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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

On many weekends a year in parks in the Washington-Baltimore area, 100 or more people gather in medieval costumes and wield soft weapons to wage battle in the 20-year-old Darkon Wargaming Club, according to a May report in Baltimore City Paper. Players point out that their hobby is simply of a piece with historical-battle video games and feature films, but still acknowledge the whimsy. Said a club manager (who is the wife of the player "Shalor" of the "Bloody Axe Mercenary Company"), on seeing the games for the first time: "I didn't want to get out of the car. I thought it was the dorkiest thing I'd ever seen. And 12 years later, of course, I'm running the thing." (An acclaimed documentary film on the club, "Darkon," has just been released.)

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Hotel leaves light on



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

CASH REGISTER The Fairmont Miramar Hotel, located at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard, is up for sale and expected to fetch roughly \$210 million, or \$700,000 per room.

Anxious Fairmont staff awaits hotel's sale

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD — Union officials representing more than 220 hotel employees here are closely monitoring the pending sale of the Fairmont Miramar to see who the new owner will be and what impact

they may have on future contract negotiations.

Kurt Petersen, organizing director of UNITE HERE Local 11, the union representing 225 employees of the Miramar, said a contract between his members and the

See MIRAMAR, page 12

Downtown is filling up

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — It appears that the retail and office climate here has reached a critical mass.

With most vacant spaces either filled or soon to be filled, retailers are

finding Santa Monica to be a vibrant place to set up shop — even if rent prices exceed more than \$12 per square foot in some areas, like the Third Street Promenade.

"Right now, there are good

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Crowd closer to fine



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Folk-rock duo The Indigo Girls, Amy Ray (left) and Emily Saliers, perform at the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday night as part of the summer-long Twilight Dance Series concerts.

Jackson begs to differ over cash claims

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE — The defense of Michael Jackson began in earnest on Friday in the \$1.6 million lawsuit brought against the entertainer by a former associate, a day highlighted by bizarre twists such as cash loans smelling of French fries and a \$1 million gift given by the singer to late actor Marlon Brando.

The jury began the day watching hours of videotaped testimony by Jackson, who repeatedly said he couldn't remember the details, financial or otherwise, of his dealings with F. Marc Schaffel, a former

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Unexpected news could have you regrouping. Extremes hit out of the blue. You might want to talk with a neighbor or relative. Your creativity seems unlimited. Consider hopping in the car and taking to the road. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Extremes hit out of the blue. You might want to rethink an interaction between a friend or loved one. You find that what you think should happen might not. Regroup, keeping your priorities in mind. Stay true to yourself. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Try very hard not to let others influence you or shake you up. An authority figure could have you rethinking your options. Let others you trust be more dominant and carry more responsibility. It is your day to enjoy yourself. Tonight: Say yes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Get into a program in which you can relax and/or do something very different. Take in different points of view. Learn more of what you need or desire by tossing yourself into different situations. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your plans or vision could be jeopardized by someone who has a totally different view. Think positively when dealing with a person who is testy and difficult. You will see life a lot differently if you walk in his or her shoes. Tonight: Say yes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Stay anchored and listen to someone you care about. The unexpected occurs with partners, friends and those in your daily life. Don't even think you can control someone else. It won't happen. Tonight: Close to home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Speak your mind, and others will respond. Your nerves might be coloring your outlook lately. Why not relax and see if life looks even more rosy with a new perspective? A chat could evolve into something else. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your expenses get out of whack, causing you to step back. Say no to risking, and you'll be a lot happier and centered. What might feel like fun could actually be quite costly later – emotionally as well as literally. Tonight: Chill.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Though someone on the home front could create an uproar, you have what it takes to bypass the problem. Ignoring it might not be the answer. Use your charm and understanding. Opposition falls like a house of cards. Tonight: Say yes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Cut back as soon as you can and don't get tied into others' problems. What you hear might have very little to do with what is going on. Separate reality from wishful thinking. Take a walk if you need some time to yourself. Tonight: Get some extra rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Zeroing in on what you want needs to be worth it, as the cost could be more than you'd anticipated. Know when to pull back and say no. Keep your highest good in mind rather than get carried away. Ultimately, you will get what you want. Tonight: Fun and games.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You could be far more provocative than you realize. Your unpredictability triggers many events. You might opt to go with the flow and worry less about your role. In fact, you might want to work on being more steady. Tonight: A must appearance.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Convenient solutions for the eco-conscious

By Daily Press staff

After seeing “An Inconvenient Truth,” global warming may seem like an inconvenient burden. Local author Joanne Poyourow and the Environmental Change-Makers of Westchester have answers that can make green living more manageable. Environmental Change-Makers is a small circle of local community members who focus on what citizens can do to make their lives more eco-friendly: Greener Vehicles. Solar Power. Edible landscaping. Backyard wildlife habitats. Local food.

The group emphasizes positive environmental solutions that are pertinent for Los Angeles communities. Each month they discuss a different facet of society’s journey toward a more sustainable human lifestyle.

Poyourow is well-versed in environmental solutions. Her novel “Legacy: A Story of Hope for a Time of Environmental Crisis” is recommended by the Sierra Club as a selection about sustainable consumption.

From the SUVs and freeways of present-day Los Angeles, through a re-thinking of housing, agriculture and energy policies, “Legacy” shows the process of cultural transformation over the next four decades.

A lifelong Southern California resident, Poyourow was raised in Malibu. She now raises her family in the Westchester area of Los Angeles. An avid gardener, a homeschooling mom, a community organizer, she frequently speaks at meetings of Environmental Change-Makers and other venues.

The Environmental Change-Makers meet the fourth Thursday evening of each month in the Westchester area of Los Angeles. The July 27 meeting will focus on backyard wildlife habitats — how residents can provide homes for birds and butterflies here in the midst of the city. The Aug. 24 meeting will be a 100-mile potluck, challenging participants to actively seek foods grown closer to home. More information about the group is located on the LegacyLA.net/LA.htm webpage.

You’re a poet and you don’t know it

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Public Library invites teens in grades sixth through 12 to sign up for a poetry-writing workshop with young adult author Sonya Sones.

Sones is well-known for her novels in verse including “Stop Pretending,” “One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies,” and “What My Mother Doesn’t Know.” She also has written various short stories for teen anthologies. The Young Writers’ Workshop is designed to help teens find their “inner poet” through writing exercises and discussion. The workshop will take place over three days from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Monday, July 10; Wednesday, July 12; and Friday, July 14 in the community room at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Registration for the workshop can be made in person at the youth reference desk in the Main Library or over the phone at (310) 458-8620 during library hours. Limited spaces are available, so register in advance. For more information about the workshop, call Erica Tang at (310) 458-8620.

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0"	36"-60"	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM	35	3/28

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3	9:08 AM	11:21 PM	2:52 AM	4:21 PM
4	9:48 AM	N/A	4:36 AM	4:59 PM
5	12:27 AM	10:38 AM	6:24 AM	5:41 PM
6	1:21 AM	11:26 AM	7:41 AM	6:21 PM
7	2:02 AM	12:19 PM	8:40 AM	6:57 PM
8	2:36 AM	1:08 PM	9:22 AM	7:39 PM
9	3:14 AM	2:00 PM	10:00 AM	8:21 PM
10	3:58 AM	2:43 PM	10:34 AM	9:05 PM
11	4:32 AM	3:35 PM	11:11 AM	9:49 PM
12	5:11 AM	4:23 PM	11:52 AM	10:35 PM
13	5:56 AM	5:19 PM	12:29 PM	11:28 PM
14	6:32 AM	6:28 PM	1:11 PM	N/A
15	7:17 AM	7:42 PM	12:20 AM	1:54 PM
16	8:00 AM	9:06 PM	1:22 AM	2:42 PM
17	8:40 AM	10:39 PM	2:45 AM	3:35 PM
18	9:36 AM	N/A	4:28 AM	4:30 PM
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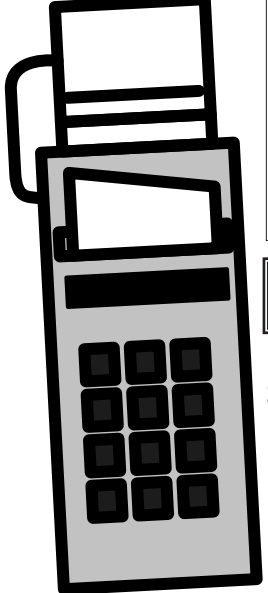


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The Q-Line

CANNED HEAT: ATTENDANTS SHOULD BE ARMED

This past week, Q-line asked:
“Are staffed bathrooms in city parking garages the answer to providing relief for downtown denizens? Will you take advantage of the revamped restrooms?”
Here are your responses:

- ☉ “I am a 40-year resident of Santa Monica and haven’t been west of Fifth Street in a long time. I haven’t got the stomach for it — too dirty, too loud, too many people, especially the bums. But I do think the city has finally taken a step in the right direction, providing new and refurbished bathrooms with attendants. I hope they are armed — for their own sake and the public’s. It will be a welcome relief from the opium dens, brothels and flop-houses of the past. Well, one out of 1,000 problems we have in this city has been conquered, or hopefully, it will be. We’ll wait and see how it all turns out.”
- ☉ “If one thing in this town could describe how far we have, as a community, deteriorated, it’s the new downtown toilet idea. What’s needed for the new downtown bathroom is a French idea — unisex stalls. You would need only one attendant. How about saving the environment by not using toilet paper, and instead having a bidet? Low-income housing equals a tremendous amount of bathroom graffiti, or in other words, insensitive minority oppressed artwork. These modern-day Da Vincis are likely to spraypaint the attendant. You need more police presence.”
- ☉ “By the most part, public toilets are used for emergency purposes. Public toilets are not a place where a normal person would visit just to sit and rest. Having attendants wearing gas masks protecting those who venture into these two poop-holes will simply move the sexual perverts who frequent these two areas into the reservoir of other poop-holes in the city, especially along the ocean-front. Still, it is a good idea to have a couple of safer rooms, excuse me, safer restroom havens where any person can let it hang out without being propositioned.”
- ☉ “Yes, as a longtime resident of this lovely city of Santa Monica, I think it’s a very good idea if those garages are going to be staffed

- with personnel, because sometimes it does get creepy and we don’t want to be creepy. We’re a lovely city by the beautiful bay of Santa Monica.”
- ☉ “Having a bathroom attendant could be a good idea, although the problem is most of the bums just go the bathroom wherever they happen to be — in the alley or in the park. They don’t even know what a bathroom is. And the ones that do vandalize bathrooms, whether they’re gang members or bums. They might be tempted to assault the attendants. So, hopefully, the attendant is armed and can deal with it, they know karate or something like that.”
- ☉ “Who in their right mind would want to use a parking-structure bathroom in the city of Santa Monica? It’ll stink, all the bums will be there, the police stated two months ago that a woman almost got raped in parking structure four; cars have been broken into and things stolen. Anybody in their right mind would go to one of the fancy restaurants and use the bathroom, or to the beach restrooms where they can be out in public.”
- ☉ “I think it’s a good idea to have restroom attendants. And why not also have them doling out perfumes and colognes just to make for possibly more interesting nights for many of the bathroom users? I mean, you might as well. Maybe even have a girlie dancing place on top of the restrooms.”
- ☉ “I think this is a must: There should be boxes where people could put money before the door opens. It could start from a quarter to a dollar. Then people would have to pay to get in to use it, and they’ll have a better way of keeping it clean and not being abused by the transients and the gangs and people who don’t appreciate nice things, to make our community in Santa Monica livable.”

No one declares war from atop waterslide



MODERN
TIMES
BY LLOYD GARVER

President Bush last week took Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan on a tour of an important American landmark. It wasn’t the White House, it wasn’t the Washington Monument, and it wasn’t Mount Rushmore. It was Graceland — the home of the late Elvis Presley. It turns out that the Prime Minister is a huge fan of “The King.”

While touring the house, Junichiro broke into some of Elvis’ songs, donned a pair of Elvis’ gold-rimmed sunglasses, and even busted a few of Elvis’ famous moves. He left a happy man, thankful that the president gave him this opportunity to see Graceland, and he also probably left with a warm feeling towards America and Americans.

This got me thinking. Maybe this kind of diplomacy should be used more often. Let world leaders see both the silly and the awe-inspiring that make up America. There’s bound to be some head of state who is just dying to see “Dollywood.”

Maybe if we invite the world leaders we’re having trouble with for a tour of some things that are charmingly, typically American, we can make more progress with them than by threatening them, freezing their assets, or bombing them.

Take the leaders of Iran and North Korea. Maybe they’re too embarrassed to admit it, but isn’t it possible that they’ve always wanted to go to Disneyland or Disney World? What would it hurt to invite them for a tour? I’m sure they’ll feel very indebted to us if we unilaterally say they don’t have to wait in the long lines. And, cynically speaking, if they remain belligerent after several hours at the park, just make them go through that “Small World” ride a few dozen times. After hearing “It’s A Small World After All” sung over and over, their minds will be so fried they’ll agree to anything we ask of them.

I think the president should take France’s Chirac and other foreign leaders who view Americans as dangerous, arrogant, or simply unpleasant to Wrigley Field. Dignitaries will see democracy in action, as the wealthy sit next to the poor, all rooting for the hapless Cubs to win a game. Besides, how could anyone hate America after having a ballpark hotdog and an American beer?

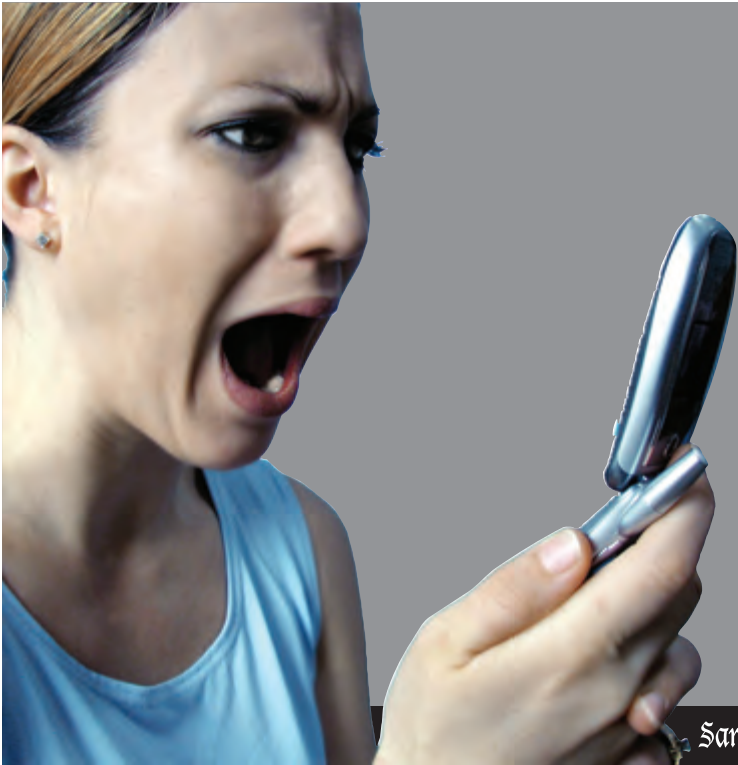
For tough cases, I’d take foreign leaders to some of our natural wonders — the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, or Hawaii’s surfing beaches. Show them that America is not just a country of big cities and traffic jams, and people rushing to make as much money as possible.

If those excursions don’t break down their resistance, I’d go for the big weapon, and take them to the city of pure Americana, Las Vegas. Show them the ridiculous replicas of the Eiffel Tower and the New York skyline. Let them witness people screaming with delight when winning a \$10 jackpot. And take them to see a shark reef in the middle of the desert. After seeing the sights of Vegas, they’ll either be so enchanted or so appalled that they will no longer be able to hold onto their previous views of America. And of course, if they actually start to sit down at the tables and gamble, we’ll have them hooked.

So, whether it’s something like Pike’s Peak, Sea World, or the Great Smokey Mountains, let’s try this “Tourism and Amusement Park Diplomacy.” Nobody ever declared war after going down a waterslide. Nobody ever called a foreign leader the “devil” after seeing a mountain sunset. And nobody ever hated an entire country after seeing a little girl with cotton candy all over her face.

Maybe this is a naïve, simplistic suggestion, but why not try it? What have we got to lose? It can’t have any worse results than what we’ve been doing.

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



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GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN WHITEHEAD

Falling in line is lesson of day

"The struggle of man against power is the struggle of memory against forgetting."

Milan Kundera

Looking at America's public schools today, it may be difficult to imagine that they were once considered the hope of freedom and democracy. According to a report by the Acton Institute:

Ninety-five percent of American 17-year-olds cannot read well enough to understand technical materials and literary essays. This means that only about 5 percent of America's 17-year-olds can read well enough to understand the Bible. Almost one-third of 17-year-olds do not know that Columbus discovered the New World before 1750.

Many public schools, now equipped with barbed wire, metal detectors and police roaming the halls, look more like prisons than institutions of higher learning. And with the implementation of draconian zero tolerance policies, children have been suspended for innocently bringing mouthwash, aspirin, nail clippers, lemon drops and the like to school.

The horrific lesson being taught to our young people — by the very school officials we have entrusted to shape them into tomorrow's leaders — is that the government has absolute power over its citizens. As a result, young people have very little freedom at all. If the old saying is true, that what one generation learns in the schools is the philosophy of the next, then the philosophy of the next generation will be totalitarianism.

As political correctness has come to dominate every aspect of our society, including our schools, free speech also may be headed for the graveyard. Here are just a few recent examples of the totalitarian mindset as it relates to how free speech is being taught — or not taught — in the schools.

As more than 1,000 people watched, school officials pulled the plug on Nicholas Noel's commencement speech when the 2004 senior class president strayed from his approved speech and referred to Grand Rapids Union High School as a "prison." Noel returned to his seat and school officials, perhaps hoping to add insult to injury, initially refused to award him his diploma.

In his speech, Noel had described the school as a "prison" because students were "expected to act alike." His message was that high school paints a picture of life for students that is incomplete. "The colors of life are yet to come," Noel said. "It was really nice, nothing in bad taste. I tried to be different, and I was punished."

In another instance, graduating senior Brittany McComb was chosen to give the valedictory speech at Foothill High School in Nevada. After composing her remarks, she submitted them to school administrators according to standard district policy. School administrators, with the advice of their district legal counsel and backed by the ACLU, censored her speech, deleting all three Bible references, several references to "the Lord" and the only mention of the word "Christ."

McComb delivered her graduation address on June 15. However, believing that the district's censorship amounted to a violation of her right to free speech, she attempted to deliver the original version of her speech, not the edited one. When school

officials realized that she was straying from the approved text, they unplugged her microphone, thus ending the address. The move drew extended jeers from the more than 400 people in the audience.

School officials justified their actions by claiming that McComb's speech amounted to proselytizing. But Brittany insisted that she was merely stating her thoughts and beliefs, as she had been invited to do. Assisted by The Rutherford Institute, she is challenging the school's actions in the belief that the First Amendment's protections for freedom of speech should have kept her plugged in. As Brittany remarked, "People aren't stupid. They know we have freedom of speech, and the district wasn't advocating my ideas. Those are my opinions. It's what I believe."

Another example: Henry M. Jackson High School has a policy of allowing the school's wind ensemble to select one piece from its repertoire to perform at the graduation ceremony each year. This year, graduating seniors unanimously selected an instrumental version of "Ave Maria" by the German composer Franz Biebl. No lyrics were to be sung, nor were any to be distributed to the audience.

The ensemble's decision was vetoed by the school administration because the instrumental piece was deemed religious in nature. To Kathryn Nurre, an 18-year-old member of the ensemble, it's a question of free speech. As Nurre pointed out, the "Ave Maria" piece chosen for the graduation ceremony was selected for its artistic merit, not its religious content. Having previously been performed at a school concert, with no apparent discomfort on the part of the school, the piece was a part of the school's curriculum. In Nurre's view, the school's decision to cut the musical piece was clearly a sign of its hostility toward religion. With the help of The Rutherford Institute, Nurre has now filed a First Amendment lawsuit against the school.

Those examples of insidious discrimination are not new. A glimpse of German history provides us an ominous parallel: On Jan. 30, 1933, Adolf Hitler was elected chancellor of Germany. Two days later, a 26-year-old minister named Dietrich Bonhoeffer gave a national radio address protesting Hitler's election in a radio sermon/speech entitled "The Younger Generation's Changed View of the Concept of Fuhrer."

Throughout his speech, Bonhoeffer warned the people of Germany that the "Fuhrer" (leader) could very easily become a "Verfuhrer" (seducer), noting that the two words are only three letters different from each other. While Bonhoeffer was remarking that a leader who makes himself an idol mocks God, the broadcast was cut off in mid-sentence and the station returned to playing classical German music — music that would soon accompany goose-stepping Nazis as they ripped a gaping hole in the fabric of the 20th century.

(Constitutional attorney and author **John W. Whitehead** is founder and president of The Rutherford Institute. He can be contacted at johnw@rutherford.org. Information about The Rutherford Institute is available at www.rutherford.org.)

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Serious flower power vexes builders

BY TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press Writer

SEBASTOPOL, Calif. — Did residents of this idyllic wine country town illegally plant an endangered flower to sabotage a proposed housing development?

That's the question at the heart of a quarrel folks here have dubbed "Foamgate."

Bob Evans, a 72-year-old retired elementary school principal, says he was walking with his dog last year when he came upon the tiny white flowers of Sebastopol meadowfoam poking from shallow pools of water in a grassy field.

The former bean farm happens to be the chosen site of the 20-acre Laguna Vista housing development. Evans and other opponents seized on the discovery of the federally protected species in hopes it would force the developer to scale back plans calling for 145 houses and apartments.

"It was the bad luck of the developer that it popped up," Evans said.

But when state wildlife officials investigated, they determined the meadowfoam had been planted there and ordered it dug up.

This year, the flowers returned, and with them the controversy.

Sebastopol, an upscale community of about 8,000 people 50 miles north of San Francisco, is known for its environmentally conscious residents and restrictive growth policies.

"Our community takes a very hard, careful look at development," said Kenyon Webster, the town's planning director. "That small-town character is the reason a lot of people want to live here."

When the meadowfoam appeared in April 2005, and the Department of Fish and Game determined it had been transplanted, it appeared to be a case of overzealous conservationists.

"The people who planted it mistakenly believed that it would be the silver bullet that killed the project," said Scott Schellinger of Schellinger Brothers, the Santa Rosa developer behind Laguna Vista.

Known as *Limnanthes vinculans*, the multistemmed herbs grow up to a foot tall and have small bowl-shaped white flowers. They are only found in seasonal wetlands and vernal pools created by spring rains in this part of Sonoma County.

Threatened by agriculture and urban development, the meadowfoam was listed as an endangered species by the state and federal governments, making it illegal to harm or remove them without permission. Wetland and vernal pool habitat has been set aside to protect them.

Evans and other members of the Laguna Preservation Council say the proposed \$70 million development could damage the nearby Laguna de Santa Rosa, a 240-square-mile basin of wetlands that runs through Sebastopol.

"When you minimize wetlands, then you

decrease of diversity of species everywhere," Evans said.

Evans called Sonoma State University biology professor Phil Northen as well as the head of the local chapter of the California Native Plant Society. They visited the site and agreed the plants were native.

Northen, who doesn't live in Sebastopol and had never met Evans before, said the field was "perfect habitat" for meadowfoam, and that there was no evidence the flowers had been planted.

But when the Fish and Game team visited the site at Schellinger's invitation a few weeks later, it reached the opposite conclusion.

Eric Larsen, the department's deputy regional manager, said the flowers had never before been seen at the Laguna Vista site, which is at a higher elevation than the typical meadowfoam habitat. Team members also noticed plants beneath the meadowfoam, leading them to believe it had been relocated.

"They didn't belong there," Larsen said. "It was appropriate to remove them from the site."

Fish and Game launched an investigation into who planted the flowers, but they never identified any suspects. Their refusal to offer evidence for their conclusion has prompted Laguna Vista opponents to cry foul.

"The Department of Fish and Game refuses to show the data that supports this alleged act of eco-terrorism," Evans said. "I

didn't plant it. No one planted it. It's clearly a natural plant that grew there because that's where it belongs."

Fish and Game interviewed Evans and Northen, but Larsen said the case went cold. Releasing evidence from the investigation could encourage others to try the same stunt, he said.

If the plants were found to be indigenous, it could have triggered another round of environmental studies and forced the developer to reconfigure the project, said planning director Webster.

Foamgate might have ended there, had the flowers not sprouted again in recent months in the same area.

Schellinger said the new plants grew from seeds scattered during the "original criminal act." Fish and Game agreed and wasn't inclined to reopen the investigation.

Still, following a series of public hearings, the Sebastopol City Council tabled final approval of Laguna Vista. A mediator is now overseeing negotiations between Schellinger Brothers and residents in hopes of reaching a compromise that could include a scaled-down version of the project.

Evans and his allies believe the reappearance of the meadowfoam proves that the land targeted for development is home to an endangered species.

"They're just simple little white plants," Evans said. "What makes them special is that they have overcome great difficulty and survive in a place where it's very difficult to survive."

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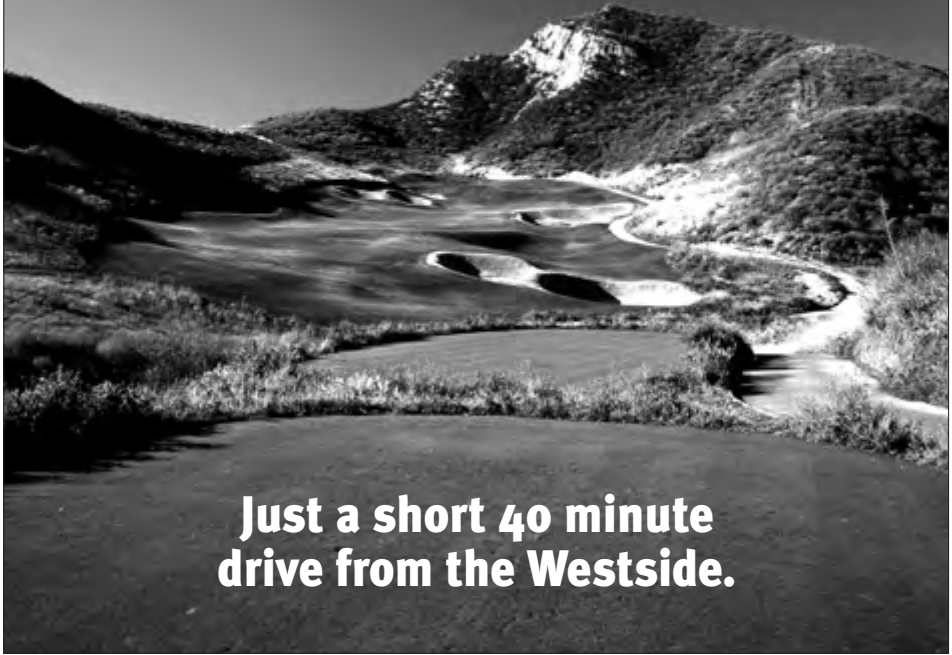
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STATE BRIEFS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALHAMBRA

Union leaders deny embezzling

Two former teachers' union leaders pleaded not guilty to embezzlement charges. Ava Shaw, 50, and Jennifer Boyd, 34, were arraigned Thursday on charges that they took more than \$85,000 from the San Gabriel Teachers Association.

Shaw spent four years as president of the union. Investigators believe she siphoned a total of \$83,000 during her tenure, using union checks and credit cards for personal expenses.

Boyd, who worked alongside Shaw as special education teacher, is alleged to have taken a share of the cash.

Defense attorney Michael Shook said prosecutors lack enough evidence to convict the women.

Deputy District Attorney Rory Wagner said his team has ably demonstrated their guilt.

"I've given them probably a six-inch or bigger stack of documents," Wagner said.

ROSEMEAD

Woman arrested in stabbing investigation

A 21-year-old woman was arrested for investigation of murder in the stabbing death of a 17-year-old male, authorities said.

Mandy Hoyen To, 21, was arrested Thursday and held on \$1 million bail, Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Kent Wegner said.

The victim, whose name was withheld pending notification of his family, was pronounced dead at a hospital a short time after Wednesday's stabbing, Wegner said.

A neighbor said she witnessed the melee after she heard a commotion near her home and looked outside to see a young man and young woman arguing.

"She was very aggressive, very upset, very mad," Betty Flores said. "He tried to avoid her, but she stabbed him one time in the chest."

Flores said that after the stabbing, the attacker boarded a waiting dark-blue SUV, occupied by five or six people, which then sped away.

To was scheduled to appear in court Monday.

RIVERSIDE

Man gets sentenced for videotaped assault

A 24-year-old man was sentenced to seven years in state prison for a 2004 stabbing that was videotaped on a public transit bus.

Monte Henry Alvarez Jr. gave Judge Judith Clark a letter during Thursday's sentencing hearing in which he expressed remorse for stabbing Billy Tillman, officials said.

"I do seek the forgiveness of Mr. Tillman's family members," Alvarez said as he was sentenced.

Alvarez pleaded guilty to a charge of second-degree attempted murder in a plea deal after a jury deadlocked on one charge in his February trial.

Alvarez's attorney, James Baker, argued the stabbing was self-defense, but that his client is satisfied with the sentence.

"He's happy with the outcome, and he's obviously very remorseful," he said.

MANHATTAN BEACH

Bruce Beach emerges in Culiacan's wake

The City Council has decided to re-label a park with a name that recalls the site's history as a resort for black families before the city shut it down in the 1920s.

The council voted 3-2 Wednesday to drop the name "Parque Culiacan" — which honors the town's sister city, Culiacan, Mexico, — in favor of Bruce's Beach.

The new name recalls the two-story bathhouse, dance area and cafe built by a black couple, Charles and Willie Bruce.

"We had an entrepreneur, a Negro, who was able to come into a community by the shore and buy property," Mayor Mitch Ward said. "Historically, the land was Bruce's Beach."

The Bruces moved from Los Angeles and purchased two lots where a lodging house was built in 1912, according to historical accounts. Over the years, six other black families bought property.

But black visitors to the area reported being harassed and the city condemned the resort in 1924 through eminent domain in hopes of turning the lots into a park.

The City Council voted three years ago to place a plaque at the park honoring its former identity, but left the site's name unchanged.

LOS ANGELES

Twin baby boom has hospital doubling it up

Maternity staff at Valley Presbyterian Hospital are seeing double.

Six sets of twins — five identical — have been born prematurely at the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit over the past two weeks, hospital officials said.

The twin-baby boom sets a record for the hospital's 26-year-old neonatal unit, officials said.

The 12 babies were born four-to-six weeks early by Caesarean section, officials said. Neonatal unit co-director Laurence Shaw said he can't think of a scientific reason for the abundance twins.

"It's just an unusual occurrence," Shaw said.

Nurse manager Adree Smith said she thinks the babies might have been celebrating Independence Day.

"It seems the babies wanted their freedom ... to be out in the world," she said.

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The trees of enlightenment

BY DUNCAN MANSFIELD

Associated Press Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The Bush administration's plan to sell national forest lands to help pay for rural schools is drawing widespread opposition and suffering legislative setbacks, but the administration isn't backing off.

The administration wants to raise \$800 million for the Secure Rural Schools program for another five years by selling 300,000 forested acres in 35 states.

The administration's plan was seen as virtually dead after the Senate Appropriations Committee, following the lead of its House counterpart months before, refused last week to include the proposal in a \$26 billion interior appropriations bill.

But Dan Jiron, Washington spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service, contends the obituary is premature. "What you have heard isn't an indication of anything at this point," he said Thursday.

Agriculture Undersecretary Mark Rey, who oversees the Forest Service, told The Post and Courier newspaper in Charleston,

S.C., two weeks ago the proposal has drawn more than 130,000 comments. He said except for a few real estate agents, most were opposed.

But Rey, a former timber industry lobbyist, defended the plan as a way to help counties pay for schools and roads when large portions of their property tax base are tied up in national forest lands and timber sales that normally subsidize them are slipping.

Rey said if the plan failed this year, he would be back next year with an alternative. Meanwhile, Jiron said the administration will press its case this year in Congress before committees with direct oversight of the rural schools program.

"I don't like to get into fights with people in this administration, but to me (this) is arrogant," said Tennessee Rep. Zach Wamp, a Republican on the House Appropriations Committee whose district includes large sections of the Cherokee National Forest.

"Congress has a role here. This is not the executive branch rules everything," he said.

Wamp said opposition is strong and bipartisan to the land sales, though there is support for the rural schools program.

"We are all for finding ways to pay for it, but we are all against selling public land to do it," he said.

While the bulk of the land proposed for sale is in Western states, forests in the South also are affected. And the impact might be greater on Southern Appalachia because it has less national forest to begin with, said David Carr with the Southern Environmental Law Center in Charlottesville, Va.

"Under this plan, roughly 10,000 acres was being proposed for sale in North Carolina and that same amount was being proposed for sale in Oregon. But Oregon has 15 times more national forest than North Carolina," he said. "Because recreation demand and the use of these national forests continues to go up, we should be adding to the base, not subtracting it."

Matt Mackowiak, a spokesman for Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., who chairs the Senate Appropriations interior subcommittee, said, "This is just one of those things that is put in the budget that doesn't have any momentum. People think it is a bad idea from the start."

Old raindrops shedding new light on Sierra

By The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Prehistoric raindrops locked in crumbling boulders led Stanford University researchers to conclude the Sierra Nevada is at least 40 million years old, much older than previously thought.

New geological evidence shows that the traditional estimate of 3 million to 5 million years old appears far too low, three Stanford geoscientists said in a paper published in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

There is no debate about the age of the rocks beneath the Sierra: radioactive dating shows they are up to 120 million years old. But scientists have not been able to agree on when the rocks lurched upward to create the mountain range.

Andreas Mulch, Page Chamberlain and Steve Graham of Stanford's Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences gathered rainwater samples found in dry river tributaries during camping trips in the Sierra starting in 2004.

Subtle variations in hydrogen isotopes helped the scientists estimate cloud temperatures at the time the raindrops fell millions of years ago, which in turn allowed them to estimate the height of the clouds, and thus the height of the range.

The findings are "at odds with more traditional geologic evidence," said Craig Jones of the University of Colorado.



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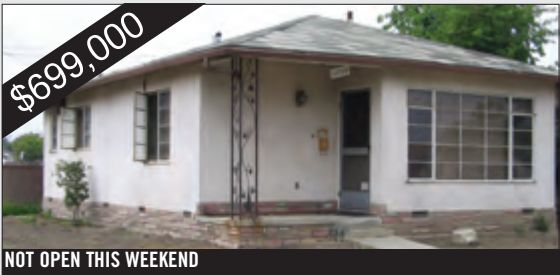
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Lawmakers take field trip

BY ELIZABETH WHITE

Associated Press Writer

LAREDO, Texas — With Democrats denouncing it as political theater but participating anyway, a Republican-led House subcommittee opened an unusual field hearing Friday near the Mexican border to discuss immigration and national security.

"It's elementary that to defend ourselves against our determined and resourceful enemies, our border must be secure," said Rep. Ed Royce, the panel's chairman and a California Republican.

Rep. Silvestre Reyes, a Texas Democrat, said the hearings were about politics, not policy.

"Congress needs to get back to work in Washington to reach a compromise agreement on comprehensive border security and immigration reform legislation," Reyes said.

Scheduled to testify later Friday at the one-day hearing were acting chief patrol agent for the Laredo border sector, Reynaldo Garza, Webb County Sheriff Rick Flores and

Zapata County Sheriff Sigifredo Gonzales Jr. Both Webb County, where Laredo is located, and Zapata County are on the border with Mexico.

House GOP leaders called for hearings last month after the Senate approved a guest worker program and a possible path to citizenship for millions of illegal immigrants. A House-approved bill focuses on enforcement and has no provision for illegal immigrants or future guest workers.

The audience in Laredo was full of activists on both sides of the issue.

Rep. Ted Poe, a Texas Republican, said to cheers that if the U.S. is protecting the borders of other nations, it should also be protecting its own.

"It's a national security issue to protect our borders from those who wish to do us harm," he said.

Texas Democratic Rep. Ruben Hinojosa said the proceedings were a "false promise."

"This hearing will do nothing to secure our borders," he said.

Outside the hearing, a small group of

activists from U.S. Border Watch, based in suburban Houston, said there is no distinction made between illegal immigrants who come to the United States to work and live and those who come to do harm.

"Terrorists are able to use immigrants as camouflage, they blend in with them," said U.S. Border Watch President Curtis Collier.

Also this week, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who backs the Senate bill, held a hearing in Philadelphia on the issue featuring New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Bloomberg testified Thursday that the economy of the country's largest city and the entire nation would collapse if illegal immigrants were deported en masse.

Republican-led House committees will hold hearings outside Washington in mid-July on making English the nation's official language, and how enforcement of immigration laws affects American workers.

A hearing the week of Aug. 14 in Arizona will focus on costs to local and state governments "caused by an unsecured border."

Logging firm to keep saws silent, for now

BY JEFF BARNARD

AP Environmental Writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — The company that bought the first timber sale in a national forest roadless area since the Bush administration eased logging rules agreed Friday not to start falling trees until after a federal judge hears arguments challenging the new policy.

Silver Creek Timber Co. of Merlin, which had been planning to start work as soon as Monday, made the agreement in a letter to lawyers for the U.S. Department of Justice and the Oregon attorney general's office.

"That gives us time to present the issues to the court in a reasoned manner and have the court consider them," said Kristen Boyles, a lawyer for Earthjustice, an environmental public interest law firm in Seattle.

Silver Creek has preliminary work to do, such as upgrading existing logging roads outside the roadless area and removing trees that pose a hazard to helicopter logging operations, and is not making any concession to those who are trying to stop the logging, said attorney Scott Horngren of Portland, who represents Silver Creek.

Silver Creek owner John West had said last week that he would be ready Monday to start logging the Mike's Gulch timber sale on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in southwestern Oregon, setting the stage for protests like those he confronted last summer while logging in an old growth reserve.



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A gloomy June for job market

BY JEANNINE AVERSA

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers added a disappointing 121,000 jobs last month, wary of bulking up payrolls with the economy slowing and energy prices rising. Wages rose sharply, fanning inflation worries.

The latest employment snapshot, released by the Labor Department on Friday, also showed that the nation's civilian unemployment rate held steady at 4.6 percent.

In some ways, the report crystalized the conflicting economic forces that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues must weigh as they decide what to do next with interest rates.

On one hand, slowing economic growth might justify the Fed taking a break in its two-year credit-tightening campaign. On the other hand, rising prices and wages might warrant another rate increase to prevent inflation from taking off.

The count of new jobs added to the economy in June did mark an improvement from the 92,000 new positions logged in May — the fewest in seven months. But it still fell short of economists' forecasts for an increase of around 175,000.

Fed must weigh next move with interest rates

"Economic growth is moderating so nobody is on a hiring spree," said Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research.

Job cuts by department stores and other retailers, home builders, telecommunications companies and other firms tempered overall job growth. Health care firms, factories, accountants and bookkeepers, computer designers, bars and restaurants, and state and local governments were among those boosting payrolls.

For the April-to-June quarter, employers added an average of 108,000 a month. That's down from the average of 176,000 a month for the January-to-March period.

That moderation in job growth comes as companies cope with rising energy prices and interest rates and try to determine how much of a slowdown in overall economic activity the country is likely to encounter in the months ahead.

"Business owners are trying to get a good handle on whether it is the right time to spend that extra money" in terms of boosting hiring as well as other investment, said John Challenger, chief of Challenger, Gray &

Christmas, an employment research firm.

Workers' average hourly earnings, meanwhile, jumped to \$16.70 in June, a sharp 0.5 percent increase from May. Economists were expecting a more modest rise of 0.3 percent.

For the last 12 months, wages have gone up 3.9 percent, the largest annual increase since June 2001. Nonetheless, economists said those wage gains are still trailing inflation.

With the overall health of the labor market still solid, some economists thought the wage growth meant some workers are gaining a bit of bargaining power in negotiating bigger paychecks. Others, however, thought the wage growth might be more related to last month's mix of jobs — the loss of lower paying retail positions and the gain of higher paying factory jobs.

Wage improvement is good for workers but a rapid and sustained acceleration can ignite inflation.

"Inflation is still on the Fed's mind in a big way and this is liable to make it stay there," said Bill Cheney, economist at John Hancock Financial Services

To fend off inflation, the Fed bumped up interest rates last week to 5.25 percent, the highest in more than five years.

Economists worried about inflation predicted another increase would come when the Fed meets next on Aug. 8. Others, however, think the Fed will leave rates alone; they believe slower economic growth will eventually lessen inflation pressures.

The economy probably logged growth of around a 2.5 percent pace in the April-to-June quarter and could clock in close to 3 percent in the current July-to-September period, analysts said. That would mark a considerable slowdown from the first quarter's 5.6 percent pace, the fastest in 2 1/2 years.

Even as the economy has slowed, inflation — led by surging energy prices — has moved higher.

Oil prices, which closed at a new record high of \$75.19 a barrel on Wednesday, climbed as high as \$75.78 a barrel Friday before easing to above \$74 a barrel. Gasoline prices have topped \$3 a gallon in some cities.

President Bush, coping with low job-approval ratings, said the economy is fundamentally in good shape and that taxes must be kept low to "keep economic vitality alive."



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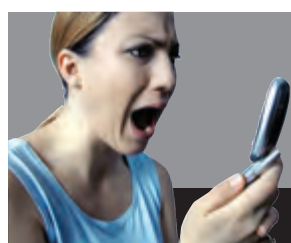
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"We have a lot of momentum right now."

ROB YORK RETAIL CONSULTANT

It's looking up for downtown

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retailers circling and trying to figure out what works best," said Rob York, a retail consultant who works with the Bayside District Corp., which manages the downtown area along with City Hall. "By early fall, we're going to be in great shape."

A new tenant has just finalized a lease at 312 Wilshire Blvd., where a New York-style fine dining restaurant called "Scarboni" will serve up high quality steaks and seafood, particularly lobster, said the restaurant's co-owner Steve Scarduzio.

The building — site of the former Pentola restaurant and bar — has been empty for months. And for years, the eatery was rarely open except for routine movie and commercial shoots. Now it's under new ownership — the Hughes family, which owns public storage facilities throughout the country, recently bought the building.

After some slight remodeling, Scarduzio hopes to have his restaurant open within 90 days. He and his partner, Tommy Saboni, have already cleared one major hurdle — they have a parking lot and valet service.

Just up the block on Wilshire Boulevard, the historic landmark building that housed Zucky's, which has been vacant for years, will reportedly soon be turned into a small bank.

Other long-vacant spaces are filling up as well — the old Burke Williams space at the corner of Broadway and Fourth Street will soon be filled by Active Ride, a skate-shop chain that features clothing and boards for skateboarders, snowboarders and surfers. Active Ride has shops throughout California in Chino, Escondido, Irvine, Rancho Cucamonga, San Dimas and Temecula.

"It's very appropriate for Santa Monica," York said, adding the retailer has typically stayed in the suburbs.

Broadway — which has been in flux in recent years — appears to be bustling with new shops and restaurants entering the scene, like Orchid, which recently opened at 119 Broadway. The Orchid prepares mainly Thai food, although not exclusively.

"Broadway is finally turning the lights on," York said.

Meanwhile, Second Street still suffers from sitting on the periphery of the busy Promenade. Several retail shops and offices

remain vacant, particularly on the block between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard.

York said that a few businesses are looking at the area and it's just a matter of time before it fills up.

"It's probably the next area to go because we've taken up all the other prime spots," he said. "People still want to be part of it here."

That's the case for Buddahs Belly, a Pan-Asian eatery, which has signed a lease on Second Street and will move in this year, York said.

Rents for retail space downtown are going for as low as \$8 and upwards of \$12 a square foot, with the Promenade commanding the top prices. There are no empty retail spaces along the Promenade, but there are several available office locations.

Still, the number of empty commercial office spaces in downtown Santa Monica have decreased dramatically since five years ago, when the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the bust of the technology industry helped contribute to a downturn in the economy.

After the economy slowed, office space was going for as little as \$1.80 a square foot in downtown Santa Monica. Now it's upwards of \$3 a square foot, York said. A quick walk around downtown indicates that there are nearly two dozen open offices on Second Street, the Promenade and Fourth Street.

Life might be good for retailers now in Santa Monica, but officials are continuing to address downtown's issues, such as a lack of parking.

"It's not a future problem," York said. "Five years ago it was a future problem. In the short-term, it's a management issue, but mid- to long-term, it is something that needs to be addressed."

York added that there are still several under-utilized spaces throughout the downtown area, including surface parking lots and the ground-level floors of the public parking structures, which should have retail in them. As they are retrofitted, retail space will be included.

Now it's just a matter of how to appropriately mix residential, retail and commercial throughout the rest of downtown.

Plans to redevelop the Santa Monica Place mall are pending and there have been discussions on revamping the aging movie

originally the home of Santa Monica founder Sen. John P. Jones, should fetch around \$210 million, making it one of the most expensive hotel purchases in California, with a per-room price tag of nearly \$700,000.

Wolff declined to name the buyer selected, however, he said that the finalists in the bidding war had shown an interest in working closely with the union and their members to keep things running smoothly.

The sale is in final negotiations, though it has not entered escrow.

"All the bidders were extremely honorable," said Wolff, who along with partner Philip F. Maritz, purchased the Miramar eight years ago for approximately \$90 mil-



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

(Top) Broadway in downtown Santa Monica is bustling these days with new restaurants and shops.

(Above) Buildings like this one along Second Street have failed to attract tenants, which downtown officials believe will soon become more attractive to businesses who are unable to find space in other parts of the Bayside District. (Right) The old diner Zucky's will reportedly become a bank. But the sign will remain since it is has been designated a City Landmark.

theaters on the Promenade.

"We're doing great, we've come full circle," York said. "We have a lot of momentum right now."

"But the real issue is where do we go from here?"



Workers await word

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current owners of the hotel, St. Louis-based hotel investment firm Maritz, Wolff & Co., expires in November.

That opens the door for a new round of contract talks, which may not be as beneficial for the union as in years past as the new owner may look to cut back on spending to try and recoup their significant investment, which will most likely include the renovation of the hotel's 302 rooms and common areas to turn it into a five-star establishment.

Lewis N. Wolff, co-owner of the hotel, said in an interview Friday that the Miramar,

lion, contributing an additional \$25 million for renovations to the hotel's bungalows, a favorite of Hollywood's elite during the 1920s.

"We didn't put any conditions on the sale, but we said that if it was at all possible, we'd like to see the retention of all our employees and Fairmont as the manager (of the hotel)," Wolff said.

Fairmont currently manages the hotel for Wolff and company, and is expected to remain once the sale is approved.

"I really like our employees," Wolff added. "They're hardworking, decent people and I wanted to make sure that whomever we selected followed the traditions we started and tried to maintain here. I think all of the

buyers agreed to that. It's just hard to put that down on paper ... I think the sale will be approved and be seamless as far as the employees and the union."

Petersen said he expects to build a strong and positive working relationship with the new owner. However, the union will be ready to protect the benefits its members receive, including complete health care coverage for family members, a pension, paid vacation time, greater job security and the option of negotiating one's workload.

"The workers have been here for many years and they are dedicated to the hotel and they expect the new management to receive

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Photos courtesy
A bit of Americana emerges
at the Hangar Gallery.

Artists at 'Face Value'

By Daily Press staff

Washington University (St. Louis) graduates and artists Nicole Garen and Jonathan Edwards present "Face Value," an exhibit showcasing an array of narrative prints and paintings.

The oil paintings of Garen, who hails from Los Angeles, depict interpersonal relationships and suburban America scenarios.

For Edwards, who grew up in Wyoming, the American West and writers such as Samuel Beckett, Sam Shepard and Cormac McCarthy surface in his depictions of cowboys and cowgirls.

Both artists will be available for a question and answer session at the opening celebration on Saturday, July 8, at the Hangar Gallery South in Santa Monica. The show runs through Aug. 19. The gallery is located at 3026 Airport Ave. Admission is free.

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them with open arms so we can continue to be productive employees," Petersen said. "We're a little amiss that we haven't heard from the new owner yet or from the current owner.

"We're being optimistic, but ready for whatever comes our way."

Steve Gold, president of Hotel Financial Strategies, said the hotel will not be able to function properly if a strong relationship is not established with unionized employees.

"The advantage of operating a larger, five-star hotel is that those (employee costs) are of a percentage of income much smaller than if you were in a smaller dollar per night hotel," Gold said.

Room rates at the Miramar range from \$299 to \$899 a night.

Wolff said he and his partner had always planned to sell the hotel along with others in

their real estate portfolio.

"The market has reached a point where we felt it as appropriate to sell in terms of getting the best return on our investment," Wolff, a resident of Los Angeles, said. "We are not in the hotel business in the sense of being a management company. That's why we have Fairmont."

Wolff said he and his partner sold their Fairmont-managed hotel in Kansas City, Mo., and a Four Seasons in Austin, Tex.

The Miramar is able to fetch such a high asking price because of its unique location, size and reputation, said Gold, a financial planner who has worked with the hotel industry for more than 30 years.

"We're talking about a significant piece of land overlooking the ocean," Gold said. "It's not on the beach, but it has some great views. It's a gorgeous piece of land."

Gold said the time is right to sell as land values have skyrocketed. Interests rates are

also low, giving buyers more incentive to invest. The lower rates provide an opportunity to make things work economically for buyers even though they are spending a considerable amount of money on the initial purchase.

"If you could build hotels all over Santa Monica, that would be one thing. But you can't," Gold said.

Whoever the new owner is, they should have no trouble making money as Santa Monica is one of the premier destinations in Southern California, with a hotel room occupancy rate far above those in other areas.

Misti Kerns, executive director, said the occupancy rate for April was 82.3 percent, with the average room going for \$256 a night.

"That's pretty good," Kerns said of the occupancy rate, which fluctuates with the seasons.

It is difficult to speculate on what impact the sale of the Miramar will have on Santa Monica's tourism industry and the local

economy, Kerns said. She hopes the new owner will retain the existing staff along with the look and feel of the Miramar, a property "near and dear" to residents.

"(The employees) have done a good job running the hotel from a numbers standpoint and they have certainly been a good compliment to the community and fit in well," Kerns said.

While details are still sketchy as to the future of the Miramar, one thing is for certain — Wolff will continue to send his grandchildren there when they come to Los Angeles to visit.

"It was and continues to be a very popular place, almost like an urban resort," Wolff said. "I mean, when my grandchildren come to town, I have them stay there rather than at the house because they are so close to the beach, shopping on the Promenade. You can do all that and more. We'll continue to go there. We're not planning to stop."

Following the money trail at Neverland is a winding road

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producer of adult films.

Schaffel, who claims he was empowered to negotiate creative projects for Jackson in return for a percentage of the profits, was let go in 2001 after Jackson learned he was involved in the adult entertainment business. He then was back on the scene in 2003 and claims he is due unpaid royalties from a pair of TV specials.

Schaffel was recalled to the stand quickly by Jackson's attorney Thomas C. Mundell to

account for all of the money Schaffel claims he is owed by Jackson.

Schaffel originally claimed in his lawsuit that Jackson owed him \$3.8 million for cash advances he made to the entertainer, as well as royalties and other services. He has since reduced his claim to \$1.6 million.

At issue is whether or not Jackson understood that the money he was being given was his own or a loan. Schaffel claims it was money that was owed to him for his work while Jackson believes the cash was generat-

ed by his own projects. Employees and business associates like Schaffel had access to Jackson's money and often forwarded him large amounts of cash.

Schaffel claims that he was a trusted advisor of Jackson's and had access to accounts set up for entertainment projects.

Mundell has sought to portray Schaffel as a hanger-on who parlayed his friendship with Jackson into a means of supporting his exorbitant lifestyle.

"Mr. Schaffel has not proven his case,"

Mundell told the jury at the outset of his defense. "Over the years, Mr. Jackson entrusted \$7 million to Mr. Schaffel solely for Michael Jackson projects or for Mr. Jackson's benefits.

"If you loan someone money and you already have their money, then you are suing them for their own money."

Jackson repeatedly denied in his deposition any knowledge of his business dealings

See JACKSON TRIAL, page 15



NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, for the following officers:

For three (3) members of the City Council	Full term of four (4) years
For three (3) members of the Rent Control Board	Full term of four (4) years
For four (4) members of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District	Full term of four (4) years
For four (4) members of the Santa Monica City College Board of Trustees	Full term of four (4) years

The nomination period for these offices begins on July 17, 2006, and closes on August 11, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

If nomination papers for an incumbent officer of the city are not filed by August 11, 2006, the voters shall have until the 83rd day before the election, August 16, 2006, to nominate candidates other than the person who is the incumbent on the 88th day before the election, for that incumbent's elective office.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by Section 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Maria M. Stewart, City Clerk
July 8, 2006



NOTIFICACION DE LA ELECCION

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se habrá de llevar a cabo una Elección Municipal General en la Ciudad de Santa Monica el martes, 7 de noviembre de 2006, para los siguientes Funcionarios:

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El periodo de nominación para estas oficinas comienza el 17 de julio, 2006, y termina el 11 de agosto, 2006, a las 5:00 p.m. Si los papeles de nominación para un oficial titular no son presentados a la ciudad para el 11 de agosto, 2006, los votantes tendrán hasta 83 días antes de las elecciones, el 16 de agosto, 2006, para nominar otros candidatos en lugar de la persona que es el titular 88 días antes de las elecciones, para la oficina electiva del titular.

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Maria M. Stewart, Secretaria Municipal
Fecha: 8 de Julio, 2006

A boon for Brando

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with Schaffel. When pressed by Schaffel's attorney, Howard King, Jackson couldn't remember the circumstances surrounding cash loans, contract negotiations and bundles of money for shopping sprees.

Jackson said he was under the impression that any money Schaffel gave him over the years came from the singer's own funds, according to the May 22 interview with King, including an alleged payment of \$100,000 delivered in an Arby's bag.

The two subsequently used the term "French fries" to refer to cash advances.

The singer also claimed he couldn't remember giving Schaffel instructions to run errands, such as paying \$1 million to Brando, whom Jackson considered a friend, for the actor's appearance at Madison Square Garden show in September 2001.

"(Schaffel) would always say, 'I could get you this, I could get you that. I could get you some money up front,'" said Jackson, appearing in a Navy blue shirt from London. "He was always saying that ... like begging it."

"I would never ask him for his money. That's ridiculous."

Jackson, who will not appear at the trial in person, denied he had rehired Schaffel in 2003 to produce TV specials for Fox, after the two had parted ways in late 2001 when Schaffel's history in gay pornography came to light.

Jackson said he didn't personally fire Schaffel then because he didn't want to embarrass him.

Soon after taking the stand in the afternoon, Schaffel was asked about his real estate dealings, admitting that he had been con-

victed of unlawfully retaining a property he subletted on which rent hadn't been paid. He also acknowledged he had taken out a second mortgage worth \$350,000 to purchase a house in Calabasas in 2002.

But when pressed whether or not he was in financial peril before striking a deal with Fox to produce a pair of Michael Jackson documentaries, Schaffel denied the allegations. In testimony earlier in the trial, Schaffel implied that he was well off before ever hooking up with the Jackson camp.

On several occasions in the testimony played Friday, Jackson said that if it were proven that Schaffel gave him cash from his own holdings — and not money generated by Jackson's entertainment projects — Schaffel should be reimbursed, but the singer added that Schaffel "never insinuated (the money) was his and I don't believe it to be his."

"Nobody just gives me money," said Jackson, who denied that his finances were in upheaval in 2003. "I would expect it if it was mine. I wouldn't just take it from somebody. That's not right. I work for what I get."

"Don't make like I'm begging from anybody. I have pride."

Jackson also laughed when it was suggested Schaffel lent him \$375,000 in May 2003 to go shopping.

"It sounds spoiled. It doesn't sound like me, no," Jackson responded.

The trial, which began last Thursday and is expected to last up to 10 days, will continue on Monday in Santa Monica before LA Superior Court Judge Jacqueline A. Connor.

Jacqueline Lee contributed to the reporting of this article.

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The adult "Life Story Writing" class, at Westchester-Emerson School is to receive their latest group-book on June 21st 2006. The class, which meets at the YMCA every Wednesday morning, has now published their fourth book in the last eight years. In addition, six individual bio's have been completed by class members.

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Cincinnati at Atlanta, 10:05 p.m.				
San Diego at Washington, 10:05 p.m.				
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Detroit	57	28	.671	—
Chicago	56	29	.659	1
Minnesota	46	37	.554	10
Cleveland	39	45	.464	17½
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TENNIS

Stage is set at Wimbledon

BY STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — It’s Roger Federer vs. Rafael Nadal in another Grand Slam final.

Federer, hitting breathtaking winners from all parts of the court, overwhelmed Sweden’s Jonas Bjorkman 6-2, 6-0, 6-2 Friday to close in on his fourth consecutive Wimbledon title. With the loss of only four games by Federer, the 77-minute match was the most one-sided men’s semifinal at Wimbledon since the tournament adopted its current format in 1922.

Nadal, the two-time French Open champion, continued his stunning run on grass by beating Marcos Baghdatis, 6-1, 7-5, 6-3 to reach his first Wimbledon championship. Nadal has beaten Federer in four finals this year, including at the French Open last month, and has a 6-1 career edge. Federer is 55-0 against all other players this year.

“I know I can beat him,” Federer said. “I don’t need to think of playing against him. I need to focus on me playing on grass, my style, playing aggressive. It’s going to be easier on grass to do that than on clay.”

The 20-year-old Nadal is bidding to become the first Spaniard to win the Wimbledon title since Manolo Santana in 1966, and the first player to win the French and Wimbledon in the same year since Bjorn Borg in 1980. It’s the first time since 1952 that the same players have reached back-to-back finals at the French Open and Wimbledon.

“I am going to play one of the best in history, especially on this surface,” Nadal said. “So I need to play the best match of my life to win.”

While the top-seeded Federer came into the tournament as the overwhelming favorite, few expected No. 2 Nadal to get very far. He’s won a record 60 straight clay-court matches but had little expectations in only his fifth grass-court event.

Nadal was close to tears after the match. “I’m very emotional,” he said. “It’s amazing to be in the finals.”

While Federer’s victory was lopsided, Nadal had to work extremely hard to hold off a spirited challenge from Baghdatis, the 21-year-old Australian Open runner-up from Cyprus.

The match lasted just under 2 1/2 hours, and the second set produced some of the best tennis and drama of the tournament.

Nadal saved all nine break points against him and broke five times. He hasn’t dropped serve since the second round and has won 15 sets in a row.

After putting away an overhead on match point, Nadal dropped to his knees, leaned back and pumped both arms three times. After the handshake, he went back to the center of the court, fell to his knees again and raised his arms as the crowd gave him a rousing ovation.

Nadal lost just one game to take the first set in 30 min-

utes. But the second set was as tight as it gets, with both players hitting soft drop shots, making great gets and going for winners. The set was decided on one service break, and it came in the 12th game when Nadal ended a long rally by ripping an inside-outside forehand which hit the sideline.

Nadal went up a break in the third at 3-1 on a riveting point. After luring Nadal to net with a drop shot, Baghdatis had the open court, but his shot hit the top of the net and popped in the air. Nadal, who had slipped and fallen, sprang to his feet and hit a reflex volley to win the point.

In the seventh game, Nadal fell behind 0-40 but managed to save four break points. Baghdatis felt aggrieved when the linesman called his shot long at 30-40. Replays showed the ball hit the line. “No way, no way, no way,” Baghdatis said to chair umpire Andreas Egli. The call stood, and Nadal went on to hold.

“I didn’t take my chances,” Baghdatis said. As for the disputed call, he said, “It happens to everybody. I cannot say it turned the match.”

Federer won 11 consecutive games at one stretch against the 59th-ranked Bjorkman to extend his Open era record grass-court winning streak to 47. He hasn’t dropped a set all tournament, and could become the first player to win the title without losing a set since Borg in 1976.

"I was flawless," Federer said. "I had high expectations to win this match today. And then to come through and play at the level I did today, that’s great.”

He was in that rarefied zone where it seemed he could do no wrong.

“It’s just a beautiful feeling,” he said. “You don’t get it very often. When you can dominate an opponent, it’s always sort of nice. But then especially in a semifinals of a Grand Slam, it’s even better.”

Federer is the first player since Fred Stolle in 1965 to get to the final of five straight majors. He’s reached 16 straight consecutive tournament finals in all.

The 24-year-old Swiss is on course to become the third man in the Open era to win four straight Wimbledons, joining Bjorn Borg (five straight from 1976-80) and Pete Sampras (1997-00).

The 34-year-old Bjorkman, the oldest Wimbledon men’s semifinalist since Jimmy Connors in 1987, is one of the world’s top doubles players but was no match for Federer.

“I felt like I played a guy who was as near perfection as you can play the game,” Bjorkman said. “I had the best seat in the house in a way. He just makes it look very simple.”

In Saturday’s women’s final, top-seeded Amelie Mauresmo plays No. 3 Henin-Hardenne in their second Grand Slam championship matchup this year. Henin-Hardenne retired because of stomach pain trailing 6-1, 2-0 at the Australian Open in January, handing the Frenchwoman her first major title.

Henin-Hardenne is bidding to complete a career Grand Slam by securing the only major championship missing from her collection.

GOLF

Sorenstam, Wie drive ahead at Match Play

BY JOHN NICHOLSON

AP Sports Writer

GLADSTONE, N.J. — Michelle Wie and Annika Sorenstam moved another step closer to a final-round showdown in the HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship.

With her mother shouting “Good shot, Michelle!” after each booming drive, the 16-year-old Wie beat friend Christina Kim 3 and 2 on Friday in the second round. The top-seeded Sorenstam beat Heather Young, also 3 and 2.

Wie advanced to a third-round match against LPGA Championship winner Se Ri Pak, while Sorenstam will play former Duke star Brittany Lang. Pak beat Lorie Kane 1-up and Lang eliminated Seon-Hwa Lee 3 and 2 on the hilly Hamilton Farm course.

“I feel like I'm playing very solidly," Wie said. “Obviously, tomorrow is a whole other day and you never know what might happen when you wake up."

Sorenstam won the first two holes against Young, but dropped Nos. 4-5 and made the turn all square. The Swedish star then won Nos. 10, 12 and 13 and halved the next three holes with pars to end the match.

“It was a good match," Sorenstam said. “I'm quite happy

with the way I played."

Sorenstam began the week with a four-shot playoff victory over Pat Hurst on Monday in the U.S. Women's Open in Newport, R.I., then beat Virada Nirapathpongporn 3 and 2 in the first round Thursday.

“I'm on such a high that I'm not even thinking that I should be tired," Sorenstam said. “I'm just looking forward to coming back tomorrow."

Wie won all four par-5s with birdies, finished with seven birdies and had two three-putt bogeys in 16 holes. She's playing her fourth event in five weeks, a welcome change from her usual light tournament schedule.

“I like this a lot better," Wie said. “It's a lot harder to play one tournament, have more than a month off and then play in another. I really look forward to the summer where I have a lot of tournaments, where I can play almost every week."

With about 400 people following Wie and Kim, Wie won the par-5 second with a 10-foot birdie putt and took a 2-up lead with a two-putt par on the par-3 third.

Kim rebounded with a birdie on the par-4 fifth, halved the par-4 sixth with a birdie and pulled even with a 13-foot birdie putt on the par-3 seventh. Kim then birdied the par-4 eighth to take the lead.

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Columbine message rings loud and clear

BY ROBERT WELLER

Associated Press Writer

GOLDEN, Colo. — Seven years later, counselor Harriet Hall still isn't sure what sparked the deadly rampage at Columbine High School, but she believes the nation is better prepared to deal with such violence.

"We are sadder and wiser," said Hall, lead mental health counselor for survivors of the 1999 massacre that left a teacher and 14 students, including both gunmen, dead.

In nearly 1,000 pages of essays, diary entries, computer files and other documents released Thursday, the suicidal gunmen, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, wrote about hate, violence and their step-by-step plans as they gleefully plotted the deadliest school attack in U.S. history.

"Hell on Earth — ahh, my favorite," Klebold wrote in Harris' 1998 yearbook above a drawing of a gun-wielding headless soldier. "So many people need to die."

The papers also included a journal kept by Harris' father that referred to his son's disciplinary and psychological problems but shed no light on whether he knew the teen might be capable of the murder.

More than 20,000 documents and videos have been released since the Columbine attack. The latest release followed a lawsuit filed by the Denver Post.

The documents offer a chilling insight into the killers in the months before the attack. Klebold and Harris had "to do" lists, with each purchase of a gasoline or a weapon marked off, and they had a hit list with at least 42 entries (all redacted).

"Once I finally start my killing, keep this in mind, there are probably about 100 people max in the school alone who I don't want to die, the rest MUST (expletive) DIE!" Harris writes in a journal entry from October 1998, six months before the attack.

The pages are filled with profanity, racial slurs and draw-

ings depicting violence or death. A scrawled entry in a Klebold day planner apparently sketches out April 20, 1999, down to the minute, starting with a 6 a.m. meeting, a 10:30 a.m. "set up," an 11:12 a.m. "gear up" and at 11:16 a.m., "HAHAHA."

Remarking on the possibility that the two might survive, Harris wrote they would try to escape to a foreign country where they couldn't be extradited. If not, they'd crash a plane into New York City with them inside.

The material also includes Wayne Harris' journal with entries addressing threats made by his son against classmate Brooks Brown more than a year before the attack. The Brown family reported the threats in early 1998 and still contends the authorities or the Harrises should have taken action against the boy.

"We feel victimized," Wayne Harris wrote. "We don't want to be accused every time something happens. Eric is not of fault. Brooks Brown is out to get Eric. Brooks had problems. ... manipulative con artist."

Wayne Harris' attorney did not return a call seeking comment.

Brown said Eric Harris had "lied about everything to his father and made him believe he was innocent and everyone else was the evil party."

Brown's father, Randy Brown, said the sheriff's office should release everything, including the videos and audio-tapes from the killers; the sheriff has declined to release the tapes out of concern they could inspire copycat attacks.

"There are lessons to be learned," Randy Brown said. "This information will be hidden forever. They are trading their cover-up for the lives of children in other schools."

Hall, the survivors' counselor and CEO of Jefferson Center for Mental Health, said many of the lessons have already been learned.

"Our best practices for how you respond has changed and a lot of that happened because of Columbine," she said.

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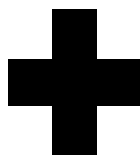


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Bush calls out world on Korea complacency

BY TERENCE HUNT

AP White House Correspondent

CHICAGO — President Bush expressed frustration Friday with the slow pace of diplomacy in dealing with North Korea and Iran and prodded world leaders to send an unmistakable message condemning Pyongyang's long-range missile test.

He said the U.S. would have had "a reasonable chance" of shooting down the missile if it had been necessary, though America's missile-defense system is still in the testing phase and its capabilities are modest. More than \$100 billion has been spent on the system since 1983.

On the terror war, the president said at a rare out-of-town news conference that the United States has not relaxed its nearly five-year search for Osama bin Laden and he vowed the terrorist leader would be found: "Absolutely. No ands, ifs or buts."

"And, my judgment, it's a matter of time, unless we stop looking. And we're not going to stop looking so long as I'm the president," Bush said.

The president's overnight stop in Chicago —including dinner with Democratic Mayor Richard M. Daley and breakfast with locals at a popular restaurant — was part of a strategy to boost Bush's sagging popularity by putting him on the

road more often this summer in friendly settings.

Daley joined Bush at Friday's news conference, where the president called him a "great mayor" and said he was proud to call him a friend.

There was a heavy dose of political fundraising on the trip, too, as Bush helped raise \$1.2 million for Judy Baar Topinka, the Republican state treasurer who is trying to unseat Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Outside the Drake Hotel where the fundraiser was held, several dozen protesters carried sometimes vicious anti-Bush and anti-war messages. A couple of the demonstrators burned American flags.

At his news conference, Bush called the Iraq war "a noble and just cause" and said the United States would not leave before winning.

"We will lose if we leave too early," the president said. "The stakes of success are vital." He repeated his oft-stated position that it will be up to military commanders to say when it is appropriate to withdraw U.S. troops.

Bush came here as the United Nations struggled over how to deal with North Korea, which defied world appeals and test-fired a long-range missile that fell into the sea 42 seconds after launch this week. China and Russia have balked at a proposed Japanese resolution to impose sanctions on

North Korea.

"What matters most of all is for Kim Jong Il to see the world speak with one voice," Bush said. "That's the purpose, really."

In months of negotiations, Beijing and Moscow also have had reservations about penalizing Iran for its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment.

"You're watching the diplomacy work not only in North Korea but in Iran," the president said.

"And it's, kind of — you know, it's kind of painful in a way for some to watch, because it takes a while to get people on the same page," Bush said. "Not everybody thinks the exact same way we think. Different words mean different things to different people. And the diplomatic processes can be slow and cumbersome."

Asked if he felt a sense of urgency in dealing with North Korea and Iran, Bush said, "I'm realistic about how things move in the world." He said he wanted diplomatic rather than military solutions.

Bush said Kim Jong Il, in ordering the missile tests, had defied China, Japan, South Korea, Russia and the United States — the five countries that have been negotiating unsuccessfully with North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program.

INTERNATIONAL

Israeli troops kill 24 Palestinians in Gaza

BY STEVE WEIZMAN

Associated Press Writer

BEIT LAHIYA, Gaza Strip — Israeli aircraft struck armed Palestinians in northern Gaza early Friday after the bloodiest day of clashes in the strip since Israel withdrew last summer.

Twenty-four Palestinians and one Israeli soldier were killed in fighting that began on Thursday, pitting militants armed with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades against Israeli tanks and attack helicopters.

Israeli troops invaded two northern towns near its border on Thursday, expanding a ground offensive to win freedom for a soldier captured by militants and put Israel out of the militants' increasingly longer rocket range.

After sunrise Friday, Israel renewed its assault in northern Gaza with two airstrikes, killing one militant from the Palestinians' ruling Hamas Party, and wounding three, Hamas and hospital officials said. The military said aircraft fired at four armed Palestinians where there had been exchanges of fire. Two were wounded in the second airstrike, hospital officials said.

Israel, meanwhile, signaled its intention to reduce the scope of its operation in one of the invaded towns. Lt. Col. Yaniv, a battalion commander, said he expected troops to wind up their mission in parts of Beit Lahiya within a day or two. Those areas include a neighborhood where Palestinian militants fired rockets into the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon earlier in the week, reaching significantly farther inside Israel than at any time before.

Amid the fighting, there was still no word on the fate of Cpl. Gilad Shalit, captured June 25 by Hamas-affiliated militants.

Israeli leaders have singled out Hamas as their chief enemy, and the Palestinian prime minister, a Hamas leader, accused Israel of trying to bring down his government.

Dozens of Palestinian casualties, including many wounded women and children, crowded the emergency rooms and corridors of Gaza hospitals, already suffering from shortages of medical supplies because of a closure Israel clamped on the territory after the soldier's capture.

After touring Gaza's main hospital Thursday evening, Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas called for international intervention to stop the Israeli offensive, which he called a "crime against humanity."

Haniyeh called the Israeli push "a desperate effort to undermine the Palestinian government under the pretext of a search for the missing soldier."

His Hamas movement, with a history of violence against Israel, was voted into power in a January parliamentary election.

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Rocket Man hits runway

By Associated Press

NEW YORK

Elton John will perform at the third Fashion Rocks concert, which will kick off New York Fashion Week in September. Proceeds will benefit the singer's AIDS foundation.

The concert will be held Sept. 7 at Radio City Music Hall. A two-hour special will air the following evening on CBS (9 p.m. EDT).

Performers will also include Christina Aguilera, Beyonce, Kanye West, Bon Jovi, the Black Eyed Peas, Jamie Foxx, Faith Hill, Tim McGraw, Nelly Furtado, Daddy Yankee, the Pussycat Dolls, Rihanna and Scissor Sisters.

Fashion segments will be included in the show. "Fashion and music have always been inextricably linked," said Richard D. Beckman, president of Conde Nast Media Group and an executive producer of the show, in a statement Thursday. "People will never forget the day the Beatles walked off the plane; David Bowie as Ziggy Stardust, John Travolta strutting in 'Saturday Night Fever,' or Madonna as the 'Material Girl.'"

"Today, the worlds of fashion and music are merging faster than ever, with multiple artists including Gwen Stefani, Jennifer Lopez, Beyonce, Justin Timberlake and Jay-Z capitalizing on this synergy by launching fashion lines of their own," he said.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark Great week to be Dane

A Swedish quartet kicked off the 28th edition of Copenhagen's Jazz Festival, which will fill the city's streets and squares, pubs and concert halls with swing, bebop, Brazilian and African rhythms and avant-garde tunes.

The Fabian Kallerdahl Galore quartet performed Friday before 300 people on a square in downtown Copenhagen. Sergio Mendes was to play Saturday at Tivoli's amusement park.

The nine-day festival is considered one of northern Europe's main jazz events among aficionados.

Other performers will include Dianne Reeves, Herbie Hancock, Trio Beyond, Pat Metheny, Chris Potter, Brad Mehldau and Salif Keita. Keita will fill the city's new Opera House with African rhythms on July 15.

The festival will also feature homegrown talents, including 90-year-old violinist Svend Asmussen, pianist Carsten Dahl and trumpeter Palle Mikkelborg.

PHILADELPHIA Farm Aid taps into its roots

The seeds of Farm Aid were planted in Philadelphia in 1985 when Bob Dylan, performing in the Live Aid benefit for Africa, said something should be done to help American farmers.

Now Farm Aid is coming to the region for its 19th fundraising concert, to be held Sept. 30 at the Tweeter Center in Camden, N.J.

Farm Aid co-founder Neil Young made the announcement Thursday at Reading Terminal Market, a downtown Philadelphia landmark known for its fresh produce.

Organizers said the location makes sense because half the land in Pennsylvania and New Jersey is used for agriculture, and the area boasts more than 200 farmers' markets.

Benefit concerts have been held in a dozen states since 1985. The Philadelphia region is the second area in the Northeast to host one; two were held in the Washington area in 1999 and 2000.

This year's lineup includes Young and his Farm

Aid co-founders, Willie Nelson and John Mellencamp. Dave Matthews, who joined the Boston-based organization's board of directors in 2001, will also perform.

Farm Aid's goals include supporting family farms, fighting corporate agriculture, advocating fair prices and encouraging people to buy food grown locally. The organization has raised more than \$29 million over two decades, officials said.

Young, who grew up in small town in Canada surrounded by farms, said the problems faced by family farms seem to get "swept under the rug."

"It is unfortunate that we have to continue doing this," Young said. "I really hope that we don't have to do Farm Aid forever."

OKLAHOMA CITY Singer checks on the displaced

Blake Shelton handed a \$108,000 check to state officials to help victims of a string of wildfires that destroyed hundreds of homes in Oklahoma.

Shelton, known for hits such as "Austin," "Ol' Red" and "Some Beach," donated the proceeds from his "Rain Dance" concert, which was held in his hometown of Ada.

He told Gov. Brad Henry and others Thursday that it was difficult watching TV footage and seeing the destruction of property of his fellow Oklahomans.

The 30-year-old country singer called himself "just a guy that people call when they want to have a party and have a good time."

"That's the one thing I guess I'm good at so we decided to do 'Rain Dance,'" he said.

Shelton said he was overwhelmed by the success of the event and planned more benefit concerts.

A resident of Tennessee for several years, Shelton said he plans to build a home in Oklahoma.

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SHOWTIMES: JULY 8-9, 2006

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Avenue
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Thursday, July 5
The Jerk (R) 7:30
Friday, July 6
A Fish Called Wanda (NR) 7:30

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

The Break-Up (PG-13)
11:35am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Cars (G)
10:40am, 1:25, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50
Da Vinci Code (PG-13)
12:25, 3:50, 7:10, 10:30
Nacho Libre (PG)
10:30am, 11:20am, 12:50, 1:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20
Superman Returns (PG-13)
10:15am, 11:30am, 1:35, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 8:25, 10:00, 10:50
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)
12:01am

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 3rd Street
(310) 458-6232

The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13)
12:15, 1:45, 2:50, 4:20, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30
The Fast and the Furious 3: Tokyo Drift (PG-13)
1:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
A Prairie Home Companion (PG-13)
12:45, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

Landmark Nuwiltshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310)281-8228

The Heart of the Game (PG-13)
2:10, 7:10
Thank You for Smoking (R)
11:40am, 4:45, 9:45
Who Killed the Electric Car? (PG)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 2nd Street
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An Inconvenient Truth (PG)
12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man (PG-13)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
Peaceful Warrior (PG-13)
12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 9:55
Wordplay (PG)
12:15, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45

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

Click (PG-13)
11:10am, 12:00, 1:40, 2:30, 4:20, 5:10, 7:00, 7:50, 9:40, 10:30
Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties (PG)
11:00am, 1:10, 3:10, 5:20
The Lake House (PG)
12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00
The Omen (R)
7:20, 10:10
Over the Hedge (PG)
11:30am, 1:50, 4:10
Waist Deep (R)
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20

More Information calendar@smdp.com

MORE TODAY IN HISTORY

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In 1853, an expedition led by Commodore Matthew Perry arrived in Yedo Bay, Japan, on a mission to seek diplomatic and trade relations with the Japanese.
In 1889, The Wall Street Journal was first published.
In 1919, President Wilson received a tumultuous welcome in New York City after his return from the Versailles Peace Conference in France.

The advertisement features a blue background with a subtle pattern of ice cubes. In the top left corner is the Liquid Ice logo, a blue diamond shape with a yellow outline and a white drop inside. Below the logo, the text "LIQUID ICE ENERGY DRINK" is written in a bold, blue, blocky font with a yellow outline. In the center, the phrase "This Is No 'Bull'" is written in a large, red, cursive font. At the bottom left, the quote "If you're gonna play the game you're gonna need the energy" is written in a large, blue, blocky font with a yellow outline. On the right side, a can of Liquid Ice Energy Drink is shown, tilted diagonally. The can is blue with a yellow and white logo and the text "LIQUID ICE ENERGY DRINK" and "HIGH PERFORMANCE DRINK".

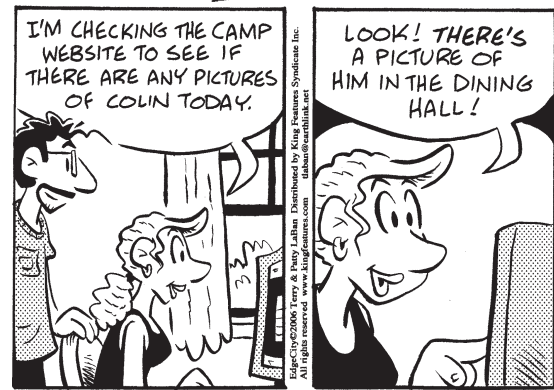
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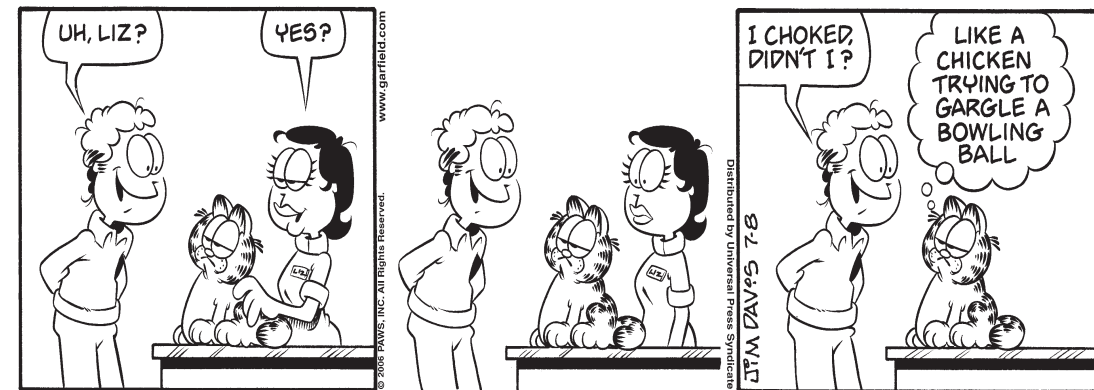
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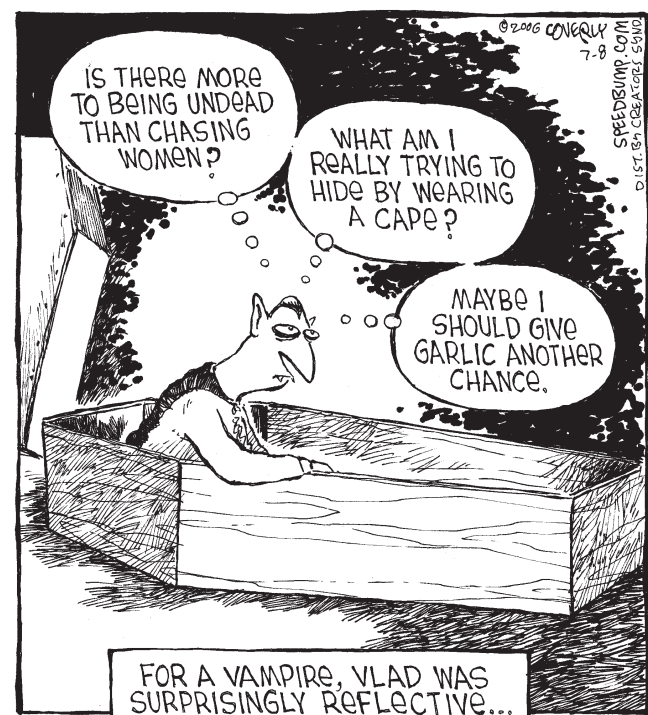
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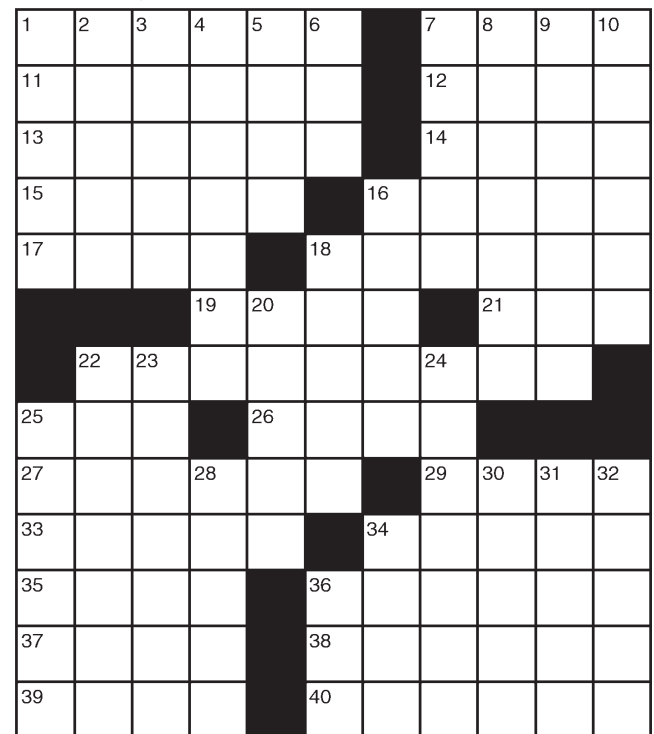
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- 19 Indiana city
- 21 Porter
- 22 Product package stamp
- 25 Sun setting
- 26 Sharpen
- 27 "Prizzi's Honor" director
- 29 Indian prince
- 33 Worship site
- 34 Succeed
- 35 Go off course
- 36 Betting setting

- 37 Ticklish Muppet
- 38 Atlantic islands
- 39 Breather
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DOWN

- 1 Confine
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- 4 Not in custody
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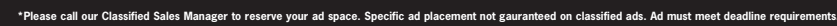
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\$389.88 + tax first months payment for 27 months on approved credit. \$3904 cap cost reduction + \$1095 acquisition fee = \$4999 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$53,445. Tier 1 Credit. 7.5K Miles/yr. 25¢ per mile excess. OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.

NEW 2006

SLK280 CONVERTIBLE

AUTOMATIC, ALLOYS, CD CHANGER,
METALLIC PAINT AND MORE!

\$399
5 AT THIS LEASE PAYMENT

.88¢ TAX
PER MONTH
FOR 27 MONTHS
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\$399.88 + tax first months payment for 27 months on approved credit. \$3904 cap cost reduction + \$1095 acquisition fee = \$4999 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$46,205. Tier 1 Credit. 7.5K Miles/yr. 25¢ per mile excess. OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.

NEW 2006

ML350

HEATED SEATS, SUNROOF, ALLOYS
AND MORE!

\$399
5 AT THIS LEASE PAYMENT

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\$399.88 + tax first months payment for 27 months on approved credit. \$3904 cap cost reduction + \$1095 acquisition fee = \$4999 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$44,805. Tier 1 Credit. 7.5K Miles/yr. 25¢ per mile excess. OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.

NEW 2007

GL450

METALLIC PAINT, SUNROOF, ALLOYS,
CD PLAYER AND MORE!

\$599
5 AT THIS LEASE PAYMENT

.88¢ TAX
PER MONTH
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\$599.88 + tax first months payment for 39 months on approved credit. \$3904 cap cost reduction + \$1095 acquisition fee = \$4999 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$57,875. Tier 1 Credit. 7.5K Miles/yr. 25¢ per mile excess. OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.

NEW 2006

CLS500

HARMAN KARDON SOUND, MET. PAINT,
SUNROOF, CD CHGR, AUTO + MORE!

\$699
5 AT THIS LEASE PAYMENT

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\$699.88 + tax first months payment for 39 months on approved credit. \$3904 cap cost reduction + \$1095 acquisition fee = \$4999 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$66,655. Tier 1 Credit. 7.5K Miles/yr. 25¢ per mile excess. OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.

RED TAG PRE-OWNED INVENTORY SALE EVENT!

RED TAG MERCEDES-BENZ CERTIFIED

'04 ML450	ASKING PRICE ~~\$29,981~~	\$26,982
DESERT SILVER/JAVA, CD, CHROMES, CERTIFIED, 4A470461		
'02 CLK 320	RED TAG PRICE ~~\$26,981~~	\$26,984
COUPE, WHITE/ASH, CD, LOW MILES, CERTIFIED, 2T103918		
'03 ML350	ASKING PRICE ~~\$28,981~~	\$27,981
INSPIRATION PACKAGE, CERTIFIED, 3A411038		
'03 C320	ASKING PRICE ~~\$28,981~~	\$27,981
SILVER/ASH, NAVIGATION, CERTIFIED, 3F331895		
'00 S430	ASKING PRICE ~~\$39,981~~	\$31,981
NEW CAR TRADE, VALUE PRICED, CERTIFIED, YA004614		
'03 E500	ASKING PRICE ~~\$41,981~~	\$38,982
TECTITE/CHARCOAL, SPORT, CERTIFIED, 3A201522		
'02 CL500	ASKING PRICE ~~\$54,981~~	\$52,981
BLACK/BLACK AND MORE! CERTIFIED, 2A021945		
'02 S55	ASKING PRICE ~~\$60,981~~	\$52,984
SILVER/CHARCOAL, CHROMES, CERTIFIED, 2A259668		
'03 SL500	RED TAG PRICE ~~\$64,981~~	\$64,984
SPECIAL LAUNCH ED, NEW CAR TRADE, CERTIFIED, 3F00902		
'03 SL500	RED TAG PRICE ~~\$73,981~~	\$73,981
RED, SPORT AND MORE CERTIFIED, 4F071439		
'05 S600	ASKING PRICE ~~\$99,981~~	\$89,983
NEW CAR TRADE, CERTIFIED, 5A452502		

RED TAG MERCEDES-BENZ

'95 E320 CAB	ASKING PRICE ~~\$29,981~~	\$24,980
CABRIOLET, BLK/BLK, CHROMES, CD, MUST SEE! SC279701		
'06 CLS 500	RED TAG PRICE ~~\$CALL!!!~~	\$CALL!!!
SPORT/PREMIUM PACKAGES, KEYLESS, LOW 3K MI 6M067452		

'03 SL55
PEWTER/CHARCOAL, SIRIUS RADIO
3F034567
ASKING PRICE ~~\$84,981~~ **\$79,988**

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INVENTORY
SALE EVENT!**

RED TAG OTHER MAKES/MODELS

'99 VW JETTA	ASKING PRICE ~~\$12,981~~	\$11,981
BLACK/TAN, NEW CAR TRADE, XM087719		
'01 DISCOVERY S	RED TAG PRICE ~~\$15,981~~	\$15,982
BLACK/TAN, DUAL MOONROOFS, 1A730566		
'03 MAZDA MIATA	RED TAG PRICE ~~\$16,981~~	\$16,981
BLACK/BLACK, 30301136		
'03 VW GTI	ASKING PRICE ~~\$17,981~~	\$17,981
BLACK/BLACK, CD, 34030906		
'99 LANDCRUISER	ASKING PRICE ~~\$20,981~~	\$19,981
GREEN/TAN, NEW CAR TRADE, 2065005		
'03 M45	ASKING PRICE ~~\$24,981~~	\$24,984
CHARCOAL/BLACK, VALUE PRICED, 004514		
'02 BMW 525i	ASKING PRICE ~~\$27,981~~	\$24,981
BLACK/BLACK, SPORT/PREMIUM PACKAGES, 2G40391		
'03 BMW X5 3.0	ASKING PRICE ~~\$28,981~~	\$26,984
SILVER/CHARCOAL, NEW CAR TRADE, 3LP27132		
'04 LEXUS RX330	ASKING PRICE ~~\$35,981~~	\$33,981
NEW CAR TRADE, SILVER/CHROME, 40004344		
'03 INFINITI FX35	ASKING PRICE ~~\$36,981~~	\$34,981
NEW CAR TRADE, SPORT, 5X108363		
'03 LEXUS GX470	ASKING PRICE ~~\$41,981~~	\$39,981
NEW CAR TRADE, CHROMES, NAVI, DVD, 35008977		
'04 LEXUS SC430	ASKING PRICE ~~\$51,981~~	\$45,983
PEARL/TAN AND MORE! NEW CAR TRADE, 40U52958		
'04 PORSCHE CAYENNE	RED TAG PRICE ~~\$74,981~~	\$74,981
TURBO, SILVER/BLACK, PARKTRONIC, 4LA98247		

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