEFF BARNARD

AP Environmental Writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — An undercover informant helped investigators tape a conversation with one of the alleged radical environmentalists accused in a series of arson attacks and other crimes in the Pacific Northwest between 1998 and 2001.

Existence of the informant was disclosed last week by an investigator in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn, N.Y., during a bail hearing for Daniel McGowan, 31, who faces indictments that he and another man firebombed the office of a wood products mill in Glendale and the office and truck shop of a tree farm in Clatskanie in 2001.

The Earth Liberation Front, an underground group that advocates economic sabotage to stop environmental destruction, claimed responsibility for the two fires. The FBI describes the group as one of the nation's leading domestic terrorist organizations.

Though his family offered to put up their homes and stocks worth about \$850,000, McGowan was ordered held without bail pending transport by U.S. marshals to Oregon, said defense attorney Martin Stolar. No date has been set for McGowan's arraignment in Eugene.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Peifer, who attended the hearing, said Eugene police Detective Greg Harvey testified he made the tape from a body wire worn by an informant who talked to McGowan at a convention in New York in April 2005.

On the tape, McGowan talks about going to British Columbia in 2001. The tape was not played in court, but the judge listened to excerpts before deciding against granting bail.

Peifer characterized the trip as hiding out after the arsons, both of which occurred earlier that year.

Stolar and McGowan's sister, Lisa McGowan, the vice president of a packaging company in New York, characterized the trip as a visit to a couple of friends and their new baby outside Vancouver, B.C. He crossed the border using his own passport and his family knew where he was, his sister said. He later went back to Eugene for awhile before moving to New York in 2001.

"If anybody was looking for him, Danny was not a hard person to find," Lisa McGowan said.

He took part in protests during the Republican National Convention in New York in 2004, was included, under an assumed name, in a Rolling Stone article on those protests, and was working for the Women's Law Initiative in Brooklyn, which helps abused women, at the time of his arrest, his sister said.

Lisa McGowan said her brother worked in a cafe frequented by political activists while living in Eugene, and was regularly confronted by police who knew him by name, often while he was riding his bicycle.

"Being an activist doesn't mean you are a criminal," Lisa McGowan said. "My brother has his beliefs. We are proud of the things he fights for."

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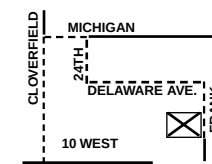


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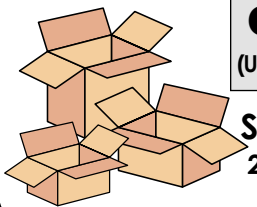
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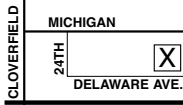
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Calif. ranchers take advantage of growing demand for goat meat

BY OLIVIA MUNOZ

Associated Press Writer

FRESNO, Calif. — At the Rincon Salvadoreno, a restaurant where Central American immigrants gather at the end of the workday for a taste of home, goat stew is a brisk seller.

Demand for birria, as it's known, sometimes surpasses menudo, the popular Mexican tripe soup traditionally served on Sundays.

"It's a hard meat to get at the store sometimes, so people buy it here already cooked," said waitress Maribel Bernal. "We make it every day."

As the nation's foreign-born population has grown, so has consumption of the tough, gamey meat popular with Latin American, Caribbean and Muslim communities. There are only about 2 million goats raised in United States for meat, but the domestic market could support a herd of 15 million animals, said Marvin Shurley, president of the American Meat Goat Association.

"We have way more consumers than we have goats available," said Shurley, a Texas goat rancher. Texas is the leading goat producing state, followed by Tennessee and California.

Rancher Judy Kaye saw the opportunity in the burgeoning market, and got into the business in 1997 when the taste for goat was taking off. The number of people raising goats jumped 19.5 percent between 1997 and 2002, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Now Kaye has 300 meat goats at her White Rail Ranch south of Porterville, which she sells mostly to small ethnic stores. But she can't meet the demand, and she's been helping other ranchers switch to goats or add them to their herds of sheep and cows.

California's goat herd grew to about 100,000 this year from about 61,000 in 2002, according to the USDA.

The market is expected to continue growing. According to Texas A&M researcher Frank Craddock, demand for goat meat will increase 40 percent by 2007. So most American goat farmers aren't worried about the approximately 18 million tons of imported goat meat from Australia and New Zealand, Shurley said.

Although the meat that comes from overseas is cheap, U.S. farmers have a ready market in communities that know their goat and prefer it fresh, said Robert Swize, executive director of the American Boer Goat Association. The Boer is the leading breed used for meat.

Bob Labrucherie, an agriculture teacher at Madera High School, is betting on goat meat's increasing popularity. He added the animals to the school's farm when he saw the number of goats shown at the state fair had doubled from last year to this year.

He said goats are an easy animal to get started with because they only require a small area. Farmers can raise about 10 to 15 goats in an acre, and they need less equipment than other livestock. Also, goats have about three births in two years, compared with one birth a year for cows.

Although the industry has grown a lot recently, farmers still face some challenges. It's still difficult to find goat-specific feed and veterinarians specialized in treating the animals, Kaye said.

Other obstacles remain, as well, according to Carrie Robins, a sophomore in Madera High School's agriculture class.

"The goats are fun and playful," she said. "I can't imagine eating them, but I guess a whole lot of people do."



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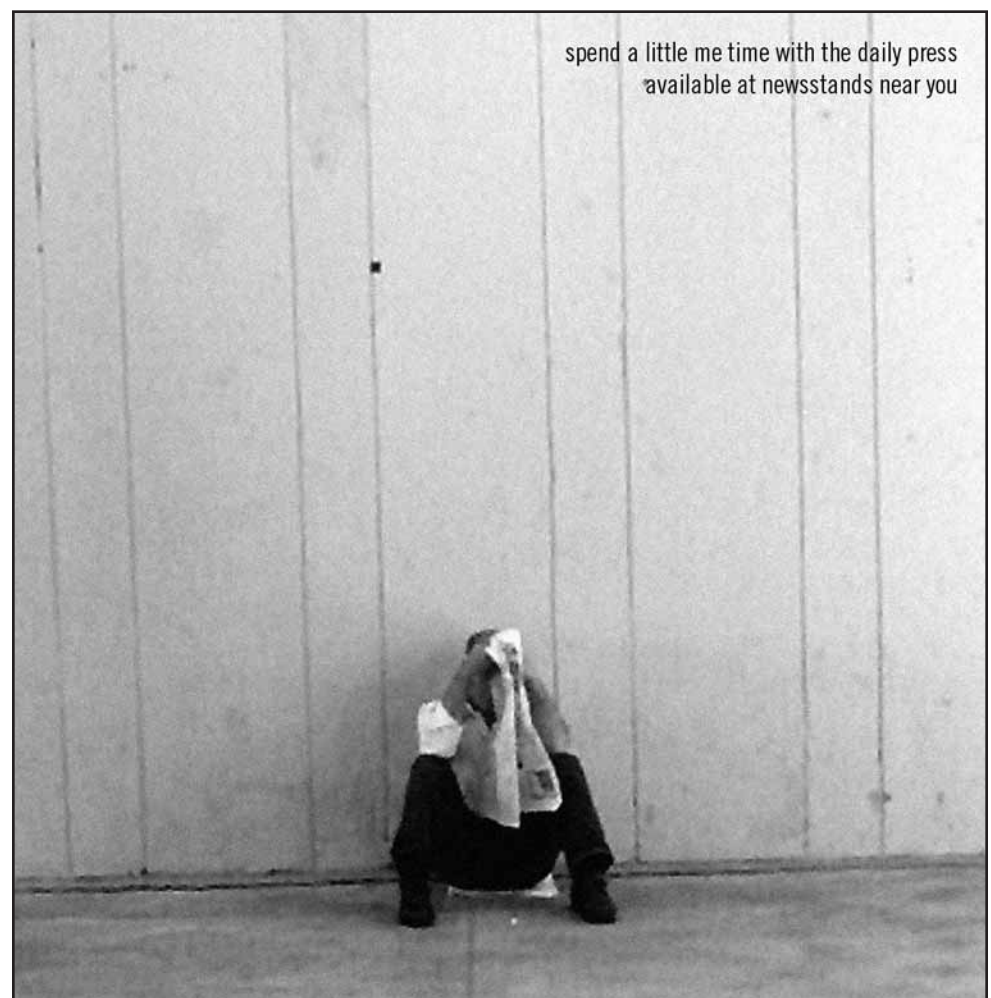
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Way cleared for construction of border fence

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — A federal judge on Monday lifted the final legal barrier to building a triple fence in the southwestern corner of the United States.

The Sierra Club and other environmental groups argued that Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff lacked authority to waive environmental and other laws that have delayed completion of 14 miles of additional fencing in San Diego.

In September, Chertoff waived all laws and legal challenges to building the final 3 1/2-mile leg through coastal wetlands to the Pacific Ocean.

U.S. District Judge Larry Burns said Congress clearly delegated the authority to Chertoff in June. He noted that the executive branch already had significant jurisdiction over national security and immigration policy.

HP announces virtual conferencing rooms for California companies

BY MATTHEW FORDAHL
AP Technology Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Hewlett-Packard Co. on Monday jumped into the business of providing the technology — and building the rooms — for large companies to hold virtual face-to-face meetings regardless of the distance between participants.

HP's Halo Collaboration Studio offers a nearly immersive environment where people can see each other, talk and collaborate remotely as if they were in the same room. The underlying network, built and serviced by HP, minimizes delays and never crosses the public Internet.

Developed in partnership with DreamWorks Animation SKG LLC, the rooms are targeted at large corporations that are looking to cut down on the amount of time and money spent flying people to different locations. Each room costs roughly \$550,000 with an \$18,000 per month fee though the charges vary with the number ordered.

The idea originated in the aftermath of Sept. 11 as airlines cut back on flights, security was ratcheted up and travel became more of a time-consuming headache, said Jeffrey Katzenberg, the DreamWorks Animation's chief executive.

"We found ourselves with the inability to move creative talent around to sites we have around the country," he said from Manhattan while participating in a demonstration videoconference with Palo Alto. "It actually put a damper on our ability to have the right people at the right time."

DreamWorks Animation helped design the details of the rooms and will receive a royalty. Other financial details between the two companies were not disclosed.

Video conferencing rooms, however, are not unique. The Defense Department and White House use such technology extensively but, like some corporations, build their own rooms using parts from a variety of vendors.

There are also companies that provide complete rooms. Teliris Ltd., founded in 2002, builds rooms and provides the technology for a number of large companies. In November 2004, it issued a news release announcing DreamWorks Animation as one of its customers.

"What HP is showing today is two generations older than our current rooms," said Marc Trachtenberg, Teliris' chief executive and founder. "Our rooms are more technically sophisticated, more capable than their rooms and our cost is much less than theirs."

Teliris' charges less than half of what HP does, he said.

HP counters that it's building a better experience than the competition and a technology that can grow.

"We're making investments up front to allow us to build a powerful system that will scale with the business very easily," said Stephen Nigro, general manager of HP's Imaging and Printing Technology platforms.

In HP's rooms, up to six users in one location sit at a table and face their colleagues, who appear on three 50-inch plasma screens.

Cory Briggs, an attorney representing the environmental groups, said he was undecided whether to appeal. "I'm not surprised," Briggs said. "If I were a judge, I would have great problems declaring a law unconstitutional."

Litigation has stalled the project since it was approved by Congress in 1996. Last year, the California Coastal Commission refused to grant permits, saying damage to sensitive habitats outweighed security benefits.

The Sierra Club lawsuit, filed in February 2004, said the project threatened the Tijuana River estuary, home to more than 370 migratory and native birds, six of them endangered.

The final leg of the fence would cross steep, rugged canyons including "Smuggler's Gulch," a maze of trails

long overrun by illegal border crossers. The federal government launched a crackdown in 1994, erecting a steel wall made of surplus Navy landing mats, adding patrols and installing lights and motion sensors.

Known as Operation Gatekeeper, the effort forced smugglers and migrants inland to sparsely populated highlands and deserts.

The 2006 Homeland Security budget includes \$35 million to cover most of the work.

The project would require crews to move 2.1 million cubic yards of dirt in Smuggler's Gulch alone, or enough to fill about 300,000 dump trucks.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-El Cajon, introduced legislation last month that calls for a 2,000-mile fence from the Pacific Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico.

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Basic rules for making a second-home purchase



DAYS ON THE MARKET
BY JODI SUMMERS

Second homes represented 35 percent of all existing single-family, condo and new-home sales in 2004.

A record 2.82 million second homes were sold, according to a recent report by the National Association of Realtors. That is up 16.3 percent from 2.42 million in 2003.

Second-home buyers fall into two categories: Some want a vacation home that they might one day use and others want a property that is strictly for investment. According to the NAR report, vacation-home buyers have a median age of 55 and a median annual household income of \$71,000. Most want a home within 200 miles of their primary residence. The median price of a vacation home was \$190,000. Investment buyers are 47 years old with a median annual household income of \$85,700. Investors buy closer to home — a median distance of 18 miles away, and spend a median of \$148,000 for investment homes.

Whether buying for personal use, or for investment, the experts reiterate several basic rules for making second-home purchases.

Start with a plan

You must know and feel secure in your investment. Think before you buy, especially vacation homebuyers who have a tendency to buy with their hearts and not their heads.

"Buy Smart," advised James Boykin, retired educator and author of "Investing in a Vacation Home for Pleasure and Profit." "Select a prime location. Look for a property that's readily accessible by car and no more than a half day's drive, or a short plane flight, from a large population center.

"Resort-like amenities — whether golf, tennis, water access, or reliable snow for skiing — also help ensure a property's appeal to a wider audience. Easy walking distance to these amenities (three to seven minutes) adds value. Your best bet as an investor is to buy where people want to be. In a less desirable market, there's no one to bail you out."

Research the area

Look for areas with widening freeways, a new Wal-Mart, or that's been promoted in the media as a place to be. Evaluate migration trends, and learn the current and probable supplies of new housing. Have graphs of projected price appreciation. For more information consult the book, "Are You Missing the Real Estate Boom?" by NAR Chief Economist David Lereah.

Is this a new emerging area? Or is it an older, more developed area? This makes a lot of difference. If it's a well-developed area with a reputation, such as Newport, Nantucket or La Jolla, you have less to worry about. Supply is limited by geographic constraints, and these areas have historically held their value. Exercise caution in emerging markets such as southwest Florida and Las Vegas. Feel positive that there are not too many new developments causing inventory to exceed demand.

Other tips in second-home shopping:

■ Be wary of buying in an area where there are too many speculators.

A speculator is an investor who only purchases properties in areas where they think there will be huge appreciation factors. The risks of real estate bubbles are much higher in those markets.

Jack McCabe of McCabe Research and Consulting has concluded that "An estimated 40 to 60 percent of the more than 60,000 condos and homes scheduled for completion by 2007 in Southwest Florida are under contract with speculators."

Speculators like to buy during the construction phase and then sell out. Areas where a large percentage of speculators invest are more vulnerable to artificially inflated prices.

■ Use your real estate agent. Your real estate agent should be the expert on the area. Ask questions, as much information as possible. Use their expertise to your advantage.

■ Look for large credible developers working the area. Before investing tens of millions of dollars in a neighborhood, developers do extensive research in knowing the market, tourism, growth and inventory. Following large developers is said to lessen your chances of investing in the wrong area.

■ Beware of overextending with adjustable and zero-interest mortgages. Yes, you can afford that property with a 3.7 percent interest-only payment for three years, but you also know that payment will soon rise. If you're thinking you'll sell when the rates rise, well then you're of the same mindset as so many other owners. Don't get stuck with a property you can't afford.

Liza Mendez, of Pedro Realty, sells property in South Florida to Central American and South American clientele. She notes high property taxes and rising prices in the state are discouraging some buyers.

"Some of them are finding the prices so high that the returns are just not there," she observed. "Other clients are wondering 'whether this is the best time to sell.'"

■ Leave your options open. You might be thinking you're going to buy a vacation home and not rent it out but you never know. Jobs change, kids go to college, tax rates may go up. Choose to purchase in areas when you can always rent if you need to.

10 hottest second-home spots:

EscapeHomes.com compiled this list of the most frequently visited destinations on its Web site from January through June 2005 (in descending order).

1. Naples, Fla.
2. Myrtle Beach, S.C.
3. Orlando, Fla.
4. South Padre Island, Texas
5. Park City, Utah
6. Las Vegas
7. Tampa, Fla.
8. Phoenix
9. San Diego
10. Destin, Fla.

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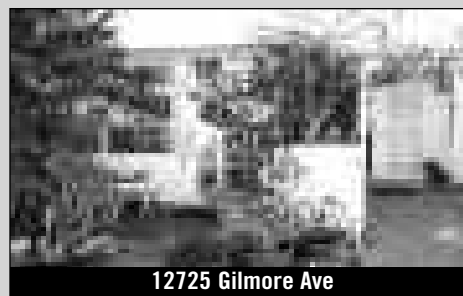
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GUEST COMMENTARY BY CHARLOTTE LAWS

An assault on the American homeowner

Sixty-nine percent of Americans are homeowners and they are under siege. A number of “unfriendly” policies, proposals and court decisions within the past year have produced an atmosphere which is arguably antithetical to the American dream of carving out a slice of the apple pie and plopping a single family residence on it.

The assault weapons have catchy titles, such as inclusionary zoning, smart growth, density bonus incentives, eminent domain and mortgage interest tax reform. It could be said that corporations and developers attack from one side while politicians and government officials, acting in the interest of the less well-off, attack from the other.

In the tug-of-war between the “have a lots” and the “have a littles,” the flag shifts back and forth in an effort to balance interests, and those in the middle are swept along for the ride.

This argument is more than a refrain of “the gap between the rich and the poor” tune as sung in Kevin Phillips’ “Wealth and Democracy,” Lester Thurow’s “Fortune Favors the Bold” or Lawrence Mishel’s “The State of Working America.” The “middle” encompasses more than the middle-class.

Most homeowners are at risk.

“Eminent domain” refers to the government’s right — with fair compensation — to seize private property for public use, such as when residences could be bulldozed to make room for a much-needed freeway. But in this “property assault era,” the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the word “public” can be synonymous with the word “private.” Do you remember what the definition of “is” is?

Any private property that can produce greater tax revenues in the hands of a more enterprising private property owner, such as a corporation that plans to build a shopping mall or high rise, could be plucked away for so-called public benefit. Attorney Dana Berliner said of the ruling, “This is a dark day for American homeowners.”

An “attempted assault” emerged recently from President Bush’s tax-reform panel, which proposed replacing the mortgage interest deduction with a mea-

ger tax credit equal to 15 percent of the homeowner’s mortgage interest. According to Al Mansell of the National Association of Realtors, this could translate into a 15 percent decline in home prices in some parts of the country; and therefore, a significant loss of equity for homeowners. Fortunately, Congress is not expected to countenance the recommendation.

Because measures related to eminent domain and mortgage interest tax deductions are criticized by a vocal majority, they are unlikely to become permanent policy. However, inclusionary zoning, smart growth and density bonus incentives are another matter altogether.

“Smart growth” is supposed to be smart but it can be short-sighted. Smart growth advocates generally promote taller structures near mass transit lines, greater use of the existing infrastructure, as well as the conversion of obsolete and distressed commercial and industrial buildings into mixed-use properties and preservation of the countryside from urban sprawl. While those goals are noble and often sound, the impact of high-density building upon existing residents must be factored into the equation.

“Smart growth” could be likened to a finely constructed ship. Without fuel, a place to dock and an unobstructed sailing path, the boat is useless. “Smart growth” proponents must consider the capabilities of the existing infrastructure to fuel new growth — they are often not upgraded to handle additional customers. They must factor in the parking and traffic situation, especially along mass transit lines which may already be congested and the current density figures for the target area. Los Angeles, for example, is the densest city in the country with just more than 7,000 people per square mile. The plan that means smooth sailing in Oklahoma City may stall in L.A.

Directives or incentives aimed at providing affordable housing for low- or moderate-income residents are touched upon in most “smart growth” plans, but they are integral to “below-market rate” housing programs, such as inclusionary zoning and density bonuses.

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Research Status	Unpublished	County	Los Angeles	Comps No	LWA-17699
Property Type	Apartment	Year Built	1922	Property Name	
Sale Date	10/13/2005	Sale Price	\$1,650,000	Property Desc	Apartment Property
Square Footage	4,974	Price/SF	\$331.73	Address	2721 3rd St
Units	6	Price/Unit	\$275,000	City,State,Zip	Santa Monica, CA 90405-4101
GIM		Cap Rate		Map Code	671 - G / 4
Research Status	Unpublished	County	Los Angeles	Comps No	LWA-09532
Property Type	Apartment	Year Built	1940	Property Name	
Sale Date	11/16/2005	Sale Price	\$1,475,000	Property Desc	Apartment Property
Square Footage	5,360	Price/SF	\$275.19	Address	1227 18th St
Units	6	Price/Unit	\$245,833	City,State,Zip	Santa Monica, CA 90404-1252
GIM		Cap Rate		Map Code	631 - F / 7
Research Status	Published	County	Los Angeles	Comps No	LWA-08397-11-0520
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Sale Date	11/09/2005	Sale Price	\$1,300,000	Property Desc	8-Unit Condominium Site
Square Footage	7,500	Price/SF	\$173.33	Address	1434 14th St
Units	8	Price/Unit	\$162,500	City,State,Zip	Santa Monica, CA 90404-2704
GIM		Cap Rate		Map Code	671 - F / 1
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Property Type	Retail	Year Built	1960	Property Name	
Sale Date	11/23/2005	Sale Price	\$1,180,000	Property Desc	Retail Property
Square Footage	3,480	Price/SF	\$339.08	Address	3200 - 3204 Lincoln Blvd
Units		Price/Unit		City,State,Zip	Santa Monica, CA 90405-5739
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Research Status	Unpublished	County	Los Angeles	Comps No	LWA-13172
Property Type	Apartment	Year Built	1924	Property Name	
Sale Date	11/22/2005	Sale Price	\$1,025,000	Property Desc	Apartment Property
Square Footage	3,361	Price/SF	\$304.97	Address	1818 10th St
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Property Type	Apartment	Year Built	1961	Property Name	
Sale Date	11/16/2005	Sale Price	\$875,000	Property Desc	Multi Family - 5 Units
Square Footage	4,293	Price/SF	\$203.82	Address	2126 Stewart St
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Property Type	Hotel / Hotel	Year Built		Property Name	
Sale Date	12/01/2005	Sale Price	\$29,250,000	Property Desc	Hotel
Square Footage	88,793	Price/SF	\$329.75	Address	1749 Ocean Ave
Units		Price/Unit		City,State,Zip	Santa Monica, CA 90401-3214
GIM		Cap Rate	N/A	Map Code	671 - E / 3
Research Status	Unpublished	County	Los Angeles	Comps No	LWC-09455
Property Type	Office	Year Built	1990	Property Name	
Sale Date	11/15/2005	Sale Price	\$4,500,000	Property Desc	Office Property
Square Footage	19,238	Price/SF	\$237.92	Address	1438 - 1444 9th St
Units		Price/Unit		City,State,Zip	Santa Monica, CA 90401-2797
GIM		Cap Rate		Map Code	671 - E / 2
Research Status	Published	County	Los Angeles	Comps No	LWA-12356-12-0520
Property Type	Apartment	Year Built	1961	Property Name	
Sale Date	11/18/2005	Sale Price	\$2,395,000	Property Desc	Multi Family - 8 Units
Square Footage	9,112	Price/SF	\$263.91	Address	3805 3rd St
Units	8	Price/Unit	\$294,375	City,State,Zip	Santa Monica, CA 90405-4188
GIM		Cap Rate	3.82%	Map Code	671 - G / 4
Research Status	Published	County	Los Angeles	Comps No	LWC-09038-12-0520
Property Type	Office	Year Built	1923	Property Name	
Sale Date	11/18/2005	Sale Price	\$2,900,000	Property Desc	Office Low Bldg
Square Footage	5,590	Price/SF	\$518.64	Address	2817 Santa Monica Blvd
Units		Price/Unit		City,State,Zip	Santa Monica, CA 90404-2413
GIM		Cap Rate	3.15%	Map Code	631 - G / 6
Research Status	Unpublished	County	Los Angeles	Comps No	LWA-10438
Property Type	Apartment	Year Built	1925	Property Name	
Sale Date	11/28/2005	Sale Price	\$1,900,000	Property Desc	Apartment Property
Square Footage	2,836	Price/SF	\$670.33	Address	927 Euclid St
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Property Type	Apartment	Year Built	1922	Property Name	
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GIM		Cap Rate		Map Code	671 - G / 1
Research Status	Unpublished	County	Los Angeles	Comps No	LWA-14831
Property Type	Apartment	Year Built	1922	Property Name	
Sale Date	11/30/2005	Sale Price	\$1,450,000	Property Desc	Apartment Property
Square Footage	4,974	Price/SF	\$291.73	Address	2721 3rd St
Units	6	Price/Unit	\$241,666	City,State,Zip	Santa Monica, CA 90405-4101
GIM		Cap Rate		Map Code	671 - G / 4

Growth can't be stopped but it can be managed

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Below-market rate initiatives ignore market forces — such as the law of supply and demand, and the natural “trading up” homeownership process — by requiring or incentivizing builders to set aside a portion of their sale or rental units at below market rates for those deemed unable to afford current prices.

In addition to density increases, government may permit below market rate developers to erect taller structures, skirt parking and open space requirements

and dot single family neighborhoods with townhouses. Homeowners from the struggling to the affluent may, in turn, feel assaulted by the resulting traffic congestion, parking problems, loss of backyard privacy and inferior quality of life on previously serene streets. It could be likened to a cramped elevator, as passengers flood through the doors, claustrophobia increases as well as a fear that the community will exceed its capacity and plummet to its figurative death.

Below-market rate programs exist in at least 134

cities, towns and counties in America, and in the following states: California, Colorado, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Vermont and Wisconsin.

We cannot stop growth but we must be intelligent about it. Above all, we must not take homeowner assault with a grain of salt.

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U.N. Security Council weighs action against Syria

BY NICK WADHAMS

Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. investigators have found that Syria tried to hinder their probe into the assassination of Lebanon's former prime minister, presenting the U.N. Security Council with a tough choice.

The investigators, led by German prosecutor Detlev Mehlis, delivered a report to the council on Monday saying six high-ranking Syrians were among 19 suspects in the Feb. 14 bombing that killed Rafik Hariri, and citing cases where Syria was slow to cooperate, burned documents and tried to manipulate a witness.

The finding was released the same day that Gibran Tueni, a leading anti-Syrian activist and witness in the U.N. investigation, was killed in a similar Beirut bombing.

The council will hear a briefing from Mehlis on Tuesday, and must now decide whether the Syrian resistance was strong enough to merit the "further action" that it threatened in October if Syria didn't

cooperate fully with Mehlis' probe.

While that phrase was intentionally left vague because of divisions in the council, such action could include sanctions.

Council diplomats said the report had gone to their capitals for discussion on Monday. For now, the council is expected to pass a resolution in the next couple of days extending the Mehlis commission's mandate so it can continue to investigate.

Divisions in the 15-nation council about further steps seem to have already formed along traditional lines. Algeria's U.N. Ambassador Abdallah Baali, generally an opponent of sanctions, said Syria's cooperation was problematic at first but got better. The French and American ambassadors, however, said Syria's cooperation could not be described as full.

"What precise steps we consider have not yet been decided, but there's no ambiguity here," U.S. Ambassador John Bolton said. "It seems to me that Syria's not in full cooperation."

The 25-page report that went to the council on Monday said investigators

have unearthed new evidence strengthening their suspicion of Syrian and Lebanese involvement in Hariri's slaying.

Hariri was opposed to Syria's long dominance of Lebanon. His assassination provoked mass demonstrations that, combined with international pressure, forced Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon at the end of April, ending a 29-year presence in its western neighbor.

In October, Mehlis' team implicated the Lebanese and Syrian intelligence agencies. Since then, a new witness has come forward with evidence reinforcing those suspicions, Mehlis wrote in the report delivered Monday.

"The detailed information points directly at perpetrators, sponsors and organizers of an organized operation aimed at killing Mr. Hariri, including the recruitment of special agents by the Lebanese and Syrian intelligence services," the report said.

The report accused Syria of trying to hinder the probe when it arrested and threatened relatives of a witness who then recanted testimony that was key to the

October findings.

Five of the six Syrian suspects were interviewed early this month at the U.N. offices in Vienna. Mehlis said two claimed all Syrian intelligence documents about Lebanon had been burned.

The probe also confirmed that Syrian intelligence archives had no material whatsoever about Hariri's slaying.

The report could force a showdown in the council.

Russia and China, like Algeria, generally oppose sanctions. In fact their opposition was one reason why the explicit threat of sanctions was deleted from the council's earlier call for "further action."

Some council members will also be looking to see if Syria arrests the six officials mentioned as suspects. In October, the council had demanded Syria arrest anyone so designated by Mehlis.

"I think at this stage it's premature to decide whether or not we're in favor of measures," Britain's Ambassador Emyr Jones-Parry said. "But we, the UK but also the council, have said we stand ready to take whatever action is appropriate."

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State parliament reacts to Australian rioting

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SYDNEY, Australia — The racial unrest that broke out in Sydney's beachside suburbs over the weekend has spread to two other large Australian cities, where people of Middle Eastern descent were assaulted by whites, police said Tuesday.

In New South Wales, where Sydney is located, lawmakers scheduled an emergency session of the state Parliament to consider legislation cracking down on the rioters who rampaged through the city's suburbs for two straight nights, the region's premier said.

Seven people were injured and 11 arrested after youths rioted in the suburbs Monday night, smashing the windows of stores, homes and parked cars. The youths appeared to be of Middle Eastern descent, leading police to believe the destruction was in response to racially fueled attacks on a Sydney beach a day earlier.

Calling the rioters "ratbags," New South Wales premier Morris Iemma said police would be given special "lockdown" powers to stop convoys from forming and driving into communities to carry out acts of retribution. He also said he would urge lawmakers to pass legislation toughening prison sentences for rioting offenses.

Opposition lawmakers have already called for tough new laws and are expected to support the legislation. The state Parliament session is scheduled for Thursday.

"I won't allow Sydney's reputation as a tolerant, vibrant international city to be tarnished by these ratbags and criminals who want to engage in the sort of behavior we've seen in the last 48 hours," Iemma said.

He added that rioters had "effectively declared war on our society and we won't be found wanting in our response."

The rioting began Sunday on Cronulla Beach when about 5,000 white youths, many drunk and wrapped in Australian flags, attacked people believed to be of Arab or Middle Eastern descent after rumors spread that Lebanese youths had assaulted two lifeguards earlier this month.

Police, who had stepped up patrols on the beach after learning of cell phone text messages urging people to retaliate for the attack on the lifeguards, fought back with batons and pepper spray.

Carloads of young Arab men then struck back in several Sydney suburbs, fighting with police for hours and smashing dozens of cars with sticks and bats, police said. Thirty-one people were injured and 16 arrested in the first day of unrest.

On Monday, police said they discovered weapons including firebombs and rocks on the roofs of some houses in the beachside suburb of Maroubra. Some of those arrested were armed with machetes and baseball bats.

Elsewhere, Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio reported Tuesday that a family of Middle Eastern origin was attacked in the western city of Perth by a group of 11 white men, who threw eggs, shouted abuse and kicked their garage door.

The 42-year-old father, who did not want to be identified, said his family was badly shaken by Monday night's incident.

"I don't know if we were mistakenly identified," he said. "What I definitely know is it was something linked to the escalation in New South Wales."

Perth police Superintendent Shayne Maines said authorities could not rule out a link between the attack and the racial violence in Sydney. "There was some suggestion they did make ethnically-related comments to the occupant of the house," Maines said.

In Adelaide, a taxi driver of Lebanese origin, Hossein Kazemi, was injured when he was punched by a passenger during an incident Tuesday.

"There was some sort of discrepancy and argument over the fare," a South Australian police spokesman said on customary condition of anonymity. "Apparently during the assault, the victim, because he was of Lebanese origin, was taunted about the stuff in Sydney and Cronulla beach."

More violence seemed likely. New text messages circulated Monday, one of which called for more fighting next weekend: "We'll show them! It's on again Sunday."

Another message warned of possible retaliation from Middle Eastern groups.

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one — 'brothers in arms' unite now," the message said.

Prime Minister John Howard has defended Australia's policy of tolerance, noting the nation has successfully absorbed millions of foreigners. Before leaving Tuesday for a summit of Asian nations in Malaysia, he said he didn't believe the rioting would affect Australia's overseas reputation in the long-term.

"You have outbreaks of domestic discord that happens to every country and when it occurs there's publicity, but people make a judgment about this country over a longer term," he said.

Television images of the violence shocked Australians who pride themselves on their tolerance and credit an influx of immigrants with helping build up the country in the post-World War II years.

However, tensions between youths of Arab and Middle Eastern descent and white Australians have been rising in recent years, largely because of anti-Muslim sentiment fueled by the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in the United States and deadly bombings on the Indonesian island of Bali that killed 202 people, including 88 Australians, in October 2002.

In the 2001 census, nearly a quarter of Australia's 20 million people said they were born overseas. The country has about 300,000 Muslims, most in lower income suburbs of large cities.

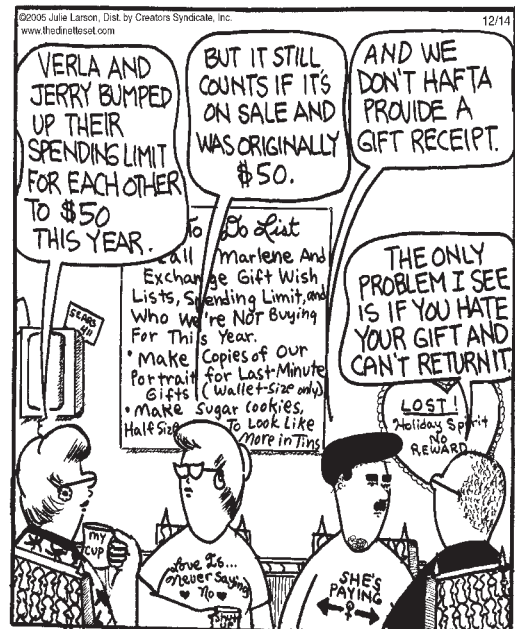
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VERY AGGRESSIVE RATES

30 year fixed 6.25%
10 year/1 arm 5.75%
7 year/1 arm 5.625%
5 year/1 arm 5.5%**
3 year/1 arm 5.5%**
1 year/1 arm 5.375%
6 mos./6 mo. arm 3.375%
1 mo./1 mo. arm 1.0%***

* Rates subject to change

* As of Dec 14, 2005

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