

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues

DAILY LOTTERY

SUPER LOTTO

3 8 17 18 22
Meganumber: 2
Jackpot: \$21 Million

FANTASY 5

7 17 23 25 27

DAILY 3

Daytime: 5 9 6
Evening: 0 8 4

DAILY DERBY

1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:45.35

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Gregory Withrow and an associate staged a two-man protest at the California state capitol in Sacramento in April against U.S. policies on Iraq and on immigration, and in favor of white supremacy, among other issues. The associate's role in the protest was to drive 6-inch nails into Withrow's hands on a cross as he stood as a martyr for six hours. Withrow had brought notes with him from a Butte County, Calif., health official (seemingly approving Withrow's plan to hurt himself) and from the Sacramento Parks Department (affirming that no permit was needed for such a protest).

■ Mr. Brij Dhir, a San Francisco law student and India-licensed attorney, recently filed a lawsuit against a northern California microbrewery for the "hate crime" of manufacturing Indica India Pale Ale with a label featuring the Hindu god Ganesh (a man with the head of an elephant) holding Indicas in one of his four hands and his trunk. In an attempt to accommodate Dhir, Lost Coast Brewery closed down the brand, but Dhir still wants at least \$25,000 for his own indignation and said that \$1 billion might be necessary to compensate Hindus for their trauma.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 145th day of 2005.
There are 220 days left in the year.

On May 25, 1787, the Constitutional Convention was convened in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A historian is a prophet in reverse."

FRIEDRICH VON SCHLEGEL
GERMAN DIPLOMAT AND WRITER (1772-1829)

INDEX

Horoscopes

Keep the buzz, Scorpio 2

Surf Report

Water temperature: 62° 3

Opinion

Bad news all around 4

State

Last rights 8

National

Props to Prop 200 9

Real Estate

Smooth transition 10

Homeless vets may get shelter at West LA site

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — In its ongoing fight against homelessness, officials here have asked the Veteran's Administration to consider making its West LA campus a health care and housing facility for down-and-out veterans.

City staff participated in a May 6 meeting hosted by the VA when officials discussed alternative uses for several VA sites around the country, including the West LA campus. City Hall's recommendation to the VA is one of several measures city staff is undertaking to continue to address the homeless problem in Santa Monica and neighboring cities.

City staff provided their update at the Westside Council of Governments homeless subcommittee meeting last Friday. City Hall announced its desire to see the VA site used to house veterans in a letter from Santa Monica Mayor Pam O'Connor sent on May 17.

Specifically, City Hall requests that buildings on the campus be used as a year-round, "service-enriched" emergency shelter. To support that recommendation, the

letter states the facilities at the VA campus are a rare resource that could be marshaled to meet the needs of homeless veterans on the westside. The letter also states City Hall is confident that such a facility would "be a good neighbor to surrounding businesses and residents."

Shriver said the idea of the regional homeless liaison will be discussed further during budget sessions held this week.

City Councilman Bobby Shriver, who said he has participated in discussions with the VA regarding possible use for the abandoned portion of the campus, said a regional effort to use the site to help veterans may prove suc-

See VA CAMPUS, page 6

Chickens of the sea



Fabian Lewkowicz/Special to the Daily Press

With temperatures reaching well into the 80s along the coast in recent days, beachgoers find a way to fight the heat south of the Santa Monica Pier.

Capital improvements scaled back

(Editor's note: This is the second article in a series detailing City Hall's 2005-06 proposed budget. Tuesday's article focused on the City Council's spending priorities.)

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Officials here plan to spend nearly \$200 million over the next three years on a variety of capital improvements throughout Santa Monica.

As part of its budgeting process, City Hall annually develops a three-year capital improvement program, with this year's encompassing fiscal years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08. Next year, city officials have budgeted

\$69.4 million for capital improvements, a significantly lower sum than last year's \$116.8 million.

The reduction in spending reflects many big ticket items that have been in the works since the 1990s and are expected to open this year, including the \$55 million Main Library, the \$13 million Virginia Avenue Park expansion and the new \$722,000 skatepark at 14th Street and Olympic Boulevard.

And with nearly \$45 million in major projects already planned

for, capital improvements for the next few years have been scaled back.

"You won't see fabulous things in the (capital improvements budget) and you probably won't for many more years," said City Manager Susan McCarthy, adding that many fabulous projects will be realized within months.

"People will have some wonderful things from the legacy of the '90s."

See BUDGET, page 7

Getting harder to stay in the city by the bay

BY LISA LEFF

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Anne Bakstad and Ed Cohen are starting to feel as if their family of four is an endangered species in San Francisco.

Since the couple bought a house five years ago, more than a dozen families in their social circle have left the city for cheaper

See SAN FRAN, page 14

Jacquie Banks

310.586.0342

Your local Realtor since 1987



GOLDWELL BANKER
PREMIERS
International

Vip
WIRELESS

3008 Wilshire Blvd. (310) 828-7461



\$99.99

Motorola Razor
w/2 year activation. While supplies last.



SMALL BUSINESS STARTUP?

Let me help you succeed

CONSULTING • BOOKKEEPING • PLANNING TAXES

SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA

(310) 395-9922

100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800
Santa Monica 90401

CASH ADVANCE - TODAY!

FREE

Starbucks giftcard

w/advance, mention this ad

SANTA MONICA CHECK CASHING

1705 Pico Blvd., Corner of 17th & Pico • Santa Monica, CA 90405

(310) 450-5002

PCB92

WOULD YOU TAKE YOUR LUXURY CAR TO ANY GARAGE?

VOTED ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP 25 DRY CLEANERS

BY COUTURE CARE

AMERICA'S BEST CLEANERS

Brentwood ROYAL Cleaners Inc.

(310) 451-3663

256 26th Street, Suite 100

Santa Monica

PATIO 4 LESS

Amazing Selections Incredible Prices

Summer is coming soon.

Is your patio ready??

25% OFF

Grand Opening

SALE

711 Pico Blvd., SM (310) 450-6080

Corner of Lincoln and Pico, behind Shell Gas Station

W O R L D C A F E

PIZZA • STEAKS • FISH • SALADS • PASTA

OPEN AT 9 AM FOR FATHERS DAY!

HAPPY HOUR 4-7PM 7 DAYS A WEEK

• Complimentary wood fired mini pizzas

• Food & Drink Specials

Doors open @ 5:30pm on Monday

Join us this weekend and every weekend for our weekend brunch

Comedy Night:

Wednesdays 9:00-11:00 pm

2820 Main St. Santa Monica 310-392-1661

2444 Wilshire Blvd.

Santa Monica, Calif. 90403

Tel: 310-586-0371

Tel: 310-586-0369

e-mail: heidischuler@compuserve.com

www.santamonicahouses.com

SUZANNE SANDERS & SCHULER

REALTOR

COLDWELL BANKER

Hang close to home, Libra

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)

★★★ Move quickly in the morning. You send a strong message that can be heard loud and clear. By the afternoon, responsibilities call. Expect to make quite a few important decisions. Check in on a parent or older relative. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might be exhausted. As a result, you come off tougher or more difficult than you really are. Let someone else take the lead until you recycle. Make an important call. Seek different answers. Tonight: Your mind needs entertaining.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Let others run the show, with the exception of finances. Your instincts are right-on. A partner or associate comes up with a novel idea. Help him or her work it out. Your ingenuity is needed as well. Tonight: Share a secret with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Get as much done as possible this morning. A meeting or associate helps you move a project along. Network and socialize in the afternoon. Others want you to join in, whether it is for fun or a serious talk. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Although your ideas are welcomed in the morning, by the afternoon others want action rather than talk. You can do this, too. Dig right in and clear out as much as you can. A home project could distract you. Tonight: Go as late as you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ If you can stay at home this morning, do so. You don't always have to be an active and energized person. This afternoon, ideas come forth from out of nowhere. Just brainstorm. Keep risk-taking to a minimum. Tonight: Have fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Either you have a lot of calls or many people to see, or you could be overwhelmed by errands. Push as hard as you can. With any luck, you will be able to slow down this afternoon. Use your noodle more than your body. Tonight: Hang close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Buy a card on the way to work or wherever your destiny takes you. You also might buy something special just for yourself. Don't you deserve it? Catch up on calls and news in the afternoon. Tonight: Busy as a bee.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You can change your tune quicker than anyone. The interesting quality about you is that you back up your ideas with logic, and a mental transformation follows. Revise your view of finances, too. Tonight: Treat yourself to something new.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You move from first gear into fifth gear very quickly today. Don't be judgmental of your performance; know that you have what it takes. Others respond rapidly to your suggestions and vitality. Do what is needed. Tonight: Let others follow your lead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Experiment with new ideas, but touch base with others. Don't assume that you have the universal solutions, because you don't. In fact, you might discover that a lot will change with airing out situations and solutions. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Timing is everything. Use the morning to push or further a key project or role. Others respond to your strength and direction. You know what you want, and you know where you are heading. Afternoon meetings toss you into the limelight. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

CIRCULATION VERIFICATION COUNCIL

AUDIT PENDING

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

Ryan Hyatt ryanh@smdp.com

SANTA MONICA PARENTING

Nina Furukawa nina@smdp.com

ADVERTISING SALES MANAGER

Robbie P. Piubeni rob@smdp.com

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

Rob Schwenker schwenker@smdp.com

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

Stewart O'Dell stewarto@smdp.com

TRAFFIC MANAGER

Connie Sommerville ...connies@smdp.com

PRODUCTION MANAGER

Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II alex@smdp.com

PRODUCTION DESIGNER

Frantz Lovell dandemite@hotmail.com

CLASSIFIEDS SALES MANAGER

Annie Kotok anniek@smdp.com

NIGHT EDITOR

Lori Luechtefeld lori@smdp.com

NIGHT EDITOR

Michael Tittinger ...somechum@smdp.com

CIRCULATION

Keith Wyatt

CIRCULATION

Glenn Bolan

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Dave Danforth dave@smdp.com

MASCOT

Maya Furukawa maya@smdp.com

LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Local students head to Capitol Hill

By Daily Press staff

Four Santa Monica College students have been selected for the prestigious Dale Ride Internship program and will serve in the U.S. Congress this summer.

The interns — who come from a wide variety of backgrounds and interests — will gain valuable experience through the eight-week summer internship program, believed to be unique for a community college. Interns receive stipends to cover transportation, housing and other expenses.

The program — which in 13 years has sent 51 students, excluding this year's group, to the White House, Congress and other agencies — is sponsored by the Dale Ride Family Fund, former SMC President Dr. Piedad F. Robertson, SMC Foundation President's Circle, Stratton-Petit Foundation and the SMC Associates, a private community support organization that funds speakers and special programs on campus.

The interns and their assignments are:

■ Anthony Allman of Los Angeles, who will be in the office of U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.). A political science major, Allman is a U.S. Army veteran who served in Kuwait in support of the war in Iraq and is the director of college outreach for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Maintaining a near-perfect 4.0 grade point average, he is a member of Phi Theta kappa Honor Society and the SMC Scholars Program, and he received the William & Clyde Stieb Memorial leadership Scholarship, and the SMC Foundation Scholarship in Social and Behavioral Sciences.

■ Hailey Gilmore of Los Angeles, who will serve in the House Committee on Government Reform and the American Council for Voluntary International Action. Majoring in political economy of industrial societies, Gilmore plans to transfer to the University of California at Berkeley. She attended New York University's Tisch School of the Arts before coming to SMC. Her activities at SMC have included membership in the Progressive Alliance and serving as inaugural commissioner of the arts and co-editor-in-chief of Persistence of Vision, the student poetry magazine.

■ Mariana Horta-Cappelli of Los Angeles, who will serve with U.S. Rep. Grace Napolitano, a California Democrat and chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. A native of Brazil, Horta-Cappelli attended her last year of high school in Wisconsin and returned to the classroom after several years as a joint partner in a small business. She plans to transfer to UC Berkeley this fall and go to law school at Berkeley's Boalt Hall, or get a master's degree in international relations from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

■ Ethan Lacey of Los Angeles, who will serve with the House Committee on International Relations. A double major in political science and computer animation, he is interested in foreign trade and commerce as it relates to computer technology. He has been supporting himself through web and software development since he was 17. He plans to transfer to UCLA, work in the private sector and ultimately enter the political arena.

The internship program was established in 1991 in the memory of a man who had a long and distinguished career as an educator, administrator and public servant. Ride taught political science and served in administrative posts at SMC for 33 years until his death in September 1989 at the age of 67.

Heal the Bay hopes to get green

By Daily Press staff

There will be some environmental healing going on next week as the leading nonprofit committed to cleaning up the bay holds its annual dinner.

See BRIEFS, page 6

CORRECTION — In the May 23 edition, the growth of the city budget from last year's actual to this year's proposed, was inaccurate. The city's revenue grew \$12 million, after transfers and reimbursements.

We accept all competitors' coupons!

They think they are #1.
We think you are!

**EXPRESS
TAXI**

**\$5⁰⁰ OFF
to LAX**



To get free rides for seniors, go to www.passengerswanted.net

For Fast Pickup Call:
(310) 828-3333

info@passengerswanted.net



SURF REPORT

The tide is somewhat of an issue for dawn patrol and early AM sessions as we are in the midst of a tidal swing caused from Monday's full moon.

Wednesday is looking smaller as the NW fades dramatically. NW is looking very weak: knee to waist. A steady but small flow of southern hemi SW should keep south facing breaks in waist high surf.

**Today the
water is:**

62°

Write us at alex@smdp.com
and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

	LOW TIDES				HIGH TIDES			
	Morning	Height	Evening	Height	Morning	Height	Evening	Height
SATURDAY	2:40	0.0	1:54	1.4	8:44	3.8	8:17	5.9
SUNDAY	3:18	-0.6	2:26	1.7	9:33	3.8	8:47	6.3
MONDAY	4:00	-1.0	3:00	1.9	10:23	3.7	9:22	6.5
TUESDAY	4:44	-1.3	3:37	2.1	11:16	3.6	10:02	6.6
WEDNESDAY	5:33	-1.4	4:18	2.3	12:14	3.5	10:46	6.5
THURSDAY	6:25	-1.3	5:08	2.6	1:17	3.4	11:36	6.2
FRIDAY	6:57	-1.0	5:29	2.4	1:42	3.1	12:02	6.0

The Surf Report is sponsored by:

SURF CENTER santa monica

Core Surf/Lifestyle Shop

1451 THIRD STREET PROMENADE
IN SANTA MONICA • 310.656.CURL

The Q Line

Santa Monica College is looking for a new president to replace Dr. Piedad Robertson. A search committee has been formed to find the best candidate. Meanwhile, Tom Donner is serving as interim president until the end of this year.

SMC in the past has had a tumultuous relationship with City Hall, with many elected leaders and community members accusing the college of disregarding the fact that the institution is growing at a rapid rate, therefore

negatively affecting residents' quality of life here.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "What qualities should the next president of SMC possess and what issues will he or she need to address?"

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



Since 1967
Quality & Value Always!

Open 6am - 2:30pm Mon. - Fri.
6am - 4pm Sat. - Sun.

310-399-7892
2732 Main St.
Santa Monica

Summer's
first hurrah!
Enjoy!



OPINION

FUNNY PAPERZ
*SEKES

"COLD CASES"

50 years of cremated remains found abandoned at Glasser-Miller Mortuary.
- News Item

E-MAIL: FUNNYPAPERZ@YAHOO.COM © 2005 WWW.FUNNYPAPERZ.COM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Give the money to the hungry, not the drunks

Editor:

You have to be kidding. Over the weekend I read that the City Council wants to secure \$1 million in federal funds to work with 30 alcoholics (SMDP, May 14-15, page 1). May I tactfully suggest that \$1 million, if obtained, would be better allocated towards the hungry, the schools and many other worthwhile causes.

Connolly Olyer
Santa Monica

Community must lend a helping hand

Editor:

In response to the recent article in the LA Times (May 17) regarding Councilman Bobby Shriver's proposal to address the critical issues of homelessness in Santa Monica and beyond, I urge the community to support this effort.

I understand the sensitivities on all sides of the issue. It is my hope that recruiting a respected individual to take on the multi-faceted issues of those who are homeless and the impacted communities will re-invigorate the focus needed to address these issues with compassion and resolve.

Santa Monica Catholic Parish Community is the spiritual home to 7,500 households and we encounter the plight of people who are in desperate circumstances, including those who are homeless, on a daily basis. We do our best to meet their immediate needs, but many require ongoing services of agencies and organizations with counseling, housing, and rehabilitation programs. If the efforts in this area are more focused on a regional level, there may be more options for those needing services. I appreciate the efforts and response taken by our city on this issue. Sometimes we need more than committees and commissions — in this case we may need someone to act as a catalyst to spark a creative and compassionate response. Mr. Shriver may not have all the answers, but his proposal does have merit, and I hope the community gives it their support.

Messenger Lloyd Torgerson
Santa Monica

SMRR has limited concerns

Editor:

On Friday, May 20, "letter to the editor" writer Ben Boothe (SMDP, May 20, page 4) offered some advice to our city fathers concerning the homeless population. In the end he states, "You know if they (the large homeless population) don't leave, people and companies like mine will leave."

Dear Ben: I'm sorry to tell you, but the SMRR leadership of our city could care less. You are a business owner and property owner. Your voice doesn't really matter. In fact, you are the enemy, plain and simple. You threaten their political power base, which in our city is built on renters, who for decades have been fooled into maintaining the status quo of SMRR's liberal agenda. Issues such as the "living wage," low-income housing, the unionization of our beach hotels, renter's rights, and homeless services are their main concerns. A healthy environment for businesses and fair property/development rights are prime concerns of most cities, but not Santa Monica. That's the way it is.

Ken Karmiole
Santa Monica

When pressed for info about U.S., ask England



INCITES

BY ED SILVERSTEIN

So begins what has been dubbed the "Secret Downing Street Memo." The memo, which was leaked to the London Sunday Times, was written by British national security aide Matthew Rycroft and based on notes from a July 2002 meeting during which British Prime Minister Tony Blair discussed the Bush Administration policy in Iraq with his advisors.

"This record is extremely sensitive. No further copies should be made. It should be shown only to those with a genuine need to know its contents."

The memo, what many have called "The Smoking Gun," was written when Saddam Hussein was making what we all considered the outrageous claim that he had no weapons of mass destruction and that President Bush was intent on going to war, regardless. It was written before the U.N. arms inspectors returned to Iraq in a vain search for WMDs. It was written when liberals, warning that Bush & Co.: a) were manipulating intelligence, b) were really only interested in Iraqi oil and war profiteering and c) had no end game, a fact which would likely lead to chaos, were labeled as hysterical, unpatriotic, and even traitorous.

"C reported on his recent talks in Washington. There was a perceptible shift in attitude. Military action was now seen as inevitable. BUSH WANTED TO REMOVE SADDAM, THROUGH MILITARY ACTION, JUSTIFIED BY THE CONJUNCTION OF TERRORISM AND WMD. BUT THE INTELLIGENCE AND FACTS WERE BEING FIXED AROUND THE POLICY (emphasis added). The NSC had no patience with the UN route, and no enthusiasm for publishing material on the Iraqi regime's record. THERE WAS LITTLE DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON OF THE AFTERMATH AFTER MILITARY ACTION." (emphasis added)

These same "crazy liberals" claimed that Bush was forcing the timing of the war in order to gain a political advantage for Republicans.

"The Defense Secretary said that the U.S. had already begun 'spikes of activity' to put pressure on the regime. No decisions had been taken, but he thought THE MOST LIKELY TIMING IN U.S. MINDS FOR MILITARY ACTION TO BEGIN WAS JANUARY, WITH THE TIMELINE BEGINNING 30 DAYS BEFORE THE US CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS." (emphasis added).

Further, liberals claimed that Iraq didn't represent as great a threat as North Korea or Iran and, in any event, the war was illegal.

"It seemed clear that Bush had made up his mind to take military action ... BUT THE CASE WAS THIN. SADDAM WAS NOT THREATENING HIS NEIGHBOURS, AND HIS WMD CAPABILITY WAS LESS THAN THAT OF LIBYA, NORTH KOREA OR IRAN (emphasis added). We should work

up a plan for an ultimatum to Saddam to allow back in the UN weapons inspectors. This would also help with the legal justification for the use of force."

"The Attorney-General said that the DESIRE FOR REGIME CHANGE WAS NOT A LEGAL BASE FOR MILITARY ACTION" (emphasis added).

The Downing Street Memo proves that Bush and his cadre of neo-cons manipulated the U.S. into an illegal and unnecessary war. In their haste to take out Saddam and reap the war spoils they ignored cautions from the State Department and other officials that they were moving forward without a viable plan for the peace.

Today we are mired in Iraq, hemorrhaging money as our troops and civilian contractors are being killed and seriously wounded, with little to show for it. Conditions continue to deteriorate, infrastructure is in worse shape than before the war, the newly elected government has become paralyzed by internal squabbles, and the insurgency — which some are now calling a civil war — seems to escalate on a daily basis.

And let's not forget how Republicans castigated liberals when they suggested that Bush's \$80 billion price tag for the war was a bigger fantasy than his claim that you could cut taxes without increasing the deficit. Already the war's price tag has hit \$280 billion with no end in sight.

And when liberals decried billions of no-bid contracts to Bush/Cheney corporate donors such as Halliburton, they were called fear mongers. Now every day brings a new report of some instance of corporate rape, corruption and incompetence. Billions of our tax dollars have been siphoned off in over billing schemes by the likes of Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg Brown & Root. Billions more have simply gone A.W.O.L., vanishing into thin air.

Taking all of this into consideration, one would think that the Downing Street Memo would have led a dozen network news cycles or been splattered on the front pages of the ubiquitous media outlets deemed liberal by the conservative propaganda machine. Hardly. With the exception of the New York Times, the Downing Street Memo barely received passing mention, if at all. The same fate befell Greg Palast's investigative report that provided compelling evidence that Jeb Bush did, in fact, fix the 2000 Florida elections by illegally purging 90,000 blacks from the voter rolls. But, like the Downing Street Memo, it was up to a London paper to break Palast's story, which was virtually ignored by the American mainstream.

Maybe the American press is cowed by the disingenuous Republican invective claiming the media is liberal. More likely, they are pandering to the conservative corporate interests that have purchased nearly all of our media outlets. Or maybe they just don't believe that Americans care. One thing is certain: If you want to know what this government is up to, you better look to the British.

Or you could just start listening to the liberals.

(Ed Silverstein can be reached at incites@incites.net.)

COMMENTARY



GUEST COMMENTARY BY DAVID HOLCBERG & ALEX EPSTEIN

Pro-lifers' opposition to stem cell research is just plain evil

It is widely known that embryonic stem cell research has the potential to revolutionize medicine and save millions of lives. Yet many Congressmen are frantically working to defeat a measure that would expand federal financing of this research. Why are they — and so many others — opposing embryonic stem cell research — and doing so under the banner of being “pro-life?”

The opponents of embryonic stem cell research claim that their position is rooted in “respect for human life.” They say that the embryos destroyed in the process of extracting stem cells are human beings with a right to life.

But embryos used in embryonic stem cell research are manifestly not human beings — not in any rational sense of the term. These embryos are smaller than a grain of sand, and consist of at most a few hundred undifferentiated cells. They have no body or body parts. They do not see, hear, feel, or think. While they have the potential to become human beings — if implanted in a woman's uterus and brought to term — they are nowhere near actual human beings.

What, then, is the “pro-lifers” reason for regarding these collections of cells as sacred and attributing rights to them? Religious dogma.

The “pro-lifers” accept on faith the belief that rights are a divine creation: a gift from an unknowable supernatural being bestowed on embryos at conception, which many extend to embryos “conceived” in a beaker. The most prominent example of this view is the official doctrine of the Catholic Church, which declares to its followers that an embryo “is to be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception; and therefore from that same moment his rights as a person must be recognized.”

But rights are not some supernatural construct, mystically granted by the will of “God.” They are this-worldly principles of proper political interaction rooted in man's rational nature. Rights recognize the fact that men can only live successfully and happily among one another if they are free from the initiation of force against them. Rights exist to protect and further human life. Rights enable individual men to think, act, produce and trade, live and love in freedom. The principle of rights is utterly inapplicable to tiny, pre-human clusters of cells that are incapable of such actions.

In fact, to attribute rights to embryos is to call for the violation of actual rights. Since the purpose of rights is to

enable individuals to secure their well-being, a crucial right, inherent in the right to liberty and property, is the right to do scientific research in pursuit of new medical treatments. To deprive scientists of the freedom to use clusters of cells to do such research is to violate their rights — as well as the rights of all who would contribute to, invest in, or benefit from this research.

And to the extent that rights are violated in this way, we can expect deadly results. The political pressure against embryonic stem cell research is already discouraging many scientists and businessmen from investing their time and resources in its pursuit. If this research can lead, as scientists believe, to the ability to create new tissues and organs to replace damaged ones, any obstacles placed in its path will unnecessarily delay the discovery of new cures and treatments for diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, osteoporosis and diabetes. Every day that this potentially life-saving research is delayed is another day that will go by before new treatments become available to ease the suffering and save the lives of countless individuals. And if the “pro-lifers” ever achieve the ban they seek on embryonic stem cell research, millions upon millions of human beings, living or yet to be born, might be deprived of healthier, happier, and longer lives.

The enemies of embryonic stem cell research know this, but are unmoved. They are brazenly willing to force countless human beings to suffer and die for lack of treatments, so that clusters of cells remain untouched.

To call such a stance “pro-life” is beyond absurd. Their allegiance is not to human life or to human rights, but to their anti-life dogma.

If these enemies of human life wish to deprive themselves of the benefits of stem cell research, they should be free to do so and die faithful to the last. But any attempt to impose their religious dogma on the rest of the population is both evil and unconstitutional. In the name of the actual sanctity of human life and the inviolability of rights, embryonic stem cell research must be allowed to proceed unimpeded. Our lives may depend on it.

(David Holcberg is a media research specialist and Alex Epstein is a junior fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute in Irvine. The Ayn Rand Institute promotes the ideas of Ayn Rand — best-selling author of “Atlas Shrugged” and “The Fountainhead,” and originator of the philosophy of Objectivism.)

Make M.D.R.E.V. Come To You!

Create Multiple Streams of Profit
New B.U.S.I.N.E.S.S.™ Planning
Live on 100% of your MONEY
4 Profit Corporate Strategies
Corporate Credit to \$300,000+
Richman Strategy

TALK MONEY
Round Table Breakfast Event
Saturday Mornings
Call for Location nearest you
RSVP
\$20/Single \$35 per couple

Q's Inc.
The Business M.D.R.E.V. Gurus™
Call 800-774-6205

Think BIG Profits™

* Business
* Corporations
* IP Rights
* Corporate Credit
Tax Free Strategies
Cash Flow Profits

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

CREATE A BETTER YOU

What do you have to lose?

Weight? Bad Habit? Anxiety? Fear? Phobia? Low Confidence?
Chronic Pain? Stress? Insomnia? Procrastination? _____?



John McGrail, Certified Hypnotherapist

Helping you create a better you. (310) 235-2883

• Mention this ad and receive a \$50 discount on your first session. www.hypnotherapylosangeles.com

Hypnotherapists are not licensed by the state of California as healing arts practitioners; for your benefit and protection, work on some issues may require a written referral from a licensed physician or mental health professional.

Recycle for CASH

Prices good with this coupon only

CRV Aluminum Cans (Over 100LBs)	\$1.45/LB. \$1.50/LB.
CRV Glass Containers (Over 200LBs)	\$.09/LB. \$.095/LB.
CRV PET Containers (Over 50LBs)	\$.75/LB. \$.80/LB.

Hours: Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM
Saturday: 8AM-2PM
Prices include CA Redemption Value
Scrap price subject to change

***Prices good with coupon only**

Santa Monica Recycling Center 2411 Delaware Ave./Cloverfield & Michigan
Directions: Turn East on Michigan off of Cloverfield, First Street is 24th. Right on 24th St. to Delaware
Santa Monica 310/453-9677

**Southern California
Transfer Company**

**PUBLIC DUMP
IN SANTA MONICA**

310-828-6444
1908 Frank St. Santa Monica



Tell Santa Monica what you think!

...write a letter to the editor

Email to: editor@smdp.com
or fax 310.576.9913



Santa Monica Daily Press

GERMAN CAR SERVICE

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

- Best alternative to high dealer prices
- Complete service and repair
- All work guaranteed
- Locally owned and operated since 1965



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



City needs to make proposal to VA by July

VA CAMPUS, from page 1

cessful.

“It will turn into a good thing, as long as we keep the focus on homeless veterans,” he said.

However, city staff will need to provide a more thorough proposal to the VA by July in order to be seriously considered, Shriver added. In order to do that, he said it’s essential the city of Santa Monica hire a proposed regional homeless coordinator to expedite the process with the VA and other social service programs.

Shriver said the idea of the regional homeless liaison will be discussed further during budget sessions held this week.

Staff has been given direction to investigate the job description of the proposed position. At the same time, funding the position, which is estimated to cost about \$200,000, still needs to be budgeted for next year.

“Hopefully, the other councilmembers will be on board,” Shriver said. “I want there to be hard-core focus on the homeless problem next year.”

In City Hall’s letter to the VA, local officials suggest that their knowledge of the issue would help it be a good partner in the possible development and planning of the veterans shelter. City officials said they would help the VA turn the campus into a facility to meet the emergency

housing needs of veterans. The shelter also could assist the veterans with social service, health and mental health needs.

City Hall also wants to create a regional shelter that would serve the westside’s homeless population, not just veterans.

A site for such a facility was proposed on the 10000 block of Venice Boulevard, across the street from the VA. The city of Santa Monica provided a \$10,000 deposit for the site, but the acquisition fell through.

SOBERING CENTER BLUES

The fact the sobering center fell through is a point which Shriver said is all the more reason a regional leader is needed to facilitate program plans.

“The sobering center fell through because of a planning and zoning issue,” Shriver said. “It’s unfortunate that after five months of looking into the center it shouldn’t work (because of the oversight). Again, this is another reason why we need the regional homeless liaison, to make sure these things move forward.”

Shriver said the sobering center would have been more than a drunk tank. It would have provided individuals who have committed misdemeanors an opportunity to choose a treatment program over jail time.

“The sobering center has to be part of a coordinated approach to fight alcoholism,” Shriver said. “It needs to be part of the

successful 12-step programs and be treated aggressively if it’s to get off the ground.”

City Hall’s letter says surrounding cities are continuing to look for the development of such a site and that the city of Santa Monica is “ready to advocate for necessary funding that and/or legislative designation that could make a year-round shelter at the VA West Los Angeles campus a reality.”

Shriver said without a stronger regional effort, however, the sobering center concept could easily fall by the wayside.

CITY HALL WORKING TO IMPROVE HOMELESS COURT

City Hall’s human services division, which helps coordinate homeless programs in Santa Monica, is currently working with the Santa Monica Police and service providers to use the criminal justice system more effectively so transients guilty of misdemeanors may choose to take part in a service program over jail time.

However, the impact of alternative sentencing — when the judge gives the choice of services or jail time — is limited since Los Angeles County Jail typically doesn’t hold persons sentenced for non-violent misdemeanors for more than 72 hours.

According to city staff, that means transients have little incentive to take part

in programs because they will be back on the streets shortly after they’re arrested.

The city of Santa Monica is investigating the feasibility of paying for beds at the county jail, so that for offenders facing longer jail time, services become a more attractive option than incarceration.

CHRONIC HOMELESS PILOT PROJECT RESULTS

For the past 10 months, city staff has developed a pilot project intended to target those most difficult to reach, who are the most service resistant and have been on Santa Monica’s streets for the longest.

The goal of the pilot program is to reach chronically homeless people with a well-coordinated interdisciplinary and sustained effort.

To date, 19 people have been enrolled in the program, 11 of whom are off the streets and all of whom have a service plan, according to city staff.

City officials intend to expand the program. City Hall has budgeted \$459,000 to continue the program next year. In addition, City Hall will spend \$200,000 to evaluate its “continuum of care,” the social services it has available for the homeless.

Two homeless liaison police officers and two park rangers will be hired to help enforce the laws, costing approximately \$461,000.



Britannia Pub

A Great Place To Anchor

Great Food...Great Cocktails... Great Crew... GREAT FUN!!



MONDAY NIGHTS @ 8:PM
"PUB QUIZ"
PRIZES TEAM TRIVIA

KARAOKE!
TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY
NO COVER-10PM

SUNDAYS IS KARAOKE FREE ZONE
HAPPY HOUR 9-CLOSING

FULL MENU featuring Britannia's very popular fish & chips and all other british favorites breakfast served all day. If you are counting calories, we have great salads too.

Full Bar. Heated Patio. Lunch Delivery Available.
Opening Hours 11^{AM} Monday-Friday, 9:30^{AM} Saturday-Sunday

318 Santa Monica Blvd. • Santa Monica
310-458-5350 • www.britanniapub.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

To support and celebrate its ongoing work with water quality challenges, Heal the Bay, a nonprofit organization dedicated to cleaning up Santa Monica Bay, will be joined by celebrities, business leaders and the environmental community on Thursday, June 2 at its annual “Bring Back the Beach” fundraiser and dinner.

This year’s dinner will be held at the beach in Santa Monica — 2030 Barnard Way, a block and a half south of Pico Blvd. Beginning at 5 p.m., the event will feature live and silent auctions, performances by Hootie & The Blowfish and The Bangles. A dinner menu prepared by Joachim Splichal, chef and founder of the Patina Group, is planned. Producer and director Garry Marshall (Pretty Woman, Laverne & Shirley) will serve as guest emcee and other Hollywood notables scheduled to appear include:

- David Arquette - *Scream*
- Pierce Brosnan - *Die Another Day*, *The Thomas Crown Affair*
- Keely Brosnan - Broadcast news correspondent, *General Hospital*
- Julia Louis-Dreyfus - *Seinfeld*
- Laird Hamilton - Professional surfer
- Andrew Keegan - *10 Things I Hate About You*, *Party of Five*
- Michael Madsen - *Kill Bill Volume 2*, *Sin City*
- Wendie Malick - *Just Shoot Me*, *Jake in Progress*
- Gabrielle Reece - Former professional volleyball player
- Martin Short -*Saturday Night Live*, *Jimminy Glick in LaLaWood*
- Amy Smart - *Butterfly Effect*, *Road Trip*
- Hal Sparks - *Queer As Folk*, *Talk Soup*

“As a non-profit organization, we deeply appreciate the support we receive from sponsors, auction donors, our membership, volunteers and the general public who make this event such a success each year,” said Heal the Bay Executive Director Dr. Mark Gold. “For two decades, their generous contributions have helped Heal the Bay clean up coastal waters. Fundraising events like ‘Bring Back the Beach’ are vital for Heal the Bay to tackle current and future challenges.”

The evening’s live auction will feature a 2006 Mercury Mariner Hybrid SUV, the second in a series of hybrid-powered vehicles from Ford Motor Company.

Another sponsor, Patron Spirits, will provide a tequila bar for attendees.

For 20 years, Heal the Bay has made Southern California waters safer and healthier for people and marine life through a unique approach that combines science, advocacy, education and fun, its staffers say. As one of the largest non-profit environmental organizations in Los Angeles County, with more than 10,000 members, Heal the Bay reaches Los Angeles area neighborhoods through volunteer programs, the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium and events such as Coastal Cleanup Day. The organization, funded by government grants, corporate sponsorships and member donations, inspires environmental stewardship by educating communities and individuals about ways to transform their neighborhoods and improve their local water quality.

LOCAL



Numerous projects already in the works

BUDGET, from page 1

Already in the works, and not a part of next year's capital improvement budget, are an \$8 million Airport Park; a \$1.2 million Euclid Park, located at 1525 Euclid Street; \$2.2 million for pedestrian and street improvements on Second and Fourth streets downtown; and \$33 million for a new parking structure behind the Civic Center.

Many of City Hall's other capital improvement projects are much less visible, and are designed to maintain and lengthen the life of city facilities, according to officials. For the next three years, more than 68 percent of all capital improvement funding is expected to be allocated to maintaining or improving existing facilities, equipment and infrastructure.

The City Council is meeting throughout the week to pour over the budget, which is scheduled to be approved in June.

For the 2005-06 budget, the following capital improvements have been budgeted for:

■ Streets and parking: \$3.2 million is proposed for annual street repair from a variety of funding sources. Another \$3 million is provided for street and park light retrofits, along with \$365,000 allocated for beach parking lot repaving, city crosswalk maintenance and airport projects. Another \$250,000 is budgeted for lighting improvements to the Pico neighborhood.

■ Facility upgrades: \$6.9 million has been budgeted for improvements to existing city facilities, including \$1.4 million to replace the bathrooms at the pier; \$1.3 million for various recreational and park facilities; \$703,200 to replace an underground tank at the city yards; \$686,000 to upgrade the Civic Auditorium; \$854,600 for improvements to fire stations No. 3 and No. 5; and \$1.9 million for remodel and upkeep projects at various city-owned facilities.

■ Computer equipment: A little more than \$1 million has been appropriated to replace computers and city-based infrastructure. Another \$799,620 is budgeted

for future computer replacements.

■ Telecommunications equipment: \$716,644 is budgeted to replace telephone equipment, including its infrastructure.

■ Vehicle replacement: \$6.4 million will be used to replace city-owned vehicles, with \$2.9 million being used immediately — including new vehicles for programs coming on line such as Virginia Avenue Park. Another \$3.4 million will be put into a fund for future use and another \$2.1 million will be set aside in the general fund to replace fire trucks in the future.

■ Equipment replacement: \$3.4 million is budgeted in a variety of departments, including fire, Big Blue Bus and solid waste for special equipment unique to their types of business.

■ Utility projects: The water, wastewater and stormwater funds will spend \$6.7 million on projects designed to replace infrastructure and make payments on the city of Los Angeles' Hyperion Water Treatment Plant.

■ Economic development: \$14.1 million is budgeted for improvements to the Bayside District, including replacing the restrooms in downtown parking garages, as well as other improvements to the structures.

■ Housing: \$15.4 million will be used for housing projects through a variety of funding sources, including grants and other special funds.

■ Recreation: Final funding for the Exposition Bike and Pedestrian Path (\$305,000) is set, as well as \$125,000 for Virginia Avenue Park and \$602,800 for open space improvements to Reed Park.

■ Cultural arts: \$262,810 is allocated to fund art in public places.

■ Technology: A citywide Broadband Wireless Network will cost \$650,000 and a new system at the Woodlawn Cemetery is estimated to cost \$262,000.

■ Miscellaneous projects: \$350,000 has been allocated for interim uses at the newly-purchased Fisher Lumber site, including staff use. Grant funds totaling \$800,000 are appropriated for improvements to 20th Street and Cloverfield, \$386,966 for neighborhood traffic and crosswalk areas and \$2.1 million for bus stops.



Available for Private Parties
Lunch Time Delivery Available
1333 Santa Monica Blvd.
[Corner of 14th and Santa Monica Blvd.]
(310) 899-0076

YOUR SM HEADQUARTERS FOR THE NBA PLAYOFFS...

2.50 BUD & BUD LIGHT DRAFTS
DURING ALL NBA PLAYOFF GAMES

SUB SANDWICH

Buy one at regular price & get the 2nd of equal or lesser value

FREE

Limit 1 special per customer. Expires 06/31/05

Since 1993
Available for private parties

14 BELOW

Corner of 14th and Santa Monica Blvd.
(310) 451-5040 www.14below.com

Upcoming Headliners

Happy Hour

MON-FRI, 5-7PM
HALF PRICE DRINKS AND APPETIZERS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2005
Vince Esquire

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2005
Buzzplay.com Presents:
Where's Moo

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2005
Your Horrible Smile

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2005
Stevie Natali

EVERY SUNDAY
Cubensis

(A Grateful Dead Tribute)

For Band Booking Info Call (310) 360-9635

INTERESTED IN YOUR DAILY FORECAST?

CHECK OUT THE HOROSCOPES ON PAGE 2!

BOB GABRIEL INSURANCE

Providing Professional & Personalized Service Since 1936



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

Representing "A" rated companies
including MERCURY INSURANCE

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

Phone Quotes Available

310.829.0305

2325 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica

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

A play SO POWERFUL... SO OVERWHELMING...
that it changed the American Theatre...
forever

edward albee's

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Santa Monica Civic Light Opera PRESENTS Santa Monica High School Theatre

May 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28

Mature Audiences Only

tickets
310-458-5939
WWW.SMCLO.ORG

HUMANITIES CENTER THEATER





STATE

Court battle looming over soldier's remains

BY RACHEL KONRAD

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A bitter dispute between divorced parents over the final resting place for a son killed in Iraq will go to court this fall, and the outcome could set precedent for other families embroiled in post-mortem custody battles.

On Monday, Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Robert Yonts set an Oct. 3 trial date for Renee Amick, the mother of Army Staff Sgt. Jason Hendrix, who was buried last month in a plot next to his grandfather in Oklahoma. Amick, who lives in Watsonville, says her son wanted to be laid to rest in Central California, and she may have his body exhumed if she wins a civil suit to regain custody.

During the brief court hearing in Santa Cruz, Yonts maligned the military's existing next-of-kin protocol — which doesn't require soldiers to designate anyone to handle funeral arrangements if they're killed in action — as "archaic." Others have said the rule is sexist because in many cases it grants custody of remains to the elder parent, usually the father.

"The law is arbitrary in that it chooses one parent over the other but for all practical purposes it guarantees that it's the male in most cases," said David Cherry, communications director for Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., who's sponsoring legislation that would require soldiers to designate someone to handle funeral arrange-

ments. Earlier this year, divorced parents clashed over whether to bury Lance Cpl. Nicholas H. Anderson, 19, who was killed in Iraq, in Nevada or California.

"The congresswoman was astounded when she found out this rule was on the books because it just does not reflect modern society," Cherry said.

Jason Hendrix grew up in Watsonville with his mother but finished his last two years of high school living with his father in Oklahoma. After a roadside bomb killed Hendrix on Feb. 16 near the Iraqi city of Ramadi, the Army sent his body to Watsonville, where he was born and his mother and stepfather still live.

The day after remains arrived, Hendrix's father, an airline mechanic who divorced Amick 14 years ago, appealed to an Oklahoma probate court and asked to have his son's body shipped to Claremore, Okla. Russell Hendrix wanted his son buried in a civilian cemetery next to his paternal grandfather, a former Marine.

Sheila A. Condren, a special district judge in Rogers County, Okla., ruled that the body should be sent to Oklahoma, based on custody papers and on a little-known policy that grants the remains of military personnel to the eldest surviving parent. The Defense Department shipped the body to Oklahoma.

According to department rules, spouses of slain service members have first claim to the remains. If the victim is not married, the body goes to children older than

According to department rules, spouses of slain service members have first claim to the remains.

18 in order of age. Hendrix was unmarried and childless.

In that case, remains go to parents in order of seniority, unless one parent was granted sole legal custody. Amick, 45, had custody after the separation in 1989. Russell Hendrix, 48, won custody in the final divorce decree of 1991.

But last week Condren vacated parts of her decision, ruling that the court lacked the jurisdiction to grant the remains to Hendrix. Parents must pursue a request in a civil case rather than probate court, Condren concluded.

It's unclear why the Army sent the body to California and then to Oklahoma. Department of Defense spokesman Lt. Col. Barry Venable said Monday he could not discuss the Hendrix case but added that the department has "no plans to change policy at this point."

"Like any law abiding organization, if through the court system it becomes imperative to change our policies and procedures than we will," he said.

Amick's attorney, Mike Barsi, said Monday the mother will proceed with a civil case, and his client will file Freedom of Information Act requests in upcoming months to get documents that might pro-

vide clues to Jason Hendrix's wishes for his burial.

Amick received a letter dated Feb. 17 — the day after Jason Hendrix's death — and postmarked April 18 from Fort Carson, Colo., from Captain Victor A. Pirak. "Jason's personal belongings have been collected and will be sent to you as per his wishes," wrote Pirak, Jason Hendrix's superior.

The mother is also trying to get other correspondence by or to her son, as well as any official military documents about estate planning.

"The Army has been difficult to deal with up to this point," Barsi said. "They have released information at their sole discretion, and that's unacceptable to those of us in a free society who are attempting to find out the truth."

Sharon Cole Jones, an attorney in Tulsa, Okla., who represents Russell Hendrix, could not be reached for comment Monday. Last week, after the Oklahoma judge cleared the way for a civil suit, Jones expressed remorse that ongoing litigation would prevent both parents from finding closure during the tragedy.

"Poor Jason — just leave him alone and let him rest in peace," Jones said.

BE PREPARED

STANDARD INSTALLATION

Shuts-Off Gas in a
Major Earthquake



Call for Details. Regular Price is \$299.00

SGS
Safe Gas Services
Gas Safety Specialist

SERVICE & INSTALLATIONS
Call or Visit Our Website:
310-664-8777
www.safegasservices.com
3017 Lincoln Blvd. • Santa Monica, CA 90405

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED FY 2005-10 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FY 2005-06 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN ALLOCATING FEDERAL CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Proposed FY 2005-10 Consolidated Plan and FY 2005-06 One-Year Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan, submitted every five years to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is required in order for the City to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds.

The Consolidated Plan outlines the City's housing and community development needs and presents the City's strategy in addressing these needs over the next five years. The Action Plan details specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds, per the needs specified in the Consolidated Plan. The City is seeking community comments on the Proposed Consolidated Plan and One-Year Action Plan.

Copies of the Proposed FY 2005-10 Consolidated Plan and FY 2005-06 One-Year Action Plan are now available to the public for a 30-day community review period ending June 21, 2005. Copies are available at City Hall, the Santa Monica Public Library (main and branch libraries), and on the web at smgov.net.

Please contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to the above address by June 21, 2005, or you may present your comments verbally at the City Council public hearing on that date.

The Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible. If you have any special disability-related needs/accommodations, please contact the Human Services Division.



Republicans rally to prop up Prop 200

BY PAUL DAVENPORT

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — Backers of a voter-approved Arizona law requiring proof of citizenship to vote and limiting services for illegal immigrants asked the Court of Appeals on Tuesday to reject a narrow interpretation of the law.

During a news conference, Republican supporters of Proposition 200 accused Gov. Janet Napolitano and Attorney General Terry Goddard, both Democrats, of gutting key provisions.

The Proposition 200 backers asked the Court of Appeals to overturn a trial judge's March 14 ruling that effectively upheld the way that Napolitano and Goddard are implementing the law approved by Arizona voters in November.

Arguing that Napolitano and Goddard have failed to implement the law as intended, the appeal challenges Goddard's legal opinion that the law's ban on "public benefits" for illegal immigrants applies only to a handful of small welfare programs.

The supporters contend the law also applies to other government programs and services, including public housing aid, food assistance, college education and employment benefits.

"Effectively what they have done with their unlawful act is, the governor and the attorney general have done a backdoor veto of Proposition 200," said Republican National Committeeman Randy Pullen, a supporter of the law.

Along with seeking to overturn Goddard's opinion on the benefits provision, the appeal argues that Napolitano disregarded the will of the voters by ordering state agencies to follow Goddard's advice.

"Illegal aliens have found a friend in this country, and her name is Janet Napolitano," said state Rep. Russell Pearce, a Mesa Republican who helped lead the campaign on behalf of Proposition 200.

Napolitano spokeswoman Jeanine L'Ecuyer denied that Napolitano and Goddard had backdoor dealings to undermine Proposition 200.

"That's just nonsense," L'Ecuyer said. "The law has been implemented even though people are right: yes, she did oppose the initiative."

The appeal filed Tuesday also argued that Napolitano's order effectively limited the law's benefits prohibition to only state government by ignoring local government.

Napolitano's general counsel, Tim Nelson, acknowledged that the governor's Dec. 22 executive order only extended to state agencies but said that was because Napolitano does not control local governments.

Also Tuesday, Napolitano defended her veto Friday of a bill which Republicans said would implement a Proposition 200 requirement that voters produce identification to cast ballots at polling place.

Napolitano said the bill, like one she vetoed earlier in the legislative session, would have blocked U.S. citizens from getting provisional ballots if they didn't have identification when they went to a polling place.

STATE BRIEFS

Sliding hill vexes homeowners

By The Associated Press

DANA POINT, Calif. — Residents are grappling with a sliding hill that was saturated by record amounts of rainfall over the winter.

A split-level house belonging to former Los Angeles Raiders player Stan Talley was deemed inhabitable last week after a 15-foot portion broke away.

Meanwhile, the home of retired Orange County fire division chief Buck Henderson has lost about four feet of dirt beneath part of the foundation.

Henderson, 62, said he first noticed the house was sinking on Easter. Ever since, he has ripped off a twisted breakfast nook, removed the outside deck and is tearing out his patio to help stabilize the slope.

"There's always a chance something worse can happen," he said. "You do everything you can to prevent that."

Neighboring homes are being closely watched but have not been evacuated, said city public works director Brad Fowler. So far an estimated six feet to eight feet of the hillside has collapsed, Fowler said.

Firm trash talks way out of pact

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A company vying for a half-billion dollar trash contract with the city has pulled out of the competition, accusing city officials of dragging in talks of diverting garbage from a Granada Hills dump to landfills in the Antelope Valley and Riverside County.

The company is "concerned about the city's sincerity in pursuing waste exportation when the city appears to be no closer to having an overall, comprehensive plan to address the solid waste needs of the city's residents," Dan Shoener, vice president of Waste Management, wrote in a letter to the Bureau of Sanitation.

Waste Management's withdrawal comes just before the City Council was scheduled to consider the trash contract. It also leaves Browning Ferris Industries the de facto winner of the lucrative contract and could mean that Sunshine Canyon Landfill in Granada Hills will continue to take 3,600 tons of daily trash from L.A. homes for the next six years.

Waste Management proposed to divert the city's trash from Sunshine Canyon Landfill to dumps outside the city limits at an estimated cost of \$22 million more.

But company officials said they saw little chance of the City Council agreeing to ship the city's trash elsewhere, especially after budget analysts urged a \$27 per month trash collection fee just to cover the existing cost of residential garbage service. There was also strong opposition to the plan by Antelope Valley officials who were unwilling take trash from Los Angeles.

Avoid the LAX Headache

Beverly Hills Cab



(310) 273-6611
(800)

- Los Angeles/LAX
- Beverly Hills
- West Hollywood
- Century City
- Westwood
- Culver City
- Santa Monica

Limousine Style Service at Taxicab Prices

EXPANDED FLEET & TERRITORY
Accounts welcome



Is your
COMPUTER
running too slowly?

www.LANerdSquad.com

Home or Business
Any Computer Problem
100% Satisfaction Guaranteed
Request Help by Phone or Online



(800) 231-5164

15 Years of Service to Southern California

Don't let APRIL 15th become your noose.

Take Advantage of OUR Hindsight,
Take Control, Then Relax!

25% off

YOUR TAX PREP FEE
when *America's CPA* Completes
Your Income Tax Return

With over 40 years of IRS & Business Experiences.
Located at Santa Monica's 3rd Street Promenade

Free Consultation 310 395-0603

LOST

115 POUNDS - AND IT'S STILL OFF 30 YEARS LATER!

Picture this:

285 pounds (at 5'10"). Plus smoking and martini lunches (and cocktails and wine with dinner). Oh - and high stress, too. All this wonderful stuff at age 43.



Fast forward 15 months:

Weight is 199. No smoking.
Drinks, down to 2 glasses of wine and one cocktail a week.



Fast forward 30 years:

Weight is 170. No smoking.
Strictly social drinking.

PERMANENT WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM

- Introduced in *Beverly Hills Magazine*. Acclaimed in *Allure*, *Valley*, *Woman's Day*, beauty, fashion and business magazines and newspapers, radio and TV. Rated most successful, completely personalized, one-on-one, non-medication, non-surgical, non-diet, non-gym weight control program.

- The **Permanent Weight Loss Program** works for 7 out of 10 people. That's why we do a complete screening before accepting a new client (call from this ad and the \$250 screening fee is waived).

- Originally a 5 month, \$5,900 program, it's now down to 8-10 weeks, at a fraction of that old price. And - believe this - it comes with a 5 Year Guarantee!

Whether it's 20 pounds or 200...

If you're ready to end dieting...

If you're ready to get back in control ...

If you're ready to be healthy, happy and fit into clothes you want to wear, then schedule a complimentary screening.

Call (310) 821-1675

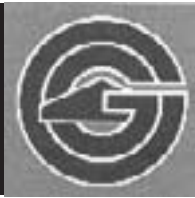
Permanent Weight Loss Institute®

Medical Office Building

4664 Lincoln Blvd. By Appointment Only

Real Estate

Proudly sponsored by: **THE POWERHOUSE TEAM**



A house divided can make for a rough transition to new home



BUYING AND SELLING
BY THOMAS KHAMMAR & BRENT PARSONS

For many homeowners looking to sell, they aren't of certain the best sequence of steps that will ensure a smooth transition from moving out and into a new home.

The situation you want to avoid is giving up your existing home before you can move into the new one. Having to find a place to live and store furniture and other effects, while waiting for the new house to become available can be a nightmare.

In the ideal sequence, you would buy your new house first. Once you have it under contract and the new mortgage arranged, you put your old house on the market, setting a closing date beyond the closing on the new house. That way, you can stay in your old house until you are ready to move into the new one.

But buying the new house before selling the old one is a luxury that few homeowners can afford. Most don't have the income to carry two mortgages. In addition, many need to cash out the equity in their current house to make the down payment on the new one.

The trick is to circumvent those problems while closing on the purchase before you close on the sale. To do this, you need an unconditional contract of sale on your exist-

ing house, with a closing date sufficiently far ahead that you can close on a new house earlier.

The contract will circumvent the income deficiency problem. The lenders qualifying you for the mortgage required on your new home will ignore your existing mortgage if that mortgage will be paid off shortly through sale of your current home.

The burden is on you, however, to produce an acceptable contract of sale. Most lenders will insist that the contract include a significant non-refundable deposit by the buyer, and have no escapes for the buyer, such as a mortgage contingency clause.

An unconditional contract of sale also will allow you to cash out some of the equity you have in your existing house with a short-term loan from a bank, called a "bridge loan." The loan bridges the period between the closing on your new house purchase, and the closing on your existing home sale. The bridge loan is repaid when you sell.

Some farsighted homeowners prepare to cash out equity from their existing home to use in buying the new one by taking out a home equity line of credit (HELOC) well in advance. They leave much of the line unused, to be drawn on for the purchase. Like a bridge loan, the HELOC is repaid when they sell their house.

SHOP FOR HOUSE FIRST OR MORTGAGE FIRST?

Another frequently asked question is, "I am planning on buying a

house for the first time. Should I shop for a house first and then a mortgage, or the other way around?"

This question is a catch-22 because some lenders want to see a contract of sale before they process a mortgage application, while some home sellers want to see a mortgage commitment before they show you their house. The dilemma is more apparent than real, however.

What a careful house seller wants is assurance that you have the financial capacity to complete the purchase. You can provide that with a mortgage pre-approval — a statement by a lender that it is willing to make a loan to you of a certain size or that carries a certain payment. You don't need to shop for a pre-approval, because the price of the loan is not specified. Further, you only need one pre-approval.

Once you have signed a contract of sale, you shop for a mortgage. The target of your mortgage shopping is a firm price commitment or "lock." You are in no way obligated to take your loan from the lender who provided the pre-approval. In all fairness, however, you should include that lender among those you shop.

(To contact Thomas or Brent at ThePOWERHOUSETeam call (310) 943-7656 or e-mail to thomas1@georgechungrealtors.com, or log onto www.thepowerhouse-team.net.)

SANTA MONICA RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS: SINGLE FAMILY HOMES, CONDOS AND INCOME HOMES

Sold Santa Monica 05/19/2005	621 15TH ST SqFt: 3,081 Lot Size: 7,500	SANTA MONICA 90402 List Price: \$2,365,000 Sold Price: \$2,335,000	Bed: 4 Bath: 3.50
Sold Santa Monica 05/19/2005	621 15TH ST SqFt: 3,081 Lot Size: 7,500	SANTA MONICA 90402 List Price: \$2,365,000 Sold Price: \$2,335,000	Bed: 4 Bath: 3.50
Sold Santa Monica 05/16/2005	3113 PEARL ST SqFt: 832 Lot Size: 5,250	SANTA MONICA 90405 List Price: \$799,000 Sold Price: \$795,000	Bed: 2 Bath: 1.00
Sold Santa Monica 05/17/2005	505 ENTRADA DR SqFt: 1,068 Lot Size: 16,958	SANTA MONICA 90402 List Price: \$2,300,000 Sold Price: \$2,103,825	Bed: 2 Bath: 1.00
Sold Santa Monica 05/18/2005	826 2ND ST #201 SqFt: 1,185 HOD: \$362	SANTA MONICA 90403 List Price: \$725,000 Sold Price: \$717,500	Bed: 3 Bath: 1.75
Sold Santa Monica 05/16/2005	2911 4TH ST #116 SqFt: 1,488 HOD: \$258	SANTA MONICA 90405 List Price: \$675,000 Sold Price: \$690,000	Bed: 3 Bath: 2.50
Sold Santa Monica 05/20/2005	1921 17TH ST #4 SqFt: 1,019 HOD: \$400	SANTA MONICA 90404 List Price: \$569,000 Sold Price: \$580,000	Bed: 2 Bath: 2.50
Sold Santa Monica 05/17/2005	1342 STANFORD ST #3 SqFt: 1,301 HOD: \$275	SANTA MONICA 90404 List Price: \$725,000 Sold Price: \$725,000	Bed: 3 Bath: 2.50
Sold Santa Monica 05/20/2005	1102 21ST ST SqFt: 1,876 HOD: \$250	SANTA MONICA 90403 List Price: \$1,309,000 Sold Price: \$1,245,000	Bed: 3 Bath: 2.50
Sold Santa Monica 05/19/2005	2325 20TH ST #4 SqFt: 1,476 HOD: \$250	SANTA MONICA 90405 List Price: \$665,000 Sold Price: \$405,000	Bed: 3 Bath: 2.50
Sold Santa Monica 05/20/2005	1123 11TH ST #3 SqFt: 1,674 HOD: \$250	SANTA MONICA 90403 List Price: \$819,000 Sold Price: \$819,000	Bed: 3 Bath: 2.50
Sold Santa Monica 05/17/2005	1133 24TH ST #8 SqFt: N/A HOD: \$300	SANTA MONICA 90403 List Price: \$795,000 Sold Price: \$797,000	Bed: 3 Bath: 3.00
Sold Santa Monica 05/17/2005	947 15TH ST #6 SqFt: 1,212 HOD: \$300	SANTA MONICA 90403 List Price: \$618,000 Sold Price: \$718,000	Bed: 2 Bath: 1.75
Sold Santa Monica 05/19/2005	1252 11TH ST #101 SqFt: 1,234 HOD: \$229	SANTA MONICA 90401 List Price: \$615,000 Sold Price: \$612,500	Bed: 3 Bath: 2.00
Sold Santa Monica 05/19/2005	2311 4TH ST #219 SqFt: 666 HOD: \$208	SANTA MONICA 90405 List Price: \$375,000 Sold Price: \$400,000	Bed: 1 Bath: 1.00
Sold Santa Monica 05/19/2005	201 OCEAN AVE #910P SqFt: 1,216 HOD: \$670	SANTA MONICA 90402 List Price: \$695,000 Sold Price: \$695,000	Bed: 2 Bath: 2.00
Sold Santa Monica 05/16/2005	67 VILLAGE PARK WAY SqFt: 1,504 HOD: \$320	SANTA MONICA 90405 List Price: \$700,000 Sold Price: \$700,000	Bed: 2 Bath: 2.50
Sold Santa Monica 05/18/2005	222 BICKNELL AVE SqFt: 3,851 Lot Size: 12,297	SANTA MONICA 90405 List Price: \$1,975,000 Sold Price: \$1,875,000	Gl: \$0 GRM: 0.00
Sold Santa Monica 05/18/2005	1860 9TH ST SqFt: 11,456 Lot Size: 14,497	SANTA MONICA 90404 List Price: \$3,250,000 Sold Price: \$3,200,000	Gl: \$245,440 GRM: 13.24
Sold Santa Monica 05/17/2005	519 HILL ST SqFt: 8,342 Lot Size: 9,596	SANTA MONICA 90405 List Price: \$1,850,000 Sold Price: \$1,950,000	Gl: \$147,132 GRM: 12.57
Sold Santa Monica 05/23/2005	1357 OCEAN AVE #PH SqFt: 1,284 Lease Option: No	SANTA MONICA 90401 List Price: \$7,500 Sold Price: \$7,500	Bed: 1 Bath: 2.00
Sold Santa Monica 05/17/2005	815 10TH ST #B SqFt: 1,119 Lease Option: No	SANTA MONICA 90403 List Price: \$2,650 Sold Price: \$2,650	Bed: 2 Bath: 1.50
Sold Santa Monica 05/17/2005	2312 28TH ST #1/2 SqFt: N/A Lease Option: No	SANTA MONICA 90405 List Price: \$2,400 Sold Price: \$1,400	Bed: 2 Bath: 1.00

THOMAS AT THE POWERHOUSE TEAM:
(310) 863-7643 tkhammar@georgechungrealtors.com
Information received as per the MLS on 05/25/05. Not all transactions may have been represented by THE POWERHOUSE TEAM.
www.thepowerhouseteam.net

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

Looking for Investment Properties?

Call or email us for the most profitable listings.

CONTACT THOMAS (310) 943-7656 OR BRENT (310) 943-7657
TKHAMMAR@GEORGECHUNGREALTORS.COM BPARSONS@GEORGECHUNGREALTORS.COM

WWW.THEPOWERHOUSETEAM.NET



WWW. **THEPOWERHOUSETEAM**.NET

TIRED OF RENTING? WANT TO INCREASE YOUR NET WORTH?

**TAKE THE FIRST STEP INTO THE BEST INVESTMENT OF YOUR LIFE!
IF YOUR HOME IS CONSIDERED THE BEST INVESTMENT YOU OWN, WHY NOT HAVE TWO?**



CONTACT THOMAS (310) 943-7656 OR BRENT (310) 943-7657

TKHAMMAR@GEORGECHUNGREALTORS.COM

BPARSONS@GEORGECHUNGREALTORS.COM

WWW. **THEPOWERHOUSETEAM**.NET



Residential

No Picture
Available

\$575,000

2555 COOLIDGE AVE , LOS ANGELES 90064

Pleasant 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom home. Hardwood floors throughout the house. Charming breakfast area in kitchen, dining area connected to the living room. Convenient Laundry hook-ups in kitchen area. Spacious private backyard decorated with an arched entry. One (1) car attached garage.
Looking for backup offers. Court date scheduled for this Thursday. ACT NOW!



\$925,000

3457 ROSEWOOD AVE , LOS ANGELES 90066

Lovely 2 story, contemporary home located on a quite Mar Vista street which features living room with brick, gas burning fire place, formal dining room with pass through window to kitchen, kitchen with built-ins and plenty of cabinet space.

No Picture
Available

699,000

3509 GREENWOOD AVE , LOS ANGELES 90066

3 Bedroom, 1 Bath . Single Family Home.
Call for more details.



\$587,000

2614 CHARITON STREET

This is a very traditional 3bedroom 1 bath home in one of the hottest areas of Culver City. Have you ever visited the HELMS BAKERY? Well now you can walk to it. Take a look at this beautiful home that has a BONUS ill. Converted garage with 2 bedrooms. Electric has been updated but with a good size lot is in need of your own Tender Loving Care. To view this or any home call Thomas or Brent today. 310-943-7656.



\$1,199,000

11901 WESTMINSTER PL , LOS ANGELES 90066

Beautiful 2 Story Mar Vista Hill Home with a view on a cul de sac. Newly Renovated, Updated Kitchen, New Carpet, Newly Painted throughout the house. Spacious Family Room, Living Room w/ Wood burning Fireplace and entry to the Dining Room.



\$739,500

2740 FEDERAL AVE , LOS ANGELES 90064

Nice 3 bedroom 2 bathroom PLUS a Den that is currently being used as a bedroom. Very cute West Los Angeles home. Master Bedroom has vaulted ceiling. Wooden deck in back yard for your summer BBQ'n.

CONTACT THOMAS (310) 943-7656 OR BRENT (310) 943-7657

TKHAMMAR@GEORGECHUNGREALTORS.COM

BPARSONS@GEORGECHUNGREALTORS.COM

WWW. **THEPOWERHOUSETEAM**.NET



WE REPRESENT BUYERS AND SELLERS.

Call us for any of your real estate needs. We can make your dreams a reality.

Professional Service by Professional People

Help-U-Sell
REAL ESTATE

Full service. Big savings.
The experts next door...

ONLY \$6,950* To Sell Your Home
Call Today For a Free Consultation.

Help-U-Sell Westside Properties Presents

1330 Yale St #3, Santa Monica
Just Listed at \$499,800!!

Large 2BR/1.5 BA Townhome North of Santa Monica Blvd in a quiet 6-unit building with low HOA. Flagstone entry leads to step-down living room, private patio off the dining room. Large master with exceptional closet space. Secure Parking

7909 Winsford, Los Angeles 90045
Listed at \$558,600!!

Updated 2 bedroom 1 bath house with a large bonus room, eat-in kitchen, full copper plumbing, updated windows and roof, private back yard with covered patio situated on a large lot in the heart of the beautiful Oasge Tract in Westchester.

856 Hill Street, Pacific Palisades.....1BR, 1BA, 6,500 sq.ft.....\$1,300,000.....Sold and Saved \$39,650
1736 Palisades Dr. Pacific Palisades.....2BR, 2BA, 1,776 sq.ft.....\$699,000.....Sold and Saved \$34,990
6479 Kanan Dume Rd. Malibu.....2BR, 2BA, 1,056 sq.ft.....\$558,500.....In Escrow

Santa Monica • Pacific Palisades • Malibu • Brentwood • Beverly Hills

Come Visit Us At: Call Today for More Information
620 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite B 310.460.2525
Santa Monica, CA 90401 www.HUSwestsideproperties.com

*Fee may vary depending upon listing price. Luxury home, income property and multi-unit properties may be higher. Savings are based on comparison to standard 6% commission. If your property is currently listed with another broker, this is not a solicitation of your listing. Each Office is independently owned and operated. 2004 all Rights Reserved.

Helping Buyers and Sellers Save

Vintage homes are a matter of perspective



DAYS ON THE MARKET
BY JODI SUMMERS

The property was vintage. Except for adding a deck in back, Lara and Carlos had done little to their Venice residence since they purchased it as newlyweds in 1953. When they decided to sell the house and retire to Arizona, near their children, they asked their real estate agent what they should do to get their home ready for sale.

"Clean up the yard," I said.

Lara and Carlos came from frugal backgrounds, and knew the scarcity of life in a town with no major businesses. They appreciated what they had, and maintained their home — replacing the roof, electrical and plumbing as needed — but did little to modernize as time marched on.

The new buyers, part of the ".com" era, were delighted with the vintage property.

"We wanted to make it our home, do it our way," noted Steve and Sherril, the new buyers of the property. "We liked this property because it was the perfect shell — the structure is solid, and well kept, it just needs extensive remodeling."

Families and homes have changed drastically in the past half-century. Families are often blended and extended, and homes now need to accommodate computers, home-based businesses, and a whole host of children's technological needs that are rapidly evolving.

"So much has changed since the 1950s in the way we ask our homes to serve our needs," noted Barry Berkus, architect and owner of B3 Architects, who has been designing homes for 45 years. "We have many different ages and more diversity living together, so homes need to accommodate that."

Although there is a great deal of customization, and specification, contractors throughout the Southland note that young buyers purchasing older homes tend to do similar upgrades.

When the next generation buys a house, here's what they tend to do:

- Remove cottage cheese ceilings.
- Replace carpet with hardwood floors. Or pull up the carpet and refinish existing hardwood floors.
- Upgrade kitchens and baths, replacing fixtures, finishes and appliances.
- Replace metal slider windows with vinyl clad or wood sash windows, sometimes enlarging the window space. An easy way to create indoor-outdoor flow is to replace windows with doors allowing access to the yard.
- Replace sliding glass doors with

French doors.

■ Enlarge closets or make them more efficient with closet organization systems.

■ Create more storage space, either by adding pull-down ladders to access attics or building storage in the rafter space in the garage.

■ Tear down walls between the kitchen and living areas.

■ Expand master bedrooms to create master suites.

■ Create outdoor living space for dining and lounging.

■ Wire the property for their digital needs.

■ Create private, "office space" for each computer user in the household.

When you get into more specific age brackets, needs become more specific.

Gen-X buyers require home entertainment centers, increased connectivity, and have a desire to replace backyards with enclosed courtyards in the front of the house. Another trend Gen-Xers are dictating are large open, lofty rooms, dubbed "great rooms," which give homeowners the flexibility to set up the space however they choose.

Like many of the old Craftsman homes, the rooms flow together serving as living, dining and entertainment rooms — porches are appreciated, bringing the outside inside.

The traditional living room is aging with the baby boomers — it's becoming smaller in size and is nearly extinct in some new-home markets.

As living rooms shrink, kitchens are becoming larger, and more women are designing them. Expect the concept of island kitchens to increase in popularity, as will indoor grills.

"Kitchens and master bedrooms are what sell the house," declared Steve Bottfeld, EVP of Las Vegas-based consumer research firm, Marketing Solutions.

Another choice option is converting the garage into a 2 1/2-car garage — space for two cars and a workshop.

"In the past three to five years, Generation Xers have shown they have a fondness for homes that boomers grew up in and away from," Berkus said. "To Generation Xers, those homes built between the late '40s and early '60s, look Rat Pack cool, with their low-slung roofs. They see Dean Martin with a martini."

"Baby boomers just don't look on those neighborhoods with the same affection," he added. "The Gen-Xers bring to the homes built in the '50s and '60s the reverence that boomers have for homes built in the '30s and '40s."

(Jodi Summers is director of the investment division at Boardwalk Realty Santa Monica. Contact her at jodis@boardwalkrealty.com, or call (310) 309-4219.)

JODI SUMMERS

Living La Vida Local

C2 ZONING - GREAT FREEWAY ACCESS
945 S Boyle Ave Los Angeles, CA 90023



Asking price: \$825,000

Commercial property centrally located near the 110, 10, 5 + 60 freeways. 3,111 sq. ft. building is now a medical office. 10,006 sq. ft. lot allows for lots of parking. City lighting fixture brings in approx. \$1,050 per month. Great street visibility. East L.A. business exemptions may apply. Vacant lot across the street at 966 S. Boyle also available (\$525,000). Possibilities abound.

Jodi Summers + America Paz Boardwalk Realty
310.309.4219 jodis@boardwalkrealty.com

WHAT

can get the power of email working for your business?

greatbignoise www.greatbignoise.com



3 Offices on the West Side to serve you

ERA Marina Bay Realty Group is seeking an experienced sales manager to lead our rapidly expanding team. Call (310) 448-4280 to inquire.

14125 HOPE RD, APPLE VALLEY

3BEDROOM AND 2 BATH FOR \$370,000

1633 LAUTERBACH ST. IN LANCASTER

4BEDROOMS AND 3 BATHS FOR \$449,000

4314 MARINA CITY DRIVE, MDR

PRESENTED BY BEVERLY
THREE BEDROOM FOR LEASET AT \$3870/MO

3051 HAMPSHIRE CIRCLE IN CORONA

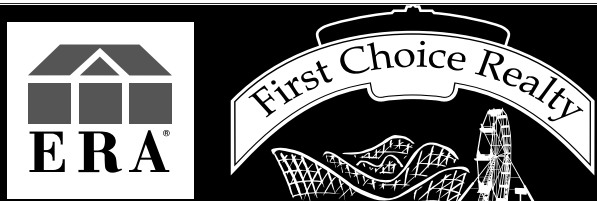
FOUR BEDROOM, TWO STORY HOME IN A WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD. EXCLUSIVE LISTING - PRINCIPALS ONLY PLEASE CALL JAYE (213) 700-5903

*Guaranteed
sale.
We will sell
your home
or ERA
will buy it.
Call us for
details.*



ERA Marina Bay Realty Group

4640 Admiralty Way #1200
Marina del Rey, CA 90292
Office (310) 448-4280
Fax (310) 448-4282



310.393.8491

FirstChoiceRealtyCA.com

Each Office Independently Owned and Operated



Kynan McGary grew up over-seas in London, England. He graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX, with a BA in Economics. He has utilized his entrepreneurial spirit and business skills to work in many industries over the years both locally and internationally. However, after years of property management and design development consulting, he decided to become a real estate agent, who specializes in residential and income properties here in the Los Angeles area. As a Realtor®, he specializes in effective marketing, pricing, and sales planning strategies for all his clients. His professional dedication and retention of client loyalty has established a consistent referral business and networking.

Kynan was recently named and honored as 2004 "Rookie of the year" within the ERA First Choice Realty office in Santa Monica. He is a true asset to the ERA team! Let Kynan know how he can be of service and remember he is "always there for you" and your real estate needs. Call Kynan about ERA's exciting new programs

Contact information: Kynan.Mcgary@era.com

Office: (310) 393-8491 ext 20#

Cell: (310) 951-0747

ATTENTION BUYERS AND SELLERS!

**Interest rates are going up—
WE HAVE THE ANSWER!**

SELLERS:

List & Lock:

We can lock in a low rate for your buyer for up to 6 months. This gives you time to wait for your price and offer your buyer a very competitive interest rate.

BUYERS:

Shop & Lock:

We will lock a low rate for your next purchase for up to 6 months. Shop without worry about missing today's low interest rates.

Want a career in Real Estate?

We will pay for licensing School and have free training for agents. Call (714) 996-3000 ext. 307 for more information.

ERA First Choice Realty

1505 4TH Street, Suite 200
Santa Monica, California 90401

Office: (310) 393-8491

Fax: (310) 260-3104



"We sell it or we buy it"

www.matillarealty.com

225 Culver Blvd. Playa del Rey CA 90293
(310) 305-8000 office (310) 306-6177 fax

ERA MATILLA REALTY INC.



Steve Matilla, Owner/Broker

The Strand in Marina del Rey (2 Units Available)



114 & 116 Galleon, Marina del Rey

These 'State-of-the-Art' townhomes are the last two of four offered. Located steps from the beach, the units are 3 stories with 2,500 and 2,600 sq. ft of well-designed living space. Featuring 3 bedrooms plus a large bonus room, 3 bathrooms and 2 powder rooms. The master comes equipped with a jacuzzi tub, a steam shower, skylight and a large-sized walk-in closet. These chef kitchens feature granite countertops and include top-of-the-line stainless steel professional appliances, Viking stove, Bosch dishwasher, and Sub-Zero refrigerator. Fireplaces in the family room and master bedrooms. Two-car tandem secure garage. Balconies off the family room and master bedrooms. Unit 114 offers ocean and Grand Canal views. CAT 5 wiring, security system, integrated central audio system and central vacuum are features of both townhomes. These architectural masterpieces showcase high-end finishes; bamboo hardwood and Indian slate floorings, granite, limestone and travertine countertops. Cabinetry is solid maple and handrails are custom wrought iron. Located on the prestigious Marina del Rey Peninsula.

Offered at: \$1,695,000

Open House - Every Saturday & Sunday,
12:30pm to 4:30pm or by appointment.
Call 310 305-8000 x101 - STEVE MATILLA

Homeowners burned by wildfire sue insurance firms

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Homeowners from a mountaintop community northeast of Tucson began filing lawsuits Tuesday accusing their insurance companies of failing to provide enough coverage on homes destroyed in a June 2003 wildfire. Roughly 70 homeowners planned to participate in 16 lawsuits against 16 insurers, said the homeowners' lawyer, Brian Kabateck, at news conference Tuesday. However, he said, the problem is not isolated to

Mount Lemmon. Nationally, insurance companies are not insuring homeowners adequately for replacement costs from major fires, he said. "If the insurance companies who wrote insurance policies for homeowners on Mount Lemmon think that these homeowners are going to sit still and roll over and allow those insurance companies to get away with underinsuring them, they're sadly, sadly mistaken," Kabateck said. Several homeowners said Tuesday they asked their insurance agents to increase the coverage following a big fire in 2002, but in most instances, they were dissuaded

from doing so. Construction costs on Mount Lemmon are averaging between \$200 and \$250 per square foot, but at least one homeowner said he was offered as little as \$89 per square foot by his insurer. Kabateck said residents want to recover enough to rebuild their homes, and they hope the lawsuits will accomplish that. The June 2003 wildfire, dubbed the Aspen fire, charred 84,750 acres and destroyed 322 homes. Seven businesses and four other structures were also destroyed.

Families leaving hearts in San Francisco, but leaving all the same

SAN FRAN, from page 1

housing, better schools or both. The goodbyes are so frequent that Carina, age 4 1/2, wants to know when she is going to move, too. Eric, 2 1/2, misses Gus, his playmate from across the street. "When we get to know people through our kids, we think to ourselves, 'Are they renters or owners? Where do they work?' You have to figure out how much time to invest in people," Bakstad said. "It makes you feel like, 'Where is everyone going? Stay with us!'" A similar lament is being heard in San Francisco's half-empty classrooms, in parks where parents are losing ground to dog owners, and in the corridors of City Hall. San Francisco has the smallest share of small-fry of any major U.S. city. Just 14.5 percent of the city's population is 18 and under. It is no mystery why U.S. cities are losing children. The promise of safer streets, better schools and more space has drawn young families away from cities for as long as America has had suburbs. But kids are even more scarce in San Francisco than in expensive New York (24 percent) or in retirement havens such as Palm Beach, Fla., (19 percent), according to Census estimates. San Francisco's large gay population — estimated at

20 percent by the city Public Health Department — is thought to be one factor, though gays and lesbians in the city are increasingly raising families. Another reason San Francisco's children are disappearing: Family housing in the city is especially scarce and expensive. A two-bedroom, 1,000-square-foot starter home is considered a bargain at \$760,000. A recent survey by the city controller found 40 percent of parents said they were considering pulling up stakes within the next year. Determined to change things, Mayor Gavin Newsom has put the kid crisis near the top of his agenda, appointing a 27-member policy council to develop plans for keeping families in the city. "It goes to the heart and soul of what I think a city is about — it's about generations, it's about renewal and it's about aspirations," said Newsom, 37. "To me, that's what children represent and that's what families represent and we just can't sit back idly and let it go away." Newsom has expanded health insurance for the poor to cover more people under 25, and created a tax credit for working families. And voters have approved measures to patch up San Francisco's public schools, which have seen enrollment drop from about 62,000 to 59,000 since 2000. One voter initiative approved up to \$60 million annu-

ally to restore public school arts, physical education and other extras that state spending no longer covers. Another expanded the city's Children's Fund, guaranteeing about \$30 million a year for after-school activities, child care subsidies and other programs. "We are at a crossroads here," said N'Tanya Lee, executive director of the nonprofit Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth. "We are moving toward a place where we could have an infrastructure of children's services and no children." Other cities are trying similar strategies. Seattle has created a children's fund, like the one in San Francisco. Leaders in Portland, Ore., are pushing developers to build affordable housing for families, a move Newsom has also tried. For families choosing to stay in San Francisco, life remains a series of trade-offs. They can enjoy world-class museums, natural beauty and an energy they say they cannot find in the suburbs. But most families need two or more incomes to keep their homes, and their children spend most of their days being cared for by others. "We have so many friends who are moving out and say how much easier life has been for them," Bakstad said. "If we can make it work in the city, we would love to stay. In a way, the jury is out."

I'll buy or lease your house in 7 days or less!

Stop foreclosure/double payment.
No commission/fees.

866-528-6761 x 11 24 hr. recorded msg.



INFUSE YOUR MESSAGE

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

MARKETING • BRANDING • DEVELOPMENT • CONSULTING

TEAM24-7
Keller Williams Realty/Marina - L.A.



310-301-2372
4079-B REDWOOD AVE.
LOS ANGELES, CA
Email: info@team24-7realty.com
Web: www.team24-7realty.com





1811 19th Street, Santa Monica **\$1,950,000**

7 units (2+1's), VERY motivated seller.
4 units delivered vacant. Positive cash flow. Drive by--please do not disturb tenants.



MATT CRABBS

 **(310) 864-9034** **352 WESTMINSTER AVE., VENICE**

CALL ME TO GET A PROFESSIONAL OPINION ON YOUR RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE.



(Pictured above) Retail + Loft in El Segundo – Brand new construction approximately 2,900s qft w/rooftop deck. Loft is contemporary style loft building with midwest influences all done in real custom brick. 1,450 sq ft of retail space and 1,450 sq ft of residential space with 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Call for details (310) 864-9034

Manhattan Beach– 9,500 sq ft retail plus office \$2,930,000

San Pedro – Beautiful building all in brick. 10,000 sq ft \$2,890,000

Santa Monica Ocean Park – 3 bedroom 3 bath with loft ocean view townhouse. Comes with small commercial building. Principals only. \$1,100,000

NATIONAL



House of Representatives voting on stem cell research

BY LAURIE KELLMAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Ignoring a veto threat, the House moved Tuesday toward approving a bill loosening President Bush's restrictions on stem cell research, with supporters claiming prospects were enhanced by promises that such research would offer new treatments for a host of debilitating ailments.

The floor debate was framed in starkly emotional terms, particularly by opponents of federal funding for embryonic stem cell research who liken the process to abortion because human embryos would be destroyed.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay said that using leftover embryos from fertility clinics amounts to the "dismemberment of living, distinct human beings" because the embryos are destroyed during the research. Conservatives offered an alternative measure to encourage research using stem cells from umbilical cords.

Supporters of embryonic stem cell research tried to cast the debate in terms of the possible medical cures that could come from it. "For America to stand back because of a moral principle and not allow sound scientific research to proceed under the umbrella of the National Institute of Health, I think, is unconscionable," said Rep. Charlie Bass, R-N.H.

The bill would lift Bush's 2001 ban on funding for research using stem cells from embryos that had not already been destroyed before August 2001.

Away from the House floor, there were emotional appeals from both sides.

Survivors of disease credited stem cell science with saving their lives.

And at the White House, Bush appeared with children who were "adopted" by their parents as frozen embryos leftover from fertility treatments. He aimed to drive home his argument that the fertilized eggs used for embryonic stem cell research do not have to be discarded.

"In the complex debate over embryonic stem cell research, we must remember that real human lives are involved — both the lives of those with diseases that might find cures from this research and the embryos that will be destroyed in the process," Bush said, his remarks punctuated by the crying of babies and children that echoed through the East Room. "The children here today remind us that there is no such thing as a spare embryo. ... These lives are not raw material to be exploited, but gifts."

The president did not explicitly endorse the alternative measure, nor repeat his threat of a week ago to veto the bill to expand stem cell research. The White House issued statements on Tuesday that did both, and Bush left

no doubt where he stands.

"Today the House of Representatives is considering a bill that violates the clear standard I set four years ago," Bush said. "This bill would take us across a critical ethical line by creating new incentives for the ongoing destruction of emerging human life. Crossing this line would be a great mistake."

"With the right policies and the right techniques, we can pursue scientific progress while still fulfilling our moral duties."

DeLay, a Texas Republican, called the debate "a necessary and important step in our national conversation about the kind of people we will be, in a world of ever more promising and ever more unnerving medical technology." He equated reducing the funding restrictions imposed by Bush to a "vote to fund with taxpayer dollars the dismemberment of living, distinct human beings for the purposes of medical experimentation."

Sponsors predicted the bill would garner the 218 votes needed to pass but fall short of the 290 votes needed to sustain a veto. One sponsor acknowledged the difficult choice facing lawmakers.

"This is not an easy vote for many Republicans ... and some Democrats, too, because you have pro-life and other arguments," said Rep. Mike Castle, R-Del. "There's a lot of tide against them voting for it."

Expecting House passage of that bill, its Senate sponsors, Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, were drafting a letter to House Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee urging quick passage in that chamber.

In the House, DeLay urged passage of a second bill, sponsored by Reps. Chris Smith, R-N.J. and Artur Davis, D-Ala., which would provide \$79 million in federal money to increase the amount of umbilical cord blood for stem cell research and treatment and establish a national database for patients looking for matches.

Driving the debate over these bills was deep emotion behind the promise that stem cell research could provide treatment and perhaps cures for diseases as diverse as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and childhood diabetes.

Blood saved from newborns' umbilical cords is rich in a type of stem cells that produce blood, the same kind that make up bone-marrow transplants. The Institute of Medicine recently estimated that cord blood could help treat about 11,700 Americans a year with leukemia and other devastating diseases, yet most is routinely discarded.

The Castle-DeGette bill deals with embryonic stem cells, which are the building blocks for every tissue in the body. Attempting to harness those stem cells' regenerative powers is in very early research stages, but many scientists believe it has the potential to one day create breakthrough treatments.

Agreement opens the way for votes on judges

BY JIM ABRAMS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Tuesday to end years of delaying tactics that blocked the nomination of Priscilla Owen to a federal judgeship, the first fruit of a bipartisan agreement to break the logjam over President Bush's judicial choices.

The vote was 81-18 with opponents of the Texas Supreme Court justice falling well short of the 60 needed to continue their filibuster. A vote to confirm Owen is likely to come Wednesday morning, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said.

Owen, nominated to a seat on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, has been blocked four times by Democratic filibusters in the four years since Bush first nominated her early in his first term.

This time she benefited from an agreement reached by seven Republican and seven Democratic senators, reached Monday, that opened the way for yes-or-no votes on some of Bush's stalled nominations while protecting the future right of Democrats to use the filibuster to block nominees they feel are out of the mainstream.

"It is time to close our debate," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., who led the ill-starred effort to

deny Democrats the use of the filibuster.

The agreement was greeted with a sigh of relief by senators fearing a damaging clash over filibuster rights, but was greeted cautiously by the head of the Democratic Party and questioned by a potential Republican presidential contender.

"I would be hesitant to say it's a win for the Democratic Party," said party Chairman Howard Dean in an interview with The Associated Press. That won't become clear, he added, until "we find out if the president consults with the Democrats" on future judicial nominees.

There was outright criticism among some Senate Republicans as well as conservative interest groups.

"Overall this is a major disappointment on principle," said GOP Sen. George Allen of Virginia, a potential contender for the White House in 2008. "...This so-called deal is disappointing for all of us who believe in the principle that persons should be accorded the fairness and due process of an up or down vote. Everyone should also clearly see that ultimately, nothing has been settled."

Frist, also a possible White House challenger, said for the second day in a row that he was "not a party" to the agreement sealed Monday night averting a showdown over Bush's stalled judicial nominees and the Senate's own filibuster rules.

INCOME TAXES

Web Creation & Services
financial & business planning
Back Taxes
Chat Sundays 3pm to 5pm

ComeSearch.com/LiveTaxChat.htm

Consultations 310 395-0603

The All Your Money Pathway

MASKS
WOOD CARVINGS
INSTRUMENTS
JEWELRY
CLOTHING
HATS
HANDBAGS
GIFT ITEMS
AND MORE...

20% OFF
FIRST PURCHASE
UNTIL
12-31-05

SAHARA

1700 Ocean Park • Santa Monica • CA • 310-392-1887

ADVERTISE IN THE DAILY PRESS!

We have COOL fonts

CALL ONE OF OUR ÜBER COOL SALES REPS AT (310) 458-7737

DONATE YOUR CAR
Cars Trucks Boats Motorcycles Vans RVs

Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Greater Los Angeles and the Inland Empire
(888) 306-KIDS

FREE TOWING
TAX DEDUCTIBLE

100% OF NET PROCEEDS
GO TO HELP CHILDREN.

"GOLD STAR" TOP 10
US CHARITIES - Forbes 2003

This space kept clean by

3 1 0 . 6 5 6 . 6 2 4 3

merry maids®

We'd love to keep your space clean too!

Why is this car smiling?

- a) It's enjoying the beautiful Southern California weather. (*Aaahhh.*)
- b) It's powered by a 240-hp inline V6, or even a 300-hp V8. (*Vroom!*)
- c) It's feeling pleased with itself because it's a low-emission vehicle. (*Mm-hmm.*)
- d) All of the above. (*Ah, yeah.*)

With a choice of powerful engines, variable valve timing, 5-speed automatic transmission, DVD-based navigation system, speed-sensitive steering and the distinction of being a low-emission vehicle, the newly redesigned 2006 Lexus GS, available now at Lexus Santa Monica, has much to be pleased about.

We think it's just happy to be a Lexus.

GS 300
GS 430
Pure Lexus.



800-403-3116

2450 Santa Monica Boulevard / Santa Monica, CA 90404

"IN SANTA MONICA, ON SANTA MONICA"™



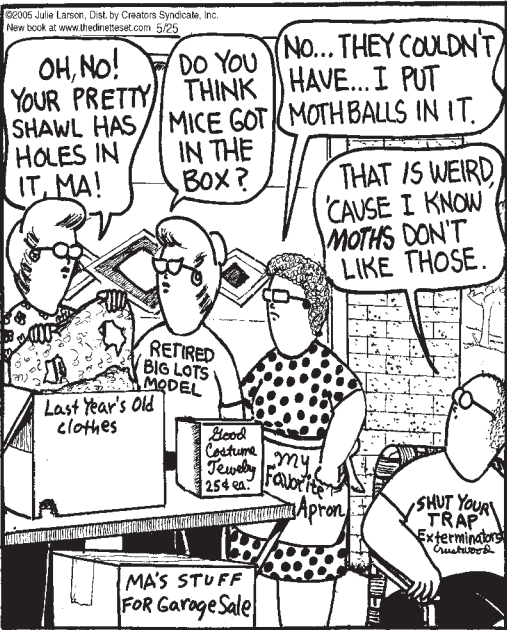
Our family of dealers includes:

Lexus Santa Monica • Scion Santa Monica • Toyota Santa Monica • Mitsubishi of Santa Monica • Volkswagen Santa Monica
Toyota of Hollywood • Lincoln Mercury of Hollywood • Scion of Hollywood • Pacific Porsche • Pacific Audi • Pacific Volkswagen

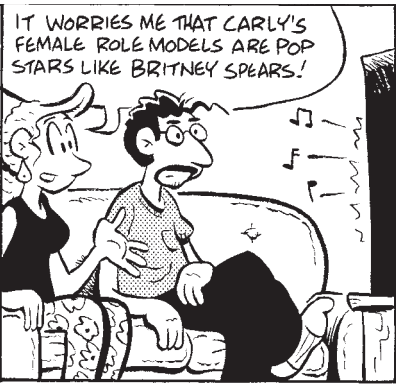
COMICS



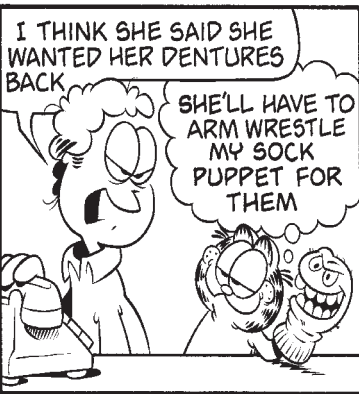
The Dinette Set by Julie Larson



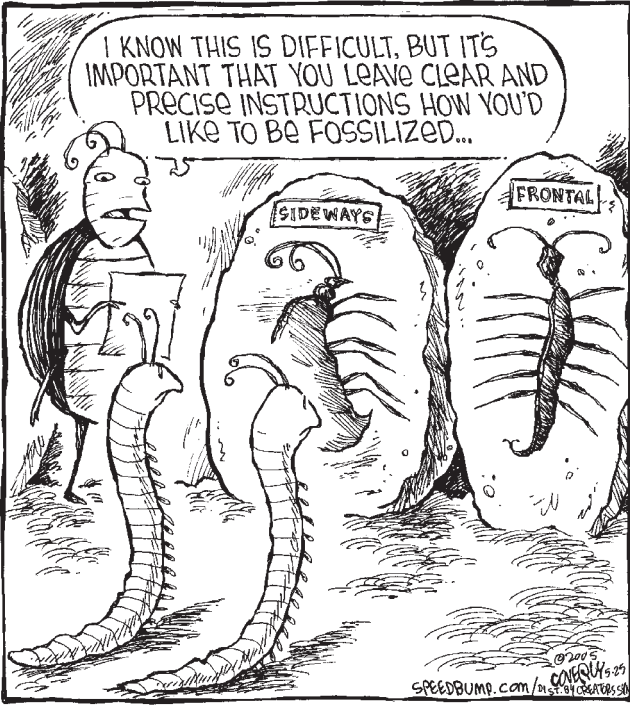
edge city by TERRY & PATTY LABAN



Garfield® By Jim Davis



Speed Bump® By Dave Coverly



Natural Selection®

By Russ Wallace



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Philbin's co-star
- 5 Striker's foe
- 9 In reserve
- 11 Catch
- 12 Director Woody
- 13 Gold purity unit
- 14 Mineo of movies
- 15 Free graphics for layouts
- 17 A quarter
- 19 Writer Weldon
- 20 Elegant
- 21 So far
- 22 Unfettered
- 24 Hair goop
- 26 Casual wear
- 29 Boston team, familiarly
- 30 Chatty birds
- 32 Hawaiian resort
- 34 Ruby of "Do the Right Thing"
- 35 Top story
- 36 Vibrant
- 38 Oboe parts
- 39 Like some shoes
- 40 Dosages, for short

41 Refuse

DOWN

- 1 Prepare coffee beans
- 2 Acquired relatives
- 3 Bed item
- 4 Top card
- 5 Cinch
- 6 Wine holder
- 7 Turkish peak
- 8 Gerald Ford's wife
- 10 Los Angeles suburb
- 11 Snow runners
- 16 Telly Savalas role
- 18 Fancy dance
- 21 Wine bottle number
- 23 Soap opera
- 24 Chin cover
- 25 Left

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

Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send \$4.50 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 1, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475

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

5-25

IS YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN AGING GRACEFULLY?
WE LIVE WHERE YOU LIVE.®



Keep your money hard at work, with 401(k) rollovers, TSAs, annuities and more. Call me to get started today.
Troy Wilson Lic.#: 0D75687
2451 Santa Monica Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA
310.315.1955

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR STATE FARM IS THERE.®



Providing Insurance and Financial Services • statefarm.com®

State Farm Life Insurance Company; In NY and WI - State Farm Life and Accident Assurance Company; Bloomington, IL. Annuities and other products offered by State Farm affiliates are not FDIC insured, not guaranteed by State Farm Bank, and are subject to investment risk, including possible loss of principal. Consult your tax or legal advisor for specific advice.

CALL US FOR FACTORY SCHEDULED SERVICE

WE USE ONLY FACTORY PARTS
YOUR ALTERNATIVE TO DEALERS.



WESTSIDE MOTORS
1453 Lincoln Blvd. (At Broadway) SM (310) 395-3125

Santa Monica Daily Press

CLASSIFIEDS

\$3⁵⁰ per day. Up to 15 words, 20 cents each additional word.
 Call 310-458-7737 and promote your business opportunities to our daily readership of over 38,600.

CLASSIFICATIONS:
Announcements
Creative Employment
For Sale
Furniture
Pets
Boats

Jewelry
Wanted
Travel
Vacation Rentals
ApartmentsCondos for Rent
Houses for Rent
Roomates
Commercial Lease

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

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

Employment

A/R, A/P clerk w/Quickbooks exp. Benefits, pleasant working environment, room for advancement. High volume exp. w/ knowledge of Fastrak A +. (310) 737-7571

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT- Busy SM acupuncture office. F/PT, heavy phones, good communication skills, computer. Must be dependable, organized (310) 826-1314; (310) 571-3168 fax.

ADVERTISE YOUR SUMMER JOBS HERE!
Call Annie in Classifieds
(310) 458-7737 ext. 114
or email: anniek@smdp.com

AUTO MECHANIC FT/PT, M-F, WLA location. Small shop seeking dedicated, reliable, experienced mechanic. Valid DL. (310) 203-0543.

BE YOUR own boss, no commute. \$4,000 + weekly pot'l. Call (800) 995-0798

BOAT FUEL/ Dock workers, Marina Del Rey Harbor. Weekends mandatory. Call Randy or Sue, (310) 823-2444.

CARE GIVERS/ companions: live-in or out, min. 2 yrs experience and work related references required. Driving preferred, CNAs/CHHAs welcomed. Bondable (323) 692-3692.

CASHIER NEEDED for evening and weekend shift at SM Foodmart/ liquor store (323) 932-0873 ext. 600.

CASHIER/ DELIVERY Full Time, Benefits. Exp preferred bi-lingual, Santa Monica area, fax resume to (310) 450-6401.

50+ Years Old Advertising Co. seeking self-motivated energetic professionals.

Commissions Paid Weekly. Leads Furnished. Selling all aspects of advertising: Newspapers - Magazines - Classified - Display, Real Estate, Ethnic, Entertainment, Military, Business, Finance. Call: Paul 213-251-9100
www.theglobalmediagroup.com/jobinfo.htm



BARTEND

EARN \$150-400 DAILY

• 1 or 2 week training
• Nationwide job placement

Financing Available

National Bartenders School

310-996-1377

www.nationalbartenders.com

COUNTER HELP needed. Cafe near 3rd Street Promenade on Broadway. Must be experienced. All shifts. Apply afternoons in person. 215 Broadway, SM. (310)396-9898.

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Established legal services co. in LAX area seeks industrious and well-spoken Reps for phones & data entry. 40hrs/wk, M-F 8:25am-5:25pm. \$8/HR TO START, \$10/HR AFTER FIRST YEAR. GENEROUS MED INS, 401(K) AND BONUS PROGRAMS. Must pass background check and substance screening. Please e-mail resume to: LROSE@COURTCALL.COM or Fax: (310) 743-1850.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Modern, low-stress, SM office. No HMO or Medi-Cal. Chairside experience and X-ray license required. 3-4 days per week. 60% back office/ 40% front office. (310) 451-1446.

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

Employment

DENTAL FRONT OFFICE with back office experience. Santa Monica office. F/T-P/T (310) 393-9706.

DRIVERS
SEEKING energetic individuals. F/T, may include Sat. Some experience required. Two positions: one requires a Class A license, one requires a Class C license. Will run background check. Must have a clean driving record. Apply in person: Bourget Bros. 1636 11th St. Santa Monica, CA 90404

EXPERIENCED LOAN Officers and Real Estate agents wanted! Expand your existing business. Have you ever wanted to do both the loan and the real estate side on the same transaction? Now is your chance! Earn top dollar with great commissions. We are able to close loans in over 30 states. James (310) 460-2469.

EXPERIENCED TELEMARKETERS only. Needed to set appointments for salvage pick-up non-profit organization. Work from home. \$350/wk. potential call Manny (310)753-4909.

FINANCIAL ASSOCIATE for Investment Corp. in S.M. Analytical/ Modeling skills for asset evaluation. M.S. Financial Engineering/ Finance. email: hr@wilshire.com(code:PMG-01)

HAIR STYLIST/ Barber wanted, \$125/ week rent for person with clients. 2106 Wilshire Blvd., Call Kristin (310) 829-5944

OFFICE ASST. Busy home office in Palisades needs f/t asst to answer phones, schedule appts, office tasks. Email Dori@MilestonesInc.com. NO CALLS.

OPERATIONS ASSISTANT, technical company, WLA. Flex hours. Call for details. (310)478-0591.

P/T HOURS Between 8-6/M-F Needed weekdays & weekends at car wash in Culver City. 310-313-5394 \$9/hr

P/T SALES of Cruises & Tours. 38 yr old Nat'l Tour Co. near LAX. Base + Comm. Paid Training, 30 hrs/wk, No Cold Calling. Call Aaron @ (310) 649-7171.

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST/ Secretary for small casual West L.A. law firm. Minimum 6 months experience and MS office experience, fax: (310) 410-9555

RADIO PUBLICITY campaign sales, full commission F/T or P/T in Santa Monica (310) 998-8305 ext 84

RECORD PROMOTER needed P/T in Santa Monica, must know about add-dates, fmqb, PD's. 310-998-8305 x87

SECRETARIAL/ ACCOUNTANT
Tile Company, SM. Full Time 8-5/ Mon-Sat. Great salary (310) 995-5136.

TELEMARKETING SALES base + Xlent commission. Work from home, 6-20 hrs/ week (evenings). Need PC and fax. Loan officer exp. a plus. Central Pacific Funding, a 10 year old full service mortgage corporation. Fax resume (310) 899-3953.

THREE HAIR Stations For Rent. \$125/week. 2106 Wilshire Blvd. Call Christine (310) 829-5944

UP-SCALE BOUTIQUE seeks experienced, energetic salespeople. Apply in person. Western Spirit, 1246 3rd St. Promenade.

For Sale

SPA/HOT TUB 2005 Model. Neck Jets. Therapy seat. Warranty. Never used. Can deliver. Worth \$5700, sell for \$1750 (310)479-3054

Pets

Pets

POM-CHI WANTED! Female. Must be able to ship. Please email marx0001@stu.minneapolis.edu

Wanted

CHILDREN NEED FOSTER FAMILIES

Free Training • Financial Support
Adoption Opportunities
Specializing in ages 0 to 8 years of age
Servicios Bilingüe

Westside Children's Center in Culver City
310-390-0551 www.westsidechildrens.org

LOOKING TO rent a room in a house or apt. Santa Monica/ Venice area. Have outside cat. Can pay \$500-\$700. Call Morgan (760) 473-3183

For Rent

2 BREEZE AVE. Venice beach front single in 4 story brick building with ocean view. Newly renovated with original hardwood floors. 1 year lease, no pets. (310) 450-1934

2 BREEZE AVE. Venice beach front apartment in historic 4 story brick building. Lots of charm. New paint and carpet, exposed brick walls. 1 year lease, no pets. \$875. (310) 450-1934.

2724 ABBOT Kinney Bl. MDR Adjacent. 2+2, gated building with gated, subterranean parking, AC, Newer building, with courtyard area, quiet neighborhood. (310) 466-9256. Laundry rm., pkgng, 1 year lease, no pets. \$1400

3562 MENTONE AVE. Beautiful 2 bed 2 bath in two-story townhouse layout. Very quiet, spacious with newly remodeled kitchen and patio. Well priced at \$1495

38 1/2 ROSE AVE. VENICE BEACH beautiful recently remodeled upper single 1/2 block from beach. Hardwood floors. 1 year lease, no pets. \$995. (310) 466-9256.

53 PALOMA AVE. Venice Beach single, great location, very sunny, 1 block from beach, new carpet, vinyl, paint, 1 year lease, no pets. \$850 (310) 396-4443 x102.

728 N. CROFT AVE. West Hollywood Adj. 1 bdr/1 bath newly remodeled with incredible taste. New kitchen and bathroom, tile & hw floors, washer, dryer, Fridge, views and garden avail., off street parking (310) 877-3074

ADVERTISE YOUR RENTAL PROPERTY HERE!
Call Annie in Classifieds
(310) 458-7737 ext. 114
or email: anniek@smdp.com

BEVERLY HILLS Adjacent 1472 S. Crest Drive 2+1 lower back unit. Stove, carpet, dining room, blinds, garage parking. No pets \$1300, \$200 off move in (310) 578-7512.

BRENTWOOD \$2600/MO 3bdrm/2.5bath. No pets, stove, dishwasher, balcony, central AC, fireplace, Jacuzzi, storage (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

CHARMING 1+1, 2226 1/2 Wellesley, Los Angeles. \$825 per mo, quiet residential street, all utilities included. AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY. Call for appointment. (818) 694-3136

BEST

RENTALS

ELLY NESIS Co. INC

(310) 396-4443

ellynesis.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

1441 Princeton \$1250
Lower 1 bed, updated, Pergo floors, new blinds & more

1045 6th St. \$1600
Remodeled 1 bed, hardwood floors, new tile kitchen & bath, floors, new blinds, new stove

2502 Arizona \$1795
Townhouse, 2 bed, 1½ bath, new windows, carpet & paint

824 10th St. \$1995
Lower 2 bed, 1¼ bath, steps to Montana, remodeled, Open House Sat & Sun 11-4

BRENTWOODWEST LA

10900 S.M. Blvd., WLA, \$875
Upper single, new carpet, near UCLA & Century City

1234 Wellesley, West LA, \$1150
Rear upper 1 bed, new carpet, new vinyl, dishwasher, laundry rm

**OFFICES
LIVE-WORK SPACE**

1247 Lincoln Blvd, SM, \$550
Front upper 2 room office 400 SF, negotiable terms

2928 S.M. Blvd, SM, \$2000
Unique live-work space, 775 SF, studio apt, sky light, beamed ceiling

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.

HOWARD MANAGEMENT GROUP

310-869-0468

808 1/2 Angeles Place \$2375/mo
East of Abbot Kinney/
South of Venice
2bed + 2bath, 2 car garage
Hardwood, inside laundry, patio

CHECK OUT OTHER AVAILABLE RENTALS AT:
www.howardmanagement.com

LA GROVE Area, 458 N. Curson, #104, 1+1 Art Deco buildings. Stove, hardwood floors, fridge, blinds, laundry, No Pets. \$1200, \$200 off move in (310) 578-7512.

MAR VISTA 12309 Culver Blvd., Unit 9. 1+1, Stove, fridge, carpet, utilities, laundry, intercom entry, gated parking, no pets. \$900.00 (310) 578-7512

MAR VISTA single 12746 Pacific Ave. Unit 2, stove, fridge, dishwasher, wall AC, carpet, laundry, intercom entry,

For Rent

patio, parking, no pets \$850 (310) 578-7512.

MDR ADJACENT. 2724 Abbot Kinney. Studio, gated building with gated, subterranean parking. Newer building with courtyard area, quiet neighborhood. (310) 578-9729. Laundry rm., pkgng, 1 year lease, no pets. \$895.

PACIFIC PALISADES-GREAT OCEAN VIEW! European style guest cottage, small, ideal for one. Lovely location, totally separate residence with private entrance and large, walled garden. Hardwood floor, high domed ceiling, new paint, washer/dryer, dishwasher, garage, tiled patio and small pond with waterfall. Dog considered with deposit. \$2500 mo. (310) 454-5656.

SANTA MONICA \$1000.00 1 bdrm/1 bath. Refrigerator, stove, parking, NO Pets. 1935 Cloverfield Blvd., #13, Mgr #19.

SANTA MONICA \$1100/mo 1bdrm/1bath. Hardwood floors, large closet, laundry, parking permit. Month-to-month (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$1175/mo, charming cottage South of Wilshire. 1bdrm/1bath. Hardwood floors, quiet neighborhood, (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$1295/mo 1bdrm/1bath. Stroll to beaches, Main St. Refrigerator, patio, hardwood floors (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$1575/mo garden setting 2bdrm/1bath. Dining room, no pets, hardwood floors \$1575.00 (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$1595/mo 2bdrm/1.5bath. Pool, laundry, large closets, parking, quiet neighborhood. Year lease (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$750/mo. Garden bungalow style apartment. Bachelor/1bath. Cat ok. One year lease (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$975/mo studio/1bath in art deco building near beach. Hardwood floors, laundry, (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA, \$2575/mo 3bdrms/2bths, w/c pet. Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, carpets, laundry, wet bar. (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SM CANYON, \$1500/mo beautiful, peaceful retreat. Studio/1bath. Hardwood floors, 1/2 block from beach (310) 395-RENT www.westsiderentals.com

VENICE BCH 2+1. 1 block to the beach. Ocean View. Hardwood Floor. Util pd. 53 Paloma Ave. \$1300 (310) 396-4443. 1 year lease, no pets.

VENICE BEACH, 36 Rose Ave. Completely renovated upper, 1BR w/ French doors, 1/2 block to the beach, hardwood floors, new kitchen, light & bright. 1 year lease, No Pets \$1495 (310) 466-9256.

VENICE, 25 19th Ave., Unit B, 1bed-room/1bath. Stove, fridge, blinds, laundry, parking in garage. 1/2 block to beach. No pets \$1150. (310) 578-7512

WLA, \$1295 large 1 bdrm UNOBS-TRUCTED OCEAN VIEW! Upper front, top of hill on private driveway. Available 6/01/05 Centinela Ave. (310) 390-4610.

Houses For Rent

MAR VISTA, best area 2bdrm/1ba plus workshop garage, new paint, large yard w/deck, fireplace, stove, refriger-

ator, W/D hookups, w/c pets \$2150 (310) 403-8272

Roommates

COOL, LAID BACK ROOMMATE
wanted to share two-bedroom furnished apartment at 10th and Idaho. I'm a professional looking for a quiet, clean and cool person. Underground parking and weekly maid service, included. Laundry on the premises. \$1000/mo
E-mail to sack@smdp.com

Commercial Lease

310 WESTMINSTER Ave. Venice beach small office space with bathroom on ground floor. High ceiling, large window. Fresh paint. Just off Abbot Kinney. 1 year lease. \$595. (310) 396-4443 x102.

BRIGHT OFFICE downtown SM, 200+ sq. ft. Parking, restroom, utilities, heat/AC \$690.00/mo. (310) 260-7700 ext. 11

1617 BROADWAY
Individual Private
Offices with Windows

New building.
All services included.
Reception telephone answering.
High speed T-1 Internet.
Full use of conference rooms, copier, printer, faxes...etc.
Parking. Flexible lease terms.

310-526-0310





Christina S. Porter

Vice President

1,164 sf of creative office. Newly remodeled. Turn Key.
Roll up door. Phone system, furniture included. \$3.00/pkg
(310) 806-6104 cporter@naicapital.com

310-440-8500 x.104

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA Private Office Approx. 280 sq/ft, Windows/ A/C, 310-394-3645

SANTA MONICA 1452 2nd Street. Very charming building, small offices. Between \$700/mo & \$2100/mo. Includes utilities & cleaning. (310) 614-6462

SANTA MONICA 3rd Street Promenade. 550sqft office space. 3 offices plus reception. \$1250 Nice decor. (310) 576-3433

SM 1334 Lincoln 2 offices, 1140sqft, \$2200 rent. 600sqft, \$1140 rent. Utilities and parking included. Deke Keasbey (310) 477-3192

SM OFFICE- Main St. 875 sq. feet. Creative space \$3.15 FSG. Parking available. Agent (310) 428-4086.

Real Estate

SAVE BIG MONEY buying a home! Remington700.com or Recorded message (800) 842-5316 EXT 709

YOUR AD

COULD RUN HERE!

CALL US TODAY AT

(310) 458-7737

CLASSIFIEDS



Real Estate

Buying & Selling

Brent Parsons

(310) 943-7657

Thomas Khammar

(310) 943-7656

Call us for any of your Real Estate needs. We can make your dreams a reality

George Chung Realtors

COSTA RICAN PARADISE

I am a long time Santa Monica resident. I have 3 houses for sale in the lazy beach front town of Esterillos Oeste, 35km south of Jaco, priced to sell \$80,000-\$100-000USD.

**SURFERS • RETIREES
INVERSTORS • ESCAPERS**

Tighe (310) 399-7443
or email tighebarry@juno.com

DISTRESS Sale - Bank Foreclosures. Free list of Foreclosure Properties. Receive a free computerized printout.

Free recorded message
1-800-000-000,
ID# 1042.
www.matillarealty.com 1-888-465-4534

Massage

MUSCLE TIGHTNESS & PAIN

Long lasting relief without drugs
Be pain free and feel great again
SM near Promenade, free pkg
(310) 930-5884
www.nydoo.com/massage

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

Yard Sales

YARD SALE! First United Methodist Church 1008 11th St, Santa Monica. Sat. June 04, 2005 at 8a.m-1p.m North of Wilshire, South of Montana. Not accepting yard sale donations please! Furniture, Household items, Small appliances, Electronic equipment, and more.

Lost & Found

BRINDLE PIT or Pit mix found near Penmar Park 5/22/05. Please call David at 310/392-1365. Be prepared to describe dog.

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

Real Estate

PAC WEST MORTGAGE

2212 Lincoln Blvd in Santa Monica

1-888-FOR-LOAN

310 392-9223

WE FEATURE 100% INTEREST ONLY LOANS

\$500,000

1ST \$400,000 @ 5.25% \$1,750 P/MO

2ND \$100,000 @ 7.75% \$645.00 P/MO

Total: \$2,395.00 P/MO

* Not Including Tax & Insurance

\$650,000

1ST \$520,000 @ 5.25% \$2,275 P/MO

2ND \$130,000 @ 7.75% \$839 P/MO

Total: \$3,114.00 P/MO

* Not Including Tax & Insurance

ROB SCHULTZ

BROKER

LICENSED CALIFORNIA

BROKER #01218743

Massage

5'2" HOURGLASS Figure offers full -body sensual massage. Very private, very discreet, 6am-9pm. Incall/ Outcall special rate between 6am-9pm, Rachel (310) 339-6709

A ONE HOUR VACATION. Revitalizing and relaxing Swedish/deep tissue full body massage, outcalls available. Lora (310) 394-2923 (310) 569-0883

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

EXQUISITE, INTUITIVE, strong and tender relaxing body work by mature European. Very Professional, Sonja (310) 397-0433.

STRONG & NURTURING MASSAGE by Fitness Trainer. \$40/hr. No time limit. Paul (310) 741-1901.

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE SANTA MONICA SERVICE DIRECTORY

\$50.00 DENTAL CLEANING

OFFER INCLUDES: One hygiene visit & exam. Complimentary Home Kit with Instructions. For new patients only. Regularly \$170. Offer Expires 05/30/05

Moe Koshki, D.D.S. General & Cosmetic Dentistry

(310) 395-1261

1260 15th Street #805, SM. CA 90404

ENJOY FEDERAL TAX-FREE INCOME.

Call today for a free copy of The Complete Guide to Tax-Free Municipal Bonds.

Brian Hepp, AAMS

Financial Consultant

2425 Olympic Blvd., Suite 130-E

Santa Monica, CA 90404

(310) 453-0077

brian.hepp@agedwards.com

A.G. EDWARDS

FULLY INVESTED IN OUR CLIENTS.

2005 A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. • Member SIPC

Services

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

Custom Drapery

Bedding, table linens and custom furniture.

Call Michael at Homey L.A.

(323) 930-7914

homeyla@aol.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

Quality at its best.

West Coast Construction

- Drive Ways
- Block Walls
- Concrete
- Brick Work
- Stucco
- Ceramic Tiles

Quality Work Guaranteed

Call anytime, (310)466-4456

GET ORGANIZED!

for filing system set-ups, unpacking from a major move, uncluttering closets and other home/office paper management problems, etc.

HIRE A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZER!

Call Christine Cohen:

310-274-4988

Member: National Association of Professional Organizers

Services

METICULOUS PAINTING & DRYWALL

Interior & Exterior • FREE Estimates

References Available.

10 YEARS EXPERIENCE

Call Joe: 447-8957

merry maids®

One less thing to worry about.®

BONDED AND INSURED

CLEANING AMERICAN HOMES SINCE 1979

(310) 656-6243

BEST MOVERS

No job too small

2 MEN, \$59 PER HOUR

Fully insured. We make it EZ.

Free prep. & boxes. Discount for handicap & seniors!

Since 1975 Lic. T-163844

(323) 997-1193 (310) 300-9194

Over 40,000 food items that you eat.

We'll count the calories.

Free 30 day trial.

Enter code **dailypress**

www.fatburn.com

PAINTING

Top quality A&A

Custom, Interior and Exterior

Free quote, call Jeff Arrieta

(310) 560-9864

Services

FULL SERVICE GRAPHIC DESIGN STUDIO

Print Design, Web Design, Printing

323.851.7725

www.studio10design.com

Our clients are happy. That is what we like.

You should call:

Taxi! Taxi!

24 hours a day

7 Days per Week in Santa Monica

Limousine Rides at Taxi Rates

(310) 828-2233

WESTSIDE GUYS

Full Service Handymen

CARPENTRY, ELEC., PAINT, ETC...

TERMITE AND DRY ROT REPAIR

ROOF REPAIR AND WATER DAMAGE

808 35/HR (310) 266-6348

CALEB 25/HR (310) 409-3244

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

Computer Services

CERTIFIED MAC Tech. Repair/ Support/ Consulting/ Tutoring. (310) 980-9254, macnijas@mac.com

Need a COMPUTER Nerd?

www.LANerdSquad.com

Home or Business

15 Years in Service

Any Computer Problem

(800) 231-5164

COMPUTER HELP: Your Office or Home. Computer Tune-Up. Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Quickbooks POS. Internet Navigation. Software Installation. Virus removal. (310) 207-3366 (310) 801-6845

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

Attorney Services

Law Offices of

Girot, Gonzalez & Associates

Bankruptcy

Civil

Personal Injury

Criminal Defense

Family Law

Will & Trust

1452 2nd Street

Santa Monica, CA 90401

Tel: (310) 899-3710

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

Attorney Services

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the repair of an existing outlet structure, construction of 24-inch and 54-inch reinforced concrete pipes, concrete collars attached to concrete piles, and other appurtenant work under Project ID No. FCC0000962, Project No. 248, Montana Avenue Storm Drain Repair, in the City of Santa Monica.

The Bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2005. The Bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The Work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The Work is estimated to cost between \$300,000 and \$350,000 and shall be completed in 45 working days. The Work requires a Class A or C42 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Joseph Li at (626) 458-7839.

The Bids must be submitted on the Proposal forms included in the Bidder's package of the Contract Documents, which may be purchased for \$15, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$19, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the Bid to guarantee that the Bidder will enter into the Contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the Work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The Bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms included as part of the Proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the Bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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

The successful Bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the Contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the Contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the Contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

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

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

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated May 17, 2005.

Violet Varona-Lukens
Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisors

Santa Monica Daily Press
CN729349 00246 May 23,24,25,26,27, 2005

YOUR AD

COULD RUN HERE!

CALL US

TODAY AT

(310) 458-7737

Real Estate



Pacific Ocean Properties

ANNOUNCES THE GRAND OPENING OF ITS NEW OFFICE!

2212 Lincoln Boulevard, Santa Monica | 310.392.9223



2852 SAWTELLE #1, 2BD, 2BA, CONDO
LOS ANGELES
\$449,000



1448 25TH ST., 3 UNITS
SANTA MONICA \$1,400,000



3230 W 43RD PL LOS ANGELES
4BD 4BA \$720,000

COMING SOON

SPECTACULAR PROPERTY

1855 BENICIA
3BD., 2BA.
PLUS DEN
THOROUGHLY
REMODELED
WITH VIEWS

\$1,250,000
Century City



2852 SAWTELLE #38
2BD, 2BA, CONDO
LOS ANGELES \$460,000



2801 LA CASTANA DR
LOS ANGELES \$1,590,000
PRIME MULHOLLAND ESTATE
WITH VIEWS



3648 EMPIRE DRIVE
CULVER CITY 4 UNITS \$1,295,000
THIS COULD BE YOURS.
CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATED VALUE



10610 VENICE BLVD. 4 UNITS
LOS ANGELES \$949,500

Properties recently put into escrow by
Pacific Ocean Properties.

Let our sales team go to work for you today!

LOCATION	CITY
SOLD 1072 W. Edgeware	Los Angeles
122 N. Rampart	Los Angeles
7027 Ramsgate	Westchester
SOLD 931 N. Rose St.	Burbank
1432 Ellmsere	Los Angeles
SOLD 5657 S. Bronson Ave.	Los Angeles
2700 Newell	Silverlake
1458 Princeton	Santa Monica
SOLD 3508 6 TH Street	Los Angeles
419 W. Kelso	Inglewood
JUST SOLD 846 Eucalyptus	El Segundo
2430 ECHO PARK AVE.	Los Angeles

(310) 392-9223



Welcoming the first time buyer. Valuable consultants for the seasoned investor.



Rob Schultz
Broker

LICENSED CALIFORNIA BROKER #01218743



- Over 300 banks approved
- Residential & Commercial loans
- 100% financing
- 30 years of experience
- Purchase or Refinances
- Expert loan consultations
- Lines of Credit
- **CONSTRUCTION LOANS**
- Apartment Buildings
- Timely performance

100% Finance Interest Only Loans

\$500,000.00
1st - \$400,000.00 @ 5.25%
\$1,750.00 Per Month

2nd - \$100,000.00 @ 7.75%
\$645.00 Per Month

Total \$2,395.00 Per Month
*Not Including Tax & Insurance

\$650,000.00
1st - \$520,000.00 @ 5.25%
\$2,275.00 Per Month

2nd - \$130,000.00 @ 7.75%
\$834.00 Per Month

Total \$3,114.00 Per Month
*Not Including Tax & Insurance

Wholesale lending through:



Pre-Approval in minutes.

VERY AGGRESSIVE RATES

30 year fixed 5.75%
10 year/1 arm 5.625%
7 year/1 arm 5.5%
5 year/1 arm 4.875%**
3 year/1 arm 4.625%**
1 year/1 arm 4.25%
6 mos./6 mo. arm 4.25%
1 mo./1 mo. arm 1.0%***

* Rates subject to change

* As of April 12, 2005

** Denotes an interest only loan

*** Denotes Neg Am

2212 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, CA
310-392-9223 1-888-FOR-LOAN (367-5626)