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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Shellie White, 30, was apprehended in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., in March, two years after she fled Arizona with her two children in a custody dispute with her ex-husband. For most of the two years, she has been living as a man (with a female partner), having convinced the kids, now aged 6 and 8, that she is actually their father.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 129th day of 2006.
There are 236 days left in the year.

On May 9, 1961, Federal Communications Commission chairman Newton N. Minow condemned television programming as a “vast wasteland” in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters.

In 1502, Christopher Columbus left Cadiz, Spain, on his fourth and final trip to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1754, a cartoon in Benjamin Franklin’s Pennsylvania Gazette showed a snake cut into sections, each part representing an American colony; the caption read, “Join or die.”

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity.”

DOROTHY PARKER
AMERICAN AUTHOR, HUMORIST, POET

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They've got high hopes



Aerial artist John Quigley organizes participants into the image of a circle with the word 'hope' and a profile of a child's face during the 'Worlds Aids Orphans Day, Circle of Hope' event at Santa Monica Beach on Sunday.

Trumping the competition

Samohi students show business acumen

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH — Showing that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is still a leader in preparing students for life beyond the classroom, a group of would-be entrepreneurs here recently took home first- and third-place honors in separate competitions involving

some of the best and brightest from across the country.

Over the last weekend in April, students from Santa Monica High School's Project Echo — a class that teaches students how to manage their own businesses — nearly swept all available categories at the California SAGE competition held in Chico, taking first place overall, as well as top honors in six of eight

“It was crazy ... It was a great moment.”

CHRIS PETERSON
PROJECT ECHO, STUDENT

events, which measured a team's community outreach plan, business models and presentations to prospective investors.

See **DOWN TO BUSINESS**, page 7

Honda on probation in wake of fraud case

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BLVD. — Honda of Santa Monica has been put on probation by the Department of Motor Vehicles after the dealership's sales employees were convicted of defrauding customers out of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The dealership, which was owned by Kramer Motors Inc. when the fraud occurred, will have its license placed on probation for five years. Under terms of a settlement agreement between the dealership and the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, Honda of Santa Monica also has paid \$75,000 in penalties to the DMV. In addition, the dealership will undergo six audits by DMV investigators over the next five years to ensure customers are not being ripped off.

“They will have to open their books to auditors to make sure they are not repeating the same mistakes,” said DMV spokesman Mike Miller, adding that the audits will not necessarily be announced or scheduled with dealership representatives. “It's a checks and balances ... reviewing the contracts, going line by line to make sure the customers understand what they are paying for.”

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CONSENT AGENDA

City Council spending money to make money

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The City Council tonight is expected to approve a series of measures that will cut costs and increase revenues, all while providing summer programs for

youth and affordable housing for families seeking home ownership.

While the exact amount is yet to be determined because of a pending real estate deal and uncertainty regarding federal grant funding and commercial development, the City Council's actions could save residents

as much as \$86,000 and generate over \$16.4 million this year alone.

Much of that money, around \$14.2 million, would come from a Los Angeles County sales tax used to fund public transportation, including Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus, according to a city staff report.

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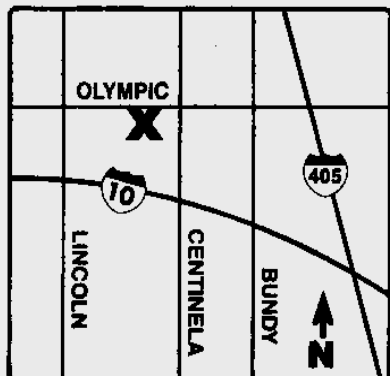
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Play away, Gemini

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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)

★★★★ Your even approach puts you way ahead of a situation or hassle. Others appreciate the stable yet kind perspective you add to different events. You cannot always have things as you would like. Let go and let others be. Tonight: Sort through different options.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your imagination travels. If funneled properly, you will see a change in rhythm and what goes on. A solid approach with others' issues in mind will bring positive results. Go with the flow rather than fight the trends. Tonight: Easy does it.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Though you might not realize it, you have a solid and somewhat serious attitude that causes some of the people around you to sit back and listen. Your creativity touches many in different ways. Realize your impact, and use this gift appropriately. Tonight: Play away.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Investigate different ways of handling a personal matter or investment. You might not want to constantly be putting money into a property. Be careful with your choices right now. It will make a difference ultimately. Tonight: Anchor away.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Recognize that you come off far more seriously than in the past. Others might react rather strongly to you. Recognize what is happening right now with others. Extremes find you, whether it is in conversation, plans or feelings. Tonight: As you like it.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your instincts could be off about financial choices. You might want to indulge someone and let this person know how you feel. Extremes punctuate your decisions and moods. Try walking a conservative course. Tonight: Gather your bills. .



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ A friend is absolutely serious about what he or she needs. Don't push yourself, but kick back and enjoy someone else's frivolous mood and behavior. You might be delighted by what comes down your path. Tonight: As you like.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Many responsibilities drop on you. Carefully listen to someone who can impact your life and decisions. Think carefully before you take a leap of faith. Someone does care about you. Tonight: You need some downtime.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You flourish among people and friends. Consider your options and break away from your predetermined path or direction. Opting to get more information and do something differently could make a big difference. Tonight: Where the crowds are.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to take the lead and handle a key situation or issue. Enlist a somewhat dour individual in a project. He or she will loosen up before you know it. You have a ball wherever you are. Tonight: A must appearance.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Think outside the box, and you will succeed. Someone might be luring you into doing more of what he or she wants, while someone else is very somber. Both offer different perspectives. Do a better job of listening. Tonight: Break past the barrier.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Deal with someone directly. Though you could be tired and dragged down, you break the mold and head in a new direction. You might not be able to resist that special purchase. Do you really need to? Tonight: Be with your best friend



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Saturn is a star at SMC

By Daily Press staff

Stunning discoveries of the Cassini spacecraft will be highlighted during “The Lord of the Rings Revisited: Cassini-Huygens at Saturn,” which continues to be the feature show May 5 and 12 at Santa Monica College’s Friday night astronomy series.

The guest lecture in May will concern “Atmosphere of Saturn and Other Jovian Planets.” Dr. Scott Edgington of the Jet Propulsion Lab’s Cassini-Huygens Mission to Saturn and Titan will talk about Saturn’s origin and evolution. The guest lecture will be Friday, May 26.

The feature show and guest lecture are at 8 p.m. Each is preceded by “The Night Sky Show” at 7 p.m., which re-creates the night sky and provides the latest information on space exploration.

The astronomy shows are held in the John Drescher Planetarium, which features the state-of-the-art Digistar projection system. It is located on the second floor of Drescher Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. The guest lecture is in Science Lecture Hall 140.

Plenty of energy at Santa Monica Festival

By Daily Press staff

The city’s celebration where art, culture and environment come alive is returning once again.

The Santa Monica Festival, with a focus on the performing and visual arts, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, at Clover Park, 2600 Ocean Park Blvd.

Powered entirely by renewable energy, the festival also will feature two completely solar-powered stages.

Highlights this year will include:

Quetzal: This celebrated LA band combines Mexican and Cuban rhythms, jazz, and rock, embodying the soul and struggle of the Mexican-American legacy with an exciting grassroots spirit that picks up where Los Lobos left off.

Bucovina Klezmer: Music for the simchas or joyous occasions that are part and parcel of Jewish cultural and religious life. Bucovina often reaches beyond its traditional repertoire to incorporate jazz and Latin melodies for a truly unique world music experience.

Viver Brasil Dance Company: A fusion of passionate Afro-Brazilian dance, stunning costumes, and exuberant live percussion and vocals. The dances are inspired by the Candomblé orixas, the Bahian carnival dances of samba reggae and samba.

Also taking place throughout the day will be “Downbeat Showdown,” a high-spirited talent competition along the lines of “American Idol,” showcasing talented local high school youth; and traditional dances of Grupo Folklórico Herencia Mexicana.

Craft demonstrations will be held by local artists, and hands-on art and environmental workshops for all ages led by the 18th Street Arts Center, Santa Monica Public Library, and Santa Monica Museum of Art. Attendees can also indulge in international cuisine and shop for crafts from around the block and around the world.

There will be free parking and admission. The festival is scheduled rain or shine.

Something to contemplate: Yoga as embodied prayer

By Daily Press staff

Those parishioners seeking to get in touch with the divine in non-traditional ways will have a chance when St. Monica Parish offers a retreat on yoga as embodied prayer.

The retreat, to be taught by Carol Rossi, will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at St. Monica Parish, 725 California Ave.

The cost to attend is \$65, which includes a catered lunch.

Yoga has become popular as a system of complex postures, but it is also a contemplative practice designed to bring people closer to the divine. Yoga comes from the Sanskrit word “yuj” which means yoke or join. Traditionally, all yoga practice was done in a contemplative way to help remove the obstructions that prevent us from operating in this connected state.

Over the past 30 years, ecumenically-based Catholics have re-incorporated body practices into worship. Several well-known priests are either yoga instructors or hire

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MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 168"-192"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 11/28
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CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING

MOUNTAIN HIGH
CLOSED

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 18"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	RUNS OPEN 20	LIFTS OPEN 3/4
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CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING

SNOW SUMMIT
CLOSED

SNOW VALLEY
CLOSED

SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 61°

SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)
TODAY THE SW WILL DECLINE A TAD FURTHER TO WAIST TO CHEST WITH NO PLUSES. NW SHOULD INCREASE THOUGH WITH SIZE AT WEST FACING BREAKS IN THE CHEST TO SHOULDER HIGH RANGE, BUT ONCE AGAIN WITH ONLY 10-SECOND PERIODS.

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SW FOR THE COMING WEEKEND...

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SATURDAY				
LOW TIDE	5:20AM	-1.17FT	4:27PM	1.87FT
HIGH TIDE	11:49AM	3.67FT	10:46PM	6.18FT
SUNDAY				
LOW TIDE	6:10AM	-0.93FT	5:01PM	2.31FT
HIGH TIDE	12:52PM	3.33FT	11:24PM	5.77FT
MONDAY				
LOW TIDE	1:35AM	1.47FT	1:17PM	0.88FT
HIGH TIDE	7:14AM	3.85FT	7:46PM	4.79FT
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	2:09AM	0.92FT	1:41PM	1.09FT
HIGH TIDE	7:59AM	3.84FT	8:04PM	5.11FT
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The Q Line

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Pssst, do you want to sign a marijuana petition? Santa Monicans have been asked that question in recent weeks, as the Santa Monicans for Sensible Marijuana Policy is gathering signatures in the hopes of placing a measure on the November ballot that would make the drug's criminal enforcement a low priority.

Top police officials have already come out in opposition to the measure.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know: **Do you feel personal marijuana use should be strictly enforced, or should police focus their attention elsewhere?**

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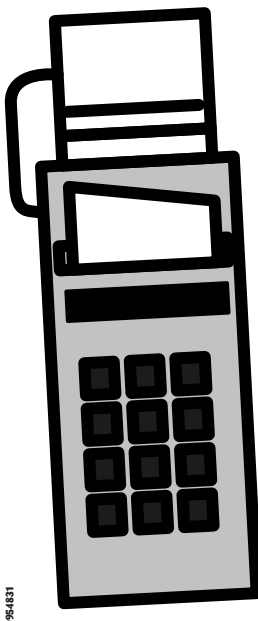
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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Like Ike said, we pay dearly for war

Editor:

I would disagree with attorney (David) Pisarra's contention that war is good for the U.S. economy (SMDP, May 2, page 4). Studies have shown that a dollar spent for public works has more of a multiplying factor than the same dollar spent for defense.

This does not take into account the fact that funds spent for fancy weapons, such as ships and aircraft, eventually end up in graveyards just rotting in contrast to the many buildings and dams and other public works still functioning from the 1930s due to the WPA.

Fifty three years ago, President Dwight D. Eisenhower in an address entitled "The Chance for Peace" before the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Washington, D.C. on April 16, 1953, outlined the real difference in spending between defense and public work, when he stated:

"The worst to be feared and the best to be expected can be simply stated. The worst is atomic war. The best would be this: A life of perpetual fear and tension; a burden of arms draining the wealth and the labor of all peoples; a wasting of strength that defies the American system or the Soviet system to achieve true abundance and happiness for the peoples of this earth.

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.

"This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. The cost of one modern heavy bomber is this: A modern brick school in more than 30 cities. It is two electric power plants, each serving a town of 60,000 population. It is two fine, fully equipped hospitals. It is some 50 miles of concrete highway.

"We pay for a single fighter plane with a half million bushels of wheat. We pay for a single destroyer with new homes that could have housed more than 8,000 people.

"This, I repeat, is the best way of life to be found on the road the world has been taking. This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity from a cross of iron."

Norman G. Axe
Santa Monica

Attempted kidnapping is front page news

Editor:

I cannot understand why your paper gives more coverage to Bobby Shriver's latest homelessness initiatives and the alleged mismanagement of Santa Monica High School than you give to an attempted kidnapping in broad daylight (SMDP, April 26, page 3).

I live north of Wilshire Boulevard and I walk the length of Washington Avenue every day with a stroller. To say that I was a bit unnerved by a brief account of the incident that was tucked into a corner of your paper is an understatement. I am not sure if it unnerved any other woman in the neighborhood because no one else I have told has even heard about this attack.

People from back East ask me what I think is different about living in LA. I have not been here long enough to give a fully informed answer, but I do know two things. First, when a woman is almost abducted in broad daylight efforts are made to get notice out to other women in the area who may be potential victims of predators such as this. Second, when I pay \$2,300 in rent and the two-bedroom condo next door is listed at \$1.3 million you would think I could count on certain level of safety and communication from my local law enforcement and community newspaper.

Molly Scott
Santa Monica

A candidate that shows her integrity is worth a long look



WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA

Politics is a dirty business. We hear that almost every day. And with each new scandal to come out of the White House, each report of new corruption amongst our elected leaders — whether it be real corruption for cash — or the more insidious type of just losing touch with the people they represent, we lose our faith in the political process.

Fighting the battle to put good people into office is a tough job. I say this from the personal experience of having spent the last two weeks trying to get people to come to my home and meet Kelly Hayes-Raitt, a democrat to represent Santa Monica in the Assembly. I was amazed at the initial reactions people have when I would invite them to a brunch, to hear Hayes-Raitt speak, and to ask her about the issues confronting our state today.

As I talked to my neighbors, most everyone was eager to complain about the current crop of crooks in Sacramento and Washington. It's not hard in this Democratic part of the world to get a conversation going about how bad Bush and his band of merry men are. There is a great deal of anger, frustration and disgust with the people whom we choose to lead us.

My neighbors had so much contempt prior to investigation that it made getting people to come hear Hayes-Raitt speak very difficult. Which is a shame, because she is a charismatic, engaged and engaging individual who has decades of experience at the grassroots level of politics.

Frequently people felt compelled to tell me that they were leaving their checkbooks at home and that they didn't believe in giving money to the candidates. I found that funny because these same people would also bemoan the fact that fat cat corporations own the politicians. Well, no wonder. If the individuals won't support the candidates, where are they supposed to get the money to run a campaign? Without the corporations or the individuals contributing, the only people who could run for office would be the super rich like the Governor, and do we really want a government owned by the super rich?

People's hesitancy was made even more ironic to me because Hayes-Raitt is the only candidate who is running a clean money campaign. She's living by the rules she wants to see put into practice. She's not taking the fat cat corporate dollars so you'd think that people would be even more interested in hearing her. But no. Apathy runs deep in the American electorate.

I was able to find about 20 people to come meet Hayes-Raitt. In this little cadre of people, I had die-hard political junkies who love to spar over issues, and I had people who don't vote. It was a very interesting experience watching the non-voters listen to what she had to say. To see someone who is generally apathetic about politics perk up and become a supporter is truly rewarding.

Hayes-Raitt is an open book. She's lived her life, and her career, in such a way that she has wonderful experiences to share.

From her time working to help co-found Heal the Bay; through her travels in pre-war Iraq and then post-war Iraq; her willingness to get in the mix, has given her an ability to empathize with others that wafts over the crowd like a fine perfume — it is noticeable, but not annoyingly so.

A couple of the guys that I invited are veterans. They have real-life experience with war and its costs. Each of them cornered Hayes-Raitt to tell her of their experiences being home from the war. The amazing part of this is, they did it before hearing her speak, not after. These are tough guys, who immediately felt that they could be open with Hayes-Raitt and share their thoughts and their feelings with her.

Integrity is a rare currency in politics. Nearly every politician wants to shout from the highest mountain how much integrity they have. Most candidates spend huge sums of money on very glossy campaign brochures and slick advertising campaigns to tell you how much integrity they have, which is really quite funny because it always makes me wonder how much did they have to sell out to get the donations, to print the mailers and tell me how much integrity they have.

If we don't get involved ... how can we sit in judgment?

Every person I spoke with who came to my home to meet Hayes-Raitt said the same thing, "she didn't tell me about her integrity, she showed it to me."

Being politically involved is frequently frustrating, oftentimes disappointing and generally a lot of hard work. But if we don't take the time to get involved, to seek out good candidates like Kelly Hayes-Raitt, to learn what it is we like or dislike about them, how can we sit in judgment of the poor performers who get elected?

I spent many hours being told by friends and neighbors that they don't get involved in politics but they do want their taxes reduced, and more services from the government. I just don't know how that is supposed to happen if the only support candidates get is from big money donors like Playa Vista Development and the petroleum companies.

To be fair, I looked at the top three candidates' Web sites and www.Hayes-Raittforassembly.com was the only one that actually had position papers on it. It's that integrity thing. Hayes-Raitt puts her positions on record, her money where her mouth is, and people see that she means what she says.

Many of my guests came as skeptics and left as believers. But that's because they actually took the time to investigate Hayes-Raitt and their reward was meeting a solid candidate with concrete ideas to improve our government, and a track record of protecting our environment.

We can only demand more from our elected leaders if we demand more from our candidates. We can only do that if we take the time to know them.

David Pisarra is a business development lawyer in the Santa Monica firm of Pisarra & Grist. He welcomes your questions and comments. He can be reached at dpisarra@pisarra.com or (310) 664-9969.

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Honda steadies ship

SM HONDA, from page 1

The probation, audit and penalties are part of a civil settlement that was reached earlier this year between prosecutors and the dealership.

The settlement is separate from the criminal cases levied against six former Honda of Santa Monica sales representatives who scammed customers by tacking on charges of "theft etch" to their contracts without their knowledge. Theft etch marks a vehicle's parts with traceable numbers in the event of a theft. The price for theft etch ranged from \$50 to \$250. On some contracts, the feature looked like a DMV fee, and in at least one case, the customer was told it was a DMV fee. It was not, Miller said.

Under the terms of the criminal settlements, multiple felony counts of grand theft that the defendants originally faced were reduced to misdemeanors for negligence, according to the DA's office. Four defendants who settled in March will be required to pay nearly \$10,000 in fines. They also will be on probation for the next three years. The other two employees, who played minor roles in the scam, in April pleaded no contest to misdemeanor counts. They have been ordered to pay \$100 in restitution fines and are currently on probation.

The DMV is considering revoking each individual's license, Miller said.

As part of the settlement, Honda of Santa Monica also will create business practices that will ensure sales personnel who have binding authority with new car contracts have checks and balances to make sure that similar violations don't happen again. Those practices could involve several employees up and down the chain of command reviewing contracts before they're signed or ensuring that sales people review contracts line by line to ensure that customers are aware of the fees they're paying.

Honda of Santa Monica representatives couldn't be reached for comment Monday.

In the past, they have told the Daily Press that the employees in question were fired immediately after the scam was uncovered. A new sales team has been hired.

According to the prosecutor's felony complaint, at least 33 customers were bilked out of nearly \$30,000 between 2001 and 2002, when all of the defendants worked in the finance and sales departments at the dealership, located at 1720 Santa Monica Blvd.

Under the civil settlement, an estimated 1,500 customers who were ripped off can expect to be reimbursed in the coming months by Sonic Automotive, Inc., the current parent company of Honda of Santa Monica. Those who might be eligible for restitution are customers who purchased or leased a vehicle from the dealership between April 7, 2000 and Oct. 31, 2002.

Sonic Automotive Inc. has hired an outside firm to serve as an administrator in handling the reimbursements, which will determine how much each customer will receive. The reimbursements range from \$100 to \$1,000, with the average claim being \$400. It's estimated that Sonic Automotive Inc. will pay back about \$829,000 in reimbursements.

The North Carolina-based automotive company paid the DA's office \$548,000 in civil penalties and costs associated with violating provisions of the Business and Professions Code. Of that amount, \$73,000 is for costs of the investigation.

The DA's office launched its investigation into the dealership in July 2002, after an employee tipped investigators off to the alleged scam. The dealership was raided by investigators, including FBI agents, who seized boxes of files and computers from the finance and sales departments on Sept. 25, 2002. The investigation was concluded last year when the DA's office filed a felony complaint against six former employees, alleging they overcharged customers to pad their own commissions.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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yoga teachers to co-lead workshops and retreats on contemplative practice. The practitioners have revived meditation techniques that originated with the desert fathers in the early years of the church but had gone underground.

Rossi teaches yoga at Loyola Marymount University and leads workshops on yoga as embodied prayer at parishes and retreat centers, and works as a spiritual director. Rossi is a certified yoga instructor and holds M.A. degrees in both Dance and Psychology. She has studied with some of the most distinguished teachers within the tradition of centenarian yoga.

A life-long Catholic, Rossi is actively involved in contemplative and meditation practices. She is completing certificates in both Spiritual Direction and Yoga Philosophy at LMU. The retreat-workshop at St. Monica's will include both practice and discussion, and it is designed for all levels, from people who have never taken a yoga class to seasoned practitioners. Participants will perform simple poses, breathing techniques, and meditation, as well as explore how yoga can enhance the Catholic experience.

Those attending should wear comfortable clothes, bring a yoga mat, and plan to practice without shoes.

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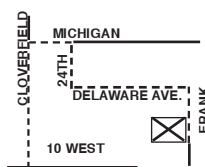
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Deal with county keeps Big Blue on a roll

CONSENT, from page 1

Daily Press newspaper; federal grant funding for affordable housing construction; and summer programs for youth.

SETTING THE STAGE

To reap the benefits of free money for mass transit, the City Council must annually instruct the City Manager to file the city's short-range transit plan with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, or MTA. This allows the city to qualify for millions in local, state and federal funding, including grants and sales tax revenues.

Along with the transit plan, the City Manager must also file a federally-mandated alcohol and anti-drug policy that all "safety sensitive" employees of Big Blue Bus must be subject to. The policy, in place since 1988, includes random drug testing of mechanics and bus drivers, as well as alcohol screenings, said Dan Dawson, public information officer for Big Blue Bus.

By filing, Big Blue Bus stands to receive at least \$14.2 million, which helps the city's public transit system remain self-sufficient and not draw money from City Hall's general fund, Dawson said.

The City Council is expected to order the filings tonight.

HOME OWNERSHIP A REALITY

As grants — both state and federal — play a major role in funding affordable housing projects in the city, the Council is expected tonight to ask the City Manager to apply for \$1.3 million from the state to offset costs for the construction of a 45-unit, affordable housing project at 1943 High Place near Edison Elementary School, according to a city staff report.

Over the next two to four years, the Community Corp. of Santa Monica (CCSM), a non-profit dedicated to developing and managing affordable housing, will use a combination of city money, grants and private funds to build the housing project, which will allow buyers to receive a low-interest, 30-year mortgage at 1 to 3 percent deferred interest.

By applying for the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods funds from the state, City Hall can expect to see a subsidy savings of up to \$30,000 per unit, according to city staff.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Like any landlord-tenant relationship,

there comes a time when the lease needs to be renewed.

The City Council tonight is expected to authorize the City Manager to enter into three lease agreements with existing tenants at the Santa Monica Airport who were displaced by the development of the Airport Park. The businesses include Santa Monica Acura, the Santa Monica Antique and Collectibles Market, and Spitfire Grill.

Santa Monica Acura is seeking to lease 1 acre for vehicle storage. Santa Monica Antiques and Collectibles is looking to lease 1.2 acres for parking, and the Spitfire Grill proposes to lease over 3,000 square feet of interior restaurant space and 3,000 square feet of outdoor patio space, according to a city staff report.

The three leases are expected to generate \$598,880 a year in revenue, plus more than \$500,000 in improvements to buildings at two locations.

The proposed lease for Santa Monica Acura, which also operates Santa Monica Lincoln-Mercury, would be for nine years, generating \$72,000 a year for the city's airport fund. The leases will also include \$100,000 for improvements, including new pavement, exterior lighting and a 275-foot wall to run along the south property line, intended to enhance security at the airport, a city staff report said.

The lease for the Market would be for a three-year period, generating \$30,000 a year for the airport fund.

For the Spitfire Grill, the lease would be for nine years, generating \$56,500 a year, according to a city staff report. Owners of the Spitfire would be required to make \$491,000 in improvements to the site, including new restrooms, an outdoor dining area, new facade and landscaping, as well as an expanded kitchen area.

In exchange for the improvements, City Hall is offering a rental credit in the amount of \$1,390 per month for 108 months, or \$150,120.

SPREADING THE WORD

The City Council is looking to change the way it advertises public notices by switching from the more expensive Los Angeles Times to the Santa Monica Daily Press for a potential cost savings of \$86,000 a year.

According to a city staff report, City Hall has advertised with the Times since The Outlook newspaper folded in 1998. At a reduced rate, City Hall pays \$44.95 per column inch in the Times. The Daily Press is offering an ad rate of \$10.75 a column inch. The city currently places 2,500 column inches annually.

City Hall received two bids for the contract, one from the Daily Press and another from the Santa Monica Observer.

In a recent appellate court decision involving a lawsuit between the Observer and City Hall, the court ruled that the Observer was not adjudicated, or allowed to run legal notices, which primarily deal with public bidding and land use matters, according to a city staff report. The Daily Press was adjudicated in December 2005.

Under law, City Hall is required to publish the legal notices to inform the public.

The Daily Press was selected by city staff because it is the only adjudicated paper published locally and will provide "a substantial cost savings to the city," a city staff report said.

If the council approves the contract, the city expects to spend more than \$27,100 with the Daily Press over the next fiscal year, plus another \$25,000 for a previous

advertising contract with the Times, which expires in January 2007.

FOR THE KIDS

With summer quickly approaching, the City Council is expected to contract with three private companies to run programs for youth, including surf camps, beach sports and soccer classes.

The programs should cost an estimated \$488,000, but the investment will pay for itself in registration fees expected to hit \$630,000, for a profit of \$252,000.

Surf Academy will run the surf camp, which attracted nearly 900 youth and 275 adults last year. In addition, Surf Academy also provided surf lessons to 780 kids participating in other city camps and programs, such as Rosie's Girls, Sports Experience and the Police Activities league, at no additional cost, according to city staff.

The Surf Academy contract is expected to cost \$180,000, with offsetting revenue of \$230,000.

Because the academy was so popular, the council wants to bring on Beach Sports, which will offer more activities in the surf and sand. That contract is valued at \$154,000, with an offsetting revenue of \$220,000.

Socceropolis will be in charge of administering the soccer camps at a cost of \$144,000, with offsetting revenue estimated at \$180,000, according to a city staff report.

The camps and classes will be published in Seascope — the summer youth camps and classes brochure — community classes fliers and the city's Web site. Those interested can register online, by mail, fax or can in person.

LAND GRAB

To generate more revenue, the council is looking to sell a 1,034-square-foot piece of property located at 2101 Pico Boulevard, which is Virginia Avenue Park.

A number of parcels were purchased to create Virginia Avenue Park. The land for sale is a parcel that could not be incorporated into the park and offers no use, except to a homeowner living adjacent to the parcel, a city staff report states.

When negotiations are complete and a sale offer is presented to the council for consideration, the sale price will be disclosed to the public, according to city staff. Proceeds will go to fund community development grants.

SETTING UP FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

In keeping with the theme of cost savings and investments, the council tonight will also consider approving of a permanent formula to calculate fees developers pay to help construct affordable housing.

The affordable housing fee, charged to developers constructing market-rate housing, is adjusted at the beginning of each fiscal year, which starts July 1.

Last fall, the council adopted a law modifying the fee based on a formula that takes into account changes in construction and land costs. The new formula will use the Engineering News Records Construction Cost Index, the annual change in median condominium sales prices by zip code, and the current development costs for completed affordable housing developments or those currently in-progress.

There is no fiscal impact on the city's general fund, and it is too early to say what the new fee would generate as private development fluctuates annually, city staff said.



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Mother dies after saving son

By The Associated Press

LIHUE, Hawaii — A mother who saved one son from a strong ocean current off the island of Kauai died Monday morning after she was pulled from the ocean during a failed attempt to save another son.

Jennifer White, 32, of Gunnison, Colo., brought her 8-year-old son to shore at Anahola Bay on Saturday and then swam back into the water to attempt a rescue of her 9-year-old boy.

White lost consciousness and suffered injuries during the effort. A bystander rescued White, who was in critical condition until she died.

Scuba divers and other rescuers were searching Monday for the 9-year-old, said Kauai County spokeswoman Mary

Daubert.

They also were looking for 17-year-old John Dacuycuy, a Kapaa High School student who also disappeared Saturday in a separate incident near Nukolii Beach. Dangerous current pulled him out into the sea while he was swimming with friends.

Both boys were dragged into deeper waters off different beaches on the island's east coast. Waves were in the 8-foot range with winds blowing at about 20 mph, said Coast Guard spokeswoman Petty Officer Jennifer Johnson.

Kauai Fire Chief Robert "Bob" Westerman said strong onshore winds created extremely hazardous conditions, with turbulent waters and poor visibility.

The names of the children had not been released.

Students, schools reaping the rewards

DOWN TO BUSINESS, from page 1

The students received \$4,000 for the victory and advance to the next round in New York, which will pit them against winners from nine other states. The team that prevails there will compete in the international competition in Shanghai, China, this August.

"It was crazy," said Project Echo student Chris Peterson of the team's victory at SAGE, which stands for Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship. "Teachers started crying, we were all cheering. It was a great moment."

BUZZER BEATERS

That same weekend, Samohi's Science Bowl team took third place in the Department of Energy National Science Bowl, which pits teams from 65 schools across the country against one another to see who knows more about biology, chemistry, astrology, physics and more.

The competition is like the game show "Jeopardy," where students are required to buzz in to answer a question. If they do so correctly, they are awarded points based on the difficulty of the question.

Samohi students were chosen out of more than 12,000 students who participated in 65 regional science bowls. Samohi's team was the champion of the regional competition held at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The third place finish was the best Samohi has done in the national competition, according to team member Dimitry Petrenko, who participated in his first bowl after a year on the scout team.

"We definitely had a shot at winning this year, but luck didn't fall our way on a few questions," Petrenko said. "I'm not disappointed with the result at all. I think it was a great experience and we definitely learned a lot of things that will help us improve our odds for next year."

Samohi's science department will receive a \$1,000 reward, as did each of the schools with a team finishing in the top 16.

"We are very proud of the hard work and successful efforts of our Science Bowl team, under the leadership of Mr. Ingo Gaida," Samohi principal and chief education officer Ilene Straus said last week.

NOT CLOCKING OUT

Students who chose to join these teams do so knowing they will have to put in a lot of extra work outside of normal school hours. To prepare for the SAGE competition, Project Echo students spent the majority of their spring break at school, perfecting their presentations.

For the Science Bowl team, students have been preparing all school year, devoting time before and after school to studying their material and participating in mock competitions.

"It's really exciting to see the kids do so well after all the hard work they've put into this," said Teri Jones, an instructor for Project Echo. "Because of their effort, we're probably the most hated high school in the state since we took first place in just about every category."

Project Echo members will leave for Brooklyn on May 24 to compete that weekend. SAGE is providing some funding to help pay for hotel rooms and meals, but students are still short about \$350 per person. Some may be able to raise the money themselves, but Jones said any money donated would be much appreciated.

"Not every kid can afford this trip, but they all deserve to go," Jones said.

Those wishing to donate funds, can contact Jones at

"Not every kid can afford this trip,
but they all deserve to go."

TERI JONES
PROJECT ECHO, INSTRUCTOR

www.tjones@smmusd.org.

In the meantime, Project Echo kids are hard at work, refining their presentations and building on suggestions received by judges at the state level.

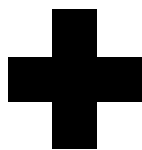
"We need to improve how we carry ourselves, how to adapt to a different environment like New York, with a different community, different experiences, but we are working on getting all the jitters out," Peterson said. "Right now, it seems we're busy trying to raise money for the trip."

Peterson said the team still hasn't had time to celebrate the win, except for a trip to an ice cream parlor in Chico.

"I think we're all just too excited about New York," Peterson said. "We'll have some extra days to go sightseeing, explore Manhattan a little. I think that will be our time to kind of sit back and enjoy what we've accomplished. Hopefully, though, we won't have that much time to enjoy it because we'll be busy preparing for Shanghai."

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STATE BRIEFS

Police uncover explosive stockpile

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Police found a small arsenal in the home of a man arrested after shots were fired into the air while he drove through his neighborhood, authorities said.

Officers found 21 guns, many of them assault weapons, and at least 10,000 rounds of high-caliber ammunition Saturday night as they searched the San Pedro home of Salvador Rodriguez, 41, police Lt. Roger Murphy said.

Rodriguez told investigators he was upset about losing his job and was struggling with marital problems, Murphy said.

"There's every indication he was perched right on the edge of Armageddon," Deputy Chief Earl Paysinger said.

Rodriguez had his 13-year-old son with him as he fired the .44-caliber rounds into the air from his semi-automatic handgun, Murphy said.

A resident who heard the shots told police he saw Rodriguez get out of his car with a handgun and run into his apartment.

Police surrounded his apartment and persuaded him and his son to come outside.

Enemy mine

By The Associated Press

TEMECULA — About 1,000 residents put on dust masks and marched a half-mile to rally against a proposed gravel mine being considered by Riverside County officials.

The marchers said Sunday that the quarry would be bad for the environment and damage the quality of life for area residents.

Granite Construction officials have argued the mine is needed to supply a shortage of construction and asphalt materials in Riverside and San Diego counties. Critics at the rally said the mine wouldn't help nearby development, citing a report by Granite Construction showing 70 percent of the gravel will go to San Diego County.

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Dear Dorie
Dorie Meek

Sometimes moms need a timeout

Dear Dorie,

I'm gearing up for Mother's Day with a 3-year-old, a 7-year-old and a husband who works really long hours with frequent business trips. We'll all be together on that Sunday but to be totally honest, I just want to be alone. I'm not trying to feel ungrateful or unappreciative — I love my family very much. I'm just wondering if there are any other moms out there who feel like me and if you have any advice for the big day?

Just Another Sunday Mom

Dear Mom,

Let me sum up: You are raising two children by yourself with financial assistance from your husband. With a toddler — I'll assume no preschool yet — and a school age child, that translates to limited sleep, no personal time alone and constant demands on your body, patience and possibly, your PTA. Your idea of a lovely way to celebrate yourself is rest and relaxation. What a surprise.

News flash: You are not alone. On Mother's Day, society conjures up an image of homemade breakfasts and art project gifts while you sleep in and then, later take a well-deserved nap. Your reality is a trashed kitchen and craft table that must be cleaned up before bedtime and an exhausted husband who may steal that nap away from you. You have every right to feel worried.

There are a few tips for breaking with tradition. First and foremost, set clear expectations for the holiday to your husband. Be realistic about what you'd like to happen or not to happen (e.g. "I'd like to go out to breakfast and take a nap." Or, "I would prefer not to go to your mother's house." If you'd like a gift, at least let him know the category (homemade, store bought, etc.), if not the item and store. Let him know what is just going to throw you over the edge — allowing the children to fight, watching a game, messy house without help ... it is, after all, your day.

The ultimate message of this particular Sunday is that you love your family, you love being a parent and you want to love Mother's Day. Good luck.

Dorie

Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmud.org, or call (310) 452-6132; fax (310) 452-6392

Kids with cash can make do



HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

BY JEAN ILLSLEY CLARKE PH.D.

Martha looked haggard. "I'm so worried about my 15-year-old son." Her voice was husky.

Her friend gave Martha full attention. "Why, what happened?"

"Brad is in Cancun for a week with three friends."

"Don't you like his friends?"

"They're OK, I guess, but there are no adults with them. These four kids are on their own, and I don't even know where they are sleeping."

"No adults? Why ever did you let him go?"

"He earned it. It was his money. There was nothing I could say. I'm worried sick."

Well, yes there is something she could have said. Take your pick:

■ "No, you can't go without a responsible adult. It's about safety, not about who earned the money."

■ "Family members don't let other family members do things that are unsafe."

■ "Recruit a responsible adult whom I approve of and you can go."

■ "I'll go with you."

■ "We'll get several of our friends to bring their families and we'll all go."

Family values

Maybe nothing says more about family values than how we teach children to deal with money. Nathan Dungan in his book, "Prodigal Sons and Material Girls: How Not to Be Your Child's ATM," recommends a simple 3S plan: "Share, Save, Spend." Each time the child earns or is given money, the money is divided into three boxes, jars, sox, or bank accounts, depending on the age of the child. The very young child could be given three quarters, one for each box. The parent teaches family values by explaining why we share and with whom the child might share. The save box, for the young child, will be for a very short-term pur-

chase. The older child may save for online skates, clothing, a computer, the prom, a vacation trip — even to Cancun — a vehicle, college or other training.

For the very young child, the parents decide the proportions. Missy, who is 3 years old, gets three quarters, one for each jar.

Allida, who is 9 years old, gets \$5 per week. One for Share, one for Save (for birthday presents) and three to Spend because she needs some money for school supplies and some to help her learn the many lessons about discretionary funds.

Brandon, who is 16 years old and has been doing the Share, Save, Spend method for years, negotiates with his parents about what his expenses will be, how much he can earn, and how much they will provide. He discusses proposed percentages for the three funds with his parents. If he doesn't already have both a checking account and a savings account in a bank, his parents help him negotiate getting them.

But, what about Brad? Is 15 years old too late to start the Share, Save, Spend plan? Depends. Depends on Martha's values. Maybe she doesn't value sharing or saving. Depends on her determination and ability to carry through. Depends on her ability to tolerate Brad's discomfort should he choose to resist. He is still a minor, and she is still responsible for him. We hope she finds support.

Clearly Martha has been overindulging by giving Brad too much freedom. Adults who were overindulged as children, and who participated in our overindulgence research studies, indicated that they do not appreciate having been given too much freedom or too many things as children.

These days some children don't have enough resources, and others are awash in money. Whatever your situation, you can learn lots about helping children manage money from Dungan's helpful book. You can learn about the many ways childhood overindulgence happens and its effect on later life from "How Much Is Enough?"

Jean Illsley Clarke Ph.D., Connie Dawson Ph.D. and David J. Bredehoft Ph.D. are co-authors of "How Much is Enough? Everything You Need to Know to Steer Clear of Overindulgence and Raise Likeable, Responsible, and Respectful Children." Illsley Clarke can be reached at jiconsults@aol.com. To read more about overindulgence go to www.overindulgence.info.

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6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – A talk for parents and caregivers of young children based on Parenting by Connection, a respectful and insightful approach to a parents and young children that is informed by brain development research and the insight that the sense of connection between adult and child is vital to the child's well-being. Presented by Patty Wipfler, Dir. of the Parents Leadership Institute; hosted by Venice Parents Daycare and Preschool. Venice Library Community Room, 501 S. Venice Blvd. RSVP to 306-3211; suggested donation \$15 advance, \$20 at the door (per family).

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Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

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Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Next session May 2 – June 6 for:
Baby Time – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years.
Spanish and Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.
Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3.
Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2.
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304
Story Time for Twos – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., current session thru May 16, registration required.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis
For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-

358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove
Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
An advanced 10-week parent education course. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – Newborn group - call for time.
4:30 p.m., separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling
The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2. April 12 – May 17.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
Border's, Westwood – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 5 to 36 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
Rhythm Child Parent & Me Rhythms, Santa Monica Studios, 3025 Olympic Blvd., 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Children explore rhythms through drum play. For toddlers. \$100 for 8 weeks. Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythmchild.net for more info and session dates.
Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre at Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., 394-9779
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For ages 3 – 5 with parents. This theatrical adventure includes story time, theatre games, crafts, play building and lunch. Reservations required 24 hours in advance, \$19.50 includes lunch for child and lunch.

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., \$15
Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Step Aerobics, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981, drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4

months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Other
Puppetolio – 1:00 p.m., 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

THURSDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 – 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03, Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Current session May 4 – June 8 for:
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 11:20 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m. April 13 – May 18.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Current session Apr. 11 – May 16.
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
An advanced 10-week parent education course. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Groups
La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class

free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups 11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05. Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.
Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 sibs-lings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. www.childsplayon-line.net

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; Playtime/Parent Support - 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881 for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise
Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa – 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 – 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Indoor Cycling, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

SATURDAY

Storytelling
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.
Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-BOOK.
Village Books, 1049 Swarthmore Ave, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.
826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info
@825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Classes
YWCA – Toddler & Me - 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.; Parent Enrichment once per month, 11:00 a.m. – noon, call Barbara Olinger at 452-3881 for rates and dates.

Yoga & Exercise
Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. 1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040,

www.santamonicayoga.com
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:00 a.m., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Other
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
Precious Prints – Ceramic Heirlooms for a Lifetime
Second Saturday every month at The Pump Station, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.preciousprintstudios.com for more info.
Lakeshore Learning Stores “Free Crafts for Kids” – Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.
“A Faery Hunt” – 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! \$10, call for reservations – 818-324-6802. www.faeryhunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.
Princess Bean's Messy World – 2:00 p.m., Sat. and Sun. May 13,14 & 27, 28.
A musical about real princess spirit featuring Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty and Princess Bean. Rock and roll dance party after performance. Ages 3 – 9. Electric Lodge Theatre, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice, 823-0710. \$10 admission.

SUNDAY, HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Main Street Farmer's Market – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., corner of Main St. and Ocean Park Blvd. Pony rides, live music, lots of vendors and great family socializing. Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicopolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA
9:30 – 10:30 a.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. 393-2721for more info.
Princess Bean's Messy World – 2:00 p.m., Sat. and Sun. May 13, 14 & 27, 28.
A musical about real princess spirit featuring Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty and Princess Bean. Rock and roll dance party after performance. Ages 3 – 9. Electric Lodge Theatre, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice, 823-0710. \$10 admission.



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Gas cap evaporates

Hawaii phases out program that might have raised fuel prices

BY MARK NIESSE
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Hawaii’s gasoline price controls have sputtered to a stop.

The island state whose drivers pay the highest pump prices in the nation has given up on price caps after an eight-month, first-in-the-nation experiment. Some complained that the restrictions actually led to higher prices, because oil companies knew they could charge up to the maximum allowed.

“In a lot of people’s minds, they thought the gas cap wasn’t working,” said Republican state Sen. Paul Whalen, a strong supporter of the price controls. “It was hard to generate lots of support for it because we’re paying more than we ever were before.”

Gas is particularly expensive in Hawaii because of high state taxes and because of the costs of transporting oil across the Pacific. Last fall, Hawaii became the only state to cap the cost of fuel to try to give some relief to motorists.

Under the price control legislation, Hawaii set weekly caps on wholesale gas prices. Those caps were based on the average of prices in Los Angeles and New York and on the Gulf Coast. Then allowances were added for what it costs wholesalers to ship to Hawaii and distribute gas to more remote islands.

But there was no cap on the markup added by gas stations.

With regular gasoline climbing past an average of \$3.38 per gallon in the past few weeks, lawmakers sent Republican Gov. Linda Lingle a bill last week to suspend the controls. She signed it on Friday.

Because the oil refiners keep their profit margins and costs private, it was difficult for even experts to say whether Hawaii drivers were paying more or less than they

would without the gas cap.

“It’s ridiculous. Prices jumped up 20 cents in the last couple of days,” said Calvin Reddick, who paid \$15 for just over four gallons of gas for his Volkswagen Beetle. “Usually when you have a cap, it’s supposed to freeze prices off. Obviously, their idea of a cap is different from mine.”

One study by an economics professor showed the gas cap cost consumers 5 cents more per gallon. An analysis by the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism estimated that island motorists paid \$54.9 million more than they otherwise would have in the first five months under the cap. But research by cap supporter Rep. Marcus Oshiro indicated the limits saved drivers \$33 million.

“It was a failure, and other experts that have looked at it have said the same thing,” said Anita Mangels, a spokeswoman for the Western States Petroleum Association, which represents ChevronTexaco and Shell Oil. “It was well-intended, but apparently according to the state’s own agency has not served consumers well.”

With customer unrest mounting, oil companies lobbying aggressively to get rid of the cap, and the November elections looming, lawmakers felt compelled to act.

Rather than forcing down gas prices with a lower price ceiling, the mostly Democratic Legislature suspended the cap and gave Lingle, who had opposed any regulation of gas prices, the power to bring it back if she decides fuel has gotten too expensive. The legislators passed the responsibility to the governor.

At the same time, the new law provides for the computation of a hypothetical gas cap to let customers know what gasoline would cost if there were price controls.

Also, the law requires oil companies to make their wholesale price information public so that customers can compare pump prices with actual costs. Currently, that information is kept confidential.

INTERNATIONAL

Rival parties rage against each other in Gaza

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK
Associated Press Writer

ABASSAN, Gaza Strip — Rival gunmen from Hamas and Fatah fought with assault rifles and missiles Monday, killing three militants in the bloodiest internal fighting since Hamas came to power six weeks ago.

The fighting was the latest sign the two sides could be sliding toward large-scale clashes. Each group has been training its gunmen for possible confrontation, and Hamas recently outbid Fatah in buying a black market shipment of 100,000 bullets.

Tensions have been rising since the Islamic militant group Hamas ended Fatah’s four-decade control of Palestinian politics with a victory in January parliamentary elections.

Hamas and moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah have since been vying for power, particularly over control of the security forces. Fatah dominates the forces but increasingly has been unable to keep order.

The friction has been compounded by a growing financial crisis, the result of Western economic sanctions against the Hamas-led government.

Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas appealed for calm, saying he had asked Interior Minister Said Siyam to impose order. He did not elaborate.

“We are calling on everybody to excercise self-restraint,” Haniyeh told reporters in Gaza City. “I have contacted the interior minister to take all necessary security measures to spare Palestinian blood. I call on the leaders of Hamas and Fatah to take the fullest responsibility in order to cease these incidents, which have created ill feelings.”

The violence Monday began before dawn in the farming community of Abassan in southeastern Gaza. Hamas tried to kidnap a Fatah member, apparently to settle an old score dating back to the January election, said Fatah spokesman Tawfiq Abu Khoussa.

The two sides exchanged fire, and a Hamas militant was

seriously wounded, he said.

That prompted a series of kidnappings in which Hamas seized three Fatah members, and Fatah briefly captured four Hamas militants.

The captives were eventually released after negotiations.

The Hamas member wounded in the initial fire-fight later died of his wounds, setting off a new round of fighting with assault rifles and submachine guns.

Gunmen hiding in fields exchanged fire across Abassan’s main road, sending civilians ducking for cover. Hamas gunmen then ambushed Fatah militants driving along the main road in two jeeps with red Palestinian Authority license plates. One jeep was hit by a shoulder-held missile, killing two Fatah members of the security forces.

Ten gunmen were wounded, including one who was in serious condition.

Ghazi Hamad, a spokesman for the Hamas-led government, urged the two sides to resolve the dispute. But Abu Khoussa held Hamas responsible for the spate of violence, accusing the group of inciting against Fatah.

Abbas, who still wields considerable authority and wants to resume long-stalled peace talks with Israel, has stripped the Hamas government of many of its powers and has been trying to get the international community to work through him and bypass Hamas.

Hamas is considered a terrorist organization by the United States and European Union.

After the Hamas Cabinet took office in late March, the two cut off hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to the Palestinians. Israel has also refused to transfer \$55 million in monthly tax revenues it collects for the Palestinian Authority.

“We are calling on everybody to exercise self-restraint.”

ISMAIL HANIYEH
 PRIME MINISTER, HAMAS

Bush chooses general to steer spy agency

BY TERENCE HUNT
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday chose Air Force Gen. Michael Hayden to lead the embattled CIA, re-igniting a debate over the domestic surveillance program that the onetime head of the National Security Agency once ran.

Republican and Democratic critics also questioned the wisdom of putting a military officer in charge of the civilian spy agency.

“Mike Hayden is supremely qualified for this position,” Bush said in the Oval Office, with Hayden at his side. Without mentioning Hayden’s critics or their objections, the president said: “He knows the intelligence community from the ground up.”

If confirmed, Hayden would replace Porter Goss, who resigned under pressure Friday.

He said that Hayden “has been a provider and consumer of intelligence.”

To balance the CIA between military and civilian leadership, the White House plans to move aside the agency’s No. 2 official, Vice Admiral Albert Calland III, who took over as deputy director less than a year ago, two senior administration officials said. Other personnel changes also are likely, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the changes are not ready to announce.

Talk of Hayden’s nomination rekindled debate over the administration’s domestic surveillance program, which Hayden used to oversee as the former head of the National Security Agency.

"There’s probably no post more important in preserving our security and our values as people than the CIA," Hayden said.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Chairwoman Susan Collins, R-Maine, said she has found Hayden to be “straightforward and willing to share his candid professional judgments — even when they differed” from those of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.”

“Nevertheless, to send a signal of independence from the Pentagon, General Hayden may want to consider retiring from the Air Force,” she said. “That would put to rest questions about whether an active duty military officer should lead the CIA at this time.”

Senate Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., had said in advance of the announcement that he would use a Hayden nomination to raise questions about the legality of the domestic surveillance program and did not rule out holding it up until he gets answers. “I’m not going to draw any lines in the sand until I see how the facts evolve,” Specter said on Fox.

Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said he was concerned that Hayden’s nomination would detract from the real issue of intelligence reform.

“The debate in the Senate may end up being about the terrorist surveillance program and not about the future of the CIA or the intelligence community, which is exactly where the debate needs to be,” Hoekstra said on CBS’ “The Early Show.”

“This is about whether we still have alignment and agreement between the executive branch and Congress as to where intelligence reform needs to go,” he said.

Hoekstra’s sentiment was echoed by Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, who said that Hayden’s military background would be a “major problem,” and several Democrats who made the rounds of the Sunday television talk shows. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said Hayden could leave agents with the impression that the CIA has been “just gobbled up by the Defense Department.”

Bush noted that Hayden was unanimously approved by the Senate for his current job — the nation’s No. 2 intelligence official.

Bracing for a tough nomination fight, the White House took the unusual step of pre-empting Bush’s announcement with a defensive media blitz. “We think the issue is getting the best man for the job and the president has determined that Mike Hayden is the best man for the job,” Hadley told The Associated Press. He also appeared on morning news shows before Bush formally announced his nomination of Hayden.

“He’ll be reporting to the president of the United States, not Don Rumsfeld,” the secretary of defense, Hadley said, adding that other military officers have led the CIA, Hadley said. “So the precedents are clear.”

Bigger bang than they thought

By The Associated Press

LONDON — Keith Richards had surgery in New Zealand to relieve pressure in his head following a fall, his representative said.

The Rolling Stones guitarist was “up and talking” soon after surgery Monday at The Ascot Hospital in Auckland, but was expected to take several weeks to recuperate, LD Communications said in a statement issued in London.

“Last week Keith was under observation in Auckland following a fall in Fiji and was feeling well after being examined by doctors last week,” the statement, issued Monday, said. “However after complaining of headaches yesterday, doctors thought it prudent to move ahead with a small operation to remove the pressure.”

The Stones’ “A Bigger Bang European” tour, which had been scheduled to start in Barcelona, Spain, later this month, will be postponed until June, the agency said.

Richards, 62, suffered the injury April 27, but details have not been confirmed. News reports have variously claimed that he fell out of a palm tree or from a jet ski.

NEW YORK — When Maggie Gyllenhaal caused a stir with comments about the U.S. role in the Sept. 11 attacks, she was particularly concerned about the opinions of two people — Port Authority Officer William J. Jimeno and his wife, Allison.

The 28-year-old actress says she was ready to drop out of Oliver Stone’s upcoming “World Trade Center” film if the couple didn’t accept her explanation.

“I wanted to tell them the absolute truth of what I meant,” Gyllenhaal said of her visit to their home following her comments last year.

“If they still didn’t want me to play Allison after that, then I wouldn’t have,” she said in an interview published Monday in the New York Post.

The movie, also starring Nicolas Cage, is based on the story of two Port Authority police

officers, Jimeno and Sgt. John McLoughlin, who became trapped during rescue efforts after the collapse of the twin towers.

In April 2005, Gyllenhaal said the United States “is responsible in some way” for the attacks. She later said that she regretted the comment and issued a statement saying that Sept. 11 was “an occasion to be brave enough to ask some serious questions about America’s role in the world.”

The couple told the Post that a long talk with Gyllenhaal in their Chester, N.J., home last summer smoothed over any concerns they might have had.

“Right away, both Will and I felt comfortable with her and realized how sincere and passionate she is. We had no problem with her in this movie,” said Allison Jimeno, 34.

Gyllenhaal recalled her nervousness as she traveled to the couple’s home. “I was shaking,” she said. The native New Yorker’s film credits include “Mona Lisa Smile,” “Secretary” and “Donnie Darko,” co-starring her brother, Jake Gyllenhaal.

She is engaged to Peter Sarsgaard and is pregnant with his child.

Michael Pena stars as William Jimeno in the film, which is set for release Aug. 9.

LOS ANGELES — Adam Sandler is now a real-life “Big Daddy.”

Sandler’s wife, Jackie, gave birth to the couple’s first child, according to a posting on the comedian’s Web site.

Under the headline “Sandler had a kid!!” he writes, “Kid is healthy!! Wife is healthy!!” No other details were provided.

People magazine reported the couple had a daughter, born Saturday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. In an e-mail, Sandler’s publicist, Cindy Guagenti, declined to confirm the report and referred to the Web site, saying, “All the info we are releasing is on adamsandler.com.”

Sandler, 39, and Jackie, 31, were married in 2003. She is a model and actress who appeared briefly in Sandler’s 1999 film, “Big Daddy.”

Sandler, a former regular on NBC’s “Saturday Night Live,” has starred in films such as “Happy Gilmore,” “The Wedding Singer” and “Punch-Drunk Love.” His next movie, “Click,” is set for release June 23.

STAMFORD, Conn. — Mary Travers of the folk group Peter, Paul and Mary had plenty of causes to espouse in the 1960s and 1970s. Now she has a new one: Saving lives through bone marrow transplants.

Travers, 69, began performing again last fall after successfully undergoing a bone marrow transplant to treat her leukemia.

“It was like a miracle,” Travers told The Associated Press last week. “I’m just feeling fabulous. What’s incredible is someone has given your life back. I’m out in the garden today. This time last year I was looking out a window at a hospital.”

Travers, who lives in Connecticut, said she spoke with her donor, a 46-year-old woman from the Midwest and “told her how incredibly grateful I was.”

Now Travers wants others to benefit, too. She’s encouraging the public to register for the National Marrow Donor Program’s bone marrow drive May 12-14 at more than 100 sites nationwide.

LOS ANGELES — Mark-Paul Gosselaar and his wife, Lisa, are parents for the second time, according to People magazine.

The former “NYPD Blue” star’s wife gave birth Sunday to a daughter, Ava Lorenn, in Los Angeles, the actor’s publicist Ame Van Iden told the magazine. Van Iden did not immediately return a message from The Associated Press seeking comment late Sunday.

The couple also have a 2-year-old son, Michael Charles.

The actor, 32, appeared most recently on ABC’s “Commander in Chief.”

The couple married in 1996. They met on the set of the 1989-1993 teen comedy series “Saved by the Bell.”

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MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES: TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006

Broadway Loews Cineplex
1441 3rd Street
(310) 458-6232

Akeelah and the Bee (PG)
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

Hoot (PG)
12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50

Inside Man (R)
1:10, 4:00, 7:10, 9:55

RV (PG)
12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10

Scary Movie 4 (PG-13)
1:25, 3:35, 5:40, 7:55, 10:15

Silent Hill (R)
1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:05

Stick It (PG-13)
12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 10:00

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 3rd Street
(310) 395-1599

Hard Candy (R)
11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG)
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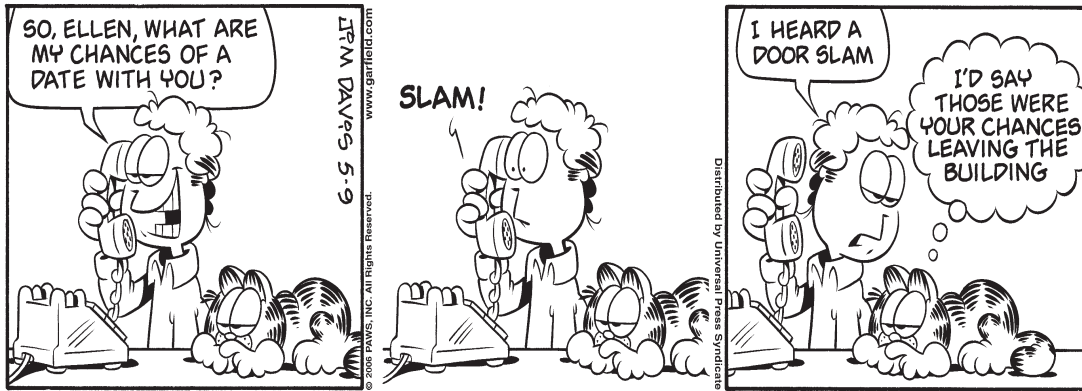
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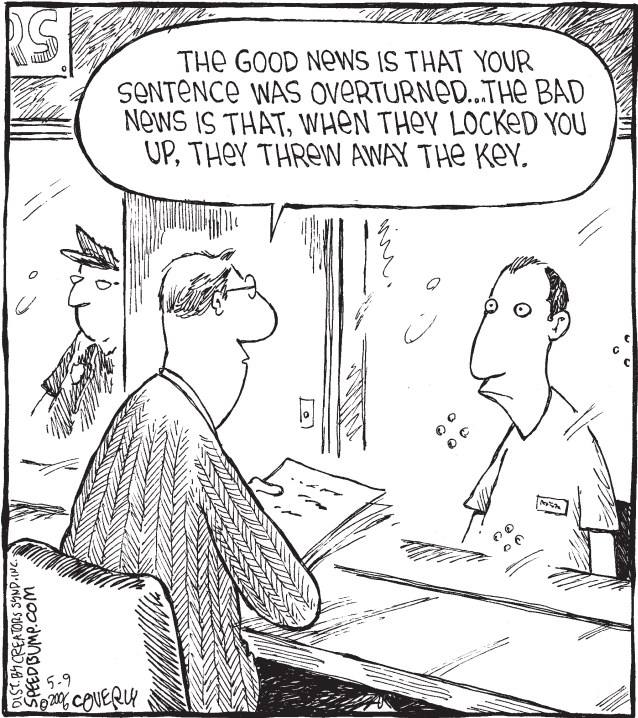
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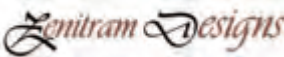
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A responsible Bidder is a Bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

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monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such Bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta notica, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 4/3/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 5/2/2006, 5/9/2006, 5/16/2006, 5/23/2006

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