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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In February, Amanda Monti, 24, of Birkenhead, England, was sentenced to 30 months in jail for ripping off one of her ex-boyfriend's testicles with her bare hands in a rage over his refusal to have sex. (According to witnesses, Monti briefly hid the testicle in her mouth, but a friend retrieved it and handed it back to the man, saying, "That's yours.") Also in February, Welsh rugby fan Geoff Huish, 26, was so certain Wales would lose to England that he told club patrons in Caerphilly that he'd "cut (his) balls off" if Wales won. Immediately following Wales' 11-9 victory, Huish went home, fulfilled his promise, and walked, gingerly, back to the club to show that he was a "man" of his word.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 132nd day of 2005.

There are 233 days left in the year

On May 12, 1943, during World War II, Axis forces in North Africa surrendered. In 1932, the body of the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh was found in a wooded area of Hopewell, N.J. In 1933, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration were established to provide help for the needy and farmers. In 1937, Britain's King George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"One face to the world, another at home makes for misery."

AMY VANDERBILT

AMERICAN ETIQUETTE EXPERT (1908-1974)

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Local economy on upswing

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

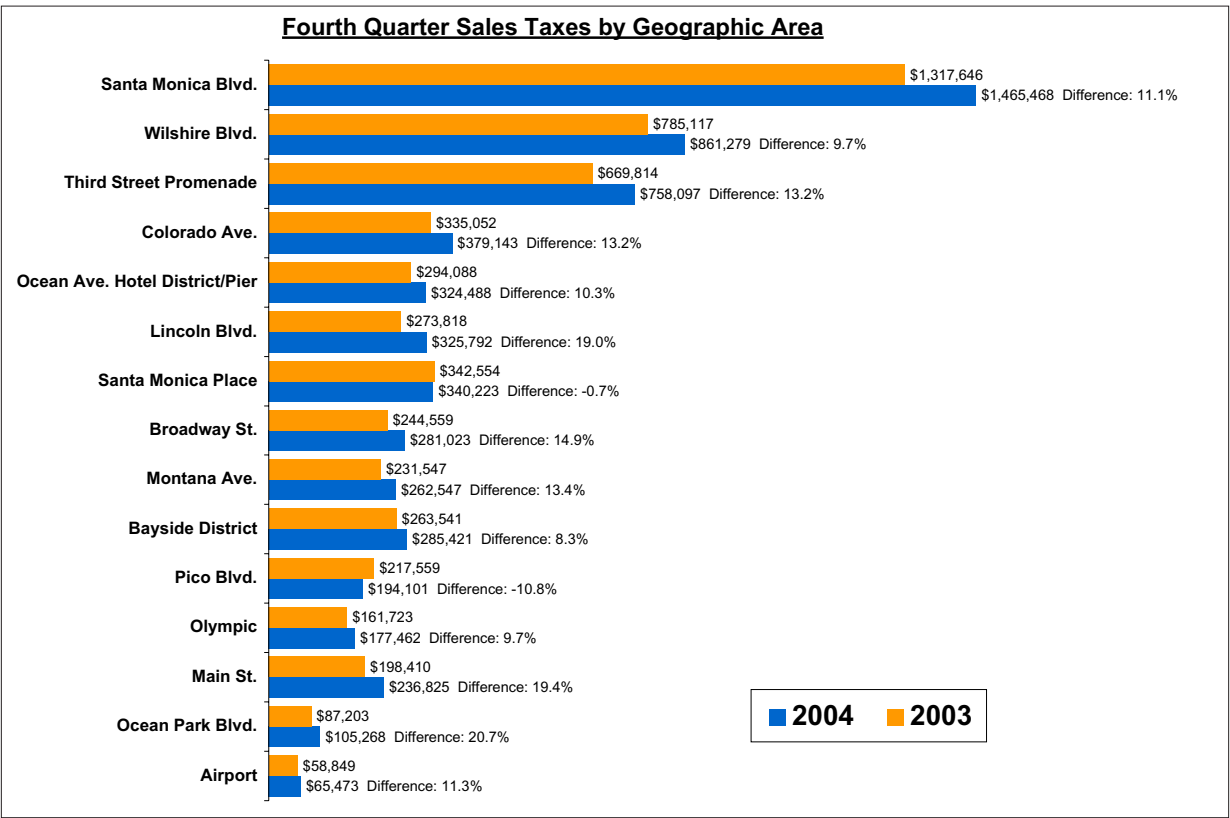
**CITY HALL** — Business is booming in nearly every corner of Santa Monica, sales tax revenue figures show.

Fourth quarter sales tax revenue for 2004 shows a 10.6-percent increase over the same quarter a year ago. Visitors and residents spent more on liquor, fast food, hotels, office equipment and women's clothing than they did during the same period last year. The increase in sales tax revenue was reflected in nearly every major business group.

The only areas of the city that experienced a decline in sales in the last part of 2004 was the aging Santa Monica Place Mall and along Pico Boulevard, down 0.7 percent and 10.8 percent, respectively. City finance officials say business closures and businesses moving out of the area are to blame for the declines.

The largest gains were enjoyed on Ocean Park Boulevard, which was up 20.7 percent; while Main Street saw a 19.4-percent increase and Lincoln Boulevard was up 19 percent in the fourth quarter of 2004 compared to the previous year.

And while those areas saw the largest increases in sales, they weren't the biggest revenue producers — car dealerships continue



Courtesy of City of Santa Monica

to be No. 1 in the city. Santa Monica Boulevard, where most of the car dealerships are located, saw an increase of 11.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2004.

The next two largest revenue-producing areas in the fourth quarter of 2004 were on Wilshire Boulevard and the Third Street

Promenade, up 9.7 percent and 13.2 percent, respectively. Other areas with upswings include Montana Avenue, with a 13.4-percent increase; Ocean Avenue and the hotels, with a 10.3 percent-increase; and the Bayside District, which comprises downtown, with an 8.3-percent boost. (See graph.)

General consumer retail goods, the city's largest tax-generating business group, increased by 7.4 percent; autos and transportation by 6.9 percent; restaurants and hotels by 10.8 percent; business and industry grew a healthy 14.9

See **ECONOMY**, page 9

That's a wrap



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

A worker seals off an apartment building on Ninth Street to prepare it for fumigation.

Council clipping hedge debate

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** — Controversy over the botched enforcement of a 57-year-old hedge ordinance is coming to a head after Santa Monica officials agreed on a hedge policy intended to satisfy property owners and neighbors alike.

The Santa Monica City Council on Tuesday voted in favor of a hedge policy which will grandparent in existing hedge heights while providing neighbors an opportunity to object on quality of life issues. The new policy will attempt to update a hedge ordinance that dates back to 1948, while acknowledging that some property owners may prefer taller

hedges than the law currently allows.

The City Council voted unanimously in favor of the new hedge policy, with Councilman Bob Holbrook absent from the meeting. City staff is expected to return with an ordinance draft in July, which the City Council will be able to modify before approval.

Two dozen residents spoke at Tuesday's meeting, many of whom said they wanted a hedge policy which maximizes homeowner rights and ensures safety factors and a convenient appeal process.

"I don't know people who come home from work and think,

See **HEDGES**, page 4

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## Hook up with your friends, Virgo

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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 mind drifts to security and what you need in order to feel comfortable with others. Investigate different ways of handling your finances. Sometimes you are too sure of yourself and make mistakes. Use your judgment. Tonight: Happy at home.



**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Speak your mind and understand what is important to you. Others will pitch in and help you, if you allow them to. Let go of a sense of importance or wanting events to happen in a certain way. Make calls. Tonight: Visit with a friend.



**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★ Worry less about what you are hearing underground. Your imagination leads you in a new direction. Unexpected developments open professional doors. Your understanding helps you deal with a touchy situation. Tonight: Your treat.



**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★★ Visualize more of what you want. You will find that the path to success is a lot easier than you'd anticipated. You have what it takes to make waves and create what you want. Ask yourself exactly what you expect from a domestic or property matter. Tonight: As you like it.



**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★ Don't push. In fact, through less action you'll pave the way for someone to seize the moment and take events in the direction he or she would like. You might be underestimating what is happening with others. Listen to feedback. Tonight: Clear out calls and make it an early night.



**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ You might be more instrumental in helping others find the right solutions than you think. Reveal what you have in mind, but be willing to update your information. Your finances will grow as a result of your efforts. Tonight: Hook up with your friends.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★ Your best efforts pay off. You have reason to celebrate and push a project forward. How you look at life could change because of news that heads your way. Be ready to take charge and head in the direction you want. Tonight: Easy does it.



**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★★ Discuss what is important to you. You will find that your good will and positive attitude could transform a difficult situation. Realize more of what you want through open conversation. Others will agree. Tonight: Use your imagination.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★★ Others grasp what you might missed. Realize that everyone has limits, you included. If you need to say no to another's request, do so. Sometimes you compromise yourself by not supporting your true opinions. Tonight: Allow someone else to make the first suggestion.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Your take-charge attitude makes a difference. Your associates want more control than in the past. Buff up on the art of diplomacy. Your words can make a difference if you just choose them well. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ All work and no play makes the Aquarian difficult! Look at the possibility that you can get a lot more done than you think. Your ability to move through a difficult situation or maze will free up some extra time. Tonight: Put your feet up.



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★★ Your high energy draws results and gives you a reason to smile. Recognize when you have said enough or done too much. Sometimes you must allow partners to ferret out their own answers. Do a better job of listening. Tonight: Whirl into the weekend early.



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## LOCAL



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**To bid or not to bid? That is the question**

By Daily Press staff

Who knew that art, competition, and philanthropy could actually intersect? Only in Venice.

Get ready for a night of competition and aesthetic pleasure at the Venice Art Walk Live Auction Celebration. Taking place at the Venice Studio of contemporary artist Laddie John Dill, the live auction will present works by more than 10 artists, including Dill himself. More than 200 artists, collectors, and patrons are expected to attend, including actor Cheech Marin, honorary chair for the evening, and Robert Berman of Berman/Turner Projects and Santa Monica Auctions, as the featured auctioneer.

Funds raised by the benefit art auction will go to the Venice Family Clinic, the largest free clinic in the United States, and will further support its work in providing medical care to uninsured individuals and families in Los Angeles County who have no access to medical care.

A prelude to the 2005 Venice Art Walk, the Live Art Auction Celebration will not only auction pieces but will show the talents of featured artists through its paraphernalia. Renowned Live Art Auction participants, Patssi Valdez and Robert Graham contributed to the design of the Art Walk's collectible poster and T-shirt, which will make their debut at the event.

The Venice Art Walk Live Art Auction Celebration will take place today, May 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., located at 1625 Electric Ave. To purchase tickets priced at \$150 per person or \$250 per couple, call (310)392-9255 or [www.venice-familyclinic.org](http://www.venice-familyclinic.org).

**'Einstein's Universe' soars to SMC's planetarium**

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College is on a different planet.

The Santa Monica College John Drescher Planetarium's special feature show, "Einstein's Universe," continues in May as part of the college's year-long celebration of its 75th anniversary.

The feature show takes a look at Einstein's theory of relativity, which 100 years ago launched a scientific revolution that led to the discovery of warped space, black holes, the Big Bang and more.

"Einstein's Revolution" is scheduled for 8 p.m. on May 13.

The guest lecture in May will be "The Universe on the Dome." Griffith Observatory Art Director Don Dixon will talk about how digital artists are creating spectacular new effects for the Observatory's 2005 reopening. The guest lecture will be on May 20.

The feature show and guest lecture will be preceded by "The Night Sky Show," which re-creates the night sky and provides the latest information on space exploration. That will be held at 7 p.m.

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.

Tickets are \$5 each or \$9 for the "double bill," with discounts for children and senior citizens. For information, call (310) 434-4223 or (310) 434-3000.

**The lessons of life learned in workshops**

By Daily Press staff

For years, doctors have emphasized the need to care for one's life. Exercise often. Eat healthy. Focus on the quality of life as well as the quantity.

The Lifelong Learning Community Project would agree. Presenting its first free lecture series entitled, "Living: An Experience of a Lifetime," the workshops focus on relationships, health, purpose, and spirituality. Sponsored by the Older Adult Task Force, the series' speakers include a doctor, a consultant, a church director and a rabbi.

See BRIEFS, page 8

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**SURF REPORT**

Today should be sunny, with highs in the mid 60s to lower 70s. It's looking like a small day, as no significant swells are expected. We're calling for knee- to waist-high surf most everywhere. The good news, however, is that winds should recuperate and high pressure should build into the area.

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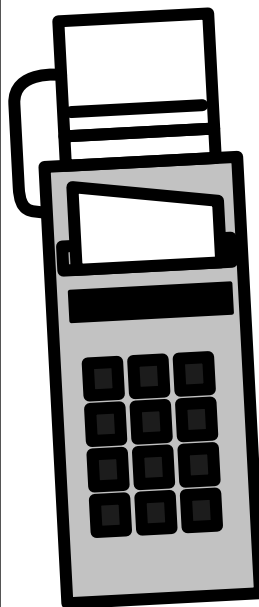
The  Line

In outlining broad themes to be used to shape Santa Monica's land use and transit policies in the coming decades, city officials said future decisions should consider the need for the city to maintain a small-town feel. Some residents have said this goal fails to look at the city from a regional perspective and ignores the outside pressures of the Los Angeles area.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know,

**"Should Santa Monica strive to maintain a small-town atmosphere and, if so, how can this be accomplished?"**

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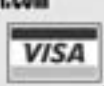
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## LOCAL

# Hedge appeals may be cheap

HEDGES, from page 1

"I want people to look in my house," said Santa Monica resident Gerry Schwartz. "What are you going to tell us next, what color curtains we can have?"

More than a year ago, City Hall directed 100 residents to cut their hedges or face a \$25,000-a-day violation. In light of the controversy that followed, City Hall dropped the violations and decided to reassess the law. Part of this reassessment prompted a March workshop, which city planners used to prepare a report recommending a new hedge policy to the City Council on Tuesday.

While many who spoke at the meeting seemed to prefer a hedge policy that was liberal for property owners, a few of the speakers discussed the adverse effects of tall hedges in their neighborhoods.

Santa Monica resident Candy Arnold explained how a car backing up, surrounded by high hedges, struck and killed her young sister due to a limited field of vision.

Dawn Rosenquist said her landlord refuses to cut the hedges outside her apartment window, which blocks sunlight from entering her apartment. Rosenquist, who said her landlord often complains he could make more money off his apartment with new tenants, said he refuses to trim the hedges until City Hall forces the issue.

In considering the staff recommendations and public comment at Tuesday's meeting, the City Council directed staff to maintain the 42-inch height limit for any new front yard hedge installation, while

asking staff to address safety issues — such as the visibility of backing cars — in the ordinance draft. In addition, side and rear yard hedge height limits will be bumped from eight feet to possibly 12 feet.

Councilmembers requested fence and wall height limits be kept to existing regulations.

Under the new policy, residents could request their hedges have a higher limit, or to increase the height of a 42-inch hedge, if certain standards are met, such as the property being adjacent to a busy street or having a front yard serving as the only lawn.

The City Council requested staff to make sure the process for hedge variances and appeals are simple and economical. Councilman Bobby Shriver — whose election campaign was won largely on the hedge issue — asked the city staff to consider a \$29.95 appeal process to make hedge objections easy and affordable to members of the public.

The city attorney and city manager said the attempt at hedge enforcement, which began more than a year ago, was not intended as revenue-maker for the city.

Councilman Ken Genser, who was in office when the hedge enforcement began more than a year ago, said the City Council directed staff to send friendly notices to residents, not the \$25,000-a-day violation notices they received instead.

"What happened is done," said Genser. "The city made a mistake. What we need to decide now is what we're going to do in the future."

# SM Festival on tap this weekend

BY WINTER JOHNSON

Special to the Daily Press

**OCEAN PARK BLVD.** — One of the largest community gatherings will be staged this weekend, offering Santa Monicans a cultural taste of the world.

Between 10,000 and 12,000 are expected to attend the 14th annual Santa Monica Festival, designed to blend world cultures with athleticism, and talent with youth to create what organizers describe as a fun-filled educational atmosphere.

Festival attendees can travel from Brazil to Mexico to Korea — all within the confines of Clover Park. The culinary offerings range between chicken curry from Jamaica to Mexican tamales to bignets from New Orleans.

Since its inception in 1990, the event has celebrated the rich cultural and environmental diversity of Santa Monica.

"In Santa Monica, there are Latino, African-American and Asian communities," said Hamp Simmons, the director of City Hall's cultural affairs division. "The festival celebrates these cultures, as well as the environment they're on."

The event will begin at 11 a.m. with the kick-off to Walk Santa Monica, a new initiative designed by City Hall's "Active Living Program." Based on the goal to keep Santa Monicans happy and healthy, the program encourages people to take 10,000 steps a day.

Their first steps will lead them to the Windwings Workshop, hosted by Marni Gittleman. Festival attendees will be able to create their own wearable art to adorn themselves with during their first 1,000 steps. Designed to flow with the wind as a participant walks, their garb will trans-

form them into something reminiscent of the Greek god Hermes.

Next, it's off to Africa, or perhaps the British Isles. Santa Monicans will have a wide array of cultures to choose from: Afro-Latino, Afro-Brazilian, Indian, Afghani and more. Each booth, complete with natives from the culture they represent, will help guide the observer through a deeper understanding of the musical and dance practices of each nation.

Many of the workshops and performances feature children and local high school students in an effort to educate them about performing arts, as well as involve them in community activities. One performance, for example, entitled the "Downbeat Showdown," will showcase local high school students in a bit of healthy competition as they vie for the award of best school band, singer and poet. Children will be able to dance to live music performed by a host of bands.

"We really want to make sure people, especially children, can experience art in their everyday lives," Simmons said.

On Saturday, all those present should receive a healthy dose of art, fulfilling the mission of City Hall's cultural affairs division. This year's festival is sponsored by Yahoo and HBO.

"You go there and experience something unique," said Afuka Hisa, education director of the Santa Monica Museum of Art and leader of this year's "Superhero Workshop." "People have come to know it as a festival that celebrates both Santa Monica and art."

The 14th annual Santa Monica Festival takes place on Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Clover Park, 2600 Ocean Park Blvd.

## STATE



# 'Teacher Day' being used as time to protest

BY TOM CHORNEAU  
Associated Press Writer

**SACRAMENTO** — California's annual celebration of school teachers will look a lot different this year. Thousands of parents, educators and school administrators are expected to use the event to protest Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's spending policies.

The demonstrations come just days before Schwarzenegger unveils a new budget plan for next year that is not likely to provide more money for schools. The governor is also weeks away from deciding whether to call a special election to push ballot measures that could also cut school funding.

Established 23 years ago by the Legislature, California's 'Day of the Teacher' is usually a quiet affair celebrated in classrooms and community halls with little fanfare or controversy. This year, however, there are plans for nearly 50 rallies and demonstrations from San Diego to Yreka.

Activists plan to form a human chain along a major intersection in Fremont. Teachers will be passing out flyers in Riverside's Moreno Valley.

Several thousand teachers are expected to participate in a 40-mile picket line that will run from Daly City to Sunnyvale, while Schwarzenegger's scheduled fundraising event in Fresno Wednesday night

is also a big target for teachers.

"Celebrating the 'Day of the Teacher' has always been nice and happy — not this year," said Barbara Kerr, president of the California Teachers Association. "Teachers are not happy. They feel betrayed by what the governor is doing to them."

Although the governor has proposed increasing funding to schools next year by almost \$3 billion, there's an additional \$2 billion that schools claim they are owed that Schwarzenegger is using to fund other state programs.

Schwarzenegger is pushing a ballot measure that could be put before voters in a special election this fall that would restrict state funding for schools in the future. The governor is also supporting a measure that would lengthen the time it takes a teacher to gain tenure.

"It's almost as if our governor has declared war on us," said Allen Tarzwell, a first grade teacher in Palm Springs and a union leader.

Not everyone agrees. Denise Millers, a second grade teacher in Elk Grove, said she supports Schwarzenegger. "I believe that the governor has schools best interesting mind," she said. "You need to look at the whole picture."

Schwarzenegger's revised budget plan is due out Friday but the governor is not expected to propose adding back any of the money schools said they are owed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Godinez a PAL indeed

Editor:

Thank you for the wonderful article about Diego Godinez (SMDP, May 9, page 1). It is nice to see an article about our youth who succeed rather than go bad. As the chair of the Chris Carrey PAL Education Fund which awarded Diego his scholarship, I have gotten to know Diego and he has become an inspiration for me, as well as the other members of the scholarship selection committee. He and his story should be an inspiration for your other readers as well. Despite much adversity in his life, Diego always has a smile and is always upbeat. His story also demonstrates the importance of organizations, such as PAL, which play a role in the life of many young people from economically disadvantaged families and give them a safe place to go and role models to follow. I am very proud of all those people in our community who give their time and money to help organizations, such as PAL and our youth, such as Diego. I am also very proud of the support PAL gets from the Santa Monica Police Department and the many police officers who play a major role in helping our youth, especially Police Chief James T. Butts Jr.

Neil Carrey  
Santa Monica

Youth is served

Editor:

Thank you for highlighting a young adult in the “Community Profiles” (SMDP, May 9, page 1). Santa Monica is an extraordinary community, made up of a diverse group of phenomenal people of all ages. Some are young, others are younger. Thank you for highlighting community members of all ages.

Furthermore, I applaud you for introducing your readers to Diego Godinez. You could not have made a better choice.

I met Diego a few years ago at the Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL), where we were both training for the Los Angeles Marathon. I will never forget Diego’s inspiring team spirit — when he would finish a race, he would go back on the course to find the slower runners, and finish the race with us. I have also worked with Diego through various PAL programs, including the Youth Directors Council. I am happy to learn that Diego will go on to Cal State San Marcos — he will do well there, and they are very lucky to have him.

Diego is one example of the many inspired and hard working young adults in Santa Monica. Thanks again for showcasing a young adult.

Simon Hanna  
Freshman, Drew University in Madison, NJ.

What a heap of garbage

Editor:

(This is an open letter to State Sens. Alan Lowenthal and Sheila Kuehl.)

California has a disposal problem — last year we disposed more than 40 million tons of trash in landfills and through incinerators, putting the health and safety of future generations at risk, draining our economy and wasting precious resources. Right now, California has a choice: It can finally begin to kick the disposal habit using new technologies that can convert solid waste into products, fuels and electricity, or it can continue to dump trash into landfills and incinerators around the state. Each year this choice becomes more desperate as communities say “no” to new solid waste facilities near their homes. But a few misguided individuals are obstructing our ability to declare independence from disposal, and their doing it with the assistance of key legislators.

- I understand from public sources that both of you:
- Blocked passage of enabling legislation, AB 1090, still pending in the legislature, which would have given these technologies the level playing field they deserve in order to be considered.
  - Sided with a single simplistic environmental group, Californians Against Waste, instead of considering the testimony of dozens of experts, technology vendors, public officials, scientists and engineers, who are all clamoring for a positive paradigm shift in solid waste management that these technologies could bring.
  - Forced the governor’s appointees to the State Waste Board, by holding their confirmations hostage, to expunge the truth about these technologies from their recently adopted “Conversion Technology Report to the Legislature.”
  - Insisted that all recommendations and information not specifically required by the bill that requested this report be stricken from it.

Shame on both of you.

Alan, you have been a champion in reducing pollution from our ports and using best available technology to do so. How can you now block technology that has been proven in Europe to effectively reduce the environmental impacts of landfills and incinerators for decades?

Sheila, you have been honored by the ACLU for your progressive stances, and I am now ashamed to admit that I was an enthusiastic participant/performer in that award ceremony. How can you now impose censorship on information that could improve our environment?

How could either of you stoop to extortion-like tactics that end up hurting our progress to improve the environment and create good, green jobs, all at the behest of such a narrow and misinformed special interest? Californians Against Waste probably means well, but they make wildly inaccurate statements such as “the dioxin from conversion technologies is more dangerous than nuclear waste.” Nuclear

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY SUSANNE TRIMBATH Ph.D.

Santa Monica:  
Smart city,  
foolish choices

Santa Monica is considered by many to be a very smart city: We recycle, use natural gas for our buses and encourage the use of bikes for local transportation. Even our new library is smart: It will capture and store rain to maintain its plants, and the window coverings will be automated to help control the temperature of the interior. But our choices of which retail businesses to have here are very foolish. Santa Monica has encouraged the opening of businesses which are in industries that create lower wage jobs. Meanwhile, we have discouraged business in those industries which create higher wage jobs.

According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the cost of labor has been increasing in the U.S. over the last 10 years, with the exception of 1994 and 1996 when unit labor costs actually fell. Retail stores, on the other hand, which play an important role in Santa Monica’s economy, have not fared as well. Unit labor costs are down slightly over the same period.

While “general consumer retail” is the city’s largest tax-generating business group — based on fourth quarter 2004 figures) — employers in “clothing and accessories” and “miscellaneous retail outlets” were ranked among the top 10 businesses hiring in Santa Monica in 2003 (latest available). There are 268 employers in Santa Monica that fall into those two categories of retail. But the story isn’t so much about how the companies are doing or how much sales tax they are generating. The real story is about how the employees are doing.

A shrinking percentage of Santa Monica residents work here: from 35.5 percent in 1980 to 32.2 percent in the 2000 census. With 47,059 employed residents, that means that 15,153 of the 75,083 jobs in the city are held by residents. By simple math, it would seem that only 20 percent of the people who work in Santa Monica can afford to live here. Although a more complicated cal-

culatation would probably prove otherwise, everyone knows that the only thing better than living in Santa Monica is living and working in Santa Monica.

The point is that we need to be thinking about the kinds of jobs we bring here when we make choices about which businesses we want to encourage locating in the city. Those jobs that pay higher wages are more likely to enable workers to live in the city, too. In addition to the obvious benefit to the worker, we would all benefit from the reduction in traffic and congestion that could come with encouraging job growth in industries where employees make enough to be able to live here, too.

The focus now is on retail, especially given that we are in the planning stages for the new Santa Monica Place. The foolish choices? We have long discouraged Target from entering the city, despite that general merchandise stores have one of the stronger labor cost figures. Maybe for different reasons, but we also lost the Midnight Special Bookstore and Fisher Lumber, another set of stores in the retail sectors with strong labor cost figures. Although Fisher Lumber was lost through a corporate decision — an employee told me there were owned by a larger corporation — maybe the city was a little too anxious to get the land. It’s possible they could have done more to try to keep that business, and those jobs, in the city limits.

On the other hand, we recently encouraged Staples and Circuit City to open stores in Santa Monica. Of the retail types discussed here, office supplies and consumer electronics have some of the lowest unit labor costs. Great for their corporate headquarters (Framingham, Mass. and Richmond, Va., respectively) but bad for Santa Monica’s labor force.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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waste is much more hazardous. More importantly, most conversion technologies have not been found to generate any dioxin. I believe they are confusing conversion technologies with old fashioned incinerators.

I don't know why Californians Against Waste has the power to edit research reports my government contracted for from UC Riverside and UC Davis. Californians Against Waste does not have a basic understanding of science. Your staff should independently verify their opinions, just as your staff would be expected to double check industry's statements about pollution.

I am very hopeful that your staff has simply failed to do their homework regarding this important issue and that is why you have taken such backwards actions. I urge you to get in touch with the UC researchers, paid with my taxpayer funds to independently and impartially research this important topic, and make a rational decision so that our fair state can move forward. Forty million tons of trash can't be wrong.

Gabrielle Weeks  
Long Beach

Welcome to the Age of Entitlement

Editor:

What is wrong with today's students in this new Age of Entitlement? I was deeply disappointed that certain Santa Monica students want to blame a student's poor academic success directly on the Santa Monica High School administrators. The 10 requests made to the school board were of the mentality "What have you done for us lately?" Each of us, as individuals, bears the personal responsibly for doing the best we can do. Academic success falls squarely on the student. You can look for others to blame or you can study hard and do well at school. Furthermore, we do not hire well-qualified staff based on racial considerations. If I remember correctly from my high school days, that is considered discrimination. However, now these young students want the school board to match the school staff to the school's racial population. I want the best teacher and staff that the school can hire — period. This student body energy is best served by having these students focus on what they can do to achieve academic success, not on what others can do for them. Hit the books and stop blaming others.

Dr. Lisette Bauersachs  
Santa Monica

Lose the 'gang' references

Editor:

Gangs. That word always seems so negative. What about neighborhood groups or cliques. Racial groups or cliques. There will always be these groups or cliques — brown, black, yellow (believe it or not) even white. Although these white groups are smaller in number, they intimidate and rebel, fight and stick together in similar ways as their misunderstood minority peers.

How do we deal with the so called gangs? Communication is the answer to the question. Mr. de la Torre understands this. We don't believe the police and certain school administrators understand this. Remember it takes a whole village. We need to stop pointing fingers and get on the same page.

For young men and women it's all about self esteem, respect, responsibility and hope. They need to feel part of and find their place in the school environment. When they don't, blank happens.

Larry and Carol Arreola  
Santa Monica

Music playing while kids fighting?

Editor:

Yes, of course I know there are problems at Santa Monica High School. The fact that there are 3,500 hundred kids on such a small piece of land would cause problems in itself, just walk through at lunchtime to see for yourself.

I would like to bring the spotlight to the other side of Samohi. The fact that at the same time as the fights were going on outside, the orchestra students were inside Barnum Hall at the SCSBOA festival earning "superior" marks in their musical performances.

I only wish that all the students at Samohi would take advantage of all that is offered — because it is such a big school. There exists such dedicated teachers with quality programs. I can only think that involvement in some such outlet could only benefit all of the students' life.

Susan Vance  
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY ELAN JOURNO

Betraying the real freedom fighters

It is a gross injustice that America endorses a sovereign Palestinian state — but shuns Taiwan's claim to independence

People striving to create free societies properly deserve the moral support of anyone who loves freedom. So it is dismaying that, despite President Bush's rhetoric about freedom, the United States shuns one brave group of people attempting to escape the clutches of a mighty totalitarian regime but endorses another group seeking to establish a tyranny.

These two groups — the Taiwanese and the Palestinians — both assert that they are entitled to a sovereign state. Observe that the United States did not laud the huge March 26 rally in Taipei protesting China's aggression and upholding Taiwan's independence. But President Bush frequently affirms his support for a sovereign Palestinian state, a sentiment echoed by other world leaders who lately pledged \$1.2 billion in foreign aid to the Palestinian Authority. The U.S. contribution to these "freedom fighters" this year is a hefty \$200 million. Taiwan, bereft of diplomatic recognition in Washington and other capitals, is decidedly unwelcome at the United Nations, an organization which once invited former Palestinian leader, arch-terrorist Yasser Arafat, to address its General Assembly.

To appreciate the magnitude of the injustice in how the Taiwanese and Palestinians are treated, consider their respective claims to sovereignty.

Palestinian leaders assert that their people would be better off in an ethnic homeland with a sovereign Palestinian government. They demand "liberation" from Israel's supposed yoke, but their claim is belied by reality. Arabs living under Israeli rule have long enjoyed political rights and a standard of living unmatched by any other Middle Eastern country. For example, Arab citizens can freely air their views without fear of retribution; they can serve as members of parliament; they can seek legal redress under a rule-of-law judicial system.

What is the alternative for which Palestinian leaders are clamoring? It is obvious if you look at the Palestinian Authority, the provisional governing body in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. This tyrannical regime has become notorious for systematically trampling its subjects' rights. Critics of the Palestinian leadership have been brutally silenced, their printing presses burned and broadcasting facilities shut down. There is nothing approaching an objective judiciary: arbitrary arrests and imprisonments are rampant. While many prisoners rot in jail without ever being charged, terrorists are quickly set free or allowed to "escape." The several competing Palestinian "security forces" are known to confiscate property and

murder anyone who stands in their way. What has kept the Palestinians afloat economically is billions of dollars in foreign aid — the most aid per capita for any "people" in the world — money that has helped fund anti-Western terrorist groups.

There is no right to establish (or expand) a tyranny. Sovereignty will not transform the Palestinian regime into a thriving free society, but perpetuate the regime's hostility to human life. Only those who seek to escape political oppression and create a free state are entitled to invoke a moral right to statehood. That precisely describes Taiwan's struggle.

Threatening war if Taiwan declares independence, Beijing regards the island as belonging to China and insists on "reunification." But Taiwan is justified in seeking to preserve its hard-won freedoms from China's encroachment. Over the last 30 years, the island nation has gradually established a government that protects the rights of individuals. By 1987, more than a decade after the death of its longtime authoritarian ruler, Chiang Kai-shek, martial law was lifted; political dissidents who had been jailed by the government were released; and, two years later, opposition parties were legalized. Today Taiwan is a powerful economic dynamo whose people are free to express their views, to start businesses and keep their wealth, to seek legal redress in the courts, to elect their political leaders.

What would "reunification" with China mean? In the 20 years since government forces slaughtered pro-freedom demonstrators in Tiananmen Square, China has opened itself up to some international commerce — but it remains a dictatorship. Iron-fisted censorship now extends beyond the print and broadcast media to the Internet; those who petition the government for legal redress risk being arrested on ominously vague charges of "disturbing the social order;" "political criminals" are persecuted, imprisoned and killed. Were it governed by Beijing, Taiwan would see its political freedoms corroded.

Failing to endorse Taiwan's legitimate claim to independence means consigning its people to the predations of a totalitarian regime. Endorsing the Palestinians' baseless demand to a state means condemning its subjects to the living hell of tyranny.

If we truly want to see the spread of freedom around the world, we must reverse the contemptible injustice of supporting Palestinian thugs while withholding our moral support from Taiwan.

(Elan Jurno is a junior fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute in Irvine.)

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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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In addition to the task force, organizations such as the American Red Cross of Santa Monica, Best Care Southern California Home Health, the Center for Healthy Aging and many more have chosen to participate in the “living” series.

The lectures will begin with a discourse on relationship improvement, entitled “Sustaining Quality Relationships As Life Changes,” and will take place today, May 12 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Following it on Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. will be “Living Long, Aging Smart,” a workshop about the facts of aging. The project presents “Creating a Life That Matters,” which discusses how to live life with purpose, and will occur on Thursday, May 19, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. “Inspiration: Finding, Keeping and Using It,” a class devoted to addressing the spiritual self, will complete the lectures on Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

All events will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th St. For reservations call (800) 516-5323. The event is wheelchair accessible. For other accommodations, include a request with your reservation at least seven days in advance.

## SMC's 'Digifest' to take off

By Daily Press staff

Local community college students will have an opportunity to showcase their latest work in the field of entertainment and technology.

The Santa Monica College Academy of Entertainment & Technology will host “Digifest 05,” an animation-digital video-interactive festival showcasing the work of students.

It will feature exhibits of animation, graphic design, interactive media and motion graphics, as well as screenings of animation and digital video projects. Included will be Cecilia Aranovich’s “To a Man With a Big Nose,” an animated short that is currently a contender for nomination in the 2005 Student Academy Awards competition. The competition is sponsored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, the same organization that awards the Oscar.

“We’re excited to showcase the incredible work of our students in computer animation, motion graphics and interactive design,” said Katharine Muller, dean of the academy. “Because we work so closely with the entertainment industry, we are able to train our students in the latest techniques using state-of-the-art technology. Our students go on to high-paying careers in such companies as DreamWorks, Digital Domain, Rhythm & Hues, Sony Computer Entertainment, Sony Pictures Digital Entertainment and Warner Bros.”

The Academy of Entertainment & Technology, founded in 1997, trains students in the digital and traditional arts, including character animation and interactive media.

The event will be held Friday, May 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Academy of Entertainment and Technology, 1660 Stewart St. The event is free, and free parking is available. For further information, call (310) 434-3700.

Photo courtesy.

‘Digifest 05’ will include the screening of the student animated short, ‘To a Man With a Big Nose,’ which is in contention for a Student Academy Award.

## LOCAL



# City braces for state budget

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percent and construction increased 4.5 percent. (See graph.)

Increased economic activity, including tourism and the opening of some new businesses, account for the upward swing.

"Overall, the local economy appears to be relatively strong, based on sales tax revenues and tourism increases over the last 12 to 18 months and the gradually improving economy at state and national levels," said City Hall Finance Director Steve Stark. "Sales tax growth in the fourth quarter was very strong after somewhat lower growth in the previous two quarters."

Despite that the city experienced slower growth earlier in 2004, Santa Monica's economy is faring well. Stark estimates that sales tax revenue growth was between 5 and 6 percent last year. Last year, City Hall officials budgeted for just a 4.5-percent increase.

Consumers in Santa Monica are currently taxed 8.25 percent on retail sales, with 1 percent going to City Hall after the state government redistributes the revenue it collects from municipalities.

A steady increase of sales tax revenue over the past three years shows that the local economy is on the upswing. In 2004, Santa Monica brought in \$26 million, compared to \$24.4 million in 2003 and \$22.4 million in 2002.

"We are trending a little better than our

original projections," Stark said. "But it's consistent with regional trends."

For the fourth quarter of 2004, the state saw an increase of 11.6 percent and Los Angeles County experienced an increase of 11.1 percent.

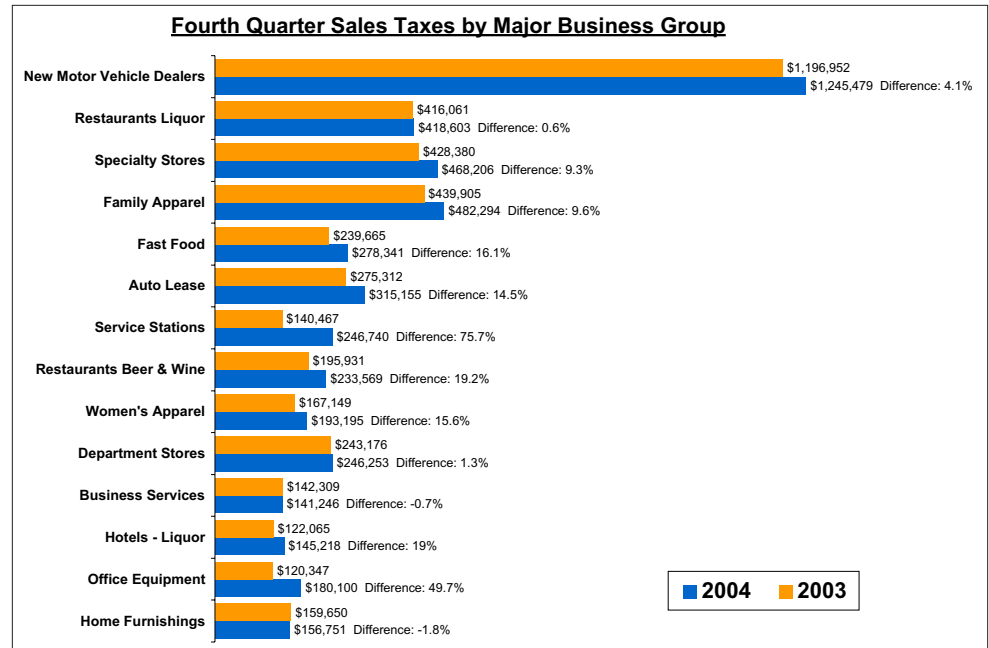
The three-year increase paints a much different picture for Santa Monica than what it experienced in 2002, which saw a significant decline from 2001. The decrease translated into more than \$1 million in lost revenue. In 2000, City Hall brought in \$22.8 million in sales tax revenue as compared to \$23.6 million in 2001.

The local economy had been faring well up until 2002, but that year's decline in sales tax revenue forced City Hall to make serious slashes to its budget, cutting services and personnel, and delaying capital improvement projects throughout town.

"At the same time as 9/11 occurred, we were kind of going into a recession anyway," said City Hall treasurer Dave Carr. "But 9/11 exacerbated it."

City Hall is cautiously optimistic that the sales tax will continue to increase at a moderate rate, which is included in the budget forecasts. City officials will embark on their next budget review at the end of the month, with the 2005-06 fiscal year budget being approved by the City Council in June.

Full year 2004-05 revenues for Santa Monica are projected to be between 3 and 5 percent greater than last fiscal year, and it's anticipated that taxes will grow in



upcoming years at rates consistent with historical trends.

City officials are once again waiting for what the state government plans to do in its budget, since it has historically taken revenue away from local municipalities in the form of sales tax revenue and vehicle license fees in order to fill in its own gaps. However, a voter-approved ballot measure last year now gives cities a greater level of protection from state takeaways.

"Cities are still hopeful Prop. 1A will provide us with the protection," Stark said, adding he will travel to Sacramento on May 19 to participate in the state government's revised budget sessions. "We'll know more then."

City Hall has historically budgeted for state takeaways — in previous years it projected a \$4.2 million shortfall. Last fiscal year, that projection was lowered to \$2.4 million.

"That is the reserve for the unknowns, but at this point we feel more comfortable with what the state will do," Stark said.

Still, what happens in the political arena typically keeps city financiers cautious.

"Economic and political events at the state and national levels, including higher energy prices, the threat of higher inflation and higher interest rates, continue to cause uncertainty in the economy," said Stark



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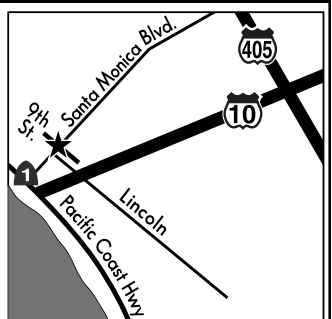
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Periods of increased stock market volatility, when securities prices tend to sharply rise or fall within a relatively short period of time, make many investors understandably uncertain. Whether you are currently in the market or are considering entering, you've probably been wondering: "What's the best course of investment action to take during periods of unsettled market activity?"

### DON'T OVERREACT

It's somewhat of a cliché to say that two emotions — fear and greed — are the driving forces behind a good deal of stock market activity. During a bull market,

as share prices rise, some investors develop a false sense of confidence regarding future price levels and believe that nothing short of catastrophe will stop the continuing upward trend. In their zeal, they erroneously project their short-term gains into an uncertain and long-term future.

On the other side of this coin lies the disappointment that may set in whenever market values start to drop within a relatively short period. During these bear markets, some investors overreact and begin imagining a loss of their nest eggs due to lower share prices. They may even begin selling their holdings with the fear that prices may fall even further.

It's important, however, for individual investors to view market volatility in its proper perspective. Swings in stock market prices, even those lasting a few months or years, generally should not be allowed to disrupt your

long-term investment strategy. Why? It's simple. Historically speaking, long-term investing has tended to smooth out many of the fits and starts that can cause investors so much short-term discomfort.

### FOCUS ON LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES

Setting a middle course, one that avoids both bullish euphoria and bearish despair, can help individual investors keep their long-term financial objectives in sight. A focus on long-term objectives also helps avoid the temptation of trying to predict what the financial markets will do tomorrow, next week or next month. Long-term investors realize that even investment professionals cannot always accurately predict short-term market movements.

Adopting a long-term investment philosophy also helps guard against over-reacting to business

stories that appear in the newspapers or other media. Regardless of whether such news is generally thought to be "good" or "bad," always consult with a financial advisor to evaluate the potential impact of those developments on your overall investment plan.

### REVIEW YOUR STRATEGY PERIODICALLY

Reviewing your financial strategy at least yearly is yet another way of helping you cope with market volatility. As you review, make sure your investment plan takes into account your age and investment timeline, as well as your financial resources and tolerance for risk.

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## Strong Social Security needed for successful small businesses

**GUEST  
COMMENTARY**  
BY HECTOR V. BARRETO

For all Americans, but especially the employees and owners of small businesses and those who are self-employed, strengthening Social Security will be paramount to continued economic prosperity.

The Social Security system has served our citizens well for many years. It is, as President Bush has said, one of our country's "great moral successes." But we are no longer the America of the 1930s. Our commitment to the values that conceived Social Security remains strong. But our demographics have changed.

In 1950, there were 16 workers paying into the system for every person collecting benefits. Already that number has plummeted to 3.3. And by the time

today's 20-year-olds retire, it will drop to two workers for every beneficiary.

In 2008, the first of more than 75 million baby boomers will begin to retire, putting added strain on the system. In 2017, Social Security will begin paying out more than it takes in. And in 2041, Social Security will be bankrupt. If we don't act soon, we'll have three choices: massive government borrowing, severe benefit cuts, or drastically higher taxes.

If you own or are employed by a small business, none of those options are likely to appeal to you. Anything that has a devastating impact on the economy affects small businesses first and foremost. Massive government borrowing can have the unintended side effect of siphoning capital away from small businesses. Severe benefit cuts would disproportionately impact entrepreneurs and those employed by small businesses, because they are often

without access to private pensions. And if you are a small business, drastically higher taxes could make the difference between ending the year in the red and ending it in the black.

President Bush understands this and he has made it clear that all options are on the table for strengthening Social Security, with the exception of raising the payroll tax rate. The Social Security payroll tax rate has been raised 20 times since 1937 — seven times between 1978 and 1990 alone. Not only have those rate hikes not solved the problems facing Social Security, but every tax increase has deeply negative consequences on workers' take-home income and on our economy as a whole.

The president envisions enacting comprehensive Social Security reform that will turn that promise into real assets that each American can own in his or her name. Voluntary personal accounts will allow younger workers to create a

nest egg for retirement that can never be taken away by the government.

The importance of personal accounts is amplified by the limited retirement savings options for the self-employed. The current double payroll tax puts small business retirement plans out of reach for many. But voluntary personal accounts make retirement assets a real possibility for those who would otherwise rely heavily on Social Security. And through personal ownership, the accounts ensure that your money can not be spent on other government programs instead of on your retirement.

We must fix Social Security in a way that benefits America's 25 million small businesses. The best way to do that is to let all Americans participate in the American dream by becoming owners of their own future.

*(Hector V. Barreto was a small business owner and is the 21st administrator of the Small Business Administration.)*

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## NATIONAL



# Hispanics using boycotts to address immigration problems

BY JACQUES BILLEAUD

Associated Press Writer

**PHOENIX** — More than 500 people gathered at the Arizona Capitol while others boycotted work Tuesday to protest state laws and proposals that they say make life difficult for illegal immigrants.

The work boycott affected some businesses in the Phoenix area, including restaurants that either shut down or offered limited fare because of staff shortages. It wasn't clear how many businesses were involved, though the effects appeared limited.

"We don't want to break anybody's back," said boycott organizer Elias Bermudez. "We want to make sure that if the sales went down 10 percent or 15 percent, that means that there can be consequences if we continue to have, unfortunately, these type of laws against us and against the poor people."

Bermudez said Americans have essentially invited immigrants into the country by offering them construction, agricultural and service industry jobs in the state.

"Every time you allow somebody to mow your lawn and you don't ask for papers, you have invited them," Bermudez said. "Every time you allow somebody to bus your table, you have invited them."

Bermudez said he doubts the boycott will change minds of lawmakers who support anti-immigrant proposals.

Arizona lawmakers are considering a proposal to prohibit illegal immigrants from attending adult education classes, receiving child care assistance and having in-state tuition status at public universities. Another bill would bar local governments from putting taxpayer money into day labor centers that assist in finding work for illegal immigrants.

The bills followed on the heels of a ballot initiative approved by voters in November that requires proof of immigration status when obtaining certain government services, and proof of citizenship when registering to vote.

The ballot measure was aimed at cutting back on illegal immigration in Arizona, the busiest illegal entry point on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Among the protesters who spent much of the day at the Capitol were people wearing uniforms from fast food restaurants. One man carried a sign that read, "Mexicans are necessary."

The group also chanted in Spanish: "The people united, will never be defeated."

Jose Fuentes, a 25-year-old construction worker living in Mesa, said he hopes the government will eventually let immigrants work here legally, because businesses need their labor and immigrants are only trying to provide for their families.

"We hope someone up there will listen to what we want," Fuentes said. "We are just hoping someone will give us a hand, because we just want to work, we just want to make a living."

The effects of the boycott were difficult to gauge, though groups representing different industries in Arizona said their members weren't reporting widespread staff shortages.

Steve Chucuri, president and chief executive of the Arizona Restaurant and Hospitality Association, said he hadn't heard of anything unusual from the group's members.

But at least a few restaurants in the downtown Phoenix area were affected.

A Baja Fresh restaurant was closed and someone had a posted a sign that read: "Unfortunately, all of our team members have failed to report for work due to a planned Latino boycott in the Valley (Phoenix area) today."

Another restaurant, Lombardi's, said it could only offer pasta and salads because of the boycott. Manager Bradley A. Ballantyne said two workers didn't show up and that the menu was limited to ensure quality service.

Business was otherwise only minimally affected, he said. "We had a regular volume of customers," said Ballantyne.

Two employees were also absent at nearby Sam's Cafe because of the boycott, but most of the Hispanic workers at the restaurant did show up, said manager

Tony Lopez.

"I think there are other ways," Lopez said. "It affects (Hispanics) more negatively than benefits them. It affects their wallets." In anticipation of the boycott, Mi Amigos Mexican Grill general manager Chris Mirza called in for extra help Tuesday. The employees, 95 percent of whom are Hispanic, came to work while the restaurant also saw more customers than usual.

"We got extra business because other restaurants couldn't handle it," Mirza said. "For a Tuesday, our sales were more than normal."

Groups representing commercial and home builders, which generally employ large Hispanic work forces, reported no disruptions by Tuesday afternoon.

"It would have been showing up by now," said Mark Minter, executive director of the Arizona Builders' Alliance, which has about 310 members statewide, most in the Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas.

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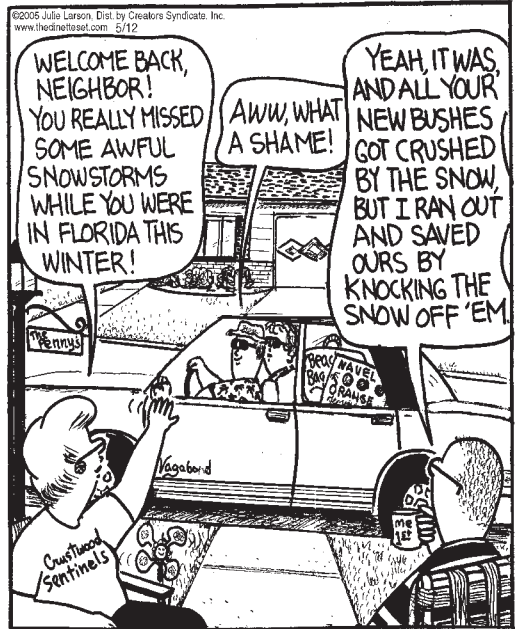
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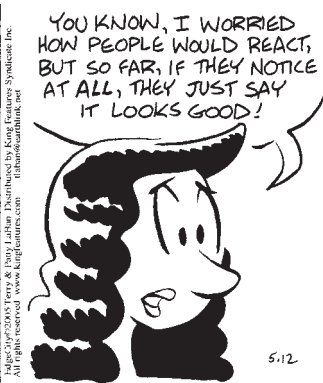
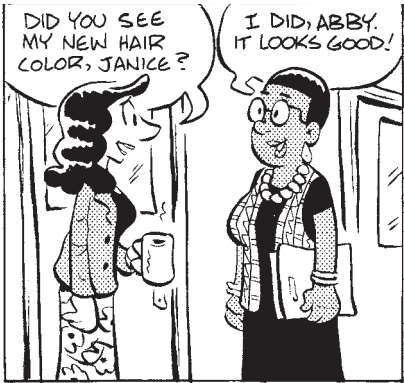


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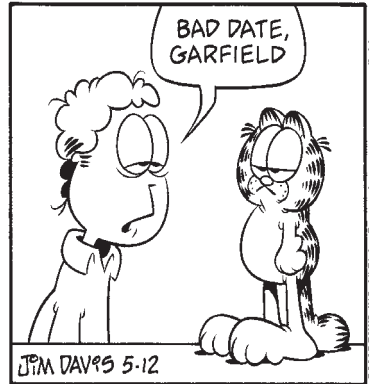
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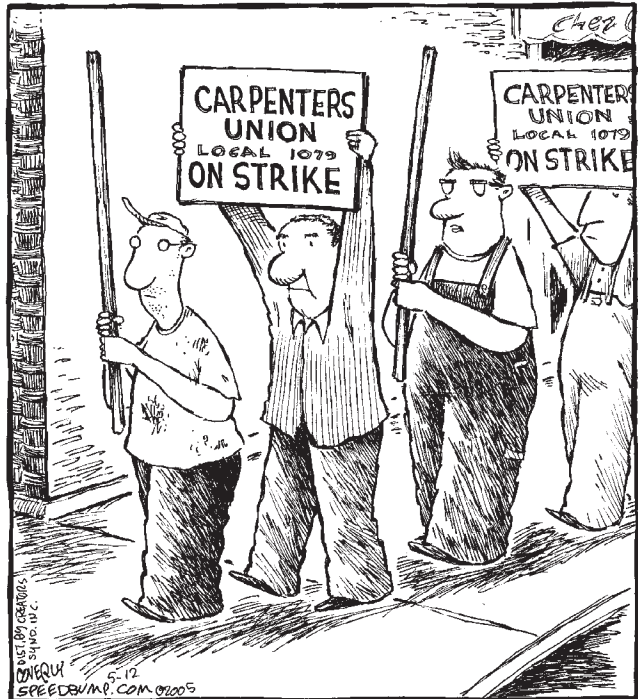
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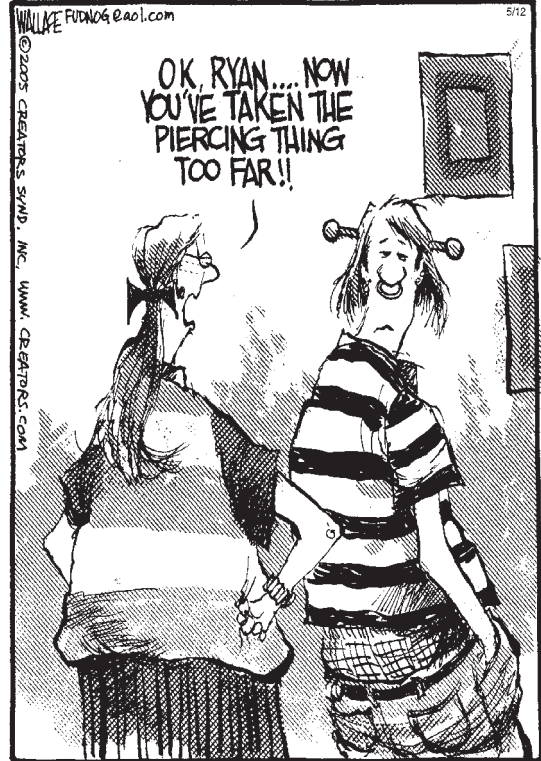


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- 12 Come to — (start bubbling)
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- 14 Streisand film
- 15 Not toned
- 17 Loquacious gift
- 19 Flower visitor
- 20 Go left
- 23 "Becket" actor
- 25 Test software version
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- 32 Rotten
- 33 Singing barber
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- 38 Collar attachment
- 41 Bold way to solve cross-words
- 42 Greenish songbird

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- 44 Ceased
- 1 Vigor
- 2 Bullfight call
- 3 Wave rider's need
- 4 Pop star
- 5 Fit to be defended
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- 7 Heed
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- 18 Dined at home
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- 21 Parts of hearts
- 22 Crossed the creek
- 24 Fanciful poem
- 25 Physique, in slang
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