



OFF-KEY NOTE SPEAKER
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS P19

WEEKEND EDITION



Visit us online smdp.com

Santa Monica Daily Press

May 20-21, 2006

A newspaper with issues

Volume 5, Issue 162

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS 5 12 31 51 56
Meganumber: 1
Jackpot: \$12M

Super LOTTO 7 26 27 35 38
Meganumber: 14
Jackpot: \$36M

Fantasy 5 7 19 20 26 29

DAILY 3 MIDDAY: 3 6 4
EVENING: 4 5 4

DAILY DERRY 1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1.43.50

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

NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ To free up soldiers for war-zone duty, the Army hires contractors to man the gates at 57 domestic installations, including Fort Bragg and West Point, but in April, the Government Accountability Office announced that, despite three warnings, some of the contractors continue to hire an alarming number of convicted felons as security guards.

■ Nashville's The Tennessean newspaper revealed in April that a man still serving time for hiring a hit man to kill his wife was actually put in charge of the purchasing office of the state's emergency management agency. Inmate Daniel Erickson was participating in a rehabilitation program intended to help prisoners find work when they get out and apparently was so good at his job that agency officials promoted him.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 140th day of 2006.
There are 225 days left in the year.

Five hundred years ago, on May 20, 1506, explorer Christopher Columbus died in poverty in Spain.

INDEX

Horoscopes

Hang out, Capricorn 2

Snow & Surf Report

Water temperature: 62° 3

Opinion

Fight the real problem 4

Commentary

Answers for immigration 5

State

Citizenship limbo 6

National

Vail fire indictments 8

International

Migrants fleeing solo 18

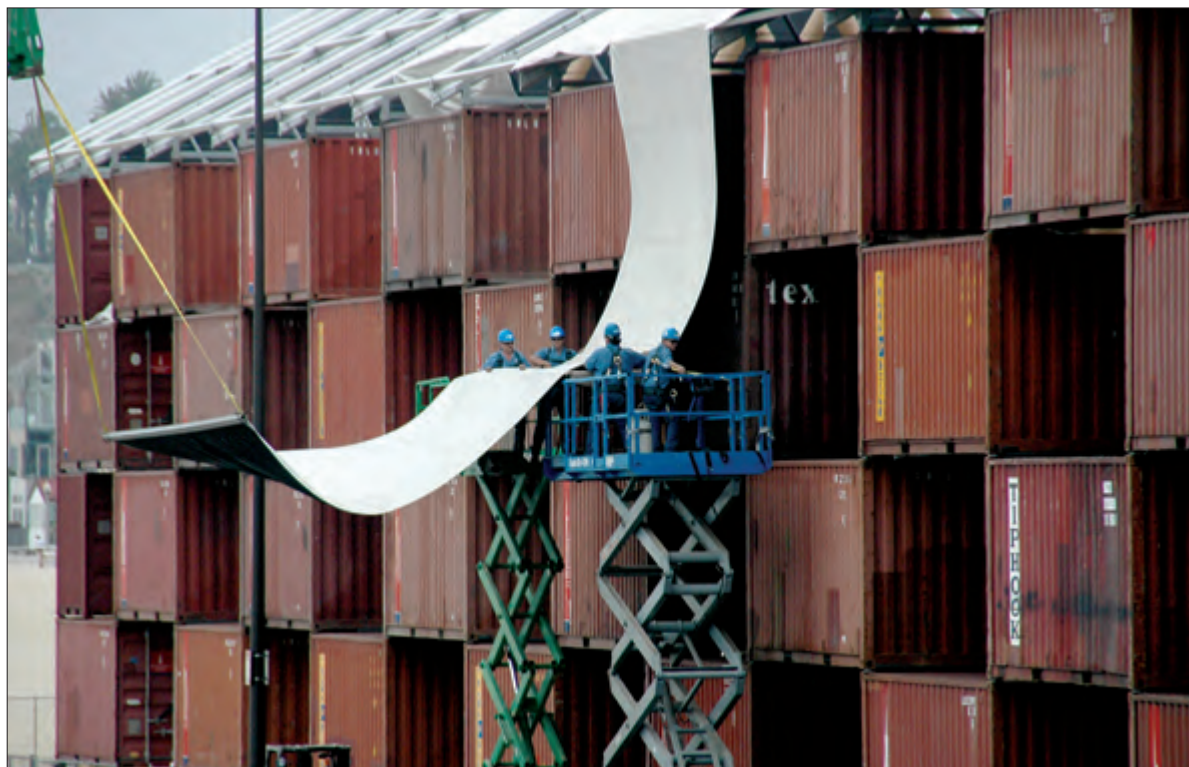
Comics

Laugh it up 20

Classifieds

Ad space odyssey 21-23

'Ashes' to ashes



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Workers dismantle the Nomadic Museum just north of the Santa Monica Pier on Friday. The exhibit 'Ashes and Snow', which featured the works of artist Gregory Colbert, ran in the temporary space from Jan. 14 through last Sunday.



Google Maps

BREATH-TAKING The city of Santa Monica contends a proposed law requiring it to monitor the idling times of airplanes at SM Airport unjustly singles them out.

LA zeroes in on airport

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM AIRPORT If the City of Los Angeles has its way, City Hall will have to get busy watching planes sit still.

Earlier this week, the Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously to support a proposed law requiring City Hall to record for one year how long

aircraft engines are running at the airport, which in turn can give Los Angeles residents living just east of the runway a better idea as to the level of emissions wafting into their homes.

The measure would force City Hall to spend \$450,000 or more monitoring the idling times of air-

See **AIRPORT**, page 13

NATIONAL

No plague upon their tents as park reopens

By staff and wire reports

SALT LAKE CITY A campground at Natural Bridges National Monument in southeastern Utah reopened this week after a three-week closure to make certain no traces remained of bubonic plague, which was detected in rodents at the monument last month.

Santa Monica and Los Angeles County officials have had similar concerns with the squirrel population in Palisades Park. After receiving a summons Jan. 16 from the county health department regarding non-compliance with the health and safety code, City Hall was ordered to kill squirrels who live in the Palisades Bluffs or face legal

See **PLAGUE**, page 8

A house divided over at Samohi

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Dissatisfied with the leadership at Santa Monica High School, hundreds of people flooded into the school board meeting here on Thursday, ultimately forcing the Fire Department to shut it down out of safety concerns.

However, the sincerity of some of those dissenters remains at question, with many of those in attendance Thursday night being students seeking extra credit. One teacher who admits he offered his charges extra credit for their showing was Michael Felix, a history teacher who contends he only wanted students to participate in the democratic process.

The majority of those on hand expressed their displeasure with Samohi's Chief Educational Officer and lead principal, Ilene Straus, whose leadership style, they claim, has created a division amongst students and teachers. There is also concern amongst faculty regarding Samohi's recent redesign into six small learning communities, or houses, each with its own principal. Many question whether or not it has accomplished its goals of allowing for more specialized instruction and the fostering of stronger relationships between students and faculty, as well as administrators.

Felix said he was lobbied by a fellow teacher and union member to have his students come to Thursday's meeting.

"I gave into the peer pressure, and

See **SAMOH**, page 12

GABY SCHKUD
The name you can depend on!
Serving sellers and buyers on the Westside.

2444 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 102
Santa Monica, CA 90403
(310) 586-0308

COLDWELL BANKER

DRUM SET SALE
25% OFF
WITH THIS COUPON!
(310) 453-1928

SANTA MONICA MUSIC CENTER

www.santamoniamusic.com 1901 Santa Monica Blvd. in Santa Monica

Back by popular demand... **THE UNDER \$10 DINNER SPECIAL**
Served from 4pm - 10pm

ILLY'S DELI

1433 Wilshire Blvd at 15th St
310-394-1131

01578836

MEDICAL MARIJUANA EVALUATIONS



Complimentary, Confidential Consultation • Encrypted Medical Record
Compassionate Care, Expert Advice • Follows California Medical Board Guidelines

Craig S. Cohen. M.D.
8240 SANTA MONICA BLVD 310/295-7267
HOUSE CALLS AND SAME DAY APPOINTMENTS

INTRODUCTORY DENTAL
EXAM AND CLEANING

FIRST TIME PATIENTS ONLY
INCLUDES 2 X-RAYS

\$45.00

30 MINUTE ZOOM!
TEETH WHITENING

PLUS CHECKUP & CLEANING

\$199.00
FIRST TIME PATIENTS ONLY



Santa Monica Cosmetic Dentistry Center
Dr. David Taft, DDS (310) 315-3676
UCLA Parkside Medical Center 2428 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 303

FORREST YOGA

DEMYSTIFYING THE CHAKRAS
with BRIAN CAMPBELL
Discussion, Meditation, and Yoga Practice
to Enliven Chakra Consciousness
May 13 2:00-5:00pm \$35

RELATIONSHIP YOGA
with DON ROSSMOORE, PhD
A Union of Hatha, Karma, and Kundalini
May 21 & 28 2:00-5:00pm 2-Part Series

POSTURE CLINIC
Splits May 27 2:30-2pm \$15
Bow June 24 12:30-2pm \$15

NEW LOCATION
Forrest Yoga Institute
A Circle of Healing and Yoga
1430 Olympic Blvd., 2nd Floor
Santa Monica, CA 90404
310.581.8900
www.forrestyoga.com

live, breathe, feel, experience yoga in a sanctuary

Since 1983

Fit by FABIAN

Private Fitness Studio
Specializing in:
Custom Fitness Programs
Bodybuilding-Shaping
Strength Training
Weight Management
Free Fitness Consultation
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
216 Pico Blvd # 17 - Santa Monica Beach
Fabian@Fitbyfabian.com or 310-399-7049

Horoscopes



Bring us your old cell phones,
computers, copiers, electronics
and let us safely recycle them!
FREE!

1932 Cotner Ave., West Los Angeles 90025
(310) 478-3001 ext. 101



Hang out, Capricorn

Santa Monica Daily Press



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll Have:
★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Stay away from crowds. You need space for yourself. If you accomplish that, you will become mellow and lovable. A special friendship is favored. Know when to be discreet and not tell all. Some news is only for certain ears. Tonight: Away from others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Though you might go through certain confusion deciding who is on second and who is on first, you end up enjoying yourself. Someone you put on a pedestal cares more than you know. Don't take his or her feelings personally. Tonight: Where the gang is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to make others feel comfortable emerges. You might want to rethink a decision or two. You need not worry. Inspiration walks into your life, making you happy and finding plausible solutions. Tonight: On top of your game.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You will find greater happiness and affection if you take the high road. You might be a bit stunned by what comes up. Feelings run deep, and you have more than your share to do. Investigate possibilities. Tonight: Enjoy trying something different.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Emphasize the plusses. Sort through confusion and get down to basics. Use your ability to read between the lines with those you care about. Teamwork opens up a situation. Rely on someone else. Trust. The end results will be excellent. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your plans might vary or change. Your intuition is right up there. Listen to and defer to others. You might have better ideas, or so you think. Others need to see the results of their actions. Tonight: Roll with the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your good will takes you down a new path. Understand more of what is going on around you. Your imagination helps others be more creative and caring. Relax with others. Nothing has to happen as you think. Tonight: Know when you have had enough.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You can't hold back your creativity or stop doing something differently. Your imagination takes you down new paths and encourages different responses. Your caring peaks with someone you care about. Tonight: Allow the kid in you out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You have a way of understanding others. Anticipate what others want, but also listen to what they say. Good will warms up a relationship. Emphasize the basics with others and, above all, yourself. Tonight: Entertain at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Make calls and reach out to others. You might want to carefully rethink a personal matter that surrounds money and a family member. Put a halt to a problem before it begins. Others appreciate your understanding. Tonight: Hang out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Expenses could have you thinking. Still, your ability to process and understand comes through. A conversation opens up your feelings and adds to the good will. You might want to indulge others as well as yourself. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your instincts take you far when dealing with others. You might need to verify an expenditure. The facts aren't as clear as you might like. You could be seeing only what you want to see, not what is reality. Let someone play devil's advocate. Tonight: Your smile says it all.

CIRCULATION AUDIT BY
CIRCULATION VERIFICATION COUNCIL

Santa Monica Daily Press

Published Monday through Saturday
Phone: (310) 458-PRESS (7737) • Fax: (310) 576-9913
1427 Third Street Promenade, Ste. #202 • Santa Monica, CA 90401 • www.smdp.com

PUBLISHER
Ross Furukawa ross@smdp.com

EDITOR
Carolyn Sackariason editor@smdp.com

STAFF WRITER
Kevin Herrera kevinh@smdp.com

SANTA MONICA PARENTING
Nina Furukawa nina@smdp.com

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Fabian Lewkowicz FabianLewkowicz@aol.com

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
Robbie P. Piubeni rob@smdp.com

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
Rob Schwenker schwenker@smdp.com

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
Ryan Martin ryanm@smdp.com

TRAFFIC MANAGER
Connie Sommerville connies@smdp.com

PRODUCTION MANAGER
Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II alex@smdp.com

PRODUCTION ARTIST
Jo Still production@smdp.com

ASSOCIATE EDITOR
Lori Luechtefeld lori@smdp.com

ASSOCIATE EDITOR
Michael Tittinger . . .MoNeY.Tea'LeBahG@smdp.Chum

CLASSIFIEDS SALES MANAGER
Annie Kotok anniek@smdp.com

CIRCULATION
Keith Wyatt

CIRCULATION
Glenn Bolan

SPECIAL PROJECTS
Dave Danforth dave@smdp.com

MASCOT
Maya Furukawa maya@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

People keeping their eyes on CityTV

By Daily Press staff

In case you haven’t tuned into channel 16 on your TV set, you are missing an award-winning public service broadcast.

CityTV, cable channel 16 in Santa Monica, was recently honored with the top award in the state for the quality of its programming. The channel won first place in the Overall Excellence Category for the SCAN NATOA STAR Awards. It is the sixth time in eight years that the channel has won the award.

The awards are presented annually by the States of California and Nevada Chapter (SCAN) of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA). This year’s awards were presented on May 11 at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica.

In addition to winning in the best overall programming category, CityTV also won a first place award for its popular “Downbeat Showdown” youth program in the performing arts category, second place for “Santa Monica Update” in the news category, and “Legal Help Live” won second place in the talk show category.

CityTV is the government access cable channel for the City of Santa Monica. Seen on cable channel 16, CityTV is available to all Adelphia cable TV subscribers in Santa Monica.

Crossroads musicians go Live! from LACMA

By Daily Press staff

A local high school orchestra this weekend will venture out of Santa Monica to perform. The Crossroads Chamber Orchestra on Sunday, May 21, will perform their annual concert at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), playing selections from Dvorak, Bartok and Samuel Barber.

The orchestra is performing as part of the Sundays Live! free concert series and the concert will be simulcast on KMZT FM 105.1. On Sunday, May 28, the orchestra will present a recital to honor the Zipper String Award recipients at The Colburn School.

The May 21 free concert, directed by Alexander Treger, will be held at 6 p.m. at LACMA’s Bing Theater, 5905 Wilshire Blvd. The May 28 free concert, also directed by Treger, will be held at 5 p.m. at The Colburn School Zipper Hall, 200 S. Grand Ave.

Food pyramid reaches new heights

By Daily Press staff

It might just be the largest food pyramid in Santa Monica.

Students from the Art Institute of California–Los Angeles located in Santa Monica, will build a large-scale sculpture made entirely of canned food, which will then be donated to the Westside Food Bank.

Students will be designing the identity for hunger awareness, which will include posters, banners and all promotional materials. The giant sculpture will be built and displayed in Clover Park, located at 25th Street at Ocean Park Boulevard. Large-scale canned food donations are still needed. Contact Allison, at (310) 828-6016, ext. 12 for more information.

Westside Food Bank supplies food to 65 social service agencies with food assistance programs in Santa Monica, Venice, Culver City, West Los Angeles, Inglewood and West Hollywood. The bank’s food now reaches more than 80,000 people each year, half of whom are children.

Visit Clover Park at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, to see the finished work. Westside Food Bank will be on site to accept canned food donations and to provide information on the problem of hunger. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

See BRIEFS, page 13

INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN THE ONLY LOCAL DAILY PAPER IN SANTA MONICA?

Santa Monica Daily Press

Call us at (310) 458-7737



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

310-399-7892
2732 Main St.
Santa Monica

Breakfast Deluxe,
Patio Included!



RIP CURL
SURF CENTER
Santa Monica
1451 Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica CA
310-656-curl
RIPCURL.COM

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

SNOW CONDITIONS

DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM

BEAR MOUNTAIN

CLOSED

JUNE MOUNTAIN

CLOSED

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 132" - 156"	LIFT HOURS 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 7/28
----------------------	----	---------------------------	---------------------------------	-----------------	--------------------

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
----------------------	----	-------------------------	---------------------------------	-----------------	-------------------

CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING

SNOW SUMMIT

CLOSED

SNOW VALLEY

CLOSED

SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 62°

SWELL FORECAST (3-5 FT)
THIS WEEKEND THIS SWELL SHOULD COMPLETELY FILL IN AND EVEN OUT A BIT MORE WITH THE 14-16 SECOND PERIODS ARRIVING, GIVING MOST SOUTH FACING BREAKS CHEST HIGH SETS.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
TASMAN SEA SWELL AND NW WIND SWELL DUE MIDWEEK...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

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	5:49AM	-0.80FT	4:19PM	2.45FT
HIGH TIDE	12:32PM	3.20FT	10:52PM	5.92FT
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	6:39AM	-0.71FT	4:57PM	2.67FT
HIGH TIDE	1:40AM	3.10FT	11:37PM	5.70FT
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	2:42AM	0.41FT	2:05PM	1.31FT
HIGH TIDE	8:41AM	3.80FT	8:25PM	5.41FT
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE				
HIGH TIDE	9:22AM	3.74FT	8:47PM	5.67FT
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	3:48AM	-0.40FT	2:54PM	1.77FT
HIGH TIDE	10:04AM	3.65FT	9:13PM	5.87FT

The Q Line

PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY

THE Q-LINE
RESPONSES
ARE IN!

CHECK OUT THIS
WEEK’S Q-LINE
RESPONSES ON PAGE 4.

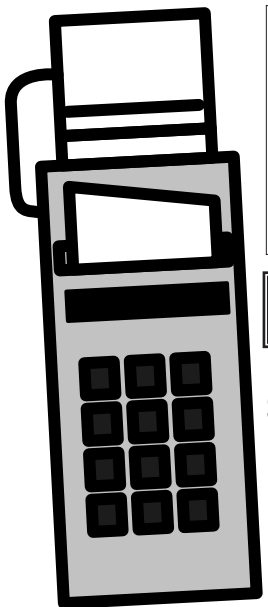


Kate Bransfield
Estates Director
Chairman’s Circle - Platinum
#1 Prudential Santa Monica Realtor

310.395.1133

What is Your Home Worth?
Contact Me to Find Out.
for local, current real estate info...

SantaMonicaListings.com



BACK/UNFILED
TAXES?

ALL FORMS • ALL TYPES • ALL STATES

SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
(310) 395-9922

100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800
Santa Monica 90401

The Q Line

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S FIRE

This past week, Q-line asked:

"Given the latest proposal to ban smoking on the Third Street Promenade, should Santa Monica follow the city of Calabasas' lead and ban smoking from all public places — sidewalks, streets, rooftop decks?"

Here are your responses:

☉ "In regards to smoking on the Promenade, I go down here often and I don't see a lot of people smoking. I see a lot of homeless people who sit all day on the benches and smoke and push their butts into the sidewalk. How many laws are they going to pass that they can't enforce? Look at how many laws they have now. You still have blowers going off all day and skaters on the sidewalks."

☉ "I think it would be a good idea to ban smoking in all public places. It's so annoying and unhealthy for all, and I'm sick of all the butts all over."

☉ "We have enough problems right now. We don't need a public smoking ban, which is not enforced anyway. We need more hands-off policies, especially when we treat the homeless like a privileged class."

☉ "Getting a \$750 fine for smoking on the Promenade is absolutely ridiculous. If people want to smoke outside, they shouldn't be fined. They should focus on other stuff. Concentrate on the gangs."

☉ "I think you should provide a place where people can learn to quit smoking, free to the public, right next to where it's banned. If you're going to demand they not smoke, you should help them."

☉ "I believe it would be a good idea to ban smoking, and automobiles and fireplaces and barbecues."

☉ "There are more pollutants in your home, especially in your carpet, than there is in second-hand smoke. The City Council, with their highly-paid tax exempt environmental non-profits, are constructing a non-issue to distract us from all of the failures that it's responsible for: parking, traffic, obscene building growth, bums (sorry, I mean 'socially-challenged' people). Our socialist leaders who know what's best for us are chipping away our freedoms. Next comes gun control, water control, housing control. The council is like a magician, distracting us with the one hand while hiding the coin in the other, confusing us with silly issues."

☉ "Do like we do with the worsening graffiti, traffic and homeless encampments on our property, ignore it. Like Bush, change the subject. Taking away individual rights to a legal product is not going to stop war and crime or dire health crises. It won't even impeach Bush. A ban might provide a second's worth of annoyance to a passing anti-smoker. A ban will not keep down the over-priced library, or keep branches open. Lighten up plan-

ners and let smokers light up."

☉ "Fine anyone who throws butts on the ground. We need that for adults and children and dogs alike."

☉ "Santa Monica definitely should follow the lead of Calabasas and ban smoking from all public places, such as roof decks, streets and the sidewalks. I think it's a good idea that property owners in the rental business give serious thought to making their properties smoke-free environments. My wife and I have done that for a number of years, and there's a movement underway now to make this something that is much broader than a mom-and-pop operation. This is crucial."

☉ "Absolutely not. Butt out. If you want to do something useful, deal with car emission pollution, not cigarette butts, especially on the outside. More importantly, deal with the homeless problem. That's a much bigger issue here."

☉ "First of all, getting those dangerous, troublesome smokers removed from our midst may not be a bad idea, but maybe we ought to deal with the immediate problem of bums and aggressive transients amongst us. Bust the odd Dutch or British tourist later, when our streets become safe again. We need City Hall to solve real problems."

☉ "Something should be done about it. It stinks, they cause disease and filth, so let's get rid of them. I mean the homeless, not the smokers. They're bad, too. I don't want to get cancer from an idiot smoker. If they want to kill themselves let them go home and do it."

☉ "Stupid, stupid, stupid. Just because someone jumps off a bridge doesn't mean we have to do it, and I think the most important thing is reasonableness. So, don't follow the way of Calabasas."

☉ "I don't know what's in Calabasas, but I think we could make it a little easier on our police department by not passing so many laws. It might be easier to get to the bottom line by taking out the benches, bike racks and trees, then you might really get to what you're trying to do, if you get my drift."

☉ "Yes, I'm a smoker, but a non-drinker and a non-driver, so I say let's ban the smoking in the city, but let's also ban the cars, alcohol sales, the illegal immigrants don't get on the Promenade without a passport, and you can tear down any building you don't like."

Trickle-down effect: Aides won't play ball



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

The Wall Street Journal recently reported on a possible dictatorial leader, a coup and a secession. And those things took place in our nation's capital. I haven't heard about this reported elsewhere. It doesn't mean there was a cover-up, but I do think the events warrant more attention.

For years, Republicans and Democrats in Washington have often compromised to get things accomplished. They "played ball" with each other, being aware of the realities of the system of give and take. Now, however, a group of Republicans is no longer willing to play ball with a group of Democrats. And I'm talking about softball.

For 37 years, hundreds of young Congressional aides have put their partisan feelings aside and participated in the Congressional Softball League. But during the off-season, some Republicans objected to the way the play-off system has been run. They felt that the commissioner, Democrat Gary Caruso, was "running a socialist year-end play-off system." Socialism in softball? Was there a collective farm in the outfield?

Instead of the typical play-off system that rewards teams that played well during the regular season, Caruso's system gives every team a good chance to win. So those who oppose the play-off system asked the same question that NBA fans ask each year, "Why bother playing the regular season?"

Caruso said that the Republican idea of favoring the top teams was part of their plan "to wage class warfare on the more relaxed teams." Right. And umpires are storm troopers?

Do you get the feeling that both sides take this softball league a little too seriously? What's next, are conservatives going to refuse to play left field? If a Republican steals a base, are the Democrats going to call for an investigation?

Instead of coming up with a compromise, some Republican teams picked up their balls and bats, and bolted to form a new league. Perhaps some of the Congressional aides on both sides are thinking about running for office some day. But if they can't agree on something like a softball league, how are they ever going to agree on things like taxes, social security, and which states get to have the most expensive, unnecessary projects? I

have a feeling that both sides could have compromised on a softball play-off format without selling out their basic ideological principles.

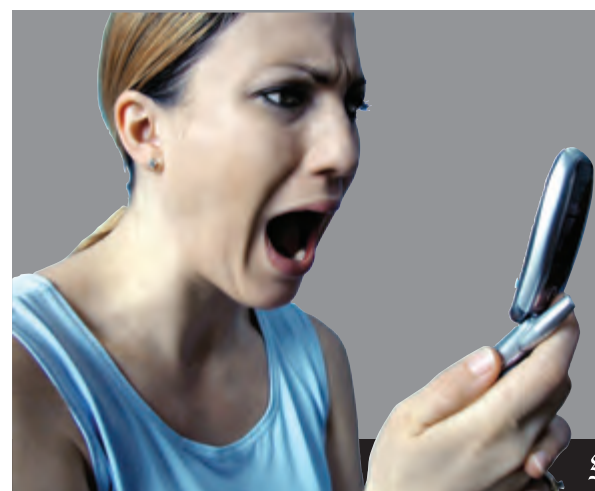
Athletes of different political persuasions putting politics aside to participate in sports has always seemed admirable. During the Olympics, we often see good sportsmanship between people who would be enemies away from the playing fields. We always hope that people on both sides see that their opponents are just regular people like them, not monsters like they may have been told by their political leaders. Then after the games, maybe they'll have a little more tolerance for people with different beliefs from theirs.

And that was a good thing about the Congressional Softball League. Republicans and Democrats could forget their differences for a few hours and just have fun. Maybe after the games, they'd go out for dinner. I'm sure political issues would come up then. Maybe they'd see there is really more than one side to most things. Maybe the next day, they'd suggest to their bosses that the opposition wasn't that bad and could be dealt with.

But that's over. And not just in softball. Positions have hardened so much today that people believe their side is definitely right and the other side is completely wrong. There's no in between, there's no desire to listen to people with opposing views. People can't seem to have friendly, rational discussions anymore with those who disagree with them. Are you able to talk about politics with friends who don't agree with you without feeling you have to change the subject to things like "why do red stop lights seem like they're longer than green ones?"

It would be nice if President Bush, who once called himself a "uniter," would walk over to the National Mall and tell the feuding softball players to knock it off. And after talking to them, maybe he'd be motivated to talk to the leaders of both parties and tell them to play ball with each other. He could even suggest that the American people do the same thing. In other words, stop name-calling, stop blind partisanship, and be more tolerant of each other. It's the best way to work things out. And it's as American as a weekly softball game.

(Lloyd Garver has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Frasier." He also has read many books, some of them in hardcover. He writes the "Modern Times" column for CBSnews.com's opinion page and a weekly column for SportsLine.com. He can be reached at smdp@lloydgarvermoderntimes.com.)



You make the call.

We'll print the answers.

Sound off every week on our Q-Line™. See page 3 for more info.

Santa Monica Daily Press

Visit us online at smdp.com

Rational reform can unite divided nation



GUEST COLUMN BY ERIC ROTH

Dear President Bush,

Thank you for taking up the unpopular, complex, and difficult issue of illegal immigration on Monday night.

Given the huge opposition to both open borders and amnesty, I suggest you take four overdue steps to calm the atmosphere and improve the possibilities for humane, rational immigration reform that will strengthen and unite our too-divided nation.

Secure the border: People will not support any amnesty if they expect, based on all available evidence, that it will simply become an open border. We are not annexing Mexico, inviting the world's poor, or abolishing the border. We must enforce our laws before we reform our laws.

By the way, it's a bit spooky that nobody actually knows how many illegal immigrants live in the United States. The government's failure to collect information looks like a serious security issue. How can anyone advocate giving new rights if we don't know the potential impact?

Enforce employer sanctions: The widespread perception remains that both political parties are more sensitive to corporate donors and special interests than the national good. The failure to enforce current employer sanctions, at least against companies with more than 50 employees, creates a lawless atmosphere and reinforces the damaging idea that the wealthy are exempt from laws. If Wal-Mart can track millions of objects sold daily in their stores and even a small Santa Monica bookstore can verify a credit card in seconds, clearly this is a technical possibility. Just do it.

After a year or so of enforced sanctions then you can introduce small and targeted work visas for individuals who have paid a fine, gone through a background check, and indicated a desire to stay in the United States. You must, however, enforce whatever laws are on the books.

English is the nation's language: Ask the Congress to pass a constitutional amendment recognizing that English is the nation's official language. Beyond symbolism, this action should be backed up by a requirement that all illegal immigrants being pardoned must take at least 100 hours of English and civics lessons. As you probably know, the Clinton administration just ignored the clear language of the naturalization law mandating "citizens must be able to read, write and speak English."

As a former director of a citizenship program back in mid-1990s, I can verify that the huge rush of applications "inspired" Immigration and Naturalization Services to continuing lowering their standards. By 1996, the INS standard — in LA County at least — didn't go beyond answering a few set questions in English and writing two sample sentences that were dictated. The most common sentences were "I love the U.S." and "My family lives in the U.S." Wow. What standards.

The ruse worked, and more than 6 million folks became naturalized before the 1996 election. Of course, the new citizens were overwhelming Democrat, and were concentrated in five key states: California, New York, Illinois, Florida and Texas. On a

partisan level, that decision certainly helped Clinton win re-election. On an objective national level, however, the failure to enforce the law that reasonably requires citizens to speak English hurt the United States.

Eventually, Congress ordered new standards. Price and Waterhouse did an outside study to revise and modernize the naturalization system. So what does the Bush administration plan? The preliminary indications are not much better higher than the very, very low, low standard adopted to rapidly process millions of applications. For historical perspective, immigrants after WWII had to write two long essays on a principle of the government or historical event.

Emphasizing that English is and must remain the nation's language will alleviate the acute anxiety of many people, especially in states like California, who fear that English will be displaced as our national language and feel that far too many illegal immigrants want to "reconquer" the Southwest and California for Mexico. Besides, something like 90 percent of the public supports a constitutional amendment to make English the official language. In this case, good politics makes good policy.

Provide eventual citizenship: We want the honest, hardworking illegal immigrants already here, however, to eventually join the American family. Let's do it slowly, systematically, fairly and humanely.

Perhaps the penalty for illegally entering the country ought to be waiting an additional dozen years about paying a fine when few would dispute that these people have established roots in the United States. The current Kennedy-McCain bill calls for immigrants to pay a \$1,000 fine, but \$20,000 would be far more popular. The additional fees could be justified as the costs of providing free public schools for the self-selected immigrants. If people had to take out loans to become citizens, they also would become more deeply rooted in our nation. The fee would also dissipate a lot of resentment against "free loaders." How many people born in the United States would voluntarily pay \$20,000 to vote in elections and serve on juries?

Likewise, the current Kennedy-McCain bill requires clearing a background check, and passing a naturalization test. I would suggest requiring at least 100 hours of classroom instruction in English and civics, and a serious naturalization with an essay component and extensive interview in English. Again, the imposition of actual standards will increase assimilation and help replace the vivid TV images of crowds shouting in Spanish and waving Mexican flags. Further, we must share the story of our rich national heritage and citizenship should mean awareness of the nation's triumphs and struggles. Nation-states, as we've seen recently in the Balkans, Africa, and across the Middle East, can split along linguistic and ethnic lines in the absence of a strong national identity.

The Statue of Liberty must not become the statue of bigotry. Therefore, please explain that America will never set up machine guns on the border, allow vigilantes to replace trained federal officers, or round up millions of people. We will, however, both fairly enforce our laws and provide an avenue for membership in our great, tolerant, and prosperous nation for our uninvited guests who work hard and play by the rules.

(A former director of a citizenship program in West Hollywood, **Eric Roth** currently teaches writing at USC. Visit www.compellingconversations.com.)

Enjoy New Zealand Green Mussels



At *Bistro*
OF SANTA MONICA
SINCE 1986

Lunch Monday-Friday
Dinner 7 Nights a week

Full Bar Cellar w/over 200 wines

2301 Santa Monica Blvd. 310-453-5442 www.bistroofsantamonica.com

"Medical Breakthrough For Sciatica, Back Pain Caused By Herniated Disc"

Santa Monica— A new free report has recently been released that reveals how breakthrough medical technology is offering new hope for sciatica and back pain sufferers. Discover how research has proven *non-surgical Lumbar Decompression Therapy* (LDT)

along with *Strength Restoration Therapy* (SRT) is 91% successful in treating debilitating back pain. For your free report call **1-888-790-1933** and listen to the toll-free 24 Hr. recorded message for all the details. Supplies are limited call now or visit www.lordexsamo.com

Advertisement

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

Santa Monica Daily Press

Call us at (310) 458-7737

Comfort Re-defined!



These ultra-lightweight sandals evenly distribute your body weight and they're comfortable right from the start. Hand-made in Portugal by Arcopédico. In black leather and taupe nubuck. \$89.00.

Magellan's 

THE WORLD'S MOST TRUSTED SOURCE FOR TRAVEL SUPPLIESSM

1006 Wilshire Blvd. (at 10th)

Free parking in back.

Monday – Saturday from 10 to 6. Sunday 12 to 5.

310-394-9417

www.magellans.com

STATE BRIEFS

Hate crimes stay steady

By The Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. The number of hate-crime reports and incidents in Orange County remained steady for the past couple of years, but cases targeting Hispanics went up slightly, according to a county report.

Law enforcement agencies, human rights groups and higher-education entities tallied allegations of 152 hate crimes and incidents in 2005, the same number as 2004, in the report released Thursday by the Human Relations Commission.

Cases targeting Hispanics went from an all-time low of six in 2004 to 14 in 2005, the report showed. It noted that the number was minimal compared with past years.

Man falls after Taser hit

By The Associated Press

ORANGE, Calif. A man who had been accosting motorists was hospitalized with internal injuries after falling or jumping some 30 feet from a bridge when police fired a Taser at him, authorities said.

Chad Robbins, 28, was rushed to University of California, Irvine Medical Center after the Thursday morning incident.

Police Sgt. Dave Hill said Robbins had been "banging on cars and yelling and taking things off cars."

Thousands remain lost in citizenship limbo

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Luis Orozco was among the first in line nearly 20 years ago when federal lawmakers offered U.S. citizenship to millions of illegal immigrants. Today he has a wife, two daughters and a car — but he still isn't an American citizen.

What promised to be a dream opportunity for legal status has proven a nightmare for hundreds of thousands of immigrants whose citizenship applications are just now being processed after years in court. Thousands more remain in legal limbo.

They provide cautionary tales as Congress considers whether to grant a new round of citizenship eligibility for many of the nation's estimated 12 million illegal immigrants.

"I hope the new people who apply have patience," said Orozco, now a 40-year-old busboy who finally got a temporary residency card three months ago and won't qualify for citizenship until 2011. "I applied right away and look how long it took."

The political shorthand used to describe the current Senate proposal is a path to "earned citizenship." It sounds simple but some immigration law experts warn the legislation contains the same kind of complex conditions that invited a flood of lawsuits by excluding hundreds of thousands of would-be citizenship applicants.

For Orozco, who crossed illegally from Mexico as a teenager, the amnesty Congress granted in 1986 seemed a chance to stop living in the shadows.

Orozco was devastated when an immigration official said he didn't qualify because

he left the U.S. briefly to visit his ill father. By Orozco's account, the official said that violated a key provision of the amnesty that applicants must have a "continuous illegal presence" in the United States for one year beginning May 5, 1987. The official didn't let Orozco apply.

As similar accounts mounted, immigration attorneys filed more than a half-dozen class-action lawsuits against the federal government on behalf of people such as Orozco. Although there are no firm estimates of how many immigrants who were turned away later received amnesty, attorneys estimate that the lawsuits apply to anywhere between 350,000 and 750,000 people.

According to the lawsuits, immigration officials said in the late 1980s that thousands of immigrants didn't qualify because they briefly left the country. Others, who had violated tourist or student visas, were denied amnesty because the law said the applicants failed to tell the government they had violated their visa status.

Many immigrants sought and received rulings that suspended orders for their deportation while the class-action cases moved through court. That let them get work permits and driver's licenses. Others, such as Orozco, didn't know they were eligible for that status and continued to live illegally.

In 2004, Orozco found his current attorney and successfully applied for late amnesty under a settlement of one of the largest class-action amnesty cases, Catholic Social Services v. Ridge.

The lead lawyer in that case fears that the current Senate bill will repeat past mistakes.

As the Senate bill is currently written,

ON THE NET

Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law
<http://www.centerforhumanrights.org/>

Migration Policy Institute
<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/>

only one-fourth of the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in the United States would be eligible for legalization, according to Peter Schey, an attorney who has represented about 350,000 immigrants in four class-action amnesty lawsuits. In 1986, about half of the estimated 6 million illegal immigrants qualified without problems.

The bill, which is currently being shaped in the Senate, includes steps to secure the borders, a path to earned citizenship for some illegal immigrants and a new guest worker program. A vote is expected next week, but it still must be reconciled with a House bill that would make illegal immigrants felons rather than offer a chance at citizenship.

Schey points to language in the Senate bill requiring that an amnesty seeker be in the United States illegally on one day — April 5, 2006 — to qualify for the earned path to citizenship. Schey said that, as it's written, the Senate legislation would exclude thousands of illegal immigrants who briefly had legal status but lost it or violated the terms of their visas. He also said a provision that requires U.S. residence for five years to start on the citizenship path would exclude about 9 million immigrants alone.



CARDIO TENNIS

Try for FREE!

Get Fit. Have Fun!

WIN GREAT PRIZES!!!!!!

Cardio Tennis is an exhilarating cardiovascular workout that includes warm-up, cardio workout and cool down segments. It's a new, fun group activity featuring drills and games to give players of all abilities the ultimate, high-energy workout.

Learn more... Find a site in your area... CardioTennis.com

*For new participants at select locations throughout America in June 2006.

Have Fun! **Get Fit!** **Improve Your Game!**

Cardio Tennis is a great workout. Try this new, fun way to get in shape while improving your tennis skills.

Denise Austin

WHEN: THURSDAY 5/25/06, 6-8 PM
WHERE: COLORADO CENTER, SANTA MONICA
WHO: YOU AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS

TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OJAKIAN TENNIS AT 310-770-1918



The Santa Monica Police Department & The Santa Monica Police Officers' Association

Would like to thank the following sponsors of the Inaugural Ricardo Crocker Memorial Golf Tournament May 22, 2006

Wood Ranch Country Club, Simi Valley

Proceeds will benefit the Police Activities League's Ricardo Crocker Memorial Fund

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact
Patty Loggins-Tazi,
Director PAL at (310) 458-8988

Our Current Sponsors:



Santa Monica Police Department, Gates, Kingsley & Gates Moeller Murphy Funeral Directors, Santa Monica Police Dept. Police Officer's Association, Krav Magrav, American Aesthetics, Casa del Mar/Shutters, The Jewel Shop, Santa Monica College Police Department & Staff, Faculty, and Students of Santa Monica College

STATE BRIEFS

Man to answer for blast

By The Associated Press

LAKEWOOD, Calif. — A man was ordered to stand trial on charges stemming from an explosion that destroyed his home when a stash of fireworks and homemade explosives ignited.

Judge Leland Tipton also refused to reduce Brian Miller's \$850,000 bail during Thursday's preliminary hearing.

Miller, 37, has been jailed since March 5, when the blast rocked his house off its foundation, shattered windows, damaged at least 20 nearby houses and scattered debris for blocks.

"It looked like a bomb scene you see on CNN from the Middle East," testified John Cater, who investigated the scene for the Los Angeles County sheriffs' bomb squad.

Most of the charges against Miller relate to the explosion, including two counts of child abuse for allegedly endangering his sons. He's also charged with possession of methamphetamine for sale.

Miller could face 12 years in prison if convicted on all charges.

Residents can taxi home

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles International Airport officials cannot use \$3.3 million in airport revenues to fund an initiative to hire nearby residents, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

LA, SF make sales pitch

Cities make separate bids to host 2016 Games

BY ROBERT JABLON

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles and San Francisco made separate pitches Thursday to bring the 2016 summer Olympics to California.

Members of the U.S. Olympic Committee finished their five-city tour Thursday of cities hoping to make a U.S. bid for the games by visiting Los Angeles in the morning and San Francisco in the afternoon.

Los Angeles portrayed itself as a booming international metropolis that can supply both fan support and tens of millions of dollars to back its bid for its third Olympics.

"This is the city where the world comes together," a place where 130 languages are spoken, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said at a news conference that followed the meeting with USOC members.

Villaraigosa said Los Angeles already has an international sports fan base and venues for

Olympic events. He noted that the city hosted two successful Summer Games in 1932 and in 1984. The latter games were privately funded and made a profit of \$232.5 million.

USOC Chairman Peter Ueberroth — who organized L.A.'s 1984 games — said the city has some "deficiencies" as a possible venue. He declined to be specific but noted that Los Angeles was eliminated in the first round of USOC voting for the 2012 Games.

New York beat out San Francisco as the choice for the U.S. bid city that time but lost to London in voting last summer by the International Olympic Committee.

San Francisco is bidding again for its first Olympics this time.

"We're more resolved, more enthusiastic about furthering our conversations," Mayor Gavin Newsom said. "We've got work to do. This has just been the first discussion. I hope there will be many more."

Bob Czttrlik, a member of the U.S. Olympic

Committee and a former Olympic volleyball player, said the committee was impressed by San Francisco's presentation and the most important factor was "how a city rates internationally."

USOC officials visited Houston, Philadelphia and Chicago earlier this month.

The USOC is to choose its candidate next year but Ueberroth said it won't bid if the committee feels an American city won't have a chance of winning approval from the IOC voters, who make their choice in 2009.

"L.A.'s an exciting city ... but it all gets down to 60 votes," Ueberroth said.

He also said the USOC will insist that if Los Angeles is chosen, its bid process must be funded entirely from the private sector "so we don't impact schools, we don't impact hospitals ... we don't want to impact the taxpayers."

He didn't supply a cost estimate, but noted that New York spent an estimated \$50 million to \$60 million on its losing bid.

Villaraigosa and others said they were confident the city has enough popular support for a bid.



Rob's Organic Carpet Care

Cleaning your home with safe, non-toxic products

Santa Monica 310-729-2931



Taxi! Taxi!

Your satisfaction is our #1 Priority

828-2233

For free rides, go to www.santamonicataxi.com/free

\$3 OFF

**LAX FROM
SANTA MONICA**

MUST MENTION COUPON WHEN ORDERING.
EXPIRES 6/30/06

\$4 OFF

**UNION STATION
LOS ANGELES**

MUST MENTION COUPON WHEN ORDERING.
EXPIRES 6/30/06

\$5 OFF

**UNIVERSAL
STUDIO**

MUST MENTION COUPON WHEN ORDERING.
EXPIRES 6/30/06

\$6 OFF

LONG BEACH

MUST MENTION COUPON WHEN ORDERING.
EXPIRES 6/30/06

Overspray = Runoff + Pollution



Check your irrigation system and adjust your sprinklers regularly

Misdirected and overspraying sprinklers are a major source of urban runoff which carries polluted water from Santa Monica's streets to the ocean.*

For more info or to report a violation, call the City's Water Efficiency Hotline (310) 458-8972 or visit www.smeprd.org/runoff.

*Fines of \$250 or more may be imposed. SMMC 7.16.020



City of Santa Monica Environmental Programs Division

Body WELLNESS

Pilates
GYROTONICS®
Physical Therapy

First Session Free!

1821 Wilshire Blvd. #401
Santa Monica

(310) 453-1221

Nobody Outcleans The Maids.®



100% Satisfaction Guarantee
Call us within 24 hours after your clean. If we didn't clean something to your satisfaction, we will reclean it – free of charge.

We use our 22-Step Healthy Touch® Deep Cleaning System every visit!

KITCHEN • Clean sink • Clean appliance exteriors • Clean inside microwave • Clean range top • Damp wipe cabinet doors • Clean counters • Hand wash floor • Load dishwasher	ALL ROOMS • Pick up & straighten • Dust sills, ledges, wall hangings • Remove cobwebs • Dust/vacuum furniture • Vacuum floors, carpets • Vacuum stairs • Vacuum under beds • Change linens, make beds • Empty trash
BATHROOMS • Clean sinks, counters; change towels • Clean, disinfect toilets, tubs, showers • Hand wash, disinfect floors	WINDOWS • Clean entry windows & one set of patio door windows • Clean window over kitchen sink

The Maids Home Services

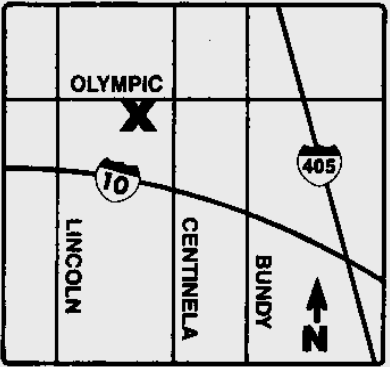
Call today for a **FREE** estimate:
310-280-0300
www.maids.com

AA OLYMPIC Self Storage

Serving Santa Monica and West L.A.

2 Months FREE Rent + FREE Lock

Call for details



OPEN 7 DAYS

Call About FREE Truck Rental Plan

MasterCard VISA

SELF STORAGE MEMBER

(310)829-2525

3250 OLYMPIC BLVD. • www.selfstorage.net/aaolympic

Four indicted in 1998 fires at Vail ski resort

BY DAN ELLIOTT
AND JUDITH KOHLER

Associated Press Writers

VAIL, Colo. Four alleged environmental extremists have been indicted in a 1998 fire-bombing at the Vail ski resort that caused \$12 million in damage — one of the most devastating ecoterrorism attacks in U.S. history.

All four defendants had been named in an earlier indictment in Oregon charging them with conspiracy in a series of similar sabotage attacks in Oregon, California and Wyoming. Two are in custody in Oregon, and the other two were still at large.

The Vail blaze “really is a subset of the larger conspiracy,” U.S. Attorney William Leone said.

The Vail fire was the most destructive of all the attacks, said William F. Peifer, an assistant U.S. attorney in Oregon handling the case there.

The blaze left a mountain lodge, two restaurants and a few other buildings and ski lifts in smoldering ruins. A shadowy underground group calling itself the Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility and said it had targeted Vail because it was expanding into potential habitat of the lynx, an endangered wildcat.

In a message sent to a radio station, it warned: “We will be back if this greedy corporation continues to trespass into wild and unroaded areas.”

U.S. attorney’s spokesman Jeff Dorschner would not say how the defendants were connected to the crime.

The Oregon indictment, brought against 13 people and one unindicted co-conspirator, said they considered themselves members of ELF or the Animal Liberation Front.

Authorities say the ELF has caused tens of millions of dollars in damage across the country through sabotage. The FBI describes the group as one of the nation’s leading domestic terrorist organizations.

Named in the indictment are Chelsea Gerlach, 29, of Portland, Ore.; Stanislas Meyerhoff, 28, of Charlottesville, Va.; Josephine Sunshine Overaker, 31; and Rebecca J. Rubin, 33. Gerlach and Meyerhoff are in custody in Oregon. Authorities said the whereabouts of the others were unknown.

Each faces eight counts of arson. Each charge is punishable by five to 20 years in prison.

The Oregon indictment named William C. Rodgers as an unindicted co-conspirator in the Vail attack. Rodgers committed sui-

Text of message claiming responsibility for Vail fires

By The Associated Press

Text of the e-mail sent in 1998 to KCFR-FM Colorado Public Radio in Denver, in which an environmental group claimed responsibility for the Vail Mountain fires that caused an estimated \$12 million in damage:

On behalf of the lynx, five buildings and four ski lifts at Vail were reduced to ashes on the night of Sunday, October 18th. Vail, Inc. is already the largest ski operation in North America and now wants to expand even further. The 12 miles of roads and 885 acres of clearcuts will ruin the last, best lynx habitat in the state. Putting profits ahead of Colorado’s wildlife will not be tolerated. This action is just a warning. We will be back if this greedy corporation continues to trespass into wild and unroaded areas. For your safety and convenience, we strongly advise skiers to choose other destinations until Vail cancels its inexcusable plans for expansion.

Earth Liberation Front (E.L.F.)

cide in an Arizona jail in December, two weeks after he was arrested in connection with three other ecoterror attacks in the West.

An FBI agent had testified in Arizona that Rodgers helped plan or had led the Vail attack and others. Peifer said he could not comment on Rodgers’ alleged role.

Meyerhoff’s attorney had no comment. Gerlach’s lawyer did not return a call.

Vail Resorts Inc. has since rebuilt the lodge 11,000 feet above sea level, some 100 miles west of Denver. Vail spokeswoman Jen Brown said the resort was pleased that the investigation is progressing and is monitoring the case.

On a warm day in this resort town, Matt Carroll, general manager of Double Diamond Ski Shop near the ski gondola, was doing an inventory and boxes of skis covered the floor.

“For us, it was kind of a terrible thing when it happened,” he said “I don’t think anybody ever thought it was locals. The original thought was that it was terrorist-related.”

In the Oregon indictments, the four were accused of a string of crimes, including the toppling of an 80-foot electrical transmission tower and arson attacks on meat and timber companies, a car dealership and a Bureau of Land Management wild horse center.

City taking control

PLAGUE, from page 1

action. City Manager Lamont Ewell ordered staff to reduce the squirrel population using a deadly poison. City Hall last July also was ordered to reduce the squirrel population by using traps and poison.

But now City Hall is using a kinder and gentler way. A one-year pilot program has been implemented that involves education and birth control. The plan calls for the treatment of remaining squirrels for fleas to prevent disease, installing signage to advise against feeding the animals and distributing immuno-contraceptives.

Squirrels and other rodents are known to carry fleas which could spread disease such as the bubonic plague, county health officials said.

The area in Utah was thoroughly doused with insecticides to kill fleas that carry the plague and could transmit it to humans, said Corky Hays, Natural Bridges superintendent.

“When people hear ‘plague’ they think of bubonic plague and the Middle Ages and half the population being wiped out,” Hays said.

The National Park Service didn’t want to risk any sort of outbreak after three dead deer mice found at the campground tested positive for the plague.

Hays said campers at the 13 sites were told April 28 that the campground would be closed the next morning — strictly as a precaution. Some of the campers felt safe enough to even offer to sign a waiver so they could stay at the site in the pinyon-juniper country, but Hays said the Park Service and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention didn’t want to take any chances.

GEORGE CHUNG REALTORS

Come visit us at 11671 National Blvd. in Mar Vista

Kenji & Jason Present:



Kenji Sukimoto & Jason Kim

Kenji Sukimoto & Jason Kim are ready to assist you in all of your real estate needs. They specialize in West L.A, South Bay and the Greater Los Angeles Areas.



12025 NAVY ST.

Charming 2 Bedroom plus convertible Den Home at the base of the Mar Vista Hills Traditional Fireplace in Living Room (with Gas Starter) Updated Full Bath w/ Tub and separate Stall Shower Updated Kitchen w/built in Dishwasher, Range/Oven & Microwave w/Vent Spacious long Driveway to 2 Car Detached Garage (wired for 220V) Steel Gate on roller to Driveway Covered Patio, Sprinkler System for Front & Rear Yard Fenced Rear Yard, Brick front walkway and front porch New Track II (synthetic material) roof, Updated electric panel with incoming line to garage and underground from garage to house. Copper Plumbing

All Properties Open this Sunday 1 - 5 PM



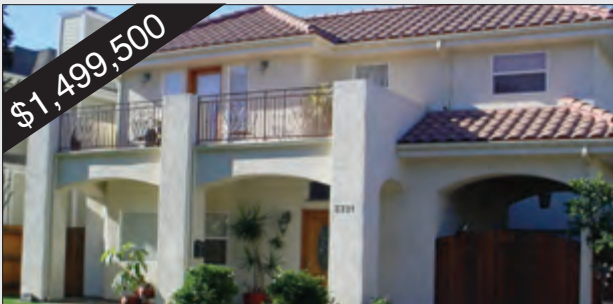
2707 BARRY AVE.

Spacious and updated 3 Bedroom 2.5 Bath home on quiet & desirable tree-lined Westside street. Refinished original hardwood floors throughout. Travertine floor and Marble wall tile in the bathrooms. Master bath boasts a large jacuzzi tub, pedestal sink, and recessed lighting. Large bedrooms with sliding, mirrored closet doors. New double-paned windows throughout. Large backyard with an assortment of tangerine, lemon, and white peach trees. Oversized double garage with ample room for work space. Alley access. Extremely large family room/den with built in closets and desk perfect for a home office. Updated electrical. Copper plumbing.



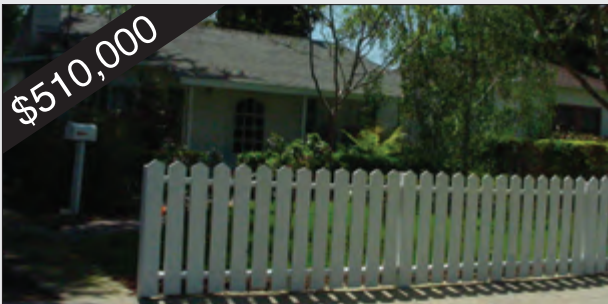
3512 GREENWOOD AVE.

Open spacious kitchen-dining room and living room with recessed lighting and ceramic tile floors. Beautiful view from the Living room through the sliding doors to the back yard with swimming pool and BBQ. Danky wine cooler. Professional quality kitchen with Birds Eye maple cabinetry with purple heart trim, center island with hidden pull up appliance trays, granite counter top, Viking range (6 burners & griddle), Kitchen aid dishwasher & refrigerator. Extra large pull out drawers, cooking tray slot. Huge walk in pantry. Dining area with Bird's Eye maple glass cabinet doors and dark granite counter tops. Full bath with oversized tub.



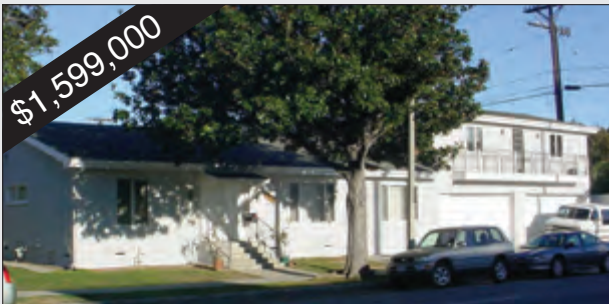
3721 MEIER ST

DRAMATIC 2 STORY SPANISH HOUSE.3683 SQFT. BUILT IN 2001. UNIQUE FLOORPLAN. FORMAL DINING AREA WITH HIGH CEILINGS. WOOD BURNING FIREPLACE WITH BUILT-IN CABINETS ON EACH SIDE IN LIVING ROOM. BIG KICTHEN WITH ADJOINING FAMILY ROOM. SMALL KIDS ROOM UNDER STAIRS (COULD BE USED FOR STORAGE). LARGE OPEN SPACE WITH BUILT-IN DESK UPSTAIRS. SPA TUB AND STALL SHOWER IN MASTER BATH. SEPARATE UPSTAIRS AND DOWN-STAIRS THERMOSTATS. 3 TILED BALCONIES WITH WROUGHT IRON AT REAR, SIDE AND FRONT OF HOUSE. LARGE PRIVATE COURTYARD - GREAT FOR KIDS TO PLAY. LARGE, TILED PATIO WITH LIGHTED PLANTER BOX. SPECIAL PLACE FOR BARBEQUE WITH LIGHTS AND ELECTRICITY.



13942 CALVERT STREET (VAN NUYS)

Beautiful, move-in condition. Gleaming hardwood floors, living room with romantic wood burning fireplace, washer and dryer hookups in the kitchen., remodeled bathroom. Extra storage area in the back and the side of the house. Large grassy backyard with lime, orange and apricot trees. Must see to appreciate.



3756 MCLAUGHLIN AVE.

Lot dimensions: 101 x 100 S x diagonal R x 40 S
Main House has 4 Bedrooms and 3 1/2 Bathroom, Jacuzzi Tub & Sauna in Master Bathroom. Double Fireplace, Marble side of fireplace in Living Room, Brick side of fireplace in Large Family/Game Room. Large Sundeck with small grass area. Guesthouse on 2nd floor-2 bedrooms, living room,bathroom,kitchen,private patio deck with separate entrance (now rented) and fully self contained. Biggest garage in Mar Vista at 1,600 sqft. Or 8 cars/storage area + 2,000sqft. Attic storage. Brand new central A/C heating system.

(310) 745-3190 OR (310) 391-6346

SAVE UP TO \$339.*

(HURRY IN BUT DON'T SPEED.)

See me today and get the discounts
and service you deserve.



Fariba Zand, Agent
Insurance Lic. #: 0834749
2432 Lincoln Blvd
Santa Monica, CA 90405-3802
Bus: 310-314-7601



LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR, STATE FARM IS THERE.®

statefarm.com®

*Actual average annual savings were \$339.14 per household. This amount is based on a January, 2006, survey of new policyholders who reported savings through State Farm as compared to previous carriers' rates.

P050382 9/05

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, State Farm Indemnity Company - Bloomington, IL

Argosy University is now in Santa Monica.



Thinking about returning to school? We're here to help.

Argosy University has come to Santa Monica. Make plans to visit us to see how serious we are about helping students in psychology, counseling, education, and business take that next career step.

While Argosy University has been granting doctoral degrees for years, we also offer associate's, bachelor's (degree completion), and master's degree programs. Many of our instructors are practitioners, so you get a uniquely current, real-world perspective.

We also know how tough it can be to juggle the demands of a job, a family, and an education. So we offer the flexibility of weekend, evening, and online courses. If you've been thinking about returning to school, but you didn't know when or where you could make it happen, we hear you. And we'd like to see you.



Visit our booth at the Santa Monica Festival, May 13,
in Clover Park. Learn about our programs and how to apply!

1.866.505.0332 argosyu.edu

Argosy University/Santa Monica
An approved degree site
2900 31st Street
Santa Monica, CA 90405

Argosy University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association (NCA) (30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602; 1.800.621.7440; www.ncahlc.org). © 2006 by Argosy University® 1729-4/06

Seal of disapproval

Man faces prison time for beheading seal

BY JAYMES SONG

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU A 24-year-old man has been arrested and charged for allegedly beheading an endangered Hawaiian monk seal on a Kauai beach, state officials said Thursday.

Justin Freeman, of Kauai, was charged with violating the Endangered Species Act and intimidating a witness. He was arrested by state and federal officers last Friday, officials said.

"It is disturbing," said Peter Young, director of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources. "This is not typical behavior."

It is believed the seal was dead before the decapitation. A necropsy will determine the cause of death.

A local resident made the gruesome discovery of the decapitated body of an adult female seal on remote Pilaa Beach on May 1. State enforcement officers located the seal's

head in Freeman's possession, officials said.

Hawaiian monk seals are the most endangered seal species in the United States, with fewer than 1,300 remaining. They are primarily found in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands but often can be spotted on Kauai beaches. They are protected under the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act and state wildlife laws.

"These laws prohibit harassing, harming or killing a monk seal," said Robert Masuda, deputy director of the state natural resources department. "It is important to remember, too, that all monk seals, both alive and dead, are protected."

Freeman could face a minimum fine of \$250 or as long as a year in imprisonment as a first-time offender.

"It's a serious offense," Young said. "We're dealing with a species that is in limited supply, limited numbers worldwide and that any inappropriate behavior is going to be prosecuted."

U.N. panel: U.S. should close its Guantanamo Bay facility

BY SAM CAGE

Associated Press Writer

GENEVA The United States should close its prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and avoid using secret detention facilities in its war on terror, a U.N. panel report released Friday said.

In an 11-page report on its review of U.S. adherence to the Treaty Against Torture, the committee said detainees should not be returned to any state where they could face a "real risk" of being tortured.

"The state party should cease to detain any person at Guantanamo Bay and close the detention facility," said the U.N. Committee Against Torture, a panel of 10 independent experts on adherence to the U.N. Convention Against Torture.

The United States should also ensure that no one is detained in secret detention facilities under its control and disclose the existence of any such places, the report said.

The committee said it was concerned that detainees were being held for protracted periods with insufficient legal safeguards and without judicial assessment of the justification for their detention.

The committee was also concerned about allegations that the United States has estab-

lished secret prisons, where the international Red Cross does not have access to the detainees.

"The state party should ensure that no one is detained in any secret detention facility under its de facto effective control," the report said. "The state party should investigate and disclose the existence of any such facilities and the authority under which they have been established and the manner in which detainees are treated."

The report also said the United States must "eradicate" all forms of torture committed by its personnel in Afghanistan and Iraq and investigate allegations thoroughly, prosecuting any staff found guilty.

"The state party should take immediate measures to eradicate all forms of torture and ill-treatment of detainees by its military or civilian personnel, in any territory under its jurisdiction," said the report, which was presenting its conclusions from a hearing earlier this month into U.S. conduct.

The United States made its first appearance before the U.N. Committee Against Torture in six years earlier this month, addressing issues ranging from Washington's interpretation of the ban on torture to its interrogation methods in prisons such as Abu Ghraib, Iraq, and Guantanamo.

A CAPTIVATING WEBSITE BEGINS WITH VISION.

VISION DRIVES STYLE, FORM AND FUNCTIONALITY.

FUNCTIONALITY AND EXPERTISE BREED SUCCESS.

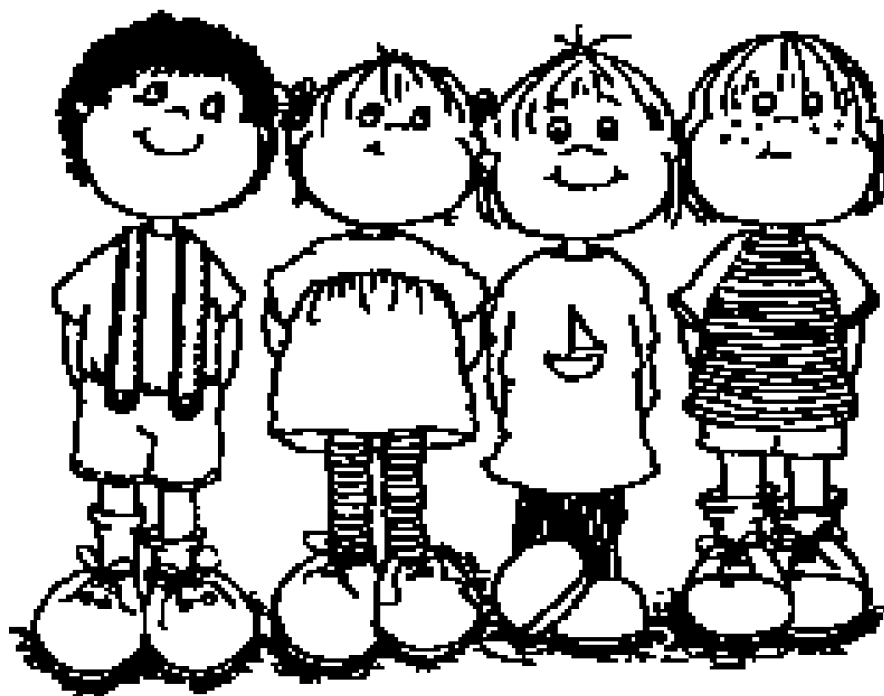
Communicating
Vision

COPIACREATIVE

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

MARKETING & BRANDING • CREATIVE SERVICES • WEB DEVELOPMENT • STRATEGIC CONSULTING

Impact Clinical Trials is conducting research on an investigational nutritional supplement to observe whether the supplement helps the development of your child's brain



QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

- * Kids must be 4 years old to 4 years 8 months.
(or must turn 4 years old before August 1st 2006)

THE STUDY CONSISTS OF:

- * 3 visits
- * **Duration:** Approximately 4 months
- * **Compensation:** You may receive up to \$150.00

Impact Clinical Trials

The study begins immediately

CALL LINDSEY: 310-289-8242 EXT 113

www.impactla.org



Celebrate with us—
the one year anniversary of your Santa Monica Auto Club

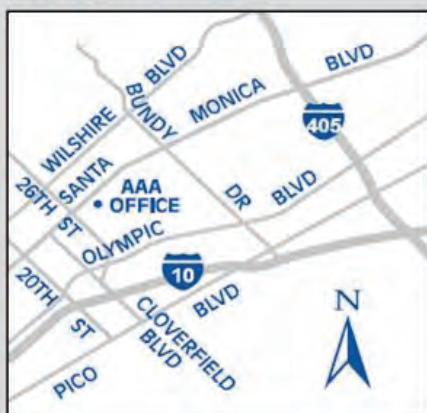
Our Special anniversary celebration on May 23rd will include refreshments, prize drawings, plus cruise, tour and Show Your Card & Save® vendors. You'll have the opportunity to tour our new facility and learn more about the many benefits of your Auto Club membership, including:

- Full Service Travel Agency
- Auto and Home Insurance
- Life Insurance & Annuities
- DMV Registration & Car Buying Services
- Member Discounts
- Maps & Tour Books®, Travelers Cheques, Notary Services& More!

**Join us at 5:30 pm for a special presentation on Travel Tips and Essentials.
Stop by to find out more!**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2006
9:00 am – 7:00 pm**

**Automobile Club of
Southern California
2730 Santa Monica Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90404
(310) 453-5870**



Join us for • refreshments • prize drawings • vendor fair



Pleasant Holidays

SILVERSEA

BRENDAN
WORLDWIDE VACATIONS

TAUCK
WORLD
DISCOVERY



Holland America Line

Celebrity Cruises

Carnival

CRYSTAL CRUISES
The difference is Crystal clear.

Wag the dogs



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Lynda Palevsky, board president for the Aspen Filmfest, hangs a bell onto the artwork of Candice Bergen and her 'Boston Legal Team,' a life-size, custom-painted labrador, this week at the Wagging Tail. The celebrity artwork will be auctioned off on Aug. 1 during the Aspen Filmfest's 'Best in Show,' with proceeds supporting year round education programs.

No credit for Samohi's Straus

SAMOH, from page 1

in retrospect, I can see that might not have been the best decision to do something like (give extra credit)," Felix said. "I didn't quite understand, myself, the full magnitude of giving extra credit, but I guess there seems to be some doubt about that decision."

"Some said it was duplicitous or deceptive and I don't quite understand that," he continued. "Perhaps they're just angry that the students showed up ... I apologize if it offended people."

The City Council's chambers could not accommodate the estimated 300 people who spilled out into the hallways and lobby of City Hall on Thursday evening. The Fire Department was soon called to the scene to manage the situation. Fire Capt. Lee McNett had to maneuver through the crowd in order to reach the school board, at which time he informed them that those who did not have seats had to leave the chambers and assemble in the lobby downstairs. According to the Fire Department, the council chambers can only accommodate roughly 100 people.

After repeated requests for the crowd to disperse were ignored, McNett forced the school board to shut down the meeting and for City Hall to be vacated.

"Capt. McNett applauds the students' involvement in this," said Fire Marshall Jim Glew. "If the students would have followed due process, the meeting could have taken place. But students chose not to comply with his request. We want to work with people and have things like this take place, but we have to ensure the safety of everyone involved."

The school board attempted to operate video monitors in the lobby of City Hall so that those in attendance could watch the proceedings. However, technical difficulties prevented the monitors from being turned on.

In response, City Hall now plans to broadcast all meetings held in the council chambers on those monitors, "whether we expect an overflow crowd or not," said Judy Franz, who is in charge of community relations at City Hall.

Many students expressed anger and seemed discouraged by the meeting being canceled, questioning the move as it sent a confusing and conflicting message to students, many of whom were looking to attend a school board meeting for the first time.

"People were genuinely upset that it was



File Photo

Samohi's lead principal Ilene Straus was the main topic at Thursday's school board meeting, with many on hand calling for her resignation.

canceled," said Madeline Moore, 17, a senior at Samohi, and a member of Straus' student advisory group and the I House advisory group. "The students, to some degree, were part of the problem, but they just wanted their voices heard."

Moore said she was glad to see the meeting canceled, as the council chambers are not large enough to accommodate all those who wish to speak about the future of Samohi.

"The students, to some degree, were part of the problem, but they just wanted their voices heard."

MADELINE MOORE
SAMOH SENIOR

The school board has decided to reschedule the meeting for Thursday, June 1, according to a statement released by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. A location for that meeting was still undetermined by late Friday afternoon. There have been suggestions it be held at Barnum Hall, Samohi's theater. Interim Superintendent Mike Matthews could not be reached for comment.

"The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education wishes to express its regret for adjourning the Board meeting of May 18, 2006, shortly after it started," the statement from the district said. "The Board thanks the Santa Monica High

See SAMOH, page 14

Airport chief labels idle law 'draconian'

AIRPORT, from page 1

craft here.

City Hall has so far come out in opposition to Assembly Bill 2501, known in the state capital as the Santa Monica Airport bill, stating in a letter to legislators that the law unfairly targets Santa Monica, provides no funding, and is unnecessary in light of an air quality study currently being conducted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, with funding from the Environmental Protection Agency.

"This bill came at us without any prior warning and we've been trying to sort out why just the City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica Airport specifically, since we are in the beginning stages of an air monitoring study," said Bob Trimborn, who oversees operations at the airport. "The kind of analysis and monitoring being proposed is something that has never been done in any airport that we've heard of."

"It seems very draconian to have to place this requirement on Santa Monica Airport, with just 18,000 (flights) per year when right next door (at LAX) there are over 700,000 (flights) per year," said Trimborn. "Why this little airport?"

Supporters of the bill, including its author, Assemblyman Ted Lieu, D-El Segundo, say Santa Monica is the perfect airport to conduct this type of monitoring because of its size and its close proximity to homeowners. Lieu said that residents who have been ignored by City Hall, because they live outside of the city limits, deserve to have a monitoring system in place to finally give them answers to questions they have about the potential health risks of living near one of Los Angeles County's oldest airports.

"This bill is not designed to shut down the airport," Lieu said. "It is designed to help these residents."

The bill has made its way through commit-

tee and is expected to hit the State Assembly floor sometime next week, Lieu said.

For years, residents living around the airport have complained about increased flights, larger planes and their corresponding noise and pollution.

Some neighbors said the problem with pollution from airline engine emissions has become so bad over the years that bright yellow lemons have turned black from the fumes. Others contend they have to have their homes steam-cleaned once a year to remove the black soot from planes flying just 40 feet overhead.

During his run for the Assembly, Lieu said he walked neighborhoods surrounding the airport and found the fumes so bad that he had to stop walking after an hour because his eyes were beginning to burn.

"You can really smell the fumes out there. It smells like Kerosene," Lieu said.

Residents said City Hall has been unwilling to listen to their concerns, forcing them to turn to their representatives in Los Angeles, including Councilman Bill Rosendahl and Congresswoman Jane Harman, D-Venice, both of whom support Lieu's bill. Assembly member Fran Pavley, D-Santa Monica, could not be reached for comment.

Residents have also formed a group called Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, or CRAAP, to help lobby for change.

Marty Rubin, president of CRAAP, said

See AIRPORT, page 15



"This bill is not designed to shut down the airport. It is designed to help these residents."

TED LIEU
ASSEMBLYMAN,
D-EL SEGUNDO

COMMUNITY BRIEFS



BRIEFS, from page 3

SM artist's work to be displayed at Smithsonian

By Daily Press staff

A sculpture by Santa Monica artist Bruria Finkel will be among the works debuting on June 21 at the gala opening of the New Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) in Washington D.C.

Dream Sequence is one of a series of porcelain heads that Bruria Finkel produced in the 1970s-80s. Finkel started her art work in clay in New York in 1955, first in one of a kind stoneware and porcelain, and then expanded into a multi media art, installations and public art. Her themes are ecology, survival and the spirit. Finkel had many one person exhibitions and group shows in galleries and museums in the United States and Europe.

Dream Sequence will be one of a number of American art objects on permanent display at the new Luce Foundation Center for American Art. The state-of-the-art facility features interactive computer kiosks and individual hand-held computers to provide visitors with information on every object in the Luce Center, including discussions of each artwork, artist biographies, audio interviews, video clips and still images. The Luce Center is located within SAAM's building just like the Renwick.

"Dream Sequence is considered to be a beautiful piece and was chosen because it was an exceptional example of Finkel's work," said Renwick Curator Ms. Miloch. "It brings together a lot of elements that are in her earlier work in a powerful way. The psychology of the piece transcends time and recalls ancient art as well as contemporary artists. It gets people to think about how we treat each other as human beings and the power of memory."

Finkel's work can be seen locally by appointment and in upcoming installations at the Los Angeles International and the Ontario Airports, from Oct. 10, 2006 through Feb. 18, 2007, in multiple artist exhibits she is now curating.

ORGANIC FARE • FRESH PRODUCE • BULK FOODS • DELI

RAW FOODS • VITAMINS & SUPPLEMENTS • COFFEES & TEAS

*Fire up that grill with
delicious organic and
natural foods.*



**Everything you need for a
great cookout:**

fresh organic produce

free range chicken

organic kosher beef

veggie dogs

beer

wine

natural sodas

organic sauces and marinades

and more!



**We are open 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
on Memorial Day.**



CO-OPPORTUNITY
Santa Monica's Co-operative Natural Grocer

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC • 7 A.M. - 10 P.M.

1525 BROADWAY • 16TH & BROADWAY

SANTA MONICA

310-451-8902

WWW.COOPPORTUNITY.COM

ENJOY DELICIOUS JAPANESE FOOD!

YALE & SANTA MONICA BLVD

✪ SUSHI ✪ HOT ENTREES ✪ ASIAN FUSION ✪
100% ORGANIC VEGETABLES USED IN SALADS AND STEAMED VEGETABLES



FOR DINNER ENJOY!

Chicken Teriyaki and
Tempura w/miso
soup, salad and rice. **\$10⁰⁰**

Nigiri Sushi Platter
w/miso soup **\$12⁰⁰**



*Tokyo Trained Sushi Chef



KAIDO
japanese cuisine

Take-out available

M-F **LUNCH** 11:30AM-2:00PM
DINNER 5:30PM-10:00PM
SAT **DINNER** 5:00PM-10:00PM

2834 SANTA MONICA BLVD 310.828.7582

Unexpected turnout at board meeting prompts rescheduling

SAMOHI, from page 12

School students for their interest in their school and in the workings of the Board. The Board also thanks the Fire Department for its assistance."

While difficult to determine why so many students turned out, there is clearly a movement afoot to reform the leadership structure at Samohi, with teachers, students and parents demanding immediate change.

Parent groups have called for the dismissal of Straus repeatedly over the last school year, calling her ineffective and divisive. There have been fliers circulated on campus demanding she be removed, claiming Straus has been unwilling to foster better relationships with students and faculty and is not qualified to lead an urban school with more than 3,000 students.

A group that has been highly critical of Straus is The Unity Coalition, which is comprised of African-American and Latino parents concerned about poor student achievement, racism and an inconsistent disciplinary policy at Samohi. The coalition brought the matter before the school board earlier this year, but managed to get just two votes to discuss the issue, one from Oscar de la Torre and the other from Maria Leon-Vasquez, said Jules Bagneris, the coalition's spokesman.

"The coalition views Straus as a clear and present danger to the students," Bagneris said. "We have been consistent about her inability to deal with the threat of violence and to provide educational achievement for all students at a high level. She is a poor manager ... Her management style is abrasive and the staff and faculty feel oppressed.

"Morale is the lowest I have ever seen it."

Repeated attempts were made to contact Straus on Friday, but she could not be reached for comment.

Moore said Straus shouldn't be held solely responsible for what she views as the multiple problems associated with the house system.

"Dr. Straus isn't necessarily the best principal in the world, but she can't be blamed for everything," Moore said. "I think there is a dark cloud hanging over Samohi. People are being divided by different directions."

Moore said the house system has helped create some division on campus between students in each house, exacerbated by a lack of consistency in enforcing disciplinary policies. She added that some teachers have let their displeasure with the house system filter down into their classroom discussions, unfairly influencing students one way or the other.

"Since redesign started, teachers have talked about it in their classes," Moore said. "I think

it's very unprofessional. It is teachers who have the most contact with students and they need to do something positive as opposed to using their classrooms or things like extra credit to have students support their agenda."

The faculty has also raised concerns about leadership at Samohi, questioning whether or not the CEO position is even necessary, given there are already six house principals. The union also filed a grievance with the district regarding inconsistency in discipline, and has formed a joint committee with administrators to address the issue.

Harry Keiley, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association, would not say whether or not members have requested Straus be replaced, preferring not to discuss personnel matters in the press. However, he did say conflict has occurred in the house system and that teachers do not feel they have a good working relationship with Straus. This assessment is based on a series of interviews with faculty during a "union listening tour," as well as in a formal survey conducted earlier this year.

"We would like to depersonalize the issue as much as we can and focus on the characteristics of a strong leader," Keiley said. "Once we have those characteristics, it will be up to (the school board) to decide. However, teachers will have a part."

Having a CEO might just be the problem, said Samohi parent and booster club president Crystal Quine, who feels the title may encourage the person holding that position to set themselves aside from the rest, dictating rather than leading with an open mind.

"It's not the only reason for the problems at Samohi, but setting ourselves high on top of the hill is not the place to be when you are talking about unifying the campus," Quine said. "Instead of having a CEO, why not just a liaison who moves through each house to make things run smoothly, and let the principals in each house have more control."

Quine said the house system needs to be revamped altogether. Students should be grouped according to how they learn, she said, and paired with teachers who are sensitive to culture and teach in a way that stimulates students.

School board member Oscar de la Torre said the turnout at Thursday's meeting shows there is a serious problem at Samohi that needs to be addressed immediately.

"We need to have an honest and open dialogue that focuses on solutions and not the problems," de la Torre said. "We need to show some urgency, because in all my years as a student and as a faculty member at Samohi, I have never seen it this bad."

**"SO MANY NUMBERS
BRING DOWN THE HOUSE,
IT'S A WONDER
THE THEATRE IS
STILL STANDING!"**

-Jeremy Gerard, NEW YORK MAGAZINE

**WINNER!
2003 TONY AWARD
BEST MUSICAL**

**Broadway's blockbuster returns to LA this Spring
for 2 weeks only!**

**JOIN THE PARTY!
MAY 23-JUNE 4**

hairspray

BROADWAY'S BIG FAT MUSICAL COMEDY HIT

GOLD CARD EVENTS PREFERRED SEATING
800-NOW-AMEX
AMERICANEXPRESS.COM/GCE

BroadwayLA.org
Ticketmaster 213.365.3509 or 714.740.7878
Box Office Opens Daily at 10am
A PRESENTATION OF BROADWAY L.A. AA

A NEEDLER THEATRE
PANTAGES
HOLLYWOOD & VINE

The Daily Press connects you with consumers who are most likely to buy.

voted **#1** by Santa Monica residents¹

audited distribution **19,000²**

average readers per copy **2.1**

daily readership **39,900**

useful tool for **BUSINESSES**

direct reach to **LOCALS**

weekly readership **239,400**

local source for **TOURISTS**

75% of readership is **25-54** years old

AFFLUENT educated readership

5 FREE
quarter page display ads³

Call today
310-458-7737



Santa Monica Daily Press

City feels singled out

AIRPORT, from page 13

the Los Angeles City Council's support will go a long way in convincing legislatures that the monitoring is needed.

"This is historic," Rubin said. "This is the first time that the city of Los Angeles has weighed in about Santa Monica Airport. We've tried so hard in the past, but have gotten nowhere, until now."

Lieu hopes the bill will help make a case for lowering idling times at the airport. Currently, planes arriving or departing from Santa Monica must get clearance from LAX because the flight paths into Santa Monica pass through LAX airspace.

Lieu said if a system could be developed between LAX and Santa Monica to better coordinate landings and takeoffs, than idling times could be reduced, in turn, lowering emissions.

Mayor Bob Holbrook said his colleagues on the City Council are concerned about emissions at the airport and about the health of neighboring communities, which is why City Hall asked the AQMD to conduct an air quality study at Santa Monica. The AQMD received a \$400,000 grant from the EPA to conduct the study, which will measure emissions in the summer and winter at the airport.

"We are really looking forward to the results of that study so we can really sink our teeth into what is going on," Holbrook said. "If there is something wrong, I promise you we will do anything we can within the law to solve that problem."

If Santa Monica is truly a green city concerned about the environment and the health of its residents, Rubin said the

City Council wouldn't oppose the monitoring bill. Rubin also criticized the AQMD study now underway, saying it will not provide an ample measurement or address the issues of concern for residents.

"For them to say it will address the concerns we have is misleading and gives false hope to those that are impacted," Rubin said.

Lieu said his staff has offered City Hall several opportunities to reach a compromise, such as reducing the monitoring time from one year to six months, or reducing the hours that planes would be watched. Lieu said representatives from City Hall refused the offer.

Holbrook counters that Lieu has made no such offers, and said news of the bill came as a surprise, forcing him to meet with the City Manager and draft a letter of opposition. Holbrook said he knew of the bill when it was originally drafted to include more than just one airport, but was unaware, until recently, that the bill was amended to just include Santa Monica.

According to Lieu, the bill has always been about Santa Monica, but to make the bill more clear to legislators, it was rewritten with Santa Monica specifically in mind. The Assemblyman said amendments could change the scope of the law, but that has yet to be determined. As it stands now, the bill would only apply to Santa Monica.

The City Council is expected to discuss the bill at an upcoming meeting.

"So far, none of the council members have told me that they have an issue with the letter I sent," Holbrook said.

montana
avenue

announces their annual
sidewalk sale

saturday, may 20th
from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

don't miss this one day event
featuring great bargains & food!

offered by the shops and services on
MONTANA AVENUE FROM 7th to 17th streets

SANTA MONICA BASKETBALL CAMP



July 24th
through
July 28th

Ages 6-16

5 DAYS OF BASKETBALL AND FUN!!!

OFFERING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Guest Speakers Include:



ESCALADE
of the
AND 1 Mixed Tapes



Future NBA Hall of Famer
Mark Jackson

AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS

(Photography provided by David Roque)

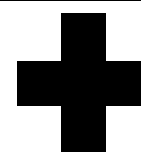
For further information contact Harry Jackson

Tel: (310)871-8288

e-mail: tchekhov@hotmail.com

DONATE Your Vehicle

Tax deductible.
No DMV hassle.



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

American Red Cross
1-866-7REDCROSS

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

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

"World Famous" Big Dean's Cafe

AT SANTA MONICA BEACH

Where the "locals" meet and the "fun loving" tourists always return!

SUN • FUN • GREAT FOOD • BEER • WINE • MUSIC

Sports TV • 2 Outdoor Patios • Smoking Allowed
Reasonable Prices! Children Welcome!

1615 Ocean Front, Santa Monica (310) 393-2666

At Santa Monica Beach in front of the historic merry-go-round, just below & southeast of the pier.

This location has been here since 1902

The Daily Press connects you with consumers who are most likely to buy.

vote #1 by Santa Monica residents
audited distribution 19,000
average readers per copy 2.1
daily readership 39,900
useful tool for BUSINESSES



direct reach to LOCALS
weekly readership 239,400
local source for TOURISTS
75% of readership is 25-54 years old
AFFLUENT educated readership

5 FREE
quarter page display ads!
Call today
310-458-7737

Santa Monica Daily Press

INCOME TAXES

Don't let APRIL 15th become your noose.

Take advantage of OUR HINDSIGHT.

TAKE CONTROL... THEN RELAX!

...with over 40 yrs. IRS experiences!

"We're Your Back-Tax Specialist"



KBC TAX NETWORK

(310) 395-0603

20% off your Tax Prep Fee when we file your Income Tax Return Extension.
Santa Monica's 3rd St. Promenade

INEXPENSIVE, QUALITY CARPET CLEANING

residue free * anti soiling treatment * 1 hour dry time

APARTMENT SPECIAL: \$25 PER ROOM.

FREE HALLWAY CLEANING

2 room minimum, includes free pre-vacuuming



Rob's Carpet Care 310-729-2931

\$7.99 5 PC. ONE COAT
TRAY SET

Includes 2 One Coat semi-smooth covers,
roller, frame, edger, and plastic tray.

7899091-61

FISHER
Hardware & Lumber

NEW LOCATION

1600 Lincoln Blvd.

(corner of Lincoln and Colorado)

(310) 395-0956

Mon-Fri — 7:30 - 5:30

Sat — 8:00 - 5:00

"See us for a complete line of windows and doors"

TAXPAYER WARNING!

**TODAY'S TAX RETURN ANSWERS
AFFECT TOMORROW'S TAX AUDIT**

YOUR COMPUTER + TAX SOFTWARE + LACK OF EXPERIENCE
WILL = HIGHER TAXES &/or PENALTIES

WHY TAKE CHANCES?



KBC TAX NETWORK

"We're Your Back-Tax Specialist"
...over 40 yrs. IRS experiences!

(310) 395-0603

Santa Monica's 3rd St. Promenade ~ bring Ad get 10% off.

\$25 Prix-fixe Sunday

Seasonal Three-Course
Chef's Menu
\$25

...with a bottomless
glass of wine
\$35



Jared Simons

Voted one of LA's hottest chefs – LA.com

violet
casual fare

reservations suggested

3221 Pico Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90405
310.453.9113
www.violetrestaurant.com

Pooper Snoopers

Rescued dogs are put to use tracking animals for science

BY PEGGY ANDERSEN

Associated Press Writer

KENMORE, Wash. Deep in the woods, Gator is learning to find wolverine scat. Since there aren't any wolverines within a couple hundred miles, samples are planted in the brush.

The 8-year-old blue heeler has a very educated nose. The former drug-sniffing dog can find marijuana, heroin and cocaine. Now he tracks poop from grizzly and black bear, cougar, jaguar and maned wolf in Brazil, fisher, bobcat, lynx and now wolverine.

University of Washington biologist Sam Wasser figures Gator can help determine if the wolverine found recently in north-central Washington is the only one there.

"Find it!" says handler Heath Smith, turning him loose.

Gator charges down the trail and zeros in on the first sample. He sits and looks back at Smith, his handler and best pal: Score!

Smith tosses him a tennis ball.

Most of the dogs in the program are rescued from the pound, said Wasser, who developed the program as director of the University of Washington's Center for Conservation Biology.

At the shelters, he or one of the handlers bounce a tennis ball. The dogs whose heads bob up and down, tracking the ball, make the first cut.

If they stop to pee and drop the ball, then they're out because they're not obsessed enough with the ball," he said.

Breed is not an issue. "All dogs have good noses," Wasser said. "Anything that has a high ball drive is what you want."

Busy Gator finds all four samples. If there were feces from any of the other species he's mastered, he'd find them, too. Anything to get the ball.

So, once the dog finds it, what good is a pile of animal scat?

Wasser, who holds the endowed chair in conservation biology at the UW, has been working more than 20 years to figure that out. The answer is, plenty — and more all the time.

Science has long used scat to determine what animals eat. Now, with advances in DNA and other technology, feces provide information about nutrition, reproduction, disease and stress. The keys are hormones and other indicators, such as DNA from intestinal cells that slough off during digestion.

And it's a noninvasive way to collect information, especially important with endangered species — and sometimes the only way. For example, a Rottweiler was trained to detect right-whale feces off the East Coast for the New England Aquarium in 2001.

"It was pretty stinky and it was bright orange," Wasser recalled. And live whales won't hold still for a physical.

The dog-handler relationship is critical, he said.

"That's why you can have a whale dog on a boat. ... The dog is playing a game of hot and cold," and the handler is reading its signals.

Gator also is trained to match — to link samples with producers.

"If 20 samples are all from same individual, you have the dog tell you that and then you just need one" for expensive genetic testing, Wasser said.

"This whole program ... is really aimed at maximizing the amount of information we can acquire from as large an area as possible as cheaply as possible," he said. "If you don't have to capture the animal or even see it, you can gather the information a lot quicker."

The program's eight resident dog-trainer teams are moving this year from a house in town to tailor-made kennels and housing at Pack Forest, an experimental forestry station and UW conference center that borders on more than 4,000 acres of woods — an ideal training site.

Wasser's career began with research on baboons in Tanzania, studying competition among females. That led him to a Finnish researcher who used human feces to study links among estrogen, fiber and colon cancer — a project that increased Wasser's awareness of the vast information in feces.

The goal is a comprehensive health panel, like the range of tests a doctor would perform on a blood draw. Results could help scientists set priorities for endangered populations, Wasser said.

Whether scientists are trapping animals or collecting scat, some are more likely than others to enter traps or to defecate in the open, which creates a sampling bias.

"Then it occurred to me that one of best ways to reduce this bias would be doing something analogous to what they do with narcotics dogs," Wasser said.

So in 1997 he began three years of work with Barbara Davenport with the state Corrections Department at McNeil Island, who trains virtually all the region's narcotics dogs.

"It was pretty
stinky and it was
bright orange."

SAM WASSER
BIOLOGIST
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

chase

www.chasehair.com
201 Wilshire Blvd. 310.451.4477

Vacation homes having major impact on resort-town finances

BY ALEX MILLER

Associated Press Writer

VAIL, Colo. They come, they spend, they leave. Then they come back. Eventually, some of them stay for good.

They're Colorado's High Country second-home owners, a huge driving force behind the region's economy who often fly under the radar of the community but whose influence can be seen in many a local balance sheet.

They pay property taxes but don't send kids to local schools. They can't vote, but often wish they could. They're anywhere from well-off to fabulously wealthy, and their homes range from humble studios to log mansions.

And they are changing the face of the High Country in the mountains west of Denver as surely as the growth of the ski industry did in the latter part of the past century.

According to a 2004 report by the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments — a multigovernment research and advocacy group — second homes account for 34 percent of all outside dollars coming into Eagle, Grand, Pitkin and Summit counties. Winter visitors, in comparison, account for 28 percent of those outside dollars.

"This is a large class of people with huge incomes. It's different from 10 or 20 years ago," said Pitkin County Commissioner Mick Ireland.

Ireland said the surge in second-home ownership in the resort region — and in the U.S. as a whole — is directly attributable to the baby boomers reaching their 50s and 60s.

"In your 20s, you buy a pair of skis; in your 40s you buy a sports car," Ireland said. "In your 50s, you buy a second home."

All that buying activity has fueled record-breaking real estate sales in Eagle, Summit and Pitkin counties, with prices rising along the way.

"There aren't many places like Vail, where it's so desirable to have a second home," said Peter Francese, a demographic trends analyst for marketing giant Ogilvy Mather. "The boomers are bidding up the price of what little real estate is available for second homes."

Previous generations, Francese said, didn't have this kind of money, or the desire and ability to move around quite so much.

As Ireland noted, aging boomers are only part of the issue. Another, he said, is the shift in government policy that allows the wealthy to hang onto more of their money.

"The bottom 60 or 80 percent of the population has seen little or no growth in their income, while the top earners have gone up 20 times what they had 20 years ago," he said. "So you have a highly empowered class in prime second-home buying age." As Francese said, the dollars involved are staggering.

"The top 20 percent of income households take home 50 percent of all the money earned in this country," he said. "We're talking about people who have a second home in Florida, a primary in Boston or New York and a third one in Colorado to ski in the winter. Why not?"

As the social and economic effects of second-home owners have grown over the years, different resort communities have wrestled with the pros and cons of their presence. Perhaps more than anything else, the elevation of real estate prices has caused towns and counties to do what they can to create affordable housing for locals — or at least talk a lot about it.

On the other hand, there's no doubt that second-homes and their owners create jobs, according to Patrick Long of the University of Colorado's Center for Sustainable Tourism in Boulder.

"Clearly, there are business opportunities," said Long, who teaches a class on sustainable tourism at CU. "As more people come to live here, especially the second-home owners, it creates opportunities for business development — but also greater pressure on public and government services."

Ireland agreed, saying the older, wealthier second-home owners expect to pay others to do everything from shovel snow to pull weeds.

"You don't get on a ladder and clean windows if you have money," Ireland said.

That demand for services and the attendant job growth spurs its own set of problems, Long said, not the least of which is traffic congestion. Demographic projections estimate that, by 2025, Eagle County will have to import about 30,000 workers daily, Long said.

"There are all kinds of issues, from moving the visitors around to moving the workers to these places," he said. "When many of these second-home owners declare them as primary homes, there will be even greater demands on the local transportation system. It'll be a huge issue for the resorts to face."

What Long describes is sometimes called "The Aspen Effect," a term coined by Cornell economics professor Robert Frank. Eagle County Commissioner Peter Runyon said it's a spreading phenomenon named for the place where it was worst earliest.

"The greater purchasing power (of wealthy second-home owners) allows them to bid up the price of real estate, slowly forcing the workforce away from the center of activity," Runyon said. "We'll all be dealing with it — it's worldwide."

Eagle County leaders have just started to discuss topics related to the second-home owner economy and other growth and sustainable community issues, Runyon said.

"Many of these problems are not just for the towns and the county but for the businesses, the large employers," he said. "Where are we going to put these people?"

Cashing in on second-home owners

BY ALEX MILLER

Associated Press Writer

VAIL, Colo. Some locals may look askance at second-home owners as interlopers driving up the price of real estate. Others, though, see mostly an opportunity to be part of the biggest segment of the local economy.

Dee St. John and her family take care of two homes in Vail — one of which they live in. It's the kind of deal to cause other locals to drool: a seemingly plush gig taking care of a fancy home right at the base of the mountain. But when the owners are in town, the St. Johns are kept hopping.

"We pretty much do everything for them," St. John said. "From picking them up at the airport to getting groceries to organizing ski lessons to making restaurant reservations."

"If you can think of it, I do it for them," she said.

Gerlinde Debie has a different kind of relationship with the second-home owners. Debie owns Purple Sage Organics, a natural food-and-supply store in Minturn. Purple Sage delivers, and about a quarter of Debie's business is with second-home owners, she said.

"They're great for business because they want good quality, and they don't have time to go shopping at City Market," she said. "A lot of people are going more toward organic, and it's hard to find in the valley. That makes it a good niche for service-oriented delivery of organic food."

At the beginning of 2005, locals Brooke Burgee and Jodi Link started a home care and concierge service called Lights On. Later, they were joined by financial partners Bob and Amy Rowley.

The response has been so great that they added an office in Aspen and plan to expand to other Colorado resort communities. Ultimately, Amy Rowley said, the plan is to go national and service beach and mountain resorts.

"I think there will absolutely be more demand for businesses like this," Rowley said.

Her husband, a former executive with a national temporary services company, has a side business storing and renting sports cars, while she does home decorating. But Lights On is taking up a great portion of their time.

"No matter what the income level, people are time-poor," she said. "We provide a service that frees up that time so they can enjoy their life."

That can include everything from arranging for a private jet to stocking the pantry before the second-home owners arrive, Rowley said. Unlike property management companies that focus on rentals and maintenance, she said Lights On is a more personal service that tends to the details so the owners can focus on relaxing.

POWERFUL MARKETING BEGINS WITH VISION.

VISION IS REALIZED THROUGH STRATEGIC COLLABORATION.

COLLABORATION THRIVES ON COMMUNICATION,
UNDERSTANDING & INSIGHT.

FUSING STRATEGY AND CREATIVITY



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

Communicating
Vision

MARKETING & BRANDING • CREATIVE SERVICES • WEB DEVELOPMENT • STRATEGIC CONSULTING

Migrants going it alone

Increasing numbers forego the smuggler route, and it's costs

BY OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press Writer

TIJUANA, Mexico Destitute and determined to sneak into the United States, Alvaro Garcia arrived at a Tijuana shelter after a 60-hour bus trip from southern Mexico to rest and inquire about the most porous spots along the border.

Planning to cross by himself, he learned from other migrants about Nido de las Aguilas, a shantytown on the outskirts of Tijuana where rugged hills interrupt a metal fence dividing the United States from Mexico.

"I'm willing to do anything to get to the other side," Garcia said. "I just needed to know where to do it."

Migrants with money hire smugglers to lead them across the border, especially since 1994 when the United States increased its border patrols and began erecting fences. But some, like Garcia, lack the cash to pay fees of up to \$2,500 and must rely on their own wits to get across.

The trip will likely become even more difficult next month, when the first of 6,000 National Guard troops promised by President Bush begin assisting Border Patrol agents. The construction of 370 miles of triple-layered fencing is a key part of the immigration bills being considered by Congress.

The extra security could make sneaking into the United States riskier, especially for those trying to go it alone.

For lone migrants approaching the border, the first stop is usually a shelter where they can find partners for their journey. They learn from other crossers which hills and canyons to take, the best time of day to cross, the places to avoid and where they might hide from the U.S. Border Patrol.

But hazards abound. Migrants crossing alone in remote areas often fall prey to bandits who hide in remote canyons, in the barren desert and along the Rio Grande riverbanks. Unfamiliar with the rough terrain, they must survive the

desert's harsh heat during the day and biting cold at night.

The bodies of 2,881 migrants have been recovered by the U.S. Border Patrol since 1998, when the agency began keeping record, and many more remain missing.

No official figures exist on how many of these were trying to sneak in on their own. But border experts say crossing without a smuggler raises the risk of dehydration or hypothermia after getting lost in the desert, or of drowning in the Rio Grande.

"Those who cross without knowing the area are more likely to drown because the river may seem calm. But it has proved otherwise many times," said Arturo Solis, president of the Center for Border Studies and Promotion of Human Rights in the border city of Reynosa, across from McAllen, Texas.

More than 1,200 bodies have been found floating in the Rio Grande near the northern state of Tamaulipas' border with Texas since 1994, Solis said. About half were never identified.

Still, the risks are rarely a deterrent for migrants desperate to improve their economic situation and help their families.

Garcia, a 30-year-old construction worker who traveled 2,300 miles from southern Tabasco state to Tijuana, just across the border from San Diego, said the \$150 he made per week was hardly enough to support his wife and two children. He decided to head north after racking up a hospital debt of \$3,500.

"I was told I would have to bring plenty of water, that I'm going to walk a lot and that the journey is dangerous, but I have to at least try," he said.

Experts say migrants who try to sneak into the United States without a smuggler also are more likely to be caught by the U.S. Border Patrol. But then they're simply dropped off on the Mexican side where they quickly try again and again, a process that helps them eventually master the ropes of border crossing.

Taliban attack raises fears about deteriorating security

BY JASON STRAZIUSO
Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan A brazen attack by hundreds of Taliban militants on an isolated town had been building for days, a coalition spokesman said Friday, after a wave of violence in southern Afghanistan left around 100 dead.

The attack Wednesday night on Musa Qala in the volatile southern province of Helmand sparked eight hours of fighting and left about 40 Taliban and 13 Afghan police dead.

It was the epicenter of some of the fiercest combat since the Taliban regime's ouster by U.S.-led forces in late 2001 and raised new fears about deteriorating security in the hardline militia's former southern heartland.

More than 100 people were reported killed in a string of attacks and engagements across Afghanistan that started Wednesday and continued through Thursday: up to 87 insurgents, at least 15 Afghan police, an American civilian training Afghan forces, and the first female Canadian soldier to die in combat. There were no reports of further violence Friday.

Coalition forces had reports from Musa Qala on Tuesday that the Taliban or criminal elements were trying to infiltrate the village.

"Then the whole thing blew up" on Wednesday and Thursday, said Maj. Quentin Innis, a coalition spokesman based in Kandahar.

Innis said the Taliban often infiltrates villages and extorts money from tribal elders, but that leaders in Musa Qala had told the militants they weren't welcome. The militants then mounted their attack using machine guns and assault rifles.

Innis said coalition forces flew military aircraft overhead to scare the Taliban militants and as a show of force, but that the Afghan police forces did 100 percent of the fighting in the eight-hour clash.

"We see this as them taking control of the situation and sorting it out for themselves," he said. "We see it as very empowering on their part, and of course that's what we want, because eventually we're going to leave."

Which of These Costly Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Santa Monica Home This Summer

BY JAMES COSTELLO AND
JOHN MCCORMACK

SANTA MONICA — A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become

increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of home sellers don't get what they want for their home and become disillusioned and – worse – financially disadvantaged when they put their home on the market.

As this report uncovers, most home sellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable.

In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "*The 9 step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar.*"

To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your free copy of this report, call 1-800-455-9195 and enter ID #1000. You can call anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Call NOW to find out how you can get the most money of your home.

Attention Home Buyers

FREE Online MLS Home Search

Free List of Homes For Sale From ALL Real Estate Companies.

Color Pictures and MLS Details of Each Home

Beat out other buyers to hot new listings: Upscale Homes, Best Priced Homes, and Bank Foreclosures.

www.FreeLaMLS.com

Hung’s audience to eat it up

By The Associated Press

CASTROVILLE, Calif. Off-key “American Idol” washout William Hung has something new to crow about: He’s being crowned “Artichoke King” in the small city that calls itself the “artichoke capital of the world.”

Hung, 23, the earnest crooner who butchered Ricky Martin’s “She Bangs” tune on the Fox talent competition, will ride in a parade Sunday and perform new versions of the Beach Boys’ “Surfin’ USA” and the Billy Ray Cyrus line-dancing anthem “Achy Breaky Heart.”

Marilyn Monroe was the first “Artichoke Queen” when she was selected in 1947. She was named 12 years before the Castroville Artichoke Festival was conceived.

The festival features an artichoke eating contest, music and plenty of artichokes for sale.

Awarding the reality TV reject-turned-recording artist the title was an attention-gaining gimmick, said Cheryl Della-Mora, the festival’s arts and crafts director.

“We’ve already gotten a lot of exposure from it,” she said.

Heavy spring rains dampened artichoke production by as much as 20 percent, but local growers said there will be more than enough.

Growers in Monterey County sold more than \$48 million worth of artichokes in 2004, the latest year for which data is available.

LAS VEGAS After her first road tour in 10 years, Toni Braxton has found a new place to call home.

The six-time Grammy-winner will take over as the headliner at the Flamingo hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip in August, replacing Wayne Newton, whose run wraps up July 1.

Beginning Aug. 3, the R&B singer will perform six nights a week through March 2007 in a full-scale musical production called, “Toni Braxton: Revealed.”

“This is a show where I’m going to reveal myself to my fans, because (there are) a lot of things don’t know about me,” Braxton, 38, told The Associated Press on Thursday.

“It’s going to be sexy,” she said. “It’s going to be intimate.”

The production will take fans through her musical career beginning in 1992 and feature a high-energy fashion show likely with clothes from designers Dolce & Gabbana, she said.

“I’m not a Britney Spears or a Janet Jackson, but I have a little rhythm,” she said.

In March, Braxton embarked on her first tour in a decade to promote her latest album, “Libra.” The tour ends July 3 in Houston at the Essence Music Festival.

Braxton, who is best known for hits such as “Breathe Again,” “You’re Makin’ Me High” and “Love Shoulda Brought You Home,” has starred on Broadway in “Aida” and “Beauty and the Beast.”

It was not clear what would happen to Newton, 64, who started a limited run at the Flamingo in November that was extended several times. Newton’s publicist could not immediately be reached for comment.

TRENTON, N.J. Former Gov. James E. McGreevey has agreed to appear on “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” a spokeswoman for the show’s production company confirmed.

McGreevey will be a guest during the show’s new season this fall, Lisa Halliday, a spokeswoman for Harpo Productions Inc. said Thursday.

The appearance will be scheduled around the same time as the expected release of McGreevey’s memoir about his personal struggles as a homosexual and his emergence as the nation’s first openly gay governor.

The book is being published by ReganBooks, an imprint of HarperCollins.

McGreevey shocked the nation when he proclaimed himself “a gay American” in August 2004, announcing his intent to resign at the same time he disclosed a gay affair.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Lynyrd Skynyrd frontman Johnny Van Zant had his appendix removed in emergency surgery, the band’s manager said.

Van Zant, 46, came out of surgery at Stanford University Medical Center in Palo Alto, Calif., on

Thursday night, said manager Ross Schilling. His condition was not immediately available.

“He had been feeling bad the past couple of days,” Schilling told The Associated Press. “He had performances Tuesday and Wednesday and sucked it up last night as far as performing with some pain.”

On Thursday morning, the singer went to see a doctor, who determined through an ultrasound that the appendix was severely inflamed and emergency surgery was needed, Schilling said.

Van Zant is expected to need at least a week to recover, forcing the cancellation of shows in Mountain View, Calif.; Twentynine Palms, Calif.; and Henderson, Nev.

He also won’t attend Tuesday’s Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas, where he and his brother, Donnie, are nominated for duo of the year for their work performing as Van Zant.

Their brother Ronnie Van Zant was a founding member of the Southern rock group best known for songs such as “Sweet Home Alabama” and “Free Bird.”

Ronnie Van Zant, Steve Gaines and backup singer Cassie Gaines were killed in a plane crash in Mississippi in 1977.

NEW YORK In an upcoming “60 Minutes” special, Mike Wallace acknowledges that he tried to commit suicide two decades ago.

The 88-year-old Wallace, who is retiring from full-time correspondent duties, is the subject of a retrospective, “I’m Mike Wallace,” that airs Sunday on CBS (7 p.m. EDT).

Wallace has openly talked about problems with depression, but never said publicly that it got to the point of a suicide attempt. But when “60 Minutes” colleague Morley Safer questions him about it, Wallace says he did once attempt it.

“I don’t know why the hell you asked me that question, because other people have,” Wallace says. “It’s the first time I have answered it honestly.”

Wallace vaguely relates the circumstances behind the attempt, which involved taking an excess of pills, but says that the 20 years since “have been the best in my life.”

Santa Monica Daily Press

MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES: MAY 20-21, 2006

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

Goal! The Dream Begins (PG)
1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

Just My Luck (PG-13)
2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

RV (PG)
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30

United 93 (R)
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

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

An American Haunting (PG-13)
7:30, 9:40

Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG)
1:00, 3:10, 5:20

Mission: Impossible III (PG-13)
12:30, 1:20, 3:20, 4:10, 6:10, 7:20, 9:00, 10:20

Poseidon (PG-13)
11:30am, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:30

Scary Movie 4 (PG-13)
12:00am

See No Evil (R)
12:50, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

AMC7 Santa Monica
1310 3rd Street
(310)289-4262

Akeelah and the Bee (PG)
11:00am, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

Da Vinci Code, The (PG-13)
10:30am, 11:30am, 12:35, 1:45, 3:00, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 7:30, 8:45, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00am

Keeping Up With the Steins (PG-13)
10:45am, 1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

Over the Hedge (PG)
10:40am, 12:10, 1:00, 2:30, 3:20, 4:50, 5:40, 7:20, 8:00, 9:30, 10:20, 11:35

Nuwilshire Theatre
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310)281-8228

Art School Confidential (R)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50

Thank You for Smoking (R)
11:40am, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

Laemmle 4-Plex Theatre
1332 2nd Street
(310)394-9741

Down in the Valley (R)
4:30, 9:50

Friends With Money (R)
12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00

Sketches of Frank Gehry (PG-13)
12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55

Wah-Wah (R)
1:45, 7:20

Water (PG-13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55

Information: calendar@smdp.com

MORE TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1806, English political philosopher and economist John Stuart Mill was born in London.

In 1861, the capital of the Confederacy was moved from Montgomery, Ala., to Richmond, Va.

In 1861, North Carolina voted to secede from the Union.

In 1902, the United States ended a three-year military presence in Cuba as the Republic of Cuba was established under its first elected president, Tomas Estrada Palma.

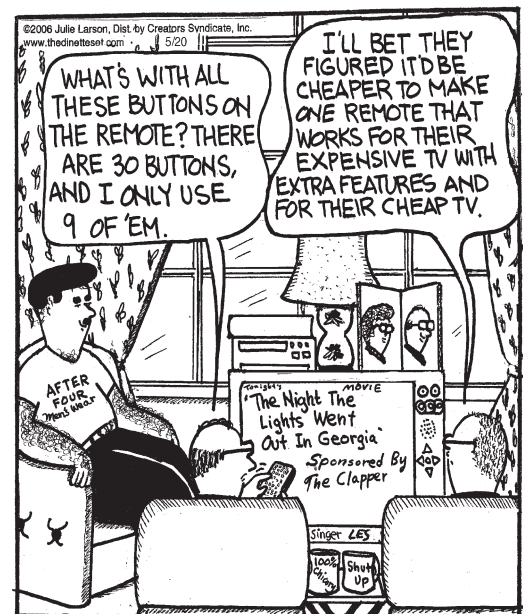
In 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field in Long Island, N.Y., aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight to France.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland for Ireland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

In 1939, regular trans-Atlantic air service began as a Pan American Airways plane, the Yankee Clipper, took off from Port Washington, N.Y., bound for Europe.



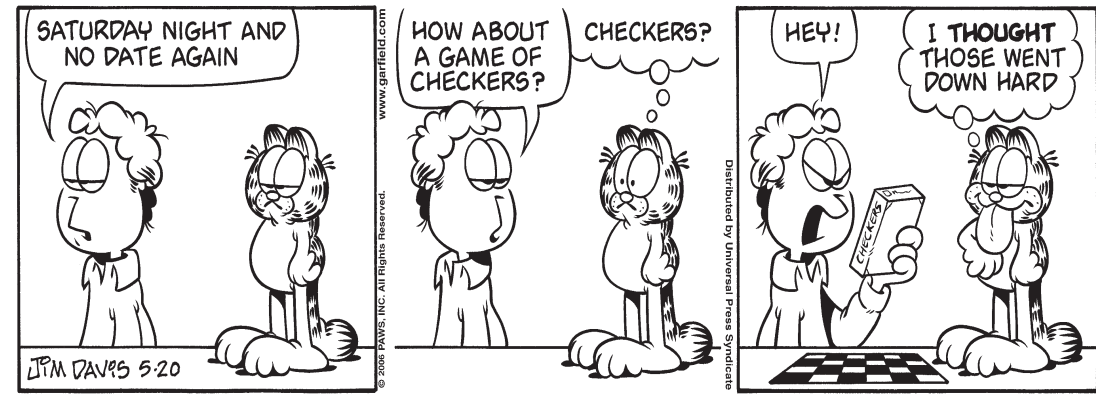
The Dinette Set by Julie Larson



edge city by TERRY & PATTY LABAN



Garfield® By Jim Davis



Speed Bump® By Dave Coverly



Natural Selection® By Russ Wallace



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Personnel
 - 6 Wrote in Java
 - 11 Magnetic unit
 - 12 Japanese films
 - 13 Yard worker
 - 14 Fiesta Bowl setting
 - 15 Annakin's teacher
 - 17 Baronet's title
 - 18 Prohibit
 - 19 Crack
 - 22 Easter find
 - 23 Eventually
 - 24 Jail-related
 - 25 Land
 - 27 Went first
 - 30 Fully developed
 - 31 Jackie's second
 - 32 Corn serving
 - 33 Mideast ruler
 - 35 Dote on
 - 38 Model's asset
 - 39 Pan, for one
 - 40 Radio dial
 - 41 "Bye!"
- DOWN**
- 42 Air freshener's targets
 - 1 Flashing light
 - 2 Brewing item
 - 3 Kind of price
 - 4 Took wing
 - 5 Astray
 - 6 Manx, e.g.
 - 7 Area-code preceder
 - 8 Chinese restaurant choice
 - 9 Dominion

A	T	B	A	T		L	A	T	K	A
M	A	R	D	I		A	P	R	I	L
T	R	I	A	D		W	R	E	N	S
		A	M	E	N		I	A	G	O
S	I	N	S		F	A	C	T		
W	O	W		A	L	L	O	W	E	D
I	W	I	S	H		A	T	I	M	E
M	A	L	T	E	D	S		L	I	V
		L	A	M	A		A	L	T	O
F	A	I	R		M	I	N	I		
E	X	A	L	T		S	T	A	T	S
E	L	M	E	R		L	I	M	I	T
T	E	S	T	Y		E	S	S	A	Y

Yesterday's answer

- 10 Plow pioneer
- 16 Fools
- 20 Face boldly
- 21 Part of RSVP
- 24 Stock holder
- 25 Concert worker
- 26 Atlas section
- 27 Barrio resident
- 28 Pencil part
- 29 Casual eateries
- 30 Gathers
- 34 Blaring
- 36 Spanish king
- 37 Memo-rable time

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send \$4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 2, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475

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

5-20

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

27 years of professional expertise in office, residential, food service, retail, healthcare and telecom. Our team manages all aspects from creative concepts, accurate documentation, expedited plan checks and construction management. Renovation and new construction projects using traditional architecture through full turn-key development. Always, open communication

Bruce Rudman
Architects+Engineers

T 310.393.2727
F 928.222.9992
E Bruce@Architects-Engineers.net

Santa Monica Daily Press

Classifieds

\$5⁵⁰ per day. Up to 15 words, 20 cents each additional word.
Call us today start and promoting your business opportunities to our daily readership of over 40,000.

YOUR AD COULD RUN TOMORROW!*

Some restrictions may apply.

(310) 458-7737

*Please call our Classified Sales Manager to reserve your ad space. Specific ad placement not gauranteed on classified ads. Ad must meet deadline requirements. See complete conditions below.

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Announcements
Creative
Employment
For Sale

Furniture
Pets
Boats
Jewelry
Wanted
Travel

Vacation Rentals
Apartments/Condos
Rent
Houses for Rent
Roomates
Commerical Lease

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

Computer Services
Attorney Services
Business Opportunities
Yard Sales
Health and Beauty
Fitness

Wealth and Success
Lost and Found
Personals
Psychic
Obituaries
Tutoring

All classified liner ads are placed on our website for **FREE!** Check out **www.smdp.com** for more info.

Creative

GOT MUSIC?
DJ, Emcee, Pianist
310.420.2828
Every Occasion –
Venues Large and Small
Weddings, Anniversaries,
Birthdays, Premiers, Proms
Corporate Events...

Employment

ACCOUNTING CLERK/ADMIN As-
sistant for small Santa Monica ap-
parel mfg company, must know
QuickBooks Pro, exp in A/P & A/R,
print checks, input Payroll,
month-end reports & general ledger,
data entry in other systems, organ-
ized, able to multi task, proficient in
Word/Excel, good phone skills. Email
resume to:
info@socialawareness.com

ADMINISTRATIVE
ARCHITECTURAL firm in SM is in need
of a support person to type reports,
arrange travel, answer phones and
create spreadsheets. Word/Excel
proficiency and 45 wpm a must! Pay
is up to \$12/hr, Call Barrington
Staffing (310) 453-4289

BEACH/SURF INSTRUCTORS
Beginning June 26th Santa Monica
Beach, 8:15-2:30 Mon-Fri. email re-
sume or inquiry to
info@beachsports.org
(310) 372-2202

BOUQUETTE WINE Sales, P/T After-
noons and Evenings, Restaurant Sales
and Tastings,
Comm. Call Mark: 888-596-6546

CASHIER FOR gas station. Customer
service, friendly. Call for more infor-
mation (310) 451-2355.

ADVERTISE! CALL US (310) 458-7737

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

Designers, Interior
Decorators
Tile, Marble, and Slab

Santa Monica
Showroom

Salary
+
Commission

Prefer design or
Tile experience
Contact 310.995.5136

Employment

College radio music promotion intern
\$8 p/t flexible 12-20hrs/week in
Santa Monica (310) 998-8305 xt 85

CUSTOMER SERVICE Full Time
Great personality, great phone skills.
Sawtelle Self-Storage
Santa Monica
(310) 445-8614

ESTHETICIANS COMMISSIONS or
rental
Massage therapists commission or
rental for upscale Health Center in
Venice, (310) 396-3635

FIT FEMALE MODEL WANTED FOR
FIGURE DRAWING BY ARTIST. No ex-
perience necessary call.
(818) 501-0266

HAIRCUTTING STATIONS for
rent @ clean professional Santa
Monica Salon, clientele preferred.
Call Don, (310) 315-1098.

IMMEDIATE POSITIONS available in
the environmental service department
of St. John's Health Center. Looking
for housekeeper/waste management.
PT/FT. Hospital experience preferred.
Call (310) 829-8431 for interview

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

Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

INPATIENT CODING Specialist
Concurrent review of inpt records to
establish working DRG, ensure docu-
mentation is complete, compliant &
reflects severity of illness. Acts as a
liaison between case mgt medical
staff & HIM. Bonus potential, F/T,
benefits, Santa Monica, CA Requires
RHIA, RHIT, or CCS w/3 years inpt
coding exp in acute care facility
479-770-0220 or
HIM.Employment@cymetrix.com

LINE COOK position local Santa Mon-
ica restaurant 2 years exp. In Mexican
food. Must speak English fax resume
to (310) 828-1319 call
(310) 828-1315 from 10-noon

Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

NEED EXPERIENCED Sales Person and
Assistant Manager. Santa Monica
Auto Group Please call Roger at
(310) 828-4424

P/T BOOKKEEPER computer skills
helpful will train. Call Russel
(310) 829-3449 xt 126

PROPERTY MANAGER
Experienced Property Manager
needed for 72unit HUD 202/8 senior
residential community in Santa Mon-
ica, CA. Must have exp w/ HUD Regs,
marketing, occupancy, tenant rela-
tions & maintenance supervision
skills. Bckgrnd & drug test req'd. Fax
res/sal hist (562) 430-8723.

SALES PROS, CEO income w/o
the stress. No travel.
Call 866.749.2882.

Employment

RECEPTION
FINANCIAL co is seeking a friendly
person to handle the front desk.
Meet/greet clients, answer a hvy
phone system, maintain co ext list on
Excel and assist other depts as
needed! Pay is \$10-\$12/hr DOE, Call
Barrington Staffing
(310) 453-4289.

RECEPTIONIST FOR Med. Const. Co.
Exp. required \$10 to start
Avail Immed.
Fax res to (310) 573-1686

SANTA MONICA Plastics company is
hiring sales person, will train, good
with math, power tools, helpful, call
Ralph (310)829-3449 xt 128

SMALL GIFT shop and cafe looking for
barista/clerk to work evenings,
5:30-9:30pm and weekends
1:00-7:30pm. If you are cheerful, en-
ergetic, and customer service ori-
ented please call (310) 451-9785 af-
ter 10am. Located in upscale Santa
Monica hotel.

SOCIAL ESCORTS needed. Accom-
pany celebs, V.I.P.'S to dinner, thea-
tre, events, etc. \$200/hr
(323) 836-0700

SPECTRUM ATHLETIC Club Santa
Monica 2425 Olympic Blvd, Santa
Monica Ca 90404 is hiring for the fol-
lowing positions:

• Equipment/Facility Assistant
• Kids Club Attendants

Please submit your cover letter and
Resume to
hrspectrumla@spectrumclubs.com

TEMPORARY
CLERICAL support needed for a Real
Estate co to answer phones and type
reports on an on-call basis! Must be
able to handle a hvy phone system
and Know Word/Excel. Pay is \$10/hr,
Call Barrington Staffing
(310) 453-4289

TOP DESIGNER Santa Monica bou-
tique seeks team player, HIGH energy
salesperson, experience preferred.
Salary and commission.
(310) 394-1406.

For Sale

ARTWORK: SANTA Monica, Venice,
Ca, Hawaii, Southwest. Directly from
Venice artist www.hawaiiartplus.com
or (310) 306-0988

RETAIL STORE fixtures. Floor racks,
showcases, display tables, lights, etc.
Lightly used. 310-926-8786 or email
sjooma@msn.com

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

Pets

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

Pets


FotobyFabian.com
310-399-7049
\$150.00

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

Instruction

SAXOPHONE/CLARINET LESSONS,
All Ages
Taught By Doctor of Saxophone
Graduate From UCLA
Contact @ (310) 266-1052

Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

Wanted

PROFESSIONAL AND lic. Massage
therapist with clientele looking for
200-400sf office to sublet or share.
Brentwood or Santa Monica areas
only (310) 712-1691

Employment Wanted

STOP - You Found your Solution-
EXCELLENT ASSISTANCE SERVICE.~
We go Above & Beyond~
310.425.2600

THE CUTEST PRODUCTION MANAGER IN TOWN!

For Rent

\$2795/MO PRIME location North of
Wilshire. Upstairs 3bd/2ba. Front
apartment, Very nice. Hardwood
flooring. Close to beach and 3rd
Street Promenade. 917 Lincoln Blvd.,
#4 (310) 395-1495.

2BD/1BA 20TH and Pico. \$1650.
Stove, refrigerator, hardwood floor.
No pets. (310) 450-0646
(310) 508-6401

HOWARD MANAGEMENT GROUP
(310) 869-7901

Most of our buildings
are pet friendly

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

Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

For Rent

ROQUE &
MARK Co.
2802 Santa Monica Blvd.
310-828-7525

SALES • RENTALS
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Rentals available
No Pets Allowed

SANTA MONICA

2213 Oak \$1795
Remodeled 2 bed, upper,
fridge & stove, laundry room

230 Pacific \$2195
Upper 2 bed, 1¼ bath, fridge,
Dishwasher, close to Main St &
beach

1023 21st St. \$2495
Lower 3 bed, 2 bath, new car-
pet & paint, dishwasher,
garage

WESTSIDE

11905 Avon, Mar Vista,
\$850
Lower single, fridge, dishwasher,
stove, gated entry & parking

744 S. Windsor, Hancock
Pk, \$1400
Lower 2 bed, 1½ baths,
new carpet,
new stove, gated parking

11615 Darlington, BW,
\$1795
Upper 2 bed, 1½ bath, remodeled,
Near San Vicente shops &
restaurants

2495 Corinth, West LA,
\$2100
New 2 bed, 2½ bath, town-
house style, Washer/dryer
included, granite counters

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

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

SANTA MONICA \$2200/mo
3bdrms/2Baths, Carpet Floors, 2-car
Parking available, refrigerator, stove,
no smoking (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$1025/mo
Single/1Bath, Hardwood/Tile Floors,
laundry, beautiful yard,
avocado/lemon tree(s) separate
kitchen (310) 395-RENT www.west-
siderentals.com

For Rent

SANTA MONICA \$1050/mo
1bdrm/Bath, Carpet Floors, Gated
parking, quiet neighborhood, stove,
no pets (310) 395-RENT www.west-
siderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$1100/mo
1bdrm/1Bath, Carpet/Tile Floors,
Parking, quiet neighborhood, refrig-
erator, stove, patio (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$1350/mo
2bdrms/1Bath, No pets, New Carpets,
Parking, laundry, stove, paid
water/trash/gardner (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$1500/mo
2bdrms/1Bath, Carpet Floors, laun-
dry, refrigerator, close to S.M.C. ex-
cellent neighborhood!
(310) 395-RENT www.westsiderent-
als.com

SANTA MONICA \$1595/mo
2bdrms/1.5Bath, New Carpets, Park-
ing, refrigerator, stove, yard, patio,
washer/dryer hookups
(310) 395-RENT www.westsiderent-
als.com

SANTA MONICA \$2495/mo
3bdrms/2Baths, New Carpets, 2-car
Parking, laundry, refrigerator, stove,
dishwasher (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$795/mo
Studio/1Bath, No pets, New Carpets,
Permit parking, quiet neighborhood,
refrigerator (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$825/mo
Studio/1Bath, No pets, Carpet Floors,
Parking included, quiet neighborhood
(310) 395-RENT www.westsiderent-
als.com

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

SM \$1295/MO 1 Bedroom above ga-
rage charming bright private hard-
wood/mexican tile floors 835 1/2 Ce-
dar (818) 501-4100

WLA 2606 S. Sepulveda \$1145/mo.
Excellent location. 1bd/1ba, upstairs,
very cozy. Hardwood flooring, appli-
ances. (310) 395-1495

Roommates

FREE HOUSING
SERVICE

⇒ Need a little *extra income*?
⇒ Need *help around the house*?

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

(323) 650-7988
Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm
Alternative Living for the Aging
A Non-Profit of 27 years

CALL TODAY FOR SPECIAL MONTHLY RATES!

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

Prepay your ad today!



(310) 458-7737

Santa Monica Daily Press

HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm

LOCATION 1427 Third Street Promenade, Suite 202, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Santa Monica Daily Press

ServiceDirectory

Promote your business in the only **DAILY** local newspaper in town.

YOUR AD COULD RUN TOMORROW!*

Some restrictions may apply.

(310) 458-7737

Prepay your ad today!



*Please call our Classified Sales Manager to reserve your ad space. Specific ad placement not guaranteed on classified ads. Ad must meet deadline requirements.

All classified liner ads are placed on our website for **FREE!** Check out www.smdp.com for more info.

\$89 A LEAK Dependable Roofing

Flat and shingle roof expert.
Senior citizen discount 10-15%
(323) 216-6732 FREE ESTIMATES

Services

Financial

HBW
HELPING BUILD WEALTH
ESTABLISHED 1991

Insurance & Financial Services

Are you Covered?

Call
Robert F. Schwenker
For More Information
Individual LIC # OE96620

661.607.9404

BKSCHWENKER@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Psychic/Medium

PRIVATE READINGS



THESE
MESSAGES
CAN
CHANGE
YOUR
LIFE!

Psychic Medium
LAURA RICHARD, Ph.D.
818-981-1425

Gen. Contracting

MAXIMUM Construction

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

Free Consultation
Reasonable Prices

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

Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

A/C CONSTRUCTION

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



310.278.5380
Fax 310.271.4790

Lic# 804884 Fully Insured

Services



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

Moving



BEST MOVERS
No job too small

2 MEN, \$59 PER HOUR
Fully insured. We make it EZ.
Free prep. & boxes. Discount for
handicap & seniors!
Since 1975 Lic. T-163844
(323) 997-1193 (323) 630-9971

Therapy

COMPASSIONATE COUNSELING

A safe place to make changes.



Life Transitions
Stress
Relationships
Self-Esteem
Unresolved Grief

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

Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

STILL SMOKING?

Life is short —
Why make it shorter

John J. McGrail, C.Ht.



Certified
Hypnotherapist

(310) 235-2883
www.hypnotherapylosangeles.com

Tutoring



EXPERT TUTORING SERVICES

Experienced, CA credentialed
teacher specializing in grades
K-5, all subjects.

Please call:
Courtney (310) 266-0667

Services

Painting/Tiling

METICULOUS PAINTING
& DRYWALL
Interior & Exterior
Call Joe:
meticulouspainting

PAINTING

Top quality A&A

Custom, Interior
and Exterior

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



Residential & Commercial Int. & Ext.

Texture & Drywall
Wood works &
Repair work
Kitchen cabinet
Faux finish
Replace cabinet &
Counter top
Stucco work



Lic. # 825896
310.284.8333

Handyman

Handyman Services
To Fit Every Budget



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

toil free 1.877.33.FIXIT
(1,877.333.4948)

302 West Grand Avenue, Suite A, El Segundo, CA 90245
310.322.8675 (voice) 310.356.6990 (fax)
www.handymanondemand.com



Licensed, Bonded, Insured, Guaranteed.
LIC 381148



WESTSIDE GUYS Full Service Handymen

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

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

Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

Services

Bookkeeping

SIMPLIFY

Experienced, Efficient,
and Swift.

BOOKKEEPER
FOR HIRE

Quickbooks \$40/hr.
Pick Up and Delivery

Call now to save!
(310) 264-0828

Real Estate



Kate Bransfield
Estates Director
Chairman's Circle - Platinum
#1 Residential Santa Monica Realtor

310.395.1133

What is Your Home Worth?
Contact Me to Find Out.
for local, current real estate info.

SantaMonicaListings.com

UPSCALE HOMES

Luxury Homes,
Affordable Financing
Premium Locations.

Free Computerized List
Reveals 10 Best Buys
In Your Desired Area
And Price Range

FREE LIST WITH PICTURES

1-800-455-9195 ID#1040

www.VIPHomeBuyerAccess.com

INEXPENSIVE, QUALITY CARPET CLEANING

residue free * anti soiling treatment * 1 hour dry time
APARTMENT SPECIAL: \$25 PER ROOM.

FREE HALLWAY CLEANING

2 room minimum, includes free pre-vacuuming

Rob's Carpet Care 310-729-2931

Mail. Fax. Call. Email. Running your classified ad is easy!

\$5⁵⁰ per day. Up to 15 words, 20 cents each additional word.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Classification (Pets, Yard Sale, Etc...): _____

Ad Copy (attach copy if necessary)

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____

10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____

13 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____

Requested Start Date: / / Requested End Date: / /

Extras (Additional 20 cents/word):

☐ ALL CAPS ☐ bold ☐ italics
☐ Box (.50/day) ☐ Reverse(\$1/day)

Payment:

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AMEX ☐ Check

Exp: _____ 20 _____ Check #: _____

Make checks payable: Santa Monica Daily Press

NO CASH PLEASE

Signature: _____

Mail.

Fill out this form and mail to:
1427 Third Street Promenade
Suite 202
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Fax.

Fill out this form and fax to:
(310) 576-9913
ATTN: Classifieds

Call.

Call Annie Kotok!
(310) 458-7737 Ext. 114

Email.

Email your ad to:
anniekat@smdp.com

PREPAY YOUR AD TODAY!



Call us with questions
(310) 458-7737

Santa Monica Daily Press

Visit us online at smdp.com

W.I. SIMONSON

SANTA MONICA

CELEBRATING 67 YEARS IN SANTA MONICA



1.9% APR
LIMITED TERM FINANCING
ON SELECT 2006 MODELS
ON APPROVED CREDIT

COME IN AND SEE THE
BEAUTIFUL 2006 CLS!

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION BEGINS THIS WEEKEND!



NEW 2006 C230 SPORTS SEDAN



\$289 5 AT THIS
LEASE PAYMENT
• 88¢ TAX PER MONTH
FOR 27 MONTHS FULLY EQUIPPED

\$289.88 + tax first months payment for 27 months on approved credit. \$2800 cap cost reduction + \$795 acquisition fee = \$3595 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$31,365. Tier 1 Credit. 7.5K Miles/yr. 25¢ per mile excess. OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.

NEW 2006 ML350



\$349 5 AT THIS
LEASE PAYMENT
• 88¢ TAX PER MONTH
FOR 27 MONTHS FULLY EQUIPPED

\$349.88 + tax first months payment for 27 months on approved credit. \$3684 cap cost reduction + \$795 acquisition fee = \$4479 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$40,525. Tier 1 Credit. 7.5K Miles/yr. 25¢ per mile excess. OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.

NEW 2006 E350 SEDAN



\$389 5 AT THIS
LEASE PAYMENT
• 88¢ TAX PER MONTH
FOR 27 MONTHS FULLY EQUIPPED

\$389.88 + tax first months payment for 27 months on approved credit. \$3604 cap cost reduction + \$795 acquisition fee = \$4399 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$50,825. Tier 1 Credit. 7.5K Miles/yr. 25¢ per mile excess. OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.

RED TAG PRE-OWNED INVENTORY REDUCTION EVENT!

RED TAG MERCEDES-BENZ CERTIFIED

'02 CLK320 ASKING PRICE ~~\$32,981~~	\$26,984
COUPE, WHITE/ASH, CD, LOW MI, CERTIFIED 2T103918	
'05 C230 ASKING PRICE ~~\$32,981~~	\$29,981
WHITE/BLACK, CD, CERTIFIED, 5F564191	
'00 S430 ASKING PRICE ~~\$33,981~~	\$31,981
NEW CAR TRADE, VALUE PRICED, CERTIFIED, YA004614	
'02 CLK430 ASKING PRICE ~~\$39,981~~	\$31,984
CAB, SILVER/ASH, NEW CAR TRADE, CERTIFIED, 2T112965	
'02 SLK320 ASKING PRICE ~~\$37,981~~	\$35,981
NEW CAR TRADE, CD, CERTIFIED, 4F306438	
'02 G500 ASKING PRICE ~~\$50,981~~	\$42,984
LOCAL CAR, LOW MILES, CERTIFIED, 2X129441	
'01 CL600 ASKING PRICE ~~\$56,981~~	\$43,984
BLACK/BLACK, CERTIFIED, 1A013138	
'04 S430 ASKING PRICE ~~\$56,981~~	\$51,984
WHITE/JAVA, NEW CAR TRADE, LO MI, CERTIFIED, 407597	
'02 S55 ASKING PRICE ~~\$60,981~~	\$54,981
SILVER/CHARCOAL, CHROMES, CERTIFIED, 2A259668	
'03 SL500 ASKING PRICE ~~\$69,981~~	\$62,982
SPORTS PKG, CHROMES, CD, CERTIFIED, 3F022029	
'03 SL55 ASKING PRICE ~~\$89,981~~	\$88,981
ONLY 9K MILES, BLACK/BLACK, CERTIFIED, 3F036737	
'05 S600 ASKING PRICE ~~\$99,981~~	\$94,982
NEW CAR TRADE, CERTIFIED, 5A452502	
'06 CLS500 RED TAG PRICE	\$CALL!
SPT/PRM, KEYLESS, LO 3K MILES, CERTIFIED, 6M067452	

RED TAG MERCEDES-BENZ

'00 C230 ASKING PRICE ~~\$18,981~~	\$12,984
LOCAL CAR, BLACK/BLACK, CD, CHROMES, YA824915	
'99 E320 ASKING PRICE ~~\$20,981~~	\$13,984
BLACK/BLACK, CHROMES, CD, VALUE PRICED, XA923465	
'99 E430 ASKING PRICE ~~\$22,981~~	\$18,981
SILVER/ASH, CD, CHROMES, XA796053	
'95 E320 CAB ASKING PRICE ~~\$29,981~~	\$26,981
CABRIOLET, BLK/BLK, CHROMES, CD, MUST SEE! SC279701	
'04 SC430 RED TAG PRICE	\$47,981
PEARL/TAN, NAVI, NEW CAR TRADE, 40052958	

**RED TAG
PRE-OWNED
INVENTORY
REDUCTION
EVENT!**

RED TAG OTHER MAKES/MODELS

'04 MUSTANG ASKING PRICE ~~\$15,981~~	\$14,984
COUPE, RED, ONLY 7400 MILES, 4F117580	
'05 ACCORD EX RED TAG PRICE	\$22,981
NEW CAR TRADE, LEATHER + MORE, 5A057585	
'03 M45 ASKING PRICE ~~\$28,981~~	\$26,984
CHARCOAL/BLACK, VALUE PRICED, 004514	
'04 PILOT ASKING PRICE ~~\$29,981~~	\$27,982
NEW CAR TRADE, DVD, LOW MILES, 534565	
'03 GS300 ASKING PRICE ~~\$34,981~~	\$28,981
SILVER/CHARCOAL, CHROMES, 30178491	
'04 G35 CPE ASKING PRICE ~~\$31,981~~	\$29,981
NAVI, CHROMES, NEW CAR TRADE, 4M815560	
'04 AUDI A4 ASKING PRICE ~~\$39,981~~	\$37,981
CABRIOLET, PREMIUM PKG, SIRIUS RADIO, 4K017938	
'04 ESCALADE ASKING PRICE ~~\$39,981~~	\$37,981
AWD, MOONROOF, CHROMES, 4R269147	
'05 BMW 330 CiC ASKING PRICE ~~\$46,981~~	\$44,981
NEW CAR TRADE, PERFORMANCE PKG, 5PL53153	
'02 911 TARGA ASKING PRICE ~~\$56,981~~	\$52,982
RARE CAR, 6 SPEED + MORE! 25635173	
'05 LS430 ASKING PRICE ~~\$56,981~~	\$54,981
ONLY 7K MILES, BLK/BLK, NAVIGATION, 50090709	
'04 RANGE ROVER ASKING PRICE ~~\$62,981~~	\$56,981
HSE, NEW CAR TRADE, ONLY 13K MILES!, 4A161529	

MERCEDES-BENZ CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED PROGRAM INCLUDES
7 DAY/500 MILE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE • 1 YEAR/100,000 MILE WARRANTY

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



1-800-784-7160

WWW.MERCEDES-BENZPRICING.COM

All advertised prices exclude government fees and taxes, any finance charges, any dealer document preparation charges and any emission testing charge. Ad expires 05/22/06 close of business. *Exchange for another Mercedes-Benz Vehicle of equal or greater price available in your dealer's inventory as of date of exchange. Terms and conditions may vary.

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

