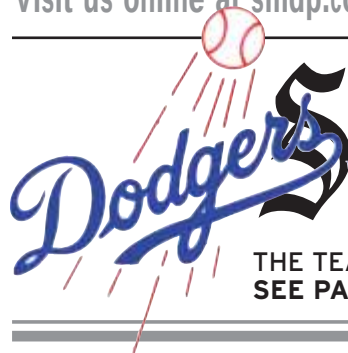




THE TEAM TO BEAT
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FILLING THE VOID

Faataape Simi, from American Castle Construction, helps install a new sign at Santa Monica High School earlier this week. Spring break at the high school begins Monday, April 2.

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ENTERTAINMENT

This Biker Babe is out to beat MS

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

BERGAMOT STATION Where others simply see a bunch of twisted metal and leather, artist Cathleen Crone sees stunning architectural forms and hypnotizing reflections in chrome that command one's attention, and hopefully their wallets.

Crone, a Santa Monica musician, actress and photographer, is looking to raise money for research and programs benefiting those suffering from Multiple Sclerosis through

the sale of her abstract photographs of Harley Davidsons and the other classic motorcycles she has studied at The Rock Store — one of Southern California's most famous biker hangouts, where riders like Jay Leno and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger stop to check out one another's hogs.

Having loved ones living with MS — a debilitating disease that affects more than 400,000 Americans, with about 200 people being diagnosed every week — Crone has



Courtesy of the artist

Hook or by crook

A fisherman looks to catch his assailant

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

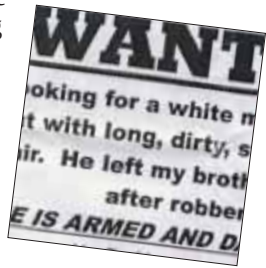
CITYWIDE It's no hoax. Those wanted posters residents have found stuffed in their newspaper racks along busy streets here are real.

Still, detectives have no reason to believe the fugitive they are searching for is in Santa Monica.

Detective Troy Brown of the Escambia County Sheriff's Office in Pensacola, Fla., is investigating the robbery and stabbing of a fisherman named Gerald Chamberlain, who has, along with his family, placed countless "wanted" posters here and in other states where he believes his attacker, a fellow fisherman, may be hiding, possibly still making a living off the high seas.

The posters, many of which were placed along Wilshire and Lincoln boulevards in Downtown and Ocean Park, have drawn the attention of residents and police officers here and in cities in Mississippi and Florida, where wanted signs have also popped up.

"I've had a couple of detectives (from Santa Monica) call me because they are curious, or because residents have called in, but mostly we get calls from up and down (Florida) with people asking if this is legit ... some of the posters look like they were made with Crayon or something,"





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Walnut Acres at the Malibu Inn

22969 PCH, Malibu, 9 p.m. — midnight

Berry D. Oakley heads up this rock/blues band at the Malibu Inn; also featuring Mark Knight and Paul Ill. For more information, visit www.malibu-inn.com or call (310) 456-6060.

'Spontaneous Encounter' at Upstairs @ the Market Art Gallery

1057 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Tonight is the opening reception for this show featuring works by 2005 alumni of the Santa Monica College Art Mentor Program. For more information on this event or the gallery, call (213) 742-0672.

'War and the Soul' lecture

1008 11th St., 7:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Author Ed Tick, Ph.D., a clinical psychotherapist and widely published writer will speak about his 30 years of experience in working with war veterans, trauma survivors and their communities. His books include 'War and the Soul: Healing Our Nation's Veterans from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder' and 'Vietnam Journeys.' For more information or to register, call (310) 556-1193.

Saturday, March 31, 2007

Vagabond Opera with Moira Smiley and Voco

3101 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m. — 11 p.m.

Gut-bucket swing, Arabic belly dance, tangos, Ukranian folk-punk ballads, Klezmer and vigorous originals mingle with Absurdist, Bohemian, Neo-Classical and European Cabaret style — all played with a gritty vagabond edge. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by visiting www.mccabes.com or calling (310) 828-4497. For more information, visit www.mccabes.com.

Smart irrigation controller exchange event

Santa Monica Pier, 9 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Santa Monica residents may be eligible to receive a free 'smart' controller for their landscape irrigation systems. City residents wishing to exchange their old controller for a free state-of-the-art model must reserve a space to be eligible. The controller swap will take place at the Santa Monica Pier (across from Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.).

Only 150 controllers will be distributed to pre-qualified, registered participants. Residents without a reservation, without their old controller or without a copy of their water bill will be turned away. The exchange event will include a half-hour training workshop. Reservations may be made by calling (866) 728-3229. For more information visit www.bewaterwise.com.

Howard Binkow Reading

13400 Maxella Ave., Marina del Rey, 11 a.m. — noon

Local author Binkow will be reading his children's book "Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen" at Barnes & Noble. Post-reading, Mr. Binkow, along with his book's illustrator, Susan F. Cornielsen, and the book's designer, Tobi Cunningham, will be giving a presentation on how a children's book is produced.

'Charlotte's Web'

2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

This production of the E.B. White children's classic is now playing at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. To make reservations call (310) 828-7519. For more information, visit www.morgan-wixson.org.

Malibu Wine Classic

6800 Westward Beach Rd., Malibu, 1 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

The Wine Classic showcases wineries from California's Central Coast — Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles and Ventura counties — along with Malibu and Los Angeles area restaurants. Afternoon session tickets are \$79 each and feature a silent auction plus 20 restaurants serving tasting portions. Evening session tickets are \$195 each and feature a selection of the Central Coast's 30 top wineries, table seating, catered food and silent and live auctions benefiting Childhelp. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.malibuwineclassic.com.

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



To design and then conquer

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM AIRPORT Architecture and interior design lovers, get the rulers and sketchbooks ready.

CA BOOM will hold its fourth annual design show and trade fair today through Sunday at the Barker Hangar at the Santa Monica Airport. Billing itself as the continent's only multi-discipline design show and trade fair, CA BOOM 4 will feature exhibitors representing categories such as indoor and outdoor living, Prefab and building accessories.

One of the biggest exhibitions this year will be the Prefab Zone, which had a successful first run in CA BOOM 3 last year. The Prefab Zone will feature local prefabricated company LivingHomes, whose owner, Steve Glenn, built an environmentally friendly prefabricated home in Ocean Park, as well as other prefabricated

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Body found near beach

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH The body of a woman was found Thursday morning near a beach restroom. Police said foul play was not suspected in her death.

The body was discovered shortly after 8 a.m. near the 1100 block of Palisades Beach Road, according to SMPD Lt. Alex Padilla.

The woman, in her early 40s and believed to be homeless, may have died of natural causes.

"It looks as if she had bed down for the night, and just never got up," Padilla said.

Authorities withheld the deceased's name, pending notification of relatives.

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Nice day for a change

Murderous landlady case goes to trial in Downtown L.A.

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA It was a nice change for Olga Rutterschmidt.

With television news cameras focused in and lights glaring overhead, the accused murderer took her seat in Department 102 at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Courthouse on Thursday for her arraignment, fashion-

ing a blue pantsuit.

A few seats down at the same table as the 74-year-old Rutterschmidt sat her accused partner in crime, 76-year-old Helen Golay, a Santa Monica landlord who looked ahead at the judge, with an exhausted look on her face. The fashion show ended there as Golay was still wearing her orange LA County prison jumpsuit.

The two women sat quietly as Judge David Wesley read aloud the charges the two faced in the murders of Paul Vados and Kenneth McDavid, two men killed in separate yet similar hit-and-run incidents in 1999 and 2005, respectively.

"Not guilty."

After pleading to the charges, a May 2 date was established for the pretrial hearing.

The trial has been set for May 23.

Deputy District Attorney Shellie Samuels said she will know in a few days whether she will push for the death penalty.

Investigators believe that Golay and Rutterschmidt concocted a scheme in which they befriended the two men when they were still homeless, setting them up in apartments and gaining their trust. The women then allegedly convinced Vados and McDavid to sign them onto their life insurance policies before they were killed.

Both women took out multiple life insurance policies for McDavid and Vados, claiming they were their fiancées, cousins or even business partners. The

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THINKING IS IN THE TANK

Moderator Julius Lang speaks with various panelists Thursday at RAND Corporation as part of the "Addressing Homelessness: Innovations Through Community-Court Partnerships Conference." The conference — sponsored by the city of Santa Monica, RAND, the California Endowment and the Public Counsel — featured presentations by nationally recognized experts, including Ronald M. George, the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court. "Collaborative justice courts, focusing on less serious drug offenses, mental health, domestic violence, and juvenile matters ... change the offender for the better," said George during his speech.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protesters should mind their words

Editor:

How to be nice about this, even though they were obnoxious?

A group of religionists staked out a spot on the Santa Monica mall and proceeded to attack Al Gore and his book, “An Inconvenient Truth.”

Obviously, global warming has become the new battle cry of the Religious Right. What else have they got to demonize? Bill Clinton is out of office; Russia no longer is, and the anti-abortion and same-sex marriage issues have been marginalized.

That didn’t stop this group of zealots from spreading hate and lies about Gore, the messenger. Now, I ask, is this Jesus’ message? Is it what the Bible teaches?

Ron Lowe

Santa Monica

Puns aren’t fun for everyone

Editor:

Many thanks to Marilyn Brennan for bringing up the SMDP headline issue (“DP a little too ‘cutesy’” March 28, letters). Every punny headline in poor taste, such as “City assumes the position” for an article on added city employees in the annual budget, or “Malibu passes on gas” for an article on a proposed natural gas facility, or “Head in the sand” for an article about Oxnard police officers running over a sunbather’s head and killing her while she was in town to celebrate her son’s wedding, cuts away a little piece of the paper’s credibility.

Libby Carlson

Santa Monica

Indecisiveness translates to death

Editor:

Waiting for Mr. (Russell) Weller to pass away (“Market crash victims wait to be heard in civil case,” March 27, page 3) is just as bad that, in the name of democratizing Iraq and Afghanistan, whence both our Executive and Legislative bodies know that 1,710 more U.S. troops will die, and about 17,100 more wounded for life in the next 570 days – until October 2008, with thousands more Iraqi and Afghan citizens!

Frank Muller

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Jack Neworth

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It ain’t called March Madness for nothing

MINDFUL OF THE EXPRESSION, “There’s nothing older than yesterday’s news,” I’m writing this the day after UCLA defeated Kansas to reach the Final Four of the NCAA Basketball Championships. The game was so tense and hard fought ... forget the players, I’m a wreck.

In case you’ve been on another planet for the past three weekends, on Saturday, UCLA plays Florida in Atlanta, with the winner moving on to the championship game on Monday. (This means March Madness actually ends in April, but it’s a minor flaw.) After I finish this I’ll prepare for the big game. This includes getting dip and chips lined up, and thumb exercises to be limber with the remote.

My obsession with UCLA basketball started when I was 5. My father took me to a game in the old gym decades before Pauley Pavilion was built. I remember being frightened by the loud gun that signaled the end of the half and the game. (Obviously, not destined to be an NRA member.) My father and mother were part of the first class on the Westwood campus in the move from where L.A. City College currently sits. In those days, Westwood was a sleepy village. Today it’s a noisy metropolis.

For me, watching a UCLA tournament game can get very tense. Forget high def, I need a TV that monitors blood pressure. If it gets too high, it would automatically switch to the Home and Garden channel. Watching live can be so stressful I’m hoping to get Blue Cross to pay for TIVO.

I generally watch alone because my excessive rooting drives everyone crazy, even Oscar the golden retriever. During the regional finals last year against Gonzaga, when UCLA won at the buzzer, I went so nuts Oscar hopped up on the couch, trembling. When I tried to pet him for reassurance, he pulled his head back as if to say, “Next time, let’s watch the Animal Planet.”

In years past, I would ride an exercycle as I watched the games. But during the 1995 championship, when UCLA beat Arkansas, I burnt up a tire. This year, I’ve watched some of the games while working out in our building gym, but it’s a little embarrassing to be yelling at the screen while people on the treadmills and stairmasters look at me in puzzlement.

Wherever I watch, I always have the VCR running as backup. (Sometimes two in case one fails.) This way, if it gets too tense, I can turn off the TV and watch after I know the final score. I tell friends, “I can’t wait until the game is over so I can watch it.” Even though I already knew the score, UCLA-Kansas was so close that even watching on tape made me nervous.

When I can’t stand the suspense of not knowing the score live, I sneak peeks. I have televisions in the living room (big screen), the bedroom (24”) and the kitchen (12”). If the news is “good,” meaning UCLA is ahead or catching up, I stick with whatever TV I’m in front of. (Obviously, my “lucky” TV.) If it’s in the kitchen, I wind up doing dishes or

chopping vegetables. But if the game suddenly goes badly, I hurriedly switch to another TV, leaving a pile of chopped vegetables. (I realize if I were ever subjected to a sanity hearing, this could be very damaging. I’m hopeful any such hearing would come after basketball season.)

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The NCAA tournament began in 1939, the brainchild of the coach at the University of Kansas, Phog Allen. (Phog? Actually, his real name was Forrest.) In the tourney’s 67 years, UCLA has won the championship 11 times and reached the Final Four 17 times. It’s embarrassing to admit, but I can name every one from memory.

UCLA’s legendary coach John Wooden won 10 of those championships. At 96, Wooden has hip problems and trouble getting around, but is more lucid than I am, which on some days isn’t saying much. Wooden is featured this week in the HBO documentary, “The UCLA Dynasty,” covering the glory years 1964-1975. I’ve seen it twice already. I know, I need to get a life. I’ve tried. It hasn’t worked.

But sometimes, in a philosophical mood, I wonder ... if my father had taken me to an SC game when I was 5, would I root for the Trojans? (Unlikely since my two favorite teams are UCLA and anyone playing SC.) Or ... if my parents had voted for Eisenhower instead of Stevenson, would I today think Bush is a good president? Philosophical, schmilosophical — monkeys would sooner fly out of my ... well, you get the point.

As you read this, the big game against Florida is less than 24 hours away. To me, if UCLA loses, it won’t be the end of the world. Just close.

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As green as money has the capacity to purchase

TREES AND GRASS AREN'T THE ONLY things turning green this spring.

The notion of living a green life for the sake of staving off the effects of global warming seems to be getting hotter by the minute. Especially among those who can afford the steep price tags for the ever-expanding list of environmentally responsible products and services.

In Southern California, environmental protection is an especially fiery topic. Press releases are issued (via e-mail, obviously, not fax) almost daily from local trade groups trumpeting their efforts to put figurative green stamps on their business practices. Clearly, all wisely recognize that their largest revenue sources — tourism and surfing — will likely be depleted in a matter of decades if the climate change trends continue.

But the eco-buzz is no longer limited to ritzy beach towns. The green concept has now spread to large metropolitan areas like New York and Seattle. Mainstream magazines and newspapers are increasingly running glossy ads touting the very latest in environmentally correct living. And fortunately, caring about Mother Earth is no longer limited to NPR listeners, women with hairy armpits and men who wear Birkenstocks and wash the dishes while talking about their feelings.

One recent advertisement in the New York Times Magazine hawked a LEED-certified residential high rise on Manhattan's Upper East Side that "combines the prestige" of its tony neighborhood with the "ultimate" in lavish modern amenities and a "high level of eco-conscious features." The apartments boast filtered fresh air, private elevators, fireplaces and bicycle storage "to encourage alternative modes of transportation" (although presumably bicycles aren't recommended as substitutes for the private elevators). The building includes a fitness-wellness-spa center, an exclusive playground, a game room, private lounge, wine cellar, refrigerated lobby storage and, on every floor, recycling centers (otherwise known in less environmentally-evolved buildings as trash rooms). Living this green starts at just under \$2 million for a 1,445-square-foot two-bedroom unit.

Some guy in New Jersey (go figure!) recently designed and moved into the nation's first solar-hydrogen house. Through the use of solar panels, a hydrogen fuel cell, storage tanks and an electrolyzer, he's figured out how to completely eliminate car-

bon-dioxide emissions from his 3,500-square-foot home. And even when factoring in the hot tub and large screen TV, his monthly utility bill is zero. Unfortunately, the system he created — which might make even Al Gore and his annual \$30,000 electrical bill green with envy — costs half a million dollars, a sum probably higher than that which most people in most small cities pay in residential energy bills over their lifetimes. Combined.

Still, the rest of the well-heeled who move into their green Shangri Las can seriously assuage a good deal of global warming guilt by simply using compact fluorescent light bulbs. While pricier than standard lighting fare, they use nearly 75 percent less energy and last 10,000 hours longer than regular bulbs. Of course, the real savings comes to those who choose to live in literal darkness once they've installed the bulbs, rather than endure the torture of the heinously unflattering fluorescent lighting.

When wealthy tree huggers need to get away from it all, they can buy TerraPasses — the carbon credit certificates distributed to Oscar presenters last month — to counterbalance the damage to the environment caused by jetting off to vacation via private plane. Unfortunately, though, one hour in a Gulfstream GV, for example, burns as much fuel as an entire year of driving, so it would take a \$600 TerraPass to offset the carbon dioxide emissions from a single 3,000-mile flight.

However, for just \$1,500, a moneyed traveler who flies commercial can buy a TerraPass to offset one million airline miles, or 450,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions. Plus TerraPass will throw in a free folding bicycle, which can then be conveniently stored in a private bike room.

Certainly, not every environmentalist chooses to travel by air — some drive instead. Which is why it's fortunate that a TerraPass offsetting the carbon emissions of a Lexus hybrid SUV actually costs the same as the one for the regular Lexus SUV. But the best news for penny-pinching nature lovers? At just around \$43,000, the Lexus hybrid SUV is barely \$6,000 more than the comparable non-hybrid Lexus SUV.

Kermit had it all wrong. It is easy being green. Just as long as you have some in your wallet.

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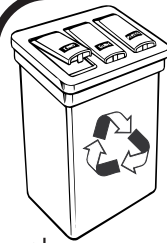
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This week's Q-Line question asks:

If you were on the DP's staff, what question would you just love to pose to the citizens of our fine city? Keep in mind that your answers should include both a question and your reason for wanting it asked.

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CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Stealing is not a game

TUESDAY, MARCH 20 AT 7:20 P.M.

Police responded to the 1900 block of Lincoln Boulevard – EB Games – regarding an employee in custody who was allegedly caught giving away, or selling at a discount, merchandise at the video game retailer. When officers arrived, they spoke with store security who said an employee had been giving friends free video games and treated other merchandise as promotional items, giving them to customers for free or at a discount because he thought this was done to keep customers coming back. The employee said he had been doing that since October, police said. In March alone, store security said the employee gave away or sold at a discount more than \$1,000 in merchandise. The employee was arrested and booked at the Santa Monica jail for grand theft. He was identified as Angel Augustin Ledezma, 19, of Culver City. His bail was set at \$20,000.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Officers with the Los Angeles Police Department arrested a suspect wanted for allegedly trying to cash a fake check at a Bank of America in Santa Monica in February. Police said the suspect walked into the Fourth Street branch Feb. 27 at 12:45 p.m. and tried to cash a fictitious check. The bank teller told police they thought the check looked suspicious, so they decided to call the account holder, who told the teller that they did not authorize anyone to make any withdrawals. Noticing something was wrong, the suspect left the bank, police said. With the suspect's identification presented to the teller, SMPD detectives were able to issue a warrant for the suspect. LAPD officers on routine patrol in the 77th Division saw the suspect and arrested her. She was identified as Valeria Maria Level, 33, of Los Angeles. Bail was set at \$20,000.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 AT 11 A.M.

Police responded to the 1900 block of 17th Street regarding a burglary. When officers arrived, they spoke with the victim who said she had returned to her apartment to find the door open with signs of a forced entry. Missing was a woman's Schwinn bicycle valued at \$600, police said. During the investigation the victim's son arrived at the apartment with the bike. Police said the son gained entry into the apartment and took the bike. He was arrested for burglary, six outstanding warrants and for a felony probation violation. He was identified as Jimmy Lee Lopez, 19, a transient. No bail was set.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 AT 10:45 A.M.

Police responded to the 300 block of San Vicente Boulevard Alley North regarding a disturbance call. When officers arrived, they spoke with the a mover who said he was struck by an impatient female driver who was mad that he had parked his moving truck in the alley to unload furniture. The victim said he and the driver got into a verbal exchange when she continued to honk her horn in a vain attempt to make him move. When he refused her demands, the woman allegedly inched her car forward and struck the mover in the leg with her front bumper, police said. The victim received no injuries. The driver was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. She was identified as Jane Lynn Westad, 53, a Santa Monica resident. Her bail was set at \$30,000.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22 AT 11:10 P.M.

Officers responded to the 1000 block of 12th Street regarding an armed robbery investigation. When police arrived, they spoke with two victims who said they were walking down the 800 block of Washington Boulevard earlier in the evening when they were approached by two men, one of whom had a four- to six-inch knife and threatened to stab them if they did not give up a purse. The other man was acting as a lookout, police said. Once they had the purse, the two men ran away and the victims flagged down a motorist who gave them a ride back to their house so they could call the police. In the purse was the victims' cell phone, a wallet with cash, and her IDs. A subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of one of the suspects, Antonio Gomez, 21, of West Los Angeles. He was charged with armed robbery. His bail was set at \$100,000.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 AT 2 A.M.

Police responded to the 800 block of 15th Street regarding a burglary in progress. When officers arrived, they spoke with a homeowner who said a man was trying to break into their storage shed. The resident said he yelled at the suspect, who closed the shed's doors and ran. He was detained in the 1300 block of Montana Avenue. During an interview with police, the suspect said he was looking for tools but was not going to steal them, police said. He was arrested for burglary. He was identified as Julian Mark Friedman, 50, of Pacoima. His bail was set at \$50,000.

Staff Writer Kevin Herrera compiled these reports.

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‘He’s not a spy’

Defense attacks case alleging engineer worked for China

BY JEREMIAH MARQUEZ
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA A defense attorney on Wednesday attacked the federal case against a Chinese-American engineer accused of stealing information on U.S. military technology for China.

Defendant Chi Mak did not believe the information was protected by federal export-control laws, attorney Marilyn Bednarski said as she laid out the defense in opening statements to jurors.

“This is a case, folks, where everything he copied he believed was sendable,” Bednarski said of the electrical engineer who worked for a U.S. defense contractor.

“The bottom line ... is we believe the evidence will show nothing was certified or labeled as export-controlled, nor did he believe it was,” Bednarski said.

In particular, she claimed, one of the documents in the case, dealing with quiet submarine power systems, had been presented at a conference of experts and was available for purchase on the Internet.

Bednarski told the eight-woman, four-man jury that Mak was not acting as an agent of a foreign government, did not intentionally send export-controlled material to China and did not lie to the FBI.

The defense will vigorously dispute the government’s claim that Mak confessed, the attorney said.

“This is about misperception and prejudice,” she said.

In the prosecution’s opening statement, Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Staples painted a picture of Mak, 66, as a longtime agent who admitted sending sensitive information to China since 1983.

Federal agents asked Mak why he did it, the prosecutor said.

“The answer was very simple. The defendant said, ‘I wanted to help China,’” Staples said.

Mak, who was born in China and became a U.S. citizen in 1985, worked at Anaheim, Calif., defense contractor Power Paragon. The prosecution alleges he used his position to steal advanced naval technology.

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Marilyn Bednarski
attorney

He has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to export U.S. defense secrets to China, attempted and actual export of defense articles, making false statements and failure to register as a foreign agent. If convicted, he could get more than 50 years in prison.

His wife, brother, sister-in-law and nephew were also charged. Counts against some or all include conspiracy and failing to register as a foreign agent.

Executives sentenced to home detention for hiring immigrants

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO The owner of a company that helped build a fence to keep illegal immigrants from crossing the Mexican border was sentenced Wednesday to six months home confinement for hiring workers who were in the U.S. illegally.

A judge rejected the government’s highly unusual plea for jail time.

Mel Kay, 64, founder, chairman and president of Golden State Fence Co., was sentenced along with Michael McLaughlin, another company executive, after both pleaded guilty in December to felony charges of knowingly hiring illegal aliens.

McLaughlin, 42, was also given six months home confinement by U.S. District Judge Barry Ted Moskowitz. Each was ordered to log 1,040 hours of community service and serve three years probation.

Kay was fined \$200,000 as part of a plea agreement, and McLaughlin agreed to pay \$100,000.

Federal prosecutors took the extremely rare step of seeking six months in prison for each defendant after they acknowledged hiring at least 10 illegal immigrants in 2004 and 2005. The charges carried a maximum possible penalty of five years in prison.

Moskowitz said he was uneasy with jail time because the company did not deserve

to be “the poster children” for unscrupulous employers. All of Kay’s workers paid Social Security taxes and received health benefits, vacation and sick time. Many earned more than \$50,000 a year.

Prosecutors were unable to cite a single previous case in which an employer had been sent to jail for knowingly hiring illegal immigrants.

“Prosecution is long overdue in this area,” Moskowitz said. “Honestly the government’s efforts have been at the border, not with the employer. Obviously, the government has signaled a change with this case.”

Kay apologized before he was sentenced and described how his business suffered after the guilty pleas. Golden State was banned from government work, which accounts for 30 percent of its revenue. The company has laid off about 150 employees, leaving it with about 500 workers.

“I feel I have paid a tremendous price,” Kay said. “I’ve lost a lot of accounts. (Customers) don’t want to be guilty by association.”

About 50 employees of the privately-held, Riverside-based company filled the courtroom and lined up outside to show their support for Kay, who flashed a wide grin as he left the chambers.

Authorities said the sentence sends a strong message despite the absence of jail time.

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STATE BRIEFS

Chino Hills

Volunteers cleaning bones unearthed at building site

Volunteers cleaned fossils unearthed at a Chino Hills construction site in hopes a paleontologist will be able to identify the bones buried where mammoths, bison and saber-tooth cats once roamed.

A bulldozer at a home construction site uncovered the trove of fossils and they were taken to the Mojave River Valley Museum where volunteers using brushes, scalpels and dental picks cleaned them up last weekend.

"We won't know exactly which animals we've found until we clean and preserve these bones," museum president Bob Hilburn said.

Riverside paleontologist Bob Reynolds will examine the fossils. Later, they will be stored in a repository for future study and eventual display in area museums.

Mammoths that once roamed the region vanished about 11,000 years ago, Hilburn said. Among the discoveries in the Chino Hills area – once marshland and sweeping savannas – were fossils of pond turtles.

"This is important as it reveals what the paleo-environment was in the region thousands of years ago," Hilburn said.

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Claremont

City agrees to \$17.5 million deal with homeowners

Palmer Canyon residents who blamed the city for homes burned in the 2003 Grand Prix wildfire have settled their lawsuit for \$17.5 million, city officials announced.

Homeowners claimed the city failed to properly clear brush on its nearby land, providing fuel for the blaze that destroyed their homes. Forty-three homes in Palmer Canyon were destroyed and others were damaged.

Some 62 plaintiffs in the suit will share the \$17.5 million and the money will be used to rebuild the homes, homeowners' attorney Mark Grotefeld said.

"My clients are very happy that the lawsuit is now concluded, and they can move forward with hopefully rebuilding their homes," Grotefeld said.

Claremont is a member of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority and will only pay a \$30,000 deductible toward the settlement. The rest of the settlement cost will be shared by the insurance authority's 106 member agencies, which include cities and other local governments in the state, said Jonathan Shull, executive director of the La Palma-based organization.

"None of us are happy with the large payout," Mayor Peter Yao said. "The JPIA felt that settling it was the best course of action, so we went along with their recommendation.

"As to whether we're responsible or not, none of us feel we were completely responsible. (But) based on the fact that we're paying something, that implies that we do have a certain amount of responsibility."

The Grand Prix wildfire started on Oct. 21, 2003.

AP

Redondo Beach

Doctor convicted of 18 sex assault counts

Jurors convicted a Redondo Beach doctor on 18 misdemeanor sex counts for fondling two female patients.

Mahendra Udani was immediately jailed Wednesday after the jury returned guilty verdicts on eight sexual battery counts, eight sexual exploitation counts and two counts of simple battery.

Udani was charged with groping two female patients in his Redondo Beach office and Torrance hospitals in November and December 2004.

The seven-man, five-woman jury was unable to reach verdicts on two charges and Superior Court Judge Michael Vicencia declared a mistrial on those counts.

The judge immediately ordered Udani to jail and set bail at \$500,000. Udani was also ordered to surrender his passport and not practice medicine.

The gastroenterologist faces at least seven years in a Los Angeles County jail when he's sentenced May 2.

AP

Santa Ana

Low reservoir levels have the OC facing water shortage

Despite preparations and conservation pleas, the weeklong shutdown of a major water treatment plant has led to a serious water shortage in Orange County.

Reservoirs were filled to the brim to prepare for upgrades at the Robert B. Diemer plant in Yorba Linda, but residents haven't heeded pleas to delay watering their lawns or washing their cars until the plant reopens.

The plant, which supplies Orange County with half its water and the south county with 95 percent, is scheduled to reopen Sunday.

"We thought we were prepared," said Karl Seckel, assistant general manager of the Municipal Water District of Orange County. "The last two years we did a similar shutdown. When we requested the conservation, it was there."

Officials had topped off reservoirs and called for customers to curtail water use. But the conservation message failed: Water use Wednesday was 30 percent above normal in some areas. On Wednesday, freeway message signs usually reserved for warnings about child abductions and traffic tie-ups told motorists: "Orange County Water Emergency. Conserve Water."

The quickly draining reservoirs led the Orange County Fire Authority to prepare to roll out water tankers on fires in Yorba Linda and Placentia to ensure an adequate water supply.

AP

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No more tats?

Marine Corps bans big, garish tattoos; some are steamed

BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

OCEANSIDE Five tattooed skulls stretch from Marine Cpl. Jeremy Slaton's right elbow to his wrist, spelling out the word "Death." He planned to add a tattoo spelling "Life" on his left arm, but that's on hold because of a Marine policy taking effect Sunday.

The Marines are banning any new, extra-large tattoos below the elbow or the knee, saying such body art is harmful to the Corps' spit-and-polish image.

Slaton and other grunts are not pleased.

"I guess I'll get the other half later," grumbled the 24-year-old leatherneck from Eden Prairie, Minn. "It's kind of messed up."

For many Marines, getting a tattoo is a rite of passage. They commonly get their forearms inscribed to remember fallen comrades, combat tours or loved ones, and often ask for exotic designs that incorporate the Marine motto, Semper Fi, or "Always faithful."

Dozens of Marines from Camp Pendleton, the West Coast's biggest Marine base, made last-minute trips to tattoo parlors in nearby Oceanside before the ban kicked in.

"This is something I love to do," said Cpl.

David Nadrchal, 20, of Pomona, who made an appointment to get an Iraqi flag and his deployment dates etched onto his lower leg. "The fact I can't put something on my body that I want — it's a big thing to tell me I can't do that."

Nadrchal said he is unsure whether he will re-enlist: "There's all these little things. They are slowly chipping away at us."

Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James T. Conway announced the policy change last week.

"Some Marines have taken the liberty of tattooing themselves to a point that is contrary to our professional demeanor and the high standards America has come to expect from us," he said. "I believe tattoos of an excessive nature do not represent our traditional values."

The ban is aimed primarily at "sleeve" tattoos, the large and often elaborate designs on the biceps and forearms of many Marines. Similar designs on the lower legs will be forbidden as well. So will very large tattoos on the upper arm, if they are visible when a Marine wears his workout T-shirt. Small, individual tattoos will still be allowed on the arms and legs. (The Marines already ban them on the hands.)

Marines already tattooed are exempt from the ban but cannot add to their designs; anyone caught with fresh ink in the wrong places could be barred from re-enlistment or face disciplinary action. Getting a prohibited tattoo could constitute a violation of a lawful order, punishable by up to two years in prison.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2007

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica



A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

SUBJECT OF HEARING:

Fence Wall Hedge Modification 06-002, 2427 Beverley Avenue. The applicant requests approval of a modification from the height limits set forth in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080 to allow the construction of a 5'-2" wall within the front yard of an existing single-family residence located in the OP2 (Ocean Park Low Multiple Family) zoning district where a maximum wall height of 3'-6" is permitted. The proposed retaining wall is approximately 23-feet in length and is proposed along a portion of the front property line in order to stabilize the existing grade differential between the public right-of-way and the front yard of the subject site. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2169 (CCS), the applicant may request a modification to fence, wall, and hedge heights in the front yard subject to the approval of the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Ariel Socarras] **Applicant/Property Owner: Gloria Garvin.**

Use Permit 07-001, 1340 Fifteenth Street. The applicant requests approval to install six new antennas and four equipment cabinets for an unmanned wireless telecommunication facility on the roof of an existing six-story, approximately 60-foot tall building. The antennas are proposed in three sectors and will be screened by an eight-foot high screen wall. The four proposed telecommunication equipment cabinets will be located in a 990 square foot lease area on the building's roof. The project does not comply with the height, location, or screening requirements of Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) 9.04.10.06.110(a)(6). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b) the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the design standards for non-parabolic commercial antennas. The request to modify the regulations and design standards requires a Use Permit application. [Planner: Gina Szilak] **Applicant: Sprint-Nextel. Property Owner: David Weiss.** [continued from March 13, 2007.]

Variance 06-022, 1267 Palisades Beach Road. The applicant requests approval of the following variances to allow the construction of a new single family residence. [1] a zero setback for semi-subterranean garage with an elevated walkway above in lieu of a 4 foot minimum setback; [2] allow a lift that would facilitate two guest parking spaces located in the semi-subterranean garage; [3] allow 60% parcel coverage in lieu of the 50% maximum allowed; [4] allow modifications on the required setbacks on the north and south elevations and, [5] Allow an 11.5 foot high wall above existing grade along the north side property line and within the front yard setback area. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Sections 9.04.20.10.030(d)(1), the applicant may request variances to exceed the zoning district's lot coverage, side yard setbacks and setbacks and allow for modifications to the required parking configuration if the parcel has a depth of ninety feet or less and a width of thirty-nine feet or less. The subject parcel is 25 feet wide x 99.98 feet deep. The site also has a 15 foot x 15 foot easement that allows an existing public walkway and steps to encroach within the front yard setback. SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(b) allows for modification to required parking spaces. This item is continued from the January 9, 2007 hearing. **Applicant: Michael J. Kent, AIA. Property Owner: Brian Novack.**

Variance 06-032, 109 Santa Monica Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of a variance to modify the number of parking spaces required for the conversion of an existing commercial space to restaurant. The conversion of the commercial space to restaurant will require an additional 5 off-street parking spaces on-site. The applicant is proposing to provide the additional parking spaces off-site within 300-feet of the subject site. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(b), the applicant may request a modification to the number of automobile parking spaces as required by the off-street parking requirements. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **Applicant: Bar Pinxto. Property Owner: M. David Paul Development, LLC.**

Variance 07-002, 612 Pico Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of a variance to allow continued use and maintenance of a single family dwelling with zero rear yard setback and a zero side yard setback (along the south elevation). The nonconforming setbacks were created by an un-permitted addition constructed in 1942 that connected the main dwelling with an existing accessory structure. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(d), the applicant may request modification to yard setbacks on parcels that are 90-feet or less in depth. The subject parcel is less than 60-feet in depth. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **Applicant/Property Owner: Karen Sellars.**

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION

Ice traps five boats near Alaska

BY RACHEL D'ORO
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska Five vessels spent at least 12 hours trapped by Bering Sea ice off-shore of a remote Alaska island before forging a narrow escape through the giant floes early Thursday.

The 365-foot crab processor Independence, three crab boats and a freighter finally broke free early Thursday morning

from the ice choking the mouth of the harbor in the tiny island village of Saint Paul.

Crews were never in any actual crisis and there were no injuries, so they never called the Coast Guard, although the agency sent a helicopter crew over the vessels Wednesday night from its local station.

But it took the vessels hours to inch through the ice piled so thick that the five people on board the 103-foot crab boat Jennifer A reported seeing two foxes running

on the slabs a mile from shore, according to Stephanie Pitzman, the wife of boat captain Ian Pitzman.

Stephanie Pitzman spoke to the crew by satellite phone Thursday morning and learned they were safe, although they were anticipating some damage to the paint on the boat from knocking into ice.

But before getting that reassurance, Pitzman spent a fretful night after her husband told her the vessels were stuck just after

unloading their opilio crab catch on the Independence Wednesday, she told The Associated Press in a phone interview from her home in Homer.

"Everything is so unpredictable and Mother Nature's wrath can be fairly swift," she said. "But Ian is a seasoned mariner, and he always errs on the side of caution."

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Witness: Nacchio's financial targets unattainable

BY SANDY SHORE
AP Business Writer

DENVER The former head of a Qwest division that handled consumer and small business products testified Thursday he believed 2001 financial targets for his unit were "unattainable," yet then-CEO Joe Nacchio was angry when it missed the goals.

James Smith, the former head of Qwest Communications' consumer markets unit, was the latest in a string of former business unit managers who have told jurors in Nacchio's insider trading trial that they believed the 2001 goals were unrealistic.

Smith, who joined the consumer division after overseeing Qwest's telephone directory publishing business, said the division fell \$116 million short of its target in the first quarter of 2001, which meant division officers expected revenue to fall \$323 million, or 4 percent, short of the goal for the year.

Nacchio told him the figures were "unacceptable," Smith said.

Smith's testimony resumed after a federal judge, outside the jury's presence, rejected a prosecutor's effort to introduce evidence that he said showed Nacchio tried to conceal \$90 million in assets in February 2002 "to avoid suffering a loss."

U.S. District Judge Edward Nottingham said the transfer of assets into accounts solely owned by Nacchio's wife occurred some 10 months after the stock sales that are the subject of Nacchio's insider trading trial and were too far apart for jurors to draw conclusions about Nacchio's state of mind.

"The court is not convinced of the similarity of the insider trading of which the defendant is charged and the later transfer of assets," Nottingham said.

He also said he did not want the jury to be distracted with testimony about the transfer and the fact that Nacchio "is a wealthy man."

Nacchio, who resigned under pressure from Qwest Communications International Inc. in 2002, is accused of 42 counts of insider trading for \$101 million in stock sales in the first five months of 2001. Each count carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

Prosecutors say Nacchio based his sales on non-public information that Qwest could be at financial risk because it relied on one-time fiber-optic sales to help meet financial targets.

Nacchio's defense attorneys have said Nacchio was the only top-level executive of Qwest at the time who knew of potentially lucrative contracts from secret government agencies that he believed the Denver-based company would win and that would help its financial picture.

Nacchio has acknowledged exercising stock options in the first five months of 2001 to earn \$101 million, which are the transactions at issue in the trial.

The defense says Nacchio was forced to exercise stock options under terms of his contract, but that he was optimistic about the company's future because he anticipated lucrative contracts with clandestine government agencies.

The government's case is grounded in 2000 and 2001, when Qwest acquired U S West.

SEC regulators say Qwest falsely reported one-time sales as recurring revenue between April 1999 and March 2002.

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Colorado tornados leaves behind death

BY COLLEEN SLEVIN
Associated Press Writer

HOLLY, Colo. A woman flung into a tree by a tornado that plowed through a southeastern Colorado farm town died of her injuries Thursday after a spring storm sprawling from the Rockies to the Plains spawned dozens of twisters that killed at least four people, authorities said.

Sixty-five tornadoes were reported in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska on Wednesday, the National Weather Service said.

The 28-year-old woman, identified as Rosemary Rosales, was found critically injured in a tree after a tornado as wide as two football fields destroyed several homes and damaged dozens of others in Holly, a town of 1,000 people some 235 miles south-east of Denver near the Kansas state line.

She died after being airlifted to a Colorado Springs hospital, Coroner Joe Giadone said. At least seven people in Holly were hurt when the tornado skipped for a mile-and-a-half through Holly and surrounding areas late Wednesday.

"All they heard was this big ugly noise, and they didn't have no time to run," said Victoria Rosales, the victim's sister.

She said the woman and her husband, Gustavo Puga, were in the kitchen and their 3-year-old daughter, Noelia, was sleeping in a front room when the tornado hit. Puga was

holding onto Noelia when they were found, said Oscar Puga, his brother.

Puga and Noelia were in fair condition at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, hospital spokesman Mark Goldberg said.

Five other people were taken to hospitals as far away as Denver. One was listed in fair condition and another was described as stable. No other information was available.

ALL THEY HEARD WAS THIS BIG UGLY NOISE, AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE NO TIME TO RUN."

Victoria Rosales
victim's sister

Rescuers said they believed everyone had been accounted for in the town.

Snapped utility poles, downed power lines, tree limbs and debris littered streets as residents sifted through their belongings. One woman whose house was destroyed wept as she searched for a wedding ring.

"Homes were there and now they're gone," Prowers County Administrator Linda Fairbairn said.

Investigators rap Interior official for alleged meddling

BY JOHN HEILPRIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON A Bush administration official broke federal rules and could face administrative sanctions for leaking non-public federal information about endangered species to private industry groups, the agency's internal watchdog found.

Julie MacDonald, the deputy assistant secretary for fish, wildlife and parks, acknowledged that on several occasions she released internal information from the Interior Department and Environmental Protection Agency into private hands, including the California Farm Bureau Federation and the Pacific Legal Foundation, Interior Inspector General Earl Devaney concluded.

Environmentalists and other critics have charged that MacDonald undermined federal endangered species protections. In the report, other Interior officials describe MacDonald as a political appointee bent on manipulating science to fit her policy goals, which favor developers and other industry.

MacDonald removed more than 80 percent of the nearly 300 miles of streams that had been under government protection to aid recovering bull trout in the Northwest's Klamath River basin, and she tried to pressure the Fish and Wildlife Service to alter its findings on the Kootenai River sturgeon so that dam operations wouldn't be harmed, the report said.

Rep. Nick Rahall, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, said he would hold a hearing in May about the report on MacDonald and broader issues it raises.

The hearing will provide "a sweeping review on whether politics is infiltrating decisions" and subverting science in the government's handling of endangered species, said Rahall, D-W.Va., who released Devaney's report.

The findings were first reported by The New York Times in Thursday editions.

Devaney said his office began investigating after an anonymous complaint in April 2006 that MacDonald acted unethically and illegally when she "bullied, insulted and harassed the professional staff" of the Fish and Wildlife Service to alter scientific evidence.

"A lot of that is true," Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dale Hall is quoted as saying in the report, adding that he's been in a "running battle" with MacDonald since he took over the service in October 2005.

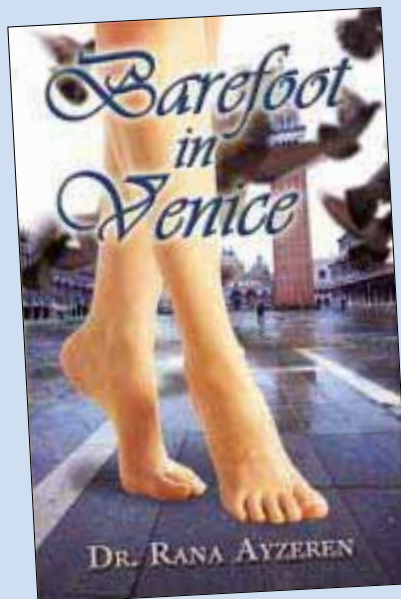
Devaney said he uncovered no illegal activity by MacDonald, but that she broke federal rules that prohibit the disclosure of private agency information and require public officials to avoid appearing to give anyone preferential treatment. Twice she sent internal EPA documents to people whose e-mail addresses ended in chevrontexaco.com, the report said. Devaney referred the matter to other department officials for potential sanctions against her. An Interior Department spokeswoman said the report was being internally reviewed and that officials would have no comment on a personnel issue. MacDonald could not be reached for comment through the spokeswoman Thursday. MacDonald, a hydraulic engineer with a master degree's in management joined the Bush administration in 2002.

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This article, published in *Share International* magazine, was written by a Master of Wisdom. The Masters, headed by Maitreya, the World Teacher, are highly advanced teachers and advisors of humanity who are planning to work openly in the world very soon.

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Pre-trial for suspects set for May 2 hearing

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women collected several million dollars in life insurance payouts, but several of the insurance companies refused to pay out, citing that their claims were under investigation.

IT'S TORTURE FOR HER TO COME DOWN HERE."

Roger Jon Diamond
Defense Attorney for Helen Golay

The judge also granted a waiver of personal presence for Golay, who complained of not getting enough sleep during the preliminary hearing two weeks ago.

"It's very difficult for her," Golay defense attorney Roger Jon Diamond said following the arraignment.

On Thursday morning, Golay, who is being held without bail in a facility in Lynwood, was awoken at 3 a.m. and arrived at the Downtown LA courthouse around 7:30 a.m. Diamond called the waiver a technicality since Golay will be in court most of the time.

"It's torture for her to come down here," Diamond said.

MORE TESTING UPCOMING

Investigators plan to conduct more testing on the Mercury Sable that is being used as evidence in the case, Samuels said, asking if either defense attorney would like to be present during testing.

On the night of June 21, 2005, when McDavid was believed to have been killed in a Westwood alley, AAA was called to tow a 1999 silver Mercury Sable from a gas station at the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Westwood Boulevard to the intersection of Fifth Street and Ocean Park Boulevard in Santa Monica. The latter intersection is located a block away from where Golay was living at the time. Detectives believe the Mercury Sable was used to hit McDavid, an incident that occurred just a few blocks away from where the car was towed.

Despite all the evidence presented against Golay during the preliminary hearing — a hearing that included testimonies from relatives of the victims who stated they were not related to either Golay or Rutterschmidt — she reportedly remains optimistic that she will be cleared of the murder charges.

"She's encouraged," Diamond said.

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CA BOOM architecture showcase to begin Friday

FROM DESIGN PAGE 3

companies. An architecture tour of Santa Monica homes today will highlight Glenn's prefab residence on Highland Avenue.

The Prefab Zone will also allow interested homebuyers to negotiate with and purchase homes from prefab companies.

"In the past year, the modernist prefab manufacturers have had the necessary break-through to deliver product and CA BOOM's Prefab Zone participants confirm this," said CA BOOM Founder and Executive Producer Charles M. Trotter. "Instead of just talking about prefab, our prefab manufacturers have successfully delivered product and put a dozen houses in the ground."

For the first time, CA BOOM will feature a six hour Trade Only Day today and a Modern Parenting Zone all weekend. The latter will highlight high design furniture for children.

Un-established designers can also attempt their first crack at the architecture and interior design world through the First-Timer's Zone.

"CA BOOM prides itself on functioning as an incubator for the careers of new designers, many of whom are recent design and architecture school grads," Trotter said. "CA BOOM is a unique opportunity for them to showcase new products and designs and get instant feedback from potential buyers."



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ALL IN THE DESIGN: Exhibit from past show.

Admission for the event is \$20 per day. The architectural tours, which covers Santa Monica on Friday, Venice on Saturday and West LA/Mar Vista on Sunday, costs \$75 a day or \$200 for the entire weekend.

For more information, visit the CA BOOM 4 Web site, caboomshow.com.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Modifying Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Sections 9.04.14.080 and 9.04.02.030.370 to Allow the Continued Operation of an Existing Legal Nonconforming Neighborhood Grocery Store in a Residential District.

APPLICANT: Farms Market

WHEN: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 6:45pm

WHERE: City Hall Council Chambers
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Sections 9.04.14.080 and 9.04.02.030.370 to allow the Planning Commission, or City Council on appeal, to modify the special conditional use permit standards for existing non-conforming neighborhood markets on a case-by-case basis. The proposed amendments affect all existing neighborhood markets that are located in residential districts.

HOW TO COMMENT

You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information received before 3:00pm on the Wednesday before the hearing will be given to the City Council in their packet. Information received after that time will be given to the City Council prior to the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: TA 06-006
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Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project, please contact Senior Planner Sarah Lejeune, at (310) 458-8341 or via e-mail at sarah.lejeune@smgov.net. Information is also available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Development Agreement 05-002, Final Environmental Impact Report 05-003, **1333-37 Ocean Avenue.** Recommendation to the City Council regarding a Development Agreement, Final Environmental Impact Report and Statement of Overriding Considerations to allow the development of a 73-room hotel which includes the adaptive re-use of two landmark properties. The project will contain a total of approximately 41,050 square feet over a 132 space subterranean garage. The project includes the demolition of two commercial buildings on site and the re-location of one of the landmark buildings, the Victorian, to create a publicly accessible plaza in the center of the site. A Statement of Overriding Considerations will be necessary to approve the project as the environmental analysis finds there are significant unavoidable traffic impacts at the I-10 and 4th Street intersections. All other potential impacts can be mitigated. The Development Agreement proposes public benefits including adaptive re-use of the two landmark buildings on-site. [Planner: Sarah Lejeune] **Applicant/Property Owner: Hill Street Partners III, LLC.**

WHEN: Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California



HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact Sarah Lejeune at (310) 458-8341, or e-mail her at sarah.lejeune@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TTY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.



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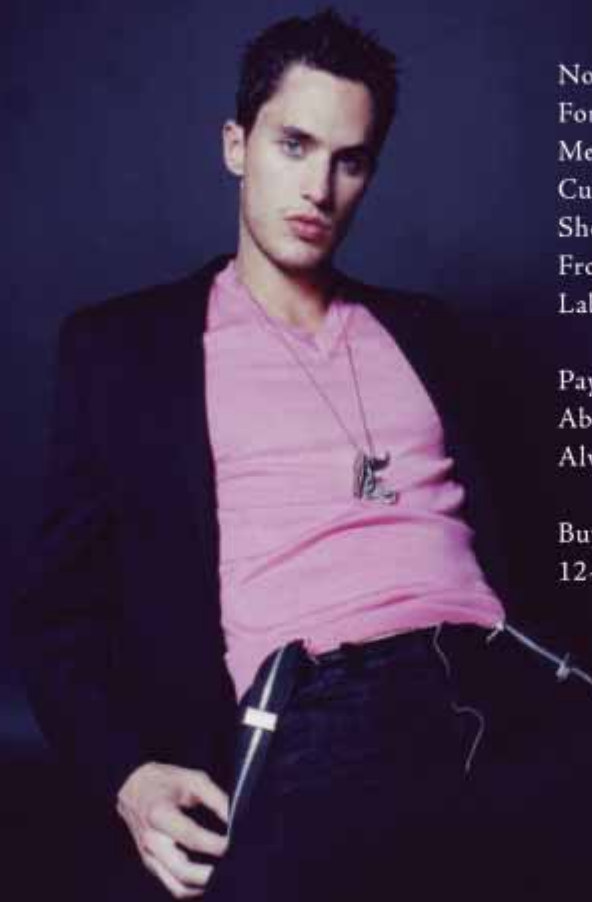
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Terry Malligan and is known as a long line fisherman out of Pompano Beach, Florida. The crime scene started at the Kangaroo gas station off I-110 in D'Iberville, MS.

**Detective Troy Brown at
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Poster may lead to culprit

FROM POSTER PAGE 1

Brown said. "It is legit. (The stabbing) did happen, but right now we have no leads."

The wanted posters describe a suspect who is a "white male, bald in front with long, dirty, stringy (frizzy) hair," who is "armed and dangerous: He was last seen driving a white GMC van spray-painted gold on top with 'Chamberland Commercial Divers Office,' written on the back, Harrison County license plate number H2J622."

Anyone with information is asked to call Brown, and there is a telephone number provided.

SMPD Lt. Alex Padilla, who had not personally seen the posters, said police are not investigating the case and have received no evidence to suggest the suspect is in Santa Monica.

The stabbing occurred in October 2006. Chamberland told detectives that he had met the assailant, who allegedly used the name Terry Malligan, among

others, while the two worked on a fishing boat in the waters off Biloxi, Miss. The two then traveled together to Pensacola, where they went fishing at a popular watering hole, according to Brown.

**APPARENTLY,
THEY HAD
FAR TO MANY BUSCH
BEERS ..."**

Detective Troy Brown
Escambia County Sheriff's Office

"Apparently, they had far too many Busch beers ... and when Mr. Chamberland turns around, this guy stabs him in the back, takes his van and hauls ass," Brown said.

With no real name to go on, and a failed attempt to track the suspect

using a cell phone number, detectives are at a dead-end.

"That really makes it harder to investigate," Brown said. "If I had a name, date of birth, it would be a piece of cake to get a lineup and have Mr. Chamberland point him out. But in this case, he just meets this guy on a fishing boat. They and anybody and everyone who works on them (fishing boats) don't have a life, no wife ... They're out there for 30 days or more, make two grand and then they're broke in two days."

As for contacting Chamberland, Brown did not have a valid telephone number for the victim.

"He changes his cell phone every three days, it seems," Brown said. "He's one leg away from being a transient himself."

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Local artist uses craft for a cause

FROM BABE PAGE 1

decided to donate 25 percent of the proceeds from the sale of her artwork to the National MS Society, Southern California Chapter.

Her images are currently on display at the James Gray Gallery in Bergamot Station in a pop photography exhibit entitled "Immortalization of the Rock Store." The photos will soon be part of a leather-bound coffee table book, complete with silver studs, featuring motorcycles and the riders who cherish them.

"I am excited by the architecture of the mighty machines and am captivated by their owners' testimonies," Crone said, explaining her fascination with the subjects in her photographs, some of which look more like oil paintings than digital prints. "The motorcycles arrive, park and lay claim to their designated space and posture in a majestic fashion saying, 'I am standing, I wish to be acknowledged!'"

Crone is no stranger to fundraising. Through her band Cat and the Mighty Mice, as well as other art, she has raised money for the MS Society. She even sang the national anthem at the Los Angeles Coliseum during the opening ceremony for the MS Walk 2004.

"We are encouraging everyone who wants to do something about MS now to join the movement to bring us closer to a world free of MS," said Chapter President Leon LeBuffe. "We are thrilled that Cathleen has found this unique way to engage in our movement and get others involved too."

MS is thought to be an auto-immune



Photos courtesy of artist

BIKER BABE SHOWS OFF: Cathleen Crone's work is on display currently at Bergamot Station in Santa Monica. (Right) An example of her work featuring bikers.

disease that affects the central nervous system (CNS). The CNS consists of the brain, spinal cord and the optic nerves. Surrounding and protecting the nerve fibers of the CNS is a fatty tissue called myelin, which helps nerve fibers conduct electrical impulses.

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A person with MS could have loss of balance and muscle coordination making walking difficult; another person with MS could have slurred speech, tremors, stiffness, and bladder problems. While some symptoms will come and go over the course of the disease, others may be more lasting.

"I have friends suffering with MS and it can be very debilitating," Crone said. "I'm just glad that I can lend a helping hand."

The "Immortalization of the Rock Store," which has been called by critics a "feminine twist on mighty pieces of machinery," will be on display through Friday, April 11.

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Tropicana gets ready to turn 50 with grace

BY RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LAS VEGAS When the Tropicana Resort & Casino opened 50 years ago, its manicured lawns, balconied rooms and elegant showroom quickly earned it the nickname "Tiffany of the Strip." Years under mob control earned it a storied place in Nevada gambling lore.

The 60-foot tulip-shaped fountain at the front and tropical landscaping set the Tropicana apart from its contemporaries, such as the cowboy-themed El Rancho and the space-age New Frontier, said longtime employee Rudy Spinosa, 82, who helped open the resort to 500 VIP guests on April 4, 1957.

"Definitely nothing came close to it," he said.

But years of mob skimming, run-ins with gambling regulators and multiple management changes left the aging casino lagging behind on what is one of the busiest corners of the Las Vegas Strip at Tropicana Avenue.

Fort Mitchell, Ky.-based Columbia Entertainment, an affiliate of Columbia Sussex Corp., acquired it in January through a \$2.1 billion takeover of parent Aztar Corp.

Even as it celebrates Tropicana's golden anniversary this weekend, the company is planning an upgrade that will cost up to \$2.5 billion and rip up most of the existing resort.

"It's a relic of the past we admire and respect, and we would like to see it work out going forward, but I don't think it will," said

Rich FitzPatrick, Columbia's senior vice president and chief financial officer. "It needs to be updated, it needs to be freshened."

It's a long-overdue upgrade for a casino whose shining grand opening was quickly shrouded in controversy.

Shortly after opening, a May 2, 1957, assassination attempt on mob boss Frank Costello in New York exposed his Las Vegas counting room ties. While Costello was hospitalized, police found a note in his pocket detailing the Tropicana's gross win for its first 24 days: \$651,284.

Many say Costello was partly the inspiration for Don Corleone in "The Godfather."

"It was a public embarrassment for everybody involved," said David Schwartz, director of the Center for Gaming Research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. "(Authorities) quietly forced the people connected ... to sell it."

Other owners moved in, but hidden mob control through a different family, the Civellas, remained, according to John L. Smith, author of "Sharks in the Desert."

"For the two decades that followed, and while other mob-owned joints showed record-high profits even after the skim, the Tropicana underperformed like a poodle in a vaudeville dog act who forgot why he was on stage," Smith wrote.

Despite its struggles under mob ties, or maybe because of them, the casino still enjoyed some of its best years. In 1959, the casino brought in top acts to draw crowds.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

A time for magic

The Ruskin Group Theatre Gallery presents "Magic Hour @ Horizon Farm," an exhibit of Robert McGinley's landscape photography and the premiere of his video "Swoon." Profits from the sale of the artwork will go to the land conservation organization The Trust for Public Land. The exhibit will run from March 31 to June 30.

McGinley, an artist, filmmaker and poet who divides his time between Santa Monica and a horse farm in Barrington, Illinois, began photographing and filming the bucolic acreage after the death of his father, William J. McGinley, in 2001.

McGinley took photos of the 400 acres of majestic open space at dawn and dusk, what is commonly referred to as "the magic hour."

Also to be included in the exhibit is the premiere of McGinley's video "Swoon" - a moving landscape of the farm shot from the back of a galloping horse into the sun. The short film is inspired by the Tibetan Book of the Dead and the Greek myth of Pegasus.

An opening reception will be held from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. Regular exhibit hours will be 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. daily at the Ruskin Group Theatre, which is located at 3000 Airport Dr. at the Santa Monica Airport. Ample free parking is available. For further information, call (310) 397-3244 or visit www.ruskingrouptheatre.com.

DAILY PRESS

Catch a witch in a church

The poetry community is gathering to celebrate the 85th birthday of longtime Los Angeles poet francEyE and to raise funds for the publication of her poetry collection, entitled "Grandma Stories." The 'Poetry Fest and Fundraiser,' which will include a reading by the poet as well as music and refreshments, is set for Saturday, March 31, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Church in Ocean Park.

Known as the bearded witch of Ocean Park and the female Charles Bukowski (with whom she had a child), francEyE has been a fixture in the Southern California poetry scene for more than four decades. She writes prolifically in a style compared to Ron Koertge and William Carlos Williams, and frequents poetry readings in both Los Angeles County and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Winner of the Allen J. Freedman Poetry Prize, francEyE is author of "Snaggletooth in Ocean Park," published in 1996 by Sacred Beverage Press; and the chapbook, "Amber Spider," published in 2004 by Pearl. The poet can be seen in the film 'Bukowski: Born Into This' (2004) and other documentaries about the Los Angeles poetry scene. Born Frances Elizabeth Dean in San Rafael, Calif., in 1922, francEyE grew up on the east coast.

The Art Palette

Hamp Simmons

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Spring time in the city a time to get outside

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE SPRING IN SANTA MONICA TO GET YOU OUT OF THE HOUSE and into some art. If you're still nesting and not quite ready to leave home yet, you'll find comfort and security at the Arena 1 Gallery, where some of LA's most innovative artists explore the issues of home in their work. Or perhaps the swashbuckling heroes and endangered damsels of "The Scarlet Pimpernel" will get you going. Or if your tastes lean to the classical, Cantori Domino presents an evening of stirring music by Bach to rouse you from your winter slumber.

And if you just need a stroll in the bright spring sunshine to help you escape this winter's hibernation, check out some of the work at Bergamot Station – there's art galore to be found in the complex's multitude of galleries.

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HAMP SIMMONS is the cultural affairs coordinator for the City of Santa Monica. Send comments or suggestions for the Palette to artpalette.mailbox@smgov.net.



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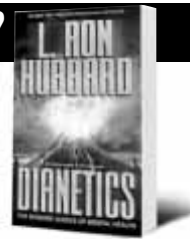
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SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following application:

Palisades Park (200 – 1500 blks Ocean Avenue), LC-06LM-009, Zoning: DP (Designated Parks) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a continued public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 06LM-009 for Palisades Park to determine whether the park should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the property meets one or more of the required criteria for landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: City of Santa Monica

When: Monday, April 9, 2007 at 7:00 pm

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Jing Yeo, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Ms. Yeo by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at jing.yeo@smgov.net.

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Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.



Ring busted

Major Arizona human smuggling operation broken up

BY JACQUES BILLEAUD

Associated Press writer

PHOENIX A human smuggling scheme responsible for arranging air transportation for thousands of illegal immigrants has been broken up with the indictments of 14 people who worked in travel agencies, officials announced Thursday.

Six Phoenix-area travel agencies were responsible for moving at estimated 6,800 people since 2005, Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard said. In addition to the 14 owners or employees of the agencies who were indicted, two people who ran so-called "drop houses" also were charged in the case.

The agencies arranged for one-way travel to destination cities across the nation, in many cases through McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas. Goddard said the year-long investigation uncovered ticket sales worth about \$2 million.

"This case underscores our increased commitment to investigate and prosecute human smuggling in Arizona," Goddard said.

The travel agency workers were charged under state human smuggling laws because they were facilitating the human trafficking. Undercover officers who bought some of the tickets made it clear they were intended for illegal immigrants, authorities said.

According to Goddard, illegal immigrants would be brought into the Phoenix area by human smugglers, put up in drop houses, and then provided the airline tickets to their final destinations. The Las Vegas airport was usually chosen because the Phoenix airport had a greater law enforcement presence.

Former aide says attorney general knew about firings

BY LAURIE KELLMAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Attorney General Alberto Gonzales wrongly stated he was not involved in discussions about the firings of federal prosecutors, his former chief of staff told the Senate Judiciary Committee Thursday.

"I don't think the attorney general's statement that he was not involved in any discussions of U.S. attorney removals was accurate," testified Kyle Sampson, who quit this month as Gonzales' top aide. "I remember discussing with him this process of asking certain U.S. attorneys to resign."

Sampson said Gonzales attended a crucial meeting on the firings Nov. 27, 10 days before they were carried out.

Under questioning by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., Sampson said Gonzales also was wrong when he said other senior Justice Department aides gave Congress inaccurate information because they hadn't been fully briefed about the firings.

"I shared information with anyone who wanted it," Sampson said. Asked by Schumer if Gonzales' statement was false, Sampson replied, "I don't think it's accurate if the statement implies that I intended to mislead the Congress."

In earlier testimony Sampson said the prosecutors were fired last year because they did not sufficiently support President Bush's priorities, defending a standard that Democrats called "highly improper."

"The distinction between 'political' and 'performance-related' reasons for removing a United States attorney is, in my view, largely artificial," Sampson said.

"Some were asked to resign because they were not carrying out the president's and the attorney general's priorities," he said.

"In some sense that may be described as political by some people."

He denied that any prosecutor was fired for pursuing corruption cases that might hurt the administration.

"To my knowledge, nothing of the sort occurred here," Sampson told the committee.

Gonzales planned to meet with U.S. attorneys from the mid-Atlantic region at Justice Department headquarters Thursday. It's part of a nationwide series of meetings to discuss the issue.

The Judiciary Committee's senior Republican, Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, scolded Sampson for causing an uproar that has distracted the Justice Department and jeopardized Gonzales' job.

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Judiciary Committee's senior Republican

"It is generally acknowledged that the Department of Justice is in a state of disrepair, perhaps even dysfunction, because of what has happened," Specter said.

The remaining U.S. attorneys are skittish, he said, "not knowing when the other shoe may drop."

Democrats rejected the concept of mixing politics with federal law enforcement. They accused the Bush administration of cronyism and trying to circumvent the Senate confirmation process by installing favored GOP allies in plum jobs as U.S. attorneys.

"We have a situation that's highly improper. It corrodes the public's trust in our system of Justice," said Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy. "It's wrong."

BASEBALL
Dodgers look like team to beat in NL West race

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES General manager Ned Colletti vividly remembers going from player to player in a somber Los Angeles clubhouse last October, minutes after the New York Mets eliminated the Dodgers from the playoffs.

“Almost every guy I talked to said they couldn’t wait for the ‘07 season to get going,” Colletti said.

The ‘07 season is about to get going, and with one of baseball’s better rotations, a solid bullpen and a set lineup, the Dodgers appear to be the team to beat in the NL West.

“I know there are a lot of predictions out there, but the bottom line is we’ve got to go out there and play baseball,” said Luis Gonzalez, one of a handful of newcomers the team is counting on to make major contributions.

“You look at the success we had last year — that was great, and now you want to build off that,” first baseman Nomar Garciaparra said.

The Dodgers were a mess when Colletti was hired as GM in November 2005, having just finished 71-91 for their second-worst record since moving west from Brooklyn in 1958.

One of the first things Colletti did was hire Grady Little as manager. Wholesale changes followed, and the team flourished, going 88-74 last season — the same record as NL West champion San Diego.

The Dodgers were swept by the Mets in the best-of-3 division playoffs, leaving them with only one postseason victory since they won the 1988 World Series. And a lot of hunger for this year.

Colletti made further changes during the offseason, leaving starters Derek Lowe and Brad Penny and second baseman Jeff Kent as the only key holdovers from two years ago.

“We have a nice mixture of veterans and young guys on the team — it gives you something to be excited about,” said Garciaparra, the NL comeback player of the year last season when he hit .303 with 20 homers and 93 RBIs.

The Dodgers appear to have improved their rotation significantly by signing free agents Jason Schmidt and Randy Wolf, who will join 16-game winners Lowe and Penny along with Brett Tomko.

“YOU LOOK AT THE SUCCESS WE HAD LAST YEAR — THAT WAS GREAT, AND NOW YOU WANT TO BUILD OFF THAT.”

Nomar Garciaparra
first baseman

“This is by far our best rotation since I have been here,” Lowe said. “Everyone brings a different style and ability, and it’s going to make us not only good, but also a team that can contend in the playoffs.”

Other key additions were outfielders Juan Pierre and Luis Gonzalez — the latter because J.D. Drew opted out of the final three years of his contract and signed with Boston. An outstanding bullpen returns intact, anchored by closer Takashi Saito, who went 7-2 with a 2.07 ERA and 24 saves in 26 chances as a 36-year-old rookie last season.

The Dodgers were next-to-last in the NL with 153 homers last season.

BASEBALL
Health is a major issue for Angels

BY KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM The Los Angeles Angels, with little changed from a year ago, figure to be contenders again in the AL West after finishing second last season.

If only they can pitch, hit and catch.

“This is always a competitive division,” Los Angeles manager Mike Scioscia said. “We hope to be contending and that’s what we’ll focus on.”

Health already is one issue. Hands are another.

Their mound staff should be one of the best in the league, when — and if — two of their starters fully recover from injuries.

Bartolo Colon, the 2005 AL Cy Young winner who appeared in only 10 games (1-5, 5.11 ERA) last season because of shoulder problems, is slowly working his way back from a rotator cuff tear.

Jered Weaver, who won his first nine major league starts and finished 11-2 as a rookie last year, also has been brought along slowly this spring because of biceps tendinitis.

Since neither of them will be ready when the season begins, John Lackey, Ervin Santana and Kelvim Escobar will be joined in the rotation by Joe Saunders, with a possible fifth starter filling in as needed.

Down in the bullpen, closer Francisco Rodriguez and setup man Scot Shields head one of the AL’s most dependable corps of relievers.

The Angels’ offense, too, already has been diluted by injuries. Juan Rivera, who hit .310 with 23 homers and 85 RBIs last year, broke his left leg playing winter ball and may miss the entire season. Chone Figgins, whose 52 steals were second in the league, is expected to miss at least five weeks with two broken fingers on his throwing hand.

Vladimir Guerrero, the 2004 league MVP, again heads the offense, but still needs some protection in the lineup. The Angels hope the acquisition of Shea Hillenbrand — signed after Rivera was hurt — will provide some of that.

If Garret Anderson stays healthy, he could help keep some of the pressure off Guerrero, the only player in the majors who has hit above .300 for each of the past 10 years.

Gary Matthews Jr., signed by the Angels to a five-year, \$50 million contract after a breakout year with Texas, also could be a plus batting in the leadoff spot.

Matthews’ reportedly was linked to an investigation of unlawful trafficking in human growth hormone dating back to 2004, but he issued a statement saying he had never taken HGH. Baseball is still looking into the matter.



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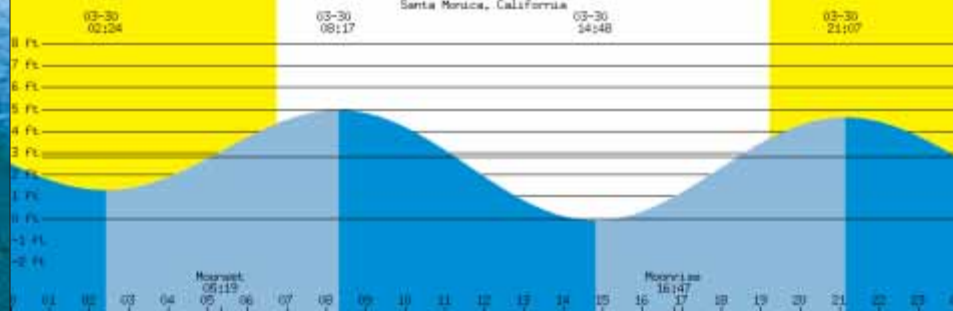
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Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / 6

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Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	B	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	B	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	B	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
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Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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

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Where the gang is, Scorpio

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

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Focus on the process and getting the job done. Others might give you some flak, as they don't have your vision or drive. Work with others, as long as you can achieve your long-term goals. Know when to fly solo! Tonight: Slow down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Creativity surges for those who think about what they do. Listen to what is being shared by a child or loved one. You might need to pull back and think. Time alone allows great ideas to bubble forth. Tonight: Loosen up your play ethic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Come from a solid point of view. You are interested in some basics. Listen to others, but aim for what you want. Meetings and people join together to help you get more of what you desire. Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind. Be willing to walk your talk. Take charge and handle a personal matter in a more forthright manner. Others always depend upon you to assume a leadership position. Tonight: Hang out with a co-worker.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Read between the lines. Understand what is happening with someone close. You might wind up paying far more than you anticipated. Know when to call a halt to the process. Understanding grows. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Feel empowered and respond to the Moon vibrations calling you. Expect to be the lead actor. What you can achieve might be quite stunning. Work with a partner as closely as possible. Tonight: On top of your game.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Take your time making a decision. You will be able to make a difference in a little way. Still, don't push someone too hard. You might not like all the flak that could erupt. Your ability to move a project forward might be limited. Tonight: Know when to head for the hills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Though you certainly know where you want to go, you might have to work hard to get there. You might feel as if you are running in place. Don't give up, as suddenly you could be sprinting across the path. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your creativity surges, giving you an additional edge. You are high energy and ready to assume responsibility. You might wonder why others are getting stumped when a touch of ingenuity could loosen up a problem. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Events and your conscience force you to look past the obvious. Listen to insight that you gain, and use that information. Empathy and understanding emanate from a situation. You might want to rethink a situation. Tonight: Off to the movies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A partner could have a profound impact, if you allow it. You might not always see the complete picture, but the same could be said of a partner. Loosen up and make fewer judgments. Listen to others. You could be amazed by what you hear! Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with someone you care about. Others have strong opinions, which you might or might not want to go along with. Still, you might not realize that you aren't running the show – others are. Tonight: Say "yes."

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Slow Hand

Eric Clapton to hold concert in Illinois this year for rehab center

ERIC CLAPTON is having a jam session with more than a dozen of his favorite guitar-playing pals, and everyone is invited.

Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival, scheduled July 28 in the Chicago suburb of Bridgeview, Ill., will benefit Crossroads Centre, the drug-rehab facility he founded in Antigua a decade ago. Tickets go on sale Saturday.

Scheduled performers include B.B.



King, Willie Nelson, Vince Gill, Sheryl Crow, Jeff Beck and John Mayer, among others – and Clapton is already excited about spontaneous collaborations.

"Some of it's mapped and some of it isn't," he said Wednesday by phone from Winnipeg, Canada, where he is on tour. "We have to leave a little bit of it to chance."

This will be the second concert Clapton has held to

raise funds for the Caribbean rehab facility, which now includes a halfway house and community-education program. The first concert was in Dallas in 2004.

Many performers plan to return – "A great testament to how much everybody loves Eric Clapton," said Gill, who played at the first Crossroads fest.

Establishing the rehab center fulfilled a personal dream, Clapton said.

"I haven't had a drink or drug for quite a long time and it's changed my life completely. That's something I want to pass on and share with other people," he said.

Clapton said clinics such as Crossroads are "very necessary."

"I think it's suffered a little bit in some of the recent publicity with the celebrities who go there," he said. "It's a bit of a witch hunt going on in some of the

news channels about rehabs in general. It's a little scary because ... the last thing we want is to lose any of the rehabs."

The 62-year-old guitarist is set to wrap up his world tour in April and "have a little break in England" with his family before the Crossroads concert.

"Then I'm going to disappear for a year or two," he said.

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J-Lo returns to roots to promote new Spanish album with hubby

JENNIFER LOPEZ, who has proudly declared herself "just a girl from the Bronx," delighted fans in her old neighborhood by appearing at a local record store to sign autographs and promote her first all-Spanish album.

A crowd of 500 gathered in front of

the store Wednesday to see Lopez, who was accompanied by her husband, Marc Anthony.

"I want to say thank you to everyone for coming to celebrate with me this very special day for me," Lopez, a New Yorker of Puerto Rican origin, said in Spanish. Continuing in English, she said, "It touches my heart to be able to

bring this album back to my neighborhood, back to my home."

The album, "Como Ama una Mujer," or "How a Woman Loves," was released Tuesday and was mainly produced by her husband.

Lopez has said singing in Spanish has been a career-long goal.

The 38-year-old pop

singer-actress has two Hispanic-themed films coming out this year: "Bordertown," about the killings of hundreds of women in and around the city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and "El Cantante," starring her husband as Puerto Rican salsa singer Hector Lavoe.

AP

Bono becomes knight of the UK empire

Irish rock star and global humanitarian **BONO** became a knight of the British empire Thursday – and joked that his youngest son thought he was about to become a Jedi instead.

Bono, 46, was named a Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in an informal, laugh-filled ceremony in the Dublin home of British Ambassador David Reddaway.

"You have permission to call me anything you want – except sir, all right? Lord

of lords, your demigodness, that'll do," he told reporters afterward.

Because he is an Irish citizen, Bono won't have the title of "sir" before his name. That honor is reserved for citizens of the United Kingdom or British Commonwealth countries. Ireland left the Commonwealth when it became a republic in 1949.

Reddaway paid tribute to Bono's work as a campaigner against poverty and disease in Africa – but first asked whether he

was disappointed that becoming a knight no longer involves a sword or kneeling.

"Please, I wasn't expecting you to kneel," said Bono, his hand on the ambassador's shoulder.

Accompanying the rocker were his wife, Ali, and their four children – Jordan, 17; Eve, 15; Elijah, 7; and John, 5. U2 guitarist The Edge and bassist Adam Clayton also attended.

John was disappointed that his dad wasn't presented with a light saber,

said Bono, whose real name is Paul Hewson. "He thought I was becoming a Jedi."

Bono sported lapel pins for two of his previous European government awards, the Legion d'Honneur from France and the Order of Liberty from Portugal.

Such official accolades "really help me get through a few doors I wouldn't get through. And that's the truth, that's the way the world is," he said.

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AL GORE TO GET EMMY



AL GORE will receive an honorary International Emmy award recognizing his role in launching the interactive Current TV channel.

The International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences said this week that it will present the award to the former vice president in a Nov. 19 ceremony in New York. The Founders Award is presented to a person or organization "which crosses cultural boundaries to touch our common humanity," academy president Bruce Paisner said in a statement. "We in the media industry are honored that one of the world's leading political figures has joined our global community of broadcasters," Paisner said.

AP

Branch's stalker arrested during concert

A Maryland man accused of stalking **MICHELLE BRANCH** was arrested at her concert in Sheboygan this week after she spotted him in the crowd.

Branch, who was onstage, asked security personnel to approach him, witnesses said.

"Michelle Branch just said, 'Wait a second. There's a guy in the audience – striped shirt and glasses – can somebody check him out?'" said Cali Haas, 20, of Sheboygan, who was in the crowd. "It

left everyone just so confused, like, 'Is this a joke, part of the show?'"

Dominick Giordano, 32, was cited for disorderly conduct after employees at the Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts stopped him as he tried to run away, police said.

Branch apologized to the crowd and played her final song, Haas said.

Authorities said Giordano had been following Branch to concerts around the country since 2003 and regularly sends

her letters and videos. A police report from Monday's incident said Giordano had previously managed to sneak backstage at concerts and into post-concert parties, and had lunged at Branch during an autograph signing.

"He used to get his way into meet-and-greets and private events somehow and would try to approach her and touch her and just really inappropriate stuff," said Branch's road manager, Joshua Scott.

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Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 05/06/2004, as Instrument No. 04 1138201, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California. Executed by: Thomas Black, an unmarried man, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 4292-023-041 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 930 3rd Street #306 , Santa Monica, CA 90403 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$575,777.25 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. Date: 3/16/2007 First American Title Insurance Company First American LoanStar Trustee Services 3 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707 First American Loanstar Trustee Services may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Original document signed by Authorized Agent Teresa Marianos - For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call (714) 573-1965 P280487 3/16, 3/23, 03/30/2007

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. STANCHEL, aka WILLIAM STANCHEL, aka W.A. STANCHEL

CASE NO. BP101710
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WILLIAM A. STANCHEL, aka WILLIAM STANCHEL, aka W.A. STANCHEL A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Denise Weinstock in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Denise Weinstock be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION request the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The Will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed actions.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 16, 2007 at 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 11 located at: 111 North Hill Street, 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 objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

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**Petitioner: Denise Weinstock
James M. Cox, SB# 117005
Attorney for Petitioner
WISE PEARCE YOCIS & SMITH
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P.O. Box 22664
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**NOTICE OF AMENDED PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
KEITH ROBERT FREEDMAN
CASE NO. SP006985**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of KEITH ROBERT FREEDMAN. AN AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LISA B. DESFORGE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LISA B. DESFORGE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE AMENDED PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on 04/27/07 at 9:15AM in Dept. F located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

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

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

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

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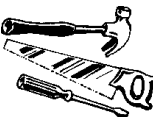
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