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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In November, the Federation of American Scientists revealed the existence of a recent U.S. Air Force-paid study of psychic teleportation prepared by true-believing Nevada physicist Eric Davis, who wrote that moving oneself from location to location through mind powers is "quite real and can be controlled." An Air Force Research Lab spokesman defended his agency's use of UFO and spoon-bending reports and Soviet and Chinese studies of psychics, telling USA Today, "If we don't turn over stones, we don't know if we have missed something."

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1984, New York City resident Bernhard Goetz shot four youths on a Manhattan subway, claiming they were about to rob him.

In 1989, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the last of Eastern Europe's hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising.

In 1991, the body of Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, an American hostage murdered by his captors, was found dumped along a highway in Lebanon.

In 1807, Congress passed the Embargo Act, designed to force peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Anger makes dull men witty, but it keeps them poor."

ATTRIBUTED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH I

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Senior citizen crashes truck through store

He attempts to move vehicle from passenger seat and loses control

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

14th STREET — An elderly man crashed a Dodge Ram pick-up truck through a bustling Fisher Lumber Tuesday. No one was injured.

The 84-year-old driver, whose identity is not being released, apparently hit the gas pedal instead of the brake at about 8:40 a.m. The truck sped through Fisher Lumber about 50 feet before coming to a stop in an aisle. Tire tracks, which appeared to be acceleration marks on the floor, were visible from the entrance door to where the truck stopped.

"I swear when it happened, I thought it was a car bomb. It was that loud," said Clay Miller, a customer who was in the store when the truck came crashing through the front door.

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

A Dodge Ram pick-up truck comes to a rest 50 feet inside of Fisher Lumber, after its driver sped through the store filled with customers and employees on Tuesday. No one was injured in the accident.

Women lead SM's top three governing bodies

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC — Now the women really are in charge.

Educator Carole Currey was elected chairwoman of the local college board Monday night. The appointment establishes that Santa Monica's three major governing bodies are headed by women.

Pam O'Connor was elected mayor of Santa Monica last week and Emily Bloomfield was named president of the local school board earlier this month. Each of the three women was elected by popular vote and appointed to their leadership post by fellow board members.



PAM O'CONNOR



CAROLE CURREY



EMILY BLOOMFIELD

members.

Currey, 68, said she looked forward to easing strained relations between faculty, staff and administrators at Santa Monica College, as well as overseeing the search

for a new college president. Dr. Piedad F. Robertson will resign in January.

"I think our role this year, as a board, is to work to see if we can't bring the college community

together," said Currey, referring to the fallout between faculty and administrators over how to handle deep budget cuts from the state last year. "Funding will still be a problem. We hope we won't have to go through any of that in the future, but that is still a major issue on the state level."

Also important, Currey said, will be strengthening SMC's relations with City Hall. The two institutions have had a rocky relationship in the past, partly because of the college's constant growth in the city. The issue is particularly sensitive now, because of a \$135 million bond approved by voters

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SM resident hoaxed out of thousands in E-Bay scam

By Daily Press staff

A Santa Monica resident was recently bilked out of \$3,500 and a computer in an E-Bay scam.

Santa Monica Police detectives have been conducting several grand theft and fraudulent check investigations of people using E-

Bay, an online site where merchandise is sold on the Internet.

In one incident, the suspect bought a computer from the Santa Monica resident for \$500 and sent the victim a check for \$4,000. The suspect asked the victim to cash the fraudulent check and send the \$3,500 overpayment to a location

in Nigeria. However, the cashier's check was fraudulent and the victim suffered the loss.

The suspects apparently are purchasing items on the Internet and sending a fraudulent cashier check to the sellers. The fraudulent cashier checks are paid at a higher amount and the buyer then

asks the seller to cash the check and send the merchandise with the overpayment, police said.

Generally, the buyer claims to live outside of the United States. The buyer then claims that he has someone in the United States who owes him money. The buyer says he will

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You naturally tumble into the holiday mood, even if you were originally a bit bah humbug. Friends join in the celebration, be it caroling or sipping eggnog. Remember to get an extra present or two for those unexpected visitors. Tonight: Out spending as if there is no tomorrow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You beam wherever you are, even if you have to work. Relax and enjoy those around you, even if someone is quirky or funky. Your charisma peaks. Note who leads you toward the mistletoe. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★ You might be withdrawn and/or trying to keep a secret. Other Twins need to slow down and enjoy the moments leading up to the holiday celebrations. If you are daydreaming about a certain someone, pick up the phone and reach out. Tonight: Cocoon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You have a lot to smile about, especially as you look around and see your friends and family so close. Don't wear rose-colored glasses regarding a key loved one. Realism works better and will make you happier ultimately. Tonight: Start the party circuit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Take care of those who affect your day-to-day life before you head toward family. A last-minute office party might be more important than you realize. Remember a special person who makes your life more pleasant. Tonight: Could be a late night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Some of you cannot get your mind off upcoming plans. You are overwhelmed. If you can, leave work early. Touch base with the person your mind keeps thinking about. Plan to get together in the near future if you haven't already. Tonight: Make calls and invite a last-minute guest for the holidays.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ What you dream of happening might not occur if you don't take action. Be realistic and remember that a relationship is a two-way street. Make an effort to connect with that special someone. Worry less about presents. Express your feelings. Tonight: Snuggle in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Though you might want to be home, you have to be out, be it at work or for some other key reason. Socialize and worry less about what you have to do. Join in the lightness and laughter of the moment. Tonight: Accept a dinner invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You are the one left holding the bag and finishing last-minute details, at work and at home. Your mind easily could drift. Concentrate and remain anchored. Others depend on you. An intuitive feeling is right-on. Tonight: Running errands again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You cannot and will not restrain yourself any longer. You're in the mood for winter sports, holiday music and other goodies associated with the season. Even if you are at work, you get little done. Go and play. Tonight: Walk into the whirlwind of activity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You certainly aren't present in the moment. Whether daydreaming or planning the next few days, others find it difficult to chat and share with you. Demands on the home front keep you more than occupied. Tonight: Wrap presents.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your mind says one thing, but what you need to do pushes you in another direction. Do be practical right now. Whether clearing your desk or taking care of last-minute errands, you are busy. Make time to visit with a neighbor or friend. Tonight: Racing around.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS



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A Santa Monica police officer serves alcohol-free 'COPtails' to lunchtime patrons of El Cholo Cafe.

Bar closed: COPtails served up

By Daily Press staff

Cops are out in full force this holiday season. And last week, they took their moniker "to protect and serve" to a new level.

Local law enforcement officers invited residents to belly up to the bar last week to enjoy a complimentary COPtail. Putting a twist on standard bar beverages, the officers served alcohol-free drinks, also known as "COPtails," to the lunch patrons of El Cholo Cafe on Wilshire Boulevard in Santa Monica as a reminder to celebrate responsibly during the holiday season.

More than a dozen officers from throughout the area joined the California Highway Patrol to serve the COPtails as part of California's Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month. The effort also served as the kick-off for increased saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints that will take place in the region throughout December and January.

"The CHP and agencies from around the state will be conducting an increased number of checkpoints this holiday season to take drunk drivers off the road," said CHP Commissioner Mike Brown. "Motorists should consider this fair warning — if you choose to drink and drive, law enforcement will be looking for you."

Alcohol-related fatalities have climbed in California for the fifth consecutive year, prompting the state to dedicate increased funding toward anti-DUI enforcement. During the COPtails event, the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), on behalf of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH), announced a \$4.7 million grant to police departments statewide to conduct sobriety checkpoints during holidays.

"The Schwarzenegger administration is very concerned about the rising number of people killed in alcohol-related crashes," said BTH Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak. By funding increased checkpoints and patrols, we will give law enforcement the resources they need to tackle the DUI problem head-on. Our message is clear — drunk driving will not be tolerated."

Statewide, 1,445 people were killed and 31,337 were injured in alcohol-related crashes in 2003, compared to 1,416 fatalities and 32,041 injuries in 2002. In Los Angeles County, 271 people were killed and 7,702 were injured in alcohol-related crashes in 2003, compared to 234 fatalities and 7,711 injuries in 2002.



SURF REPORT

On Wednesday, the WNW swell mix will back down through the day, but still will send in some playful waves to the more exposed breaks. Look for knee- to waist-high and bigger surf for most spots, with some waist- to shoulder-high sets at the best South Bay standout breaks. Winds will shift back to the E-NE and hold 5-15 knots throughout the day.

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MONDAY	11:50	1.0	10:57	1.5	4:59	5.3	5:38	3.5
TUESDAY	12:42	0.4	11:40	1.9	5:37	5.6	6:48	3.5
WEDNESDAY	N/A	N/A	1:25	-0.1	6:11	5.8	7:45	3.5
THURSDAY	12:19	2.1	2:03	-0.4	6:43	6.0	8:32	3.6
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The Q Line

City officials have proposed opening a sobering center, or "drunk tank," to help curb the problem of public drunkenness in Santa Monica. Some officials champion the idea as a way to save the city money and address its homelessness problem. Others say the plan would do little to reduce vagrancy in the area.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know,

"Do you think a sobering center in Santa Monica is a good idea? Why or why not?"

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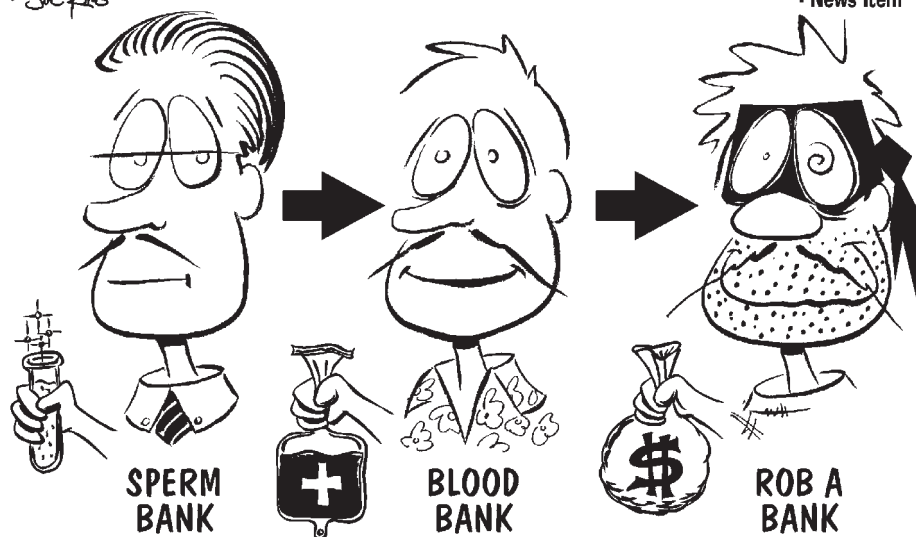
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OPINION

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by Joe King

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Millionaire's rent control apartment has to go

Editor:

I appalled that millionaire (SMDP, Dec. 1, page 1) Robert Bisno was allowed to rent an apartment under rent control but lives in Beverly Hills. Now he is suing to prevent the rent increase. And Abshez should be ashamed of himself taking such a morally wrong side.

I believe one reason for rent control was to maintain a diverse population, to keep people like me who cannot pay humongus rent. Without rent control, I could not afford to live here. Nor could many others. And this would be Yuppiland.

I love our diverse population and appreciate our interesting neighbors from many lands.

I really enjoy your paper and look for it daily. No other paper gives us as much news happening in Santa Monica as does your paper. First I read News of the Weird, then I read local news.

H.L. Waters
Santa Monica

Development comes at a price

Editor:

Regarding the proposal to redevelop Santa Monica Place Mall. I hope before this or any similar project for downtown Santa Monica is finalized, that the decision makers take their heads out of the clouds and just consider for a few seconds the added automobile impact on this already traffic jammed city.

Consider this: 150 apartments, plus 300 condos, each with one to three cars equals from 450 cars to 1,350 cars. Then add in the business suites. How many employees? Say four to 400 each, depending on the size of the business. The businesses alone could conceivably add thousands of more cars.

There is underground parking planned, all well and good. Parking is one thing, but all of those cars come out of the parking structures and onto our city streets causing unfathomable traffic jams and horrible car emissions.

Our city streets are already jammed packed. Is three hours to the nearest freeway in our immediate future?

Has anyone even considered the traffic and environmental impact of thousands of additional cars daily? I would hope so. But I wonder, as I have never seen an article or report or even mention of the impact the added cars will have. For instance, there is a huge structure being put up on Sixth Street. How many more cars will this square block of apartments and condos put onto our streets? In every "improvement" being built, I have never heard a word about how many more cars these buildings will throw in this already jam-packed traffic mix. They chunder on about the parking or lack of same, but the traffic barely gets a nod, let alone the noxious fumes.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

No miracle on 34th Street: A modern day Christmas story



INCITES

BY ED SILVERSTEIN

In an attempt to get into the holiday spirit, I viewed the perennial Christmas classic, "Miracle On 34th Street." All I can tell you is that I was appalled.

Sure, the first 50 times I saw the film I was enthralled by its magic, innocent charm and heart lifting sentiment. But that's all changed. "Miracle" is a dangerous fiction in today's politically correct, sexually crazed, prudish, terrorist fearing, zero tolerant, publicity seeking, parentally paranoid, litigious society.

The film runs into trouble almost immediately. What is Susan Walker, a perky 7-year old, doing hanging out without parental supervision or knowledge in the apartment of Fred Gailey, a 40 year-old bachelor?

If this happened today, Doris Walker, Susan's mom, would be on the sex offender Web site faster than you could say Michael Jackson. And if Freddy boy weren't on the list then, he would be now.

Of course this doesn't let Doris off the hook. Odds are some ambitious prosecutor, looking to make a name for himself, would have Walker up on child endangerment charges. And there is no doubt child services, fearing for the child's safety, would feel compelled to remove Susan from the home and place her with a foster family where it is almost certain she would be molested and abused.

And then there's the whole Kris Kringle thing. I mean, does anybody buy the fact that this previously unemployed nut case is living, for free, in a senior home, with its own staff doctor in wealthy Greatneck, Long Island? Face it, in real life, thanks to Ronnie Reagan, Kris would be living on the streets of Santa Monica and having a good cry with former City Councilman Michael Feinstein.

Then there's the whole employment fiasco. The guy is hired without proper documentation, such as proof of citizenship, which breaks, I don't know, maybe 3,000 Patriot Act provisions. And then there is the conspicuous absence of New York Attorney General Elliot Spitzer shoring up his gubernatorial bid with a televised news conference calling for sanctions against Macy's.

And if this Kringle guy's claim that he is from the North Pole is true, then the guy's an illegal alien, without a green card, and should be kicked out of the country. This is good news for Democrats as they will be able to use this information against Republicans when they try to use Santa Claus as their next wedge issue.

And if Mrs. Walker doesn't have enough legal problems, she lets Kringle hang with her daughter, in the girl's bedroom, even after she is advised that the guy is a whacko.

And let's look at Macy's itself. I figure it's good for half a dozen lawsuits. First we have a racial discrimination suit because there was not even a single black or Hispanic employee. In fact, the only black person I saw in the movie was the maid, who would surely have been fired after the nanny cam caught her allowing Susan to go off with Fred.

We also can assume there would be an assortment of wrongful termination and age discrimination suits by the drunk Santa and Kris Kringle, not to mention defamation of character for accusing Kringle of being insane. Sawyer, the pseudo shrink, would no doubt file a disability claim after being knocked on the head by Kringle, along with his restraining order, and assault and battery charge. And let's not forget the class action for allowing a mentally unstable Santa around children.

And then we come to the trial. Let's forget that, once the trial hit the front page, Kringle didn't dump Gailey for the likes of Johnny Cochran. Or that Mr. Macy, testifying that his employee, Kringle, is the one and only Santa Claus, has about as much veracity as tobacco company execs swearing before Congress that smoking isn't dangerous. And let's even assume that legal hack Gailey prevails in his effort to prove Kringle is the one and only Santa Claus.

Within hours, the ACLU would launch a suit against the U.S. Post Office for violating the separation of Church and State. Kringle would seek a cease and desist order for use of his likeness without permission, then would seek damages in the tens of billions. Madonna, with a group of Santa believers, would make a pilgrimage to the North Pole. Brittany Spears would marry Kringle and Christina Aguilera, trying to out-slug Brittany, would sleep with the reindeers.

As for the happy ending — forgetaboutit. There ain't no way that a bottom-feeding lawyer and a low-level department store executive can afford, what is now, a \$1.5 million house in Manhasset. Of course they'll still get married, but Doris would quickly become frustrated by Fred's unrealistic desire to defend whack jobs like Kringle and start demanding that he take on more lucrative cases, like defending Mr. Macy for inflating profits. I give them nine months.

And finally Susan, having lost whatever little faith she had in humanity thanks to Kringle's broken promises, runs away with her ex-stepfather at 16, develops a \$400 a day drug habit, finds religion, kicks drugs and her stepfather, writes a tell-all book about the Santa Claus scam that spends 145 weeks on the best seller list, buys that house in Manhasset and lives happily ever after.

Next Christmas: It's Not A Wonderful life. Happy Holidays.

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COMMENTARY



A wrap up to distressing after the holidays are over



COMMON SCENTS

BY CAROLE ORLIN

(Editor's note: This is the third and final column of a multi-part series. The first column appeared in the Dec. 6 edition and the second column appeared in the Dec. 20 edition).

To continue my discussion about spas, here are three additional choices of spa resorts that can be easily reached by car from Santa Monica and are designed to help insure your New Year's resolution to reduce stress in 2005.

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When you pull into the gated driveway of La Mancha and enter the 22 acres of its secluded and beautiful grounds, you can feel yourself slowing down almost immediately. You cannot help but be struck by the setting — the view of the San Jacinto Mountains and the serenity that surrounds you. Although there are a total of 47 villas, each one gives you the feeling of being in your own private world. La Mancha consists of one-, two- or three-bedroom, Mediterranean-style condominium villas. Some have an older '70s feel, and some have been more recently redone. All but six of the villas have either a private pool or spa, or combination of both right outside your door. They even have some villas that are dog friendly for a \$25 per night fee. Our villa had its own outdoor pool and spa. It doesn't get much better than that. Each villa also has a fully equipped kitchen, which can be conveniently ignored with a variety of dining choices in Palm Springs only about five minutes away. La Mancha offers its guests a complimentary continental breakfast, but no other meals. The Don Quixote Restaurant (on site) recently closed and plans for reopening have not been established. There are seven tennis courts at La Mancha and access to numerous local golf courses. Their spa, Spa Aldonza is small, but full service — in-villa services also are offered for a \$25 fee. The spa offers facials, massages, body treatments and packages. We found the massages to be quite good, and the staff was very friendly and helpful.

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Estancia opened less than six months ago and projects the enthusiasm that goes with being new. Within its 9.5 acres and 210 guest rooms, the complex shows off its early California coastal rancho décor. Originally an equestrian ranch, Estancia incorporated some of the original bricks in order to maintain its look. The one drawback of the setting is the close proximity to the nearby road. Plans are in the works to correct that by constructing a landscape wall that will blot out the view of the road.

We were able to quickly forget about the potential distraction with a room that faced the open-air arcades and beautifully landscaped courtyard. Estancia offers corporate retreats, and our brief tour of the conference facilities revealed why they are certified by the International Association of Conference Centers (IACC). They had ergonomically correct chairs and large 30" wide hard-surface tables. I cannot remember ever attending a conference that had such a comfortable setting. The Spa at Estancia covers 9,000 square feet. Along with 11 treatment areas, and an adequate exercise room — with access to a larger one nearby for those who want a more serious workout — the spa boasts a large heated pool and hot tub, and eucalyptus-infused steam rooms. They had the most comfortable robes I had ever worn. Estancia offers a full range of treatment options, and the massages were excellent. I urge you to experience the Healing Garden Treatment. You absolutely glow after this one. If you feel the need for some off-site activities, you are walking distance from a paragliding port and a five-minute drive to the beaches and shopping. When you get hungry, the restaurants at Estancia will not disappoint. The Adobe El Restaurante has indoor/outdoor seating, and the Bodega Wine Bar offers a variety of California wines. Most importantly, do not miss "The Perfect Margarita" from the Mustangs and Burros Lounge. As they are so new, Estancia is offering reduced rates through 2005, so it's a good time to check them out.

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French accents. Choose between more formal dining inside or casual dining on the terrace overlooking the pool.

This concludes my sampling of wonderful spa resorts that are in reasonable proximity to us in Santa Monica. As a transplant from the East Coast, I am very appreciative of all that is available to us here. Like everybody, I get frustrated by

the traffic, congestion, local politics, etc. However, being surrounded by an abundance of natural beauty and discovering that there are a variety of exciting getaways so close to home really helps put things into perspective. Happy New Year.

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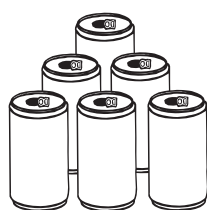
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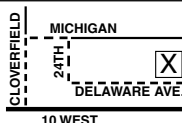
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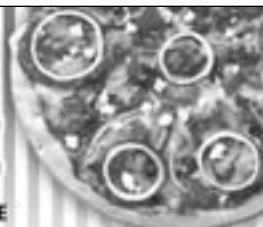
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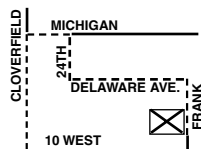


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LOCAL

Oscar de la Torre loses bid for leadership seat

LEADERS, from page 1

Nov. 2 and dedicated to new facilities in Santa Monica.

College officials have pledged to spend part of the bond money in partnership projects with City Hall, but no formal agreement has been reached. However, buying open space for athletic fields and developing an early childhood education facility have been named as goals.

"I think it should be a better relationship," said Currey, who added she was encouraged that some of the current SMC trustees personally know council members. What's more, Currey pointed to the work being done by a liaison committee between officials at City Hall and SMC.

Trustees Rob Rader and Herb Roney were picked to serve on the liaison committee at the Monday meeting. Trustee Nancy Greenstein was chosen to serve as vice chair.

First elected in 1979 and serving as chair for the fifth time, Currey succeeds trustee Margaret Quiñones as chair. Currey is a former board member of the joint Santa Monica-Malibu school district and has long been involved in a range of community and education groups.

Currey was elected five times to the board of directors for California Community College, which oversees colleges throughout the state, and served as its president in 2001-02, according to SMC spokesman Bruce Smith. Currey also is on the board of the Community College Leadership Development Initiative Foundation and the board of appeals for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. A member of the

Santa Monica Historical Society Museum board of directors, Currey also serves on the advisory board of Family Service of Santa Monica. She currently teaches current affairs, history and high school diploma courses in Culver City.

O'Connor, a 56-year-old preservation consultant, was elected mayor of Santa Monica by a 4-3 vote at the Dec. 14 meeting of the City Council. At the time, she named as her top priority overseeing an update to the city's antiquated development codes, an estimated 30-month task currently underway. City Councilman Herb Katz was picked to serve as O'Connor's mayor pro tempore.

Bloomfield was unanimously elected president of the Santa Monica-Malibu school district at a Dec. 9 meeting. Fellow board member Julia Brownley was elected vice president by a vote of 5-2, beating out board member Oscar de la Torre, the only elected official in Santa Monica who is from the crime-plagued Pico neighborhood in eastern Santa Monica. As such, de la Torre unsuccessfully attempted to persuade his colleagues to install him as vice president, saying it would send an important message to the community.

Some would argue having women head the city's top three governing bodies also sends an important message. Currey, however, disagrees.

"I don't see it as any particular significance," she said Tuesday. "Frankly, we have some men that would be just as capable and some women that would probably not be. I think it's the person that matters. I don't look at the gender that much ... It's not my big issue."

Police looking for more information on E-Bay scam

SCAM, from page 1

have a third party send the seller a cashier's check for \$4,000. The seller is asked to then cash the check and deduct monies owed to him for the item being sold and the cost of shipping. The seller is then instructed to mail the sold item to an address and to send the remaining money — in the Santa Monica case \$3,500 — via Western Union to the buyer. Many times, the fact that the cashier's check is fraudulent is not discovered until days after the seller has wired the money and mailed off the sold item.

The SMPD asks anyone using any type of online auction site to be cautious when receiving a cashier check from a buyer located outside the United States.

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LOCAL



Fisher Lumber to close permanently in March

CRASH, from page 1

Miller, who lives in Long Beach, was about 1 1/2 feet away from the truck when it entered the store. Despite that debris, glass and a display case fell on Miller, he wasn't injured.

"That's the closest I have ever come (to death) and I hope it's the closest I ever come," Miller said, adding the truck drove through a busy part of the store where customers normally are checking out. "That truck should have hit somebody."

The owner of the vehicle, the driver's son-in-law, was inside Fisher Lumber shopping and the elderly man was waiting for him in the passenger side of the truck, which was parked in a space directly in front of the store.

Several employees had told the elderly man that the truck was illegally parked and was blocking the entrance. He apparently attempted to maneuver the truck from the passenger seat, extending his leg to the gas pedal and his arm toward the steering wheel.

The truck plowed through display cases and counters. Debris eventually stopped the truck and the owner pulled his father-in-law out of the vehicle.

For about an hour after the incident, the driver sat next to the store's entrance. He was questioned by police and let go. He was seen walking away with the aid of a walker.

The scene was reminiscent of the July 2003 Farmers' Market accident when 87-year-old Russell Weller hit the gas pedal instead of the brake and drove through the outdoor market, killing 10 and injuring 63.

Tuesday's incident conjured up memories of that fatal day and the debate about whether elderly drivers should be tested more rigorously by the Department of Motor Vehicles.



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

The driver of the pick-up truck that careened through Fisher Lumber is escorted away from the accident scene by two unidentified women on Tuesday morning.

The driver of truck, who has an Oklahoma driver's license, missed several employees and customers by a few inches. Dozens of people were in the store, particularly where the truck sped through — the customer service area and the cashier stand.

"It could have easily been that Farmers' Market deal," said Fisher Lumber manager Erik Jorgensborg. "Morning is our busiest time. I can't believe no one got hurt."

The Santa Monica Police Department has contacted the Oklahoma Department

of Motor Vehicles and has requested it re-test the man's driving abilities.

Santa Monica resident Kurt Heim, 27, said common sense should prevail in deciding whether a person is fit to drive a motor vehicle.

"If you use a walker you shouldn't be behind the wheel of anything," he said.

Fisher Lumber employees were visibly shaken up Tuesday morning. Dozens of workers watched from the parking lot as police investigated the scene and the clean-up began. The store was closed and employees were given the rest of the day off. Fisher Lumber was expected to reopen today. The company directed employees to a 24-hour counseling hotline if they needed further assistance.

Debris strewn throughout the store had to be picked up and thousands of pieces of glass that shattered from the entrance doors had to be swept up before the truck could be removed. The truck was towed away.

About a dozen employees volunteered to clean up the mess, which took about six hours. Jorgensborg estimated the damage at close to \$10,000. The automatic doors cost \$8,000 to replace, and lost merchandise accounts for about \$1,000.

Santa Monica City Hall purchased the Fisher Lumber property last month for \$18.5 million. However, the incident won't be treated as a city-related accident since Weyerhaeuser Company, which owns Fisher Lumber, is a leasee and is responsible for the operations of the property, said Tom Phillips, City Hall's risk manager.

Fisher Lumber will close permanently at the end of March. The property will most likely be used to expand Memorial Park, which is located directly south of Fisher Lumber. The Weyerhaeuser Company decided to put the land on the market, despite that Fisher Lumber has been operating successfully in Santa Monica since 1923.

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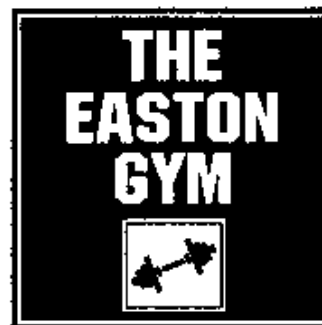
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STATE

Calif. authorities allege fraud in sale of mutual funds

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — State Attorney General Bill Lockyer filed a securities-fraud lawsuit Monday against Edward D. Jones & Co., alleging the investment giant received \$300 million in improper payments to push seven mutual funds to its clients.

The announcement came the same day the St. Louis-based brokerage firm settled with the U.S. attorney's office for Eastern Missouri for \$75 million. The company has also made a settlement offer to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the New York Stock Exchange and other regulators, it said in a printed statement.

Lockyer refused to participate in the settlement and said California investors deserved a larger payout.

"The firm intends to vigorously defend itself from the charges brought by the California Attorney General," said Regina DeLuca-Imral, spokeswoman for the company.

The lawsuit, filed in Sacramento County Superior Court, charged the company instituted a policy in 2000 in

which brokers would receive commissions, contest points and special vacations as incentives for selling the so-called Preferred Funds. The funds in return paid the firm for the preferential treatment.

Lockyer said the practice violates California law because the brokerage firm failed to tell investors of the incentives it received from the preferred funds.

The suit seeks restitution and damages for clients, the disgorgement of the \$300 million and up to \$25,000 in fines for each violation of the state's Corporate Securities Law.

"It violates California law for a company to do this," Lockyer said at a news conference. "They broke the law, they deceived hundreds of thousands of Californians while selling billions of dollars in mutual funds and it is our view that the company must be held accountable."

The mutual funds involved are American Funds, Federated Investors, Goldman Sachs, Hartford, Lord Abbett, Putnam Funds and Van Kampen Investments.

Edward Jones has sold nearly \$6 billion of mutual funds in California since January 2000 to nearly 300,000 accounts, authorities said. Lockyer said 98 percent of the

funds sold during that time were from the Preferred Funds group.

Lockyer displayed e-mails from 13 disgruntled Edwards Jones brokers who he said felt uncomfortable with the practice but felt pressured to sell the preferred funds to win points and bonuses.

Some of the e-mails reference recent SEC investigations into brokerage giants Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley. The commission is investigating about a dozen brokerage firms on allegations they didn't secure the best price on stocks traded for customers.

The SEC last summer banned the practice of directed brokerage, in which mutual funds pay commissions to brokers to encourage fund sales to their customers.

"Seeing that our preferred list of vendors is one of the smallest in the industry and that we have heavy monetary motivations to sell off of that, how will regulators look at that in light of the recent mutual fund scandal?" one broker wrote. "It cannot be argued that our brokers don't have extra motivation to sell off the preferred list because we do — revenue sharing & counting toward trips to name 2 big ones."

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NATIONAL



President Bush prone to bold gambles, uphill fights

BY TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush's opponents call him lots of names but they don't call him timid. When it comes to taking risks, Bush has few peers.

His second-term agenda is fraught with politically troublesome priorities, if not for Bush personally then for Republicans on the ballot in 2006 and 2008.

Bush's first term was marked by big gambles: waging war in Iraq without broad international support; muscling through Congress a far-reaching education bill; three major tax cuts; a \$400-billion Medicare prescription drug benefit.

His new agenda is even riskier: rewriting the tax laws; making first-term tax cuts permanent; overhauling Social Security; limiting lawsuit awards; easing immigration laws.

The president continues to push for January elections in Iraq and for spreading democracy through the rest of the Middle East.

Bush wants manned flights to the Moon and Mars. He is forging ahead on a problem-plagued national missile defense for shooting down incoming ballistic missiles.

"Bush ran for president on a platform of getting things done. And it appears that he plans on fulfilling that in a second term," GOP consultant Scott Reed said.

Is the president overreaching? "The shores of the Potomac are littered with the bones of Republicans and Democrats who have underestimated George W. Bush," Reed said.

Bush is "a big risk taker who throws long passes and takes on things with low probability of success," said Bruce Buchanan, a University of Texas political scientist and ardent Bush watcher.

As Texas governor, Bush "had a propensity to set clear goals and pursue them doggedly. He still does that, but in a much bolder way," Buchanan said.

Bush won the 2000 election by the narrowest of margins, but acted as if he had a mandate. Many close Bush observers — and the president himself — say the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, focused him and made him a more

decisive leader.

And a more defiant one, critics say.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi last week praised Bush for the same character traits that other leaders, especially in Europe, find so annoying.

"President Bush tells me and all of the others always what's in his mind," Berlusconi said after a White House meeting. "And it is very positive that 'yes' means really 'yes' to him and 'no' means 'no.'"

Re-elected presidents often have disappointing second terms. Energy flags, key people leave, scandals erupt. Nixon had Watergate. Reagan had the Iran-Contra affair. Clinton had his relationship with Monica Lewinsky and impeachment proceedings.

Bush's second term is off to a rocky start even before it begins.

He came close losing an intelligence restructuring bill in a side dispute over immigration issues with a rebellious House committee chairman. His nomination of Bernard Kerik to be homeland security secretary collapsed in embarrassment with revelations that the former New York police commissioner hired an illegal immigrant domestic worker.

Bush boldly replaced more than half his Cabinet, but he kept one of its most divisive members, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. Rumsfeld's oversight of the Iraq war and his testy response to a soldier's concerns about inadequate armor have drawn criticism, even from some prominent Republicans.

In tackling Social Security, Bush is touching what many politicians call the electrified "third rail" of American politics.

Without offering details, he has proposed allowing younger workers to divert some of their Social Security payroll taxes into private accounts to invest in stocks or bonds — in exchange for a reduction in guaranteed retirement benefits. Critics say it is a risky scheme would expose retirees to volatile financial markets and they complain about transition costs estimated at \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion.

"This is an issue on which I campaigned, and I'm still standing," Bush boasted last week at a White House eco-

nomie conference.

Democrat Alice Rivlin, a former vice chairman of the Federal Reserve, suggests Bush's risk-taking and costly priorities will increasingly frighten members of his own party.

"There is the realization on the part of Republicans, especially in the Congress, that they don't want this to be the last Republican administration in a generation," Rivlin said. "And if they want to win in 2008, continuing the record of the first term is not a viable strategy."

Bush is unfazed by such suggestions. "I didn't come up here to Washington to pass problems on," he said. "I like to confront problems. I'm ready to work."

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More people than ever can buy a home. That's the good news. But the bad news is that it's going to take some patience, restraint and careful planning to get there. Lenders don't look kindly on the new Lexus or the stack of credit card bills on the kitchen counter. And if you've only managed to put away \$1,000 in savings by then, it'll be time to forget about the \$300,000 beach house.

Everyone comes into the real estate market with a different perspective and level of experience. Here are some general rules that apply to pretty much anybody when it comes to getting the money to buy a home. So here are some of the "do's" that buyers will want to consider.

■ Pay your bills on time. There is no single element that can so dramatically impact the success of an application as your credit history. Make loan and other debt payments on time, especially over the 12 months leading up to the filing of your mortgage application. It sounds simple, but every 30-, 60- or 90-day delinquency on a loan or credit card is going to reduce

the credit score the lender ends up considering as part of the loan file. That score, in turn, will determine how good of a loan you get — if you get one at all.

If something has to be missed, miss the credit card payment first, followed by the payment on any installment loan you might have and finally, the payment for an existing mortgage. That's because credit-scoring systems look at the performance of similar loans first when deciding what type of score to assign. It will give the most weight to the performance of another mortgage, for example, than the performance of something like a credit card, which features variable payments that fluctuate with the outstanding balance. If you had to prioritize — and we would hope you wouldn't be in that situation — pay your mortgage loans, pay your installment loans and pay your revolving loans.

■ Consider paying off more debt and putting down a smaller amount at closing. It leaves borrowers with larger mortgages but it will allow them to replace non tax-deductible, high-interest rate debt with lower-rate mortgage debt that features deductible interest. Borrowers are putting less equity in their homes, borrowing more against the homes and paying off consumer debt, at least for a while.

■ Get the mortgage first if multiple financial obligations are going to pop up in the near future. Numerous credit inquiries, such as new applications for credit cards, can hurt a borrower's credit score, especially if they're filed in the months prior to the home loan review process.

■ Down payment or no down payment. Don't put the savings into something volatile like an individual stock. Evaluate money market or other accounts that offer reasonable rates of return, automatic payroll deductions or other financial incentives to save. It's important to take a portion of each month's income and set it aside for the down payment. It's also possible to consider 100 percent financing, which allows a buyer to put zero down and be able to purchase a home. This is becoming more popular among buyers and allows them to purchase more expensive houses and keep their money in their pocket.

Heeding the guidelines above will help you purchase the home you want. It may not always be fun, but doing so will help get you where you want to go.

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Sold Santa Monica 12/17/2004	2424 7TH ST SqFt: 2,891 HOD: \$134	SANTA MONICA 90405 List Price: \$1,500,000 Sold Price: \$1,650,000	Bed: 3 Bath: 3.00
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Sold Santa Monica 12/20/2004	1221 OCEAN AVE #403 SqFt: 1,569 Lease Option: Yes	SANTA MONICA 90401 List Price: \$6,900 Sold Price: \$6,900	Bed: 2 Bath: 2.00
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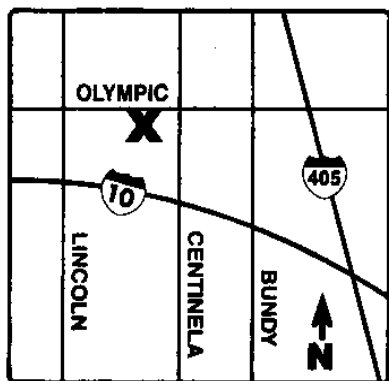
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DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

For as long as they've been making films in Hollywood, those with power and money have been living in Santa Monica. Back in the 1920s, the beach north of the Santa Monica Pier was known as the "Gold Coast." Beach Road, a.k.a. Palisades Beach Road, was called the Gold Coast because the people who built houses there were not merely rich, but they were celebrated too. In the early days, Beach Road was home to four of the five men who created Hollywood: Irving Thalberg and his wife, actress Norma Shearer; oil man J. Paul Getty; comedian Harold Lloyd, and leading man Douglas Fairbanks and his wife Mary Pickford. Locals called the area "Rolls Royce Row."

In 1928, the Gold Coast was so desirable that newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst, one of the richest and most powerful men in the world, commissioned Julia Morgan, who was the architect of the Hearst Castle, to fashion an estate on the beach for his mistress, actress Marion Davies. Morgan created a three-story, 118-room, 34-bedroom, 55-bath Georgian mansion on the Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Monica. It was accompanied by three guesthouses, two swimming pools, tennis courts and dog kennels. Called "Ocean House" or "The Beach House," it was built at the astronomical 1928 cost of \$7 million. It was the grandest property in the neighborhood.

The road under the bluffs has always been one of the most desirable streets in town. Hollywood legend Harold Lloyd was at 443 Beach Road; Mae West at 514 Beach Road; Darryl Zanuck at 546 Beach Road; Samuel Goldwyn at 602 Beach Road; Harry Warner at 605/607 Beach Road; Louis B. Mayer and Peter Lawford at 625 Beach Road; Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford at 705 Beach Road, and Norma Shearer at 707 Beach Road.

When America's royal family migrated west from their compound in Kennebunkport, Maine, they settled at 625 Beach Road, the former home of movie mogul Louis B. Mayer. Pat Kennedy, sister to President John F. Kennedy, and her bonvivant husband Peter Lawford, lived there. When President Kennedy visited LA, he officially stayed at the Beverly Hilton, but he spent a lot of time relaxing by Santa Monica Beach. Lawford, who was engaged in the swinging '60s Hollywood lifestyle, would entertain the president with starlets, models and escorts. His parties for the president were attended by beautiful people like the Rat Pack and Marilyn Monroe. It's rumored that when

in LA, JFK rendezvoused with Marilyn Monroe at 625 Beach Road. The president spent so much time here that in the '60s, the Gold Coast became known as the "western branch" of the White House.

Palisades Beach Road was inaccessible to the public. You could only enter the street through the exclusive private beach club, The Sand & Sea Club, which closed in 1991. The state of California took it over, opened Palisades Beach Road, and leased out the property for filming. Many episodes of the popular TV series "Beverly Hills 90210" featured scenes from the Sand and Sea estate.

That's the story of one street. Celebrities live all over Santa Monica, not just on the Gold Coast. Well-known residents have included actors Sean Penn, June Lockhart, Tobey Maguire, Robert Redford, Jeff Bridges, Jamie Lee Curtis, Ted Danson, Judge Reinhold, Harry Shearer and Tom Selleck. We could give you their addresses, but we won't. We will tell you that the honorable Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger lived on 21st Street before he married Maria Shriver. He currently owns 3110 Main St., the commercial complex with the restaurant Schatzi, and a mural of the Terminator by the elevator.

In 1978, the city's best-known political activists were actress Jane Fonda, whose vocal opposition to the Vietnamese war still irks conservatives, and her husband, Tom Hayden, a founder of Students for a Democratic Society in the early '60s and one of the Chicago Seven who were tried on and acquitted for disrupting the 1968 Democratic Convention.

Fonda, Hayden and their children lived in a turn-of-the-century beach house at 153 Wadsworth in Ocean Park. Together they founded the Campaign for Economic Democracy, which was dedicated to "an effort to transform the radicalism of the '60s into the common sense of the '70s."

This grassroots group organized residents, backed candidates for local offices, and was instrumental in our rent control laws. In 1982, Hayden was elected to the California State Legislature, and the celebrity couple moved out of Santa Monica.

And now the Kennedys are in vogue on the Santa Monica political landscape.

City Councilman Bobby Shriver is the nephew of JFK, and the son of 1972 vice presidential nominee R. Sergeant Shriver and Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver. He is the brother of California first lady Maria Shriver.

Thank you to all the high-profile people who make Santa Monica such an entertaining place to live.

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Preparing for a breach allows landlords to recoup cash



IN YOUR SPACE
BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

As unexpected as it is, there are many reasons that even your best tenant, either willingly or unwillingly, could breach his lease. Among them are partner disagreement, poor business management and a failing economy. Whatever the reason,

every tenant — no matter how solid he appears to be — could potentially walk out of the lease, leaving the landlord without the income promised. Below are a few suggestions to help mitigate this situation.

- SPECIFICALLY STATE THE REMEDIES FOR A BREACH IN THE LEASE**
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2. Unpaid rent from the time the lease was terminated up until the time of the award, minus any amounts that the tenant can prove could have been mitigated through reasonable efforts to re-let the premises.

3. All future rent due under the lease, minus any amounts the tenant proves could have been mitigated through reasonable efforts to re-let the premises. Notwithstanding this provision in the civil code, the landlord can only recover future rent due under the lease if either the lease expressly authorizes recovery of future rent, or the landlord has in fact re-let the premises. It is important that a landlord include language in the lease that authorizes the recovery of future rent in the lease.

This same civil code allows the landlord to recover "any other amount necessary to compensate the lessor for all the detriment proximately caused by lessee's failure to perform his obligations under the lease." However, an attorney with a good amount of experience in real estate law warns that a landlord should "specifically list the possible items of damage, including brokerage fees to find a new tenant, the unamortized portion of tenant improvements and leasing commissions, the cost of tenant improvements to attract a new tenant and storage and auction costs for any personal property left on the premises by the breaching tenant."

According to legal counsel, unless otherwise stated, commercial leases have an implied covenant of quiet enjoyment, which ensures that the landlord will not interfere with the tenant's business. It has been the experience of many landlords that some tenants use this covenant too broadly as an excuse for their breach of a lease. A suggestion is to limit the definition of quiet enjoyment to include only "true" breaches, such as failure to provide utilities, or blocking the entrance to the premises and not to include noise or odor from neighboring tenants.

Finally, the landlord should limit the tenant's remedies to injunction or damages that would forbid it from withholding rent due to a "perceived breach."

Most of the leases that I have negotiated include some or all of these provisions, which serve as guidelines. I have found that spelling out what will happen if an unanticipated situation occurs prior to its occurrence, being as specific as possible, and communicating clearly, protects both parties in a contract and is to everyone's benefit.

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Consumers continue to spend, despite debt stress

BY WILL LESTER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — During a season with shoppers racing about to wrap up holiday spending, half of Americans say they worry about their overall level of debt, an Associated Press poll found.

That includes many — about two in 10 of those surveyed — who say they stay worried about their debt level most or all of the time.

Those debts can come from home and car loans as well as credit cards — even more so with December buying sprees. Three-fourths in the poll said they have credit cards.

Most people who have credit cards say they work to keep control of them, but one in six with cards say they don't trust their own spending with plastic. Young adults and those who make less than \$25,000 a year were most likely to doubt their own ability to manage credit cards.

For 18-year-old Brandon Terrok of Klamath Falls, Ore., avoiding credit cards is the best approach.

"I've seen people get in trouble. They ran their credit cards so high, they couldn't get approval to buy a car," Terrok said. "I haven't gotten any yet and I'd rather not have them."

Most who have credit cards say they try to keep those card debts under control. But some still have trouble.

One-fourth of credit card users say they use plastic to buy things when they don't have the money.

Tanya Pierson of Brainerd, Minn., learned the dangers of credit cards the hard way. She and her family had a handful of cards with big balances.

"We're a lot more cautious since we filed for bankruptcy five years ago," said Pierson, a stay-at-home mom. "I only have one now and I use it every once in a while."

More than 1 million people file for personal bankruptcy each year, said Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America.

"My strong sense from looking at lots of data, is that the number of people with debt problems is declining, but the number with severe debt problems is increasing," he said.

The total amount of revolving credit debt, such as that caused by credit cards, was just over \$600 billion five years ago and is almost \$800 billion now, according to the Federal Reserve.

In the survey, about 10 percent of those with credit cards said they have missed making their minimum payment during the past six months.

Economists say people are missing fewer credit card payments by juggling their debts and getting new credit cards.

In recent years, low interest rates have helped many people get home equity loans and pay off credit card debts. But that simply shifts the debt around.

"We live in an age of easy money and people pull out the plastic to medicate their pain," said Chris Packard, a mental health therapist from Gilbert, Ariz.

"I have had patients who used their credit cards to punish spouses, to appease depression or anxiety or to try to satisfy an out-of-control child," Packard said.

Experiencing the highest levels of stress from debts were people at their credit card spending limit, those who are unmarried and have children, those without jobs and minorities.

Those with the lowest levels of stress from debt were retirees, Republicans, married people, college graduates and people between age 30 and 49.

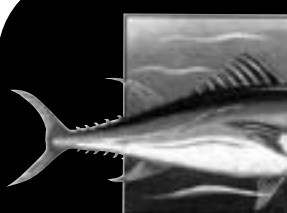
Those groups' stress levels were measured based on their responses to a series of questions asked of 1,000 adults about debt and stress.

Paul Lavrakas, a research psychologist, developed the questions in the 1990s when he was faculty director of the Ohio State University Center for Survey Research.

People say they experience health problems when worried about debts, Lavrakas said: "They could not concentrate at times, they were losing sleep, taking their anxiety out on others."

About four in 10 of all people questioned said their total debt is at least "somewhat stressful." Also, more than half expect their debt will cause them problems over the next five years.

The AP-Ipsos poll of 1,000 adults was taken Dec. 6-8. It has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, slightly larger for the 790 people with credit cards.



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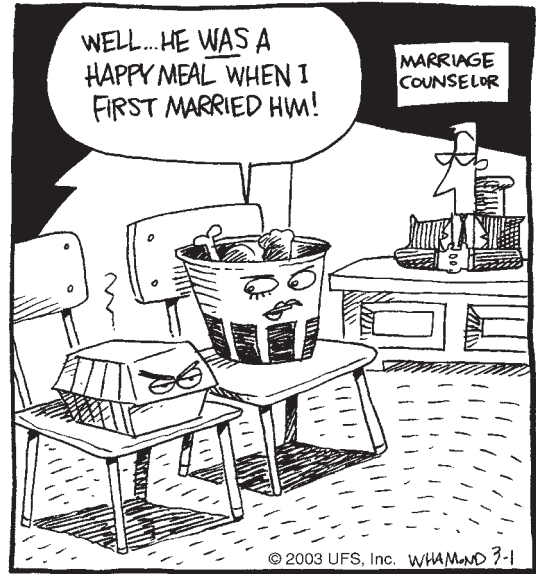
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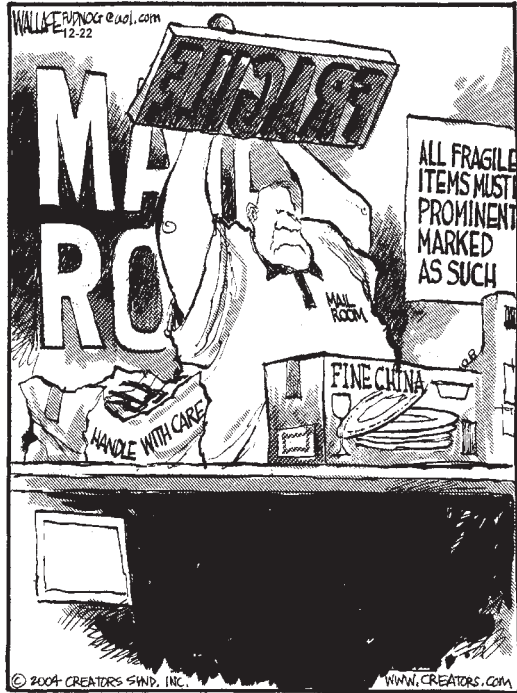
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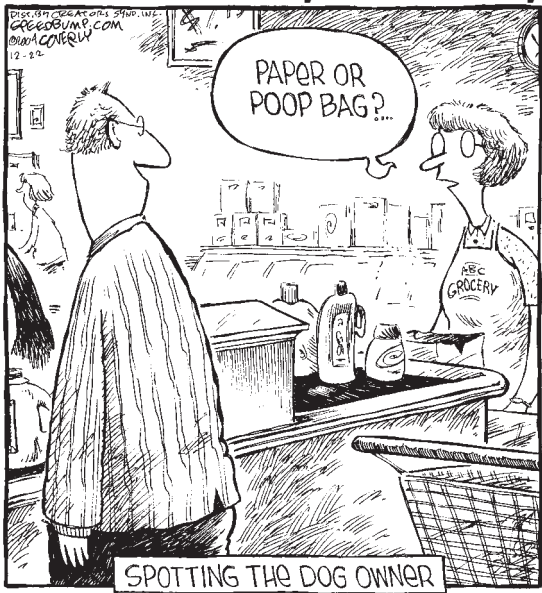
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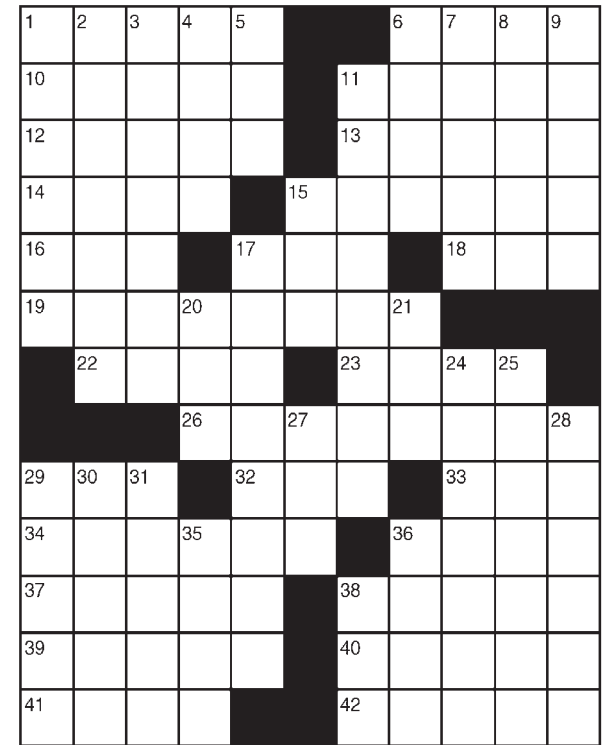
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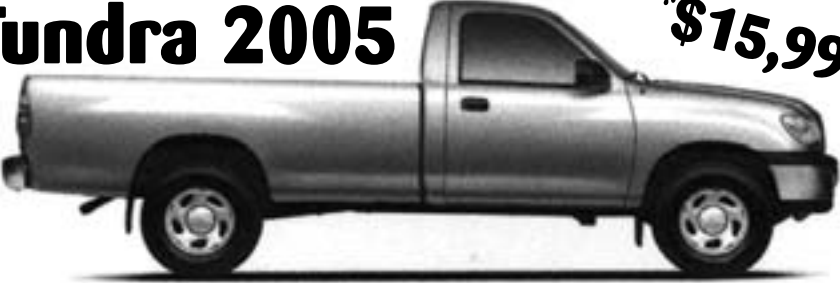
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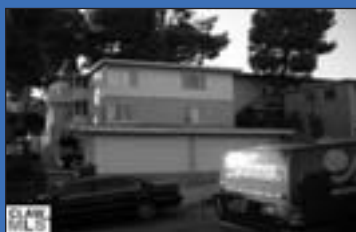
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