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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In May, a U.S. Court of Appeals panel ruled that Scott Panetti remains eligible for execution in Texas despite his delusional and schizoaffective disorders and the opinion of one law professor that Panetti is the “gold-plated craziest” death-row inmate he’d ever seen. Charged with murder after having been drug-addicted since childhood and in mental institutions 14 times, Panetti was nonetheless permitted by his trial judge to act as his own lawyer (and employed a “strategy” of claiming to be under the control of a “Sarge Ironhorse”), and not surprisingly, he lost the case.

■ Cleveland judge Eileen Gallagher abruptly dismissed child-rape charges against Norman Craig, 22, in June when the prosecutor was 45 minutes late for a hearing, and she further scolded the lawyer, warning him, “Don’t treat me like a punk.”

■ After examining 28 cases in which pro athletes received “community service” sentences for crimes, USA Today found in May that in 24 of them, the “punishment” consisted merely of ceremonial celebrity duties, even though the underlying crimes were serious (included assault, statutory rape, weapons violations and vehicular homicide). One pro basketball player, convicted of having sex with a 14-year-old girl when he was 19, served his 100 hours of community service by being a guest counselor at a youth basketball camp (and included 27 hours’ travel time in the 100).

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 186th day of 2006.
There are 179 days left in the year.

Sixty years ago, on July 5, 1946, the bikini bathing suit made its debut during an outdoor fashion show at the Molitor Pool in Paris. Micheline Bernardini, a local nude dancer, modeled the skimpy two-piece outfit designed by Louis Reard.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“To wish to act like angels while we are still in this world is nothing but folly.”

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“It kills me that you have to have a benefit to fund the arts.”
JACKSON BROWNE



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

STRINGS ATTACHED: Singer-songwriter Jackson Browne happily performed in front of more than 1,000 fans at Santa Monica High School last week during a benefit concert for local arts programs in schools.

Tender was the night

Jackson Browne headlines concert for art in schools

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI — Mrs. Marcel “Betty” Gentillon, 90, and her granddaughter, Torre, 9, were possibly the oldest and youngest fans of Jackson Browne who joined hundreds of others in a packed Barnum Hall this past Friday, taking in the singer-songwriter’s third benefit concert to fund the arts in local schools.

While the elder Gentillon has only recently become a fan, Torre Gentillon has been listening to Browne since before she left the



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

TO THEIR EARS: John, Betty, Leysa and Torre Gentillon represent three generations of Jackson Browne fans who lent their support toward an arts endowment campaign for local schools and to hear their favorite musician play at Barnum Hall.

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Eight wasn’t enough for SM

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Landlords who offer apartments at a discount to low-income tenants under Section 8 and other subsidized housing programs will receive more money for their units each month under a rent increase to be paid for by the Housing Authority.

With permission from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), city housing officials will increase the amount of rental assistance they provide to low-income tenants by \$148 per month for a one-bedroom apartment. For a two-bedroom, the federally-funded subsidy increases by \$176 per month, and for a three-bedroom, \$389.

That is the fourth round of increases granted by HUD in the last five years, a reflection of rapidly rising rents and the Housing Authority’s attempts to maintain its affordable housing stock.

“The fair market rent in Los Angeles is significantly lower than what the real cost of housing is in Santa Monica,” said Peter Mezza, a Housing Authority administrator who helps run Section 8 and City Hall’s home rental assistance program. “We’re hoping that these increases, which can result in higher rents and greater amounts of subsidies for our tenants, will attract more landlords into (subsidized housing) programs by giving them a fair return on their investment.”

Under Section 8 and other rental assistance programs funded by HUD, low-income tenants, such as seniors and the disabled, pay no more than 30 percent of their income on rent. City Hall uses federal funding to cover the rest.

But there’s a ceiling, which feder-

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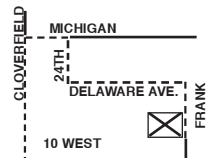
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ After the recent happenings, you will be pleased to settle down and relate to one person instead of a group. Frustration dealing with a friend or trying to force your way might not be worth it. Tonight: Quality time with someone you care about.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Pressure might force you to want to stall. You might not even want to go to work, or you might want to vanish out of the limelight. Whatever you choose is fine and A-OK. Some time away from the pressure might be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Say yes.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Pace yourself. What occurs in the morning might simply be a preview of what lies ahead. Wanting to step away from problems is a very normal reaction. Don't put yourself down and allow these events to unfurl. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Money matters could be subject to revival and a different point of view. What is clear is that you don't have enough of a grasp on a changing situation. A risk could be ill-advised. Walk the conservative path. Tonight: Easy does it.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Extremes punctuate your mood and decisions. Many people might tell you what is going on, but you don't want to hear it. Think positively. Your temper easily rages if you feel attacked. Maybe the motives involved are different. Tonight: At home.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ If you choose to kiss diplomacy goodbye, any additional flourish could add to the fiery nature of the situation. Facts, just facts, dear Virgo. Handling uncomfortable feelings could be a different issue. Tonight: Take your time.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Your expenses could easily get out of whack. You might want to think more carefully before you leap into action. Hassles greet those who are unwilling to get past their problems. Someone could be in a bad mood. Know when to step out of the line of fire. Tonight: As you like.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Investigate what might be happening with others. Pressure builds as you juggle home and family. You have a lot to do, but perhaps you still want to take your time handling different issues. Precision goes far. Tonight: All smiles.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Take your time and think rather than walk into a provocative situation. You might be better off working behind the scenes or closing your door. Though you might not be able to be as expansive as you would like, you still get a lot done. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might be ready to move on a key project or bring friends together. Someone key to this operation might be dragging his or her heels. Use this slowdown to positively enhance what you have in mind. You can never be too sure of yourself. Tonight: Have a good time with friends.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Take a step forward and assume a leadership position. Though you could deal with some touchy or negative people, you easily get past any hassles. You deal with someone directly, though he or she might not be able to understand where you are coming from. Tonight: A must show.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Take the high road. Think positively about a new break or different approach. You could pressure yourself even more than necessary. Know when to cut back and say enough. You have style and know-how. Tonight: Take in a different perspective.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Sisters soldier on

By Daily Press staff



Photo courtesy

UNIVERSITY APPEAL: Girls from the Sisters for Success program are headed for college in the fall.

Five girls from St. Joseph Center's Sisters For Success girls mentoring program have finished high school and been accepted to college — one to Cal Poly Pomona, and four to Santa Monica Community College.

Sisters for Success pairs female adult role models with girls ages 13 to 18 with the goal of helping them build their self-esteem, finish high school and pursue higher education. This year, every senior in the program applied and was accepted into college. Some of the mentors have worked with their protégés for five years, becoming an integral part of their lives and watching them grow into young adulthood. Each girl is the first in her family to go to college. To find out how you can become a mentor, visit www.stjosephctr.org/volunteers.html or call (310) 396-6468, ext. 326.

Checking out what's in store at Montana Library

By Daily Press staff

There's lots going on at Montana Avenue Branch Library in August.

The following is a line-up of events:

- Stitches from the Heart: Saturday, Aug. 5, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Knitting and crocheting club for people who want to provide handmade items for as many children as possible. Bring your crochet hooks, needles and left over yarn: It's time to knit or crochet hats, booties, blankets and sweaters. Patterns and light instruction will be available on site.

- Author visit: Monday, Aug. 7, from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Local author and newspaperman George Garrigues knows how to write and tell great stories. Come listen to a few of them on Monday evening.

- Montana Avenue Branch Book Group: Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7-8:30 p.m.

A monthly book discussion group, we like to read it all. This month we will be analyzing and discussing "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell.

- Food for Thought discussions: Thursday, Aug. 17, 7-8:30 p.m.

A monthly discussion group in partnership with the Santa Monica's Cooperative Natural Grocer. The group has covered everything from exploring aging to socially responsible investing. This month the group will learn about the psychology of dieting with Terry Masi.

- Southern California Curiosities: Saturday, Aug. 19, 12:30-2 p.m.

Humorist and veteran journalist Saul Rubin has traveled way off Southern California's beaten path for one-of-a-kind gems that make his home turf truly unique. Whether you were born and raised in Southern California or are a recent transplant, Rubin's home-grown humor will have you laughing out loud as he introduces you to the neighbors you never knew you had and takes you to places you never knew existed — right in your own backyard.

The events will be held in the community room at Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

For more information, call (310) 829-7081, or go to <http://www.smpl.org/depts/branches/Montana/>.



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BEAR MOUNTAIN

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NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	36"-60"	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM	35	3/28

CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING, CORN

MOUNTAIN HIGH

CLOSED

MT. BALDY

CLOSED

SNOW SUMMIT

CLOSED

SNOW VALLEY

CLOSED

SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 60°

SWELL FORECAST (... FT)

...
LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
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TIDE FORECAST FOR JUNE IN SANTA MONICA

DAY	LOW 1	LOW 2	HIGH 1	HIGH 2
1	8:19 AM	7:48 PM	12:25 AM	3:59 PM
2	9:10 AM	9:39 PM	1:23 AM	4:47 PM
3	10:04 AM	11:05 PM	2:40 AM	5:21 PM
4	10:42 AM	N/A	4:03 AM	5:45 PM
5	12:09 AM	11:19 AM	5:25 AM	6:14 PM
6	1:01 AM	11:54 AM	6:39 AM	6:35 PM
7	1:36 AM	12:32 PM	7:39 AM	7:05 PM
8	2:13 AM	1:05 PM	8:28 AM	7:29 PM
9	2:49 AM	1:39 PM	9:18 AM	8:05 PM
10	3:31 AM	2:10 PM	10:04 AM	8:35 PM
11	4:05 AM	2:51 PM	10:49 AM	9:16 PM
12	4:46 AM	3:32 PM	11:36 AM	9:57 PM
13	5:30 AM	4:19 PM	12:22 PM	10:42 PM
14	6:21 AM	5:16 PM	1:14 PM	11:27 PM
15	7:04 AM	6:26 PM	2:07 PM	N/A
16	7:58 AM	7:49 PM	12:25 AM	2:57 PM
17	8:43 AM	9:25 PM	1:31 AM	3:45 PM
18	9:38 AM	10:59 PM	2:52 AM	4:35 PM
19	10:24 AM	N/A	4:25 AM	5:15 PM
20	12:10 AM	11:16 AM	6:01 AM	5:57 PM
21	1:10 AM	12:05 PM	7:20 AM	6:39 PM
22	2:02 AM	12:49 PM	8:27 AM	7:21 PM
23	2:49 AM	1:39 PM	9:27 AM	8:02 PM
24	3:32 AM	2:19 PM	10:13 AM	8:42 PM
25	4:13 AM	3:06 PM	11:00 AM	9:26 PM
26	4:58 AM	3:43 PM	11:39 AM	10:00 PM
27	5:36 AM	4:25 PM	12:20 PM	10:42 PM
28	6:08 AM	5:10 PM	1:04 PM	11:16 PM
29	6:45 AM	6:05 PM	1:45 PM	N/A
30	7:21 AM	7:03 PM	12:00 AM	2:21 PM

The Q-Line

Hold that thought ...

Beginning last week, a pair of downtown bathrooms, located in city parking structures, are being manned by attendants from morning until night. The pilot program is aimed at keeping the restrooms free from the abuses that have plagued them in the past, and kept most tourists and residents alike holding it rather than venturing into the oftentimes harrowing bathrooms.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:

Are staffed bathrooms in city parking garages the answer to providing relief for downtown denizens? Will you take advantage of the revamped restrooms?

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CITY LAUNCHES STRATEGIC ZONING EFFORT

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Visit: <http://www.santa-monica.org>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Forget cameras, let chips fall where they may

Editor:

Now that there are cameras on the Third Street Promenade, I was wondering what would come next for Santa Monica residents.

How about house inspection or just putting a chip in all those who visit Santa Monica? Or maybe we should just put cameras in the house of all the City Council members and this way we could keep an eye on them.

Vincentt Garofalo
Santa Monica

Time to hang 'closed' sign on SM's door

Editor:

That Santa Monica has evolved from the "People's Republic of Santa Monica" to the "Home of the Homeless," saddens me. The time is long overdue for our City Council to put out the "closed" sign to the area homeless.

Using the crime report in the Santa Monica Daily Press as one barometer, of the crimes listed during April and May, where the information was available, fully 19 of the 40 crimes listed made reference to the arrest of a "transient" (read homeless). This small snapshot reveals that is nearly half (47.5 percent) the crime in Santa Monica.

It's time for the City Council to invite the "transients" into their own homes so that the citizens of Santa Monica can enjoy a better quality of life.

Ron Yukelson
San Luis Obispo

Taking back our city from homeless

Editor:

I am writing this letter in regards to the June 20 City Council budget meeting. The article in the paper last Thursday by Kevin Herrera (SMDP, June 29, page 1), did not address the fact that there were members of Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities (SM4SP) who came before the City Council and voiced their concern regarding the chronic homeless problem Santa Monica is facing. SM4SP discussed their personal experiences, concerns that homelessness has escalated to near uncontrollable proportions, and resolutions that SM4SP has in mind to help mend our city.

SM4SP feels the portion of the budget intended to directly affect the homeless is being spent inefficiently. SM4SP feels the budget needs to be focused more towards:

■ Increasing the funding to make it worth while for police and medical personnel to enforce current vagrancy laws. Currently, the city has only four specialized officers responsible for enforcing and counteracting homelessness in Santa Monica which is unacceptable considering the sheer numbers of homeless persons in Santa Monica.

■ Applying restrictions to the funding of social service organizations and city service organizations which run the feeding programs. This will decrease the incentive for more homeless to come to the city because there will be fewer free handouts.

■ Engage the business community to fund and establish housing for the homeless by providing tax breaks to the investors and allocating city funds to renovate unused housing for the homeless.

When I reviewed the article by Kevin Herrera, I did not see a specific amount of money that our City Council was planning to put aside to help resolve the homeless problem. Of the current \$442.6 million budget there was no direct indication that any of the money would be spent on resolving the homeless issue. Furthermore, there was no discussion about how much money was already being spent on the homeless issue. In 2005 the city allocated only \$2.2 million in funds. This money is clearly not being spent the right way considering the homeless problem is rising and only 40 percent of the total homeless population is being aided with city programs.

Santa Monica needs to allocate a set amount of the 2006-07 city budget towards developing beneficial programs that both begin to resolve homelessness and ease the minds of the city residents. The City Council needs to help take back the city from the homeless. When is the City Council going to listen to its citizens and open their eyes to what is going on in their own community?

Wade Gasque
Santa Monica

Apostle shows it's all about process



**THE
WITNESS
STAND**
BY CLIFF NICHOLS

I've just completed writing a screenplay about the life of the Apostle Paul from, shall we say, a unique point of view. And by doing so, I'm happy to report that I've learned two things that I think are invaluable.

First, I've learned one of the easiest ways to become an instant social leper in this town — that is, other than to admit publicly that you are a politically conservative Christian. All you have to say to someone is something like, "Hey, I've just written a screenplay. Would you like to read it?" Instantly, their eyes cross just before they make an emergency phone call to get that root canal done early and flee.

Apparently in Santa Moãnica there are more unproduced screenplays floating around than the combined number of Mercedes and BMWs on the road being driven by foreigners. Who knew? But then again, since mine is already written, one might also ask, who cares? I now have in my arsenal of social tools a proven method by which to effectively terminate boring conversations. To me, if my screenplay accomplishes nothing else, wouldn't you have to agree that this knowledge alone is of considerable future value? It's kind of like having a lethal boring-small-talk-preemptive-strike weapon.

The second thing I learned as a result of writing this screenplay is what an incredibly interesting person the Apostle Paul was. Yes, before writing it I was already aware that he wrote much of the New Testament. And I also already knew that he probably outdistanced even me as a master of the run-on sentence. But, hey, he had an excuse. He didn't have a word processor. Rather, what fascinated me was how educated Paul was, the extreme diversity of experiences he'd had, the obstacles he overcame and distances he traveled to reach those he believed needed to hear what he had to tell them. His commitment approached the passion of the Christ he served.

By training, a rabbi scholar. By trade, a tent maker. By calling, an advocate of that to which he had been called by the Lord he professed. He preached whenever, wherever and to whomever it was possible — often, at the risk of losing his life, but he didn't seem to care. He was chased, stoned, left for dead, beaten, flogged, imprisoned and shipwrecked many times over, and yet, he continued on always with a truly brave heart.

And when he wasn't preaching, traveling, making tents or trying to survive the attacks of his enemies, he was writing to those he loved enough to make all that he endured to him seem worthwhile. In short, he afforded a practical demonstration to all of them, and, by the way, to all of us as well, of what Jesus truly intended when he told us that the second greatest commandment of God is for us to love others more than we love ourselves. And so, this man without a face, gave us what is today much of our Bible.

Then, from an attorney's point of view, what I also appreciated about Paul were the defenses he offered his accusers whenever he was given the opportunity. They were not self-serving, nor were they really defenses at all. Rather, Paul used each occasion not to exonerate himself, but to try to convince those who listened to come before his Lord on bended knee, even though he knew while he was speaking that he was further imperiling himself. In short, he considered their hearing of the message he was delivering to them more important than even his own life; a ransom he was gladly willing to pay.

Moreover, when he was last in Jerusalem, the outcome of each of Paul's oratories was equally amazing. He started presenting his testimony before the local authorities, and from there he graduated to speaking before the local Roman governor, then his successor, then the King of Israel, and finally he found himself in Rome presenting his case to Caesar himself. That is impressive. And all the while, until almost the very end that is, though he was found innocent of any wrongdoing by those who heard his plea, to placate the people who were opposed to him, each of these authorities placed him under house arrest. That, in turn, afforded him the freedom to receive visitors and write many of his letters that became so much of what is the New Testament today. Therefore, in a sense, one of the greatest ironies produced by the prosecution of Paul was that for many years the pagan government of Rome, in effect, unwittingly ended up subsidizing Paul's efforts to effectively promote his bountiful faith throughout their very own empire from within the confines in which they themselves had placed him.

In the end, of course, it is said that he was beheaded, but even when confronted with that consequence of his life's calling, he graciously welcomed it as but another opportunity. He viewed it as crossing the finish line of a race he had been running for nearly 40 years. Finally he would be enabled to commence the eternal life for which he believed he had been created. He had finished the course, and was satisfied that he had run the race with strength, endurance, character and integrity. That was all this maverick needed to know to welcome the end gladly.

Those insights into the life of such a man made the writing about Paul a worthwhile experience. Interestingly, Paul, in many ways, was not too unlike either you or me. His life demonstrated what can be accomplished if an otherwise ordinary person is of a mind to try and then commits himself to making the effort. And, in the end, my being made aware of that fact is to me probably the best thing yet to have come out of my writing the screenplay, making the doing of it worthwhile, even if from here on out I only dust it off occasionally to use at cocktail parties where I anticipate the conversations could be boring. For me, that's payback enough.

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Pendleton charges prepare for desert

BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

CAMP PENDLETON — The Marine levels his M-249 Squad Automated Weapon at the man running across the rooftop. "There's an insurgent!" he screams.

"Hold off," shouts another Marine. "He's got no weapon."

Moments later, another person emerges from the building across the street. He is carrying a gun. This time, the Marines shoot him.

The bullets are blank and the downed target is a Marine dressed unconvincingly as an Iraqi insurgent. But for members of the Michigan-based 1st Battalion of the 24th Marine Regiment, this is as real as it gets until they deploy to Iraq later this summer.

Welcome to 25 Area Combat Town, Camp Pendleton's specially constructed Iraqi village, designed to teach Marines how to fight a war where friend and foe are hard to distinguish.

"By inoculating them against the stress of combat through various exercises here, we hope to reap the benefits over there," said Capt. Michael Mayne of the 1st Battalion's Charlie Company, comprised of 170 Marine reservists.

The conduct of U.S. troops in Iraq is under greater scrutiny amidst a recent series of allegations of possible criminal acts. Officials say the incidents are anomalies, while some military experts say it could be evidence some troops are reaching their breaking points. Still others say the incidents have been blown out of proportion and the government is unfairly targeting troops to placate war critics.

Locked in Camp Pendleton's brig are seven Marines and a Navy medic charged with the kidnapping and premeditated murder of a 52-year-old Iraqi man. Military prosecutors say that without provocation the troops took the man from his home, bound him, placed him in a hole and shot him. The troops say he was an insurgent digging a hole for a roadside bomb.

The government also is investigating allegations that Marines killed two dozen Iraqi civilians in the town of Haditha, and that Army soldiers killed civilians in the town of Mahmoudiyah and in Salahuddin province.

The Marines' training reflects how the war has changed since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003.

"There is more focus on trying to figure out who's the bad guy, who's the good guy," said Lt. Chad Vickers, a Camp Pendleton spokesman. "When we kicked off, we knew who the enemy was. Now the enemy is more hidden and it is hard to figure out who the enemy is and isn't. You've got to train people to notice those kinds of things."

Troops often have only a split second to determine what to do.

"And that decision could be life or death not only for yourself, but innocent civilians or the Marines around you," Vickers said.

Combat Town is a ramshackle collection of nine cinderblock buildings scattered along a dusty road. The purpose of last week's exercise was to capture a known terrorist, who was hiding out in a structure occupied by civilians and insurgents.

To simulate the stresses of insurgent war, Marines carried full battle kit in the arid, 85-degree Southern Californian heat. With water, a rifle, ammunition, body armor and survival equipment, the kit can weigh close to 150 pounds.

A Cobra attack helicopter and a Huey transport chopper circled overhead to create the soundtrack of combat — a constant din augmented by sporadic roadside bomb explosions, which in this case were powerful firecrackers.

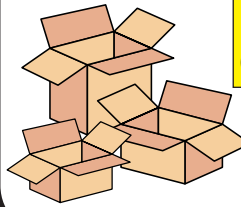
"It's lacking a lot of things, but the whole big-picture concept is there," said Gunnery Sgt. Kevin Shelton, one of the instructors.

Prior to the Combat Town raid, Charlie Company was shown how to enter a room housing a suspected insurgent. One troop smashed the door with a steel battering ram, then three other Marines rushed in, each with a gun trained in a specific direction.

"It's a three-block war. In one block, everything could be good, you could be setting up a hospital clinic. In the next block you could be quelling a riot, and the next block over could be an all-out firefight," Vickers said. "It's one of those things that could change literally from house to house."

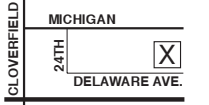
Members of Charlie Company were not allowed to comment if or when it is acceptable to use a grenade to clear a room, something Marines through their lawyers have said they did during the Haditha incident. But during the training raid, Marines hurled some sort of explosive device into the room containing the insurgent. He was taken alive, but two other men in the room were "killed."

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City isn't ready to let others buy the farm

BY ERIC BERKOWITZ

Associated Press Writer

CARLSBAD, Calif. — A tractor kicks up a cloud of dust on a brown slope wedged between outlet stores, car dealerships, and a hotel. The 55-acre property is fallow now, but every spring it explodes into a sea of colorful ranunculus flowers, to the delight of residents and tourists.

The flower plot, along with 255 nearby acres of strawberry fields and two parcels of open land, are vestiges of this San Diego suburb's agricultural past. They're also at the

core of a growing dispute about the fate of the area's few remaining farms.

It's one of many such showdowns across the country as urban sprawl overtakes ever dwindling farmland.

A citizens group has qualified a measure for Carlsbad's November ballot that would ban development of the properties.

"It's a heritage to the people," said Ron Alvarez, of Concerned Citizens of Carlsbad, which sponsored the measure. "We're saying to the community, do you want this to be what it is now, what it has been for many years?"

Between 1997 and 2001, about 4.5 mil-

lion acres of agricultural land was lost to development nationwide, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. California loses about 50,000 acres of farmland yearly, said Molly Penberth of the California Department of Conservation.

"We're losing 20 acres for every acre we're protecting," said Ed Thompson, California director of the American Farmland Trust, a nonprofit group that advocates farmland preservation.

Carlsbad, a seaside community of 100,000 people about 30 miles north of San Diego, has grown in recent decades into a patchwork of expensive homes, commercial strips and scrub.

Some residents feel the ballot measure is essential to preserve scenic open space.

"We need some farmland," said Steve Amster, sitting in a bagel shop near the flower fields. "This was always a farm community, and it's become a real metropolis."

Mayor Claude "Bud" Lewis, who opposes the measure, said he understands the desire to slow development but fears the ban will bring costly lawsuits from landowners claiming it devalues their property.

"If that's what the folks want, then that is going to happen," Lewis said.

San Diego Gas & Electric Co., which owns the strawberry fields, is not considering a lawsuit, spokeswoman Anne Silva said.

The dispute began after SDG&E and Carltas Co., which owns 72 acres of open land, optioned the properties to Lennar Corp., a Miami-based homebuilder. Lennar wanted to build more than 900 homes, Lewis said.

Lennar ended up declining the options, but rumors then spread that the flower farm

was going to be developed, said Michael Holzmueller, Carlsbad's former planning director.

The dispute over the flower land is largely symbolic. Carltas, which also owns that property, agreed in 1994 to preserve the area in exchange for permission to develop nearby properties for hotel and retail uses, said Christopher Calkins, president of CB Ranch Enterprises, a Carltas unit.

This swath of suburbia is no stranger to such controversies. Last year, voters in neighboring Encinitas turned down a measure to permit the Ecke family, which owns Carltas and CB Ranch Enterprises, to develop part of a flower-growing ranch it had previously agreed to keep agricultural.

Opponents of the upcoming ballot measure say farms aren't good for Carlsbad.

"From a distance, it's wonderful, but farming is dusty, it's smelly, and it's messy," Calkins said.

Additionally, growing flowers and strawberries requires intensive use of pesticides, which is incompatible with public use, said Sandy Holder, Carlsbad's director of community development.

Carlsbad's long-range development plan once called for the accommodation of about 225,000 people, Holzmueller said. But that target was reduced to about 125,000 in 1986, with up to 40 percent of the city's land devoted to open space.

Still, "You're going to have an urbanized city, that's always been part of the plan," Holzmueller said.

Amster doesn't see it that way.

"San Diego, with all the high rises, that's where the density belongs," he said. "This is supposed to be the country."




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Sometimes home can be far away indeed

BY TOM MCGHEE

Associated Press Writer

DENVER — Abraham Gonzalez's aging parents will live in the home he bought two months ago in the Mexican town where he grew up.

The 30-year-old woodworker, a Mexican immigrant who has lived legally in Denver for seven years, bought the four-bedroom house in Aguascalientes without leaving Denver. He got a \$35,000 mortgage loan — on which he will pay \$330 a month — through Su Casita Mortgage, a cross-border lending operation that opened here three years ago.

"This is a very good idea," said Gonzalez, who lives with his wife and four young children in a home they purchased in Denver. "My daughters and my son were born here, and my life is here, but I need to think about when I am an older person, and I want to help my parents now."

Su Casita and another Denver mortgage broker, Dedicated Mortgage/re.Mex, are among a growing number of companies helping Mexicans living in the United States invest in their homeland.

Su Casita, which has offices throughout Mexico, and the other companies don't require proof of legal residence from customers, instead asking that they show they have jobs and can pay a mortgage.

With national debate over illegal immigration at a fever pitch, there are those who would like to see the brokers check to ensure their customers are here legally.

"I have a heavy presumption against interfering with business transactions assuming people are legal, and (lenders)

think that is an appropriate risk," said former Colorado Gov. Dick Lamm. "I would make people prove that they're in the U.S. legally."

Lamm is a leader in a movement to stem the flow of illegal immigrants into the state and is the sponsor of a proposed state constitutional amendment that would prohibit state and local government from providing services to illegal immigrants.

The Pew Hispanic Center estimates that between 225,000 and 275,000 unauthorized immigrants lived in Colorado in March 2005. Up to 178,000 of them are estimated to be in the workforce.

Gonzalez has paid attention as immigration legislation in Congress has sparked demonstrations by immigrants and their supporters, and counterdemonstrations by illegal-immigration foes.

"Everybody wants to have a better life," he said. "I pay taxes; I am a good person. In this time it is very hard (for immigrants)."

He has no plans to move back to Mexico and said the home in Aguascalientes is an investment that will provide equity for his children.

Cross-border lenders have a strong appeal for Mexican workers who regularly send money to family members at home.

In 2005, Mexico received a record \$20 billion from its nationals living here, money that is officially known as remittances, according to the Banco de Mexico. The amount has been growing steadily — in 2002 it broke \$10 billion for the first time, according to the Pew Hispanic Center.

Mexicans living here send \$230 per worker per month on average to their communities, according to information provided by

the Mexican consul in Denver.

Some want a home they can return to one day; others are looking for a property for parents or building equity for their children.

"Somebody would say, 'I am making good money working construction; I'll pay the bill from here,'" said Carlos Ramirez, owner of Dedicated Mortgage.

Businesses that help to finance homes in Mexico are growing in the U.S. Since 2003, Su Casita has opened offices in Dallas, New York and Chicago.

Last year, Mexican cement giant Cemex's Construmex affiliate made cross-border loans that helped 2,000 Mexican families in the U.S. buy or remodel homes across the border, the company said. This year, Construmex expects to increase the number of loans to 5,000.

Su Casita makes about 20 loans a month in Denver and about 600 loans a year throughout the country, said Manuel Campos Spoor, the company's vice president. The average mortgage is a little more than \$35,000, and the mortgage rate on a 20-year, fixed-rate loan is 12 percent, said

Campos.

Dedicated Mortgage arranges about 15 cross-border mortgages per month in Denver. Most of the homes are small, between 1,200 and 1,500 square feet, said Ramirez.

The loans are processed, funded in pesos and serviced in Mexico. A borrower in the United States who doesn't want to travel to Mexico to complete the paperwork can sign over power of attorney to a relative. The borrower can pay in American dollars, which are transferred to Mexico at bank rates.

Ramirez began arranging the loans last year after a string of Latino customers asked if he could finance a home south of the border. At first, his office acted as an agent for Houston-based cross-border lender Conficasa. He later made arrangements for Dedicated to broker the deals on its own.

The business depends on word of mouth, said Su Casita's Campos.

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Support for Iraq war could doom Democrat

BY DAVID AMMONS

Associated Press Writer

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Sen. Maria Cantwell, a true-blue Democrat, is trying to tamp down unrest among those on Washington state's political left who are furious with her unapologetic support for the Iraq War.

In a state that has shown no affection for Republicans in more than two decades of presidential elections, Cantwell would seem to have an easy time securing a second term amid President Bush's sagging approval ratings and discontent with the GOP-controlled Congress.

It would be a welcome change for the 47-year-old Washington state lawmaker, who six years ago had to wait more than a month before finding out whether she had won the country's closest Senate race. She prevailed by fewer than 2,300 votes.

But Cantwell is facing fierce opposition from anti-war activists who ordinarily would back her. Chants of "No More War" rang out before her speech at last month's state party convention, protesters unfurled a banner reading, "Maria Can't Say No to War" at another event, and demonstrators squatted in her Seattle office.

Even an appearance with popular Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., in heavily Democratic

Seattle elicited boos for Cantwell.

"We're frustrated," said Joe Colgan, 64, a retired lineman from Kent, Wash., whose son, Army 2nd Lt. Benjamin Colgan, was killed in Iraq. "With all the information that is out now that shows the war was a terrible mistake, she will not admit that her vote was wrong. That's a fairly serious flaw."

Cantwell voted in 2002 for the resolution authorizing Bush to use force to topple the Baghdad regime of Saddam Hussein, and she rejects suggestions that she made a mistake. She has supported the war but has criticized Bush's handling of it, arguing that Congress must hold the administration accountable and "make sure that 2006 is a year of significant transition in Iraq."

Cantwell recently joined a majority of Democrats in opposing a deadline for U.S. troops to be out of Iraq but voted for a more moderate resolution for forces to start withdrawing.

"While we have understood the challenges and mistakes that have been made, we need to make sure we are moving forward, and we need to make sure we are turning the security efforts over to the new Iraqi government," Cantwell said recently.

Howard Gale, 51, a Seattle psychologist, has met with Cantwell and remains unhappy with her explanations.

"What I would be concerned about if I'm her staff is that in November, a lot of people might be so conflicted, they'll just sit it out," Gale said.

In the Sept. 19 primary, Cantwell faces two challengers who oppose the war and want U.S. troops out, a view reflected in state polls that show 59 percent back an immediate withdrawal.

Unlike Democratic Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, who faces a tough primary challenge from wealthy businessman Ned Lamont, Cantwell's rivals are little-known and underfunded. Mark Wilson, a businessman, has the backing of peace activist Cindy Sheehan. Hong Tran is an attorney who fled Saigon, Vietnam, as a child in 1975.

Republicans clearly relish the schism, with Cantwell's main GOP opponent, Mike McGavick, saying, "The senator and I agree on Iraq."

McGavick, 48, is well-versed in the politics of Washington — as in the nation's capital. He served as campaign chairman and chief of staff to the lawmaker Cantwell ousted, Republican Slade Gorton.

McGavick went on to work as chairman, president and chief executive officer at Seattle-based Safeco Insurance Co. He left the company last winter and received a gold-earned parachute of more than \$28 million.

The Republican candidate argues that the division within the Democratic Party on Iraq has helped him in opinion polls that show Cantwell leading by 4 to 10 percentage points.

McGavick and Cantwell split over oil drilling in the Alaska wildlife refuge — a contentious issue in the Northwest. McGavick has the strong backing of Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, and oil interests in his call for "environmentally sensitive drilling."

The Republican also supports some restrictions on abortion rights, contrasted with Cantwell's staunch support for a woman's right to choose.

Cantwell contends that once she gets past the primary, anti-war Democrats and independents will back her candidacy.

"It will be pretty clear what the choice is, and I'm not sure people are comfortable sending back another vote for the Bush agenda at this point," she said in an interview.

Washington Democratic Party Chairman Dwight Pelz acknowledged that Cantwell's support for the Iraq war is hurting her campaign, turning away volunteers and grassroots support. But he argued that her record will appeal to Washington voters.

Meanwhile, "Mike McGavick has to wear George W. Bush like Jimmy Hoffa wore concrete booties," Pelz said.

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High Court's take on Geneva vexes Bush

BY PETE YOST

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Of all the steps the Supreme Court could have taken to undercut President Bush's legal position in the war on terror, applying international law to al-Qaida probably would have been the worst.

That development came to pass Thursday and now Republicans are rushing to protect the cornerstone of Bush's thinking: Suspected terrorists are not entitled to protection under the Geneva Accords.

Sens. Mitch McConnell and Lindsey Graham said Sunday that Congress must address the Supreme Court ruling embracing Article 3 of the conventions in the military commission case of Osama bin Laden's former driver.

Article 3 prohibits outrages upon personal dignity, "in particular humiliating and degrading treatment," and bars violence, including murder, mutilation and torture.

In an election year, declaring that international law governs the war on terror reminds voters of some of the Republican administration's lowest moments: controversies over Justice Department "torture" memos and allegations of abuse against detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

McConnell, R-Ky., the second-ranking GOP leader in the Senate, said the 5-3 court decision "means that American servicemen potentially could be accused of war crimes."

"I think Congress is going to want to deal with that," McConnell said on NBC's "Meet the Press." He called the ruling "very disturbing."

The Geneva Conventions' Article 3 is "far beyond our domestic law when it comes to terrorism, and Congress can rein it in, and I think we should," said Graham, R-S.C., assigned as a Reserve Judge to the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals. Graham spoke on "Fox News Sunday."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., also expressed concern about the decision, saying it "is somewhat of a departure, in my view, of people who are stateless terrorists." McCain

appeared on ABC's "This Week."

McConnell wants Congress to deal with the Geneva Accords issue at the same time it addresses the court's overturning of the military commissions created to try a limited number of detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

Addressing the commission issue, McCain and Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said Congress might devise broader changes than the White House wants in trials of detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

As a starting point for debate, McCain said Congress should embrace the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the bedrock of military law protecting the rights of accused soldiers. The Bush administration has skirted the code for nearly five years in dealing with Guantanamo Bay prisoners it has classified as enemy combatants.

Specter said "we have to reconcile" what the Bush administration thinks it can do and what the Supreme Court decision says. Specter spoke on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Many Republicans in Congress say detainees in the war on terror should not have the same legal protections as those in the military. Congress, they say, should give its imprimatur with little or no change to the Pentagon's military commissions.

McCain agreed that justice afforded to enemy combatants "shouldn't be exactly the same as applied to a member of the military." He added, however, that the Uniform Code of Military Justice is "a good framework."

The Supreme Court said Bush's military commissions violate the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the four Geneva Conventions signed in 1949.

Under military commission rules, the court noted, such panels may block an accused and his civilian lawyer from ever learning of evidence the prosecution presents that is classified. In addition, commissions can permit the admission of any evidence it deems to have probative value to a reasonable person.

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womb. Her mother, Leysa Gentillon, played 25 hours worth of the singer's CDs in the hospital, while giving birth to her daughter.

"They told us to bring our own music so we had six hours of Jackson Browne and it just kept playing," Leysa Gentillon said of her marathon delivery.

Betty Gentillon, who graduated from Santa Monica High School in 1934, returned to her alma mater on Friday night along with her family, which included her son John, Leysa's husband. The three generations of Gentillons showed up at Barnum Hall for another live performance from their favorite musician, among the throngs shelling out between \$50 and \$250 for tickets, with all proceeds going toward arts education in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Close to 1,200 people attended Friday's performance.

Betty Gentillon was first introduced to Browne's music when visiting John, Leysa and Torre Gentillon at their San Diego home. Leysa Gentillon has been a fan since she was 15, when she got her first Jackson Browne album as a birthday present. As for Torre Gentillon, her favorite songs are "In The Shape of a Heart," "Doctor My Eyes" and "Taking the Trouble" — or the "going to school song" — as she and her mother would play it in the car en route to class.

Browne, who lives in Santa Monica and has a nephew attending Santa Monica High School, has earmarked the proceeds of his benefit concerts to go toward third grade

general music for the district's four Title 1 elementary schools; fourth and fifth grade choral music for the four Title 1 elementary schools and the Dream Winds program for John Adams and Lincoln middle schools.

Those programs represent about \$60,000 worth of programming costs. The proceeds from Friday night will fund those programs and the balance of the proceeds will go to an arts endowment.

"It kills me that you have to have a benefit to fund the arts," Browne told the audience members, while injecting a bit of political humor. "If the arts aid in brain development, how many presidents do you think played an instrument?"

Friday night's concert raised about \$100,000 with Yahoo! Inc. underwriting the program's expenses, which amounted to about \$25,000, according to Linda Gross, executive director of the Education Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises money for various disciplines throughout the school district.

Browne performed with Venice, a Southern California vocal band who are international recording artists. Members of Venice, which predominately consists of siblings and cousins, are both parents in the school district and co-founders of the Artists For The Arts Foundation. Members of Venice have created a guitar class at Olympic High School with the proceeds from their concerts.

Artists For The Arts Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to producing



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HIGH AND MIGHTY: (Top) Members of the Levite Camp, a student-based choir from South Central Los Angeles, take their performance with Jackson Browne up a notch during last week's concert, dancing and singing to a Michael Jackson hit as the show's encore. (Above) Kipp Lennon (at center) hits a high note while his cousin Michael Lennon (right) and Venice guitarist Mark Harris jam during a benefit concert last week at Santa Monica High School.

fundraising concerts to benefit arts programs in public schools and, in this instance, to additionally help fund the local school district.

The concerts are part of a campaign called "For the Arts," which has a goal to raise \$15 million for an endowment that will ensure every student receives instruction in

the arts, including music, visual arts, dance and drama. For the Arts, a fund-raising arm of the Education Foundation, has so far raised nearly \$2 million toward its goal.

Browne has raised nearly \$300,000 from

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al officials set by looking at the average rent charged in Los Angeles County and other major metropolitan areas.

With Santa Monica's highly competitive housing market, apartments here tend to be more expensive than elsewhere in the region, meaning HUD's rates aren't always realistic, according to Mezza and property owners.

Realizing this, the Housing Authority in 1999 applied to HUD for an exception to the payment standard, becoming the first in the nation to do so following a law passed by Congress a year earlier that set up the process, Mezza said.

"This is obviously an expensive community, but what is interesting is, when comparing the average median income of our tenants to others in Los Angeles County that receive Section 8, our residents make less money than (anyplace else) — from the tip

of Southern California to Kern County," Mezza said, pointing out the need for the increase in assistance.

To qualify for Section 8, residents must meet "extremely low" and "very low-income" standards — earning no more than \$20,800 and \$55,450, respectively, for a family of four, according to HUD.

Officials with the Housing Authority plan to meet with apartment owners to inform them of the change in the payment standard and to see if they can recruit others to join in.

That may prove to be difficult, as some participants have expressed their deep displeasure for Section 8 and other programs.

Carl Lambert, president of Action Apartment Association, an advocacy group of rental property owners, said subsidized housing programs are plagued by bureaucratic red tape, and lack the flexibility owners need when choosing a tenant.

"The increases are great for those who are already in the program, but it won't attract others," Lambert said. "They could attract more if they (the Housing Authority) were easier to work with."

The way the program is set up, Lambert said, the Housing Authority forces landlords to accept tenants who are on a list, no matter who these tenants are or the vices they bring with them when they move in.

"I've had some horrible people they've put in my units," Lambert said. "Some doing drugs, ruining my units."

Lambert, who has roughly 20 subsidized units, said he still rents to people who are eligible for Section 8, but looks for those not on the Housing Authority's list. He loses money by doing so, but he said the thousands of dollars a year are worth it if it means he'll have reliable, well-mannered tenants.

"Not all Section 8 people are bad," he

said. "But there are those few who ruin it for the rest."

Tenants on Section 8 must follow strict guidelines. Those with a history of drug dealing or usage are not eligible, as are those where any participating family member has been evicted for such activity. Violations are reported to the Housing Authority, according to HUD.

Lainy Perry, a board member of the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles, or AAGLA, praised the Housing Authority for applying for the increase, saying it was very important in making some Section 8 units in Santa Monica competitive with fair market rents.

However, Perry said the Housing Authority must continue to pursue increases in the future, or fewer apartment owners will participate, "and Section 8 tenants will find it harder, or even impossible, to find a home in Santa Monica."

Safety in numbers



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Five ducklings surround their mother as they mark their second day on earth last week. The ducklings were born in the fountain in front of the Santa Monica Public Safety Building.

For art's sake

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his concerts alone. In 2004, he performed at Barnum Hall with Venice. In 2005, he performed with Ozomatali at the Greek Theater on the Samohi campus. This past Friday, Browne not only brought Venice along, but a new addition — Fred Martin and the Levite Camp, a student-based Christian choir that originated from Washington Preparatory High School in South Central Los Angeles.

Martin and Browne have been friends for years, since Martin's high school choir backed Browne at a benefit concert in the early 1990s. On Sept. 19, Concord Records will release an album by Martin and the Levite Camp, with many songs written by Browne. He also sings on two songs and co-produced the album with Martin.

The choir, which performed with Venice and Browne during several of the evening's songs, garnered several standing ovations from the crowd.

Browne also brought people to their feet with his classics like "Running on Empty." He seemed a bit more at ease with the crowd than in previous performances, joking with audience members about life in Santa Monica.

"How grateful I am to live in Santa Monica," he told the crowd, adding that he prefers to work out at the beach instead of gyms. While it's one of his favorite places to be, the beach also brings with it a bit of messy vitality.

"But you know, Santa Monica is home of the homeless; they aren't part of the class but they are part of the lesson, if you know what I mean."

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Earliest settlers staked claim to history

DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS



The first Native Americans are believed to have arrived in North America between 20,000 and 30,000 years ago through a land bridge across northeastern Siberia into Alaska. It is said that early Native Americans were in a peaceful harmony with their environment. They perceived time as cyclical and organized their existence around the change of seasons. Many native groups are said to have moved their villages several times a year to follow seasonal food sources. Seasonal moves meant less-permanent architecture and a loose concept of land possession. Total and exclusive land ownership was simply not a Native American concept. Although a group might have the privilege of using a parcel of land for gathering plants or hunting game, seldom did a tribe or individual "own" a parcel of land.

The 1585 expedition of Sir Walter Raleigh to the New World is responsible for the concept of land ownership. At the time of Raleigh's arrival, approximately 10 million Native Americans were populating America north of Mexico.

The Europeans, who tended to live in one fixed place year round, had a different concept of land ownership. The Web site www.nativeamericans.com points out that "Most European saw themselves as separate from creation and adversaries of nature, ever

struggling to conquer and subdue nature and force it to yield to their will. Native Americans saw themselves as one component of nature, sharing a living spirit that pervaded everything, animate (living) and inanimate (non-living) objects alike."

The natives regarded the white colonialists as something of a marvel. They wore eccentric costumes, had beards, winged ships and wonderful technology — knives, guns, cannons, mirrors, earrings, kettles, and their silent but deadly germs. It was the Europeans' cultural arrogance, coupled with their materialistic view of the land and its animal and plant beings, which troubled the Indians and changed their way of life forever.

As soon as the British arrived they began making land records of the Colonies. Those records later became our first states. To expedite the task, the British granted charters to large land companies, a.k.a. wealthy land speculators who lived in England. Those land companies — the London Company, Massachusetts Bay Company, Plymouth Company, and Virginia Company, among others — had the authority to issue land grants to individuals loyal to the crown.

British Land records prior to 1776 are primarily crown grants and proprietor records. According to author Stephen Seal, the proprietors worked as agents for the crown. When land was granted, the property boundaries were laid out in descriptive form — like deeds, with landmarks and other prominent identifying data. Many of those records survive in one form or another, whether they be patents, surveys or warrants.

Spain was the next country to stake prop-

erty ownership in North America. By the late 1600s, Spain had laid claim to much of what is now the central and southwestern United States, as well as Florida. Spanish land records date back to 1763. They made several copies made of each document, one of which was sent to the Spanish archives in Seville.

The French bartered and traded much of their territory in North America, "The Louisiana Purchase," being one of the best-known transactions. The Superior Council Records are the primary source of information on the French land-granting practices. This collection holds everything from mortgages to marriage contracts, civil and land suits.

By 1821, Mexico had claimed the land that we now know as Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, California and Utah. The Mexican government often granted land to its people in the form of a rancho — a grant more than 1,000 acres. Think Rancho de Sepulveda. They also used the headright system in Texas and in California. Records refer to empresario grants — large tracts given to land speculators to colonize entire towns.

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress ratified the Declaration of Independence and the 13 colonies in the New World declared themselves independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain and explained their justifications for doing so. While the Declaration of Independence contained no specific language on property rights, it is clarified in the Bill of Rights, an amendment to the United States Constitution, which upholds the supreme

law of the United States of America. The Constitution of the United States is the oldest federal constitution currently in use.

It was George Mason, a wealthy Virginia planter, United States patriot, statesman, and delegate from Virginia to the U.S. Constitutional Convention who pressed for the addition of explicitly stated individual rights as part of the U.S. Constitution. Subsequently, the Bill of Rights refers to the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution. Those amendments explicitly limit the federal government's powers, protecting the rights of the people.

In May 1776, Mason wrote that "all men are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent natural rights ... among which are the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety."

After the States United on July 4, 1776, our government gave out federal patents to settlers who wanted to homestead land. All land records in the United States can be traced back to the patents, which were given by the government to the first landowners. The land records are the basis for property ownership in the United States.

You can read our current president's most recent statement on property rights at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2006/06/20060623-10.html>.

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Teachers talk about funding needs for ESL

BY ANABELLE GARAY

Associated Press Writer

PLANO, Texas — Fernando Lozano rushes home from his landscaping job twice a week, makes himself a milkshake and dashes off to a cramped room at a community center for his English class.

As he navigates through traffic from Dallas to suburban Plano, the 32-year-old listens to the radio and tries to translate the lyrics from English to Spanish, an exercise he does in an effort to learn the language.

"We live in the U.S. and we need to learn English," Lozano said.

Lozano's one of the luckier immigrants who have a class to attend. Many trying to learn the language — something lawmakers stress for immigrants in pending legislation — just can't find any English classes.

To help more immigrants get into class, educators and advocates want Congress to

increase federal funding for free English as a Second Language courses.

"The experience of those working with immigrants is, no encouragement is needed," said John Segota, advocacy and communications manager at Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. "It's been a challenge of programs and availability. We believe if there's a real commitment there to English language learning, it needs to be matched by funding and resources."

The Dallas suburbs of Plano, Irving, Carrollton and Farmers Branch, along with other Texas cities, have had to put people on waiting lists for ESL classes. Programs all over the country face the same demand, with waits that can range from a few days to even years.

Some companies have called about finding classes for employees, and churches are starting classes to meet the demand, educators say.

"Every time we have a registration we

have people; they camp out," said Tracy Basquin, executive director of the Houston READ Commission. "The people are there in line several hours before."

Of course, the free programs aren't the only way to learn English. Some immigrants use study-at-home videos courses, watch children's shows with their kids or pay to attend community colleges.

The high demand was there before a Senate bill proposed letting some illegal immigrants become citizens if they first learn English and comply with other requirements, experts say. The Senate also approved a provision making English the national language but later added a second measure declaring English a "common unifying language."

Yet funding for more ESL classes and classroom materials has remained about the same. In 2003, \$70 million was appropriated. For fiscal year 2007 starting in October, the

Bush administration has proposed \$68 million for English literacy and civics education.

Educators and advocates say that isn't enough to meet the need of immigrants who want to learn English.

Meanwhile, the number of children and adults who need such programs continues to grow, said Melissa Lazarin, policy analyst for education reform at the National Council of La Raza. More than a million immigrants received legal residence in 2002 alone and many will need to show fluency in English to gain citizenship, according to NCLR.

"The money has to come from some place," said Bonita Montgomery, program coordinator of the Adult Literacy Center in Mesquite. "It hasn't been really a priority with all the things that are happening in our country. However, if they are making this a mandate, they should provide (the) programs."

Conservation groups fear oil, gas rigs will hurt Utah's forests

BY PAUL FOY

Associated Press Writer

STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR, Utah — For decades, the plundering hooves of cattle and sheep ruined trout streams and habitat around this 17,000-acre reservoir. Stream channeling and the deliberate poisoning of willows that protect their banks only made things worse.

Much of the damage has been turned around, but a new threat from oil and gas development could reverse progress made in this mountainous patch of national forest 60 miles southeast of Salt Lake City famous for its trout streams, big-game habitat and roadless stretches.

A water user's group that gave up all but the water and mineral rights to land around here is awarding exploration leases to oil and gas companies. The Uinta National Forest is doing an impact study on opening up to 778,000 more acres for energy leasing.

What's more, a federally designated "energy corridor" running just south of Strawberry Reservoir could hasten oil and gas development by laying pipelines in the ground.

Together, say anglers, hunters, biologists

and conservation groups, those actions could leave this region laced with well pads and dusty roads, muddying dozens of spawning streams for trout and kokanee salmon. Development could disrupt calving grounds for deer and elk and strutting grounds for the white-tufted sage grouse, driving off the wildlife, they say.

"Strawberry is Utah's most popular fishery, period," said Alan Ward, a biologist for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. "People have come here for years and years."

Raising cutthroat trout alone at hatcheries instead of in streams around the reservoir, it would cost Utah \$675,000 a year, Trout Unlimited says.

"They are essentially wild fish, and they're massive, absolutely enormous," said Chris Hunt of the anglers' group. "We're trying to limit development around that vital fishery."

In a 1987 act of Congress, the Strawberry Water Users Association gave up 57,000 acres of land around the reservoir, transferring surface rights to the Forest Service. However, the water group — which represents Wasatch Front ranchers and farmers — kept water and underground mineral rights.

The mineral rights were kept because the federal government didn't want to pay extra

for them, said Neil Sorensen, vice president of the association. He said it was only recently that anyone was interested in looking for gas or oil.

"People in the oil business asked to use our lease rights. The board of directors didn't have a problem with it," Sorensen said. "We're not trying to kill the environment."

Since the 1987 takeover, the government has spent \$34 million to restore and open the land around the reservoir to recreation. Conservation groups donated more money and labor to fence off and improve spawning streams.

Conservationists fear all that work was for naught, as the water association and Forest Service move to open undeveloped land to oil and gas drilling. In a worst-case scenario sketched by Trout Unlimited, hundreds of well pads are shown every 160 acres on a map, connected by a spider web of roads.

Even now, trout streams have sustained damage from dust kicked up by wind and vehicles on dirt roads. On Trout Creek, Brock Richardson keeps two incubators containing thousands of trout eggs.

The eggs of one cooler box are doing fine near an underground spring that feeds Trout Creek with frigid, clear water. But barely a

quarter-mile downstream, Richardson has to regularly flush silt from the eggs in another box, using a turkey baster.

In just that quarter mile, traffic on a forest road stirs up dust, smothering the creek's trout eggs by depriving them of oxygen, said Richardson, vice president of a Trout Unlimited chapter called the Stonefly Society.

More roads from oil and gas development will worsen the sediment buildup for the dozens of spawning streams that drain into Strawberry Reservoir, Ward said.

The Forest Service responded to specific questions from The Associated Press by reissuing a months-old news release.

Ted Fitzgerald, a retired Forest Service engineer and former district ranger in central Utah, said the Uinta National Forest was years behind in following orders to draw up a comprehensive environmental study of allowing more oil and gas development.

"This isn't something that just came up. It's been on the books clear back to the Reagan administration," said Fitzgerald, who now works for Trout Unlimited.

The Forest Service is scheduled to complete a draft version of the environmental study by December and a final version by November 2007.

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Clog-like Crocs are making great strides

BY JOANNE VIVIANO

Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — It was on a winter trip to Denver that Amanda Walker discovered the funky-looking footwear that would boost her body care business.

The temperature 85 degrees and her feet tired, she was persuaded by locals to try Crocs. She thought the clog-like, rubber-like shoes were hideous but quickly got hooked on their comfort.

And, she decided, she just had to carry them at her store, Heavenly Bath, Body & More.

The bulky clog with a strap along the heel and holes across the top and around the toes is winning consumers over with its versatility and comfort. Food service and factory workers, hair stylists and hospital personnel buy them for comfort. Boaters and swimmers buy them for function. And some just think they're fun.

"It's unbelievable how popular they are," said Walker, who sells an average of 16 pairs of the colorful shoes each week at her store in suburban Cincinnati and said they account for more than half of her business.

"I've definitely lived off Crocs for a while," she said. "You get a shipment in and 'poof' they're gone."

Crocs, which got its name because the shoes are water-friendly and tough, now lends its cartoon crocodile logo to more than a dozen styles. There are flip flops, slides, a calf-high boot, a hiking shoe and a Mary Jane that's set to hit stores this fall. They come in 20 colors — from chocolate and sea blue to lime and fuchsia — and prices range from about \$30 to \$60.

Tim Kaiser, store manager at the Tradehome Shoe Store in Bismarck, N.D., said he sells to many nurses who say Crocs are more comfortable than \$100 walking shoes and easy to sanitize.

The shoes are popular with campers because they're easy to slip on and off, said Dustin Sabo, a manager at Sabo's Camping in Columbus. Crocs are "flying off the shelves"

there, he said.

Crocs Inc., based in Niwot, Colo., reported \$24,000 in revenues and sold 1,500 pairs of clogs in 2002, its first year. Last year, the company sold 6 million pairs of shoes and total revenues, including shoes, accessories and clothing, hit \$108.6 million, an amount that spokesman Michael Fox said came almost entirely from shoes.

In May, Crocs said it expected sales for 2006 to reach \$200 million to \$205 million.

Crocs went public on the Nasdaq Stock Market in February at \$21 per share; the stock rose 1.8 percent June 28 to close at \$23.69.

"There's no doubt that they are very, very hot right now," said Michael Wood, vice president of the marketing firm Teenage Research Unlimited. "The key to it is they're comfortable, they're practical and they're fun ... and they're also affordable so you can buy into the trend without making a big investment."

Jen Mosher of Tuscaloosa, Ala., said she got her first pair of Crocs for Christmas in 2002.

"I stuck them on to wear for slippers and haven't taken them off since," said Mosher, 39, a University of Alabama microbiology graduate student who's often on her feet in a lab.

She now has the original Crocs in nine colors — dark blue, royal blue, yellow, orange, red, purple, green, black and the tan ones she wears as dress shoes.

She cleans them by throwing them in the dishwasher.

Scott Bautch, a chiropractor in Wausau, Wis., who sees Crocs on many patients and medical personnel, said the shoe's comfort seems to come from its extra width and soft, supportive arch.

Bautch has not done research on the product, but said he's seen patients suffer less stress or pain in the bottom of the foot with Crocs than with other casual shoes.

"I have to say it surprised me," said Bautch, a spokesman for the Arlington, Va.-based American Chiropractic Association.

Fox said the key to Crocs is the material. They're made of a resin that molds to the foot, is scuff and slip resistant, doesn't absorb odor and can be cleaned with a garden hose.

But a challenge for the company is that it has produced a "very one-dimensional product" and must find ways to re-engineer the brand because that product is easily imitated,

TIPPING THE SCALES IN THEIR FAVOR

By The Associated Press

Some information about the Crocs Inc. footwear company:

ORIGINS: Crocs Inc. was founded by three businessmen in Niwot, Colo., about 30 miles north of Denver. The first shoes were made with boaters in mind.

THE PRODUCT: The company says the key to Crocs is the material and supportive construction. They're made of a resin that molds to the foot, is scuff and slip resistant, doesn't absorb bacteria or odor and can be easily cleaned or sterilized.

GROWTH: The Crocs line has expanded to more than a dozen different styles, including flip flops, slides, a calf-high boot, a Mary Jane and a hiking shoe.

SALES: In 2002, Crocs reported \$24,000 in revenues and sold 1,500 pairs of clogs. Crocs said in May that it expected sales for 2006 to reach \$200 million to \$205 million.

COPYCATS: Similar shoes have popped up in the market, and Crocs has filed patent-infringement claims against several companies. Some cases have been settled.

said Marshal Cohen, chief analyst with The NPD Group Inc., a market research firm.

"No. 1, the hard part, is to sustain that momentum," he said. "No. 2 is to ward off the competition."

Cohen said similar shoes have popped up at lower prices in Skechers, Wal-Mart and Target. He compared the fad to the UGG sheepskin boots, which were hot for a couple of years but faded away after imitators came along.

Another hurdle is meeting demand.

To fix the problem, the company is increasing production capabilities, Fox said. Crocs recently added a factory in Romania to the six that are in Canada, the United States, Mexico, Italy and China.

Some retailers say it has been difficult to get their orders for shoes filled. Felix Ponte, owner of Sandals Are Us in Apache Junction, Ariz., said he had so much trouble that he dropped Crocs and switched to Nothinz, one of the other brands vying for the foam sandal market.

Michele Stratton-Barrat waited three months for Crocs to get to The Flaming Ice Cube aromatherapy gift shop and vegan cafe she owns in suburban Youngstown, Ohio.

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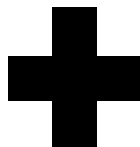
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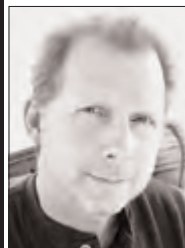
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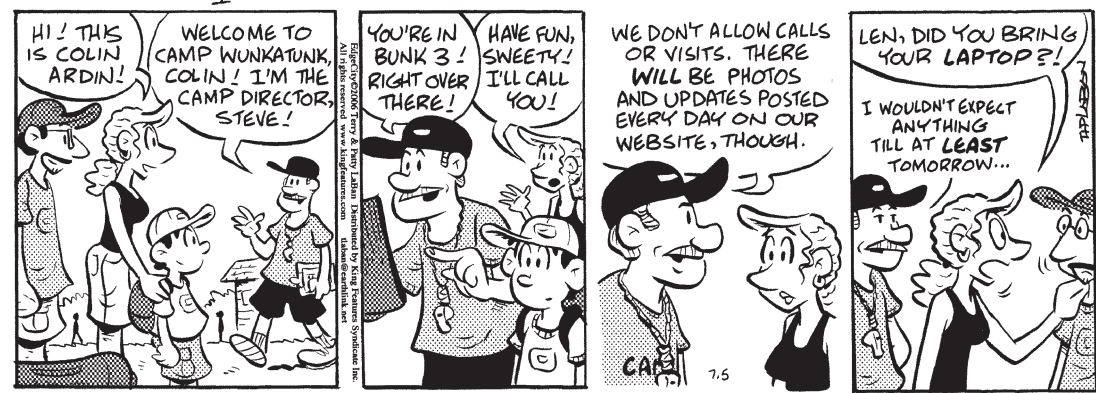
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\$1,325,000**



JUST REDUCED \$100K
**124-126 Fowling
Ocean View Duplex
Playa del Rey
\$1,499,000**

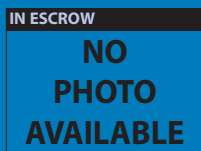
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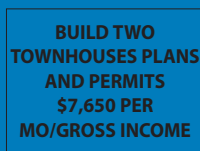
NEW LISTING
**Westchester
\$710,000**



**COMING SOON
INCOME PROPERTY**
**2957 Lincoln Blvd.
Duplex
Santa Monica
\$1,375,000
\$7850 Per Mo Gross Income**



IN ESCROW
**NO
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**7912 Osage
Westchester
\$630,000**



**BUILD TWO
TOWNHOUSES PLANS
AND PERMITS
\$7,650 PER
MO/GROSS INCOME**
**Venice Canals
\$1,900,000
or
\$4,400,000
When built**



NEW LISTING
**NO
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**522 W. Sunview
Palm Springs
\$305,000**



**5601 W. 83rd St.
3BR, 1BA, POOL
Los Angeles
\$720,000**



**2432 21st St.
4BR, 2BA
Santa Monica
\$1,300,000**



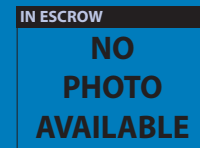
**8314 Blewett Ave.,
North Hills
\$539,000**



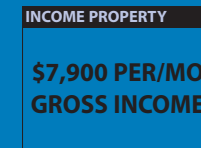
NEW LISTING
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**44116 Dahlia,
Lancaster
\$319,999**



**NO
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**3565 Lindon Ave.
Long Beach
\$329,000**



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**NO
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**8119 Grimsby
1BR, 1BA, Bonus Room
Westchester
\$665,00**



INCOME PROPERTY
**\$7,900 PER/MO
GROSS INCOME**
**Saieres Rd.
Oxnard
\$975,000**



**NO
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**929 West Hyde
Inglewood
\$949,000**



**NO
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**5600 79TH St.
2BR, 1BA
\$700,000**

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

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**2102 1/2-2104 Vineyard Ave.
3 Units
Los Angeles**

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**345 40TH PLACE
LOS ANGELES**



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NEW CONFORMING LOAN AMOUNTS

1 UNIT	\$417,000
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3 UNIT	\$645,300
4 UNIT	\$801,950



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30 year fixed 6.5%
10 year/1 arm 6.375%
7 year/1 arm 6.25%
5 year/1 arm 6.0%**
3 year/1 arm 5.875%**
1 year/1 arm 5.625%
6 mos./6 mo. arm 5.375%
1 mo./1 mo. arm 1.0%***

* Rates subject to change

* As of February 7, 2006

** Denotes an interest only loan

*** Denotes Neg Am



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