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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Pasco County, Fla., candidate John Ubele, 28, a proud member of the white separatist National Alliance, said he's more concerned with runaway government expenses than with race as he campaigns for a seat on the county's Mosquito Control Board.

■ New York state Sen. David Paterson, running for lieutenant governor, said in March that he now regrets introducing unsuccessful legislation for 14 straight years (until 2001) to make it legal for suspects to physically resist police.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 154th day of 2006.
There are 211 days left in the year.

On June 3, 1965, astronaut Edward White became the first American to "walk" in space, during the flight of Gemini 4.

In 1906, dancer, singer and actress Josephine Baker was born in St. Louis.

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Ed Burns/Special to the Daily Press
GROUNDED SMPD Det. Don Doss sinks a putt at Wood Ranch Country Club as colleagues Det. Bill Bruce, and Sgts. Ken Semko and Mike Braatten look on.

Rough going for area youth

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

SIMI VALLEY — Community members and police officers last month took a swing at raising cash for a fallen comrade, the result of which netted \$30,000 for Santa Monica youth.

The Inaugural Ricardo Crocker Memorial Park Golf Tournament was held on May 10 at Wood Ranch Country Club. More than 100 golfers came out to honor Crocker, 39, a 10-year veteran of the Santa Monica Police Department and a major in the United States Marines Corps. He was killed on May 26, 2005, in a rocket-propelled grenade attack in Iraq.

Crocker's funeral was held at St. Monica's Church on June 2, 2005, before his body was taken to his native Puerto Rico for burial two days later.

His colleagues and friends set up the Rick Crocker Memorial Fund, which will benefit the Police Activities League, where Crocker was assigned and was viewed as an out-

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ELECTION 2006

The seat of power

Six Assembly candidates call SM home

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — It's no secret that mid-term elections don't hold the same attraction over voters as do heated White House showdowns, or even City Council shakeups, but the

race for the 41st Congressional District seat should be of utmost interest to city voters.

For one, six of the seven candidates vying for Assemblywoman Fran Pavley's office call Santa Monica home. The other has received the endorsements of both

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

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Mayor Bob Holbrook and Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Shriver.

Pavley (D-Agoura Hills), who has held the seat since 2000, has expired her term limits, and will vacate the office after serving three two-year

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Sweating for two



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Babies get taken for a ride along the Santa Monica boardwalk on Wednesday during a Stroller Strides class. Allison Webb (in black cap and white T-shirt) leads a group of moms through a PowerWalk segment of her 50-minute class geared towards helping moms improve endurance, strength and flexibility.

Cops look for gunman

By Daily Press staff

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD — Police are looking for a suspect who fired several shots on Thursday in an apparent gang-related incident.

The victim was not injured.

At 7:14 p.m., Santa Monica Police responded to the 2000 block of Cloverfield Boulevard regarding a call of shots fired. When officers arrived, they spoke to the victim, who said he

was seated in his vehicle when he saw the suspect in his rear-view mirror. The suspect was reportedly holding a gun and the victim ducked down in the passenger seat, hearing several shots. Apparently, one of the bullets went threw the rear window.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic juvenile, wearing a hat or cap, white T-shirt and baggie blue pants.

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Settling the SCORE at Samohi

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH — The division of Santa Monica High School into six smaller schools, or houses, has helped raise test scores and foster stronger relationships between teachers and their students, but the full benefits of the redesign have not been realized because of an increase in class sizes, according to an annual report on the house system released Thursday.

The Samohi Committee On Redesign Efficacy, or SCORE, which is comprised of teachers and administrators at the high school, analyzed standardized test scores, grade point averages, faculty and parent surveys, and reports by independent evaluators.

The result: Teachers in classes with 35 or more students are not able to devote as much time as they would like to each student, which can lead to some low-performing kids falling through the cracks.

The larger class sizes, as well as overcrowding at Samohi, have also contributed to a sense of isolation and

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ How about loosening up and getting past a problem? Rather than fussing or fuming (which your sign does so well), start talking. You might find that although you tumble into verbal sparring, you do come up with solutions. Tonight: Choose what is best for you.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your imagination will fill in any of the gaps that might occur. Just don't take everything you think as gospel. A touch of imagination is great, especially if funneled positively. Are you remodeling or rearranging your house? Tonight: Be whimsical.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Happiness surrounds family and the home front. Perhaps you should decide to make your plans less innovative or expansive. Entertain at home and invite favorite friends over for a get-together. Create a happening at your place. Tonight: Be a little less brusque.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You have much more to say than usual and will continue to for the next few weeks. Spending money comes with greater ease and happiness. Breeze around and enjoy your friends, neighbors and loved ones. Tonight: Visit with your pals.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to back off and think before you leap into action. Understand when and what is enough. Sometimes, especially in the next few weeks, you will overworry, perhaps resulting in some brash actions. Curb a newfound tendency to be even more impulsive. Tonight: Your treat.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Friends share what they deem is important news. Be more friendly and forthright. You also might be swallowing some anger and acting out in the next few weeks. Use today for a key project. Tonight: Live life to the fullest.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Knowing when to back off could be instrumental. You and a friend could have words. Hot tempers go with the turf. Someone you look up to becomes extremely verbal and direct. Chat away. Tonight: You don't have to explain or tell.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You're on the right path to gain success. Understand what makes you tick and happy. New information that could color your thinking heads in your direction. Check out a potential visit. Take a proactive stand in the next few weeks. Tonight: Have a party!



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take charge and be willing to lead. A partner starts whispering in your ear and will be doing much more sharing in the next few weeks. Read between the lines. Listen to what isn't being said. Work on detachment. Tonight: Brave the new.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Encourage yourself to move in new directions and to do what might be very different. A close loved one might be irritable and difficult. Get used to his or her combative manner, as this trait could last for a short while. Tonight: Opt for different.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might not understand what hits others. Consider your options and decide what will work. Others could be more direct and pushy. Communication and caring might be nice; still, you might need to set strong boundaries. Tonight: Say yes.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Others seek you out. If you have any thought of getting space, you might want to forget it. Accept invitations and enjoy the many people in your life. If single, a flirtation might begin out of the blue. Listen to a child. Tonight: Don't even try to be alone.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Breaking bread together

By Daily Press staff

The Church in Ocean Park will offer an opportunity to share dinner and close conversation with the experts on “Health Care in our Communities” featuring:

Ted Lipka, CEO of Step Up on Second.

Jim Conn, director of New Ministries for the Cal-Pac Conference of the United Methodist Church, and former mayor of Santa Monica.

Michelle O’Donnell, director of development for the Westside Family Health Clinic.

Ernie Powell, associate state director of advocacy, AARP.

Dr. Nazila Mahgrefteh, pediatric chiropractor of Health Center Spa.

Dr. Andy Mars, educational consultant focusing on non-medicinal alternatives to dealing with ADHD.

Coby Slegenthaler, animal rights activist opposing vivisection.

Chris Chapple, associated academic vice president, Loyola Marymount University.

Maureen Shannon-Chapple, peace teacher and community activist in early childhood education and non-violent parenting and education.

Robin Podolsky, office of State Sen. Sheila James Kuehl.

The dinner will provide a forum for people to table-hop and discuss health care issues with officials, professionals and activists. It will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 10. Tickets range from \$50 to \$35 on a sliding scale. The Church in Ocean Park is located on 235 Hill St.

A festival of music

By Daily Press staff

Care to hear some classical choral works on a Sunday evening?

A collaboration of choirs will perform Mass of the Children by John Rutter and Requiem by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Featuring the First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, the Santa Monica College Concert Chorale, the South Bay Children’s Choir and the Los Angeles Concert Orchestra. The concert will take place Sunday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica, located at 1008 11th St. Suggested donation is \$15 for general admission and \$10 for seniors and students. For advance tickets, call the church office at (310) 393-8258.

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NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH 12" - 14"	LIFT HOURS 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 7/28
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MOUNTAIN HIGH
CLOSED

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

WATER TEMP: 64°

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THIS WEEKEND SWELL WILL PEAK RIGHT BEFORE DAWN, PROVIDING STILL SOME HEAD HIGH SETS EARLY ON, AND STILL OVER-HEAD AT TIMES AT STANDOUTS.

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SATURDAY				
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HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SUNDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MONDAY				
LOW TIDE	6:47 AM	-0.65 FEET	5:30 PM	2.85 FEET
HIGH TIDE	1:56 PM	3.38 FEET	11:46 PM	5.38 FEET
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	7:36 AM	-0.28 FEET	6:29 PM	3.03 FEET
HIGH TIDE	3:03 PM	3.42 FEET	N/A	N/A
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	8:27 AM	0.09 FEET	7:54 PM	3.13 FEET
HIGH TIDE	12:33 AM	4.87 FEET	4:06 PM	3.56 FEET
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	9:18 AM	0.44 FEET	1:28 AM	4.35 FEET
HIGH TIDE	4:55 PM	3.78 FEET	N/A	N/A
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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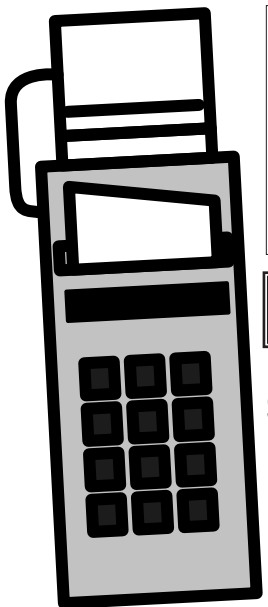


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The QLine

CHIEFLY SPEAKING, THERE’S WORK TO DO

This past week, Q-line asked:
“What advice would you give the city’s new chief of police? What areas or issues would you like the new chief to focus on initially?”
Here are your responses:

“I think it is utterly ridiculous to look nationwide for a replacement for Chief Butts. What is the matter with hiring from within? From men who already are well aware of the city’s problems, and have been under the direction and example of a great chief for all these years. The new chief needs to concentrate on ridding this city of all the escalating bum population, cluttering up our parks, streets, stores, beach — in other words, reverse our skid row image.”

“Well there are lots of problems in our city, as we all know, but just a thought here: Since parking and traffic are such big issues in this city, the new chief should investigate all the transients moving into the city and living on our residential streets in their vans and cars, taking up spaces on a continuing basis that should go to residents and their visitors. We are turning into a trailer park.”

“The majority of calls that the Santa Monica Daily Press will receive on this week’s question will be regarding the homeless situation that is more the city manager’s responsibility than that of the chief of police. Chiefs of police are cut from the same cloth and their responsibility is to regiment and discipline the rank and file officers under their command, whose responsibilities are to investigate crime, write traffic citations, and display a police presence when and where needed — a simple formula that requires a great deal of hard and sometimes dangerous effort.”

“Stop hiring our managers, superintendents, or police chiefs from anywhere other than here. We keep hiring other cities’ crooks. We have many qualified people from Santa Monica to fill these major positions. Only people from our city understand the special needs and problems we have. For a starter, the new chief should follow proposition 215 and agree to follow our city laws, including, if passed, our lowest priority pot law.”

“The advice I’d give to the new chief is ‘quit.’ You’re dealing with bunch of idiots on the City Council, and you’re dealing with a bunch of bums running around the city making messes and stinking everything up, and if you try to do something about that all the dogooders will complain, but that is the main function of the police department is to clean up the city; if that means arresting every bum with a shopping cart, so be it. But you’re gonna find that it’s not gonna be easy, and you’ve got a few gangs to deal with too; that’s another major problem.”

“The new police chief should have the officers cite and ticket the unsafe drivers; those who drive at high speeds and those who make unsafe maneuvers on the road. There are way too many of them here in Santa Monica. Let’s hope the new police chief will enforce safe driving regulations.”

“The new chief should concentrate more on pedestrians, because there are constant jaywalkers and bicycles and stuff like that.”

“I think it’s an optimal necessity for the new chief of police to regard people with disabilities on a grander scale than they’re doing now, thank you very much, because we need help, like a lot. We need to get the streets repaved so that those of us who are in wheelchairs that are disabled can use them. And also get more busses to work on the dial-a-ride program.”

“The new city police chief should stop all the harassment by the bums and derelicts. They are too lazy to work or too lazy to go get help and not even bright enough to go apply for medical or anything else. I’m disabled and I’m tired of people hassling me every day, every day, every day. It’s really not a good situation. They got the new \$100 million mental health bill going through, they ought to pick them up, put them in to get help, or at least do something for them to get off the streets.”

“My advice to the new police chief is twofold: No. 1 is find out from Chief Butts how despite a steady increase in homeless people, there’s a steady decrease in crime, and secondly that he should double or perhaps triple the number of police on the street. I’m sure the law-abiding citizens and residents of Santa Monica would not mind living in a police state. This may further help the economy, which is booming. We certainly have the money, and I have no fear of policeman on every corner — sounds wonderful.”

“I would like to give the advice to the new police chief to have a thick skin and a strong backbone because he or she is gonna need it, and the main issue that they need to focus on immediately is the homeless problem and all the crime and the issues that come along with it. It’s absolutely disgusting walking down the Third Street Promenade or down at the park or anywhere in these areas, and I’m embarrassed when friends and family come and tourists come to this area. So the homeless issue is the No. 1 issue.”

“Progressive thought in this town requires that the next chief be hired through social promotion, in all probability a woman of color. Whoever it is needs a strong backbone and a tough resume to deal with the weak knees on the City Council. Someone like LA Chief Bratton — big on community policing, putting more officers walking a beat. Bratton believes in no-window-broken theory — fix the small problems right away. The new police chief needs to fix the attitudes of some of our progressives who have a superior mindset: The number of people who walk against the red light, loud car stereos, extremely loud motorcycles down from the beach and schools, people who jog down busy streets, bicyclists who ride through stop signs, and the very difficult task of keeping us safe from the criminals and policing the small life quality things.”

“The new chief should concentrate on ridding the city of homeless. Read the crime report in Friday’s Santa Monica Daily Press. Nine out of the 10 of the arrests that were made are transients. It’s about time we stop helping the problem when we should get rid of the problem. No more homeless in Santa Monica — I think we’ve all had enough.”

This writing style suits me just fine



MODERN TIMES
BY LLOYD GARVER

EDITOR’S NOTE Lloyd Garver is on vacation. This column originally appeared in February 2003.

As you read this, you are participating in history. This is The Santa Monica Daily Press’ first swimsuit edition of a column.

I have mixed feelings about being the author of this historic column, but the realities of today’s competitive market have forced my hand. For years, sex, skin and swimsuits have been used to attract people to products, publications and productions. Many of us in the media have resisted joining the flesh peddlers for as long as we could. But when “National Geographic” came out with a swimsuit issue this month, that was the straw that broke our sunscreen-slathered backs. No, you won’t see sexy pictures in this column. But I am wearing a swimsuit as I write.

As I sit in my 100 percent nylon made-in-Hong Kong “Tommy Bahama” suit, I should tell you that Sports Illustrated started the whole thing with its first swimsuit issue in 1964. Every year since then, the issue has grabbed readers’ attention during that winter lull between the Super Bowl and the baseball season. Sports Illustrated’s wise editors have continued to display beautiful people in the middle of winter, wearing ridiculously expensive swimsuits that nobody would ever actually swim in.

Comfortable in my quick-dry suit, I’m reminded that the success of Sports Illustrated’s famous issue got the attention of other magazines. Over the years, many publications have put out their own swimsuit editions. Of course while all this was happening the rest of our culture also was being inundated with scantily clad images. Semi-naked models sell everything from cereal to soap, and many movies and television shows would be considered conservative if their actors wore things that covered them up as much as bathing suits. And it’s impossible to avoid seeing sexy images on the Internet.

But many in the mainstream refused to participate in this frenzy. Until now. “National Geographic’s” February swimsuit issue opened the floodgates, and there will be no way to hold back the water that mod-

els will dip their pedicured toes in. Of course, the people at “National Geographic” and other highly regarded publications are quick to point out that their swimsuit issues are “tasteful.” Furthermore, “National Geographic’s” editor says this issue is all about “fun and wonder — as well as total astonishment at what some people will wear in public.” Nice rationalization. If this is completely true, I guess we’ll soon be seeing a special edition of National Geographic devoted to “100 Years Of Ugly Golf Pants.” If it’s an anthropological and sociological study, why didn’t they choose, “The Majesty Of The Loose-Fitting Flannel Shirt?” or “Sweat Pants Worn by Those Who Made a Difference?” No, they chose swimsuits because they’re swimsuits.

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I’m not a prude. I like gratuitous sexiness as much as the next person. But it’s just gotten to be silly. By the way, now I’ve changed into my blue Nautica suit with the orange trim. It seems to me that there are places that are appropriate for semi-dressed people to be displayed, and places that are not appropriate.

Who’s going to be next? Are Newsweek and Time going to have issues devoted to, “The Swimmers of Congress?” “Scientific American” could accompany the photos with explanations of gravity-defying design techniques. And Reader’s Digest should have no problem showing us even briefer bathing suits.

Having switched to my 100 percent polyester Polo Sport suit with the little fishes on it, I can honestly say that I’m not sure where all this will end. But I will give you one promise. I will never ask you to read a column that I’ve written while wearing a thong. Well, if I do, I guarantee it will be a tasteful one.

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

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Democrat dispute good for governor

BY LAURA KURTZMAN

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is wounded and vulnerable, and yet the two Democrats vying to unseat him are tearing each other apart in the very nightmare scenario party leaders had feared.

State Treasurer Phil Angelides and Controller Steve Westly are spending millions on attack ads heading into Tuesday's primary, trading accusations of being corrupt, indulging in dirty politics and wanting to raise taxes.

"The script couldn't have been written any better by the Schwarzenegger campaign," said GOP consultant Kevin Spillane. "Whichever Democrat wins is going to be a dirty campaigner and a tax increaser."

Westly, a former eBay executive who has poured nearly \$35 million of his own money into his campaign, went negative first, despite a promise to run a positive campaign. He dived into Angelides' past as a developer, accusing him of paving over wetlands, building on flood plains and contributing to urban sprawl.

Angelides, also a millionaire but on a lesser scale, attacked the controller for contributions he took from a Chicago businessman who was later indicted, and accused Westly of steering state business to the man's company.

"Whoever emerges on top June 6 is going to be as wounded as a candidate could be," said Mervin Field, a veteran California pollster.

Schwarzenegger has come off statesman-like in comparison, a reversal from last year, when the movie star's pugnacious, borrowed-from-Hollywood language frequently got him in trouble.

The infighting is exactly what California's Democrats feared might happen.

At the state Democratic convention in April, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom warned the candidates against forming a "circular firing squad." Before the convention, Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres asked the candidates not to squander their opportunity "through bitter, negative campaigning."

In recent months, Schwarzenegger, with help from Democrats in the Legislature,

signed bills to put the biggest bond measure in California history before voters in the fall. It is aimed at reversing decades of neglect of the state's roads and water systems and overcrowding in the schools.

The governor also proposed a popular budget with new money for schools that was made possible by billions in unanticipated tax revenue. The spending plan has won the support of teachers, who have been the governor's most effective foes.

More recently, he played host to Mexican President Vicente Fox, professing his love of mariachi music. Hispanic votes could prove crucial in November.

Schwarzenegger has a deep hole to climb out of. His job approval rating, which sank last year as he battled practically all the state's Democratic interest groups, is still well below 50 percent.

And he is running in a heavily Democratic state at a terrible time for Republicans. President Bush's unpopularity is expected to drag down members of his party across the country in November.

Schwarzenegger has made a big show of challenging the president in public, first on the shaky start of the Medicare prescription drug benefit, then on the question of sending National Guardsmen to the border.

"What's he going to do next, show up in front of the White House with a sign saying, 'I'm against Bush?'" Democratic strategist Bill Carrick asked sarcastically.

For the governor to survive, analysts say, he must establish himself as a unique political figure who transcends party labels.

"He's not going to get re-elected as a Republican," said Allan Hoffenblum, a Republican analyst. "He needs to be Arnold Schwarzenegger."

Key to this venture are independents, who make up one in five California voters. As a group they are less ideological, and they could be turned off by the negative tone of the Democratic contest.

"There's not one thing that's on television about what they'll do if they're elected in November," said Leon Panetta, a former California congressman who was President Clinton's chief of staff. "You combine that with what Schwarzenegger's been able to accomplish, it clearly gives him the advantage right now."

Happy trails at Yosemite as park plans to repair nearly 100 miles

By The Associated Press

YOSEMITE, Calif. — Nearly 100 miles of Yosemite National Park's most popular and heavily damaged trails would be repaired and rebuilt under a multimillion-dollar effort to improve access for hikers and preserve natural habitat.

The project will cost more than \$13 million, including \$3 million in government money and \$10 million in private donations, the National Park Service and The Yosemite Fund announced Friday.

Targeted trails include the west end of the loop around Yosemite Valley and a northern

section of the popular backcountry John Muir Trail. Others include trails in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, those leading over Red Peak Pass, and one leading to the summit of 10,850-foot Mount Hoffmann.

"Some of these trails have been neglected for a long time," said Park Superintendent Michael Tollefson. Better trails "will help get people out of cars. It will be a great boon for a much better trail system," he said.

Yosemite has about 800 miles of trails. Only about 6 percent of the park is reachable by roads.

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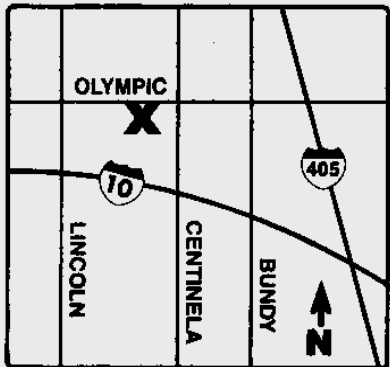
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Counterfeit ID sellers don't plan to fold 'em

BY PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Luis Hernandez is laughing as he sells fake drivers licenses and Social Security cards to illegal immigrants near a park known for shady deals.

The joke, to him, is the government's promise to put people like him out of business with a tamperproof ID card.

"One way or another, we'll always find a way," said Hernandez, 35, a sidewalk pitchman who is part of a complex counterfeiting network operating around MacArthur Park, a teeming area near downtown.

No matter what the federal government does, sellers vow to keep providing authentic-looking IDs for as little as \$150, to anyone who wants them.

Some coming to MacArthur Park are teens who want an ID for bars and buying booze. Others are ex-convicts whose criminal records make working under their real names difficult.

But most are illegal immigrants who need work documents — documents that employers looking for cheap labor rarely scrutinize.

As Congress struggles to reform laws that affect the nation's estimated 11 million illegal immigrants, one central question is how to crack down on fake documents and punish the employers who accept them.

President Bush has suggested foreign workers carry a single ID that includes a fin-

gerprint. The House and Senate, meanwhile, passed bills that would force employers to verify job seekers' Social Security numbers with a phone call and immigration status through an electronic database.

"The key to controlling this situation is turning off the magnet of jobs that attracts illegal immigrants," said Mark Krikorian, head of the Center for Immigration Studies, a think tank that supports tighter immigration controls.

Many businesses with a long-standing "don't ask, don't tell" stance got a jolt in April when federal authorities arrested nearly 1,200 illegal immigrants and a handful of managers working at IFCO Systems plants from Southern California to New York. More than half of the 5,800 employees at the pallet and crate manufacturing company in 2005 had invalid or mismatched Social Security numbers, authorities said.

Despite that example, the raid was an exception. Work site arrests have fallen sharply in recent years, from 2,849 in fiscal year 1999 to 1,145 last year, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Immigration officials said the fake document business has become increasingly difficult to stop.

In the past, authorities could often break up a network by raiding a central "document mill" where Social Security cards, passports and licenses might be drying on a large

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Got 'green card'?

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printing press, said Kevin Jeffery, deputy special agent in charge with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Los Angeles.

Now documents are made with illegal software on laptop computers. That mobility makes them harder to bust.

"With a computer and a printer, you are in business," Jeffery said.

Authorities can be stymied by complex delivery networks.

Sellers who openly pitch passers-by don't carry any documents. Instead, they negotiate prices ranging as high as \$300 for a package containing a driver's license, Social Security card and "green card."

Next, they send the buyer to a less crowded area a few blocks away. A picture is taken, and a runner collects the money before the two contacts split in different directions.

The picture and cash change hands a few times before arriving at an apartment where a laptop, printer and laminating machine spit out the documents.

Within an hour, another runner, perhaps a young man dressed as a student or even an elderly woman, delivers the documents near the site of the original deal.

Hernandez, an illegal immigrant from Mexico, said it's not easy work. The biggest threats to his business are disgruntled customers, undercover agents who record deals with cameras the size of a button, and gang members demanding to be paid for protection.

The international Salvadoran gang MS-13 was born in MacArthur Park's surrounding neighborhoods.

When Hernandez senses a customer might be a police officer, he calls out "7/11" in English, and his underlings disappear. If a seller is arrested, others collect money to bail him out of jail.

"We are not trying to do anything bad," said Sergio Gutierrez, 35, an illegal immigrant from Mexico who quietly says "IDs here" to people walking by the park. "Immigrants just need to work."

Sellers said they can charge Americans more money, but they are more likely to return and complain if unsatisfied.

CARD CARRYING IMMIGRANTS

Excerpts on fake documents from President Bush's May 15 national address on immigration reform:

"Comprehensive immigration reform must include a better system for verifying documents and work eligibility. A key part of that system should be a new identification card for every legal foreign worker. This card should use biometric technology, such as digital fingerprints, to make it tamper-proof. A tamper-proof card would help us enforce the law and leave employers with no excuse for violating it."

Highlights of a bill the Senate passed in May:

- Requires employers and subcontractors to use an electronic system within 18 months to verify that new hires are legal.
- Increases maximum fines to employers for hiring illegal workers to \$20,000 for each worker and imposes jail time for repeat offenders.

Highlights of a bill the House passed in December:

- Beginning in six years, all employers would have to use a database to verify Social Security numbers of all employees.
- Increases maximum fines for employers of illegal workers from current \$10,000 to \$40,000 per violation and establishes prison sentences of up to 30 years for repeat offenders.

An American woman who appeared to be in her 30s recently returned to the park holding an authentic-looking California driver's license with a split corner.

"This license you gave me is falling apart," she told a document seller.

Five men quickly shuffled her beneath the overhang of a nearby building and promised a new license.

Sellers said they'll never be stopped because their product will always be in demand.

"This is the government's fault," said Maria Zuniga, 55, an illegal immigrant from Honduras who sells and transports documents. "They won't even give us a number to work or a driver's license."

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Gunman flees

GUNMAN, from page 1

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Number of kids: Two
Profession: School Board President

HAVE YOU EVER HELD PUBLIC OFFICE BEFORE?

Yes, three terms as a school board member.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED? IF YES, FOR WHAT?

No

WHAT KIND OF CAR DO YOU DRIVE? VOLVO

PET PEEVE?

Intolerance

PHILOSOPHY ON LIFE?

You only live once.

HOW DO YOU RELIEVE STRESS?

A walk on the beach at low tide.

1. CONCERNING THE POLLUTION AND BACTERIA LEVELS IN SANTA MONICA BAY, WHAT PROGRAMS DO YOU BELIEVE HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE AND WHICH HAVE NOT? WHAT CAN BE DONE DIFFERENTLY? HOW, AS AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER, DO YOU PLAN ON SECURING MORE FUNDING FOR CLEAN-UP EFFORTS?

Santa Monicans have been leaders for years in developing strategies to reduce pollution in Santa Monica Bay. Heal the Bay began here and the creation of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission was an achievement of our own Sen. Sheila Kuehl. We have forced the clean-up of the major polluters, such as the Hyperion and LA County sewage treatment facilities. Now we must take care of runoff from our storm drains. This pollution originates from many communities miles inland, as well as our own, and from many non-point sources. It will require a regional effort.

Prevention is a key, since much of the pollution comes from individuals who use storm drains as waste receptacles. Environmental education in our schools is a key in the long-term. Land use policies that expand permeable surfaces so rain water can seep into the ground and not carry pollution to the bay are critical. Frequent street cleaning of our streets is important. We must also find systems that filter trash and pollutants from the urban runoff. The most difficult will be hydrocarbon, chemical, bacterial and viral pollutants.

The State of California needs to ensure there are enforceable standards for hydrocarbons as well as the currently regulated pollutants and give Regional Water Quality Boards sufficient resources to do their job. The state can also facilitate local bond measures to help finance cleanup measures by providing matching funds and by reducing to 55% the vote required to approve such bonds. I will strive to achieve these goals.

2. CALIFORNIA RANKS AS ONE OF THE WORST STATES IN PER-PUPIL SPENDING. WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO INCREASE PER-PUPIL SPENDING? WOULD YOU CUT PROGRAMS FROM THE STATE BUDGET? IF SO, WHICH ONES? OR WOULD YOU INCREASE TAXES? IF SO, WHERE?

According to RAND, California's public education system now ranks near the bottom in nearly every objective category. Education Week found that California ranks only 44th in the nation in per-pupil spending.

Ensuring our schools have the resources they need to provide an excellent education to all our children is my priority number one. Voters can be sure: I will fight to ensure full funding for California's schools.

Meeting this objective will require not one, but a series of measures. Certainly, we should ensure that our schools properly benefit from economic growth, by treating Proposition 98 commitments as voters intended, as the "floor" not the "ceiling" for school funding. The legislature should enhance education's share of the state budget as our economy grows.

Reducing to 55 percent the threshold for local voter approval for parcel taxes should be an early element. It permits tax-shy state legislators to support it without supporting taxes themselves: Let local voters decide. A similar approach to school bonds has been a boon for school construction, especially in urban school districts like LAUSD.

Appropriate support for our schools may well require tax increases, and I would examine options with an eye to the stability of the revenue and fairness to all taxpayers. Of course, a responsible legislator examines the whole budget first to see if funds can be shifted. But in the final analysis, how well we educate our children will determine how well we prosper as a state. We should not shy away from this challenge.

3. SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THE WESTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN NEGLECTED IN TERMS OF FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION. WHAT STRATEGY WOULD YOU USE TO GET MORE FUNDING? WHAT PROJECT WOULD SOLVE THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The Governor proposed, but had rejected, bond measures several months ago that typify the problem that Southern California urban areas face when trying to gain a fair share of transportation funds. Urban communities provide the tax base to create transportation funds, but the state's investments continue to emphasize freeways to the suburbs rather than public transportation in the cities. These skewed priorities must be challenged.

The state should emphasize its role as a source for matching local transportation funding, thus giving preferences to communities that commit to raising more local dollars. For us, local funding sources, such as county voter approved Proposition A & C funds are the mainstay of our transportation funding. Changing the approval requirements for local transportation bonds to 55 percent (as has occurred with school bonds) will create even greater local transportation resources as well. This then could help improve our region's access to state and federal dollars where local match is required.



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HAVE YOU EVER HELD PUBLIC OFFICE BEFORE?

No

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED? IF YES, FOR WHAT?

No

WHAT KIND OF CAR DO YOU DRIVE?

Infiniti I30 family sedan

PET PEEVE?

None

PHILOSOPHY ON LIFE?

"Sooner or later, I will find a solution."

HOW DO YOU RELIEVE STRESS?

I meditate to relax. In addition, the whole family goes camping as often as we can where there are open skies and clean air. I enjoy writing. Over the years, my writing evolved out of living in various countries and keeping in touch with family and friends while reporting on what I saw and experienced. Over time, and with the help of the Internet, it became easier to share experiences and thoughts. Today, writing is part of my life and it relaxes me immensely. I worked for the Swedish telephone company in wireless technology. From being my work, it evolved into a passion and a form of relaxation. I enjoy the moments that I spend reading and exploring the application of wireless technology for many kinds of solutions.

1. CONCERNING THE POLLUTION AND BACTERIA LEVELS IN SANTA MONICA BAY, WHAT PROGRAMS DO YOU BELIEVE HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE AND WHICH HAVE NOT? WHAT CAN BE DONE DIFFERENTLY? HOW, AS AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER, DO YOU PLAN ON SECURING MORE FUNDING FOR CLEAN-UP EFFORTS?

The higher the population density, the greater the environmental damage. California's population was 14 million in 1960, and today it is 39 million. Whereas California's native population is stable, our environment is harmed by an unsustainable massive alien invasion. Another 5,000 illegal aliens violated our borders last night while we slept. The exploding illegal alien population — with higher than average reproductive rates, and sanctioned family reunifications under amnesty proposals — will push our population to 55 million by 2020!

All things being equal, the most effective way to protect our environment and bay is removing incentives to massive illegal immigration. Without work and tax-paid services, millions of illegals will voluntarily depart and relieve the unconscionable stress on the environment, and the economic resources dedicated to overcoming the harm.

Senator Gaylord Nelson, founder of Earth Day, stated:

"Forging and maintaining a sustainable society is the critical challenge for this and all generations to come. In responding to that challenge, population will be the critical factor in determining whether or not we succeed in forging such a society."

Be wary of candidates that propose "programs" to clean up the impact, rather than the cause: unsustainable illegal population explosion. Instead, I'll deny tax-paid services to illegals. It'll save us \$10.5 billion annually and simultaneously protect the environment from escalating harm. We will save \$1,183 per household. Maintaining the status quo and continuing to throw money at "clean-ups" will rack up taxes.

My expertise is national security and immigration chaos. I have a plan on dealing with both.

2. CALIFORNIA RANKS AS ONE OF THE WORST STATES IN PER-PUPIL SPENDING. WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO INCREASE PER-PUPIL SPENDING? WOULD YOU CUT PROGRAMS FROM THE STATE BUDGET? IF SO, WHICH ONES? OR WOULD YOU INCREASE TAXES? IF SO, WHERE?

The premise of the question is false. Fifty percent of the state budget is spent on education — among the highest in the country. California spends \$8,900 per K-12 student/year, which is in the middle nationally, yet our students' performance ranks 48th in the nation, at the bottom. Nationally, Utah spends the least per student, yet its students outperform ours. Internationally, countries like Sweden under-spend California, and yet achieve 99.9 percent literacy and outperform California students in every category.

California's characteristic underperformance is shared in common by other border states. Parents of students in our district know why. A massive and exploding invasion of non-English-speaking illegal students — 50 percent of the students in some schools — effectively makes every school subject a "remedial English class." Unlike the highly educated parents in our district, the parents of illegal alien students are typically illiterate, compounding the dumbing-down of the classroom experience. Non-English-speaking students are handicapped as a result of their parents' illegal activities and our elected legislators' dereliction. English-speaking students are robbed of the expensive education that we want and pay for as parents.

The explosive invasion causes California's chronic classroom over-crowding, which undermines student achievement. We are forced to pay for new school construction bonds that the stable native California population does not require. Elected officials pandering to illegal aliens costs us dearly and robs our children of the quality education that we pay for. We need fundamental change in Sacramento and I am the candidate with the knowledge and determination to do it.

3. SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THE WESTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN NEGLECTED IN TERMS OF FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION. WHAT STRATEGY WOULD YOU USE TO GET MORE FUNDING?



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HAVE YOU EVER HELD PUBLIC OFFICE BEFORE?

Yes, Calabasas mayor and councilmember

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED? IF YES, FOR WHAT?

No

WHAT KIND OF CAR DO YOU DRIVE?

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PET PEEVE?

Cigarette butts thrown out car windows that pollute the ocean or start fires..

PHILOSOPHY ON LIFE?

Never give up.

HOW DO YOU RELIEVE STRESS?

I jog every day in the Santa Monica Mountains.

1. CONCERNING THE POLLUTION AND BACTERIA LEVELS IN SANTA MONICA BAY, WHAT PROGRAMS DO YOU BELIEVE HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE AND WHICH HAVE NOT? WHAT CAN BE DONE DIFFERENTLY? HOW, AS AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER, DO YOU PLAN ON SECURING MORE FUNDING FOR CLEAN-UP EFFORTS?

Stormwater run-off and contamination of our watersheds, beaches and ocean has become a serious problem. Too little planning has been done to address the problem and the risks and costs to remedy the situation are increasing. We must begin aggressively addressing the problems by finding sources of funding to put in place practices that will minimize the release of oil products, pesticides, trash, nutrients and other items to the environment. Currently throughout the 41st District, inland cities contribute significant pollution to our streams and waterways, ultimately impacting the coastal cities and beaches. This significant issue calls for additional work and funding. One source would be a bond similar to Measure O, which was recently passed in the City of Los Angeles or the clean water-clean beaches fee currently under consideration in Santa Monica.

2. CALIFORNIA RANKS AS ONE OF THE WORST STATES IN PER-PUPIL SPENDING. WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO INCREASE PER-PUPIL SPENDING? WOULD YOU CUT PROGRAMS FROM THE STATE BUDGET? IF SO, WHICH ONES? OR WOULD YOU INCREASE TAXES? IF SO, WHERE?

The first step is to determine what adequate funding would look like and then we can work to secure a reliable 21st century funding source. One obvious place to look for this is the commercial side of Prop 13, but we also must change current budget priorities in California to ensure funding for education is a priority. Additionally, I would:

- Revisit the lottery for increased funds.
- Secure funds for state and federal under-funded mandates, especially English language learner programs and special education.
- Reduce mandates and simplify reporting/compliance procedures.
- Support charter schools as a means of keeping public schools accountable and giving more local control back to the community.

3. SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THE WESTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN NEGLECTED IN TERMS OF FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION. WHAT STRATEGY WOULD YOU USE TO GET MORE FUNDING? WHAT PROJECT WOULD SOLVE THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The entire state is under-funded for transportation projects; this has led to gridlock almost everywhere people travel in Southern California. I support expanding public transportation options on the Westside as a means to reducing traffic, but the reality is that these types of projects can take decades to design and complete and cost billions of dollars. I want to see quicker results. This can happen with some inexpensive solutions:

- Eliminate all rush hour congestion caused by construction projects by scheduling them at night or in off-peak hours.
- Appoint a Road Superintendent -- a professional government employee dedicated to traffic issues, problem solving and emergency response on critical roads through the area like Lincoln Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway, Pico and Wilshire. It worked in Calabasas, and it can work in Santa Monica.
- Remove freeway accidents in six minutes by adopting Houston’s successful traffic mobility program, which includes clearing non-injury collisions, fender benders and flat tires within six minutes, thus reducing back-up that leads to gridlock and secondary accidents.
- Stop rubbernecking at freeway accidents by following Massachusetts’ program to erect seven-foot-tall by ten-foot-wide portable lightweight screens to obscure accidents from passersby and keep drivers moving.

4. IS ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION A PROBLEM? IF SO, WHAT’S THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE AND COMMON SENSE WAY TO SECURE OUR BORDER? DO YOU BELIEVE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION HAS HAD AN OVERALL NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE IMPACT ON CALIFORNIA? WHY?

Yes, illegal immigration is a problem because the federal government has failed to protect our borders and enforce the law. I think the McCain-Kennedy Bill is a good beginning and realistic approach in addressing this situation: control the borders and create a pathway for citizenship. As for the issue of the overall effect of immigration on California, the answer is complex. On one hand, it is easy for us to communally denounce illegal immigrants; after all, they are not here legally and do not pay taxes. In this light it is important to put an end



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HAVE YOU EVER HELD PUBLIC OFFICE BEFORE?

Yes, I served for nearly eight years as an appointed Commissioner to the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED? YES. IF YES, FOR WHAT?

My entire field crew got arrested for canvassing for the League of Conservation Voters for a Democratic Congressman in a Republican suburb of Philadelphia when I was 18.

WHAT KIND OF CAR DO YOU DRIVE?

Acura, but my next car will be a hybrid.

PET PEEVE?

Noisy motorcycles. In Sacramento, I will close the loophole in the vehicle code that allows excessively noisy motorcycles.

PHILOSOPHY ON LIFE?

“If you’re not living on the edge, you’re taking up too much damn room in the middle!”

HOW DO YOU RELIEVE STRESS?

Scuba dive.

1. CONCERNING THE POLLUTION AND BACTERIA LEVELS IN SANTA MONICA BAY, WHAT PROGRAMS DO YOU BELIEVE HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE AND WHICH HAVE NOT? WHAT CAN BE DONE DIFFERENTLY? HOW, AS AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER, DO YOU PLAN ON SECURING MORE FUNDING FOR CLEAN-UP EFFORTS?

I co-founded Heal the Bay (which was named in my living room in 1985) and have spent decades fighting offshore oil drilling. My priorities include:

- Defeating offshore oil and gas processing until we fully develop clean, renewable, decentralized energy. I won’t rest until we have a solar panel on every roof! Currently, there are five LNG (liquefied natural gas) facilities proposed off Southern California’s coast; we live downwind of the gas processing platforms proposed off Oxnard. We need to support renewable energy, not build polluting off-shore facilities that have a higher chance of leaks, spills, terrorist attacks and price manipulation. To find out how you can oppose LNG, please visit www.KellyForAssembly.com/in-lng.htm.
- Stemming overdevelopment, which causes runoff into the storm drains and Bay. I will author legislation requiring local communities to adhere to their master development plans and not allow developers excessive variances that lead to overdevelopment and increased traffic.
- Encouraging alternatives to pesticides. New technologies exist for residential weed-killing that are safer for our environment, and the Bay.
- Creating incentives for technologies that return stormwater back into the ground (e.g., new porous driveway and parking lot materials that allow percolation and distillation of storm water). These allow rainwater to percolate into the soil, minimizing polluting runoff.
- Leading the charge for reauthorizing and fully funding the Clean Water Act, especially the storm water control program.
- Ensuring that Hyperion is completely maintained.
- Planting trees. Preserving wetlands, parks, forests. I’m proud to be the only candidate endorsed by Sierra Club, Clean Water Action and Vote the Coast!

2. CALIFORNIA RANKS AS ONE OF THE WORST STATES IN PER-PUPIL SPENDING. WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO INCREASE PER-PUPIL SPENDING? WOULD YOU CUT PROGRAMS FROM THE STATE BUDGET? IF SO, WHICH ONES? OR WOULD YOU INCREASE TAXES? IF SO, WHERE?

First, I will call for an audit and revamping of the state lottery. Only 8 percent of the lottery money actually supports education.

I have already sued President Bush over the financially disastrous “No Child Left Behind” Act. We have 11 school districts in our Assembly district, and all of them are receiving less than half the federal funds needed to implement the inflexible standardized testing programs. Because our schools must comply with No Child Left Behind’s onerous requirements, they are scrambling to find other funding — two districts are voting for increased parcel taxes (and Santa Monica is considering it for November’s ballot). Other districts are further cutting arts, physical education, counseling, libraries ... this is wrong.

(For information on how you can join this suit initiated by the National Education Association, please visit www.KellyForAssembly.com/in-kelly_sues.htm.)

- Additionally, I will fight to:
- Close the loophole in Prop 13 that allows commercial property to change hands without being reassessed. This loophole has denied our local governments and school districts hundreds of thousands of dollars.
 - Get us out of Iraq! Our country has spent over \$300 billion — \$39 billion of which is from California’s taxpayers.
 - Lobby to secure our state’s fair share of federal taxes.

3. SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THE WESTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN NEGLECTED IN TERMS OF FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION. WHAT STRATEGY WOULD YOU USE TO GET MORE FUNDING? WHAT PROJECT WOULD SOLVE THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

There is no silver bullet to clear LA’s freeways and streets. To solve our traffic problems, we need both short- and long-term strategies with cooperative support from every level of government. For my complete plan, please visit www.KellyForAssembly.com/in-trafficplan.htm. I will:



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HAVE YOU EVER HELD PUBLIC OFFICE BEFORE?
No

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED? IF YES, FOR WHAT?
No

1. CONCERNING THE POLLUTION AND BACTERIA LEVELS IN SANTA MONICA BAY, WHAT PROGRAMS DO YOU BELIEVE HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE AND WHICH HAVE NOT? WHAT CAN BE DONE DIFFERENTLY? HOW, AS AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER, DO YOU PLAN ON SECURING MORE FUNDING FOR CLEAN-UP EFFORTS?
We continue to make progress, but are still a long way from solving urban runoff problems and repairing degraded habitats.

In Sacramento, I will be able to coordinate and implement the best ideas coming from the environmental community regarding the bay. I will make sure bond money is attached to projects with multiple benefits — like integrated watershed management — and I will work with other levels of government to execute a long-term wastewater plan.
I will keep in regular contact with the organizations and individuals who are concerned about the bay, exhibit political leadership in Sacramento, and educate constituents about bay protection and clean-up — I will do everything in my power to continue healing and restoring the bay.

2. CALIFORNIA RANKS AS ONE OF THE WORST STATES IN PER-PUPIL SPENDING. WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO INCREASE PER-PUPIL SPENDING? WOULD YOU CUT PROGRAMS FROM THE STATE BUDGET? IF SO, WHICH ONES? OR WOULD YOU INCREASE TAXES? IF SO, WHERE?
The Governor and Legislature should propose and enact an education-specific state budget first. School districts have to balance many issues when planning their own budgets, and having a better idea of what type of funding they will receive from the state would allow them to plan more accurately. It also would ensure that education funds are provided in a timely fashion. Only after that budget has been finalized should the Legislature turn to the budgets of any other agencies or policy priorities.

As a State Assembly member, I will introduce appropriate legislation to ensure that this approach occurs.
We also need to fully fund education. It’s a basic principle, but it’s crucial to the success of our schools. I will resist efforts by the Governor or others in Sacramento to undermine the stable and predictable source of education funding that Proposition 98 intended.
All students deserve high-quality teachers, yet our teachers are underpaid and underappreciated. We certainly will not attract and retain the best teachers if we don’t pay them accordingly. We must increase teacher salaries and empower teachers and parents with the resources they need to engage successful students.

California should continue to relieve overcrowded classrooms and repair old schools. Schools need to be equipped to prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow.
Fully funding education and protecting Proposition 98’s constitutional minimum education funding requirements will be among my top priorities.

3. SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THE WESTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN NEGLECTED IN TERMS OF FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION. WHAT STRATEGY WOULD YOU USE TO GET MORE FUNDING? WHAT PROJECT WOULD SOLVE THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?
I believe transportation must be a state budget priority, even though this will require some tough budget decisions that may impact other programs. This is the long-term complement to the short-term ideas I’ve outlined in my book, “Ideas in Action.”

This doesn’t just mean more money for more roads.
One investment we should make is to devise strategies for existing roadways. Are we getting the most out of our roads? It sure feels like we’re not.
The state could be much more savvy about investing in physical improvements and technologies that reduce delays. For example, auxiliary lanes that give drivers more space before merging onto the highway can help eliminate serious bottlenecks at on/exit ramps. Using more advanced ramp metering would also incrementally reduce congestion at these key spots.

Even more long-term solutions, like a regional development strategy are needed. Where do we expect new development, what do we want it to look like, and how do we integrate that into our existing community? Rather than thinking about these issues on a project-by-project basis, such as the revitalization of one strip mall or city block, we should be thinking region-wide.

4. IS ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION A PROBLEM? IF SO, WHAT’S THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE AND COMMON SENSE WAY TO SECURE OUR BORDER? DO YOU BELIEVE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION HAS HAD AN OVERALL NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE IMPACT ON CALIFORNIA? WHY?
I believe that we need to do more to enforce our borders, but am also sympathetic to hard-working families already in the country who are here because of economic opportunities. The U.S. should develop a program to enable immigrants to work legally in our country. I am open to a Guest Worker program, but want to see other options as well.

5. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE BIGGEST ISSUE FACING SANTA MONICANS? HOW DO YOU INTEND TO ADDRESS IT?

6. WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES DURING THE FIRST YEAR AS AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER?
My focus over the course of the campaign has been on education, transportation and the environment. I would like to focus on regional improvements in all three of these areas.



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HAVE YOU EVER HELD PUBLIC OFFICE BEFORE?
No

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED? IF YES, FOR WHAT?
Yes. Possession and distribution of medical marijuana.

WHAT KIND OF CAR DO YOU DRIVE?
Toyota Camry.

PET PEEVE?
Personal questions on political questionnaires.

PHILOSOPHY ON LIFE?
All life is struggle. In order to escape suffering, one must give up fear, ego and desire ... In other words, I’m a failed Buddhist.

HOW DO YOU RELIEVE STRESS?
Brew beer and award-winning mead.

1. CONCERNING THE POLLUTION AND BACTERIA LEVELS IN SANTA MONICA BAY, WHAT PROGRAMS DO YOU BELIEVE HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE AND WHICH HAVE NOT? WHAT CAN BE DONE DIFFERENTLY? HOW, AS AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER, DO YOU PLAN ON SECURING MORE FUNDING FOR CLEAN-UP EFFORTS?
Follow the recommendations of the Malibu Watershed Advisory Committee to find, clean up and monitor all pollution problem spots on the 109-mile watershed that ultimately feeds into Santa Monica Bay. As to what can be done differently; vigorously enforce all laws and sanctions against repeated polluters of the watershed. As an Assembly member, I will work with coastline legislators and various grassroots groups to turn up the political pressure on all legislators to protect California’s coast, which the vast majority of California’s want preserved and protected.

2. CALIFORNIA RANKS AS ONE OF THE WORST STATES IN PER-PUPIL SPENDING. WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO INCREASE PER-PUPIL SPENDING? WOULD YOU CUT PROGRAMS FROM THE STATE BUDGET? IF SO, WHICH ONES? OR WOULD YOU INCREASE TAXES? IF SO, WHERE?
Rethink Prop 13 and remove commercial property from under its protection. This property, re-appraised at current market values, would bring in \$5 billion a year that could (and should) go to funding of schools and local governments ... which have suffered the most with the passage of Prop 13. I also believe in an oil severance tax and a closing of all corporate loopholes in order to do away with our structural deficit, fund our state’s social needs and create a surplus.

3. SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THE WESTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN NEGLECTED IN TERMS OF FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION. WHAT STRATEGY WOULD YOU USE TO GET MORE FUNDING? WHAT PROJECT WOULD SOLVE THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?
If the \$37 billion bond passes in November, there is enough money allocated (\$20 billion) to fund public transportation and extend the Red Line subway system to the Westside, as well as kick-start the stalled effort to get light rail going along Exposition Boulevard, from Santa Monica to downtown, as well as “double” the diamond lanes along the 405 to take pressure off Pacific Coast Highway.

4. IS ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION A PROBLEM? IF SO, WHAT’S THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE AND COMMON SENSE WAY TO SECURE OUR BORDER? DO YOU BELIEVE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION HAS HAD AN OVERALL NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE IMPACT ON CALIFORNIA? WHY?
If you want a real, effective solution to illegal immigration, we are going to have to have a continental solution. We must raise the standard of living across the whole continent of the Americas. Such diplomacy would involve Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Latin America, and would begin with the repealing of NAFTA and replacing it with treaties that contain core, labor, wage and environmental guarantees that, as I said before, raise the standard of live across all the Americas and thus stop the poor from having to illegally cross the border in order to feed their families. Immigration is part of what has made America great.

5. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE BIGGEST ISSUE FACING SANTA MONICANS? HOW DO YOU INTEND TO ADDRESS IT?
It’s the same for Santa Monica as it is for the state of California. Unless we prepare for the aging baby-boomers — their health care, transportation and access needs — the wealth of Santa Monica and California will disappear in a generation. We need statewide, if not national, health care. Barring that, we need to give the Insurance Commissioner the power to regulate health care insurance premiums, the double-digit inflation of which is the primary cause of working people losing their health care coverage in California.

6. WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES DURING THE FIRST YEAR AS AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER?
Saving the Social Safety Net. Tax Fairness. Campaign Finance Reform.

7. IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, WHY SHOULD PEOPLE VOTE FOR YOU?
My politics are simple. I believe in social justice and plenty for all. As the social safety net not only protects the most vulnerable among us, but also built and sustains the middle class, I will lead the fight to make sure they these programs are preserved. We must outlaw fundraising while the legislature is in session and, if elected, I will not spend one moment of my time raising money for future political office. I intend to be a full-time legislator, not a part-time fundraiser.
Common sense for the common good — Shawn Casey O’Brien for State Assembly.



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HAVE YOU EVER HELD PUBLIC OFFICE BEFORE?

No

PHILOSOPHY ON LIFE?

The golden rule — treat others as you would like others to treat you. Treat people fairly and honestly; be true to yourself. Don't throw your life away; you only have one life to live. Don't let the government take over your life. Take responsibility and be accountable for your actions, have integrity and be honest.

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I will support and am in favor of reducing the pollution by all reasonable means. We are all aware of pollution and what it does to our oceans, water supplies and air, and the need to preserve a healthy environment for ourselves, our children and generations to come.

2. CALIFORNIA RANKS AS ONE OF THE WORST STATES IN PER-PUPIL SPENDING. WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO INCREASE PER-PUPIL SPENDING? WOULD YOU CUT PROGRAMS FROM THE STATE BUDGET? IF SO, WHICH ONES? OR WOULD YOU INCREASE TAXES? IF SO, WHERE?

I am in favor of a more efficient and better allocation of our present education budget without the burden of new taxes. Students and parents should have choices. We need more charter schools. Charter schools are accountable not only for academic performance, but also for fiscal responsibility. I strongly believe that we need an alternative to high school, such as a trade/vocational school, for those students that simply are not meant to go to high school and/or college. All children are capable of excelling at something when given a chance. Rather than lowering the standards, eliminating exit exams, monies spent on these students' high school education should be spent teaching these students employable trades. The trade school would offer a basic academic curriculum and would include an apprenticeship, in which local businesses participate.

3. SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THE WESTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN NEGLECTED IN TERMS OF FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION. WHAT STRATEGY WOULD YOU USE TO GET MORE FUNDING? WHAT PROJECT WOULD SOLVE THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

On an immediate level, we need to improve public transportation. Expansion of the Rapid Transit Bus System would be relatively inexpensive. Further, this can be accomplished in a minimum amount of time and local businesses would not be negatively impacted.

4. IS ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION A PROBLEM? IF SO, WHAT'S THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE AND COMMON SENSE WAY TO SECURE OUR BORDER? DO YOU BELIEVE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION HAS HAD AN OVERALL NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE IMPACT ON CALIFORNIA? WHY?

Illegal immigration is a major problem affecting the quality of life of all Californians and all levels of our government. Illegal immigration is a burden on our social system, a major factor in the high cost of health care and medical insurance. It has caused closure of some of our emergency hospitals. It is partially responsible for the high cost of our criminal justice system and one of the reasons for our over-crowded jails and prisons. It results in higher taxes for all Californians. Our open borders need to be secured first and foremost, stemming the tide of illegal immigration before we are able to deal with the millions of illegal immigrants already here. I favor a combination of increased border patrol and fencing, including-state-of-the-art technology to seal the border to detect and apprehend those attempting to cross illegally. I am in favor of controlled legal immigration. America has largely been built on the hard work and industry of its legal immigrants.

5. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE BIGGEST ISSUE FACING SANTA MONICANS? HOW DO YOU INTEND TO ADDRESS IT?

Traffic and transportation. See my answer in Question #3

6. WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES DURING THE FIRST YEAR AS AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER?

I would introduce a bill to protect private property rights, which would restrict eminent domain to genuinely legitimate government purposes only. I would introduce tax incentives for small businesses; tort reform; introduce a bill sanctioning lawyers for bringing into court frivolous lawsuits that have no merit. I would improve our educational system; introduce a pilot project in District 41 for a trade/vocational school.

7. IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, WHY SHOULD PEOPLE VOTE FOR YOU?

I am neither a lawyer, nor a career politician.
I am a private citizen who understands your concerns.
More than 20 years business experience.
Strong business leadership skills.
Worked in the trenches for the past 10 years with our elderly, children and families.
First-hand knowledge of our failing educational system.
Passionate about quality education. Hard worker, fast learner, committed.
I will bring to the Legislature honesty, integrity and accountability.

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to illegal immigration. On the other hand, I do not want immigrants to become scapegoats. Years ago, our ancestors migrated to this country in search of a better life. Who are we to not give that same opportunity to people today? Also, illegal immigrants currently do the jobs that a vast majority of Americans refuse to perform. We need programs in place, especially transition programs, helping illegal immigrants to become citizens based on certain conditions. Our country was founded on people searching for an opportunity; the American dream is not and should never be considered an exclusive institution.

5. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE BIGGEST ISSUE FACING SANTA MONICANS? HOW DO YOU INTEND TO ADDRESS IT?

Homelessness. California legislators must take more responsibility for ending homelessness in our state — we should not leave it up to local governments alone. I have noticed that other cities are quick to commend Santa Monica as a "model city" in serving the homeless, but unfortunately, these same cities are not so quick to follow the model. Unless the people of Santa Monica tell me differently, I will not support locating additional homeless housing or services in Santa Monica until a comparable level of assistance is available in surrounding cities. I will use my position as Assemblymember as a "bully pulpit" to urge all cities in the region to determine their fair share; I will identify federal, state and local resources to help them provide it.

6. WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES DURING THE FIRST YEAR AS AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER?

My top priorities for the 41st Assembly District have been set by the voters, and they include adequate funding for California's public schools to meet the high standards established by the Department of Education; environmental protection with aggressive attention to preserve land, air and water natural resources; traffic and safety measures to address congestion on our roads; and health care for all, beginning with services to our uninsured children.

7. IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, WHY SHOULD PEOPLE VOTE FOR YOU?

With over 26 years experience in both the public and private sector — as a mayor, environmental advocate, criminal prosecutor and dedicated community volunteer — I believe I am the only candidate with the energy, passion, skills, and track record to represent the citizens of the 41st Assembly District. Most importantly, I will be relentless in finding solutions to very difficult problems that we all care about.

I hope you will honor me with your support and your vote on June 6.

LEVEY, from page 10

7. IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, WHY SHOULD PEOPLE VOTE FOR YOU?

I'm an attorney, business executive and educator. I bring a background in public policy, law and land use issues.

After years of working on education policy, I now teach at Cal State Channel Islands. Teaching business law allows me to bring real world experience to the classroom.

Throughout my career, I've worked on projects that included the conversion of hundreds of thousands of desert acres into a wildlife preserve.

I'm dedicated to serving the community. As Chair of The Justice Ball for Bet Tzedek, I helped raise over \$400,000 annually to provide free legal services to people in need.

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Embattled houses get inspection

SAMOHI, from page 1

division on campus. Where the ideal house size is 400 students or less, Samohi's six houses each serve more than 550 students, all of whom are still going to school at one large campus and must travel outside of their houses for several of their classes. In redesign, it is recommended that smaller schools created be located apart from one another instead of being grouped together on one campus, the SCORE report said.

Redesign has also contributed to an increase in the segregation of certain groups of students, in particular those that perform well and those who are struggling.

"We have a limited number of teachers for each subject in each house. This coupled with rigid scheduling blocks isolates struggling students into racially segregated classes," English teacher Rob Thais, a member of the SCORE committee, told school board members Thursday night during a meeting at Samohi's Barnum Hall. "This is not done intentionally ... but is a result of the current structure of redesign."

The meeting was held at the auditorium to accommodate what was expected to be a large crowd. Around 200 parents and students attended, many of whom spoke publicly for and against redesign and the current leadership at Samohi. The campus and its principal, Ilene Straus, have been a popular discussion topic lately as supporters and opponents of redesign geared up for the SCORE report, many hoping to convince the school board to either stick with the house system and Straus, or abandon both and revert back to a traditional organizational structure.

Many had harsh words for redesign and Straus, who announced that she will be leaving Samohi at the end of the school year and possibly accept a position within the school district's central office. Those who were the most critical were the students, some of whom said they did not receive what was promised under redesign, such as smaller classes, more communication with teachers and a stronger sense of community.

"Within the house system there are conflicts in discipline, with some students receiving harsher punishments than others for the same offense," said Samohi student Kenna Stout. "There is also a feeling of a lack of respect for students (by the administration) ... and we've felt as if our opinions have been discarded. Many just gave up."

Supporters of the house system asked school board members to "stay the course" and not be so quick to abandon redesign, especially since it is only in its fourth year of implementation. Many said their children have benefited tremendously from the house system as they have been able to cultivate stronger ties to counselors, teachers and house principals.

"(My husband and I) were not thrilled with our daughter's decision to attend Samohi and redesign was the reason," said F.E. Young, an art instructor at John Adams Middle School. "Now we see the house system has worked. Our daughter knows her counselors and principal, and her counselors and principal know her. We've made it a point to get to know them also. That's not to say the house system is without problems ... but I think we're headed in the right direction."

For the most part, school board members

'Trike' daddy



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Steve Davis, 61, rides north along the beach on his homemade 'Sand Trike', a multi-terrain tricycle he built in 1994.

agreed with Young and pledged to give redesign more time. However, there were requests for district staff to come back to the board with more detailed information on what it would take to implement recommendations made by the SCORE committee.

Teachers recommended short- and long-term solutions, including creating more opportunities for teachers to work together in identifying struggling students and offer them one-on-one instruction; creating study groups to conduct research on how to address disparity and feelings of segregation amongst students; reducing Samohi's population by 1,000 students; and opening two or three small high schools separate from Samohi.

"We want to re-institute class size reduction in the ninth and tenth grade English and Geometry courses," Thais said.

In the first year of redesign, class sizes in ninth grade English and Math classes hovered around 20 students for every teacher. With the loss of state funding, that number jumped to 35 students per teacher, with some classes approaching 40 students this school year, SCORE members said.

The increase in class sizes demonstrates one of the greatest challenges for the district — money. To allow teachers the time to collaborate and offer tutoring sessions for troubled students, the district has to find the funding to pay for it. The same goes for reducing class sizes, which would require the hiring of more teachers and the construction of new facilities to accommodate the space needed to host more classes.

"Clearly, (reducing class size) is something that we would like to see and there is no question that the class size increase at Santa Monica High School — because of a loss of funding — has been quite impactful on teachers. There's no question about it," said school board president Julia Brownley. "School districts across the state have been operating at bare bones levels. We have been fortunate enough, with our agreement with the city and with the help of our parents, to raise enough money to keep some of the great things about this district, such as our music programs, art classes. Those are things we do not want to lose."

"But with that we've had to cut back on class size reduction, and the only way we can

"It will take more than sweat to eliminate the achievement gap (between students who excel and those who are struggling), and believe me, we've sweated a lot. We need (the school board's) support. The students need your support."

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get back to smaller classes is to get more funding from the state."

That's problematic, said Harry Keiley, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association. With the state still recovering from an economic recession three years ago, funding for public education has dropped considerably. The governor has also suspended some funding mandates under Proposition 89, which makes it harder for school districts to cope, Keiley said.

"Our funding is really at the whim of the state's economy," Keiley said. "It's like a roller coaster. In good economic times, we see more money. In bad times, less. Our funding is based on a system that is basically inadequate to provide the type of learning environment that students and teachers deserve, particularly at a time when more is being asked of us."

The SCORE committee suggested the district apply for federal grants to help fund class size reduction, however, that is seen as being only a "drop in the bucket" when looking at the bigger picture, which must include a new high school in Santa Monica.

"Redesign is really just a Band-Aid," said school board member Oscar de la Torre. "We are in the process of developing the facilities master plan so we are looking into the possibilities of making that happen. The long-term solution (to overcrowding) is building a new high school."

Putting challenges aside, the SCORE report found that redesign has contributed significantly to faculty "feeling appreciated and a sense of nearness and support by the house principals." Faculty also feels strongly supported by advisors, while new teachers said they felt welcomed and supported by their teacher leaders.

Students have also become more involved

in activities on campus, and their performance on standardized tests has improved, along with passing rates for the California High School Exit Exam, which all students must pass if they want to receive a diploma upon graduation, the report said.

In all, redesign seems to be working, the SCORE committee concluded, but much more still needs to be done to address areas of concern. The house system may never be truly effective in its current form and may need to evolve over time to fit the needs of the students and faculty. More money is also needed.

"It will take more than sweat to eliminate the achievement gap (between students who excel and those who are struggling), and believe me, we've sweated a lot," said Eva Mayoral, I House principal. "We need (the school board's) support. The students need your support."

District staff is expected to report back to the school board this month regarding questions members had about funding and class size reduction. There is hope that enough money can be found to fund some of the recommendations made by SCORE, including tutoring classes and mentoring, as well as study groups that can measure other factors besides academics, such as student-to-student relations.

"There has obviously been a rupture because of redesign and, by statements made (Thursday), because of failed leadership and that rupture has to do with relationships," de la Torre said. "We need to find a way to unify the campus and improve school climate and address the culture of the school and how we can increase school spirit and unify the students that have been in conflict."

"It's really about building better relationships between everyone on campus."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Piece by Tina Riggs



Piece by Jane Shibata



Piece by Chris Madans



Piece by Carol Arutian

'Celestial Landscapes' art exhibit at SMC

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College instructors will show off their work this month.

Faculty members Carol Arutian, Chris Madans, Tina Riggs and Jane Shibata will present an exhibit of mixed media constructions, jewelry and paintings from June 10 through June 24. The opening reception is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10.

Arutian, a jeweler and sculptor who has designed for jewelry lines internationally and whose pieces have been exhibited widely, said her work is "inspired by nature — geological and botanical forms, structures and surfaces."

Madans, whose work has been exhibited throughout the nation and is in the collections of such art lovers as actor Ed Harris, said her small-scale boxed assemblages are created using themes of memories, time passage and issues of identity, loss and transformation.

Riggs, who also has exhibited widely, is directing her fascination with ladders into her work, portraying them in life situations and landscapes, with each one having several layers of meaning. Shibata is an artist, graphic designer and calligrapher with extensive experience and exhibits throughout California. She is using a book format to explore "the ephemeral nature of the sky, its interaction with the urban edges and in-betweens, and the brief moments of the quiet time when the sky touches those edges."

The "Celestial Landscapes" exhibit is the last in a series of shows this year that has spotlighted the work of adjunct art professors at the college. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The show will be held in the SMC Photography Gallery, located on the second floor of Drescher Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. For information, call (310) 434-4289.

Seven vie to succeed Pavley

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terms. The race to succeed Pavley has attracted a varied group — five Democrats and a pair of Republicans, four men and three women — each with their own slant on what will make life better for Santa Monicans.

Despite the preponderance of area resident hopefuls, the 41st District encompasses a wide swath of bordering communities — Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Encino, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Port Hueneme, Oak Park, Santa Monica, Tarzana, Topanga, Woodland Hills and portions of Oxnard and Westlake Village.

The last Santa Monica resident to hold the seat is Sheila Kuehl, who is now a state senator.

As to be expected, most of the candidates are in unison on subjects such as the need to

make school funding a priority, to keep making progress on the cleanup of the Santa Monica Bay and working towards bringing the Expo light rail line to Santa Monica, via Culver City and downtown Los Angeles.

However, as in Congress, the issue of border control and the swelling illegal immigration population is a divisive issue among this group of would-be Assembly members, as is the need to either continue on with or alter the current administration's foreign policies.

This week, each of the seven candidates responded to a Daily Press questionnaire grilling them on the most pressing of issues, and seeking insight into their political philosophies and how they might affect change here on the local level.

But voters will have the final say when they take to the ballot boxes and election booths this Tuesday, June 6, for the mid-term primaries.

Golfers let it fly for Crocker

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standing mentor for the city's youth.

Friends and colleagues said Crocker loved working with young people, and especially enjoyed leading them on PAL-sponsored outdoor trips. PAL is a nonprofit organization that works to give kids a place to go after school to study, play, be safe and, most importantly, stay out of trouble. Crocker helped prepare kids for SAT exams, started a book club, and took them on camping and hiking trips, the latter becoming tests of endurance.

A committee has been formed to determine where the money from the golf tournament should be spent. It will most likely go toward funding new programs for kids at PAL.

"The committee is looking at how to best honor Rick and his love of education, the

outdoors, the Dodgers," said PAL Director Patty Loggins-Tazi.

Dozens of sponsors chipped in toward the effort, with more than \$15,000 given in cash and in-kind services. The Santa Monica Police Officers Association and Bernzott Capital Advisors both donated \$5,000 apiece. A raffle raised \$6,000 and winners received everything from \$1,500 watches to vacation packages to spa gift certificates and airline tickets — all of which was donated by sponsors.

Loggins-Tazi said the fundraising efforts exceeded her initial goal of \$20,000.

The tournament, which drew 144 golfers and was sold out within 24 hours, will be held again next year.

"We hope it gets bigger and better," Loggins-Tazi said.

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I strongly support the development of the Exposition light rail line from downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica. At a cost of just over \$1 billion for a 14.6 mile right-of-way, this project is anticipated to be one of the busiest lines in the nation. I support the development of the Red Line subway on Wilshire Boulevard to Westwood and to Santa Monica. I also support the expansion of the Bus Rapid Transit system already operating on Wilshire Boulevard and support expansion of this service to Santa Monica and Lincoln boulevards and other corridors.

4. IS ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION A PROBLEM? IF SO, WHAT'S THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE AND COMMON SENSE WAY TO SECURE OUR BORDER? DO YOU BELIEVE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION HAS HAD AN OVERALL NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE IMPACT ON CALIFORNIA? WHY?

Illegal immigration is a problem, but it is

not a criminal problem. The federal government does need to better fulfill its responsibility to manage our borders so that the dilemmas posed by illegal immigration do not grow. It's failure to do so is in large part a byproduct of legislative penny-pinching.

I object to the mean-spirited legislation in the House to criminalize illegal immigration by making it a felony where now immigration is treated as a civil matter. It offers no path to legal residency or citizenship, especially for those who have been here as productive contributors to the economy for many years without other law violations, and may have family ties or children who are legal residents or citizens. The Senate version of the bill, while flawed, at least attempts to take a balanced approach to what is a social problem not a criminal justice problem.

We are all only a generation or two or three from immigrant status ourselves. We should recognize the immigrant population as a real resource in our communities and

our economy.

5. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE BIGGEST ISSUE FACING SANTA MONICANS? HOW DO YOU INTEND TO ADDRESS IT?

One cannot easily determine the biggest issue facing Santa Monicans. We have several, all requiring regional and state efforts to address: maintaining the quality of our schools; worsening traffic and congestion; loss of affordable housing; and the problem of homelessness are all issues of great significance to Santa Monica.

The quality of our schools is an issue of resources. We have made heroic efforts for our schools and have succeeded in ensuring an excellent education is available here; but, only because we have been willing to tax ourselves and our city has been willing to support our schools. The State of California has been failing us. It will be my first priority.

Our worsening traffic and congestion will require the state and our region to invest smartly in public transit and land use policies to encourage smarter growth and transit-oriented development.

The loss of affordable housing in our community is largely a product of unwise state intervention into local affairs: the Ellis Act and the Costa-Hawkins Act. We must now strive to build new affordable housing with outrageous land costs. The State of California should provide financial resources to close the funding gap.

Homelessness is a major problem. Santa

Monica has provided a model for humane treatment of the homeless. The effort needs to be regionalized and the State of California must play a role. I look forward to working with local leaders to define that role.

6. WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES DURING THE FIRST YEAR AS AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER?

My first priority will be to lead an effort to make California schools great again, just as they were 30 years ago before we began a major disinvestment in public education. During that time, per pupil funding and student achievement have plummeted. We need to strive to be in the top 10 among states in student achievement and per pupil funding again.

My next priority will include continuing the extraordinary environmental leadership of Assemblywoman Fran Pavley and Sen. Sheila Kuehl, both of whom have endorsed me. That will mean fighting to reduce greenhouse gases that cause global warming, pressing measures to clean up Santa Monica Bay and preserving the Santa Monica Mountains from development.

Third, I wish to be Senator Kuehl's partner to pass SB 840 that provides for a system of universal health care in California. Currently, more than 7 million Californians have no health insurance. The majority of California's uninsured work at jobs that provide no health benefits. The overall cost of health care has doubled in a decade, but the quality of the care continues to decline dramatically. If you are uninsured, forget it. Senator Sheila Kuehl has courageously provided public focus for this debate and has been demonstrating that such a system is not only good for employees — it is also good for employers who are facing spiraling costs of coverage for their employees. Research verifies that there would be billions of dollars of savings with universal health care that can be reinvested to improve quality.

7. IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, WHY SHOULD PEOPLE VOTE FOR YOU?

Voters should vote for me because:

■ I share their values and priorities. I will address the issues they care most about: education, our environment, health care, transportation and affordable housing.

■ I have direct experience as a policy-maker on the issues I will face, especially the needs of public education, health and environmental policy.

■ I have a record of effectiveness as a school board leader, creating an excellent local school system despite state funding cuts.

■ I work well in collaborative relationships required in the legislature. I run for office solely to elevate my community, not myself.

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■ Provide incentives for businesses to create innovative, flexible work shifts to collapse rush hour congestion. We can provide tax breaks to businesses who aggressively deal with reducing their employees' commutes. We can provide incentives to curtail rush hour truck deliveries.

As executive director of the Coalition for Clean Air after the 1984 Olympics, I worked on these traffic-calming policies.

■ Ensure that Proposition 42 money — a gasoline tax that California voters want earmarked directly for traffic-easing measures — be spent on mass transit and other traffic mitigation measures.

■ Encourage carpooling, vanpooling, dedicated bus lanes, dedicated bike routes and other measures designed to reduce the one-person/one-car habit.

■ Expand bus service.

■ Support mass transit. Mass transportation must be a state, federal and local priority. I will fight for both long-term, permanent mass transit systems and more flexible transit lines, such as the new Orange Line rapid bus line in the San Fernando Valley. I support the light rail line along the Exposition Corridor, the extension of the Red Line subway to Westwood to relieve traffic on the congested 10 and a north-south line from LAX to the San Fernando Valley.

■ Fight for additional money to meet our transportation needs by levying traffic mitigation fees on new developments and by reducing the voter threshold to pass traffic bonds from two-thirds to 50%.

Read more below.

4. IS ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION A PROBLEM? IF SO, WHAT'S THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE AND COMMON SENSE WAY TO SECURE OUR BORDER? DO YOU BELIEVE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION HAS HAD AN OVERALL NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE IMPACT ON CALIFORNIA? WHY?

Illegal is illegal. I favor going after employers who hire — and profit from — illegal workers and do not pay minimum wages, Social Security, workers' compensation or health benefits. I do not favor President Bush's proposed "guest worker" program. I believe it's wrong for corporations to profit from lower wage workers, and then ship them home when they're through with them.

5. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE BIGGEST ISSUE FACING SANTA MONICANS? HOW DO YOU INTEND TO ADDRESS IT?

Homelessness and traffic. It's disgraceful a third of homeless people are veterans — and the Iraq war is creating a new generation of injured vets. California has sent more soldiers to Iraq than any other state; we will have more veterans' families relying on our state's social service programs. I vow to fight for these programs. I believe it's not enough to "bring our troops home." I believe they should have homes, jobs and health care to come home to.

Regarding traffic, I will:

■ Establish a regional traffic oversight board with responsibility to consider the traffic impacts of new infrastructure.

■ Work with the nine cities in our district to coordinate community plans that not only minimize congestion, but ensure that traffic, parking, mass transit, bike and pedestrian ramifications are fully considered. Each of these cities is currently creating their Master Plans, the 20-year "blueprints" that lay out each community's vision for future development.

I will author legislation to require that community Master Plans are followed. Too often, piecemeal exemptions are made to the Master Plan, which increase density, traffic, congestion and unplanned drains on the infrastructure. Master Plans should be flexible, but not to the point where they become so "Swiss-cheesed" they are useless.

■ Fight "big box" developments. These monstrous stores drive out local mom-and-pop shops, requiring people to drive further to shop at the "big box" — which increases traffic. Additionally, the several hundred "big box" employees, who usually don't live nearby, drive to work, increasing congestion.

6. WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES DURING THE FIRST YEAR AS AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER?

1) Clean Money Campaigns: Let's get special interest money out of elections — and make campaigns about voters, not about donors!

I believe we can't have a clean environment until we get oil and gas money out of elections. We can't pass legislation allowing us to purchase prescription drugs more cheaply overseas until pharmaceutical money is out of elections. I am the only major candidate in this race complying with the voluntary Clean Money spending limits — even though I knew I'd face wealthy, developer-funded opponents. I'm tired of politicians claiming they will "play by today's rules" by raising a lot of money, promising to make changes when they get to Sacramento. I believe it's possible to run a campaign now based on the values we'd LIKE to see. For more information, please visit www.KellyForAssembly.com/in-reform.htm.

2) Solar panels on every roof! I supported Gov. Schwarzenegger's Million Solar Roofs plan to provide funding for solar panels for newly constructed homes and commercial buildings. I'd like to expand the program — and be

sure it gets implemented.

3) Flexibility in our classrooms: The biggest mistake we are making with education is to treat every kindergartner as if he/she is going to a 4-year college. I favor returning vocational programs to our high schools.

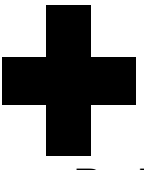
We must begin addressing the needs of the autistic and other students with special needs. Just a decade ago, 1 in 10,000 children were diagnosed with autism; today, it's 1 in 166 children!

7. IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, WHY SHOULD PEOPLE VOTE FOR YOU?

Most of us work hard to make the world a better place. Throughout my life, I've challenged injustice. That's why I went to Iraq before and after the war started. I am the only candidate with Sacramento legislative experience. I've successfully fought for legislation to create a more just world for those among us who live without work, homes, health care, or dignity. I'm the only candidate with broad policy experience: I've worked on legislation affecting the environment, seniors, workers, women, health care, education. I appreciate your consideration! Please call me at home (310) 392-8715 with your questions. Or join me Sunday afternoon in Malibu for our 53rd meet and greet.

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WHAT PROJECT WOULD SOLVE THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

We have a personal responsibility to provide our own transportation. Carpooling is a personally responsible answer for individuals seeking a multi-family transportation solution where each user contributes a true and fair share of the cost to the group. Large-scale multi-family transportation solutions, such as a bus system, could offer individuals cost savings compared to private ownership of a vehicle or even carpooling. I would support public, or preferably private, large-scale transportation solutions, provided that the user paid the actual pro-rated cost, and not a tax-payer subsidized fare. A self-supporting large-scale transportation system, especially if commercial and user-paid, would not require the funding suggested by the SMDP question.

Given the potential benefits of reducing congestion and safeguarding the environment, a multi-family transportation solution could deliver, I would support the suspension of all taxes and the easing of bureaucratic entanglements that would lead to promoting commercial bus companies establishing non-tax-supported service in our district. What would my solution cost us, the tax-payer? Nothing.

Incidentally, do you remember the May 1 "Day Without Illegal Aliens?" It was a joy driving the freeways in light, fast-moving traffic, finding parking spaces and not worrying about getting hit by an uninsured motorist who was unable to understand the English language traffic sign. Can you imagine a California permanently without illegal aliens? I need your vote to keep my promise. Read more at my Web site — www.dolz.com.

4. IS ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION A PROBLEM? IF SO, WHAT'S THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE AND COMMON SENSE WAY TO SECURE OUR BORDER? DO YOU BELIEVE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION HAS HAD AN OVERALL NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE IMPACT ON CALIFORNIA? WHY?

There's not a single issue in California that affects more lives at a greater cost. The latest Zogby Poll indicates that 80 percent of Americans think that illegal immigration is a serious problem. Zogby indicates that Americans prefer the "Border Security First" Sensenbrenner's Bill HR 4437, 2-to-1 over the shameful Senate's Guest Worker/Amnesty Bill.

According to the Center of Immigration Studies, the State of California legislature mis-uses \$10.5 billion on tax-paid services for criminals illegally living in our country and state. This amounts to \$1,183 per household.

Stearns and Bears estimate that three million illegals will violate our borders this year. Five thousand aliens violate our borders daily and the pace has recently accelerated on news of the Senate's disgraceful amnesty proposal containing citizenship as ultimate reward for immigration scofflaws and tax cheats. Any one of those illegals could be a terrorist, and many are vicious members of the border's \$140 billion dollar drug and human-trafficking cartels. \$140 billion buys a lot of corruption.

Illegal aliens violate our borders; are largely responsible for identity theft; they drive without a license or insurance; 28 percent of felons in federal prison are illegals, and in California, it is a third (at a cost of \$1.4 billion annually). Illegals have forced 60 California emergency hospitals into bankruptcy. Our non-English speaking, overrun schools are worse in the nation. The detrimental effect of repeatedly violating our laws and consuming tax-paid services is too lengthy and complex to cover here. Please visit my Web site for in-depth coverage — www.dolz.com.

5. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE BIGGEST ISSUE FACING SANTA MONICANS? HOW DO YOU INTEND TO ADDRESS IT?

Few places in the world are fortunate to have our varied and green landscape, spectacular ocean views and incomparable weather. We live as part of a great metropolitan area with myriad of choices, yet our local lifestyle is more comparable to that of a small cozy and warmly familiar community. This is a community that is perfect for raising a family. For families, there is no more important consideration than the safety and education of our children.

The biggest issue concerning Santa Monicans is keeping our schools safe from environmental hazards, congestion and violence; and delivering a superior educational experience. Recent student gang-killings are but a warning of how our community is changing. I would like to see excellence in education rewarded and the best way to do that is to allow the consumers to choose. I will strive to increase parents' choice and control of their children's education.

I would like to target a large measure of the \$10.5 billion that is today inappropriately misspent by legislators on illegal aliens, on getting the best teachers, reducing the class sizes and securing our school grounds from violence.

When students will once again be mainly English-speaking and our state's population is reduced by the several millions who do not have the right to live here (including 500,000 illegal alien students), our curriculum will be richer, faster paced and more challenging. I will be vigilant so that our state can be again among the best in the nation.

6. WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES DURING THE FIRST YEAR AS AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER?

I will work collaboratively with every level of government to stop and reverse the massive invasion of illegal aliens into our country and state. There are 5.5 billion people living outside the industrialized world and any one of them would live a better life in America. Unfortunately, open borders means uncontrolled and unsustainable invasions of unassimilated people. We cannot allow our current legislators to negligently allow unabashed illegal immigration to drift us into a lawless society. That is not acceptable. I will be vigilant that our laws are enforced.

Secondly, I will prevent the continued misuse of \$10.5 billion (and growing) on services to people who do not have a right to live in our country and state and who show their disrespect by violating many of our laws on a daily basis.

Thirdly, I will use the \$10.5 billion to reduce our deficit and towards improving health care, education and the protection of the environment. In regards to education, I will emphasize handing over control of education to the parents; and to create a free market environment where consumer choice will drive the educational system to attain the highest level of achievement.

7. IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, WHY SHOULD PEOPLE VOTE FOR YOU?

I would like your vote so I can deliver on my promise. I am the only candidate you can trust in ending national security risks, broken borders and taxpayer abuse at the hand of illegal aliens, their employers and the elected representatives that pander to them. I am a national security analyst for the CCIR and a founding member of the Minuteman. I hold an MBA in International Business and have 20 years of business experience. My wife Bettina and I have several Santa Monica businesses. I am a foreign-born Hispanic legal immigrant and proud American. Your vote is appreciated.



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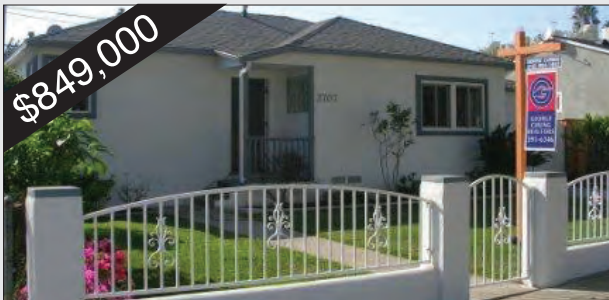
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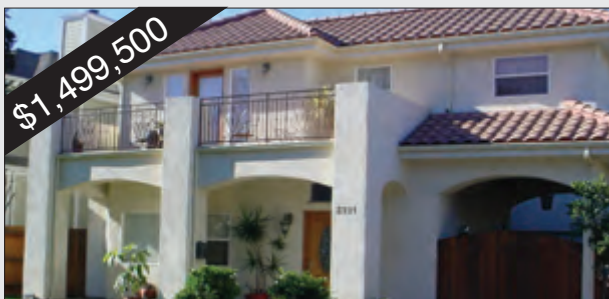
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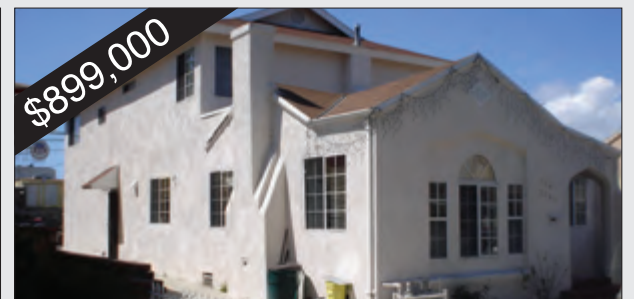
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Take it, or take it

Powers insist Iran take deal if they know what's good for them

BY GEORGE JAHN

Associated Press Writer

VIENNA, Austria — The U.S. and five other world powers have an offer they say Iran can't refuse — if it knows what's best for it.

The six nations on Thursday came up with incentives they hope will persuade Tehran to stop suspect nuclear activities, but made it clear that Iran risks U.N. sanctions if it rejects the package.

"There are two paths ahead," British Foreign Secretary Margaret Becket said in announcing the proposals put together by the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China.

The package would be on the table for a proposed new round of bargaining with Tehran over what the West calls a rogue nuclear program that could produce a bomb. The U.S., in a major policy shift, agreed this week to join those talks under certain conditions. It would be the first major public negotiations between the adversaries in more than a quarter century.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice met with the foreign ministers from the European nations that led talks with Iran that stalled last year. Also present were representatives of Russia and China, which have been Tehran's trading partners and might join in any future talks with Iran.

Since Russia and China hold vetoes in the U.N. Security Council, the U.S. needs their cooperation to seek sanctions or other harsh measures by that body.

"We are very satisfied by the results of today's meetings here in Vienna," U.S. Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns

told reporters. "We consider them a step forward in our quest to deny Iran nuclear weapons capability."

A short statement issued by foreign ministers from the six powers and the European Union did not mention economic sanctions.

The powers agreed privately, however, that Iran could face tough Security Council sanctions if it fails to give up the enrichment of uranium and other disputed nuclear activities, U.S. officials said.

Diplomats feared Iran would immediately reject any invitation to bargain if the threat of sanctions was explicit, officials involved in the discussions said on condition of anonymity because the seven-party negotiations were private.

The foreign ministers' statement threatens unspecified "further steps" in the Security Council.

The group's statement also contained no details of the incentives to be offered to Iran in the coming days. Diplomats previously have said the package includes help developing legitimate nuclear power plants and various economic benefits.

"We are prepared to resume negotiations should Iran resume suspension of all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities," as previously required by the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, Becket said.

If Iran returned to the talks stalled since last year, "we would also suspend action in the Security Council," Becket said.

The Security Council, which can levy mandatory global sanctions and back its mandates with military force, has been reviewing Iran's case for two months. Its permanent, veto-holding members have been at odds over the possibility of sanctions, with Russia and China opposed.

Patrol warns of heat

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN

Associated Press Writer

NOGALES, Ariz. — With summer fast approaching, the U.S. Border Patrol on Thursday tried to hammer home the message that illegal immigrants who allow themselves to be packed into smugglers' vehicles could face death from the heat.

"It can get over 140 degrees in a passenger car alone," said agent Jim Hawkins, a spokesman for the Border Patrol. A large number of people crammed side-by-side or face-to-face in the back of a truck, with hardly room to move their arms, or lying stacked like cordwood in a sedan or a van, can exacerbate interior temperatures, he said.

The federal agency wants to get the message out that it isn't safe to get into such vehicles, he said.

A driver might abandon them if he sees law enforcement officers, and they could end up just locked in and literally suffocate, he said.

On May 18, Border Patrol agents stopped a 20-foot long box truck heading north on Arizona 82 just east of Nogales. It was carrying 91 people stacked inside. The driver escaped.

At a Border Patrol news conference, the truck was on display, and a Nogales Fire Department engineer used an infrared thermometer with a laser sight to measure mid-afternoon vehicle temperatures.

With an ambient temperature of 101 to 103 degrees, the inside of a black Ford Mustang's trunk measured 117.2 degrees, the interior registered 135 and its dashboard, where the sun hit, showed 156.

The back interior wall of the confiscated box truck, which had two square air-holes in the roof and a circular vent and a small fan, measured a relatively cool 103.2 degrees; a sunlit back corner reached 107.

Hawkins said all 91 immigrants caught inside the truck were hot and somewhat dehydrated, "but they were fine because we got the truck at night. But the smugglers run these trucks during the day as well."



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Oprah takes in powwow

By The Associated Press

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Oprah Winfrey visited the Navajo Nation this week to gather footage for an upcoming episode of her show, tribal officials said.

Winfrey toured the Navajo capital of Window Rock on Wednesday and watched children perform a powwow dance, according to a statement released by the tribe.

“It was a real honor to have such a celebrity grace us with her presence, especially on sacred ground right under the Window Rock,” Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley Jr. said. “She’s a very likable person, of course, very honorable.”

The Window Rock is a geographic feature that gave the community its name.

Priscella Littlefoot, the To’Nanees’ Dizi Chapter coordinator who organized the event, said in the statement that “Oprah is our key to let the world in.”

“Hopefully, Oprah’s visit will portray that while we do have social problems, we’re still rich in our heritage, our culture and language,” she said.

LONDON — The Rolling Stones, assured that Keith Richards is fully recovered from a head injury, will kick off their rescheduled European tour in Milan, Italy, on July 11.

The band is booked for 21 stadium appearances in 11 countries, it was announced Friday. Previously scheduled concerts in Nuremberg and Leipzig, Germany, have been canceled, and 10 other concerts on the tour, which had been set to open May 27 in Barcelona, Spain, have been postponed.

Richards, 62, was injured in late April when he reportedly fell out of a palm tree while vacationing in Fiji. Richards later had surgery in New Zealand to relieve pressure in his head.

The tour announcement on the Stones’ Web site said the guitarist had made a “complete recovery from his accident” and was ready to return to the concert stage.

Richards, in a statement, apologized to fans.

“Excuse me, I fell off of my perch! Sorry to disrupt everyone’s plans but now — it’s full steam ahead! Ouch!!”

Ticket holders for rescheduled concerts should retain their tickets and await further information, the band’s spokesman said.

Revised tour dates: July 11, Milan, Italy; July 14, Vienna, Austria; July 16, Munich, Germany; July 19, Hanover, Germany; July 21, Berlin; July 23, Cologne, Germany; July 28, Paris; July 31, Amsterdam, Netherlands; Aug. 3, Stuttgart, Germany; Aug. 5, Zurich, Switzerland; Aug. 8, Nice, France; Aug. 12, Porto, Portugal; Aug. 14, Valladolid, Spain; Aug. 16, El Ejido, Spain;

Aug. 20, London; Aug. 22, London; Aug. 25, Glasgow, Scotland; Aug. 27, Sheffield, England;

Aug. 29, Cardiff, Wales; Sept. 1, Bergen, Norway; Sept. 3, Horsens, Denmark.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. — ABC news anchor Bob Woodruff, who was injured while reporting on the war in Iraq earlier this year, won’t attend an upcoming alumni awards ceremony in his home state of Michigan.

Woodruff, 44, will send his brother, Dave Woodruff, to accept a 2006 Cranbrook Schools Distinguished Alumni Award on June 10.

The newsmen is recovering at his New York home after suffering serious head injuries and broken bones Jan. 29 in a roadside bombing.

“Now he’s in the process of continuing to exercise his mind and keep his eye on getting back to work eventually. He’s doing great. He really is,” Dave Woodruff told the Detroit Free Press in a story Friday.

Bob Woodruff, a Michigan native and 1979 Cranbrook graduate, was a “World News Tonight” co-anchor with Elizabeth Vargas, who recently was replaced by Charles Gibson.

DENVER — Former MTV talk-show host Tom Green said an accident near his house in Costa Rica has made him more respectful of the ocean.

Green, who was in Costa Rica this week collecting video for a new project, said he was fishing alone two months ago when a violent wave slammed him into a rock. He said he hit his head, broke two ribs and stumbled back to his house before driving to a hospital about two hours away by dirt roads.

He apparently shocked the cleaning lady.

“I was covered in blood, hardly alive. I walked past the cleaning lady. She looked at me like she was looking at a dead person,” he told The Associated Press by phone Thursday. “I just walked into my shower.”

A day earlier, the waves pulled him “14 football fields” out into the ocean while surfing, he said.

“It took me an hour to get back into shore, and I said, I’m never gonna be that risky with that ocean again. I’ll just go fishing.” The next day I got nailed.”

Green, 34, recently finished directing an upcoming movie, “Prankstar.” He was the host of “The Tom Green Show” and “The New Tom Green Show” on MTV, and his acting credits include roles in “Stealing Harvard,” “Freddy Got Fingered” and “Road Trip.”

NEW YORK — Tony Award winner Brian F. O’Byrne and Tony nominees Betsy von Furstenberg and Wendie Malick will be among those reading at a public celebration of Nobel laureates such as Elie Wiesel, William Faulkner and former President Carter.

“Poets and Peacemakers,” a free lunchtime program to be held June 16 at Saint Peter’s Church in

midtown Manhattan, will feature readings from the books and speeches of Nobel Prize winners. The event is being organized by TIPA (Toward International Peace Through the Arts), a nonprofit organization.

O’Byrne won a Tony in 2004 for his performance as a child-murdering serial killer in last year’s “Frozen.” He also had a small but pivotal part in the Oscar-winning film “Million Dollar Baby” and received a Tony nomination last year for his role as the priest in the acclaimed “Doubt.”

LOS ANGELES — It’s a boy for Oscar-winning actress Rachel Weisz and her fiance, director Darren Aronofsky.

The couple had their first child Wednesday in New York, according to Weisz spokeswoman Kelly Bush. No other details were made available.

Weisz, 35, won an Oscar in March for her portrayal of a political activist in “The Constant Gardener.” Later this year, she can be seen in “The Fountain,” which Aronofsky directed.

Aronofsky wrote and directed 2000’s “Requiem for a Dream.”

LOS ANGELES — Those hoping that the new season of “The Simple Life” will supply the answer to what’s really behind the famous Paris Hilton-Nicole Richie feud are going to be disappointed _ but the former friends do toss a few dishy darts at one another.

The reality-style series, which shows how inept the two celebutantes can be in everyday situations, returns Sunday, 10 p.m. EDT on E!

Hilton characterizes the two as “complete opposites.”

“I’m the nice one, she’s the evil one,” the baby-voiced blonde says. “Some people change when they think they’re a star or something and some people stay the same. I’ve always been the same and she’s definitely not.”

“Nothing happened,” says a dismissive Richie. “You’ve never lost touch with anyone in your life?”

BARCELONA, Spain — Pete Doherty was searched for drugs at a Barcelona airport, but was cleared to proceed after no drugs were found on his flight from London, authorities said.

Doherty, 27, and his band, Babyshambles, were on a flight Thursday to Barcelona from Gatwick airport, easyJet spokeswoman Samantha Day said in London. The captain radioed ahead to ask police to meet the plane at El Prat airport after noticing suspicious behavior by Doherty, she said.

“The captain asked for a police presence because a passenger was taking too much time in the bathroom and he suspected that he might be taking drugs,” Javier Gaspar, a civil guard spokesman in Barcelona, told The Associated Press.

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1:30, 4:30, 7:30
United 93 (R)
10:15
X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13)
12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30, 11:00

Mann's Criterion Theatre
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Friends With Money (R)
1:10, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:10
Mission: Impossible III (PG-13)
1:00, 2:20, 4:00, 7:00, 7:40, 10:00
Poseidon (PG-13)
11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
The Proposition (R)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 6:50, 9:30
See No Evil (R)
12:10, 5:20, 10:30
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The Da Vinci Code (PG-13)
10:30am, 12:35, 1:50, 4:00, 5:20, 6:30, 7:30, 8:45, 10:00, 11:00
Keeping Up With the Steins (PG-13)
10:45am, 1:05, 3:15, 5:35, 7:50, 10:10
Over the Hedge (PG)
11:10am, 12:20, 1:30, 2:35, 3:50, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30
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Art School Confidential (R)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
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11:45am, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

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MORE TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1621, the Dutch West India Company received a charter for New Netherlands _ now known as New York.

In 1808, Jefferson Davis _ the first and only president of the Confederacy _ was born in Christian County, Ky.

In 1935, the French liner Normandie set a record on its maiden voyage, arriving in New York after crossing the Atlantic in just four days, 11 hours and 42 minutes.

In 1937, the Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the British throne, married Wallis Warfield Simpson in Monts, France.

In 1948, the 200-inch reflecting telescope at the Palomar Mountain Observatory in California was dedicated.

In 1963, Pope John XXIII died at age 81. He was succeeded by Pope Paul VI.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II left a Rome hospital and returned to the Vatican three weeks after the attempt on his life.



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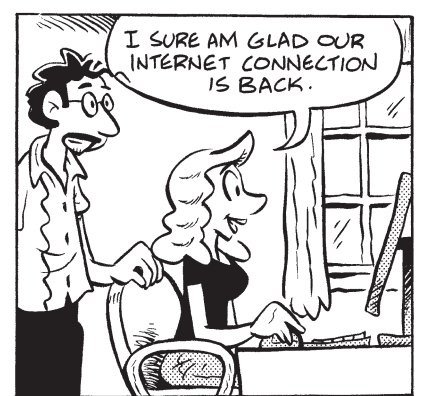
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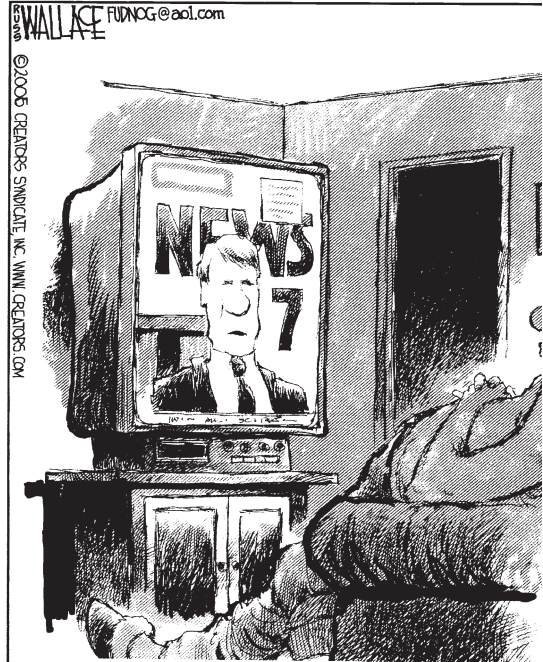
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L. AUSTIN PRICE, born Lois Austin Price October 23, 1917 to May 3, 2006:

Born in Kiln, Mississippi, to Beulah Beauregard Parker and Ruben Aloysius Price, Austin was in sales all of his life - starting out selling newspaper subscriptions door-to-door, as a primary source of income for his parents at the age of 13, during the Depression. Graduated from Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles, California, class of 1935. He obtained his real estate and broker's license in 1953 and was an owner of the firm, Townsend & Simpson Real Estate in Pacific Palisades, California. He was active in his community, performing in local plays at the Community Center, serving as President of the Los Angeles Realty Board, the Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce and the Palisades Optimist Club. He was a life-long optimist, and a great raconteur, a class A tennis player and a single digit golfer. He also enjoyed dancing and all kinds of fishing.

Mr. Price is survived by his daughters, Janis Grabowski of Upland, California, Jean Price Lewis of Novato, California, and his son, Jonathan Austin Price of Seaside, California, and by 8 grandchildren: Patrick, Michael, and Neal Grabowski of Upland, California, Julie Vaughn of Carlsbad, California, Michelle Marquis of Bend, Oregon, Noelle Barron of Redding, California, Angela Perkins of Long Beach, California, Jeffrey Price of Seaside, California, and 18 great grandchildren.

He was 88, and had enjoyed life-long health physically and mentally, and retained his marvelous sense of humor and clever wit, right to the end. He had requested that his ashes be buried with those of his late wife, Margaret O'Brien Price, in the roots of a lovely yellow rose bush that he kept outside his window ever since her death in 1996, moving the bush from Sarasota, Florida, to Novato, California, and, most recently to the Veterans Home in Barstow, California, where he passed, of natural causes, on May 3, 2006. We were lucky to have him for so many years. May he rest in peace.

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