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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidate (and football hall-of-famer) Lynn Swann, who says state taxes are too high, was revealed by the Allentown Morning Call in March to have been neglecting to collect legally required state sales tax from the Pennsylvania customers of his football memorabilia Web site.

■ Arizona gubernatorial candidate Mike Harris donated \$100,000 of his own money to his campaign in April, six months after successfully begging a judge to cut his \$2,000-per-month child-support payments in half (and conceding that he had not disclosed that he owed his ex-wife \$44,000 more from a property sale). Harris said even paying \$1,000 a month was "pretty darn generous" of him.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 165th day of 2006.
There are 200 days left in the year.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't even butter my bread.
I consider that cooking."
KATHERINE CEBRIAN

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This old house historic?

Property owner files for demolition but wants it saved by City Hall



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COTTAGE PLEAS: Santa Monica resident Bob Sevy on Saturday has a neighbor sign a petition while Scott Spell and Pat Mullen hold up signs in an effort to save a 1898 cottage at 2219 Ocean Ave. As the last cottage of its kind, the fate of it remains unclear as city officials in the next two months contemplate its historic value.

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK — The fate of a more than 100-year-old seaside cottage here now rests in the hands of the city's Landmarks Commission, which earlier this week voted unanimously to study the structure and determine if it should be considered an historic landmark.

A group of residents are circulating a petition in favor of granting landmark status to protect the cottage after the owner, The University of Illinois Foundation, filed a permit to demolish the structure in May. Residents said the cottage, located at 2219 Ocean Ave., is the last remaining structure of its kind to offer expansive views of Santa Monica Bay, and represents a long-forgotten era in the city's history, when Muscle Beach was a favorite hangout for Hollywood's elite, including Kirk Douglas, Clark Gable and Mae West.

"Being the last beach cottage of its kind, it takes me back to the days when my mother told me about coming down from the bean fields in the old red car to surf with these huge, heavy, wooden boards," said Pat Mullen, a resident of Santa

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Art from a special perspective

BY EMILIE PHELPS

Special to the Daily Press

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL — It is said that art is in the eye of the beholder and for 10 students here, it was the process of creating it and displaying it that resonated with them.

Forty-six art pieces were created by the Lincoln Middle School special education art class — students who

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

ARTISTIC EYE: Gorge Valdez, an autistic sixth grader at Lincoln Middle School, shows off his painting titled, 'Willie Wonka' to Kathy Scott, the school's principal, during the Art Gallery Walk on Monday.

STATE

A bad day at the beach

By The Associated Press

OXNARD — Two police officers patrolling a beach in an SUV on Monday ran over and killed a sunbather, authorities said.

The officers did not immediately realize they ran over the woman and continued driving, police Cmdr. Tom Chronister said in a statement.

The officers, who were not immediately identified, had stopped on a small berm of sand to watch a swimmer who they believed to be in dis-

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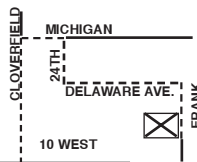
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You have a take-charge attitude. Apply it where you can make a difference. You can lead as few signs can. You are a handful and sometimes overwhelming. You might need to rethink a decision that involves a higher-up or a parent. Tonight: Trust yourself.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your capacity for understanding new opportunities and vistas determines the end results today. Perspective can make the difference in how you think and what you choose. Tonight: Let your mind wander — music or a movie?



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ What works is making time for key communication. You and an associate must have a talk. What you resolve right now can make all the difference in how you feel about yourself, that person and life in general. Tonight: Focus on one special person.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might want to defer to someone you care about who is more important than you realize. In a sense, you aren't in control — someone else is. Don't feel as if you don't have any options. Time is your ally. Reach out for other people. Tonight: Sort through your invitations.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Pace yourself and accomplish as much as possible. Your understanding of a problem will point the way to a solution. You are resilient and have the ability to act on your ideas. Follow-through counts. Tonight: Take a walk. Are you exercising enough?



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Your creativity and imagination come forth no matter what you do. Add that excitement and allure to a present situation. Get to the bottom of what others want; you might be in a position to give it to them. Tonight: Romp the weekend away.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Look at the basics first. Think in terms of gains rather than expenditures. Listen to what is occurring with someone you trust. His or her judgment is important to you, as is your judgment to him or her. Tonight: Entertain at home.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your optimism flows over to nearly any situation, no matter what is going on. Communication remains a critical factor in making a decision. You can count on your imagination and your instincts. Others let you know how important you are. Tonight: Hang out.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Ground your finances before you are grounded by them. Overspending today could cost you some fun times later. Your instincts might be telling you that what you are doing is OK. What does your financial sense say? Tonight: Gather your bills.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Friends root you on to do whatever you think is best. Still, surprises head your way. You might want and need to rethink plans, as the unexpected could create havoc in the most organized Goat's day. Tap into your creativity. Tonight: What would make you happy?



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Remove yourself from anything that could cause a problem. You need to focus on the positive and what you can achieve. Your instincts will lead you with a money offer or a risk. Still, know when you might be stepping into quicksand. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Aim for what you want, but in an orderly manner that draws the results you desire. News from afar puts a smile on your face. Think before you launch into action. There are always ramifications. You come up with ideas left and right. Tonight: Find your friends.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Honoring the legacy of Juneteenth

By Daily Press staff

Juneteenth is a holiday commemorating June 19, 1865, when General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Tex. to inform the slaves that the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed two and a half years before, commanding the freeing of all slaves.

According to LaVerne Ross, president of the Juneteenth Celebration Committee, the 14th annual celebration of Juneteenth in Santa Monica will focus on the legacy of slavery and how the U.S. has progressed to an era of freedom and strength.

The celebration will include an educational program for adults and children alike. Musical guests include the gospel choir from Second Baptist Church of Venice; Clarence Ross teaching djimbe drums to up to 25 participants; Billy Harris on saxophone, and the Billy Johnson Band kicking off the ceremony with jazz, soul and blues.

Historical performances fill the celebration, such as Ella Raino telling ancient stories from Africa to America. Martin Yarbrough will demonstrate field hollering, as well as adding his guitar playing to the musical feast. There will be poetry performed by writer Ola Mitchell, and "Children of the Emanicipation" exhibition — a traveling museum which uses performance to teach about the daily lives and activities of slaves. The emcee of the celebration is actor Gwen George.

The Juneteenth celebration will take place Saturday, June 17 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park, located at 2200 Virginia Ave. For more information call Ross at (310) 451-8124, or (310) 908-4554.

Volunteers build creative environment for preschoolers

By Daily Press staff

Low-income and other disadvantaged children have a new place to grow and learn in Santa Monica.

Through the efforts of volunteers, children at St. Joseph Center's Early Learning Center (ELC) have a new facility at First Presbyterian Nursery School. Fifty volunteers scrubbed, reorganized and built all day on Saturday, June 3, resulting in two completely new learning "studios" at the ELC childcare facility, located in Santa Monica. The studios are small areas within each of ELC's two classrooms where children can focus on either art or communication.

In the art studio, children can draw and paint while learning about colors and shapes. The communication area, replete with mailboxes and envelopes, gives children a chance to write letters to each other, their parents and ELC's staff — an exercise that staff say helps them learn to express their feelings, cope with separation anxiety, and practice basic academic skills such as forming letters and writing sentences. Aside from building the studios, volunteers helped scrub ELC's classrooms and reorganize other existing areas within each classroom.

To prepare for the day, First Presbyterian Nursery School procured \$6,000 in donations, including items from local stores such as Busy Bee Hardware, Abbot's Habit, Osh, and the 99 Cent Store. It was the largest project executed in the many years of volunteering by First Presbyterian Nursery School.

St. Joseph Center's Early Learning Center (ELC) serves 32 homeless, formerly homeless and low-income children ages 18 months to 5 years old in an environment which helps them develop the mental and physical tools they will need to succeed in school. In addition, ELC offers parenting classes and other resources to help the entire family move toward greater health and stability.



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WEDNESDAY				
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THURSDAY				
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HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FRIDAY				
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Judging should be left to the courts

Editor:
Staff writer Kevin Herrera states, as the Santa Monica Daily Press (SMDP, June 9, page 1) has reported previously, that in a “catastrophic car accident” an elderly man drove through the crowded Farmers Market “avoiding parked cars but hurling pedestrians into the air.”

There are no parked cars at the Farmers Market.
It is a posted tow zone, and all parked cars are removed by the city prior to the arrival of the farmers.

In particular, on the day when 10 people lost their lives, there were no parked cars.
I ought to know. I was there.
Also, though “catastrophic” is certainly an accurate and uncontroversial assessment, I object to the use of the word “accident” as a characterization of what happened. That it was an incident is indisputable. An “accident,” however, is by definition an event lacking in intent or volition. Whether such is the case in the Russell Weller matter is to yet be determined, and will be done in a court of law, not in a newspaper.

David Stoughton
Santa Monica

Cheers for local coalition

Editor:
Thank you very much for the in-depth article about the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMDP, June 12, page 1). As a 29-year resident at the same address here in Santa Monica, I applaud the efforts of this group in their efforts to keep development in check and maintain a good quality of life here in our fair city.

Peter Davison
Santa Monica

Not feeling the good vibes

Editor:
Having been born in Santa Monica and back living in Santa Monica more than 20 years now, good vibes indeed may be growing among random Los Angeles county visitors and tourists. However, the residents are constantly fighting massive traffic jams, car exhaust, limos, emergency vehicle sirens and foot traffic that looks as dense as any New York City street I’ve pushed my way through. Santa Monica is no longer a contained, lovely beach city — hardly.

Developers greedily suck up the little space that is left downtown with blocks of luxury living condos, creating more density, clogged with the car exhaust of people perpetually looking for that elusive parking space.
Apparently, the Santa Monica City Council is enjoying the perks and profits of a boomtown that happens to have an ocean attached to it.

Catherine Ewing
Santa Monica

Hear the ECHO of cheers from Samohi talent in Shanghai



Erik Burger, Anthony Campbell, Jasmine Coker, Carlton Fortenberry, Sabrina Marin, Douglas Monroy, Malik Moosa, Elizabeth Munoz and Christopher Peterson all share at least three things in common. All of them are students at Santa Monica High School, all are involved with Project ECHO and all are going to Shanghai soon.

Why? Because they are going to compete in the international entrepreneurship competition put on by the Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship (SAGE).

How did that come about? In large part, because of the involvement of an organization that goes by the name of Project ECHO (Entrepreneurial Concepts Hands On), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Santa Monica. Project ECHO is dedicated to assisting high school students, schools and teachers so they can enable students to develop business, financial and life skills. Project ECHO accomplishes that by helping to mentor students who start and operate on-campus businesses. Students at Samohi, for example, manage and operate two real on-campus businesses with guidance provided through a Project ECHO class that is recognized by the State Department of Education as a model practice, and that has been awarded the prestigious national Leavey Award for outstanding free enterprise programs. Beyond that, Project ECHO’s students also have completed extensive projects in the community with an eye toward service, environmental concerns and civic involvement. To accomplish all of that, Project ECHO uses a very diverse business advisory board and has eight active college mentors from Santa Monica College and other local universities.

Project ECHO is headed up by its program director Dion Michael Ramos. When he took the helm at Project ECHO barely seven months ago, the organization was involved with only two schools. Now, however, it has relationships with 11, and in another year he anticipates having relationships with as many as 20. Ramos says, “My vision for the future of Project Echo is awesome — I see 100 schools someday — we are here to support business, success, leadership and financial literacy. Really, we should be in every high school.”

He started out himself as a young man pumping gas at his family’s gas station where he learned about customer service. He says he was taught to “think like an owner, not an employee, it’s a completely different mindset.”

And as the son of a mother who taught for years in public schools he says, “teaching is in my blood, I can’t help myself. Educating and mentoring youth is my passion.” And so he puts that passion to work with students like the ones at Samohi now going to Shanghai by helping them to compete against students from other schools and win at entrepreneurship competitions put on by SAGE.

SAGE’s mission is to advance ethical business practices, social responsibility, civic engagement and environmental awareness worldwide through high school level youth participation in entrepreneurship and community service. It was founded by California

State University-Chico business professor Curt DeBerg. The students who are involved in the inter-school competitions put on by SAGE create businesses compatible to SAGE’s mission and then compete among themselves to see whose project most creatively demonstrates entrepreneurship which meets SAGE’s criteria. DeBerg says, “SAGE provides young people with an opportunity to engender a fundamental and positive change in their local communities around the world.” He compares the SAGE competitions to a sporting event.

“Just like when high school teams compete interscholastically on the sporting field, the SAGE structure allows high school teams to compete with other schools based on the creativity of their socially-responsible businesses,” he said.

So, how did the trip to Shanghai come about? Well, I am informed these Samohi students’ journey began with winning the state championship in a competition that set them against 10 other high schools. Their 15-minute PowerPoint presentation detailing and explaining their businesses and how those businesses comport with the ethical, social, civic and environmental criteria set up by SAGE evidently won the day. The next day the Samohi students went to the national competition that was held on May 26 in Brooklyn, NY, where state champions from eight other states around the country competed. And guess what? The Samohi students won the nationals.

So, now they are going to Shanghai in July. There, they will be competing against teams that have won the SAGE national competitions of their respective countries, including China, the Philippines, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Russia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and the Ukraine. For those students it will truly be an honor and an experience that they will never forget. But that should also be true for the community of Santa Monica itself. The students are a credit to our community and we should be proud of them. Also, we should be aware of the efforts of Project ECHO that have made all of it possible. Truly, it appears to be an organization worthy of our community’s support. And, now just may be your opportunity to lend the assistance it needs to keep going to help the next generations that will follow in the years to come.

On Monday, June 26, Project ECHO is having a fundraiser to enable it to continue its efforts here and abroad. So, permit me to encourage you to think about it. Project ECHO may be something in our community that you should consider supporting in a very real way. If you want more information about Project ECHO or their upcoming fundraiser, I would encourage you to call Mr. Ramos at Project ECHO directly at (310) 434-2701 or e-mail him at dion.ramos@projectecho.org. By lending your support to their efforts, you may not only be helping the community we live in, but helping some students in the future whose lives will be changed forever for the better.

Finally, to students Burger, Campbell, Coker, Fortenberry, Marin, Monroy, Moosa, Munoz and Peterson: All we have to say is we’re proud of you, and however the competition in Shaghai turns out, in our minds you’re already the best. You go guys.

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Fate of beach cottage rests within City Hall

SAVE THE COTTAGE, from page 1

Monica who has joined with others to protect the cottage.

"It reminds me of the old Pacific Ocean Park days," Mullen added. "We're losing the memories and we're losing our history with all these big condos going up and all the remodeling. People want to make a dollar, and I don't blame them, but we should keep some of the history intact."

Representatives with the foundation, the fundraising arm for The University of Illinois, said they have no plans to tear down the cottage, which was donated to them in June 2005 following the death of its owner, real estate investor and philanthropist William Hobson.

The foundation filed for demolition so that the Landmarks Commission would be forced to study the structure and make a final determination on its status as an historic landmark, said Brad Hatfield, vice president of administration for the foundation.

Hatfield said the foundation has tried to sell the property for the last five months, but despite several interested buyers willing to pay the \$3.3 million asking price, no one has cut a check because there is still uncertainty as to the status of the cottage and whether or not a new owner could remodel or demolish the structure in the future.

"We can't be definitive as to what a potential buyer can and can't do with the property so we thought this was a good strategy to use," Hatfield said. "I don't understand why people think we're going to tear it down."

The Landmarks Commission on Monday voted to pursue whether the cottage should be considered as an historic landmark. Now, an historical analysis of the structure will commence and a public hearing will be held within the next 65 days, at which time the commission will make its determination, said Roxanne Tanemori, an associate planner in City Hall and the staff liaison for the commission.

To qualify, the structure must meet one of six criteria, which include whether or not it is identified with historic people or with important events in local, state, or national history; it embodies distinguishing architectural characteristics; it is a significant or a representative example of the work of a notable builder or architect; it has a unique location, physical characteristic or is an established and familiar feature of a neighborhood or community in the city; it has aesthetic or artistic interest or value; or that it exemplifies, symbolizes or manifests elements of the cultural, social, economic, political or architectural history of the city.

The Landmarks Commission makes the final determination whether or not a structure qualifies, with appeals going before the City Council, Tanemori said.

An outside consultant, PCR Service Corp., will perform the study of the cottage. A cost has not yet been determined, Tanemori said.

The cottage, which is believed to have been built in 1898, is 1,526 square feet, and sits on a lot that is 40 feet wide and 130 feet deep, said Darlene Waits, a real estate agent with El Dorado Realty East, which has tried to sell the property for the University of Illinois.

Waits, who also helped the cottage's former owner, Hobson, sell another home, said filing for demolition was the recommended way to determine its landmark status. However, any person can file a petition with the Landmarks Commission to have a property considered for historical status or significance.

The Landmarks Commission is required to review any demolition request involving a structure that is at least 40 years old. As part of that process, the commission looks at whether the structure is an historic landmark, and if not, whether it should be protected.

"If it can be demolished, then we will simply transfer the permit to the new owners," Waits said. "If it can't, then we'll have to work out something else, but at least they'll know what they're getting. No one is going to spend that (\$3.3 million) kind of money on a closed box with a string wrapped around it. You don't know what's inside."

Waits said Hobson, who lived in the cottage for the last 10 years, donated all of his properties to many universities and had donated millions to help universities establish or enhance their psychology departments in honor of his late wife, Dr. Evelyn Troup Hobson, who worked as a psychological consultant to educators throughout Southern California, according to officials at UCLA. UCLA received \$1.5 million from Hobson shortly after his death in June 2005.

Hatfield said Hobson donated the property to the university to help fund an endowment in his wife's honor. Hatfield said the university often receives donated properties, and it is the practice of the foundation to sell most and use the proceeds to fund projects specified by the donor.

"It is a unique property. I've been there," Hatfield said of the cottage. "It's a beautiful place and we hope the buyers will maintain it as is."

Roger Genser, chair of the Landmarks Commission, said his colleagues decided to nominate the cottage for landmark status because of its uniqueness and the strong outcry from the community to protect it.

As a resident of Ocean Park for 30 years, Genser said he has seen many changes to the "beach tract," along Ocean Avenue, with homeowners razing homes to put garages underneath or adding stories to expand square footage.

"(The beach tract) is home to the largest concentration of historic houses in the city and it is a very important one," Genser said. "Over time it has been chipped away by development (and) remodeling."

The same thing is occurring north of Montana Avenue with the loss of the Spanish Revival architecture, which includes Spanish-style courtyards, Genser said.

The demolition or remodeling of those structures has changed the character of the neighborhoods where they are located, Genser said, and has forced the commission to think of new ways to encourage owners to maintain historic features of their homes.

"We want to inspire people to retain homes while giving owners some room to make improvements instead of tearing the structure down," Genser said. "We continuously see homes threatened every month."

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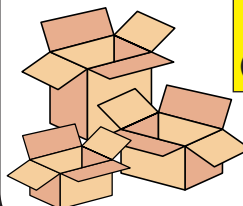
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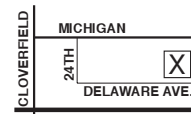


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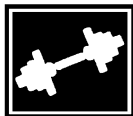
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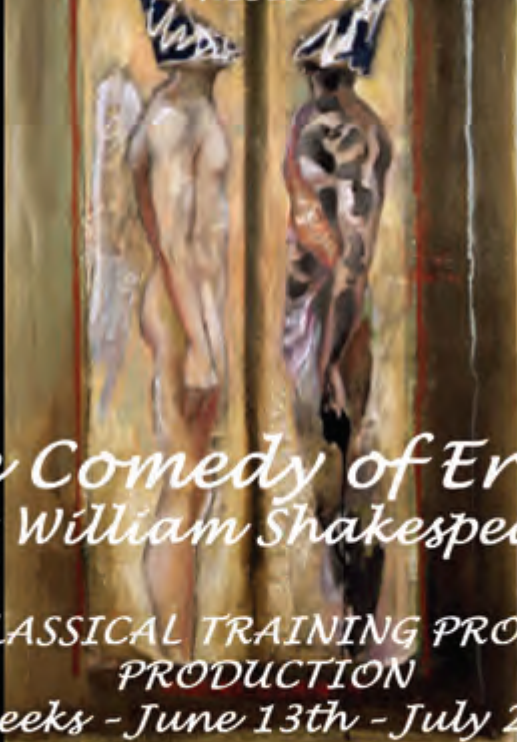
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ART FROM HER EYES: Lincoln Middle School art teacher Shirley Bryant on Monday discusses the art piece of sixth grader Madison Collins with her father Bobby Collins and her aide Michaela Page, during the opening of the inaugural Art Gallery Walk. The art pieces were created by the special education art class for severely challenged students.

Art display shows diversity and good can come from within

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are severely challenged. They unveiled their work on Monday at the Lincoln Art Walk's opening reception. The event was created and organized by Shirley Bryant, who teaches art to the 10 special-needs students twice a week.

She said the process of making art is beneficial to the students because it helps them to express themselves. She added that the children are often proclaimed as having the most pure flow of expression from the soul to artwork.

The students have been preparing for the public display for months. The class goes at a slower pace, often with Bryant guiding the students to make a piece in stages — layering a new component onto the artwork in each session. An example of that was on display on Monday called "Expressions in Purple, Orange and Green."

The students were taught about the primary colors — blue, red, and yellow — and how to combine the pure colors in order to

form secondary colors such as purple, orange and green. The assignment gave students the responsibility to mix their own colors, and incorporated the paint with shapes made from recycled materials such as tissue, wrapping paper and glitter.

In addition to the class time, the exhibition of the students' work also is a key component to the experience. The positive feedback from peers and adults provides them with a tangible result for their efforts, as well as encourages pride in their work, and improves their self-esteem, Bryant said.

The students are faced with difficulties in their day-to-day lives because of their special needs and the exhibition is an opportunity to celebrate their success in dealing with those challenges, Bryant said. In light of the difficulties facing schools lately concerning gang violence, Bryant said she is proud to show the community one of the positive results that has come from students facing a daunting challenge.

The artwork will stay on exhibit in the Lincoln Middle School Auditorium lobby until June 14.

Head in the sand

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ress. When they saw the swimmer was fine, they drove over the berm and apparently over the woman's head, authorities said.

A witness called the Oxnard Fire Department to report the woman was bleeding on the beach just south of the Embassy

Suites Mandalay Beach Resort. The woman, Cindy Conolly, 49, of Sioux City, Iowa, was in town for her son's wedding, said Mike Feiler, senior deputy medical examiner in the Ventura County coroner's office.

An autopsy was scheduled for Tuesday. The officers have been placed on paid leave pending an investigation.

Oxnard is located about 55 miles north-west of downtown Los Angeles.

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STATE BRIEFS

Downtown growth continues upward

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Developers plan a 1,000-room hotel complex rising 54 stories at the Convention Center, giving downtown a long-needed business center magnet.

The proposed 124-room Ritz-Carlton, which would be downtown’s first five-star hotel, and the 876-room Marriott Marquis will be topped by 216 luxury condominiums.

The \$750 million project, which would be one of the city’s largest buildings at 2 million square feet, is scheduled to open in 2010. It would anchor the 27-acre sports/entertainment complex L.A. Live.

“All of this is really a wonderful story about the emergence — and reemergence — of downtown Los Angeles as a strong economic center and a strong weight to the region’s economy,” said Stuart Gabriel, a University of Southern California professor and director of its Lusk Center for Real Estate.

Mojave River gets dumped on

By The Associated Press

BARSTOW — Regional water officials say the city dumped 1.5 million gallons of raw sewage into the Mojave River.

The wastewater treatment plant spilled the sewage on May 20, according to a report filed with the Lahontan Regional Water Control Board, spokeswoman Cindy Mitton said.

Plant project coordinator Patrick Lenway said the facility has had trouble with electrical systems and a contractor did not leave blueprints and other wiring information after electrical upgrading in 1997.

The situation results in long delays when troubleshooting problems, he said.

City spokeswoman Jeanette Hayhurst said the sewage plant is operated by Aquarion, an independent contractor.

“Comment about the incident from city officials is pending receipt and analysis of the operator’s reports,” she said.

Doing time for a hate crime

By The Associated Press

VENTURA — A white supremacist who attacked a black teenager outside Community Memorial Hospital was sentenced to 13 years in prison for the hate crime.

Superior Court Judge Brian Back, who convicted Ryan Dale Burchell of criminal threats, battery and resisting arrest, also found that the threats and battery charges were hate crimes.

During sentencing Monday, the judge said he considered the 32-year-old defendant’s age, criminal history, mental problems and involvement with alcohol in determining the sentence.

Burchell attacked Michael Bryant, 19, of Oxnard on Feb. 8, 2005, while Bryant was waiting for his mother to pick him up after treatment for a stomach virus.

Bryant said Burchell, an avowed white supremacist, called him a racial slur and threatened to take him into an alley and kill him. After a scuffle, Burchell fled.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Stacy Ratner noted Burchell’s 1993 felony voluntary manslaughter conviction for which he was sent to prison for 12 years. Ratner said Burchell had stabbed a man with an ice pick seven times.

Thousand Oaks a safe bet

By The Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS — The city has reclaimed its title as the nation’s safest city for its size.

Preliminary 2005 crime statistics released Monday by the Federal Bureau of Investigation showed Thousand Oaks topped the list of safest cities with 100,000 residents or more.

Another Ventura County city, Simi Valley, came in seventh.

In 2003, Thousand Oaks was the safest city, but Amherst, N.Y., knocked the Ventura County city off the top in 2004.

“What drives our reputation is being able to have low numbers. We live for them, to see where (crime) is at and where it’s going to be,” said Dennis Carpenter, commander of the Thousand Oaks Police Department.

The rankings are based on the number of reported violent crimes, such as murders and forcible rapes, and property crimes, such as auto thefts and burglaries.

Thousand Oaks had 1,958 reported incidents and Simi Valley had 2,487, according to the FBI’s preliminary crime statistics.

Signs of the times stay ethnic for now

By The Associated Press

HAWTHORNE — The city backed away from its “English first” proposal that would have required ethnic businesses to translate foreign language signs.

The city decided it would instead ask — rather than force — businesses to use English words.

Councilwoman Ginny Lambert was behind the English first proposal, saying it would foster understanding among all who travel through the community. Lambert said she got the idea after noticing a sign written in language she didn’t understand.

She proposed making it city policy that all signs be in English, with any foreign languages underneath.

But city lawyers feared a federal free-speech lawsuit, leading the council to agree that the city will strongly recommend some English on signs.

“You know, that’s OK. I’ll wait my time,” Lambert said. “One of these days, it’ll happen. It’ll be English only.”

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Farmers, celebrity supporters evicted from LA urban garden

BY JACOB ADELMAN

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Sheriff's deputies and police evicted farmers and supporters Tuesday from a 14-acre urban community garden being reclaimed by the landowner, making arrests as protesters resisted by occupying a tree, chaining themselves to barrels of concrete and blocking traffic with demonstrations in nearby streets.

Actress Daryl Hannah and famous tree sitter John Quigley raised their fists as authorities used a fire truck lift to bring them down from a walnut tree towering over the green swath in a gritty area southeast of downtown.

"Daryl, we're with you!" protester Jenny Flores yelled through a megaphone from a nearby street.

"I'm very confident this is the morally right thing to do, to take a principled stand in solidarity with the farmers," Hannah told The Associated Press in a cell phone call before officials reached her perch and arrested her.

Authorities moved against garden occupiers about 5 a.m. Seventeen arrests were made inside the garden for investigation of failure to obey a court order and for obstructing sheriff's deputies trying to carry out the order, county Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Kerri Webb said.

Another 25 to 30 people at the support demonstration outside the garden were arrested by city police for investigation of misdemeanor failure to disperse, said Police Lt. Paul Vernon.

Protesters linked arms and sat on train tracks, drawing officers with helmets and batons. Officers dragged some protesters away while other officers forced supporters back.

Inside the garden, firefighters had to cut free protesters who had chained themselves to the walnut tree, barrels filled with concrete and a picnic table.

The garden was finally cleared just after noon. Some protesters remained nearby with officers watching. Others went to City Hall, where they chanted "Save the farm."

The action began near daybreak as about 120 sheriff's deputies arrived at the site to serve an eviction order that a judge signed last month.

"It's a massive show of force," Quigley, a veteran environmental activist and tree-sitter, said by cell phone. "Our goal is to hold as firm as we can, obviously in a nonviolent manner."

Deputies slowly pulled people out from among the avocados, sunflowers and other produce.

"We're taking our time so we make sure

the protesters are safe," Webb said.

For years about 350 people tended plots of produce and flowers at the site. Recently, however, landowner Ralph Horowitz began taking action on plans to replace the garden with a warehouse. Horowitz noted that the farmers were squatting on land he owned which was zoned for warehouses and factories.

Horowitz said in a telephone interview he was paying \$25,000 to \$30,000 a month in mortgage and other land costs.

"We've made, in the last three years, enough of a donation to those farmers," he said. "I just want my land back."

"The gardeners don't make the rules. They don't violate court orders at their will, promise to get off the land and not get off, demand that they be given the land for free. There's an end to this type of thing," he said.

Horowitz accused the farmers of ingratitude, saying they had sued him and their supporters had picketed his home and office.

"I feel that the gardeners have been on the land for 14 years, almost 15 years for free. After 15 years, you say thank you," he said.

Horowitz also said the city had provided alternate locations for the gardeners and most had left. In a statement, City Councilwoman Jan Perry also said many gardeners had moved to new garden sites.

The effort to save the farm attracted support of numerous activists and celebrities, including "Splash" and "Wall Street" star Hannah, Quigley, country singer Willie Nelson, actor Danny Glover, folk singer Joan Baez and tree sitter Julia Butterfly Hill.

Supporters moved onto the property full-time in mid-May and occupied the walnut tree after the judge issued the eviction order.

The roots of the dispute go back to the 1980s, when the city forced Horowitz to sell the land to for \$4.8 million for a trash-to-energy incinerator. The project fizzled and the city turned the land over to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, which allowed people to begin gardening there after in the early 1990s.

Horowitz sued to get the site back and the city settled in 2003 by selling it to him for \$5 million.

Garden supporters took legal action, but ultimately the state Supreme Court decided against hearing the case.

In the meantime, Horowitz offered to sell 10 acres of the land for \$16.3 million to a trust set up on behalf of the farmers. The group failed to raise the money before the purchase option expired May 22, and Horowitz got the eviction order.

Horowitz said he intends to find tenants for the land and will not sell it to any gardeners or their supporters.

"This one they're not getting," he said.

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Marketers trying to keep Hispanics hungry for beef

BY JACOB ADELMAN

Associated Press Writer

PICO RIVERA — The beef industry is eager to keep customers like Lourdes Rodriguez, who recently bought 6 1/2 pounds of chuck roast at a Hispanic supermarket.

"I'm going to boil this into a stew," Rodriguez, 31, said as she placed the bulging plastic sack of chuck into her cart. "I like beef better than pork."

Beef consumption may be dropping in many segments of the population, but it has not fallen out of favor in the Hispanic community.

Beef producers are trying to keep it that way — even as that ethnic group assimilates into an American culture increasingly hungry for leaner meats and healthier diets.

"In the general community, people say, 'I love beef, but I already eat too much,'" said Holly Foster, a spokeswoman for the California Beef Council.

"In the Hispanic community, there are none of the negative perceptions that have historically kind of plagued our product," she said.

The marketing push is occurring across the nation. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association is developing a Web site aimed at Hispanic consumers, and other sales campaigns are underway in Texas, Colorado and Minnesota.

Texas has the largest number of cattle in the nation followed by Kansas, Nebraska and California.

Nutritionists say beef could become a tougher sell in the future.

The growing affluence that makes Hispanics attractive to beef marketers is also putting them into an economic class more conscious of the dangers of high-fat diets, said Hugo Melgar-Quinonez, a nutrition professor at Ohio State University who has studied eating habits among the ethnic group.

"There is a change in demographics within the Mexican community," he said. "With more and more professionals, tradition plays an important role, but there's also growing awareness."

The California Beef Council has earmarked \$500,000 in 2006 — more than a third of its advertising budget — to market beef to Hispanics in Southern California.

Much of the money is being used to stage parking lot parties featuring disc jockeys and beef giveaways.

After buying her roast, Rodriguez wheeled her grocery cart past a tent outside the Gigante market in Pico Rivera, a working-class suburb of Los Angeles. Workers from a Latin music station blasted music and hyped "carne de res" — beef.

Similar promotions throughout the summer will offer beef recipe books and raffle tickets for a \$500 barbecue grill.

"It's an opportunity to reach them and to push them toward beef and maybe away from the other competing meats they might have as a choice," said Bill Jackson, a Central Valley rancher who chairs the beef council.

Beef producers are trying to hold on to as much business

as possible as consumption declines.

In 2005, Americans ate 62.9 pounds of beef per capita, down from 73.8 pounds 20 years earlier, according to figures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Annual chicken consumption grew from 35.3 pounds to 59.2 pounds per person during that period.

The federal agency did not track beef sales by ethnic groups. But the beef council said Hispanic shoppers spend 33 percent more on beef than non-Hispanics. They also eat beef four or five times a week, compared to other groups that

have it two or three times a week.

"Beef has a high value within the Latino eating culture," Melgar-Quinonez said.

Mexicans are likely to eat even more beef after they immigrate to America to work and find themselves able to afford more of it, he said.

New Hispanic arrivals also have different ideas about what is healthy, said David Morse, whose multicultural market research firm New American Dimensions examined Hispanic eating preferences in Texas.



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Costs continue to build in a runaway market

DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

The Wyoming Water Development Commission has found an effective way to budget in rising materials costs for new construction — they asked the state legislature to set up a special inflation fund for its construction projects.

Commission director L. Mike Besson said his staff uses the fund to cover unanticipated price increases, rather than going to the legislature to seek more money — a process that can take months as costs continue to rise.

"Prices have simply gone through the roof," said Besson, who budgets in a 15 percent cost increase on projects.

Increased international competition for steel, record rates of construction and recent hurricanes have sent material costs escalating over the past several years. The result is that construction costs have been rising faster than the rate of inflation due to global economic expansion.

"It really gets down to the law of supply and demand, and right now construction materials are in high demand in Asian and other overseas markets," explains David Lereah, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

The Labor Department recently released data showing the cost of building a warehouse rose 7.6 percent in 2005. That's well

above the 3.4 percent consumer inflation rate and the 5.4 percent wholesale inflation figure for finished products.

The warehouse figures are the first in a series of construction costs that are being analyzed by the government as part of its monthly producer price index. In the near future we will have measures for the cost of new school, office, manufacturing and industrial buildings. Labor economists also will measure inflation in building trades: electrical, concrete, roofing, plumbing and mechanical contractors. The new Labor Department data will give contractors more of a general sense of whether they are in line with national trends.

Prices are up but like the Wyoming Water Development Commission, most contractors have been able to pass on many of their higher material costs to building owners.

"It showed a little more success than I had expected," said Ken Simonson, chief economist of the Associated General Contractors of America.

Higher building costs and a tightening economy mean a drop in construction.

Builders are gambling on rising rent rates and are focusing on multi-family projects. According to the California Building Industry Association (CBIA), the number of multi-family building permits issued for the first four months of 2006 was up 12.2 percent compared to the first four months of 2005. This is contrary to the number of building permits issued for single-family homes in California, which were down approximately 18 percent compared to the first four months of 2005.

"Continuing the trend of the past few

years, multi-family activity continues to expand," said CBIA chief economist Alan Nevin. "Most of the downturn in single-family permits is in more distant areas which have been accommodating the housing demands from those employed in the more urban areas."

Statistics compiled by the Burbank-based Construction Industry Research Board note that the number of single-family building permits dropped the most in Napa (-71.4 percent); Yuba City-Marysville (-61.3 percent) and Salinas (-60.7 percent) metro areas in the first four months of 2006 compared to the first four months of 2005.

Single-family building permit activity increased the most in the Madera (21.5 percent); Santa Rosa-Petaluma (17.4 percent) and El Centro (15.9 percent) metro areas in the first four months of 2006 compared to the first four months of 2005.

Home sales in Southern California are at their slowest pace since 2001, according to DataQuick information services. The median price paid for a home in Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Ventura, San Bernardino and Orange counties was \$485,000 in April, up 9 percent from \$445,000 in April 2005. The 9 percent year-over-year increase in the April median price is the first time appreciation in SoCal has dipped into single digits since November 2001 when the \$238,000 median rose 9.2 percent from \$218,000 the year before, according to DataQuick.

"Builders are a bit more careful than they were," said Marshall Prentice, president of DataQuick. "They used to build tracts and put up 'For Sale' signs.

"This time around they're building a couple of homes to show potential buyers, getting sales contracts signed with a deposit, and then building the rest of the tract. They don't want to get caught with unsold inventory."

Nevin noted that the price of fuel may be a factor to the decline in construction in

outlying urban areas. Adding to the increased expenses associated with building is the 21st century concept of disposable architecture. Towns in California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's homeland of Austria stand for more than 700 years. In the U.S., the current expected lifetime of a building is about 30 years. Think about our recently-reconstructed library and police station. Commercial properties like the Santa Monica Place Mall will make it less than 25 years. New structures are built with a limited lifespan, built as flimsily as usage will allow, with the plan that they will be thrown away when we're finished with them.

"It was the unmatched prosperity of the post-World War II era that gave rise to the concept of the disposable society," said property historian Arrol Gellner. "With a booming economy and material goods aplenty — not to speak of persuasive corporate advertising — Americans bought into the idea that the world's resources were essentially unlimited, and that throwing things away and buying new ones made better economic sense than conservation."

Perhaps because we do not have to prepare the logs, chisel the rocks and smelt the iron, that we treat raw materials differently than our forefathers. Records show that the English aristocracy historically used salvaged stone, iron, lead and glass in the construction of their manor houses.

"People will not look forward to posterity, who never look backward to their ancestors," said English statesman Edmund Burke.

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BY MICHAEL CHULAK

**Homeowner's dispute 101:
The mechanics of a lien**

QUESTION: Our condominium management company is involved in a dispute with a contractor who did work on our common areas. The contractor is threatening to record a mechanic's lien. Our management company has advised us that a contractor's lien can never affect the individual units. Are they correct?

ANSWER: No. Labor performed, or services or materials furnished for the common areas, if duly authorized by the association, is deemed to be performed or furnished with the express consent of each condominium owner. Consequently, the contractor may have a basis for filing a mechanic's lien. Note that the owner of a condominium may remove his or her condominium from a lien by payment to the holder of the lien the fraction of the total sum secured by the lien which is attributable to his or her condominium. Finally, there may be other legal defenses to a mechanic's lien which should be explored.

QUESTION: We live in a planned development with covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs). Our neighbor has created a nuisance by installing lighting that does not comply with the architectural restrictions. The board of directors refuses to do anything about it. What can we do?

ANSWER: The covenants and restriction in your CC&Rs, unless unreasonable, are enforceable by any owner of a separate interest (home), or by the association or both. Thus, you have the right to bring suit to abate the nuisance. Your suit can include a claim for money damages, including legal fees, as well as a request for injunctive relief.

QUESTION: May our homeowners' association charge a \$500 move-in fee whenever a new owner moves in?

ANSWER: No. Under California law, an association may not impose or collect an assessment or fee that exceeds the amount necessary to defray the costs for which it is levied.

QUESTION: What is a mechanic's lien?

ANSWER: A mechanic's lien is a form of security, much like a deed of trust, that creates an interest in real estate to assure payment for materials furnished or services provided for its improvement.

The holder of the mechanic's lien can foreclose on the property if the obligation for payment is not paid. This provides a secondary source of repayment if the property owner does not voluntarily pay.

QUESTION: Can a contractor file a mechanic's lien on an entire condominium building if the contractor was hired by a single owner to do work on an individual unit?

ANSWER: No. Only the individual unit can be liened.

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An exchange is a taxing situation



IN YOUR SPACE
BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

As with most transactions involving the IRS, there is more than one hoop an investor/taxpayer must jump through in order to insure a successful 1031 Exchange. Those hoops include making sure that a property qualifies, also known as like kind; the timing of the exchange; finding appropriate replacement property and making sure all appropriate governmental forms are filed.

The specific filing requirements that apply are listed below, along with some other taxing situations that might need to be addressed when transacting a 1031 exchange.

Like kind: An investor must be sure that the relinquished (property sold) and the replacement property (property purchased) qualify for a 1031 exchange. This means that both properties be considered "like kind." According to the IRS, "like kind" is defined as "held as an investment or used in a trade or business." Personal residences are excluded from 1031 exchanges as are things like partnerships, stocks, bonds, business ownership or REITs.

Reporting the exchange: The taxpayer must report the exchange on their tax return in the year the "relinquished" property was sold. The IRS will require specific information about the transaction, including descriptions of the relinquished and replacement properties, the date the "replacement" property was identified and the date the taxpayer took possession of the replacement property.

Reporting the capital gain: The proceeds from the sale of the replacement property must be allocated between capital gain and depreciation recapture (cost recovery). Recapture is the taxes due on the depreciation deduction taken on the property during the time the taxpayer owned the property if a 1031 exchange is not used. Currently the tax on the recaptured amount is significantly higher than the tax owed on the actual gain in value on the property (capital gain).

Seller financing: If a seller chooses to carry a note they must pay capital gains taxes on the amount of the note. An alternative is to sell the note prior to the close of escrow and use the proceeds within the 1031 exchange. However, this can be tricky and taxpayers should consult their tax advisor before such a transaction is entered into. An installment sale

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also can be used. In an installment sale capital gains taxes — along with ordinary income taxes on interest earned — is owed on each installment payment.

The tax return: The rule is that an exchanger must identify their replacement property within 45 days of the close of escrow of the relinquished property and close on the sale of that property within 180 days or on the date that their tax return for that year is due, whichever occurs first. If an investor sells his relinquished property between Oct. 17 and Dec. 31 and needs the full 180 days, he will need to file an extension before April 15.

State tax withholding rules: For non-resident property owners, some states require that a percentage of the sales price be "withheld" at the time of the sale. The amount of the state tax varies significantly for each state and, generally but not always, there is an exemption for a 1031 exchange.

Investors should consult their tax and legal advisors and their qualified intermediary — a neutral party that holds the funds during the exchange — as to tax timing and filling issues both before and during the exchange process.

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Bad credit gives new meaning to repossession

BY DEBORAH YAO

AP Business Writer

LIMERICK, Pa. — Rashida Redd punched in a six-digit code in her Pontiac Grand Prix and got a new lease on life.

The 34-year-old Pottstown mother of five had to file for personal bankruptcy about a year ago in the face of mounting medical bills from her husband's open heart surgery. Despite her poor credit history, Redd was able to lease the three-year-old car from Williams Pre-Owned of Limerick on the condition that it have a starter-interrupt device.

"At least I was able to save the house," said Redd.

The device, the size of a cigarette pack and mounted under the dashboard, flashes green if she has made a car payment on time. If she misses her \$94 weekly payment, it won't let her car start.

Starter-interrupt devices are becoming a popular way for lenders to ensure they get paid, and consumers seem willing to accept them to get into nicer cars, use a smaller down payment and qualify for a lower interest rate, according to device manufacturers.

Ken Shilson, managing partner at Shilson Goldberg Cheung & Associates in Houston, an accounting firm that works with auto dealers who make use of the device, said the market for them is growing.

The major manufacturers of the device report double-digit increases in sales so far this year, compared with the same period a year ago. An estimated 1 million are in use today, he said.

Consumers with poor credit often are faced with interest rates of over 20 percent — nearly triple the rate drivers with good credit can get, Shilson said. They also have to pay a down payment equal to 10 percent to 20 percent of the car's purchase price, while buyers with good credit can purchase a vehicle with little or no money down.

Redd's car is equipped with a device made by Payment Protection Systems Inc. of Temecula, Calif. It's one of three manufacturers that dominate the market — the others are PassTime in Littleton, Colo., and Pay Technologies of Cleveland, Ohio.

The companies make a variation of the same device: The

units are connected to the starter and emit a brief series of sounds or flashes of light, days before the payment deadline. If the customer then makes a timely payment, he or she can contact the dealer for a new code that will allow them to operate the vehicle. Some devices are remotely controlled by dealers.

Devices typically are mounted under the dash or hidden in places such as a glove box.

Manufacturers say the device won't kill the engine while the car is being used; it will only stop the vehicle from starting. Also, consumers late on payments are allowed emergency starts, the companies say.

Shilson said the devices are mainly geared for the "buy here, pay here" market — consumers with the lowest credit scores. Typically, these buyers have filed for bankruptcy or had a repossession.

"Buy here, pay here" customers also are limited to how expensive a car they can buy, typically \$5,000.

Jack Gillis, a spokesman for the Consumer Federation of America and author of "The Car Book," doesn't like the idea of having a third party have control over a driver's vehicle.

"It's a rather draconian measure to take," he said. "What these companies are able to do is sell cars at virtually no risk to themselves, with all the risk to consumers."

But Auto Trakk LLC, of Montoursville, Pa., Redd's lender, said the device lets the company consider serving even the riskiest customers.

"It enables us to look at lower credit scores," said Denny Sullivan, marketing manager.

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National Park Service to release information of accident victims

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK

Associated Press Writer

The National Park Service has ordered public information officers to release the names of those killed or injured in the parks, clearing up recent confusion over the agency's policy that had resulted in a clampdown on the release of information by some individual parks.

A memorandum issued by the agency Tuesday instructed employees to release names, ages, and hometowns of those involved in park accidents, along with relevant details of the accidents. The names of those who have died, including juveniles, will also be released as long as their families have been notified.

"Within the field there has been a collective sigh of relief that we have specific guidance now," said Joan Anzelmo, public information officer for Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

Anzelmo had advocated releasing the information, saying it would help avoid the spread of rumors and misinformation.

"The public has so much interest in what happens in national parks," she said. "When we can tell that story about what's happening it's for the greater good."

The issue arose last year after the Salt Lake Tribune submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for the names

of victims of fatal accidents around Utah's Lake Powell. An FOIA officer in Washington told the newspaper the names would not be released because of privacy issues.

Soon afterward, the agency issued a memorandum telling regional park directors to withhold some personal information contained in motor vehicle accident reports.

Parks officials in Washington acknowledged that those two directives caused confusion.

"Our goal was to get to the bottom of it and clarify the policy so we would have a consistent approach across the parks system," said agency spokeswoman Elaine Sevy.

The memorandum issued Tuesday also detailed some situations in which accident details would not be released. Those include the names of juveniles charged with criminal offenses, the names of victims of sexual assaults and information on incidents where criminal acts are under investigation.

Without the specific guidance, Montana's Glacier National Park had already started withholding names of accident victims. Park spokeswoman Melissa Wilson said Tuesday that Glacier will immediately reverse that policy and follow the new guidelines.

"We definitely welcome the consistency and the formal policy," she said. "I'm sure media will be glad to have the policy and have this information released."

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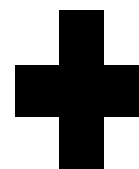
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Congress on right track with immigration, governor says

BY PAUL DAVENPORT

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — A governor who helped craft a bipartisan immigration proposal earlier this year expressed confidence Tuesday that Congress is on track to resolve the issue that other governors said is a concern beyond border states.

"The fact that we're even talking about (immigration) means there is going to be a solution around the corner," Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman said at a news conference in Sedona and monitored here. "It is now being dealt with in Congress."

Huntsman's comments came at the end of a Western Governor's Association meeting that saw the state chief executives approve more than a dozen policy resolutions and elect South Dakota Gov. Michael Rounds as the group's new chairman, succeeding Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano.

Huntsman and Napolitano, a Republican and a Democrat respectively, last winter collaborated on a policy resolution that the group approved earlier this year.

The WGA resolution included a temporary guest-worker program, enhanced border security and surveillance through technology, construction of regional federal prisons to house illegal immigrants who commit crimes, and enforcement of existing sanctions on employers who knowingly hire illegal workers.

Both houses of Congress have approved

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immigration measures, with the House offering a tough-enforcement measure and the Senate passing broader legislation that includes a guest worker program. A House-Senate conference committee has yet to meet to try to fashion a compromise, but Huntsman said Congress appeared to be "moving inexorably" toward a solution.

"We as governors tried to influence that debate, and I think we've succeeded," he said.

Rounds said he and other Western governors without international borders recognize that illegal immigration and border security are national concerns that most acutely impact border states but even affect interior states, mostly because of work force issues.

"It does impact the rest of the country," Rounds said.

Rounds said in a statement released by the WGA that during his year as WGA chairman he will emphasize accelerating energy independence for the West, creating a superior work force and leading in technology.

"The West is already the best in many ways, but we are no longer unchallenged," Rounds said. "Where we are ahead ... we must stay ahead. Where we are behind, we must move faster forward than every other region of the world."



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Al-Maliki: No mercy for terrorists

BY KIM GAMEL

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's new prime minister promised "no mercy" for terrorists Tuesday as President Bush paid a surprise visit to Baghdad on the eve of a security crackdown involving 75,000 troops, road closures and a curfew.

Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki, who didn't know Bush was coming until five minutes before they met, said that Iraq was "determined to succeed, and we have to defeat terrorists and defeat all the hardships."

Security officials said Iraqi and multinational forces would deploy Wednesday throughout Baghdad, securing roads, launching raids against insurgent hideouts, and calling in airstrikes if necessary.

Underscoring the lack of security, a series of explosions struck the northern city of Kirkuk, killing at least 16 people.

The new leader of al-Qaida in Iraq vowed to avenge predecessor Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's death and threatened horrific attacks "in the coming days," according to a statement posted on the Web.

The statement appeared a day after the group announced that a man identified by the nom de guerre Abu Hamza al-Muhajer would succeed the Jordanian-born militant as its leader.

Iraqi Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Abdul-Aziz Mohammed said 761 attacks killed 263 civilians and wounded 301

others last week, from Friday to Saturday, while 78 terror suspects were killed and 584 detained.

Bush's visit came on the final day of a two-day work session aimed at keeping up the momentum generated by last week's swearing-in of key Iraqi national security officials, and the U.S. airstrike that killed al-Zarqawi.

"God willing, all the suffering will be over. And all the soldiers will return to their country with our gratitude for what they have offered, the sacrifice," al-Maliki said through a translator.

Bush made it clear, however, that a U.S. military presence — now at about 132,000 troops — would continue. "I have expressed our country's desire to work with you, but I appreciate you recognize the fact that the future of the country is in your hands," Bush said.

Radical anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's representatives, meanwhile, organized a Wednesday demonstration in northern Baghdad to protest the visit.

Maj. Gen. Mahdi al-Gharrawi, the commander of public order forces under the Interior Ministry, said al-Maliki's plan includes securing roads in and out of Baghdad, banning personal weapons and implementing a 9 p.m.-6 a.m. curfew.

Al-Gharrawi told The Associated Press that the plan to be launched at 6 a.m. Wednesday would be the biggest operation of its kind in Baghdad since the U.S. handed over sovereignty to Iraq in 2004.

He warned insurgents were likely to step up activity ahead of the security crackdown and as revenge for al-Zarqawi's death. He said the ground forces could call in air cover if needed.

"We are expecting clashes will erupt in the predominantly Sunni areas," he said. "The terrorists will escalate their violence especially during the first week as revenge for the killing of al-Zarqawi."

He also said; "Baghdad is divided according to geographical area and we know the al-Qaida leaders in each area."

Iraqis have complained of random violence and detentions by Iraqi forces, especially the police, which are widely believed to have been infiltrated by so-called sectarian death squads.

Al-Gharrawi said there were plans for a single uniform to distinguish legitimate forces in the coming days.

"There will be a special uniform with special badges to be put on the vehicles as a sign that it belongs to our forces," he said, adding the prime minister would decide when to end the crackdown.

Iraqi army Brig. Jalil Khalaf also said the plan would include more checkpoints and raids against suspected insurgent hideouts.

"The terrorists cannot face such power," he said.

Al-Maliki said the plan "will provide security and confront the terrorism and ... enable Iraqis to live in peace in Baghdad."

"The raids during this plan will be very tough ... because there will be no mercy

toward those who show no mercy to our people," he said in a news release.

The Iraqi army launched a similar crackdown dubbed Operation Lightning on May 28, deploying more than 40,000 Iraqi police and soldiers, backed by American troops and air support, but violence continued to spike and many Sunnis were alienated by the heavy-handed tactics concentrating on their neighborhoods.

The attacks in Kirkuk began at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, when a parked car containing a bomb exploded near a police patrol in the city center, killing 10 people, including two policemen, Brig. Gen. Sarhat Qadir said. Nine people were wounded.

A half-hour later, guards opened fire on a suspected suicide car bomber trying to get through a checkpoint at the Kirkuk police directorate. The car exploded, killing five people, including two policemen, and wounding six, Qadir said.

Another suspected suicide car bomber in Kirkuk tried to hit a Kurdish political office in the oil-rich city about 180 miles north of Baghdad at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, but guards opened fire on the car, and it exploded, police Col. Taieb Taha said. Three civilians were wounded.

A suicide car bomber targeted a police patrol south of Kirkuk more than an hour later near an institute for the disabled. The explosion killed the driver of a civilian car nearby and wounded six, Qadir said.

At least 20 other violent deaths were reported Tuesday, according to police.

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Making of ‘Omen’ a nightmare

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Julia Stiles says shooting a remake of the 1976 horror classic, “The Omen,” was a real nightmare for her because the original scared her so much.

“I think I kind of absorbed a lot of the imagery from it and the themes in it and so I had horrible nightmares while we were shooting. I kept dreaming images from the original,” the 25-year-old actress told reporters recently, according to AP Radio.

Stiles, whose screen credits also include “The Bourne Identity” and “Mona Lisa Smile,” said she was very superstitious while making the movie.

“I was very scared. I kept thinking that we were tempting the fates, said Stiles, so she wouldn’t let anyone say the words “devil” or “spirits” on the set, “and before certain scenes, we would have to remind ourselves that it was a work of fiction.”

Stiles, who considers herself pretty tough when it comes to stunts, said having to fall 30 feet from a balcony was the scariest thing she’s done on film.

“I was surprised and terrified. I am normally very much of a daredevil, especially on a movie set ‘cause I have this naive idea that everything is safe on a movie set.

“And I noticed that they scheduled the stunt for one of my last days of shooting, which made me very skeptical,” she said. “But it was a lot of fun.”

MEXICO CITY — “The Vagina Monologues” has filled theaters here for nearly five years because it encourages self-acceptance for women in a country where men still wield most of the power, says Mexican theater producer Morris Gilbert.

“This play particularly opens the minds of people in Mexico,” Gilbert told The Associated Press in a recent interview. “It’s a very liberating play.”

Last month, Gilbert hosted Salma Hayek and Jane Fonda in a benefit performance of “The Vagina Monologues.”

“It was an enchanting experience — impressive, moving — and I learned a lot from her,” Gilbert said of working with Fonda. “Most of us unfortunately in

this lifetime never worry about anyone but ourselves, and the fact that she is not this way is a big lesson.”

In his 30 years as a producer, Gilbert has brought musicals such as “The Phantom of the Opera,” “Jesus Christ Superstar” and “Chicago” from Broadway to Mexican theaters. He has eight productions now on Mexico City stages.

His theater career began in 1975 with a minor acting role in Noel Coward’s “Design for Living,” but he quickly moved backstage, producing his first play at 22.

LOS ANGELES — Jack Black and his wife, Tanya Haden, are parents of a baby boy, the actor said.

“I’m going to be the best daddy on the planet and I’m going to enter the best daddy competition. And I’m going to win it,” Black said in a story posted on the Web site of Us Weekly magazine.

The couple’s first child was born Saturday, Black told “Access Hollywood” on Monday evening at the Mann Grauman’s Chinese Theatre premiere for his new movie, “Nacho Libre.”

“I’ve got the babe back at home safe and sound and I’m actually very anxious to get back” to them, Black, 36, told the TV show.

Neither Us Weekly nor “Access Hollywood” reported the baby’s name.

Black has starred in films including “The School of Rock” and “King Kong,” and has a band called Tenacious D.

LONDON — Heather Mills McCartney, the estranged wife of Paul McCartney, said the couple will divorce, and that she plans to sue newspapers that have been digging into her past, according to a statement released by her lawyers.

The couple had not mentioned “divorce” when they announced May 17 that they had “decided to go our separate ways” after four years of marriage.

Since that announcement, she has been the subject of several unflattering newspaper articles that included pictures of her in naked or semi-naked poses.

The News of the World, a mass-circulation Sunday newspaper, has written lurid stories that she spent nights with wealthy men when she was in her 20s.

“Heather is very distressed by this article,” said the statement Tuesday from the law firm of Coyle White Devine, adding that she will sue for libel.

“She will defer issue of legal proceedings until the arrangements in relation to the divorce are concluded but intends to sue at that stage all parties (including individuals) who are intent on damaging her reputation.”

NEW YORK — Bob Dylan’s new album, “Modern Times,” to be released Aug. 29, features 10 original songs recorded by the singer-songwriter and his touring band.

Song titles include “Thunder on the Mountain,” “Spirit on the Water,” “Workingman’s Blues” and “When the Deal Goes Down.” Dylan plays keyboard, guitar and harmonica on the album, and sings the vocals.

In a statement Monday, Columbia Records Chairman Steve Barnett characterized “Modern Times” as the third in a trilogy that includes 1997’s “Time Out of Mind” and 2001’s “Love and Theft.” Both albums were Grammy winners.

“Bob is that rare artist whose music defies all trends and resonates throughout all levels of our culture, and he continues to be as contemporary and relevant as any artist in music,” Barnett said.

Dylan, 65, is the host of a weekly show, “Theme Time Radio Hour,” on XM Satellite Radio. The show debuted last month.

“Modern Times” is his 44th album.

LIMA, Peru— Music piracy is unstoppable — and justified for poor fans, says Puerto Rican reggaeton sensation Daddy Yankee.

“You can’t control (piracy). They gonna keep on doing it,” said Yankee, who was in Lima to promote his “Barrio Fino en Directo” album, which features live and remixed versions of 2004 hits such as “Gasolina” and “Lo Que Paso, Paso.”

MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006

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

Keeping Up With the Steins (PG-13)
1:30, 4:45

Prairie Home Companion, A (PG-13)
1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:30

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

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 3rd Street
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Friends With Money (R)
3:00, 7:40

Mission: Impossible III (PG-13)
1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10

The Omen (R)
11:20am, 12:50, 1:30, 2:10, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 9:20, 10:00, 10:40, 12:00am

Poseidon (PG-13)
12:30, 5:10, 9:50

Thank You for Smoking (R)
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20

AMC7 Santa Monica
1310 3rd Street
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Break-Up, The (PG-13)
11:00am, 11:40am, 1:45, 2:15, 4:15, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:40, 11:40

Cars (G)
10:40am, 11:30am, 1:40, 2:30, 4:40, 5:30, 7:40, 8:30, 10:30, 11:30

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

Over the Hedge (PG)
12:10, 2:35, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30

Nuwilshire Theatre
1314 Wilshire Blvd
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Art School Confidential (R)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

District B-13 (Banlieue 13) (R)
11:45am, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

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

An Inconvenient Truth (PG)
12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15

Peaceful Warrior (PG-13)
12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 9:55

Water (PG-13)
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55

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MORE TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1775, the United States Army was founded.

In 1841, the first Canadian parliament opened in Kingston.

In 1846, a group of U.S. settlers in Sonoma proclaimed the Republic of California.

In 1928, the Republican National Convention nominated Herbert Hoover for president on the first ballot.

In 1940, in German-occupied Poland, the Nazis opened their concentration camp at Auschwitz; the same day, German troops entered Paris.

In 1943, the Supreme Court ruled schoolchildren could not be compelled to salute the flag of the United States if doing so conflicted with their religious beliefs.

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed an order adding the words “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1985, the 17-day hijack ordeal of TWA Flight 847 began as a pair of Lebanese Shiite Muslim extremists seized the jetliner shortly after takeoff from Athens, Greece.

In 1986, death claimed Broadway librettist Alan Jay Lerner in New York at age 67; Argentine author Jorge Luis Borges in Geneva at age 86; and “Wild Kingdom” host Marlin Perkins in suburban St. Louis at age 81.

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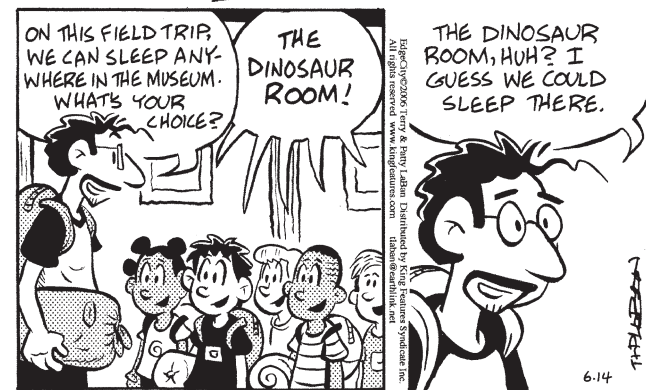
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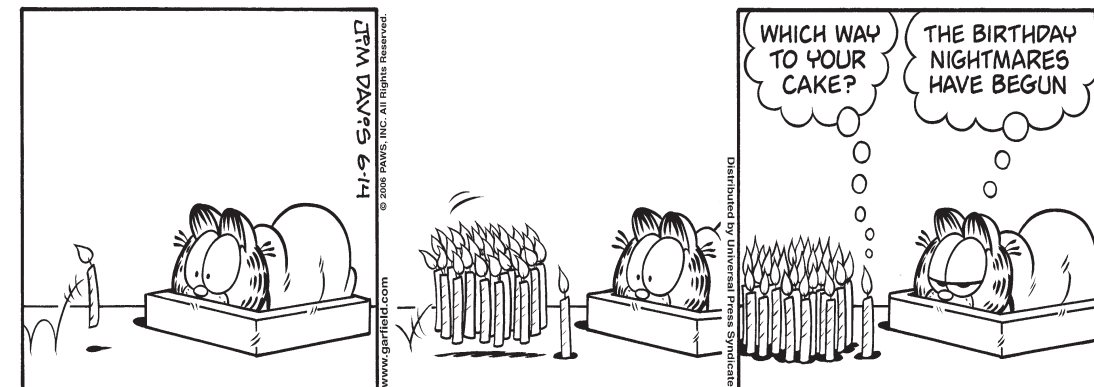
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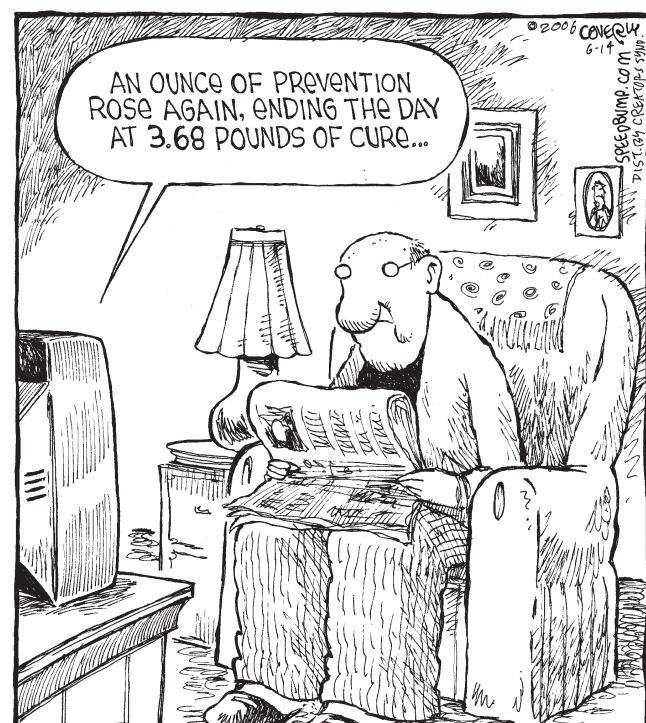
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is about to be made. The name(s), Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and business address of the seller(s)/licensee(s) are: TODD JOSHUA CHRISTIANSEN 1348 14TH ST, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 Doing business as: 14 BELOW All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s)/licensee(s), is/are: OVER UNDER SPORTS BAR @ 1331-33 SANTA MONICA BLVD., SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 AND THE MINT @ 6010 W. PICO BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90035 The name(s), Social Security or Federal Tax numbers and address of the buyer(s)/applicant(s) is/are: ANTON POSNIAK 1348 14TH ST SANTA MONICA CA 90404 The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADE NAME, LEASEHOLD INTEREST, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND INVENTORY OF STOCK IN TRADE and are located at: 1348 14TH ST SANTA MONICA CA 90404 The type and number of license to be transferred is/are: Type: ON SALE GENERAL PUBLIC PREMISES LIQUOR, License Number: 48-287594 now issued for the premises located at: 1348 14TH ST SANTA MONICA CA 90404 The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: BUSINESS TITLE ESCROW, INC., 4311 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 307, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 and the anticipated sale date is UPON ISSUANCE OF THE ABC LICENSE. The purchase price or consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$370,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$20,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$17,500.00; DEMAND NOTE \$175,000.00; DEMAND NOTE \$335,000.00 It has been agreed between the seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended buyer(s)/transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. TODD JOSHUA CHRISTIANSEN, Seller(s)/Licensee(s) ANTON POSNIAK, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s) PCTS LA119278 SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 6/14/2006

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preceding the business day on which the permanent Alcoholic Beverage Control Board license transfers to the Buyer herein. Dated: May 30, 2006 MAKAI LOUNGE, LLC, By: Michael Dobson, Managing Member, By: Rudy Alegria, Managing Member, Buyer(s) Santa Monica Daily Press CN755117 101-23106-MM Jun 14, 2006

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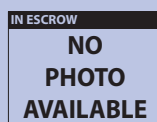
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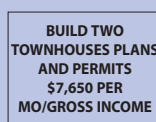
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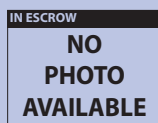
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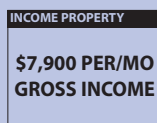
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