

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues

DAILY LOTTERY

SUPER LOTTO

3 16 22 31 42
Meganumber: 18
Jackpot: \$11 million

FANTASY 5

1 11 20 24 29

DAILY 3

Daytime: 6 4 1
Evening: 4 4 5

DAILY DERBY

1st: 07 Eureka !
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 03 Hot Shot

RACE TIME: 1.44.51

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site: <http://www.calottery.com>

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In January, a police SWAT officer in Fairfax, Va., accidentally shot and killed an unarmed optometrist on whom the swarming team was serving an arrest warrant for suspicion of gambling. (In April 2005, a SWAT team arrested 24 community poker players in Palmer Lake, Colo., but at least there were no casualties. In October 1998, a passive but startled security guard was killed by a SWAT team moving in on a club in Virginia Beach, Va., suspected of housing gambling.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 62nd day of 2006.
There are 303 days left in the year.

Seventy-five years ago, "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the national anthem of the United States.

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

In 1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are creatures of the moment; we live from one little space to another; and only one interest at a time fills these."

WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS

INDEX

Horoscopes

Add some fun, Capricorn 2

Snow & Surf Report

Water temperature: 57° 3

Opinion

Time to stem the tide 4

Commentary

Playin' the game 5

State

Mayor tightens his belt 8

Entertainment

A win-win situation 11

Comics

Strips tease 16

Classifieds

Your place or mine? 17-19

A somber day at Santa Monica High



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

(At top) Doves are released at Santa Monica High School's Greek Theater in honor of Eduardo "Eddie" Lopez, 15, a popular student-athlete who was gunned down Tuesday night by a suspected gang member. (Above) Ralph Lopez tries to comfort family and friends during a memorial service at Samohi for his cousin. Hundreds attended the afterschool memorial.

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH — He was a star athlete on both the football gridiron and the baseball diamond, a faithful follower of his church, an accomplished student and a spot-on comedian.

But what family and friends of Eduardo "Eddie" Lopez would like people to remember most about the charismatic 15-year-old, who was gunned down Tuesday by a suspected gang member, was his kindness and his willingness to place the happiness of others before his own.

Be it singing silly versions of popular songs to cheer up a friend in need, or foregoing a night out so he could wake up early to walk his grandmother, or "abuelita," to church each Sunday, Lopez was not your typical teen, his friends and family said Thursday during a memorial service staged on campus following an early dismissal. He was special, and for that, he will never be forgotten.

"He was a ... nice guy, a true family man" said Ralph Lopez, a cousin, fighting back tears. "He never acted in rage, never raised a hand. He always made me laugh. The boy was a clown ... As time passes, I hope the pain fades.

"(His death) is killing a part of my soul. Without my brother, I will never be whole."

Police said around 9:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Lopez, who family members contend was not a gang member, was with two friends near the corner of 26th Street and Pico

See SAMOH, page 7

Rolling out red carpet for those with Spirit

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH — Often considered the "Oscars before the Oscars," the Independent Spirit Awards that will be staged here this weekend attracts hundreds of celebrities and filmmakers to Santa Monica, and with them they bring notoriety to this city by the sea while at the same time, fueling the local hospitality industry.

The Spirit Awards, which honors the best in independent films, will be held on Saturday at Santa Monica Beach and be televised live on Independent Film Channel at 2 p.m. The ceremony will be rebroadcast on AMC the same evening at 7 p.m. EST/PST. An exclusive half-hour red carpet show will air live on the WE Channel at 1:30 p.m.

Over the past 21 years, the Independent Spirit Awards has

developed into a vanguard event. Held as a luncheon on the beach, the ceremony brings together the entire film community to celebrate the best of independent film.

What was once a 200-person event during its first year, organizers expect about 1,400 people to attend Saturday's fete to honor some of the biggest names in the business and many of the films that are nominated for Academy Awards.

As the first event to honor independent films exclusively, the Spirit Awards has made a name for itself as the premier awards event for the independent film community. It's a celebration of the spirited pioneers who bring a unique vision to filmmaking, organizers say.

Along with the party, the Independent Spirit Awards cere-

See SPIRIT, page 6

SGS Safe Gas Services
Gas Safety Specialist
Be Prepared for the Next Earthquake
www.safegasservices.com
3017 Lincoln Blvd. • Santa Monica, CA 90405
310-664-8777
CALL NOW! EARTHQUAKE SHUT-OFF VALVES SAVE LIVES!!

Jacquie Banks
310.586.0342
Great service ...
every step of the way.
FIDELITY BANKER
PREVIEWS

BACK OR UNFILED TAXES?
ALL FORMS • ALL TYPES • ALL STATES
SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
(310) 395-9922
100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800
Santa Monica 90401

BOB GABRIEL INSURANCE

Providing Professional & Personalized Service Since 1936



- Auto Experts
- Life, Disability & Pension
- Homeowners
- Commercial & Business
- Workers Compensation
- Group & Individual Health

Representing "A" rated companies including MERCURY INSURANCE

California survey shows Mercury Insurance Auto rates to be the most competitive in this area.

Phone Quotes Available

We encourage you to visit the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum — The Archives of Santa Monica. 1539 Euclid (310) 395-2290

310.829.0305

2325 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica



Private Fitness Studio

Specializing in:

Custom Fitness Programs

Bodybuilding-Shaping

Strength Training

Weight Management

Free Fitness Consultation

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

216 Pico Blvd # 17 ~ Santa Monica Beach

Fabian@Fitbyfabian.com or 310-399-7049



Since 1983

DID YOU KNOW?

The Santa Monica Disabilities Commission meets the first Monday of every month at Ken Edwards Center.

If you or someone you know has a disability, tell us how the City of Santa Monica can serve you better.

Our next meeting:

Monday, March 6 at 6:30pm

Ken Edwards Center

1527 4th Street

Santa Monica

On the Agenda:

Housing Rights: Landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities.

SMDC Website Redesign:

<http://www.smgov.net/hsd/BandC/discom.htm>

City Budget: What disability-related items should the City fund?

If you'd like to receive an agenda every month, please contact Denise at (310) 458-8701 voice, (310) 458-3380 TTY or denise.weddle@smgove.net. KEC is physically accessible and requests for accommodations for disabilities should be made to Denise Weddle. We will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations when requested.



RELAX

QUIT CIGARETTES - SWITCH TO A PIPE OR CIGAR

BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ADDICTIVE

THE ORIGINAL

The Tinder Box

EST. 1928

2729 Wilshire Blvd.
SM CA 90403
Ph. 310/828-4511
tinderboxsantamonica.com



Remember: A True Pipe or Cigar Smoker Does Not Inhale

- Free Parking
- Personalized Service
- Rare and unusual gifts imported from 22 different countries

ASK FOR A FREE SAMPLE OF ONE OF OUR TOBACCOS IN ENGLISH, BALKAN OR A MILD AROMATIC



HOROSCOPES

Add some fun, Capricorn

Santa Monica Daily Press



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

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Money dealings could easily go awry. Perhaps you have let your pennies slip through your fingers. Any risk taken right now could backfire. The unexpected occurs quickly. You could be playing Russian roulette financially or emotionally. Tonight: Think of an inexpensive, fun happening.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Work with others one at a time. You might want to rethink your decisions regarding an important issue. You might not be ready for fast changes. Be receptive to another's feedback. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Take your time dealing with the different people and situations that knock on your door. You find that the unexpected could occur out of the blue. Your energy and magnetism play a role in your life. Tonight: As you like.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You might want to think through a decision with care. Others want to be in control. The question remains: How comfortable are you with this situation? Others make it clear what they want; perhaps the time has come to make your needs clear. Tonight: Say yes.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Knowing when to retreat could be important. Your ruler went retrograde yesterday, adding to the fun and games that come your way. You could think that someone is abnormally difficult. You might be a player in this disagreement. Tonight: Happy as a cat.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You might feel as if someone isn't clear about what he or she needs. Listen well to feedback that comes your way. You might be a bit surprised at what comes down your path. Don't be hard on a pal or co-worker. Tonight: You can relax now.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Stay goal-oriented. A meeting could be the foundation of many conflicting opinions. Remember -- ideas can lead to a tighter project. Remain positive when dealing with a changeable situation. Your understanding comes forth. Tonight: Enjoy an important friendship.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your creativity comes out when faced with a problem. You are learning that a key associate or partner cannot be counted on. Learn to fill in the gaps or work more independently. Use your abilities. Tonight: Add some fun to your plans.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Stay on top of a changing situation. Also, keep a tight grasp on your wallet. Much could be changing very quickly. Know what you want, and create just that. Loosen up when dealing with someone you care about. Tonight: Plan on a late night.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Remain anchored despite a partner or people in general. The unexpected will occur if you allow yourself to flow with your intuition. Clearly, you don't have all the answers. You will find them. Tonight: Easy does it.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ If you detach, you might have an easier time dealing with someone close. Investigate what you need to do. You might be more depressed than you realize. You might want to rethink your stand. Tonight: Take off as soon as you can.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You are full of surprises no matter what you do or with whom. You could be overwhelmed by your day-to-day life demands. If you listen more carefully, you will come up with a great idea that will free you up. Tonight: Happy as a cat.



Santa Monica Daily Press

AUDIT PENDING

Published Monday through Saturday

Phone: (310) 458-PRESS (7737) • Fax: (310) 576-9913

1427 Third Street Promenade, Ste. #202 • Santa Monica, CA 90401 • www.smdp.com

PUBLISHER Ross Furukawa ross@smdp.com EDITOR Carolyn Sackariason editor@smdp.com STAFF WRITER Kevin Herrera kevinh@smdp.com SANTA MONICA PARENTING Nina Furukawa nina@smdp.com STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Fabian Lewkowicz FabianLewkowicz@aol.com ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE Robbie P. Piubeni rob@smdp.com	ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE Rob Schwenker schwenker@smdp.com ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE Chris Star chriiss@smdp.com TRAFFIC MANAGER Connie Sommerville connies@smdp.com PRODUCTION MANAGER Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II alex@smdp.com NIGHT EDITOR Lori Luechtefeld lori@smdp.com	NIGHT EDITOR Michael Tittinger MoNeY.TLaRoK@smdp.com CLASSIFIEDS SALES MANAGER Annie Kotok anniek@smdp.com CIRCULATION Keith Wyatt CIRCULATION Glenn Bolan SPECIAL PROJECTS Dave Danforth dave@smdp.com MASCOT Maya Furukawa maya@smdp.com
--	--	--



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Token response: Big Blue wants to hear from you

By Daily Press staff

Spring is in the air and at the Big Blue Bus, so is change. The bus company is hosting a series of community meetings, with the last one set for Saturday, March 4, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center. Topics include possible changes in service to lines 4, 5, 8 and 9, as well as new projects, including a possible Rapid 7, Rapid 10 and a bus shelter. Fares may be restructured; a new community service center and transit store could be built; new hybrid vehicles and new routes might be introduced. The Ken Edwards Center is located at 1527 Fourth St. Use Lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10. For more information, call (310) 451-5444 or TDD: 310-395-6024.

Bikes reach critical mass

By Daily Press staff

It's going to be a critical mass of bicyclists tonight at the pier. The Santa Monica Critical Mass, a group of bike enthusiasts, will gather on Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Monica Pier, at Ocean and Colorado avenues. Members of Critical Mass describe themselves as bike-friendly and protest for better cycling facilities and against the car culture. Santa Monica Critical Mass meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Friday of every month at the Santa Monica Pier. There are two early meeting points, which merge into the main group: ■ 5:30 p.m., UCLA (Westwood Boulevard and Le Conte) ■ 5:30 p.m., Venice Circle (Main Street and Windward Avenue)

Break out the Barbies

By Daily Press staff

It's time to size up your Barbie. On Saturday, at 2 p.m. at the new Main Library, noted authors and collectors of Barbie, Joe Blitman and Priscilla Wardlow, will share their expertise about the world of Barbie doll collecting. Bring your vintage Barbie treasures to be identified and appraised. The library is located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

CORRECTION — In the Feb. 27 edition of the SMDP, the photo caption on the front page was incorrect. Natalie Montelongo, pitcher for the Grim Reapers, plays in the Santa Monica Girls Fast Pitch League. The Grim Reapers beat their opponents, 4-1.

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO REACH YOUR MARKET?



We're the best in finding creative advertising solutions for your business.

400 Continental Blvd., 6th Floor, Suite 143 • El Segundo, CA 90245
Phone 310.426.2456 Fax 310.426.2458 Email atomiccreativegroup@gmail.com

CREATE
THINK
COOL
IMAGINE
INSIGHT
QUICK

Atomic Creative Group. Full-Service Project Management. Advertising. Marketing. Public Relations. Production.

Sure you rent, but it's
WHAT'S INSIDE
that makes it your home.

Your landlord's insurance covers the building, not your stuff inside. For around the cost of a DVD a month, you can get Renters Insurance and protect the things that make your place your home.



David B. Rosenberg, Agent
Insurance Lic. #:0618319
1220 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica CA 90401
Bus: 310-458-3400

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR



STATE FARM IS THERE.®

Providing Insurance and Financial Services

State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, State Farm General Insurance Company-Bloomington, IL; State Farm Florida Insurance Company-Winter Haven, FL • statefarm.com

P03835 12/04

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS

DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM

BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 1"	BASE DEPTH 24" - 60"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 18	LIFTS OPEN 10/12
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Wet				

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 8"	BASE DEPTH 72" - 96"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 35	LIFTS OPEN 6/6
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 96" - 120"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 150	LIFTS OPEN 22/28
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 24"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 0	LIFTS OPEN 4/16
CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed				

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 1"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 16"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 0	LIFTS OPEN 0/4
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder				

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 1"	BASE DEPTH 24" - 60"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 18	LIFTS OPEN 10/14
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Wet				

SNOW VALLEY

CLOSED

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 57°

DATA PROVIDED BY WETSAND.COM

SWELL FORECAST (7-10 FT)

Today the westerly swell that is hitting the northern coast today makes its presence known in SoCal by kicking up some head high + surf, possibly going a few feet overhead. Weather though is not expected to work in our favor, and there is rain in the forecast.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

WSW and southern hemi due Monday but...

Tracking southern hemis for week of the 13th...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

MONDAY	2:10AM	1.0FT	3:07PM	-1.5FT
LOW TIDE	8:20AM	6.6FT	9:23PM	4.9FT
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SURF AND SNOW QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? EMAIL ALEX@SMDP.COM



SURF CENTER santa monica

✱ **Core Surf/Lifestyle Shop** ✱

**1451 THIRD STREET PROMENADE
IN SANTA MONICA • 310.656.CURL**

The **Q**Line

Sponsored by...

The Santa Monica-Malibu School District is on the hunt for its next superintendent now that its current superintendent, John Deasy, has announced that he is moving on. The school board hopes the selection process will be completed before school resumes in the fall.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, **"What major problems does the new superintendent need to address within the district?"**

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your responses in the weekend edition. Please try to limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.

EST. 1934
The Galley

Rediscover The Galley's genuine service while experiencing our new weekend brunch served on our beautiful outdoor patio.

Serving Brunch from 11AM-4PM
Full Bar-Best Bloody Mary's in Santa Monica
(310) 452-1934
2442 Main Street • Santa Monica



Since 1967
Quality & Value Always!
Open 6am - 2:30pm Mon. - Fri.
6am - 4pm Sat. - Sun.

310-399-7892
2732 Main St.
Santa Monica

**The Perfect
Day-Off begins
with breakfast**



EDITORIAL

Take back our streets one corner at a time

 The community is once again grieving the loss of one of its young residents as a result of violence. And once we get past the grief, we will no doubt feel outrage. What we do with that outrage will be the biggest issue facing our community in the coming months.

Eddie Lopez, 15, a standout athlete in both baseball and football, as well as a well-regarded student, classmate and friend, was gunned down by a punk masked in a bandana and hooded sweatshirt. The shooting, which occurred outside a convenience store on Tuesday night at the corner of 26th Street and Pico Boulevard, appears to be gang related since, according to police, the suspect yelled a Hispanic LA gang name before opening fire on three teenage friends.

Apparently, Lopez and his buddies were in the wrong place at the wrong time. Unfortunately, that can be anywhere at any time these days in Santa Monica.

It is an absolute tragedy that a 15-year-old student-athlete is gunned down just blocks from his house, especially at the hands of a gang member. Lopez was a product of a longtime Santa Monica family that has worked especially hard to raise their children responsibly, despite the odds against them. Lopez's mother, a native of Mexico, has worked two jobs in efforts to ensure that her children have a bright future.

Gang violence — which victimizes not just those involved in the crime organizations, but the entire community — is out of control. We find it ridiculous that in a city as educated, affluent and compact as Santa Monica there are so many gang shootings and murders. And it all happens within a small pocket of the city — the Pico neighborhood, which obviously doesn't get the attention it deserves by city leaders.

Community leaders have attempted to address the violence through gang workshops, increased police patrols and racial diversity training within the schools. But from our vantage point, and most likely from the Lopez family's eyes, it's not working. This is a community issue and must be addressed on a larger scale.

We need to change our approach. Perhaps we need even more police presence in the Pico neighborhood — with walking patrols on top of the saturated police car, bike and helicopter patrols. And if that's not enough, then maybe we need more of a vigilante approach whereby residents take to the streets as part of a beefed-up neighborhood watch program with the assistance of the Santa Monica Police Department. Station a police officer and resident at every street corner, and send a message to these punks that they're being watched 24/7. The police know where these Santa Monica gang members live and they know where the parolees live.

There's always going to be bad guys out there. And many of the criminals wreaking havoc on our community are coming from outside of Santa Monica. But that doesn't mean we can't try to quell the violence on a regional level through outreach, teaching tolerance to our young people and training those who deal with youth in an effort to understand their issues better.

The third in a series of gang workshops sponsored by State Senator Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica) will be held on March 18 at John Adams Middle School from 10 a.m. to noon. Hundreds of people turned out last year for the forums, which generated plenty of good ideas, but how many of them were actually put into practice remains a mystery. We encourage everyone in the community who cares about this issue to show up and find real solutions to this growing problem.

City officials would be wise to create a coordinated youth prevention program that penetrates deep within the gang community. And the school district needs to protect its students by training its staff on diversity and racial issues. But none of that will matter if parents don't start paying attention to their children and teaching them the value of human life. Children are inherently innocent. It is society's ills that pollute them, and the parents' job to protect them.

When recent racial tensions at Santa Monica High School broke out in the form of fights and graffiti, it alarmed many in the community. Parents started pointing their fingers at school administrators, saying they weren't doing enough to address the hatred.

It starts at home and ultimately, it's the parents' responsibility to raise their children to respect themselves and everyone else.

That's what the Lopez family tried to do, and it still wasn't enough. For that, we are regretful, saddened and ashamed that, as a community, we haven't been able to adequately protect our young people.

GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN WHITEHEAD

War machine draining lifeblood of America

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, from those who are cold and are not clothed. The world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

The warnings in Eisenhower's 1961 Farewell Address to the Nation concerning the rise of the military-industrial complex are even more relevant today. "The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist. We must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex," he proclaimed.

And as the colossal war machine continues to grow and its tentacles reach into every sphere of American society, it is, in vampiric fashion, draining the lifeblood of the country. A few recent statistics tell the story.

In four years, the Bush Administration has allocated more than \$400 billion to overall military spending, much of this to support the arms industry. For the 2006 fiscal year, the military budget is set at \$439.3 billion. However, this does not include 2006 funding for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars (\$49.1 billion) and Homeland Security (\$41.1 billion). More than \$230 billion has already been spent on the war in Iraq, and it is estimated that before the end of 2006, the cost of U.S. military operations will top the \$500 billion mark. This is 10 times the amount estimated by the Administration prior to the invasion of Iraq.

With so much allocated to fighting the war in Iraq, the Bush Administration and Congress have cut funding elsewhere. For the most part, this has meant cutting funds for the poor and elderly. In December 2005, Congress passed a budget bill — with Dick Cheney as the deciding vote — to cut \$40 billion in federal spending by ending funding for foster care, child support and student loans. It also imposed new fees on Medicaid recipients and new work restrictions on state welfare programs. Moreover, in the days following Bush's 2006 State of the Union Address, his Administration began the process of implementing a series of budget measures that will cut even more funding for health care and education in order to allocate greater sums of money for the war machine. Recently, Bush proposed a staggering \$2.77 trillion budget for war spending in 2007. The White House also said it planned to ask Congress for an additional \$70 billion over what has already been proposed for war spending in Iraq and Afghanistan, driving the cost of military operations in these countries to \$120 billion this year.

In contrast to the allocation of funds for the military, Bush has proposed cuts to 141 domestic programs over the next five years — again, mostly affecting the poor and elderly. The Republican-dominated House of Representatives has now approved a \$39.5 billion five-year budg-

et cutting package, with more than half coming from Medicare and Medicaid funding. The proposed cut to Medicare alone over the next five years is \$36 billion, with much of this consisting of reductions in payments to hospitals and other health facilities.

Currently, the 2007 budget includes the largest cuts ever to educational services for American students. The Bush Administration has again cut funding for the Head Start Program, without giving heed to inflation. Due to this, 19,000 children could be cut from the program or the program could be forced to cut teachers, educational activities and parent educational services, which typically are vital to children succeeding in kindergarten. Predictions in Bush's analysis of the budget include cutting childcare assistance for 400,000 needy children by 2011.

Also in the area of education, this year's budget continues to delay fulfilling the President's promises — and the law — to fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act, cutting \$15.4 billion in federal funding and raising the amount it has been shortchanging schools and schoolchildren from \$40 billion to around \$55 billion. For higher education, Bush has frozen the maximum Pell Grant award at \$4,050, eliminated the Perkins Loan program altogether and has proposed getting rid of the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP), which provides a match of federal funding to states for need-based grant and work-study assistance. These measures give low-income students less of a chance to attend college and graduate schools. All of this comes at a time when the cost of a college education for most Americans is becoming non-affordable.

Analysts differ on how much of the national debt stems from the military, with estimates ranging from 50 percent to 80 percent. Some analysts believe national bankruptcy is possible.

In commenting on the conjunction of the immense military establishment and the large arms industry, Eisenhower proclaimed in his farewell address: "Our toil, resources and livelihood are all involved; so is the very structure of our society."

And, "we must avoid the impulse to live only for today, plundering, for our own ease and convenience, the precious resources of tomorrow. We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without risking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage. We want democracy to survive for all generations to come, not to become the insolvent phantom of tomorrow."

Finally: "We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together."

(Contact John Whitehead at johnw@rutherford.org.)

COMMENTARY



Playing love games can be disheartening

PISTACHIO PERSPECTIVE
BY SUSAN ANN CONNOR



"Lemontini, please," I said to the nice waitress with an extra large earring in her nose. I was dying to ask her if it hurt, if it ever got infected and what possessed her, but I was exhausted from too much information for one day already and withheld the questions.

It had been a long day and I was looking forward to this evening with my friends. We hadn't seen each other for a while, and the gathering was overdue. These were my game night people and comrades to count on: Maggie, Kate, Clare and our token male, the Jackster.

For the first 20 minutes we discussed the audacious blemish that had crept onto Kate's chin. Where did it come from? How to get rid of it? And why humans, no matter what age, have to put up with pimples? None of us had definitive answers, but Jack told us "zit" in German is "pickel." Good to know.

At some point during these nights, everybody gets a talking shift. We do a quick rotation on current events in our lives. My turn arrived in conjunction with the dessert menu. Though the 'Death by Chocolate Mousse' was devilishly tempting, I selected a berry bowl after another peek at Kate's swelled chin.

I told them work was going well and I'd persevered through that infesting writer's block. Finally, after all these years, I'd found a bra that fit. And Strawberry was sweeter than ever.

Strawberry had attended a game night once, so they all knew him. It's not that he's bad at games, he's just not good. Everybody liked him a lot but didn't really want him on their team. Frankly, he didn't seem to care that he was so God-awful. But he's a good sport, and we laughed about it later.

After I told them about our romantic getaway to the mountains for Valentine's day, Clare looked at me funny. She gave me the eyebrow lift, and I knew what it meant. Was I going to tell the others that Colin had reemerged?

To tell you the truth, I hadn't planned on it.

I knew I was avoiding discussion. They'd say I'm nuts about even entertaining the possibility of dating him again, which I wasn't. I don't think. And nothing

was really happening anyway. But Clare's lift was so severe, that I decided to fess up and keep it honest.

"Oh, and Colin called me a few months ago," I dropped casually.

They stared at me incredulously.

Finally Kate spoke, though briefly.

"And?"

"And I've seen him a couple of times," I reluctantly continued.

"Are you nuts?" Maggie blurted.

See, told ya.

"Let me finish," I tried to explain. "He called out of the blue and left a message. That night I dreamt he was at my door with a shrunken torso, a schmushed head and twirling a long thin tail. I woke up in a terrible sweat. And the next day he actually showed up uninvited, with flowers, begging forgiveness. No more lost and lonely Lola. He's changed. So he says. And I've had a few lunches with him. That's all. He's being patient, but persistent. There. That's it."

Then the quizzing began. How could I talk to him again? But since I did, what did he say? What did I say? Where has he been? Where did we go for lunch? How did I feel? Was I out of my mind? What about Strawberry?

Jack's only question was could Colin come to game night again. The women jabbed him with their eyes. Colin, unlike Strawberry, was an excellent game player.

"This reminds me of when I was interrogated while working undercover in Nicaragua," I said deflecting.

"You worked undercover in Nicaragua?" Kate asked, cupping her chin.

"Maybe," I teased.

Maggie piped in. "We have a right to protest, you know. We don't want you hurt again. That big fat cheater."

"I know."

Long dissenting pause.

"But, hypothetically, what if it's suppose to be?" I wondered.

"Hypothetically," Maggie responded. "What if there was an oversized bull headed your way, would you stand there contemplating if the universe wanted you to take him for a stroll through the pasture, or would you run like hell?"

"Good point."

I was ready for a nap. Lalalala ...

(Susan Ann Connor can be reached at pistachiocolumn@aol.com. Follow her Strawberry stories, which are somewhere between fact and fiction, on the first Friday of each month. Names have been changed to protect the innocent ... and the guilty.)



**GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?
SOUND OFF IN THE DAILY PRESS!**

PLEASE SEND LETTERS TO:

Santa Monica Daily Press: Attn. Editor
1427 Third Street Promenade Suite 202
Santa Monica, CA 90401
Or email: sack@smdp.com

GERMAN CAR SERVICE

Specialist in Repair of **Porsche • VW • Audi • BMW**

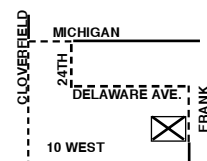


- Best alternative to high dealer prices
- Complete service and repair
- 6 month or 6000 mile guarantee
- Locally owned and operated since 1965

2202 OLYMPIC BLVD., SANTA MONICA • (310) 829-2563

Southern California
Transfer Company

**PUBLIC DUMP
IN SANTA MONICA**



310-828-6444

1908 Frank St. Santa Monica



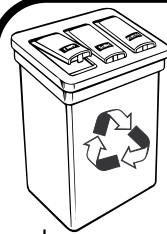
WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

Flying? Public Speaking? Doctors? Exams?
Auditions? Spiders? Heights?

We can make them disappear!

John McGrail C.Ht.
Clinical Hypnotherapist

(310) 235-2883 www.hypnotherapylosangeles.com



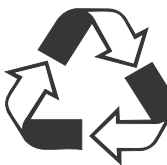
RECYCLE NOW!

WE PAY THE BEST RATES!

Aluminum Plastic Glass Bi-Metal Newspaper
Cardboard White/Color/Computer Paper Copper & Brass

Santa Monica Recycling Center
2411 Delaware Avenue • (310) 453-9677

GOOD THING YOU RECYCLE YOUR PAPER...
CHANCES ARE YOU'RE READING IT AGAIN.



Santa Monica Daily Press



SMALL OFFICE CLEANING SERVICE

AVAILABLE 1-4X PER WEEK
STARTING AT \$35 PER WEEK

(Depending on size of office)

SPECIAL: SIGN UP FOR 3 MONTHS AND GET \$100 OFF



Quality Cleaning
(323) 605-7197



The stage is set for city to show some Spirit

SPIRIT, from page 1

mony also brings together the top talent from independent film and Hollywood. Trophies are presented for the year’s best achievements in independent film, with statues awarded in such categories as Best First Feature and Best Feature made for under \$500,000. (See box at right for this year’s nominees.)

Now in its 12th year in Santa Monica, the event — which costs more than \$1 million to put on — continues to grow.

“Our event buys out every hotel in this city,” said Diana Zahn-Storey, executive producer of the Spirit Awards.

rigged inside the tent. Then, the stage, and the tables and chairs are put into place beneath the tent — all in time for today’s rehearsal.

“You can’t imagine all of the things you must take into consideration,” Zahn-Storey said, adding the rain doesn’t help. “It’s not fun.”

But it’s all worth it in the end.

“We could do it in a large ballroom, but that’s not our event,” Zahn-Storey said. “Our event is a daytime event ... casual, irreverent. The tent is a big space, which is a huge advantage when you are trying to seat 1,300 people.”

This year’s version of the Spirit Awards is a far cry from year one, when it was held at a restaurant in Hollywood and had an operating budget of \$10,000. As the event grew, the locations changed to larger venues, but participants complained that they were too dark and didn’t offer good views of the stage, Zahn-Storey said.

For the Spirit Awards’ eighth year, a tent at Santa Monica Beach was used, but it only had the basics.

“At that time, we hardly had any money at all,” Zahn-Storey said. “But in the 10th year, we came to Santa Monica and we’ve been here ever since, and as long as the city will have us, we’ll be here.”

City officials welcome the Spirit Awards with open arms, not only because it fuels the economy in the days leading up to the ceremony, but it also puts Santa Monica in the spotlight.

“The name recognition is great and we love it,” said City Hall spokeswoman Judy Franz. “We know it adds vitality to the city.”

The event also provides revenue to City Hall’s coffers — Film Independent, the nonprofit organization that hosts the Spirit Awards — pays the city of Santa Monica \$60,000 for use of the parking lot for one week. City Hall also receives \$2,850 for crew and VIP parking, according to city officials.

That rate has gone up over the years — the first year the event was here it cost \$1,000 a day for the parking lot. Today, it’s \$8,000.

Again, the price is worth it for Film Independent.

“You can’t put a dollar amount on our success here,” Zahn-Storey said. “The city is really great ... and as long as it’s financially feasible, we’ll be here.”

The Spirit Awards serves as the main fundraising event for Film Independent, which was founded in 1980, and was formerly known as IFP/Los Angeles. It is the largest non-profit organization dedicated to independent film and independent filmmakers, helping them get their films made, building the audience, and increasing diversity in the industry. Film Independent also produces the Los Angeles Film Festival, celebrating the best of American and international independent film.

The organization’s 6,300 members, who pay \$95 annually, have access to discounted equipment, editing suites, casting rooms, a resource library, more than 120 free screenings and 150 educational events every year.

“This event contributes to over 50 percent of our annual budget,” Zahn-Storey said. “We want to keep our membership dues low and this helps that.”

“And we’ve been able to keep our mission to keep the indie film community together.”

Part of the organization’s success can be attributed to the growth of the independent film community on the West Coast in the past 25 years. Film Independent began with six members in 1980 and now has more than 6,000.

The Spirit Awards has become more high profile over the years as Hollywood celebrities have become more involved in independent film. The awards show began being filmed for television 10 years ago, which also has helped give it more recognition.

“The celebrities have always come, but nobody knew about it,” Zahn-Storey said. “It’s really a fun show and the word has spread.”



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

SPIRIT IN THE SKY: (Top) Crews last week install the framing for the big tent that will be the site of the Independent Spirit Awards on Saturday at Santa Monica Beach. (Middle) The tent begins to take shape. (Bottom) The stage is all but set.

Awards. “This is the one time that the entire community of independent filmmakers get together.”

Crews began taking over the parking lot at Santa Monica Beach, just south of the pier, more than a week ago, erecting the tent where the festivities will be held, as well as hooking up all of the support equipment.

About 400 people help create the event on site, beginning with the 140-foot by 195-foot tent, which takes 2 1/2 days to set up. Ten days prior to the event, trailers that serve as dressing rooms and offices are brought in, as well as portable bathrooms. DSL and phone lines are installed, and infrastructure for lights and sound are

And the nominees are ...

BEST FEATURE (Award given to producer)

* Executive producers are not listed.

Brokeback Mountain: Producers: Diana Ossana, James Schamus

Capote: Producers: Caroline Baron, William Vince, Michael Ohoven

Good Night, and Good Luck: Producer: Grant Heslov

The Squid and the Whale: Producers: Wes Anderson, Peter Newman, Charles Corwin, Clara Markowicz

The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada: Producers: Michael Fitzgerald, Tommy Lee Jones, Luc Besson, Pierre-Ange Le Pogam

BEST DIRECTOR

Ang Lee: Brokeback Mountain

George Clooney: Good Night, and Good Luck.

Gregg Araki: Mysterious Skin

Rodrigo García: Nine Lives

Noah Baumbach: The Squid and the Whale

BEST SCREENPLAY

Ayad Akhtar, Joseph Castelo, Tom Glynn: The War Within

Guillermo Arriaga: The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada

Noah Baumbach: The Squid and the Whale

Dan Futterman: Capote

Rodrigo García: Nine Lives

BEST SUPPORTING FEMALE

Amy Adams: Junebug

Maggie Gyllenhaal: Happy Endings

Allison Janney: Our Very Own

Michelle Williams: Brokeback Mountain

Robin Wright Penn: Nine Lives

BEST SUPPORTING MALE

Firdous Bamji: The War Within

Matt Dillon: Crash

Jesse Eisenberg: The Squid and the Whale

Barry Pepper: The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada

Jeffrey Wright: Broken Flowers

BEST FEMALE LEAD

Felicity Huffman: Transamerica

Dina Korzun: Forty Shades of Blue

Laura Linney: The Squid and the Whale

S. Epatha Merkerson: Lackawanna Blues

Cyndi Williams: Room

BEST MALE LEAD

Jeff Daniels: The Squid and the Whale

Philip Seymour Hoffman: Capote

Terrence Howard: Hustle & Flow

Heath Ledger: Brokeback Mountain

David Strathairn: Good Night, and Good Luck.

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

Robert Elswit: Good Night, and Good Luck.

John Foster: Keane

Adam Kimmel: Capote

Chris Menges: The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada

Harris Savides: Last Days



There are many printers, but can they turnaround 3 million movie posters in 42 hours? Imagine 70,000 sheets per hour and 6,000 boxes drop shipped. We did it for Star Wars, we can do it for you. We get the job done.

Positive Existence Print & Media Experts
High quality • High volume • High-speed turnaround

Call us today - we'll get you out of any printing bind
310-314-3537 www.peprinting.com

Service oriented • 52 years experience • 3rd generation family owned and operated



A city turns out en masse to recall fallen teen

SAMOH, from page 1

Boulevard when a suspect, described as a male Hispanic wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and a bandana over his face, approached, yelled a Los Angeles-based Hispanic gang name several times, and fired multiple shots at the three friends. Lopez was struck in the chest and died roughly an hour later at a local hospital. A witness said they saw a white pick-up truck fleeing the scene of the shooting, police said.

On Thursday afternoon, family members, many of whom were wearing shirts with Lopez' picture, were joined by hundreds of grief-stricken students who filled Santa Monica High School's Greek Theater to honor and celebrate the life of Lopez. Emotions ran deep as friends shared stories about their "leader."

"He is an inspiration to all of us," said close friend Bradley Condon. "He has an addicting light to himself and has a way to always make us laugh, sometimes with just a wink. The reason I use 'is' and not 'was,' is because he is still with us, cracking jokes as always, like the times he said, 'I try, it happens, you know'."

"The way everyone came together today — he would wish it could be like this every day. He was always a leader and will continue to be one for us. He has inspired change and will always be watching."

Members of the Samohi baseball and football teams presented Lopez' mother with special jerseys. One student, Mariano Reyes, performed a rap song in Lopez' honor, calling on the capacity crowd to be thankful and take advantage of the opportunities Lopez no longer has.

"This could have been any one of us," Reyes said.

The Samohi Orchestra and Choir provided music for the memorial and dozens of doves were released, symbolizing Lopez' journey from this earth.

Monsignor Llyod Torgerson of Saint Monica's Parish, where Lopez was a member of the youth prayer group, said the memorial was a time not to lament



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Arminda Lopez (left), the mother of slain Santa Monica High School student Eduardo "Eddie" Lopez, helps light the first of hundreds of candles that would be held aloft by students, faculty and elected officials who gathered at the school's Greek Theater on Thursday to celebrate the life of the 15-year-old who was gunned down Tuesday night by a suspected gang member.

about what is wrong with the world, but rather a time to celebrate what is right — community gathering together.

"I believe that the heart of the human condition is good and that is what we are celebrating today," he said. "This family needs this love and support today, so thank you for the incredible gift and blessing."

Torgerson also called on the crowd to not resort to violence or anger because of Lopez' death.

"Any kind of violence denies Eddie's spirit," Torgerson said. "Any kind of anger will kill his living forever in all of us."

A week from today, Torgerson said there will be a vigil and celebration of

Lopez at his church. The public is encouraged to attend.

Also in the audience were elected officials, and Police Chief James T. Butts, Jr., all of whom called Lopez' death "tragic" and vowed to do whatever they could to not only find the suspect responsible for Lopez' death — who remains at-large. They also pledged to work towards eradicating gang violence in the city, particularly the Pico neighborhood, which has been plagued by gang-related shootings.

"(Gang violence) is a regional problem and I think we need to be focusing a great deal of energy on who we can work with in surrounding communities to end the

cycle of violence that resulted in this senseless and heinous crime Tuesday," Councilman Richard Bloom, who has a son attending Samohi, said.

While the police department has increased its presence in the Pico area and has embarked on creating stronger ties within the community, including the support of Neighborhood Watch programs, Chief Butts said much of the crime occurring is perpetrated by gang members from outside of the city.

"Violence has lessened over the years, but every time we have a tragedy like this, and this is a tragedy, it reaffirms our commitment so that everyone can live in safety," Butts said. "We have doubled our (gang) deployment ... we have officers on campus during school hours and have increased patrols ... when kids are walking to and from school."

Butts said the department is also considering leasing a helicopter to better help track suspects and serve as a deterrent.

Others in the community have called for more youth programs and creating more job opportunities for students after school. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a job fair for youth in April, and State Sen. Sheila Kuehl will sponsor a gang intervention and prevention summit on Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to noon at John Adams Middle School.

"This is truly going to take a community effort," said Councilman Herb Katz. "Everyone needs to get involved, starting with the parents who live in the Pico area. They need to help police before something does occur. The main thing is we need to get on this and raise awareness and see what we can do to prevent it."

"No matter who is shot, we can never lay down and say this is O.K."

A fund has been set up to support the Lopez' family. Those interested in donating should make checks payable to the Eddie Lopez Fund, c/o First Federal Bank, 1630 Montana Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90403. Account: 60220421887.



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

The Santa Monica High School choir sings 'Remember' at the school's Greek Theater during a memorial for Eduardo Lopez on Thursday. Family and friends spoke about Lopez and his willingness to put others before himself.

If we don't change our direction, we're likely to end up where we're headed.
 —Chinese proverb

Let's talk about change!

Big Blue Bus Spring Community Meetings

Share your thoughts, voice your opinions, and learn about exciting new developments.

Topics include:

- Possible changes in service to Lines 4, 5, 8 and 9
- New projects: possible Rapid 7, Rapid 10, and bus shelters
- Possible fare restructure
- New Community Service Center and Transit Store
- New hybrid vehicles
- Possible new routes

For information:
www.BigBlueBus.com
310-451-5444
 TDD: 310-395-6024

Monday, February 27

- 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Santa Monica Main Library, Multipurpose Room on the 2nd floor, 601 Santa Monica Blvd (use Lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10)

Wednesday, March 1

- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Virginia Park, Thelma Terry Center, 2200 Virginia Ave, Santa Monica (use Lines 5, 7, and 11)

Thursday, March 2

- 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
- UCLA Athletic Dept., J. D. Morgan Center, Press Room (use Lines 1, 2, 3, 8, 12, and Super 12)

Saturday, March 4

- 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
- Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St, Room 100 A-B, Santa Monica (use Lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10)



Taxi! Taxi!

Is proud to bring you the very finest taxi service in the Santa Monica area. Check out our advantages:

- 17 Years Experience Serving Santa Monica
- First Class Service, 24-Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week
- Licensed, Professional, Safe & Courteous Drivers
- Friendly, Multi-Lingual Dispatch Operators
- Fully Insured, Well-Maintained, Super-Clean Vehicles
- Corporate Accounts Welcome
- Convenient School Transportation or Grocery Shopping
- Senior Citizen Discounts and more...

\$3 off the meter (\$17 minimum charge)

\$4 off the meter (\$22 minimum charge)

20% senior citizen discount

828-2233

Discount valid with coupon only. Not valid from hotels. Must mention coupon when ordering the taxi. Not to be combined with any other discounts. Expires 4/31/06.



STATE

STATE BRIEFS

Community organization gets rubbed wrong way

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH — The nonprofit United Cambodian Community organization said it lost about \$500,000 by investing in a now-defunct Nevada medical/day spa company.

The group's risky stock investment in California Med-Spas last year put its one tangible asset, an eight-unit apartment complex, in jeopardy. The United Cambodian Community is now behind in mortgage payments.

John Durocher, who claimed to be the company's chief executive officer when he signed the deal with the nonprofit, is a "parolee with a history of fraud, grand theft and extortion," said Jim Amormino, spokesman for the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Durocher is being sought as a parolee at large, Amormino said, and California Med-Spas is being investigated for allegedly defrauding six victims out of \$1.2 million.

The nonprofit's executive director Dianne McNinch, who was a board member when the investment decision was made, said they were given a very persuasive presentation. The failed deal resulted in the resignation of James Dok as executive director.

The organization took out loans of \$625,000 on the equity of an eight-unit Temple Avenue apartment complex it owns and invested with California Med-Spas, which was formed in Nevada in November 2004.

LA mayor vows to make deficit history

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa pledged to erase the city's nearly \$300 million budget deficit within five years, even if it means cuts in services, fee hikes and layoffs.

"We're looking at a crisis here in the city if we continue spending the way we have in the past and (do) not make some tough decisions," Villaraigosa said Wednesday.

The mayor said he would work to avoid drastic measures like service cuts and layoffs by making city government more efficient. But he acknowledged it would be difficult to achieve in the city government's \$5.98 billion operating budget.

While the budget's structural deficit — the difference between revenue and spending — is currently estimated at \$270 million to \$295 million, the mayor's office said it could grow to \$450 million by 2010.

Increasing pension and health care costs were blamed for the expected surge. Additionally, pending legislative and legal actions could drastically reduce the city's revenue from utility taxes and communications franchises.

Janitor got swept up in wrong photo shoot

By The Associated Press

WEST COVINA — The former janitor at a Valinda elementary school was sentenced to 270 days in jail for secretly placing a video camera inside a girls' locker room.

Michael Hernandez, 29, pleaded no contest Wednesday to three misdemeanor counts of illegally photographing another person. Superior Court Judge Kevin C. Brazile also placed Hernandez on three years' probation.

Prosecutor Elizabeth Padilla said Brazile dropped two more counts of illegally photographing in exchange for Hernandez's plea.

A Hacienda La Puente Unified School District employee found the video camera Feb. 15 on top of a cabinet inside the girls' locker room at Grandview Middle School in Valinda. Five girls, ages 12 to 14, were identified on the videotape. None of the children was videotaped nude.

Hernandez, who was employed as a part-time janitor in the school district for six months, must register as a sex offender and he must complete a six-month sex offender counseling program, Padilla said.

Man arrested for trying to lure girls

By The Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS — A 50-year-old Oceanside man was arrested for allegedly trying to lure young girls he met on the Internet to Ventura County for sexual encounters.

Lawrence Katz was arrested at his home on Wednesday after a monthlong investigation, said Capt. Gary Pentis of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

A girl contacted authorities and said Katz was trying to arrange meetings to have sex with minors, according to a sheriff's news release. Pentis said undercover investigators assumed the role of a minor and chatted online with Katz.

During the investigation, Katz used a Web camera to show pornographic images of himself and admitted to having sex with girls ages 11, 12 and 13, officials said. He also arranged to meet a 13-year-old Thousand Oaks resident in Thousand Oaks, Pentis said.

Katz was booked for investigation of attempted child molestation and child pornography charges. Bail was set at \$50,000.

CAN'T FIND A DAILY PRESS NEWSTAND IN YOUR AREA? WE'LL TRY TO GET ONE TO YOU!

Santa Monica Daily Press

CALL US AT **310/458-7737**

STATE



Environment's gains are trawlers' net losses

BY TIM MOLLOY

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Federal fishery regulators are expected to decide next week whether to impose a permanent ban on trawl fishing in nearly 300,000 square miles off the West Coast, a compromise reached by environmentalists and the fishing industry.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council, which regulates West Coast fishing, chose a plan in June that would ban bottom trawling in about 80 percent of the federal waters off the Pacific Coast, including the deep ocean below about 4,200 feet.

The practice would also be banned in dozens of shallower areas believed to be critical habitat for groundfish such as rockfish, ling cod and Dover sole.

The National Marine Fisheries Service may decide on the new regulations by Wednesday, said Steve Copps, a senior policy analyst. The agency rarely goes against the council's recommendations, he said.

Spokesman Brian Gorman said Fisheries Service Director Bill Hogarth had not yet decided whether to implement the ban, but environmentalists and an industry representative expect the council's recommendation to be approved.

"Protecting the habitat is something that also protects the fisheries that provide for our economy and for our families," said Susan Murray, the environmental group Oceana's associate director for the Pacific.

Pete Leipzig, executive director of the Eureka, Calif.-based Fisherman's Marketing Association, said people generally don't fish in the protected areas, but that the new regulations would protect them in the future.

He said the program was "designed to minimize the impact on fishing while maximizing the amount of real estate that would be protected from fishing."

The plan was designed to protect coral beds, kelp forests, rocky reefs and other sensitive fish habitat from trawling, in which weighted nets on the ocean floor scoop up bottom-dwelling species.

The proposed regulations would apply in federal waters that extend from three miles to 200 miles off the coasts of California, Oregon and Washington. They also would cover some state waters within three miles of the coast.

Trawl fishing is limited in California state waters and banned in Washington waters. Other types of fishing are allowed in the no-trawl zones.

The council's decision came after a similar move by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, which voted last year to ban bottom trawling on more than 370,000 square miles off the Aleutian Islands.

A 1996 amendment to the 1976 fisheries management law requires the nation's eight fishery councils to identify and protect "essential fish habitat."

"Protecting the habitat is something that also protects the fisheries that provide for our economy and for our families,"

SUSAN MURRAY
associate director for Oceana

The Pacific Fishery Management Council adopted such a plan in 1998, but environmental groups didn't agree with the council's findings and filed a legal challenge. In 2000, a federal judge sided with the environmentalists and ordered the council to conduct a new analysis. That led to the long process that culminated in the June decision.

In recent years, the government has declared the West Coast groundfish fishery an economic disaster due to a combination of overfishing and poor ocean conditions. Nine species were declared overfished, some fisheries were closed and the groundfish fleet was cut by a third to allow remaining boats to earn a better living.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

LIFE'S A BEACH AND THEN YOU DINE

FOR INCLUSION IN THIS GUIDE, PLEASE CALL (310) 458-7737

BENIHANA-For more than 40 years Benihana chefs have been cooking up a feast on the hibachi grill. Steak, chicken, seafood and vegetables are all prepared teppan-style "right before your eyes". Start your meal with a sushi appetizer, then relax and enjoy the show while sipping exotic cocktails served in collectible ceramic mugs. Open every day for lunch and dinner, valet parking nightly at the corner of 4th and Broadway. 1447 4th St., between Broadway and Santa Monica Blvd. (310) 260-1423.

BIG DEAN'S CAFE-Where the 'locals' meet and the 'fun-loving' tourists always return! Come enjoy our highly acclaimed beach fare, beer, and wine at the best people watching place on the beach. Music, satellite sports, 2 outdoor patios, and smoking allowed. This nostalgic eatery has been here since 1902! The prices are reasonable and children are welcome. Now serving breakfast. Also serving lunch and dinner. 1615 Ocean Front, Santa Monica. (310) 393-2666.

BISTRO OF SANTA MONICA-A romantic setting in a historical 1890 building, enjoy the enchanting strains of live Italian music every evening and signature dishes created by a master chef and served by a friendly, professional staff. Bistro specializes in unique and authentic Italian dishes including fresh seafood dishes, steak and lobster, offers an excellent wine list and full bar. And to top it all off, enjoy Bistro's Special dessert, our famous chocolate soufflé. Hours: Lunch Mon.-Fri. 11-3:30 & Dinner 7 nights a week. 2301 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica. 310-453-5442 www.bistroofsantamonica.com

BRITANNIA PUB-This English pub has a traditional charm with a Californian flair. Traditional British breakfast is served all day along with all your American favorites. Fish & Chips (our biggest seller) is a must try along with Bangers & Mash and Shepherds Pie or go American with our assortment of appetizers, burgers, salads, soups and sandwiches. We also serve our own hand cut fries. Join us after the restaurant closes for Quiz night, Karaoke, and DJ nights. We now have a late night menu available 10pm-1:30am. Outdoor patio, pool table, full bar, Gold Award from Guinness. Hours: 11am-10pm Monday-Friday, 9:30am-10pm Saturday and Sunday. 318 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica. (310) 458-5350.

BUCCA di BEPPO-gets to the heart of Southern Italian cooking with authentic, family-style recipes like Chicken Parmigiana, Shrimp Scampi, and Tortelloni. Dishes are available in Buca Small portions for 2 or more people, and Buca Large for 4 or more. The full menu is available for curb-side take out; we'll deliver your order right to your car! Located one block off the Promenade at 1422 2nd St, Santa Monica. Call 310-587-EATS for reservations and take out.

CASA ESCOBAR-This family owned institution in Santa Monica has been serving excellent food since 1965. A friendly bar and dinner house frequented by the "locals" and tourists alike. We feature the best Mexican dishes in town. Among the favorites are the crispy beef tacos, spinach enchiladas and our house-cut NY Strip steaks on the grill. Our full bar is home of the famous Casa Escobar Margarita-a winner! While at the bar, enjoy our classic piano bar along with cable TV. Valet Parking available. All major credit cards. Open lunch and dinner. 2500 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. (310) 828-1315.

OVERUNDER SPORTS GRILL-Located on the corner of 14th Street and Santa Monica Blvd., OVERUNDER features 12 draft beers and a fine selection of wine making it a great place to watch any and all of your favorite teams. The house specialty is the Philadelphia cheese steak. OVERUNDER also offers great burgers, salads, Mexican food and more. OVERUNDER is the viewing home for the Cleveland Browns and strongly supports the Lakers, Clippers, Dodgers, and Kings. Frequent food and beer specials are also offered at OVERUNDER Sports Grill. All football, baseball, and basketball games are televised via satellite for every team. 1348 14th Street, Santa Monica. (310) 576-9913.

THE OMELETTE PARLOR-For 28 years The Omelette Parlor has been offering the finest in breakfast fare. With high fluffy omelettes, super sandwiches, and the freshest of salads, it's more than breakfast. Enjoy your day on our garden patio and experience the friendliness of service. Quality and value prevail forever at The Omelette Parlor. We open everyday at 6am. Come early! Hours: 6am-2:30pm Monday-Friday, 6am-4pm Saturday and Sunday. 2732 Main Street, Santa Monica. (310) 399-7892.

THE SLICE-A true neighborhood pizzeria serving authentic New York pizza & buffalo wings. We also offer a selection of hot & cold subs, pastas and salads. You can also create your own calzone. Eat in, take out, or delivery. Catering is available. Hours: open daily 11am-9pm. Visit one of our three locations: 915 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica (310) 451-7542, 1622 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica (310) 399-4060, 13151 Fountain Park Drive, Playa Vista (310) 437-7499.

VIOLET-At Violet restaurant the atmosphere is casual, comfortable, and, like its cuisine, is uncluttered. Chef Jared Simons' flavorful small plate fare has something to suit everyone, from light eaters to those with a taste for a more robust fare. The Braised Short Ribs with Shallot Potatoes (\$14.50) melt apart while the Multi-Colored Beet Salad with Eel delights with Kumquat and Ginger Vinaigrette (\$9) and the favorite among the regulars is the Baked Macaroni and Gruyere Cheese with Serrano Ham (\$7.50). Unique selection of new and old world wines by the bottle, glass or flight as well as an impressive list of domestic & imported artisan beers. Hours: Lunch: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30am-2pm. Dinner: Tuesday-Friday, 6pm-10pm & Saturday and Sunday, 5:30pm-10pm. 3221 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. www.violetrestaurant.com (310) 453-9113.

GOT ADVERTISING?

There is no more convincing medium than a **DAILY** local newspaper.

Call us about the Service Directory, it's only
\$204 a month!!

Santa Monica Daily Press

(310) 458-7737

Let Your Voice Be Heard!
It's Anonymous!

Check Out the Question of the Week
on Page 3 and Call Us with Your Opinion!

Q-Line:
310.285.8106





Curator's snap decisions proved to be taxing

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Finding old photographs to mark the centennial of the 1906 “Great Quake” and fire was the easy part of Corey Keller’s job as an assistant curator at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

She had a much harder time deciding which ones to include in the museum’s “1906 Earthquake: A Disaster in Pictures.”

Thousands of black-and-white images were available for the asking — pictures taken for insurance companies and souvenir postcards, work by portrait photographers who smelled money in the ashes, some of the earliest aerial photos and fuzzy family snapshots still in scrapbooks.

“The taste for disaster or pictures of catastrophes is by no means new,” Keller mused.

After nearly two years of considering candidates from public sources and private collections, she eventually whittled the treasure trove down to 100 selections. The number of possibilities illustrates the theme of the exhibit: as the first disaster to be documented on both a commercial scale and at a personal level, April 18, 1906, caught the public’s imagination largely because it was caught on camera.

The point is proven by the half-dozen other shows on display in and around San Francisco that use photography as the lens for exploring the lessons of the quake and firestorms that leveled 28,000 buildings and left 225,000 of the city’s 400,000 residents homeless.

From the Historical Society of California’s photos shot by author Jack London and his wife, to the then-and-now series by Arizona photographer Mark Klett at the Legion of Honor, vintage photography appears front and center as the centennial approaches.

Harvard University photography historian Robin Kelsey attributes the extensive photographic record of the city’s destruction to what he calls “the Kodak

moment,” when technological advances made photography available to the masses at the turn of the 20th century.

These innovations included the introduction of the cardboard Kodak Brownie in 1903, the availability of a flexible film that even a novice could load, and printing improvements that let newspapers put photos on the same pages as words.

“The way all these different types of taking photographs were brought to bear on a single event, all these different ways of making it into a visual record but also a spectacular form of visual interest, was historically unusual,” Kelsey said.

For the Museum of Modern Art exhibit, Keller picked examples of work by both commercial photographers and amateurs. Sweeping panoramic views and double-imaged “stereo” shots that presaged the modern Viewmaster hang next to the unskilled efforts of tourists and building shots purposely composed to evoke classical ruins.

While professional work comprises about 80 percent of the exhibit, the entries by lay people, sometimes unfocused or taken at odd angles, “are more spontaneous and help flesh out the scene,” Keller said. One of her favorites captures a woman in formal dress looking down into her Brownie against a backdrop of debris.

“One of the things that is so wonderful is they are not trained photographers, so they are not looking to make a certain kind of pictures or adhere to certain kinds of rules about what a good picture is,” she said.

At the other end of the spectrum is a birds-eye view of the wreckage by George R. Lawrence, a Chicago photographer who rigged a camera to a series of kites he sent 2,000 feet above San Francisco Bay.

The exhibit also exposes the way cameras can deceive, if not lie. A series taken at the direction of the California Promotion Committee depicts tents at a refugee camp, lined up with military precision, and stacks of lumber used in the rebuilding. Yet in all her

research, Keller saw only one photograph of a dead person, even though estimates of the dead range from 3,000 to more than 5,000.

“Photography was a good way to repair the image of San Francisco as a city that was going to rise again and not one that one had to lose hope in,” Keller said.

The Historical Society’s Jack London exhibit, meanwhile, aims to shed light on previously unknown aspects of both the “Call of the Wild” author and the scope of the destruction.

Within hours of the earthquake, London and his new wife, Charmain, traveled by train, ferry and horseback from their ranch in Sonoma County through Oakland and the counties north of San Francisco.

The couple’s photographs provide one of the only historical records of the earthquake’s damage outside San Francisco, according to director Stephen Becker. Using original negatives, the museum had several dozen reproduced by a master developer to bring out detail and depth that weren’t previously visible.

“We certainly know about (London) as a writer, but what we didn’t know about him as much was as a photographer,” Becker said. “We now know that as a photographer, he was pretty good.”

In coming weeks, the San Francisco Public Library plans to honor the earthquake’s survivors by displaying never-before-seen personal photo albums from its collection, while the Chinese Historical Society of America will unveil an exhibit of photographs and newspapers documenting how Chinese immigrants fared after the earthquake. Wells Fargo Bank has its own offering — “San Francisco is in Ashes” — based on photos and other artifacts from its archives.

The overlapping photo exhibits do not surprise Keller.

“I had a lot of very sweet people call me to say, ‘I have these incredibly rare earthquake pictures I want to sell to the museum,’” Keller said. “I have always had to break it to them very gently that their pictures are actually not rare.”



“When I’m not spinning the deepest tracks, I’m reading the Daily Press.”

DJ Hugh Herrera, resident DJ, Candelas Lounge and Pinky’s - Burning Man

Santa Monica Daily Press
www.smdp.com



There are many printers, but can they turnaround 3 million movie posters in 42 hours? Imagine 70,000 sheets per hour and 6,000 boxes drop shipped. We did it for Star Wars, we can do it for you. We get the job done.

Positive Existence Print & Media Experts
High quality • High volume • High-speed turnaround
Call us today - we'll get you out of any printing bind
310-314-3537 or visit us online at **www.peprinting.com**

PRINTING

- Posters
- Outdoor
- Banners
- Sales sheets
- Brochures
- Stationary
- P.O.P. displays
- Standees
- Packaging
- Statement stuffers
- Menus
- Rack cards
- Booklets
- Annual reports
- Press kits
- Ad film
- Pocket folders
- Direct mail
- Counter cards
- Labels
- Postcards
- Magazines

FULFILLMENT

- Folding
- Stitching
- Stapling
- Die-cutting
- Lamination
- Collating
- Numbering

MEDIA SERVICES

- Outdoor
- 8-sheets
- 30-sheets
- Bulletins
- Bus shelters
- Bus kings
- Bus benches
- Bus wraps

Entertainment

Win-win situation: Picking the Oscars

BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

BEST PICTURE
The nominees: “Brokeback Mountain”; “Capote”; “Good Night, and Good Luck”; “Munich”; “Crash.”
Should win: Four of the five nominees are worthy contenders — “Munich” didn’t deserve to get a BP nod over “Walk the Line” — but if I had to plunk down \$9 to see any one of these non-blockbusters again, my money would be on “Capote.” I might leave halfway through, however, if “Crash” were playing in the theater next door.
Could win: “Brokeback Mountain” is the favorite and could benefit from a high-profile Oscar campaign. “Crash” seems to be the most likely spoiler, and “Capote” the caliginous stallion that could very well beat them both.
Will win: Despite all the public approbation for “Brokeback” in Hollywood circles, my guess is that many of the Academy’s 6,000 or so voters are still too squeamish about the subject matter to give their vote to Ang Lee’s man-love story. The safer, no less worthy “Crash” will be the winner Sunday night.

BEST ACTOR
The nominees: Philip Seymour Hoffman in “Capote”; Terrence Howard in “Hustle & Flow”; Heath Ledger in “Brokeback Mountain”; Joaquin Phoenix in “Walk the Line”; David Strathairn in “Good Night, and Good Luck.”
Should win: Truth is, all these guys deserve to win and each would be a favorite in a less competitive year. No

doubt Heath Ledger laid it all on the line with his gutsy performance in “Brokeback Mountain” (I mean, who knows where Jake Gyllenhaal’s lips have BEEN!), but Hoffman gave a brilliant performance in “Capote.” Hoffman deserves the statue.
Could win: It’s Ledger or Hoffman.
Will win: In a toss-up, it goes to Hoffman.

BEST ACTRESS
The nominees: Judi Dench in “Mrs. Henderson Presents”; Felicity Huffman in “Transamerica”; Keira Knightley in “Pride & Prejudice”; Charlize Theron in “North Country”; Reese Witherspoon in “Walk the Line.”
Should win: Huffman and Witherspoon are more deserving than the others.
Could win: Huffman or Witherspoon. The other three already know they’re just along for the ride and the gift bags.
Will win: You’ve got to wonder if many voters even saw Huffman’s fantastic gender-bending turn in “Transamerica.” “Walk the Line” got snubbed for Best Picture; Witherspoon takes home a consolation prize in this category.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS
The nominees: Amy Adams in “Junebug”; Catherine Keener in “Capote”; Frances McDormand in “North Country”; Rachel Weisz in “The Constant Gardener”; Michelle Williams in “Brokeback Mountain.”
Should win: All of them.
Could win: In the interest of full disclosure, I did not see “Junebug,” nor do I know much about actress Amy

Adams. Yet I’m going to say Adams has a very good chance to win in this category, as it’s always good for a shocker.
Will win: Weisz narrowly edges Williams.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR
The nominees: George Clooney in “Syriana”; Matt Dillon in “Crash”; Paul Giamatti in “Cinderella Man”; Jake Gyllenhaal in “Brokeback Mountain”; William Hurt in “A History of Violence.”
Should win: Giamatti deserves an Oscar, alright, but not for this movie. Hurt barely logged 10 minutes of screen time and, yo!, his Philly tough-guy accent was iffy at best. Ledger, not Gyllenhaal, wears the pants in their relationship and everyone knows it. That leaves Dillon and Clooney, and either of them would look good holding the Oscar Sunday night.
Could win: Voters might give it to Giamatti to atone for the infamous “Sideways” shaft.
Will win: The multi-nominated Clooney is the man behind “Syriana” and “Good Night, and Good Luck,” and the Oscar will be his only reward for both efforts.

BEST DIRECTOR
The nominees: Ang Lee, “Brokeback Mountain”; Bennett Miller, “Capote”; Paul Haggis, “Crash”; George Clooney, “Good Night, and Good Luck”; Steven Spielberg, “Munich.”
Should win: Lee, Clooney or Haggis.
Could win: Most likely Lee, maybe Clooney or Haggis.
Will win: Lee, for this and his complete body of work.

Oscars’ shortcomings are on display for all at Aero Theater

BY JUNE STODDARD
Special to the Daily Press

Many Oscar voters never get the chance to see the Oscar-nominated documentary short films on a big screen. Last Friday night was an exception. The Aero Theater held an American Cinematheque member reception prior to the showing of this year’s nominees catered by Wild Oats Market.
There was a line around the corner when I arrived just in time to save my member RSVP ticket from being sold. The Aero has a policy not to admit latecomers so they sell every seat they can prior to starting the program. I’ve found myself drawn to the new Aero at least once a week in the past month and can’t wait to go back. It’s a world-class neighborhood theater showing movies that are hard to find, even on DVD and video.
The manager told the crowd that as each film was on a separate reel or DVD to expect a dark pause between films.
Dan Krauss’ “The Death of Kevin Carter: Casualty of the Bang Bang Club” opened the evening. A South African photojournalist during apartheid, Kevin was a member of an intense group of photographers who went after shots during the height of black on black violence that led to the end of apartheid. Kevin takes a photo of a starving child that wins him the Pulitzer Prize and torments his conscience leading him into personal crisis. His

young daughter is highlighted in the film. This is the first Academy Award nomination for Krauss.
Kimberlee Acquaro and Stacy Sherman’s “God Sleeps in Rwanda” came next. I expected this to be the darkest, most depressing film, and it surprised me with its level of hope. The women of Rwanda never could own property, speak up in politics, or have rights before. Now those same women in a country 70 percent female, and full of rape survivors, widows of the 1994 genocide, and orphans rise up to rescue their country from ruin. Five strong women are filmed building roads, running political meetings. The voices and images of the five women profiled are a life affirming inspiration. These are the first Academy Award nominations for Kimberlee Acquaro and Stacy Sherman.
Steven Okazaki’s “The Mushroom Club” is a tour of present-day Hiroshima, the effects that are still there today, and the growing urge to forget the past. Okazaki uses dissonant music and images to convey present and past tensions in the burgeoning city. He profiles numerous people affected directly by the blast, and we hear their living history recollections of how it happened. Never before has the sense of this terrible day been so real to me. This is the third Academy Award nomination for Okazaki. He was previously nominated for “Days of Waiting” -- winner, documentary (short subject) and “Unfinished Business” (1985) — nominee, documentary (feature).
Corinne Marrinan and Eric Simonson’s “A Note of

Triumph: The Golden Age of Norman Corwin” ended the program. Norman Corwin was a broadcasting legend, who had over half the country writing him letters of appreciation after major performances of his poetry and radio plays. All of his pieces were written on a weekly basis for CBS prior to the advent of television. His mastery of language incorporates politics, ethics, and excerpts shared during the film rang true with this Westside audience who applauded numerous times during the film. This is the first Academy Award nomination for Marrinan. This is the second Academy Award nomination for Simonson. He was previously nominated for “On Tiptoe: Gentle Steps to Freedom” — nominee, documentary (short subject).
How would I vote? I’ve struggled with that question since I saw them. My conscience tells me to vote for “God Sleeps in Rwanda,” and my need for poetic and political inspiration chooses “A Note of Triumph: The Golden Age of Norman Corwin.” Not that the other two are losers. I’m leaning more toward films of hope this year.
You still have a chance to see this program of the documentary short films nominated for this year’s Academy Awards before the winners are announced on March 5. On Saturday, March 4, the Egyptian will show all four films again at 7:30 p.m.
For distribution information log onto www.apollocinema.com.

FULL SERVICE GRAPHIC DESIGN STUDIO

Print Design, Web Design, Printing

We pride ourselves on excellence in design, service, and creativity



310.399.1269

www.studio10design.com

for all clients big or small. Our clients are happy. That is what we like.

ADVERTISEMENT

FREE Report Reveals Shocking Truth About “Carpal Tunnel Syndrome” And Wrist/Hand Pain!

SANTA MONICA, CA – A New FREE Report reveals a leading cause of wrist pain, numbness or weakness may not be caused by problems in the wrists and is overlooked by most doctors when they diagnose and treat carpal tunnel symptoms. If you are currently seeing a doctor for wrist pain, numbness, or weakness, a free report is now available that reveals what your doctor may not know or be telling you. To order your limited copy of this free report, call toll-free 1-888-285-8558. (24 hr. recorded message) or go to www.freecarpaltunnelreport.com



Keller Williams Realty/Marina - L.A.



1-800-931-6436x699
Email: info@team24-7realty.com
Web: www.team24-7realty.com

4644 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey, CA, 90292

1253 11th Street, #5, Santa Monica, 90401



Description: Spacious light & bright move-in condition 3 level townhouse minutes from the beach in sought after Santa Monica area. Large bedrooms with ample closets. Large living room with fireplace & balcony that leads to inviting remodeled kitchen with granite countertops. Bonus Loft great for office! Central Air/Heat, Heat Circulator, Vacuum System, Alarm system, 3 balconies, Child Secure*, Private Direct Access 2 car garage & storage with dumb-waiter!!

2 Beds + 2.5 Baths, 1,614 sq. ft. built in 1992
Price: Call for Price
Status: NOT ON MLS - LIMITED TIME



our edition is one click away
log on to smdp.com and subscribe to receive
the Daily Press daily to your inbox



SPORTS GRILL
Next door to 14/Below

AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE PARTIES

LUNCH TIME DELIVERY

1333 SANTA MONICA BLVD

310.899.0076

NHL

NBA

NCAA

WATCH IT HERE!

14 | BELOW

1348 14TH ST. • SANTA MONICA, CA
310.451.5040 • WWW.14BELOW.COM

FRI • 02/17

BANYAN + SNS

With Very Special Guest:
The Nervous Return

An Evening With:

tea leaf green

14 Below & Wagatail Present: Sat 2-18

SKELETON KEY

AFTER PARTY WITH LAVER BARD • MIDNIGHT •

+ Tarantula A.D. + Graves Brothers Deluxe : Thu 2-23

OF THE METERS

leo nocentelli

+ Gumbo Brothers + DJ MED14
MARDI GRAS PARTY • COSTUMES ENCOURAGED Sat 2-25

ERIC MCFADDEN TRIO

+ Pat McDonald + Fallwater Project + Crack Daniels
Tue 2-28 (FAT TUESDAY)

INFECTIOUS BOOKING: 323.969.0401
INFO@INFECTIOUSPUBLCITY.COM



SANTA MONICA ART PALETTE

MAKING ARTS AND CULTURE COME ALIVE IN SANTA MONICA

Welcome to the Santa Monica Art Palette for the weekend of March 3. The goal of the Art Palette, created by City Hall's cultural affairs division, is to showcase the many eclectic arts and cultural opportunities available in Santa Monica every week, highlighting one or more of the many happenings within our borders.



The Miles Memorial Playhouse

The Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division presents the second annual "Debut! New Compositions @ The Miles" featuring six new works performed by the Santa Monica Symphony Woodwind Quintet. The Miles Playhouse, with its rich acoustics and intimate charm is the best place in town to enjoy this music and with family friendly ticket pricing, these performances on Saturday and Sunday are a perfect venue to introduce newcomers to classical music. Seating is limited so reservations are suggested.

Saturday, March 4
8 p.m.
\$10 adults
\$5 seniors and children
Sunday, March 5
2 p.m.
(310) 458-8634
www.milesplayhouse.org



EDGE MAR
CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Edgemar Center for the Arts presents the LA premiere of the award-winning comedy "Bright Ideas" by Eric Coble. This dark comedy delves into just how far some parents will go to get their child into the "right" preschool. Directed by Neil Kinsella and starring Michelle Danner, Brian Drilling, Ali Elk, Michelle Johnson and Kevin Small, performances begin March 4 and run Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. until May 6. Tickets are \$20.

Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main Street
(310) 392-7327
www.edgemarcenter.org

Since this is a fairly slow weekend, here's your chance to catch up on some of the other terrific theatre offerings at our local theatres.

"That May Well Be True" has received ringing endorsements from both the Los Angeles Times and the LA Weekly. The play asks when does a story transform from just being a story to become a work of art? Running through April 1, tickets are \$20 general and \$15 for students and senior citizens.

Ruskin Group Theatre Co.
(310) 397-3244
3000 Airport Ave.
Santa Monica
mike@ruskingrouptheatre.com
<http://www.ruskingrouptheatre.com>

Closing this weekend at the Powerhouse Theater is the story of a 21st Century Pinball Wizard, Stone Cold Dead Serious. Stone Cold Dead Serious serves as a commentary, both sad and humorous, on our culture through the experiences of a young man who dares to dream of a life beyond simple endurance. Buy tickets on line at <http://www.powerhousetheatre.com/> Reservations: (310) 396-3680, ext. 3



SANTA MONICA PLAYHOUSE

And finally, on Saturday night, the **Santa Monica Playhouse** offers a musical cabaret featuring the most popular songs from the Playhouse's repertoire of Jewish musicals. Sholom Aleichem, Israel Zangwill and Sholom Asch are all represented in these upbeat, poignant, heart-warming and funny songs.

Santa Monica Playhouse, main stage
1211 Fourth St.
Reservations: (310) 394-9779, ext. 1
Admission: \$25.50
Includes complementary buffet supper.



If you would like to subscribe to the Santa Monica Arts Palette via e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the word "Subscribe" in the subject line to artpalette.mailbox@smgov.net

PENETRATE YOUR
TARGET MARKETS

CAPTIVATE
AUDIENCES



**COPIA
CREATIVE**
... creativity knows no boundaries

info@copiacreative.com
310.8.Copia.C (826.7422)
www.copiacreative.com

MARKETING • BRANDING • DEVELOPMENT • CONSULTING

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

‘Steel Magnolias’ to open at the Morgan-Wixson

By Daily Press staff

A picture of small-town Southern eccentricity comes to life with a group of gossipy and free advice giving Louisiana ladies in a beauty parlor where any woman who is “anybody” comes to have her hair done.

Sherry Coon, who previously directed “The Last Night of Ballyhoo” for the Santa Monica Theatre Guild at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre, is directing the play. “Steel Magnolias” opened on Broadway in 2005 with Delta Burke, Marsha Mason and Christine Ebersold. It also was made into a movie starring Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley MacLaine, Daryl Hannah, Olympia Dukakis and Julia Roberts.

“Steel Magnolias” opens March 10 at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre and continues through April 8 with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and students, with group discounts available and may be purchased by calling the theatre box office at (310) 828-7519.

The jokemen cometh to Westside Eclectic

By Daily Press staff

The Westside Eclectic, L.A.’s hottest new comedy spot and creative community, located directly behind the Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica, offers a full calendar of shows and classes designed to inspire laughter and learning.

The Westside Eclectic, which recently launched an ad campaign on Comedy Central, features performers and teachers from the top comedy spots in Los Angeles including Improv Olympic, The Groundlings, Second City and The Comedy Store. In addition to bringing a much-needed infusion of live comedy shows to the westside, they also offer a full calendar of classes including improvisational comedy, stand-up, acting, voiceover, and even salsa dancing.

The Westside Eclectic was co-founded by husband and wife team Marc Campbell and Alison Wolk Campbell, who met at the UCLA Anderson School of Management while earning MBA degrees. Campbell, who was student body president at the business school and is currently a partner at Foundation Sports & Entertainment in El Segundo, studied improv at The UCB Theater in Manhattan with legendary improvisers Amy Poehler, Armando Diaz and Ali Farahnakian. He also is an original member of the ground-breaking improv group Neutrino. Wolk Campbell, a marketing executive, is the creative force behind the look and feel of The Westside Eclectic brand, as well as a student of improv herself.

The couple’s primary goal is to build a community of down-to-earth and creative people who want to explore new interests, meet new people, and most importantly, laugh more.

“Being comfortable in your own skin, not taking life too seriously, and having ‘play-time’ as an adult are all very important, and based on our own experiences, comedy shows and fun classes are a great way to help people down that path,” Campbell said.

The next round of classes at The Westside Eclectic begins in mid-March, and first-time students receive a 10 percent discount when they register online and enter promo code #1357. Additionally, there is a free improv workshop every Sunday afternoon. For more information about upcoming classes and shows, visit www.WestsideEclectic.com or call (310) 451-0850.

A malleable feast: SMC presents ceramics display

By Daily Press staff

Continuing to spotlight the works of its talented faculty, Santa Monica College will present the ceramics of Richard McColl and Franklyn Phillips March 10 through March 25.

The show will be held in the SMC Photography Gallery, located on the second floor of Drescher Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. The opening reception is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 10.

The exhibit will feature ceramics in several forms, including functional vessels, sculpture and ceramic wall hangings.

McColl, with studios in Santa Monica and Venice, has exhibited throughout the nation, and his work is included in private collections around the world. He received a master’s of fine arts from California State University at Long Beach and studied and worked with Ralph Bacerra at Otis Parsons School of Art.

“After more than 25 years of working with clay I feel I have hardly scratched the potential of this medium,” McColl said. “Clay holds a fascination for me which continues to challenge and surprise. Ceramics has a dichotomy of permanence and fragility, plasticity and temperament which demands care. My forms and designs connect with the past while reflecting contemporary culture and environment.”

Phillips has had his work exhibited throughout California, including the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. He received his master’s degree in design (ceramics) from UCLA and completed a studio apprenticeship in Malaga, Spain.

“Over the past 37 years working as a ceramic artist, I have developed a range of artwork that struggles to connect our global environmental experience, both positive and negative, to the enchantment of a transcendent universe,” Phillips said. “Charting a course away from the trappings of technology and obsessions with the past, I create artwork of meditation, metamorphosis and the hidden drama of nature, revealed through the clay’s experience of water, air and fire.”

The McColl-Phillips exhibit is the latest in a series of shows this year that have spotlighted the work of adjunct art professors at the college.

Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For information, call (310) 434-3434 or (310) 434-8204.

Ruskin Theatre puts Steiner’s soulful works out for exhibit

By Daily Press staff

The Ruskin Group Theatre is pleased to present “Openings” — an exhibit of Masha Steiner’s often playful and always soulful, paintings — March 11 through late April.

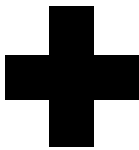
An opening reception will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at the theater, which is located at 3000 Airport Dr. at Santa Monica Airport.

Steiner, who teaches movement at the Ruskin School of Acting in Santa Monica, draws, in her more figurative works, on “imagery from her first memories of the theater as a child in postwar Hungary,” said Amelia Mulkey, gallery curator. “Her abstract, geometric works are visual interpretations of what it is to glimpse into the opening of one’s soul. Masha employs a more organic abstract style to visually describe the experience of being on stage and dance.”

Hours of the exhibit are 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Ample free parking is available. For further information, call (310) 397-3244 or go to <http://www.ruskingrouptheatre.com>.

DONATE Your Vehicle

Tax deductible.
No DMV hassle.



The call is free!
And so is the pick-up!

American Red Cross
1-866-7REDCROSS

1 - 8 6 6 - 7 7 3 - 3 2 7 6

Cars • Boats • RVs • Cars • Boats • RVs • Cars • Boats • RVs

Brazilian Wax - \$45



GOOD THING YOU RECYCLE YOUR PAPER...
CHANCES ARE YOU'RE READING IT AGAIN.



Santa Monica Daily Press



CRIMINAL DEFENSE

The Law Offices of Clifford C.
Nichols

A Law Firm Dedicated To Defending
Those Charged With CRIMES

All Felonies and Misdemeanors
Juveniles and Adults

Offices Currently Located in the Searise Tower at
233 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 400
Santa Monica California
(Directly Across from The Promenade)

For An Appointment Call: (310) 917-1083

In The Case Of An Emergency, To Speak With An Attorney
Immediately Call Our 24 Hour Hotline: (310) 909-9024



Goes Photography.com
310.393.7274

Kids, Headshots, Weddings





Immigrants' chances for legal standing slim

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Efforts to allow illegal immigrants to eventually become legal U.S. residents were given little chance of winning congressional approval as the Senate began work on an election-year immigration bill.

The legislation pits several Republican constituencies against each other. Social conservatives and governors say the tide of illegal immigrants is overwhelming their state budgets, but businesses say they want to keep them as a source of labor.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said he does not object to allowing illegal immigrants to earn legal permanent residency after several years of work, as proposed by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

But, Specter said, "the political reality is that is going to be very, very difficult to do ... if there is no penalty to pay for coming into this country illegally."

Specter's committee held its first meeting aimed at trying to complete a bill by the end of March that accommodates all sides in the most controversial domestic issue before Congress this year.

"I have seen virtually no agreement on anything. Emotions are at an all-time high," Specter said.

President Bush has been hoping to deliver a temporary worker program that would allow illegal aliens to keep their jobs in hotels, restaurants, nurseries, agriculture and other businesses that rely on low-wage laborers.

Bush, however, has not been part of the push to allow them to earn legal citizenship without making them return to their home country at some point and then apply for legal residency.

Bob Dolibois, executive vice president of the American Nursery & Landscape Association, said businesses are reluctant to invest in training illegal immigrants if they're going to have to leave the United States.

"We have 8 million workers who are

gainfully employed today in this country. Some of them have been trained, businesses have invested in them, they have invested in America, and these people have families," Dolibois said. "To eliminate the possibility of them becoming American citizens would result in the potential gutting of investment that employers and employees have made in America so far."

Other senators affirmed Specter's doubts about support for a legalization program.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said Specter's proposal, which would allow illegal immigrants here before Jan. 4, 2004, to participate in a temporary worker program, is a "wink and a nod" to amnesty.

"Some say it's not amnesty. I say it is. It's a backdoor approach," Grassley said. Specter's bill, he said, "doesn't force illegal aliens to go home. If it looks, acts and smells like amnesty, then it is amnesty."

Specter's bill would allow illegal workers now in the U.S. to obtain a three-year work visa that could be renewed one time

for another three years. To work more than six years would require immigrants to return to their native countries for a year.

The program is restricted to immigrants who pass background checks, plead guilty to entering the country illegally and pay back taxes.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a co-sponsor of the McCain-Kennedy legislation, said the idea of telling everyone to go home is unrealistic.

The bill by McCain and Kennedy would allow immigrants to apply for legal residency after working six years in the temporary worker program without having to leave the country.

"The United States benefits in an important way from immigration, but these benefits are substantially undermined and even reversed when immigrants have no way to obtain legal status," Kennedy said.

The House last month passed legislation to tighten border controls and force employers to confirm the legal status of their workers.

Bush says nuclear pact with India could help lower fuel prices

BY DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press Writer

NEW DELHI — President Bush defended a nuclear agreement reached with India Thursday, saying the use of such fuel by that country could help ease energy prices in the United States.

Bush and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh announced the landmark deal during a joint news conference after a meeting. The accord reflects strengthening ties between the oldest and largest democracies and was a major accomplishment of Bush's first visit to India.

"We made history," Singh said of the

deal that will aid India's quest for more global influence.

Under the accord, the United States will share its nuclear know-how and fuel with India to help power its fast-growing economy. It represents a major shift in policy for the United States, which imposed temporary sanctions on India in 1998 after it conducted nuclear tests.

"We concluded an historic agreement today on nuclear power," Bush said. "It's not an easy job for the prime minister to achieve this agreement, I understand. It's not easy for the American president to achieve this agreement, but it's a necessary agreement. It's one that will help both our peoples."

Critics said the deal undermines the Nuclear Nonproliferation Agreement, which India won't sign. And they say it sends the wrong signal to leaders of North Korea and Iran, who have snubbed their noses at international calls to halt their nuclear weapons programs.

The agreement will require U.S. congressional approval. Bush immediately acknowledged that will be difficult to win.

Bush said he will tell lawmakers that the U.S.-India relationship is changing for the better and that it is in the United States' interest to cooperate with India on its nuclear programs. He also said the deal could be a boon for U.S. consumers.

"Proliferation is certainly a concern and a part of our discussions, and we've got a good faith gesture by the Indian government that I'll be able to take to the Congress," Bush said. "But the other thing that our Congress has got to understand — that it's in our economic interests that India have a civilian nuclear power industry to help take the pressure off of the global demand for energy ... To the extent that we can reduce demand for fossil fuels, it will help the American consumer."

Singh's leftist allies also criticized the pact, saying it paves the way for U.S. meddling in Indian affairs.

"Today is one of the most shameful days in the history of independent India," said Shambhu Shrivastava, spokesman for the socialist Samata Party.

A top official of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party said the agreement sounded good, but must not compromise national security. India argues that it has been a good steward of nuclear material for five decades, and that there has not been one instance of nuclear proliferation coming from India.

Singh repeatedly thanked Bush for shepherding the deal.

"But for his leadership, this day would probably have not come so soon," Singh said.

Not everyone in India was pleased about Bush's involvement in its affairs. Demonstrators gathered across the country, including an estimated 10,000 people who chanted "Bush go back!" and "Down with Bush!" a few blocks from where the

two leaders met.

Many carried the red flags of India's leftist political parties or wore white skullcaps indicating they were Muslim. India has the world's second-largest Muslim population, behind Indonesia.

Bush and Singh signed an agreement in July to provide India with nuclear fuel for its booming but energy-starved economy. But the deal hinged upon determining how to segregate India's nuclear weapons work from its commercial nuclear program, and place the latter under international inspection, in a way that satisfied both sides.

U.S. Undersecretary of State Nick Burns said India agreed to open a majority of its nuclear power plants to international safeguards.

A senior administration official said India classified 14 of its 22 reactors as civilian, which would open them to international inspection. Eight were deemed military reactors, making them exempt from inspection.

Bush began more than 12 hours of events and meetings on Thursday with a striking arrival ceremony in a sun-drenched plaza at Rashtrapati Bhavan, the president's palace. He reviewed troops of the Indian armed services outfitted in orange turbans and brown dress uniforms with colorful sashes and marveled at a cavalry unit on horseback that earlier had flanked his limousine.

"I have been received in many capitals around the world but I have never seen a reception as well-organized or as grand," Bush said.

Bush and his wife, Laura, then visited a memorial to India's independence leader, M.K. Gandhi, standing in stocking feet for a moment of silence and wreath-laying at the site of his cremation in 1948. Following tradition, the Bushes tossed flower petals on the cremation platform — a gesture repeated for news photographers.

After meeting with U.S. and Indian CEOs and answering questions from the media, Bush and Singh had a lunch of smoked salmon, mutton and vegetables. Singh spoke of how another American-Indian duo — Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi — pushed for the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

TAXI SERVICE

"Santa Monica's Premier Taxi Service"

METRO CAB CO.



21.00 TO 24.00 FROM LAX

*ASK DISPATCH FOR MORE DETAILS.

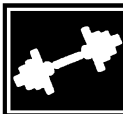
Call Now! (310) 434-1999

www.metrocabco.com

Visit Our Website To Print More Coupons

get fit ... feel good

THE EASTON GYM





COMPLETE FITNESS FACILITY FREE PARKING EASTON GYM IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD GYM

1233 THIRD STREET PROMENADE, SANTA MONICA (310) 395-4441

Glitter tarnished by sex crimes trial

BY TINI TRAN
Associated Press Writer

VUNG TAU, Vietnam — British glam rocker Gary Glitter, best-known for the anthemic “Rock & Roll, Part 2” song played at sports arenas worldwide, said he pleaded innocent Thursday to charges of molesting two young Vietnamese girls at his house last year.

Glitter, 61, is accused of committing obscene acts with an 11-year-old girl and a 10-year-old girl at his rented house in the southern port city of Vung Tau. He entered the courtroom flashing a “V” for victory sign and saying he was innocent.

Glitter, who won fame in the 1970s with such hits as “Do You Wanna Touch Me,” faces three to seven years in prison if convicted.

The singer, whose real name is Paul Francis Gadd, was escorted by police through reporters into the yellow concrete courthouse in Ba Ria-Vung Tau province.

The trial is closed to the public, but a verdict is expected to be read publicly Friday.

Dozens of curious onlookers crowded outside the gates of the courthouse as the armored police carrying Glitter van drove up. Glitter had been held at Phuoc Co prison outside Vung Tau since November.

Glitter was escorted out of the court for a lunch break after 3 1/2 hours of testimony. Reporters outside asked him if the girls were lying and if he pleaded innocent, and he nodded yes in response to both.

When testimony ended for the day, Glitter was led out of the courtroom, smiling but refusing to comment.

Defense attorney Le Thanh Kinh said prosecutors presented their case and recommended that Glitter be sentenced to three to four years in prison before being deported.

Prosecutors say they have evidence that Glitter molested the two girls multiple times at his seaside villa, which he moved into last spring.

Kinh said his client has maintained his innocence.

“He doesn’t agree with the accusations,” Kinh said. “He said he’s innocent. He said nothing happened.”

Glitter has said he was teaching the girls English at his home and considered them “like his grandchildren.”

He has been in police custody since Nov. 19, when he was seized in Ho Chi Minh City trying to board a flight out of the country. Police confiscated his laptop, which had hundreds of pornographic pictures on it.

During the criminal investigation, police considered charging Glitter with child rape, which carries a maximum penalty of death, but said they did not find enough evidence.

The girls’ families wrote to the court in December, asking that charges be dropped after Glitter paid \$2,000 to each of them.

Although prosecutors decided to move forward with the case anyway the payments are considered “compensation” that counts toward lessening any sentence. The sleepy resort town of Vung Tau, about 80 miles southeast of Ho Chi Minh City, has drawn intense attention from international media.

Glitter’s fall from grace began with a 1999 conviction in Britain for possessing child pornography. He served two months in jail.

He later went to Cambodia but was expelled in 2002. Officials did not specify why Glitter was deported.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Bono has met with President Nestor Kirchner, saying he admired U2’s fervent fans and was glad that Argentina is as passionate about music as it is about soccer.

The U2 frontman, wearing a cowboy hat and wraparound sunglasses, posed with Kirchner at the pink Government House in downtown Buenos Aires on Wednesday. Hours later, the band was to perform the first of two sold-out concerts before 50,000 fans at the River Plate soccer stadium.

Buenos Aires is the latest stop on U2’s Vertigo 2006 tour.

“Muchas gracias!” Bono said in the televised appearance. “I am very humbled to be received in such fine and grand circumstances. ... Wherever we go, our band is just being serenaded and the people are waving.”

Last Sunday, Bono received Chile’s highest award for the arts, and earlier, during a stop in Brazil, he discussed the government’s anti-poverty program with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

NEW YORK — ABC’s spy drama, “Alias,” starring Jennifer Garner as Sydney Bristow, will return April 19.

The two-hour episode will feature the birth of Sydney’s baby and the reappearance of love interest/fellow spy Michael Vaughn, played by Michael Vartan.

Garner, 33, gave birth to a daughter, Violet, on Dec. 1. The baby is the first child for Garner and her husband, Ben Affleck.

“Alias,” created by J.J. Abrams, is ending its five-year run this spring.

Other familiar faces who will crop up in Sydney’s life during the show’s final episodes include best friend Will Tippin (Bradley Cooper), mother Irina Derevko (Lena Olin) and nemesis Julian Sark (David Anders).

BOMBAY, India — Bollywood’s rising star, Abhishek Bachchan, says media reports linking him with Aishwarya Rai and other actresses are disrespectful to women in the movie industry.

Indian newspapers recently reported that a wedding between Rai and Bachchan was in the cards.

The two have just completed filming “Umrao Jaan,” a period movie based on a courtesan’s search for love. They are heading to Brazil to shoot “Dhoom 2,” a sequel to their successful film.

Bachchan told Filmfare magazine that it was work as usual with Rai.

“I find it very disrespectful when people talk about women like that,” he said in an interview in the magazine’s March issue. “It’s like I get up in the morning and wonder, ‘Who have they linked me with today?’”

He described himself and Rai, who starred in 2004’s “Bride & Prejudice,” as professionals.

“Aishwarya is a great co-star — ‘Umrao Jaan’ is our third film together and it is work as usual on the sets,” Bachchan said.

Santa Monica Daily Press

MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2006

Broadway Loews Cineplex

1441 3rd Street

(310) 458-6232

Doogal

1pm 3pm 5:15pm

Neil Young: Heart of Gold

2:45pm 8pm

Running Scared

7:15pm 10pm

Walk the Line

11:45am 1:30pm 4:15pm 7pm 9:45pm

Transamerica

11am 1:30pm 4:15pm 7pm 9:45pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre

1313 3rd Street

(310) 395-1599

Aquamarine

11:30am 2pm 4:30pm 7pm 9:30pm

Ultraviolet

12pm 2:20pm 4:50pm 7:20pm 9:50pm

Firewall

12:10pm 2:40pm 5:10pm 7:40pm

10:30pm

Munich

11:20am 2:50pm 6:30pm 10pm

The Pink Panther

11:40am 2:10pm 4:40pm 7:10pm

9:40pm

Tyler Perry's Madea's Family Reunion

11:50am 2:30pm 5pm 7:30pm 10:20pm

AMC7 Santa Monica

1310 3rd Street

(310) 289-4262

Eight Below

1:20pm 4:10pm 7:35pm 10:20pm

16 Blocks

11:45am 2pm 4:30pm 7:10pm 9:45pm

11:45pm

Capote

12:10pm 7pm 10pm

Curious George

12:20pm 2:30pm 4:40pm 7pm

Final Destination 3

2:50pm 7:45pm

The Matador

12:15pm 2:40pm 5:10pm 7:40pm

10:10pm

Date Movie

1pm 3:10pm 5:20pm 7:30pm 9:35pm

Freedomland

9:10pm

Dave Chappelle's Block Party

12pm 2:20pm 4:50pm 7:20pm 9:50pm

11:55pm

Nuwilshire Theatre

1314 Wilshire Blvd

(310) 281-8228

Brokeback Mountain

12:15pm 3:45pm 7pm 10pm

Tsotsi

12pm 2:30pm 5pm 7:30pm 9:55pm

Laemmle 4-Plex Theatre

1332 2nd Street

(310) 394-9741

Mrs. Henderson Presents

1:50pm 4:25pm 7pm 9:35pm

The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada

1:40pm 4:25pm 7:20pm 10:05pm

Tristram Shandy: A Cock and Bull Story

1pm 5:35pm 10:10pm

Good Night, and Good Luck

3:15pm 7:50pm

Sophie Scholl: The Final Days

1:10pm 4:05pm 7pm 9:55pm

Questions or comments? Email calendar@smdp.com

MORE TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1706, 300 years ago, composer Johann Pachelbel, best remembered for his “Canon in D,” died in Nuremberg, Germany, at age 52.

In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.

In 1849, Congress created the Minnesota Territory.

In 1879, Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood became the first woman to be admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his orchestra recorded “Frenesi” for RCA Victor.

In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module.

In 1974, nearly 350 people died when a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris.

In 1991, in a case that sparked a national outcry, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video.

In 1991, 25 people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.



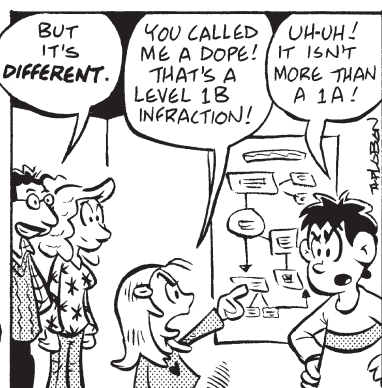
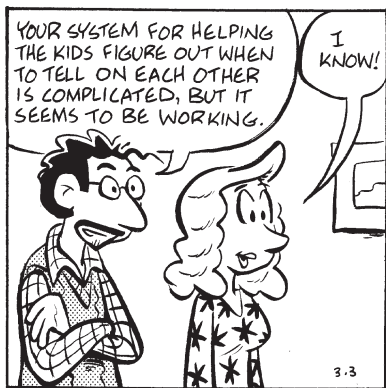


COMICS

The Dinette Set by Julie Larson

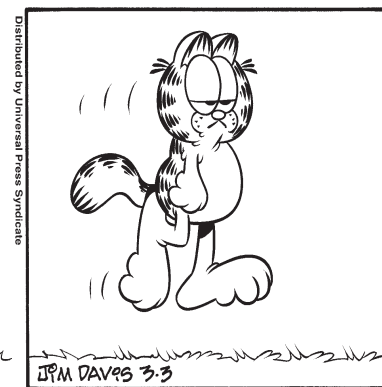


edge city by TERRY & PATTY LABAN



Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Speed Bump®

By Dave Coverly



Natural Selection®

By Russ Wallace



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Spoil
- 6 Plant, in a way
- 11 Texan battle site
- 12 Jacket material
- 13 Purple shade
- 14 Play place
- 15 Eggs, to Augustus
- 16 Patella
- 18 Grenade part
- 19 Heir, often
- 20 Day pts.
- 21 Pillage
- 23 Strike defiers
- 25 Slippery one
- 27 Annex
- 28 Egyptian city
- 30 Research spots
- 33 Baseball bat wood
- 34 Pot brew
- 36 Trawling need
- 37 "The Sacred Wood" author
- 39 Cassis drink
- 40 Attach
- 41 Sung story

43 Jetsons' pooch

- 44 Abate
- 45 Gets up
- 46 Endures

DOWN

- 1 Lively dances
- 2 Twelfth Night" heroine
- 3 Accountant's pages
- 4 "I — Rock"
- 5 Loading sites
- 6 Perfume
- 7 Remote button
- 8 Spots for sunning

H	E	M	S			D	O	N	O	R
O	P	E	C		S	E	C	E	D	E
P	I	S	A		P	U	T	T	E	D
S	C	A	R	F	A	C	E			
			F	A	C	E	T	I	M	E
S	A	L	U	T	E			N	A	G
P	R	E	P	S		M	I	C	R	O
A	M	A			R	I	C	H	E	S
T	Y	P	E	F	A	C	E			
			F	A	C	E	C	A	R	D
G	O	A	L	I	E			O	H	I
A	N	N	A	L	S			L	O	F
G	E	N	T	S				D	Y	E

Yesterday's answer

- 9 Mystery awards
- 10 Ocean trenches
- 17 Denials
- 22 London's — Gardens
- 24 Com-pletely
- 26 Hispanics
- 28 Francis' home
- 29 Fresh start?
- 31 Lebanon port
- 32 Bra parts
- 33 Rose extract
- 35 Bikini, for one
- 38 Folk learning
- 42 Pod unit

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send \$4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 1, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10
11						12				
13						14				
15				16	17					
18				19				20		
21			22		23		24			
		25		26		27				
	28			29		30		31	32	
33				34		35		36		
37			38					39		
40						41	42			
43						44				
45						46				

3-3

CLASSiFIEDS



CALL NOW!

ALL CLASSiFIEDS \$2.50 A DAY UP TO 15 WORDS
20¢ PER WORD THEREAFTER 12 DAY MINIMUM

310.458.7737

STRONG CD rate with an even stronger GUARANTEE.

Looking for a secure place to grow your money? Get a guaranteed yield with a fixed rate CD from State Farm Bank.* For information, call me today.

4.45%
APY
1-YEAR CD

4.65%
APY
5-YEAR CD



Troy Wilson
2451 Santa Monica Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90404
Bus: 310-315-1955



Bank.

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR, STATE FARM IS THERE.®

*Annual Percentage Yield as of 3/01/06, rates subject to change without notice. Minimum balance to open an account and obtain the stated APY is \$500. A penalty may be imposed for a withdrawal prior to maturity. Certificates automatically renew at maturity at the then current rate for the same term. Some products and services not available in all areas.

P051011 STATE FARM BANK • HOME OFFICE: BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS • statefarm.com® 1/05

\$5⁵⁰ per day. Up to 15 words, 20 cents each additional word.**Call 310-458-7737 and promote your business opportunities to our daily readership of over 40,000.****CLASSIFICATIONS:**

Announcements
Creative
Employment
For Sale
Furniture
Pets
Boats

Jewelry
Wanted
Travel
Vacation Rentals
Apartments/Condos Rent
Houses for Rent
Roomates
Commerical Lease

Real Estate
Real Estate Loans
Storage Space
Vehicles for Sale
Massage
Services
Computer Services
Attorney Services

Business Opportunities
Yard Sales
Health and Beauty
Fitness
Wealth and Success
Lost and Found
Personals
Obituaries

Employment

3 ENGLISH Millionaires and 1 Liver-pudlian staying in Santa Monica late May looking for assistance in organising social calendar. Candidate should be well connected, attractive, courteous and friendly with a good sense of humour. Please e-mail credentials to lordmox-worth@blueyonder.co.uk Successful candidate will be well rewarded

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT busy SM medical office. F/T, heavy phones, computer, communication skills. Must be mature, dependable, organized. (310) 820-6042; (310)207-3342 fax

Career opportunity. Female real estate broker needs personal assistant "wanna be agent" preferred. Part-time \$184/week plus commission (310) 820-6059

CHEF, FULL-TIME or part-time. Must speak English and have experience. Please call (310) 985-0080

★ ADVERTISING SALES ★

Seeking: Self-Motivated, Energetic, Experienced Professionals.
Well established Co.
50+ years in L.A.
• High Commissions • Paid Weekly
• Leads Furnished
Newspapers • Magazines
Classified & Display: Real Estate, Ethnic, Entertainment, Military, Business, Finance...
Call: **Paul 213-251-9100, Ex-25** and/or Please visit:
www.theglobalmediagroup.com/jobinfo.htm

ENGINEER, PATENT: Send resume to: N. Quintero, Quintero Law Office, 1617 Broadway, 3rd Floor, Santa Monica, CA 90404

FULL-TIME ACCOUNTING clerk. A/R, A/P, yardi experience a +. Fax resume to (310) 656-1815

IMMEDIATE POSITIONS available in the housekeeping department of Century City Doctors Hospital. All shifts available, PT/FT. Hospital housekeeping preferred. Call (310) 557-7785 for interview.

IT'S A Grind Coffee House. Jazz themed coffee house opening April. Looking for personal, energetic, responsible team members with great people skills and a can-do attitude. Call (818) 469-6108.

JAPANESE RESTAURANT Server: Newly opened in Santa Monica. P/T Needs a person who takes an interest in Japanese culture. (310)980-0462

Your ad could run here!

☎ Call us today at (310) 458-7737

LOOKING FOR professional, ambitious medical/dental administrator/receptionist, customer service. F/T. With experience preferred. Email resume media_najafi@hotmail.com

SALES
SALES of cruise and tour packages. 39 Year Old National Tour Company. Paid training, flex 30 hrs/ week. Some weekends required. Base + comm. No cold calls. \$40,000 possible for top closers. Near LAX (310) 649-7171.

RETAIL MERCHANDISER Needed to service supermarkets in Santa Monica/Venice. Must live in area. Flex AM hrs M-F, Approx 24 hrs per WK, P/T Perm, Need Vehicle, DL & Ins. Merch exp preferred. Call: (800) 216-7909 x751

Employment**MISS CLARA'S Domestic Referral Agency**

Housekeepers:

Exp'd in residential and hotel cleaning
Live outs-2 to 5 day work week

Requirements:
Experienced, bring at least 2 references to your interview
English Speaking
CA drivers license

If you qualify please call Miss Clara at 310-278-9601 or 310-659-5025

Your ad could run here!

☎ Call us today at (310) 458-7737

NATL.TXTBK CO. seeks MKTG REP
stuart@Texasbook.com
Comm. w/leads. Will train.

NAZARETH HOUSE, a Long Term Care Facility in West LA has an opening for part-time RN or LVN for day and evening shifts. To apply send resume to mbrody@nazarethhousela.org or call Sister Margaret at (310)839-2361

PART TIME mornings, mail sorter wanted for busy Santa Monica mailbox store. Pleasant environment + competitive pay. No exp nec. Insured car req. Apply 2118 Wilshire Bl, Santa Monica. (310) 828-8645

PUBLICITY SALES F/T or P/T Radio Publicity or Music Air play Campaign Sales. (310)998-8305 ext.86

SECURITY JOBS with guard card. Great Pay! All areas! Contact us
www.lantzsecurity.com or call
(800) 870-4357

For Sale

EXPRESSO COFFEE cart with canopy, machine, refrigerator, sink, hot water heater, water softener, sneeze box, fresh and grey water tanks. health department approved. Must sell. Sacrifice. \$4950 (310) 694-4487.

NEW 6FT. dresser and mirror antique white. Orig \$2000, now \$400 obo. Savin business copier, orig \$5500, now \$800. (310) 463-4345

SPA/HOT TUB 2006 Model. Neck Jets. Therapy seat. Warranty. Never used. Can deliver. Worth \$5750, sell for \$1750 (310) 479-3054

Pets

ADORABLE MALTESE pups, boys & girls, will 3~5 lb, have shots & dewormed, CKC registered, around 8 to 10 weeks, home raised, loving & sweet, \$800~\$1500, for more info ask Brandon to 323-819-0113

TINY YORKIE puppies, male & female, toy/t-cup size available, shots & dewormed, registered with CKC or AKC, health guarantee, home raised and very loving & sweet, for more info please click on www.worldken-nelusa.com or call Kelly at (323) 823-1803/ (661) 675-6371

Wanted

WANTED DRY, clean garage for storage only. Sofia (310) 383-2397

Employment Wanted

SIMPLIFY YOUR life.
PERSONAL AUXILIARY for hire.
\$40/hr. Call (310) 264-0828

For Rent

1BDRM+LOFT+2 BATH. Fabulous Venice townhouse. Close to beach and canals. 2201 Ocean Ave. \$2,750/mo (310) 456-2890

For Rent

2724 ABBOT Kinney Bl. MDR Adjacent 2+2, w/ fireplace. Includes 2 car gated subterranean parking. Quiet neighborhood with courtyard area & onsite laundry. 1 year lease, No pets. \$1745. Mike (310) 578-9729 ellynensis.com

2724 ABBOT Kinney Bl. Studio, Newer building with courtyard area, quiet neighborhood. Includes 1 car gated subterranean parking with on-site laundry. 1 year lease, no pets. \$1095. Mike (310) 578-9729 ellynensis.com

501 N. Venice single unit 5 and 10, \$950. Stove, fridge, carpets, blinds, laundry, no pets, utilities included. (310) 574-6767 jkwproperties.com

BRIGHT & spacious 2+2 duplex apartment close to the beach and Venice trendy amenities. Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom. Also includes stove, washer & dryer, & 2 car off street parking. 1 year lease. No pets. A must see for only \$1695. (310) 396-4443 x 2002 ellynensis.com

BEST RENTALS
ELLY NESIS Co. Inc
(310) 396-4443
ellynesis.com

LOCATED STEPS north of Montana in a very desirable location with many shops & restaurants. Close to ocean. Has front & back yard. Front building has fireplace in living room, 1 bedroom & bath, kitchen. 1 car garage, rear building has 2 offices & laundry/utility room with hookups. All building fully networked for computers. Zoned commercial in residential neighborhood. Perfect for living work space. \$6500/mo Nurit (800) 714-4993

SM 1BDRM \$1350/mo, partially furnished. Hardwood floors. Refrigerator, stove, and TV. Close to SMC. (310) 450-3714

HOWARD MANAGEMENT GROUP
(310) 869-7901

Most buildings are pet friendly!

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AT:
www.howardmanagement.com

SANTA MONICA \$1500/mo
2bdrms/1bath, hardwood floors, laundry refrigerator, stove, balcony, controlled access building
(310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$2300/mo
3bdrms/2baths hardwood/carpet floors, dishwasher, balcony, fireplace, washer/dryer ample storage. skylights. (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SENIORS- AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Live in a BEAUTIFUL
apt/suite in Beverly/Fairfax or
Santa Monica: **Starting at**
\$400/month
(323) 650-7988

YOUR AD
COULD RUN HERE!
CALL US
TODAY AT
(310) 458-7737

For Rent

ROQUE & MARK Co.

2802 Santa Monica Blvd.
310-828-7525

SALES • RENTALS
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Rentals available
No Pets Allowed

SANTA MONICA

937 6th St. \$1495

Upper 1 bed, parking, fridge & stove, Balcony, laundry room

817 Hill St. \$1750

Lower 2 bed, 1 3/4 bath, new carpet, linoleum Blinds, & dishwasher, gated entry

OFFICE SPACE

1247 Lincoln, SM, \$695

2nd floor, 3 room office, 1/2 block to Wilshire, negotiable terms

WESTSIDE

1705 Purdue, WLA, \$795

Lower bachelor, full size fridge, Hot plate, patio, laundry room

11905 Avon Way, Mar Vista, \$900

Upper Single, fridge, stove, & dishwasher, Gated entry & parking, laundry room

1752 Federal, WLA, \$1250

Upper 1 bed, new carpet, dishwasher, Parking, balcony, laundry room

1975 Beverly Glen, WLA, \$1300

Upper 1 bed, granite kitch. Counters, Newer kitchen cabinets, Pergo floors,

FOR MORE LISTINGS GO TO
WWW.ROQUE-MARK.COM

FREE RENTAL Lists & No Fee Rentals. Sullivan-Dituri Company.
2111 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90403.

FURNISHED BEAUTIFUL beach apartments w/ utilities \$2950. Month to month. Short term OK
(310) 393-2363

SANTA MONICA \$1495/mo
2bdrms/1Bath, Hardwood Floors, Gated parking, laundry, quiet, stove, dishwasher, yard (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$850/mo
Studio/1Bath New Carpets, refrigerator, stove, small full kitchen, near SMC. (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$875/mo
Single/1bath. Quiet neighborhood, stove, yard, Newly renovated bathroom and kitchen (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SINGLE WITH loft, 9th and Wilshire SM \$1400/month. Security gate (310) 923-8521. (two available).

For Rent

SANTA MONICA \$990/mo
1bdm/1bath. 1-car Permit parking, refrigerator, stove, 1/2 block from college. (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$1175/mo
1bdm/1bath hardwood floors, laundry, quiet neighborhood, refrigerator, stove, yard (310)395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$1200/mo
1bdm/1bath 13 blocks to beach. New Carpets, Parking, laundry, quiet (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$1325/mo
2bdms/1bath, new carpets, refrigerator, yard, bright and sunny, garden building. (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$2430/mo
3bdms/2.5Bath, North of Wilshire, 2-car garage parking, laundry, stove, dishwasher (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA, North of Wilshire, \$1650/mo 2bdm/2bath Upper; balcony, carpet, stove, refrigerator, new blinds, laundry, parking, no pets (310)456-5659

VENICE SINGLE close to beach & walking distance from Abbot Kinney Blvd. All utilities included \$895. 1 year lease, no pets. (310) 396-4443 x2002 ellynensis.com

VENICE, CRAFTSMAN single 1/2 block from Boardwalk. Includes hardwood floors, stove, & fridge. Water & Trash included. 1 year lease, no pets \$1095. (310) 466-9256

Furnished Apts

WLA \$975 Furnished single. Utilities included. Large private deck. Planter area. New carpet. (310)390-4610

Houses For Rent

BEL AIR House: 11797 Bellagio Rd. 2+21/2, \$4650/mo., \$500 off move-in. Stove, blinds, carpets, hardwood floors, washer-dryer hookups, fireplace, walk-in pantry, sunroom, large unique gardens, garage parking, no pets. (310) 578-7512 www.jkwproperties.com

Roommates

FREE HOUSING SERVICE

➡ Need a little extra income?
➡ Need help around the house?

We help match seniors with other seniors or mid-age/younger people.

(323) 650-7988

Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

Alternative Living for the Aging
A Non-Profit of 26 years

Commercial Lease

MASSAGE SPACE in Santa Monica downtown to share Safe pleasant garden complex \$35/half day
Call (310) 930-5884
r.nydoo@comcast.net

SANTA MONICA 1452 2nd Street. Very charming building, small offices. Between \$700/mo & \$1200/mo. Includes utilities & cleaning. (310) 614-6462

SM SMALL office space for lease. 2665 30th St. at Ocean Park Blvd. 550 sf at 1,375. 740 sf at 1,850. Par Commercial (310)395-2663 ext101

Commercial Lease

SANTA MONICA. Medical Building, 9th and Wilshire. 2500 square feet, fourth floor, patio. Also third floor, 2400 square feet, can reduce to two 1200 square ft. offices (must see). Dual elevators, 3 levels of underground parking. Will construct two specs upon acceptable lease. (310) 923-8521 or (310) 260-2619.

VENICE, INCREDIBLE Campus Entire Property inc. office, garden and parking areas! Historical 1919 Craftsman house which was torn down in 2005 and rebuilt from the foundation up. Everything is first class and authentic. The space has wood ceilings, brand new antique style moldings, windows, electrical, plumbing, ethernet, communication, DVR with cameras, gated parking, storage basement, central AC & Heat, incredible gardens, 60+' of Lincoln frontage, lots of street parking on San Miguel.
853 Lincoln Bl. \$6,500 NNN
(310) 396-4443 x 2006.

Real Estate

FIXER UPPERS
Bargains

Call for a free list
Free recorded message.
1-800-969-8257 ID #4648
www.LaFixerUppers.net

Vehicles for sale

'00 CARRERA \$45,983
Cab, H/Top, 18K Miles,
Tip (45653290)
(800) 784-6251
www.wisimonson.com



'01 CIVIC LC \$9,995
4 Door, Auto, Air, Full
Power, CD, Cass
(H553571)
GRAND OPENING
(866) 925-3333



MITSUBISHI SANTA MONICA
'01 HONDA CIVIC LX
SEDAN 4D \$9,995
Automatic, CD, Dual Front
Airbags (553571)
GRAND OPENING
(866) 925-3333



MITSUBISHI SANTA MONICA
'01 MITSUBISHI
ECLIPSE GT SPYDER
CONV'T \$13,995
V6, Automatic, CD, Rear
Spoiler (085890)
GRAND OPENING
(866) 925-3333



MITSUBISHI SANTA MONICA
'01 \$500 \$37,982
Silver/Ash
(1A219725)
(800) 784-6251
www.wisimonson.com



'02 C230 CPE \$17,981
Blue/Gray Certified
(2A364899)
(800) 784-6251
www.wisimonson.com



'03 CLK55 \$47,981
Black/Black, CD, Chromes
(3F051379)
(800) 784-6251
www.wisimonson.com



'03 CTS . . . \$22,981
Black/Black, Pristine
(137875)
(800) 784-6251
www.wisimonson.com



'03 LANCER
EVOLUTION \$25,995
Turbo, Ld'd, Low
32K Miles (U12411)
GRAND OPENING
(866) 925-3333
MITSUBISHI SANTA MONICA



CLASSIFIEDS

Vehicles for sale

-  **'03 M3** Convertible
\$40,984
Pewter/Ash (3PK02785)
(800) 784-6251
www.wisimonson.com
-  **'03 R.R.** 4.6HSE \$49,983
Black/Tan, Navigation
(3A123568)
(800) 784-6251
www.wisimonson.com
-  **'04 CAYENNE** \$46,981
White/Tan, Tip
(4LA65825)
(800) 784-6251
www.wisimonson.com
-  **'04 VOLKSWAGEN R32**
\$28,995
AWD, Leather, Moonroof,
Alloy Wheels (130632)
GRAND OPENING
(866) 925-3333
MITSUBISHI SANTA MONICA
-  **'04 XB Wgn** \$14,995
Sport, Auto, Air, Full
Power, CD (155381)
GRAND OPENING
(866) 925-3333
MITSUBISHI SANTA MONICA
-  **'05 325i** Sdn \$33,981
Black/ Black, Spt Prem
(3KP92844)
(800) 784-6251
www.wisimonson.com
-  **'05 Z4** 3.0 \$37,981
Bronze/Tan, Navigation
(5LU16181)
(800) 784-6251
www.wisimonson.com
-  **'95 SC400** \$6,995
Sport Coupe, Loaded
(045528)
GRAND OPENING
(866) 925-3333
MITSUBISHI SANTA MONICA
-  **'02 SLK320** Roadster
\$26,995 w/Low Miles,
Sharp, Ends 3/6
(253993)
(800) 406-7782
**LEXUS SANTA MONICA
PRE-OWNED CENTER**
-  **'01 BEETLE GLX**
Only \$11,995
Low Mileage, Leather,
Loaded, PRICED TO SELL
(402938) 866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **'05 E500** 5K Mi \$47,995
Blk/Tan, Navi, Loaded,
Ends 3/6 (606688)
(800) 406-7782
**LEXUS SANTA MONICA
PRE-OWNED CENTER**
-  **'00 JETTA**
\$9995 + Fees
Low Miles
(Vin134810)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **'03 SC430** . . 22K Miles!
Indigo Blue, Navig,
\$44,995(Vin043235)
**LEXUS SANTA MONICA
PRE-OWNED CENTER**

Vehicles for sale

-  **'04 VW PASSAT 1.8T**
Call for Price
Loaded, Like New,
Low Miles (Vin200847)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **'00 FORD FOCUS**
Only \$7995
Auto, Low Miles, Priced
to Sell! (Vin228413)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **'04 VW BEETLE GLS**
Call for Price
Low miles, AUTO, Very
clean (Vin745714)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **'01 TOYOTA Echo**
\$8995
Very nice car, Cheap
(Vin0190457)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **'01 VW Beetle GLX**
\$12995
Black/Black Clean Car
(Vin402930)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **'01 YUKON XL SLT**
\$Call, Blk, Lo miles,
Loaded, Leather,
Ends 3/6 (141232)
(800) 406-7782
**LEXUS SANTA MONICA
PRE-OWNED CENTER**
-  **'03 325IA**
ONLY \$21,995
Premium Leather, Loaded
(VinH33335)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **02 PASSAT**
\$16,895 + Fees
Premium Sound, C/D
(Vin449752)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **'04 OX56** Blk/Tan
\$35,995 Leather, War-
ranty, Priced to Sell,
Ends 3/6 (808904)
(800) 406-7782
**LEXUS SANTA MONICA
PRE-OWNED CENTER**
-  **01 FORD EXPLORER 2dr**
Sport
\$9895
Low miles, Clean
(Vin1VB53573)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **'02 GS300** Low Miles
\$26,995 Loaded,
Leather, Moonroof,
Ends 3/6 (053115)
(800) 406-7782
**LEXUS SANTA MONICA
PRE-OWNED CENTER**
-  **'02 CABRIO GLS**
\$15,995 + Fees
(Vin805479)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica

Vehicles for sale

-  **'02 PASSAT GLS 1.8T Wgn**
\$15,995 + Fees
Perfect Color, Mint
(Vin304180)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **'02 LS480** Low Miles
\$32,995 Leather,
Moonroof, Ends 3/6
(071902)
(800) 406-7782
**LEXUS SANTA MONICA
PRE-OWNED CENTER**
-  **'04 BMW X3**
Call for Price
Like New, Very Low Miles
(VinA66108)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **'03 LX470** 25Kmi
\$43,995, LOADED!! &
Lexus Certified,
Ends 3/6 (529708)
(800) 406-7782
**LEXUS SANTA MONICA
PRE-OWNED CENTER**
-  **'05 VW Tourag**
Call for Price
Very low miles
(Vin0394262)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **'00 CIVIC EX** Call for
Price, Mnr, CD, Auto,
Ld'd, 59Kmi,
Ends 3/6 (001307)
(800) 406-7782
**LEXUS SANTA MONICA
PRE-OWNED CENTER**
-  **'98 VW BEETLE**
\$8695
AUTO, Low Miles
(Vin021179)
866-VW DEALS
Volkswagen Santa Monica
-  **'01 NAVIGATOR**
\$19,995, Beautiful Car,
Ends 3/6 (U10300)
(800) 406-7782
**LEXUS SANTA MONICA
PRE-OWNED CENTER**

\$\$ CASH FOR CARS \$\$

All makes & models, all cars
considered. We come to you and handle
all paper work. Friendly professional buyer.
Please call now! (310) 995-5898

We pay \$500-\$7,000

Cash for cars/trucks. Running or not
Fast, polite service for 31 years
Call 310/736-5007 7 DAYS

Massage

HEALING MASSAGE by young Euro-
pean female. Heal your body and
mind. (310) 806-0377

Massage

BLISSFUL RELAXATION! Heal your
body, mind, spirit. Therapeutic,
Swedish, Deep-tissue. Energy balanc-
ing. Strictly non-sexual. Introductory
specials from \$50.00/1hr. Lynda,
L.M.T. (310) 749-0621

EXQUISITE, INTUITIVE, strong and ten-
der relaxing body work by mature Euro-
pean. Very Professional, Sonja
(310) 397-0433.

SWEDISH ENERGETIC massage by
European female. 1224 North Fairfax
Apt 8 Hollywood (323) 244-6198

THE BLIND masseur licensed and cer-
tified in the art of Swedish massage.
Santa Monica, CA. Ocean Park area.
Call Malibu Mike (310) 396-0191.

TAILORED MASSAGE to
make you FEEL GREAT!
Swedish, Deep Tissue,
Sports, Trigger Point
and Chair Massage
from \$60 hr. Safe Pleasant loc.
1327 Ocean Av.
Call Raj 310-930-5884
r.nydoo@comcast.net

Yard Sales

BIG FLEA MARKET Sat 3/4 Meth-
odist Church 801 Via de la Paz, Pa-
cific Palisades 9am- shop early

SUN MAR 5th 7am - ? 2330 Frey,
Venice/Silver Tri off Mildred:
furniture/toys/kitchen/homeware/boo
ks/more.

Personals

Talk to a Model 24hrs.
310-786-8400
818-264-1906
213-259-1902
949-722-2222
\$10-17 for 15 min.
ATM/CC/Checks by phone
www.USLove.com

Notices

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
EDNA STEWART
CASE NO. BP096974**

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has
been filed by MILES KENNETH
MUMFORD in the Superior Court of
California, County of LOS ANGE-
LES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE re-
quests that MILES KENNETH
MUMFORD be appointed as per-
sonal representative to administer
the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decen-
dent's WILL and codicils, if any, be
admitted to probate. The WILL and
any codicils are available for exami-
nation in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority
to administer the estate under the
Independent Administration of Es-

Notices

tates Act . (This authority will allow
the personal representative to take
many actions without obtaining
court approval. Before taking certain
very important actions, however, the
personal representative will be re-
quired to give notice to interested
persons unless they have waived
notice or consented to the proposed
action.) The independent admini-
stration authority will be granted un-
less an interested person files an
objection to the petition and shows
good cause why the court should
not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be
held on 03/28/06 at 8:30AM in Dept.
5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS
ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by
the court. If you are a person inter-
ested in the estate, you may file with
the court a Request for Special Notice
(form DE-154) of the filing of an
inventory and appraisal of estate as-
sets or of any petition or account as
provided in Probate Code Section
1250. A Request for Special Notice
form is available from the court
clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner
WYSHAK, LILLIAN W.
8907 WILSHIRE BLVD., #204
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211
3/3, 3/6, 3/10/06
CNS-932953#
SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO AD-
MINISTER ESTATE OF SYL-
VIA J. CIERNY**
Case No. BP097013

To all heirs, beneficiar-
ies, creditors, contingent creditors,
and persons who may otherwise be
interested in the will or estate, or
both, of SYLVIA J. CIERNY

A PETITION FOR PRO-
BATE has been filed by Carolyn J.
Bird in the Superior Court of Califor-
nia, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR
PRO-BATE requests that Carolyn J.
Bird and George Cierny, III be ap-
pointed as personal representative
to administer the estate of the decen-
dent.

THE PETITION re-
quests the decedent's will and codi-
cils, if any, be admitted to probate.
The will and any codicils are avail-
able for examination in the file kept
by the court.

THE PETITION re-
quests authority to administer the
estate under the Independent Admi-
nistration of Estates Act. (This
authority will allow the personal re-
presentative to take many actions
without obtaining court approval.
Before taking certain very important
actions, however, the personal re-
presentative will be required to give

Notices

notice to interested persons unless
they have waived notice or con-
sented to the proposed action.) The
independent administration authority
will be granted unless an interested
person files an objection to the peti-
tion and shows good cause why the
court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the peti-
tion will be held on March 29, 2006
at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at
111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA
90012.

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:
DAVID WHEELER NEWMAN ESQ
MITCHELL SILBERBERG & KNUPP
11377 W OLYMPIC BLVD
9TH FL
LOS ANGELES CA 90064
Santa Monica Daily Press
CN747971 CIERNY Mar 3,4,10, 2006

DBAS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 06 0403091 FIRST FILING. The following per-
son(s) is (are) doing business as M J Mortgage,
634 W. 22nd St. San Pedro, CA 90731. The full
name of registrant(s) is/are : Melvina J Brogan,
634 W. 22nd St. San Pedro, CA 90731 This Busi-
ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed:
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business
under the fictitious name or names listed herein..

/s/ Melvina J Brogan
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of
LOS ANGELES County on 2/23/06. NOTICE: THIS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES
FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTI-
TIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE
FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this
statement does not of itself authorize the use in
this state of a fictitious business name statement
in violation of the rights of another under federal,
state, or common law (see Section 14411et
seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA
MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/24/2006,
3/3/2006, 3/10/2006, 3/17/2006



INEXPENSIVE, QUALITY CARPET CLEANING

residue free * anti soiling treatment * 1 hour dry time

APARTMENT SPECIAL: \$25 PER ROOM.

FREE HALLWAY CLEANING

2 room minimum, includes free pre-vacuuming

Rob's Carpet Care 310-729-2931



CLASSIFIEDS



PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE SANTA MONICA

SERVICE DIRECTORY

877-WE-GET-EM

WE CAN FIND AND SERVE ANYBODY, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.
Restraining orders & judgement collections our specialty.
lawhotline@aol.com

Services

POOL & SPA
SERVICE & REPAIRS

- Weekly service
- Drain & Cleans
- Spa Covers
- Electric spa repair

310-306-6970
FREE ESTIMATES

ONE HOUR Alterations, hemming, jeans, pants, skirts, etc. Made by professional Call Michael (310) 980-2674

Your ad could run here!

Call us today at (310) 458-7737

NEED HELP?
We understand

Mama's caregivers are loving, caring, trained and bonded.

Live in/Out
Mama's Home Care
(323) 655-2622

Quality Cleaning

Thorough Cleaning
Houses & Offices
Competitive Rates
Dependable Personalized Service
Great References



HOUSECLEANING SPECIAL
STARTING AT \$99

Aury Bonilla (323) 605-7197

4 SEASONS ROOFING
LIC #726424
ROOFING • REPAIRS
"LOWEST RESIDENTIAL RATES IN SO. CALIF."
310-317-9595 ofc.
310-779-5265 cell

Services

YOUR AD
COULD RUN HERE!
CALL US TODAY AT
(310) 458-7737

A/C CONSTRUCTION

General Construction
Commercial & Residential
Remodel & Add ons
Honest & Reliable
FREE ESTIMATES
— Sabbath Observed —



310.278.5380
Fax 310.271.4790

Lic# 804884 Fully Insured

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

RELIABLE GENERAL CONTRACTING

Remodels - Additions - Kitchens
Baths - Home Improvements

Fillman Construction
(310) 531-0392
fillcon@hotmail.com

LIC. 783046 INSURED

Your ad could run here!

Call us today at (310) 458-7737

MAXIMUM Construction

Complete Household Repair
Electrical, Fencing
Doors, Windows, Flooring
Drywall, Texture, Painting
Remodel & Additions
Concrete, Stucco

Free Consultation
Reasonable Prices

Call Max Ruiz
(213) 210-7680
handymax1@aol.com



Services

PACIFIC DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Kitchen & Bath
Remodeling
Additions
New Custom Homes

FREE ESTIMATE
(310) 838-1948

Lic/Bonded 632013

The Level Goes On
Before The Spike Goes In

Romero Rain Gutters
Seamless Aluminum Gutters
Custom Made Color Match
Your Home or Building

(310) 408-5900 or (310) 534-3075

Repairs • Cleaning
Copper Galvanized
Free Estimate

Ask for Jose Romero
Lic. #834699



BEST MOVERS
No job too small

2 MEN, \$59 PER HOUR
Fully insured. We make it EZ.
Free prep. & boxes. Discount for
handicap & seniors!
Since 1975 Lic. T-163844
(323) 997-1193 (310) 300-9194

COMPASSIONATE COUNSELING

A safe place to make changes.



Life Transitions
Stress
Relationships
Self-Esteem
Unresolved Grief

Free Consultation
Laurie Levine, MFT (MFC 23031)
Santa Monica/SFV
(310) 284-3699

STILL SMOKING?

Life is short —
Why make it shorter

John J. McGrail, C.Ht.



Certified
Hypnotherapist

(310) 235-2883
www.hypnotherapylosangeles.com

Services

LIFE COACH

YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM
PERSONAL COACHING
IF YOU FEEL:

• Trapped/Unhappy in a
romantic relationship, Unfair/chaotic friendship
• Often procrastinate with your personal goals

1/2 OFF
INITIAL CONSULTATION

Anthony Rogers, M.S. - (310) 386-1808

METICULOUS PAINTING & DRYWALL

Interior & Exterior • Free Estimates

Call Joe: 447-8957

meticulouspainting.com LIC: 0002088305-0001-4

PAINTING

Top quality A&A

Custom, Interior
and Exterior

Free quote,
call Jeff Arrieta
(310) 560-9864



PAINTING

Free Estimates!

EXTERIORS & INTERIOR
• Over 10 Years Experience
• References Available
• Work Guaranteed

STEVE'S PAINTING
213/765-0252
213/663-3064



Slick+Slicker
DESIGNS

Graphic & Web Designs

• Website Design
• Logo, Business Cards & Stationery
• Brochures, Postcards & Catalogues
• Books and Packaging Design
• Promotional Items

Please call: (310) 348.0801
For more information & to request a quote:
www.SlickandSlicker.com

MENTION THIS AD AND RECEIVE
10% OFF FOR ALL FIRST-TIME SERVICES

Services

Stem Cells Now

Ask Me How!

First patented natural stem
cell enhancer it's beyond
nutrition to learn what adult
stem cells can do for you.

24hr Info Call: 620-294-2905
For more info Call Steve Wright
805-798-0598

Handyman Service

Handyman Express

Specializing in bathroom remodeling and
repairs. Plumbing, drywall, paint, tile and
framing. No job too small.
Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Call Nick 310/651-0052

Handyman Services
To Fit Every Budget



Carpentry • Plumbing • Electrical
Drywall • Painting • Kitchen & Bath
Decks • Flooring • Windows
and much more!

toll
free **1.877.33.FIXIT**
(1.877.333.4948)

302 West Grand Avenue, Suite 8, El Segundo, CA 90245
310.322.6975 (voice) 310.356.6990 (fax)
www.HandymanOnDemand.com



Licensed. Bonded. Insured. Guaranteed.
Lic 281148



MAC ELECTRICAL & HANDYMAN SERVICES

Prompt & Reliable
Satisfaction Guaranteed
Free Estimates

Call MAC

310-261-5917

We fix anything electrical/plumbing
carpentry & household repair



Services

WESTSIDE GUYS

Full Service Handymen

CARPENTRY, ELEC. PAINT, ETC...
TERMITE AND DRY ROT REPAIR
ROOF REPAIR AND WATER DAMAGE

BOB 35/HR (310) 266-6348
CALEB 25-35/HR (310) 409-3244

SIMPLIFY

YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS

Let me do your **Billing**.
Swift, Efficient, Experienced.

Quickbooks

Weekly/Bi-weekly/Monthly
Pick Up and Delivery

Call now to save!
\$\$\$ (310) 264-0828

Your ad could run here!

Call us today at (310) 458-7737

DAVID DAWSON

Formerly with the Los Angeles Dodgers

Private
Baseball/Softball
Instructor

(310)
951-3515

Attorney Services

Michele Saling & Associates

FAMILY LAW ATTORNEY

14 YEARS EXPERIENCE

Custody & Support issues

Accepts MC, VISA, AMEX

(310) 566-7490

Need a Good Attorney?

"Your Local Santa Monica Attorney"

Civil Litigation
Consumer and Business Disputes

The Law Offices of
Martin D. Gross
A PROFESSIONAL LEGAL CORPORATION

2001 Wilshire Blvd
Santa Monica CA 90403 310 453 8320
www.lawgross.com

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO REACH YOUR MARKET?

THINK  **IMAGINE**

Atomic Creative Group. Full-Service Project Management. Advertising. Marketing. Public Relations. Production | Phone 310.426.2456 Fax 310.426.2458 Email atomiccreativegroup@gmail.com

W.I. SIMONSON SANTA MONICA

CELEBRATING 67 YEARS IN SANTA MONICA

EXPERIENCE OUR ALL-NEW SERVICE CENTER!



Mercedes-Benz



COLORADO AND 14TH STREET

- 50,000 SQ FEET! • SAME DAY SERVICE APPTS
- OVER 60 FACTORY-TRAINED TECHNICIANS
- LATEST MERCEDES-BENZ DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPT
- \$3.2 MILLION PARTS INVENTORY
- COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLE (WITHIN 8 MILES OF OUR CENTER)
- A LUXURIOUS CUSTOMER LOUNGE
- DEDICATED PRIVATE WORK STATIONS
- WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS
- MERCEDES-BENZ PARTS & ACCESSORIES BOUTIQUE
- COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE BAR

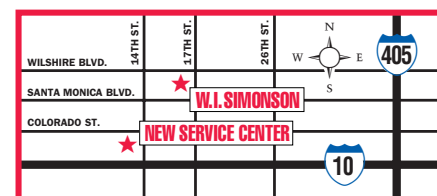
10% OFF!
DISCOUNT OFFER

WE INVITE YOU TO COME IN AND EXPERIENCE THE ALL NEW
W.I. SIMONSON & ENJOY A 10% DISCOUNT ON SERVICE & PARTS!
*MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE TIME OF WRITE-UP IN ORDER TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF THIS SPECIAL OFFER AND IS NON-TRANSFERABLE

CALL TODAY & SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT!

800.784.9247

SERVICE DEPARTMENT HOURS: MON - FRI: 6:30AM - 6:30PM • SAT: 8:00AM - 5:00PM



COLORADO & 14TH STREET • SANTA MONICA

1.9% APR LIMITED TERM FINANCING ON SELECT 2006 MODELS

NEW 2006 C230 SPORTS SEDAN



\$299 5 AT THIS LEASE PAYMENT
+ 88¢ + TAX PER MONTH
FOR 39 MONTHS
FULLY EQUIPPED

\$299.88 + tax first months payment for 39 months on approved credit. \$2200 cap cost reduction + \$795 acquisition fee = \$2995 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$31,365. Tier 1 Credit. 7.5K Miles/yr. 20¢ per mile excess. **OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.**

NEW 2006 R350



\$359 5 AT THIS LEASE PAYMENT
+ 88¢ + TAX PER MONTH
FOR 39 MONTHS

\$359.88 + tax first months payment for 39 months on approved credit. \$2464 cap cost reduction + \$795 acquisition fee = \$3259 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$48,775. Tier 1 Credit. 7.5K Miles/yr. 20¢ per mile excess. **OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.**

NEW 2006 E350 SEDAN



\$449 5 AT THIS LEASE PAYMENT
+ 88¢ + TAX PER MONTH
FOR 39 MONTHS

\$449.88 + tax first months payment for 39 months on approved credit. \$3397 cap cost reduction + \$795 acquisition fee = \$4192 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$53,475. Tier 1 Credit. 7.5K Miles/yr. 20¢ per mile excess. **OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.**

MANAGER'S SPECIALS!

'03 CADILLAC CTS.....\$22,981
BLACK/BLACK, PRISTINE CONDITION! 137875

'05 BMW 325.....\$32,981
BLACK/BLACK, SPORT/PREMIUM PKG, 5KP92844

'05 BMW Z4 3.0.....\$37,981
BRONZE/TAN, NAVIGATION, 5LU16181

'03 BMW M3 CONV.....\$40,981
PEWTER/ASH, PK02785

'00 PORSCHE CARRERA.....\$43,983
CAB/HARDTOP, LOW 18K MI. TIPTRONIC, 4S653290

'04 PORSCHE CAYENNES...\$45,982
TIPTRONIC, WHITE/TAN, 4LA65825

W.I. SIMONSON • SANTA MONICA

NEW CARS

17TH & WILSHIRE • SANTA MONICA
1-800-784-7160



1-800-784-7160

WWW.MERCEDESBEZPRICING.COM

All advertised prices exclude government fees and taxes, any finance charges, any dealer document preparation charges and any emission testing charge. Ad expires 02/14/06 close of business.

PRE-OWNED CARS

1308 SANTA MONICA BLVD • SM
1-800-784-6196

