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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In April, Florida Highway Patrol officers in Miami-Dade County had set up surveillance, including an airplane, to catch a notorious motorcyclist who at least twice before had sped past officers, at speeds up to 140 mph, and escaped. On April 24, he blew by again, going the wrong way in rush-hour traffic, but with the help of the plane, officers tracked him to his apartment and arrested him on six counts. The motorcyclist turned out to be David Carpenter, 24, who was at that time on track to become a Florida Highway Patrol officer, with his physical exam only a week away. (He was advised to forget about the new career.)

TODAY IN HISTORY
Today is the 209th day of 2005.
There are 156 days left in the year.

On July 28, 1945, a U.S. Army bomber crashed into the 79th floor of New York's Empire State Building, killing 14 people.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All youth is bound to be 'misspent'; there is something in its very nature that makes it so, and that is why all men regret it."

THOMAS WOLFE
AMERICAN AUTHOR (1900-1938)

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SMC leaders are reaching dead-end



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press
Bundy Campus students may soon have some troubles getting to class.

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Finally together in the same room to address mutual concerns, elected officials held off on requests by elected college leaders to allow vehicular access for students at the Bundy satellite campus this fall.

The Santa Monica City Council on Tuesday deferred a last-minute

proposal by the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees that would guarantee students temporary parking space for the fall semester at the new Bundy satellite campus, located at 3171 Bundy Dr. The college's proposal was a response to a recent City Hall staff report which suggested SMC find an alternative to using the city's Airport shuttle parking lot before fall college classes

begin. In addition, the staff report suggested SMC agree to address broader issues related to its growth plan throughout Santa Monica.

A political poker game played out for nearly two and a half hours, with four members of the City Council, still present after 1 a.m., directing staff to use SMC's rushed proposal as an "outline" to

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No holds Bard

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

The cast of 'Romeo & Juliet' rehearse a swordfighting scene on the tennis courts at Reed Park. Actors (from left) Mike Buffo, Miriam Wolodarski, Pearce Larson and Alex Rogers will do battle each evening from tonight through the week-end on court #1 as part of the Shakespeare Santa Monica production.

Christie's is no landmark, council says

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Tenants convinced their home is a historic landmark were unable to persuade elected officials, who approved the demolition of the Christie Courtyard so the owner can put up condos.

The Santa Monica City Council on Tuesday voted against a June 2004 Landmarks Commission decision requesting the preservation of the Christie Courtyard, a 24-unit garden-style apartment complex located on the northwest corner of Neilson Way and Pacific Avenue.

The council's decision, sup-

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Viva la Vega: Songwriter returns home

By Daily Press staff

SM PIER — Grammy-nominated musician Suzanne Vega will return home tonight, along with grammy winner Marc Cohn, who will both perform under the stars of the Southern California sky.

One of the most anticipated concerts in the free Thursday summer Twilight Dance Series, Vega will open for Cohn, known for his multi-platinum "Walking in Memphis."

Vega, originally from Santa Monica, ushered in the female, acoustic, folk-pop singer-song-

of New York City. She began playing guitar at 11 years old and writing songs as a teenager. At first, record companies saw little chance of commercial success with Vega, as folk music was fading away from the public scene. But she persisted and her independent personality helped to support her musical career, Vega said.

"I've left no stone unturned," she said. "This idea that I'm a fragile waif falls by the wayside when anyone listens to the range of subject matter and style. There

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SUZANNE VEGA

MARC COHN

STATE

LA mayor offers up tokens of affection

BY TIM MOLLOY
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Getting drivers to take the train or bus has never been easy in this car-crazed city of endless freeways, where gridlock is so awful that rush-hour speeds average less than 30 mph.

The new mayor wants to change Los Angeles' car culture, though his push for mass

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★-Average ★-So-so ★-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You express your fiery impulsive-ness, especially when spending your money. Visualize more of what might be important to purchase or invest in. Dig into your self-discipline. Your public image might be more significant than you realize, but so might your domestic life. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Mars entering your sign makes you a veritable Bull seeing red if you don't like what moves into your pasture. Friends might be provocative, but they force you to think in a more dynamic way. You might resist. Tonight: As you like.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to think before you leap to any conclusions. Take in extra information before you make assumptions. The end results will be better. Consider new ways of handling information and processing it. Ask questions. Tonight: Avoid making judgments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others know what they want. This fact becomes evident in conversations, meetings and any other form of mental exchange. In fact, you might discover that others are rigid. Expenses could play into your decisions, just as they should. Tonight: Find your friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You are in the limelight, like it or not. You also might need to work with a contentious authority figure who seems like he or she enjoys putting down others' ideas. Don't take on this person's energy. Use your dynamic personality. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Take an overview rather than assume that someone means what he or she is saying. Be willing to walk through your own issues, as well as manage to understand where another person is coming from. Tonight: Look at the big picture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Listen to others and their opinions. You don't necessarily need to agree, but you do need to gain a greater insight into those around you. In fact, you need to look at the big picture. Aim for your long-term desires. Tonight: Teamwork counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others run the show. Accept that fact, even if you are unnerved by another's bellicose or accusatory style. You can choose to not take all that goes on as a personal attack. Look at the big picture and getting the job done. Tonight: Just say yes to someone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might not be sure what to do in different circumstances. Someone you deal with is absolutely sure he or she is right. You can say whatever you want; this person won't waver. Detach, and you will be happier. Tonight: Get a workout.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You'll find answers and solutions if you just free-associate. You might be challenged by a logical associate. Logic does not always work with solution-finding. You might not be able to explain this fact to this person. Tonight: Whoop it up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Family and/or domestic matters could confuse you, if not create an uproar. You cannot win for losing. Listen to a loved one who also might be as confused as you are. Just hang in the space rather than change the inevitable. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You will take a strong stance and make a difference. Keep conversations moving and stay on top of questions. Make calls and reach out for others. Understand that your sixth sense is way off right now. Don't use it! Tonight: Hang out.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica Public Library hosts summer events

By Daily Press staff

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For Crossroads head's a jolly good fellow

By Daily Press staff

Students aren't the only ones who receive awards.

Bob Riddle, assistant headmaster and dean of faculty at Crossroads School in Santa Monica, has been selected by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) to receive an NAIS/Edward E. Ford Fellowship, which is awarded to educators who have demonstrated exceptional leadership ability.

The fellowship supports the professional development of independent school administrators through intensive programming, mentoring and specialized projects. NAIS/E.E. Ford Fellows develops their leadership capacities and helps them learn about the major issues facing independent schools today, education officials say. The program prepares individuals to take on future leadership roles. Riddle is one of 68 fellows for 2005 through 2006. The 68 individuals hail from NAIS member schools in 24 states.

Riddle was born in Chester, PA and attended Penn State, where he received a dual degree in math education and psychology. He taught junior high math in Haverford, PA before moving to Los Angeles where he taught for a short time at an Orthodox Jewish all-boys school before being hired to teach middle school math at Crossroads. After two years in the middle school, Riddle transitioned to teaching upper school math and soon took on a position as the academic dean for 9th and 10th grade.

In the 1993 to 1994 school year, he received a year-long Klingenstein Fellowship at Columbia in New York. The fellowship, essentially an administrative training program, is designed for experienced independent school teachers and resulted in his earning an MEd. After his time in New York, Riddle returned to Crossroads to become the 11th and 12th grade academic dean and assistant director of the upper school, and later, the upper school director. In 2003, Crossroads headmaster Roger Weaver tapped Riddle to be the assistant headmaster and dean of faculty.

NAIS is a voluntary membership organization for more than 1,200 independent schools and associations in the United States and abroad. Independent schools are distinct from other private schools in that they are independently governed by boards of trustees and they are funded primarily through tuition, charitable contribution and endowment income. To be eligible for membership in NAIS, schools must be accredited, nondiscriminatory, 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.

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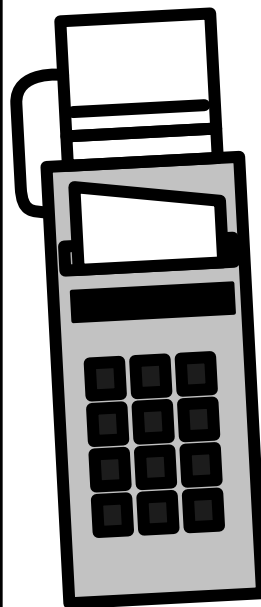
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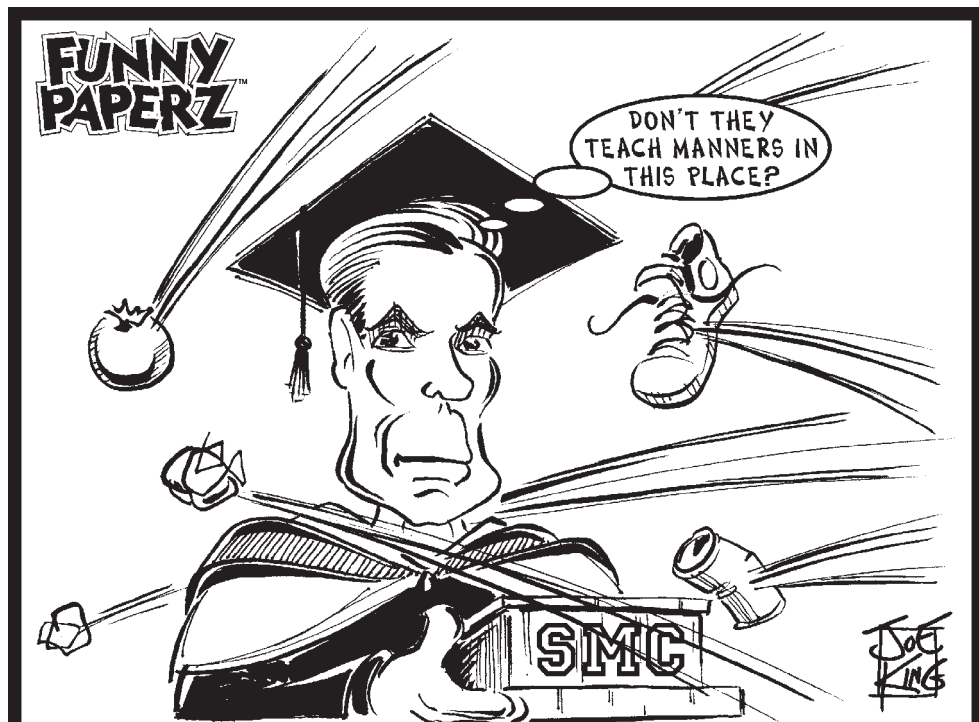
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A realistic picture of poor people's plight

Editor:

I wanted to write in response to Mr. Jankowski's letter entitled "Send the homeless packing" (SMDP, July 13, page 4). I probably cannot change Mr. Jankowski's view of homeless people. However, I would like to educate the Santa Monica people who read this paper, who may have been persuaded by Mr. Jankowski that most homeless people are "freeloading, filthy ... and act like a bunch of wild animals." I am a home owner in Santa Monica and a physician who works primarily with homeless people at the Venice Family Clinic, UCLA's Student Homeless Mobile Van, Homeless Health Care L.A., the JWCH clinic and Harbor-UCLA's emergency room.

Firstly, as of January of this year, there are 91,000 homeless people in the county of LA, counted by the LA Homeless Services Authority. That's more than any other metropolitan city in the country. All the shelters in LA County can only accommodate 9,000. Forty-two percent of the homeless in LA County are considered chronically homeless. Fifty-five percent of the chronically homeless have three or more disabilities. One-third to one-half are mentally ill. These are the people we see that don't care about their hygiene and are often easily agitated. According to USC Keck School of Medicine Assessment's of Mental Health Needs Among Homeless People, "the increase in the number of homeless mentally ill in the United States has been associated with the closing of state mental hospitals, a lack of housing, and a dearth of other critical support services for the mentally ill." A study of the LA winter shelters last year showed that 11 percent of the winter shelter residents had come directly from being released from a psychiatric hospital — another 13 percent from a medical hospital.

Without the proper support services for the mentally ill, they will go off their medications, not be able to keep their outpatient appointments, and thus, will not be a functioning part of society. If they have no family to take care of them, they will end up homeless. From my experience, there is a higher incidence of mentally ill among the homeless on the Westside — most likely because it's safer. One-third to two-thirds of the homeless population in LA County are substance users. Medical professionals consider substance addiction to be a chronic disease, much like diabetes or asthma, in need of chronic treatment and care. Many of these people are homeless because of their disease. Therefore, Mr. Jankowski, half of the chronically ill can't "pull themselves up by their bootstraps" if they are physically or mentally ill.

Secondly, the Institute of Study of Homelessness and Poverty at the Weingart Center presented many statistics last year about the homeless in LA County. They found that 20 to 40 percent were currently — at the time of the presentation — had just been employed, however bringing in an income less than the level of poverty. In 1997, 76 percent had been employed for two years before they became homeless, 75 percent had had jobs for more than a year and 54 percent had had jobs for more than two years. You see Mr. Jankowski, many homeless people had "their act together" but lost their job. Without family support, if you don't have a job, and you can't pay the rent ... then you are homeless. Most of the homeless people I have seen who aren't physically or mentally ill, work or are looking for work. The decline in the economy doesn't affect the affluent much — I will always have a job, a residence, food. But to the poor, it's the difference between having a job or not; having a place to live not.

I can assure you I don't enjoy seeing filthy people who smell on the beach or the park bench, or seeing people urinate in the alleys. Can you imagine, though, how hard it is to sleep on a park bench or on the beach every night? Can you imagine how hard it is to ask people for food or money? I can't. I don't think the answer is easy or quick, like a fence around a park. It probably involves long-term goals such as creating more affordable house in LA, creating proper support systems for the mentally ill, better healthcare availability for the poor and attempting to eradicate severe poverty in the U.S. in general by providing better education and child mentoring in high risk areas. Compassion for these people — and thus activism — is what we need to motivate our policy makers to make these goals become reality.

Susan Partovi, M.D.
Santa Monica

It seems a crime what passes for a top story

NEWS ON THE EDGE

BY RON SCOTT SMITH



How did this happen? Joran Van der Sloot is a household name.

If you're thinking to yourself — Joran Van der Who? — then your household isn't tuned into Fox News. And you know what? Your household is better off that way.

This was destined to be a column that would debunk the notion that we run a one-trick-pony operation around here, and honestly, it hasn't been easy to find much of anything positive to say from this vantage point about the Bush leadership. But this one was to commend the President, and take issue with Jane Fonda too.

Just as I was about to catch the state-of-the-art Fonda hate-speak on Fox News to get proper perspective, a story came breaking across the air, and Sean Hannity took us there in the blink of an eye, ditching the Fonda story in the blink of the other. Now for Fox News Channel, as represented through Sean Hannity, to throw away a "Jane Fonda-to-embark-on-anti-Iraq-War-tour-using-bus-running-on-vegetable-oil" story, there must be something truly compelling going on somewhere else, right? Uh, water was being sucked from a pond in Aruba ... live.

Somewhere about halfway between watching grass grow and paint dry, is watching water being sucked from a pond, but there they took us, the whole of Fox News, and there they kept us for some two hours. I suppose they supposed we were hanging on every move the two plumbers made while setting up the bilge pump and the hoses that would suck water from a pond in the ongoing search for the body of missing teenager Natalee Holloway, while her poor parents stood in the foreground dutifully answering Hannity's queries on how they felt about the water being sucked from a pond, and what they thought might be revealed.

Greta Van Susteren picked up where Hannity left off — right where the water was being sucked from a pond. Over on MSNBC, Joe Scarborough, not one to be outdone, pulled his finger off the latest hot-button — the "Honeymoon Murder" that happened on a cruise ship somewhere. He also rushed us off to where water was being sucked from a pond.

There used to be a popular magazine called True Crime, a cheesy little rag printed on cheap paper that chronicled all the goriest, most sensational crimes of the day, and it was placed on newsstands next to the Playboys and other girlie mags, probably because of the titillation factor, a factor that trumps duller factors like important. Speaking of factors, the O'Reilly Factor uses the titillation factor as well as any of them, as even his "no-

spin zone" has degenerated into nothing so much as True Crime — the TV Version. Every sordid tale of runaway brides, child abduction, rape and spousal murder, takes the lead in there every night, and just this very moment, on the TV in the background, I hear O'Reilly teasing the lesser stories on London, Iraq and the Supreme Court, before getting right to the heart of things, saying, "And now for the top story of the night..." He went right to the sucking of water out of a pond in Aruba.

It all started with O.J., and the thing has been a snowball rolling downhill ever since. Scott Peterson sits on death row in San Quentin, possibly the most recognizable face in all of America. Names like Samantha Runnion and her killer Alejandro Avila, Elizabeth Smart and her abductor Brian Mitchell, Jennifer Wilbanks and her jilted fiance John Mason, are somehow going into the national lexicon. More Americans know what BTK stands for than they do MOAB ... which, by the way, stands for Massive Ordnance Air Blast, the 21,000-pound bomb they invented at the onset of the Iraq War to create, as Donald Rumsfeld said, "an enormous disincentive for Iraqis to fight against the coalition." Affectionately known in military circles as the "Mother Of All Bombs", it doesn't seem to have worked, as the enemy continues to blow up everything in sight, fighting on against the coalition, whatever the coalition is down to these days.

What I was going to say about Bush — he appears to be gaining wisdom, of all things, and has correctly decided to ditch the stupid slogan. No longer ineptly named his "War on Terror", administration top guns have been coming out in unison, officially calling whatever it is, the "Struggle Against Violent Extremism." It may not seem like that big a deal to you, but I'll take it. It's at least a subtle admission that they may not be doing this thing exactly right. And it's got a nice acronym.

As for Ms. Fonda, before being side-tracked by the bilge pump, I was about to say, with all due respect, taking to the highways of America at this point on a sort of magical anti-war mystery tour may be ill-advised. Remember, not too long ago a hate-filled Vietnam veteran spit tobacco juice in her face at an innocent book-signing. Her proposed bus tour across America may only serve to divide this country even more than it already is, and it is at a breaking point. It's a different beast this time, this America, and that kind of demonstrative caravan may not yield the result she seeks. But if she must, as she likely must, godspeed, and may it work.

At the very least, she may get the news focused on something other than water being sucked out of a pond in Aruba.

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STATE



City questions letters supporting gas plant

By The Associated Press

MALIBU, Calif. — The City Council wants the state attorney general's office to investigate alleged phony letters of support for a proposed liquefied natural gas terminal in the Pacific Ocean off Oxnard. Australian energy company BHP Billiton wants to build a floating LNG terminal 21 miles offshore.

The City Council, which formally opposes the project, approved a resolution Monday night asking for a state investigation into apparently bogus letters of support posted on the U.S. Department of Transportation's Docket Management System Web site.

The Malibu Times and Ventura County

Star uncovered dozens of letters on the public comments site with names and addresses that could not be verified and letters with names of people who claimed they never wrote them.

The site serves as a clearinghouse for documents connected to development projects under federal review. The letters were posted from Nov. 5 to Dec. 20, 2004. BHP said it has no control over who submits letters to the docket.

Some residents and environments are concerned about the danger of an offshore LNG facility. Attorney Alicia Roessler, representing the Santa Barbara-based Environmental Defense Center, said winds could blow the pollutants onshore.

Mayor asks commuters to leave the car at home one day a week

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transit comes in the same month of the London subway and bus bombings.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is starting small, asking Los Angeles residents to give up driving just one or two days a week. The theory is that getting a few more cars off the road would go a long way toward easing gridlock and air pollution that are the worst in the nation.

"Los Angeles has a history of over-reliance on the single-passenger automobile, and we're going to have to change that history," said Villaraigosa, who went to Washington last week to lobby for more funding for transportation projects.

Since freeways overtook a once-thriving trolley system half a century ago, attitudes toward public transportation in Los Angeles have ranged from blase to hostile.

When a subway line was to expand out of downtown to Hollywood, community groups sued, calling it a source of sinkholes that swallowed up the project's funding. At the low point, construction cracked cement stars on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

The rail system's four lines extend over 73 miles, but many residents have no idea where their local bus or subway station is, if they even have one. Villaraigosa and others acknowledge some people live too far from mass transit for it to be convenient, but hope those commuters will occasionally walk, bike or car pool.

"We don't have a system that can take you anywhere you want to go," said Villaraigosa. "Until we do, and we make it convenient, safe, affordable, reliable and fast, we're not gonna change those habits."

Tayde Palomares used to ride buses, but now spends about an hour each morning driving 12 miles to her daughter's day care and the downtown law firm where she works. Palomares, 28, said it is worth sitting in traffic to avoid men on the bus who would leer and test pickup lines.

"You know those looks," she said. "That's the main reason why I started driving. I feel much safer."

David Fleming, one of the mayor's appointees to the regional Metropolitan Transportation Authority's board of directors, emphasizes the importance of removing even a small number of cars

from the road.

While serving on the California Transportation Commission, he learned that as a rule of thumb, 100 cars can travel together down a stretch of highway at 65 mph with no problem. But add another 20 cars, and traffic reaches a breaking point, with vehicles slowing to 20 mph, he said.

"If you can get 5 percent of the people who would otherwise drive a car and put them in public transit, you've solved a good deal of your public transportation problem," Fleming said.

Since the mayor took office July 1, he has frequently taken bus and train rides, gently suggesting that if the mayor can ride, other commuters can, too.

For commuters who do use mass transit, reasons range from environmentalism to economics.

Amy Wolfberg is among those who has a car but prefers the subway. Staying off the road saves her about 15 minutes each half of her commute, and her company pays for a \$52 monthly commuter pass to encourage employees to use public transit.

"I was born here so I've always been concerned about pollution," said Wolfberg, 43, who works at a downtown accounting firm.

Other riders have no choice about their mode of transport. MTA surveys in 2002 found the average household income of bus passengers was \$12,000 annually, and \$22,000 for train passengers.

So far, the transportation authority hasn't noted any reduction in ridership since the London bombings, and officials have stepped up the number of uniformed and undercover sheriff's deputies and bomb-sniffing dogs. Deputies conduct consensual searches of those they deem to be acting suspiciously, but aren't doing random checks like police on New York subways.

If other passengers aren't ready to commit to public transit every day, MTA officials hope they will follow the lead of riders like Anthony Contreras.

The 26-year-old takes an express bus as often as possible from his home in Manhattan Beach to his downtown office, paying \$3.50 roundtrip and saving on parking that runs from \$10 to \$30. He said he would take the bus more often if it ran later at night.

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Business

SANTA MONICA BUSINESS BRIEFS

Minorities taking their pieces of pie

By Daily Press staff

It appears minorities are living the American Dream of owning their own businesses more than Americans are.

The U.S. Census Bureau will release data this week that shows minority groups are increasing business ownership at much higher rate than the national average.

The U.S. Census Bureau is holding two major events to discuss the boom in the nation's minority- and women-owned businesses. The findings are from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2002 Survey of Business Owners. The tabulations provide the latest statistics on businesses owned by Hispanics, blacks, Asians, American Indians and Alaska natives, native Hawaiians and other Pacific islanders, and women in the nation, the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Those participating in the Los Angeles event on Thursday run the gamut of industries. The event will be held at 10 a.m. at the Los Angeles district office of the U.S. Small Business Administration, 330 N. Brand Blvd., Suite 1200 in Glendale.

Participants include James T. Christy, director, Los Angeles regional office, U.S. Census Bureau; Alberto Alvarado, district director, U.S. Small Business Administration; Melany Dela Cruz, coordinator and research analyst, National Asian Pacific American Community Development Data Center, UCLA; Jack Kyser, senior vice president and chief economist, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp.; D.V. "Sonny" Flores, president, PEC Corp.; and Paul Ong, director, Ralph and Goldy Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, UCLA.

Also on Thursday, in Washington D.C. at the National Urban League Conference, participants include Marc Morial, president and CEO, National Urban League; Ronald Langston, national director, Minority Business Development Agency; Stanley Rolark, chief, Customer Liaison Office, U.S. Census Bureau.

Louis Kincannon, director of the U.S. Census Bureau, will present remarks via videotape, at both events.

Don't let inflation get a rise out of you and your portfolio



MARKET MATTERS

BY BRIAN HEPP

In today's market environment, positioning your portfolio to generate income can be one of the most challenging tasks you'll find in managing your assets. With interest rates and inflation remaining relatively low, by historical standards, the real return — actual return minus inflation — on fixed-income investments such as bonds has been significantly less than what investors have enjoyed during the last 20 years.

To help your income keep pace with inflation, and at the same time take advantage of rising interest rates, there are several strategies you can make use of as you work toward your investment income objectives — both now and over time. Following are some examples to consider.

Keeping up with inflation. In very basic terms, inflation erodes the purchasing power of your dollar so that it buys less and less over time. Just think of the price of gas today, for example, and think about how much gas you could have bought 20 years ago for what it takes to buy just one gallon now. But for a more eye-opening example, let's look at the impact inflation can have on your portfolio.

Even a relatively modest inflation rate of just 3 percent could have a drastic effect over time. If you have a portfolio that generates \$50,000 in annual income, that unassuming 3 percent inflation rate would shrink your income to less than \$30,000 in 20 years, if you don't do anything to counteract its effects.

To help combat the effects of inflation on your portfolio, one investment idea to consider would be adding dividend-paying stocks to your portfolio. While stocks move up and down in value, and may be worth more or less than what you paid for them originally, long-term investors ben-

efit from dividend payments received from those stocks. There is no guarantee that a company will continue to pay dividends, but there are many well-known companies out there that have paid dividends consistently for years.

Treasury Inflation Protection Securities (TIPS) are another type of investment that could help your portfolio. Like other treasuries, TIPS are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. And you can see from their name that they were designed specifically with inflation in mind. Unlike traditional bonds, the value of the principal and interest income paid changes over time to reflect changes in the rate of inflation.

Preparing for higher interest rates. Current interest rates and bond yields are relatively low by historical standards. But now that the economy is improving, the Fed is raising rates to help control inflation. This presents opportunities and problems for fixed-income investors.

To help position your own portfolio appropriately, you may want to consider a laddered-maturities strategy. That involves purchasing equal quantities of a group of bonds with maturities positioned like the rungs of a ladder. By spreading your investments over several maturities, you can better capture the benefit of rising interest rates while minimizing the valuation changes in the bonds you own.

Short-term bonds also may provide a healthy addition to your portfolio. Short-term interest rates have begun to rise, which often leads to a rise in long-term bond yields. Since short-term bond prices can react less to changes in rates, they may provide stability to the income in your portfolio.

These are just some of the strategies you can use to find income in your portfolio. Now is the time to take steps to address your investment income needs.

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When bad vibrations are good for business

BY PAUL MENSER
Associated Press Writer

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — For Sean Marble and his team at Sentient Corp., their business is picking up bad vibrations.

Since 2001, the Idaho Falls company has grown to 11 people developing software that will allow the owners of aircraft, satellites and helicopters — mainly Uncle Sam — the means to detect component failures before they occur.

Because it costs at least \$1 million to rebuild a jet engine, an owner doesn't want to tear it apart any sooner than necessary. In the past, mechanics and engineers would use a stethoscope to hear whether an engine was making any funny sounds.

The approach today is essentially the same, but with a jet engine or a helicopter rotor, vibration sensors are used instead of human ears. Then the information has to be analyzed.

Sentient is one of many companies seeking to supply software that will help the Pentagon and the aerospace industry. The field called prognostics and health management is expanding dramatically, and Marble, the company's president, is hopeful about carving a niche.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have made the need for these products particularly acute.

"Several project managers in the Department of Defense are almost desperate for this sort of thing," Marble said. "Things are wearing out so fast that it becomes a challenge."

Since founding the company in 2001, he has landed four contracts with the Defense Department amounting to \$3 million. The money has come through two Small Business Administration programs: Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer.

Though \$3 million is a lot of money in the Idaho Falls economy, it pales in comparison with the \$40 billion the Defense Department spends each year for equipment maintenance.

Because of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Congressional Budget Office estimated in March it would cost another \$8 billion this year to rectify the losses caused by wear and tear on equipment, and that uncorrected damage and wear from 2003 and 2004 would boost the total to between \$13 billion and \$18 billion.

The opportunities for a small company to capitalize on this work are great.

Impact Technologies, a company in Rochester, Minn., in the field since 1999, has grown to 70 people. Like Sentient, its products are designed to tell operators when critical components are starting to degrade and predict their remaining useful. Also like Sentient, it has built its reputation as a small-business contractor for the Pentagon.

The work coming Sentient's way has Marble looking for at least four more engineers.

In fact, finding qualified people has been the biggest challenge. Ideally, Marble would like to have his pick of mechanical engineers with master's and Ph.D. degrees.

"We're looking for a fairly specific kind of person," he said.

Marble himself holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University. He moved to Idaho Falls when his wife, Julie, got a job with Idaho National Laboratory.

Sentient has benefited from an association with Montana State University's TechLink program, which reviewed the company's proposals and provided funding to visit with federal program managers.

Marble said that it's essential to speak to federal representatives. Sentient unsuccessfully applied for several Small Business Innovation Research grants until Marble overcame his apprehension about doing that.

He also recommends that entrepreneurs seek legitimacy by forming teams and partnerships with university faculty, large companies, and others with expertise. Background research and speaking with federal program managers can be useful when locating potential partners.

In Idaho, the company has a line of credit from the Regional Development Alliance, which practices economic development using part of the state's \$30 million spent-fuel settlement with the Energy Department.

Tim Solomon, the alliance's executive director, said Sentient is the sort of high-tech startup his agency's board likes to see.

He said the board has been pleased with the company's ability to get federal money for research and development. The next step is for the company to broaden its customer base and improve its cash flow.

"The leap from R&D to actual sales is not that big, but the leap from R&D to cash flow is," Solomon said. "Obviously, they're not out of the woods yet. It comes down to cash flow. If we don't have cash flow, we die."

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NATIONAL

Compromise energy bill lends a big hand

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A wide-ranging energy bill expected to move through Congress this week includes more than \$8.5 billion in tax incentives and billions of dollars more in loan guarantees and other subsidies for the electricity, coal, nuclear, natural gas and oil industries.

The White House said Wednesday that President Bush intends to sign the bill soon.

Efficiency and conservation programs would get about \$1.3 billion of the more than \$14.1 billion in total tax breaks over 10 years, according to lawmakers who have been briefed on the legislation worked out in negotiations between the House and Senate. About \$3 billion in tax breaks would go for renewable energy source, mostly to subsidize wind energy.

Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, the ranking Senate Democrat participating in the energy negotiations, bemoaned the reduction in support for energy efficiency and conservation programs in the tax package. The Senate had approved more than \$3 billion in tax breaks.

But he said he will support the bill when it comes before the Senate, possibly as early as Thursday. The House could take up the measure late Wednesday.

"Given the makeup of the Congress today and given the policies of the administration this is as good a bill as I think we could hope to get," Bingaman said in a

conference call with reporters.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., who led Senate negotiators, said the measure would help diversify the nation's energy portfolio by spurring development of new technologies to help put in service the next generation of nuclear reactors and find ways to burn coal with less pollution.

"We mandate more conservation and higher efficiency," said Domenici, citing among other things new efficiency standards for 14 commercial appliances such as large refrigerators and cooling systems.

Still, the bill was criticized by some Democrats in Congress, as well as outside watchdog groups, for funneling billions of dollars to mature energy companies that are cash rich because of soaring oil prices and gasoline that is averaging \$2.29 a gallon nationwide.

"The energy bill does little to nothing to reduce our dependence on Middle East oil," said Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., who criticized the bill's failure to seriously address automobile fuel efficiency.

The nuclear industry, corn farmers and the coal industry did particularly well with the legislation.

The bill would require refiners to double the use of ethanol, mostly from corn, as an additive to gasoline to 7.5 billion gallons a year by 2012.

A boon to farmers, it also would cost the taxpayer because ethanol gets a substantial tax break compared to gasoline, said Myron Ebel, an energy analyst for the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

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Sen. New Mexico

A last-minute proposal added to the tax package late Wednesday by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., also would provide a 30 percent tax credit, up to \$30,000, for the installation of equipment to sell gasoline consisting of 85 percent ethanol. There are only about 400 such retail outlets, mainly in the farm belt region, and the tax incentive is designed to spur construction of more, according to a Hastert aide.

The nuclear industry hailed the legislation. It reaped major benefits, including "risk insurance" totaling \$2 billion if there are permitting or regulatory delays in construction of the first six new nuclear power reactors.

The bill also provides loan guarantees for future reactors and a green light for building a \$1.25 billion next-generation nuclear plant that could produce hydrogen as well as electricity.

The legislation also boosts the coal industry with loan guarantees and \$2.9 billion in tax breaks mostly for development of technology to make coal more environ-

mentally friendly and develop ways to capture climate-changing carbon emissions.

Oil and gas producers would get \$1.5 billion in tax breaks as well as royalty relief for certain deep-well drilling. A \$500 million program, paid for by royalty relief, would help oil companies drill for oil in extremely deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Another \$1 billion is earmarked for coastal restoration in five states with offshore oil production.

As House-Senate conferees worked late into the night this week on the final paragraphs of the legislation, a proposal was made, and approved, to provide \$250,000 for a study of "irradiated fuel" — although many of the conference participants acknowledged they had no idea what that was.

"Lawmakers let go any financial inhibitions and started spending like a bunch of drunken sailors," said Jill Lancelot, president of the watchdog organization Taxpayers for Common Sense. "This energy bill is filled to the brim with massive giveaways for mega-rich energy companies."

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NATIONAL



Land grab in Colorado proves to be exhausting

BY ROBERT WELLER
Associated Press Writer

KEYSTONE, Colo. — In a grim prediction underscoring the state’s rapid population growth, a senior state demographer said this week he expected all private land in the Colorado Rockies to be developed in the next few decades.

Jim Westkott’s office forecast that the population of six resort counties — Eagle, Summit, Pitkin, Garfield, Grand and Routt — will grow from the present 192,000 to 389,000 by 2030.

“There is enough of a market out there to fill up all the land,” Westkott told a meeting of the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, which is comprised of leaders from communities from around Colorado’s high country. He said his population estimate doesn’t include thousands of second-home owners, skiers or other tourists.

In the resort town of Crested Butte Saturday, 89 new homes — costing a total of \$80 million — were snapped up in just six hours, setting a single-day sales record for Gunnison County. About 300 people took part in a lottery drawing for an opportunity to buy studio to four-bedroom condominiums for between \$319,000 to \$1.9 million.

The area is so popular that industries of old — mining, logging — have been replaced by tourism and the building of second homes.

“The (industrial) smokestack that we used to see because it was 100 feet tall is now the home,” he said.

Economic forces aren’t the only drive

driving the counties’ growth, which features breathtaking views, miles of hiking trails, several ski resorts and golf courses

“If any other state had suffered the job crash Colorado suffered, there would have been massive outmigration. People tend to stay in places they like,” said Federal Reserve Bank economist Stephan Weiler of Kansas City, Mo.

Westkott said the state is very popular with baby boomers, and as they approach retirement, many will come to Colorado.

Water, often considered a possible brake on growth, will not slow down the development of western Colorado, said David Merritt, chief engineer for the Colorado River Water District.

“The water’s there,” he said.

Merritt said there will be problems with developing additional water resources along with competition with the populous Front Range, raising prices dramatically.

“The demands over there (on the Front Range) are scary,” said Merritt.

Mick Ireland, a Pitkin County commissioner, said the political will of people who already live in western Colorado will stop the “baby boom tsunami” from overrunning the area.

“I think people are going to say ‘close the door.’ They will take political action to stop the growth,” said Ireland.

Westkott said the only thing that could stop the growth would be the political will created by a mess resulting from uncontrolled growth that could include long commutes, traffic delays, and other big city ailments, along with crowded hiking trails and destroyed views.

Hispanic community, cops work together to fight fraud

BY AMANDA KEIM
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — With Hispanics more than twice as likely to fall victim to fraud as whites, the Federal Trade Commission has turned to an educational campaign in hopes of reducing the victimization rate among the country’s fastest growing population.

Results of a survey the agency conducted in 2004 showed more than 14 percent of Hispanics have been victims of fraudulent schemes compared to six percent of whites.

“Up until now there has been very little if any attention paid to this population,” said Oscar Villanueva, the U.S. postal inspector for Los Angeles.

Hispanics fall prey to scams prevalent in other communities such as credit card scams and get rich quick plays that let people work at home, said Paul Charlton, the U.S. Attorney for Arizona, where one in four residents are Hispanic.

But authorities are also starting to discover that Hispanics, especially recent immigrants with limited English skills who don’t understand how U.S. financial services work, are being targeted for other schemes more directly.

“They’re almost desperate to establish credit in this country because it’s your gateway to other things, so they’re more willing to take risks,” said Alvaro Tuig,

an outreach liaison for the FTC. “As you get into the second and third generations, they become more acculturated into the way the American system works.”

Some immigrants have been fooled by U.S. notary publics who claim they will process immigration papers for a fee - something Mexican notaries are authorized to perform, Charlton said.

Other times, Spanish speakers will have a contract written in English incorrectly explained to them in Spanish, said Luz Sarmina-Gutierrez, president and CEO of Valle del Sol, an organization that provides health and social services primarily for Latinos.

Charlton said government agencies have only recently learned of such narrowly targeted schemes and are now using community groups to learn more.

Hispanic groups have also learned about existing fraud prevention resources from law enforcement agents, said Luis Ibarra, president and CEO of Friendly House - a program that helps immigrants adjust to living in the United States.

The FTC is hosting forums to discuss types of fraud used to hook Hispanics.

The latest efforts are in addition to the educational campaign for Hispanics launched by the FTC almost a year ago. Since then, the FTC has been translating educational material on more traditional scams into Spanish and has developed a bilingual Web site.



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LOCAL

Tenants lose fight for homes

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ported by city staff, consultants and the developer, came in the wake of unprecedented efforts by Christie's tenants to support historical preservation of the Santa Monica residential site they occupy.

Four members of the Santa Monica City Council supported not granting the Christie Courtyard historical status, with Councilman Bobby Shriver opposing the decision.

Councilman Ken Genser, who works for the developer, abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. Councilman Kevin McKeown was absent from the meeting.

In recent weeks, the council made a similar decision to approve demolition of a vacant Craftsman-style bungalow in the Third Street district, which the owner also wanted to make into a condominium complex.

Going into Tuesday night's meeting, Rosario Perry, an attorney who deals with affordable housing issues in Santa Monica, said it would be interesting to see how the council ruled regarding Christie's, particularly in light of its decision to allow re-development of the abandoned Craftsman bungalow.

Perry said he believed the council would face unusual pressure to preserve Christie's by its tenants.

"Until now, the council has been dealing with properties that are largely abandoned," Perry said. "With the increasing housing crunch, and higher market rates, there's more pressure than ever to re-



File photo

Christie's Courtyard in better times. The 80-year-old apartment complex will be razed in favor of new condominiums.

develop apartments.

"At the same time, there seems to be greater efforts by tenants to keep older apartments intact."

More than a dozen Christie's residents took turns sharing with the council petitions, letters of support, and more than 50 pages of research and photos they had gathered regarding the social, economic and cultural history of their 80-year-old home.

Although only one landmark criteria was needed to be proved for historical designation, they said Christie's fell under three categories.

A staff report describes the courtyard as modest in scale, surrounded by wood-frame construction, stucco siding, flat

roofs and parapets highlighted with an edge of red clay tile. Concrete sidewalks border the courtyard, and two rows of planters containing agaves, yucca trees and bougainvillea are adjacent to the front entrance steps.

Residents noted Christie's wide and green courtyard and other design aspects distinguished it from others. They said the city's historical inventory, used in categorizing possible historical buildings, straddled the complex with 15 others that mischaracterized it. They argued many of these courtyards were inferior in style to Christie's, more like walkways.

"Although the survey says there are 15 courts, there are not 15 courts like Christie's," said Carlo Brooks, a Christie's tenant.

In addition, the residents argued Christie's offered a community feel to its occupants since it was built in 1924. They showed photographs of laborers, mid-level professionals and artists who once lived there.

"It's the poster child for Santa Monica's affordable housing movement," said resident Robert Minzner.

Another resident, Dishanya Weerasinha, noted Christie's history of ordinary people who move to Santa Monica, was, in fact, what made it special.

"History just doesn't happen in buildings occupied by rich people and celebrities, but also people like us," Weerasinha said.

David Moss, an attorney representing the owner, urged the council to look at Christie's on a more objective basis.

"Your consultant and my consultant are united here," Moss said. "The professionals agree this is not a historical building."

Moss said emotional appeals made by residents to protect buildings they occupy could become a dangerous standard for preservation in Santa Monica, if the council succumbed to such tactics.

"They could put up pictures of faces from the past, trolley cars, the pier, and those buildings would have to be landmarked."

A historical consultant, working on behalf of the property owner, noted a fire had significantly altered the complex in 1994. Christie's also lacked the original doors and windows, and its exterior had been re-finished.

Jan Ostashay, the city's historical consultant, said she used a methodology, set by state and national guidelines, in her determination that Christie's was not distinct enough to be preserved.

"It's not arbitrary," she said. "It's due to a set process."

Shriver asked Ostashay if her professional opinion would change if some of Christie's original features were still intact. Ostashay said it would help, but not change her opinion.

Mayor Pam O'Connor, who has a background in historical building preservation, also supported staff's and Ostashay's position.

"A building always has a story to it," O'Connor said. "Most lives are exceptional to some level. (If we used that as a basis), we would have to preserve most buildings that are older than 40 years."

Councilman Richard Bloom thanked the residents for sharing Santa Monica history with the council and public, but he did not feel the site warranted preservation.

Shriver, who voted against demolition, believed Christie's qualified for land-

COUNCIL COUNTDOWN



The following is a summation of what went on in Santa Monica Council Chambers during the City Council's July 26 meeting, including a timeline, notable public comments and excerpts taken.

The City Council spent nearly five hours on several topics, including access at Santa Monica College's new airport campus, the fate of tenants who live in an apartment building that could be razed, affordable housing fees for developers and changing the plumbing code to accommodate environmentally friendly urinals.

TIMELINE:

7:17 p.m. to 7:22 p.m.

Report from City Attorney about actions taken in closed session.

7:22 p.m. to 7:29 p.m.

Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl introduces himself to council, along with his supporters.

7:29 p.m. to 7:32 p.m.

Public input on non-agenda items.

7:32 p.m. to 7:42 p.m.

Rosendahl speaks again

7:42 to 7:48 p.m.

Joy Fulmer, Joe Natoli and Pro Se speak on non-agenda items.

1) Fate of 125 Pacific:

Appellant discussion:

7:50 p.m. to 8:05 p.m.

Public discussion:

8:05 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.

Council discussion and decision:

8:40 p.m. to 9:11 p.m.

9:11 p.m. to 9:21 p.m.

Discussion of a planning commission denial for condominiums.

9:21 p.m. to 9:28 p.m.

Discussion and adoption of hedge ordinance.

9:28 p.m. to 10:43 p.m.

Affordable housing discussion regarding changing the fees developers pay to build in Santa Monica. After discussing the issue, the council couldn't come to a consensus on a financial analysis so it put it off until September.

Due to time constraints, the City Council at this point readdresses its agenda and pushes items over to future meetings.

10:43 p.m. to 10:47 p.m.

Approval to building code changes to accommodate environmentally friendly urinals.

2) Fate of SMC's Bundy campus access:

Staff report:

10:50 p.m. to 11:03 p.m.

Public discussion:

11:03 p.m. to 12:39 a.m.

Council discussion and decision:

12:39 a.m. to 1:08 a.m.

Miscellaneous items were discussed for several more minutes before the council adjourned at about 1:30 a.m.



LET'S TALK CHIT

"Chits" (Public addressing City Council)

■ "Shame on you for knowing (the farmers' market was dangerous). I look forward to testifying against you." — Pro Se on the 2002 farmers' market tragedy.

■ "When talking about 10 dead and 40 people injured you shut me up because you didn't want to hear about it." — Joe Natoli on the 2002 farmers' market tragedy

■ "They should put a light in the center of the ceiling that comes down so it's easier to reach," Joy Fulmer regarding changing building codes as it relates to environmental-friendly urinals.

QUOTE OF NOTE

"I still don't know the definition of a hedge." — Councilman Herb Katz, regarding the adoption of the new hedge ordinance after more than a year of controversy to regulate the enclosures.

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Council waiting until Aug. 9

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develop trafficking and parking solutions associated with the new Bundy campus site. Staff's recommendation is expected to be heard in time for the Aug. 9 meeting. In addition, the City Council directed staff to invite neighborhood groups and Los Angeles Councilman Bill Rosendahl, whose electoral district also borders the Bundy campus, to take part in proposed roundtable discussions to develop long-term solutions associated with SMC's growth management plan.

It was the first time city and college officials publicly met to discuss the new campus. At stake for SMC is a coveted shuttle lot it may be able to use until November and vehicular access for its students at the nearby Bundy campus, terms that the college's proposal would allow. City Hall, which has leased the shuttle parking lot to SMC for years, authorized construction on the site for a new Airport Park, set to begin in November.

City Hall agreed to allow the college to use the shuttle lot through the summer, allowing students to park and attend summer classes through late August.

City Manager Susan McCarthy said the college was well aware construction of the new park was scheduled for November, adding that once it begins traffic on Airport Avenue would likely be hindered for 15 months.

The Bundy campus, which has enrolled 460 students this summer, is planned to provide classes to some 800 students once it is fully online, SMC officials said.

The site has a 100,000-square-foot, four-story building housing classrooms intended for nursing, teaching and community education courses. In addition, Bundy has a 30,000-square foot, two-story building the college is not using, and a surface parking lot capable of holding 609 cars, which SMC officials said will meet the needs of expected campus operations.

However, vehicular access to Bundy is currently limited to college staff and the disabled. The satellite campus is buttressed against the city of Los Angeles to the east, with a small road that permits turning in and out of the site from Bundy Drive. The Bundy campus is also fronted by Los Angeles to the south and east, on the corner of which is Stewart Avenue, a north-south neighborhood street the college has agreed not to use for campus access, except in the case of emergencies.

Bundy is also buttressed against the city of Santa Monica to the north, lined with commercial buildings City Hall leases, which separate the Bundy campus from Airport Avenue, a two-lane east-west road that leads to 23rd Street.

City Hall has agreed to allow summer students to park at the shuttle lot. The students walk south across Airport Avenue and down Donald Douglas Loop in order to access the satellite campus.

BAE Systems, Inc., the site's former owner until 2001, was permitted vehicular access to the facility by Donald Douglas Loop. In addition, BAE also had vehicular access to the site through a north-south passage that led to Airport Avenue. That access, near the Spitfire Grill, and owned by City Hall, has since been shut off to vehicular traffic, along with Donald Douglas Loop, since the Bundy campus went online for summer classes, SMC officials said.

Indicating Bundy site owners have historically been able to access Airport Avenue, SMC Interim President Tom

Donner challenged what he believed was City Hall's intent to corner the campus, without being able to exercise access rights previously associated with the site.

"Until the college purchased the property, there has never been an issue of access to it," Donner said. "We had no reason to believe that we would be cut off."

"All we are asking for is to be treated the same as the previous owners."

SMC's proposal would allow the college to use the shuttle parking lot however long it is available, up to a year, in which the "pilot program" would be reviewed. If Airport Park construction begins as planned, SMC would find an alternative to its parking demands. Similar to City Hall's staff report, the proposal also calls for a "blue-ribbon" panel to begin discussing broader issues related to traffic and congestion between the college, City Hall and the city of Los Angeles. The proposal was approved on Monday, the day before the meeting, during which SMC also discussed possible litigation with City Hall during a closed session.

However, some Santa Monica city officials said the college's "quick fix" might be side-stepping the issue, indicating that since the college operates under federal and state laws, it continued to not abide by Santa Monica municipal growth policies.

Affirming the point, Councilman Ken Genser said SMC had a history of not taking responsibility of its expansion. In the case of the Bundy campus, Genser noted the college, which has owned the site for four years, has only provided a master plan for it in recent months. The college also failed to provide an environmental impact report and a traffic mitigation plan, conditions for growth other public and private entities must provide before embarking on a project.

Genser said this tendency to disregard Santa Monica's growth policies was causing neighborhood groups to demand a binding contract in which the college agreed to be accountable for its growth.

Don Girard, SMC executive assistant, while previously giving a tour to reporters of the Bundy campus, said the college was being mischaracterized as the primary source of Santa Monica congestion problems. He said neighborhood groups were largely responding to general fears of growth and development which blamed the college, but in fact were not true.

To support this position, Girard referred to the fact SMC's satellite campus program was intended, in part, to offset traffic and parking concerns for residents living near the main campus at 1900 Pico Boulevard. In addition, the college had scaled possible plans for the Bundy campus to address neighborhood concerns.

Girard said the college's expansion is mostly complete and that it would be geared toward maintaining or re-servicing its level of programming.

However, he said a binding agreement some have requested of the college could potentially weaken its position in the future to ensure its mission.

"The board of trustees is committed to providing educational access, and there is no reason it should give up that authority," Girard said.

This attitude was mirrored by Councilman Bob Holbrook and Herb Katz, who felt the real issue was becoming lost.

"I'm tired of hearing who is at fault, and I believe (the college's) proposal has merits," Katz said. "We should go ahead with the pilot program

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NASA dismisses tile as reason for concern

BY PAM EASTON
Associated Press Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston — NASA said Wednesday that a chipped thermal tile on space shuttle Discovery's belly does not appear to be a serious problem, based on what engineers have seen so far.

In orbit, Discovery's astronauts slowly and delicately inspected the wings and nose for launch damage, using a 100-foot movable arm with lasers and a camera mounted on its tip.

NASA lead flight director Paul Hill said experts were still receiving and analyzing the data from the inspection, but during his own cursory look at the 3-D footage beamed down to Earth as the lasers panned across the spaceship's surface, "I didn't see anything that stood out."

Discovery settled into orbit Tuesday on the first shuttle flight since the Columbia disaster 2 1/2 years ago. Hours later, the space agency disclosed that an object believed to be a 1 1/2-inch piece of thermal tile appeared to have broken off from

a vulnerable spot near the nose landing-gear doors on the underside of the shuttle during liftoff.

Hill said Wednesday that engineers were still studying the tile damage, but added, "Their judgment based on the data so far is that it's not going to be an issue."

He said the engineers have not yet decided whether to ask NASA to gather more data on the tile by using the arm to inspect the belly.

The movable boom was added to the shuttle after Columbia was destroyed by damage to its thermal shield at liftoff. The inspection was planned all along, before NASA discovered the chipped tile.

Also during the liftoff, a large object seemed to fly off from the big external fuel tank but did not hit the shuttle.

NASA stuck to its original work schedule and inspected only the nose and wings on Wednesday, examining the dozens of reinforced carbon panels that withstand the heat during re-entry into Earth's atmosphere. Hill said the thermal tiles on the belly would be inspected on Friday if engineers requested a look.

Leaving 'no stone unturned' helped Vega stay the course

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is soft and hard, sexy and abrasive, traditional and experimental.

"My voice is very simple and because of that, it fits into different atmospheres, can take on what people might not expect," she added.

Cohn will close the evening with a reprise of his catalogue of hits and possibly throwing in songs from his upcoming fourth album, due out in the fall.

A somewhat elusive and infrequent performer, Cohn got his musical career going by performing with a cover band when he was in junior high until he left home for Oberlin College. During all of that, Cohn learned how to play guitar and began songwriting. While at Oberlin, he taught himself how to play the piano. After transferring to UCLA, Cohn hit the

coffeehouse and steakhouse circuit. In New York, he formed the band Supreme Court, which gained popularity. Cohn eventually went solo to focus on his own songs.

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SPORTS



Case of the Benz proves just what Agassi needed

BY TOM A. MCFERSON

Special to the Daily Press

Andre Agassi took the first step towards regaining his form with an easy 6-1, 6-0 win over unseeded Jean-Rene Lisnard in the first round of the Mercedes-Benz Cup on Tuesday night.

Playing for the first time since losing his opening match at the French Open in May, Agassi was able to settle down quickly and overcome a few pre-match jitters.

"I was expecting the nerves, which I did have, but nerves go away quickly when you get up two breaks immediately, which I did," he said.

Agassi will play Kevin Kim in the second round, scheduled for Thursday evening.

Three-time Los Angeles champion and eight-time Grand Slam king, Agassi is the No. 1 seed at the Mercedes-Benz Cup. The tournament continues through July 31 at the Los Angeles Tennis Center-UCLA.

Severely hampered by a sciatic nerve problem in his back and leg, Agassi has been forced to sit on the sidelines since May.

"It's been a difficult eight weeks because the process of getting better was slower than anticipated," Agassi said. "It was pretty bad after Paris."

Feeling good physically isn't the only positive change this week for the tennis superstar. Agassi, who has been a Nike mainstay for almost his entire career, announced his newly-inked deal with clothing and shoe manufacturer Adidas.

The tournament has been hit with a rash of last-minute player withdrawals, most importantly American Andy Roddick, who is out nursing a tender knee. Other player pull-outs include Taylor Dent (sick); Mardy Fish (wrist); Greg Rusedski (neck); and 2004 finalist Nicolas Kiefer (sick).

Defending champion Tommy Haas of Germany is seeded fourth and is looking forward to the possibility of a repeat performance this year.

"Just coming out here trying to defend my title is obviously very satisfying for me," Haas said. Haas was scheduled to play his second round match Wednesday evening against Xavier Malisse of Belgium.

Wild cards were extended to James Blake, Cecil Mamiit and Paul Goldstein. Mamiit earned his wild card by winning Friday's All-American Shootout.

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Aren't you ready for some golf? Lights go dim on Monday matches

BY BERNIE WILSON

Associated Press Writer

RANCHO SANTA FE — The sun was just dipping below the horizon when Retief Goosen and Phil Mickelson turned out the lights on Tiger Woods, John Daly and Monday Night Golf.

Goosen, a late substitute for the four-some, birdied four of the last six holes and five overall as he and Mickelson beat Woods and Daly 5 and 3 in the "Battle at The Bridges" on Monday night.

"We got killed," said Woods, who was a loser in the seventh and final installment of Monday Night Golf, which was started to get him on prime time. He wants to take a break from these made-for-TV exhibitions — in which he was 4-3 — and focus on majors.

Woods was playing eight days after his dominating British Open win. He also won the Masters and was second in the U.S. Open.

Organizers had portable lights set up on the 15th green and along the final three holes. But Goosen ended the match in the fading twilight when he hit an approach shot within 4 feet on the par-4, 411-yard 15th, then sank a birdie putt.

Woods and Daly needed to win the 15th to keep the best-ball match going, but both got into trouble with errant tee shots.

Organizers tried to get the Big Four for this year's exhibition, but Vijay Singh

didn't want to play and Ernie Els pulled out. They had to settle for three of the top five in the world rankings plus the ever-popular Daly.

It turned out that Goosen was a perfect fill-in.

Daly and Goosen flew in from Germany on Sunday night after playing in the Players' Championship of Europe. Daly tied for third - he had to play 36 holes on Sunday - while Goosen missed the cut in the rain-delayed tournament, meaning he had to wait around a day for the 11-hour flight on Daly's private jet.

The exhibition at the exclusive Bridges club north of San Diego was fairly unremarkable until Goosen made consecutive birdie putts on the par-4 10th and the par-3 11th for a 3-up lead. Goosen had missed his first three greens of the match.

Woods missed birdie putts on the same hole that would have kept his team in it.

It didn't hurt that Mickelson provided member knowledge. He belongs to The Bridges, where memberships start at \$350,000.

"Tonight was great," Goosen said. "I haven't been putting that well, really. But these greens are so good out there. The greens felt like you couldn't miss a putt out here."

"It was fun to be on the same team," Mickelson said. "It's bit me on the rear in the past, playing against him, and I wanted to break that putter many times. Tonight, it was fun to have it on my side."

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INTERNATIONAL

British police storm home for suspect

BY BETH GARDINER
Associated Press Writer

BIRMINGHAM, England — Police stormed a home before dawn Wednesday and used a stun gun to subdue a man who a witness and media reports said was suspected of being one of the four who carried out the failed July 21 transit bombings in London.

Members of the bomb squad, some dressed in armored suits, were seen moving into the home after police evacuated 100 nearby residences, located in a quiet, ethnically mixed neighborhood in Britain's second-largest city.

Three men were also arrested in pre-dawn raids at another home about two miles away in this city about 120 miles northwest of London. The raids were carried out by 50 officers from London's Metropolitan Police Anti-Terrorist Branch and West Midlands Police. No shots were fired.

"The operations are in connection with the incidents in London on July 21," the spokesman said on customary condition of anonymity. Bombs were planted on three London Underground trains and a bus on that day, but they failed to detonate fully.

Police arrested a man at Luton's airport near London under anti-terrorism legislation as he prepared to leave on a flight for France, authorities said. Police did not say why he was arrested or if it was connected with the recent London attacks.

Police would not confirm BBC and Sky news reports that the man subdued in

Birmingham with a Taser gun's electrical shocks may have been one of the four suspected of participating in last week's botched bombings. At least one witness said he may resemble Yasin Hassan Omar, 24, a Somali.

"I looked out of the window and the road was full of armed police and they had got the road closed off," said electrician Andy Wilkinson, who lives nearby.

He said the suspect looked like Omar but could not confirm it was him.

"After 10 or 15 minutes, they brought a guy out. He looked like the darkest-skinned one in the photos of the four suspects released by the police - the one with the curly hair," Wilkinson said. "They had him dressed in one of those white suits. He had plastic cuffs on the front."

London's Evening Standard ran a banner headline that said: "Captured. London bomb suspect is seized as armed police raid safe house." It did not identify the man.

The man was being brought to the high-security Paddington Green police station in central London, while the other three were being held in Birmingham, the police spokesman said.

Police launched a manhunt after releasing images of four men thought responsible for planting the bombs. The pictures have been plastered over much of London's transit and railway system while police have for more than a week released various details about the attackers.

On Monday, they released the names of two of the suspects, 24-year-old Omar

and Muktar Said Ibrahim, 27, also known as Muktar Mohammed Said.

Omar arrived in Britain from Somalia in 1992 at age 11, the Home Office said. A Somali citizen with British residency, he is suspected of trying to blow up a subway train near Warren Street station.

Said came to Britain in 1990 from Eritrea, his family said. He was granted residency in 1992 and British citizenship in September 2004, the Home Office said.

Both are the children of refugees, the government said.

According to Britain's Press Association, Said was part of a gang that carried out a series of muggings in the mid-1990s. He was sentenced to five years imprisonment in early 1996 but qualified for early release in 1998 after serving 2 1/2 years.

Press Association said that when he was released, Said grew a beard, adopted Islamic dress and became very devout. Police are looking into whether he attended the Finsbury Park or Brixton mosques in London, once considered magnets for radical Islamic clerics, and are investigating whether he met shoe-bomber Richard Reid, Press Association said.

Reid, who failed in his 2001 attempt to blow up an airplane, is serving a sentence of life imprisonment in the United States.

Police have also been trying to determine whether the failed bombings are connected to the deadly July 7 attacks that killed 56 people, including the four suicide bombers.

In a separate development, two other

men were arrested on suspicion of terrorism while traveling on a train in England's midlands region.

Lincolnshire police said the train, which was on its way to London's King's Cross station from Newcastle, was stopped at Grantham, where the men were arrested at 11 p.m. Tuesday.

The men were being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. It was not immediately clear if the arrests were linked to the investigation into the London bombings.

In a related development, the body of Jean Charles de Menezes, the Brazilian mistakenly shot to death by police on July 22 in London, will be flown back to Brazil later Wednesday for burial, lawyers for his family said.

The Birmingham arrests also came as police explosives experts were examining suspicious material found in a north London apartment connected to two Omar and Said.

The bombs were stored in clear plastic food containers and put into dark-colored bags or backpacks. Police said those four bombs were similar to another found abandoned in a park Saturday, raising fears a fifth bomber is on the loose.

The Birmingham arrests would bring the number of people that police have said are being held in connection with the July 21 bombings to nine. Police last week arrested and were questioning five other people in relation to the botched bombings. It remained unclear if the other two being held had anything to do with the attacks.

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INTERNATIONAL



Algeria says its diplomats have been killed

BY BASSEM MROUE

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two Algerian diplomats in Iraq have been killed by their kidnappers, the Algerian president's office said Wednesday, hours after an Internet statement by the terrorist group Al-Qaida in Iraq claimed it had slain the envoys.

Algerian state radio interrupted its programming to broadcast an announcement from the office of President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, which said that Ali Belaroussi and Azzedine Belkadi had been killed. The statement did not provide the source of the information.

It was the second reported slayings of Arab envoys in Iraq this month.

Belaroussi, 62, and Belkadi, 47, were kidnapped at gunpoint July 21 in Baghdad's upscale Mansour area. They appeared in a video made public Tuesday blindfolded and in captivity.

"The head of the Algerian mission Ali Belaroussi and the diplomat Azzedine Belkadi, whose government is ruling in violation of God's will, were killed," said the Internet statement.

Wednesday's statement, which appeared on an Islamic Web site, said the envoys had been killed because of the Algerian government's repression of Muslims in their north African country.

The pair appeared in a video made public Tuesday blindfolded and in captivity, giving their names and home addresses.

Progress on Iraq's new constitution ran into another snag as Iraqi Kurds threaten not to back down from demands for a federal state despite problems this may create in meeting an Aug. 15 deadline that U.S. officials are pushing.

Massoud Barzani, head of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, also said Kurds would never dissolve their militias and repeated demands for the return of ethnic Kurds to the oil-rich Kirkuk area from which tens of thousands of them were expelled under Saddam Hussein.

Barzani's comments, broadcast by Al-Arabiya television, indicated the Kurds are standing firm on longtime demands at a time when the United States is urging all sides to compromise in order to finish the new constitution by the Aug. 15 deadline.

His remarks were broadcast as Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld arrived in Baghdad to urge the Iraqis not to miss the deadline for completing the draft of the constitution. The Defense Department wields considerable influence among the Kurds, who worked closely with the Americans in preparations for the 2003 invasion that toppled Saddam.

"It's time for a compromise. That's what politics are about and people are simply going to have to recognize that (in) any constitutional drafting process, compromise is necessary. It's important. It's understandable. It's the way democratic systems work," Rumsfeld said.

At a joint news conference with Rumsfeld, Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari said the time has arrived to plan a coordinated transition from American to Iraqi military control throughout the country.

Asked how soon a U.S. withdrawal should happen, he said no exact timetable had been set. "But we confirm and we desire speed in that regard," he said, speaking through a translator.

Speaking earlier with U.S. reporters traveling with Rumsfeld, Gen. George Casey, the top American commander in Iraq, said he believed a U.S. troop withdrawal could begin by spring 2006 if progress continues on the political front and if the insurgency does not expand.

A bomb exploded Wednesday near a U.S. Army patrol in central Iraq, killing one soldier and wounding five others, the U.S. command said.

The attack occurred in Salaheddin province in the Sunni Triangle north of Baghdad, a center of the anti-American insurgency. The soldiers were assigned to Task Force Liberty based in Tikrit but their names were not immediately released, the U.S. command said.

Preliminary drafts of the Iraq's constitution call for disbanding all militias associated with Iraqi parties since the days when they were fighting Saddam. The Kurds have long maintained that their peshmerga fighters are not a militia but rather the security force of their autonomous Kurdish region in the north.

It is unlikely that the Shiites and others would accept an end to their own militias if the Kurds are allowed to keep their peshmerga fighters.

"The peshmergas will stay and there is no force that will be able to cancel them," Barzani said. He said the issue of Kirkuk must be resolved according to a formula the Kurds accepted before U.S. authorities restored Iraqi sovereignty.

That could anger many Sunni Arabs, who were moved into the Kirkuk area after the Kurds were expelled, and also Turkomen, who consider Kirkuk as their homeland too. Turkey has given strong support to the demands of their Iraqi ethnic kinsmen.

Many Sunni Arabs are also suspicious of federalism, fearing it would lead to the breakup of the nation. Federalism also raises questions about the distribution of oil revenues, including how much should go to the central government and how much to any regional federated districts.

In other developments in Iraq:

■ A senior Baghdad International Airport official was abducted Wednesday by gunmen, police said. Mahir Yassin, director of the communication department at Baghdad airport, was kidnapped from Baghdad's western Mansour neighborhood on his way to work by assailants in two cars.

■ Mortar attacks on Baghdad's main bus station Wednesday killed at least two and injured 20 others, said Dr. Muhannad Jawad of Yarmouk Hospital. Most of the victims are believed to be Iraqi civilians.

■ Gunmen opened fire Wednesday on a car carrying three employees of the Ministry of Trade, killing one man and wounding two women, Baghdad police said.

■ In Tikrit, Iraqi police said gunmen fired on a truck carrying Iraqis working at a U.S. garrison near Oja, birthplace of Saddam Hussein, killing one and injuring seven.

■ Seven Iraqi soldiers were shot and killed as they were guarding a water plant north of Baghdad, the Defense Ministry said Wednesday. About 20 assailants armed with hand grenades and light weapons drove up in four cars and opened fire Tuesday in Tarmiyah, 30 miles north of Baghdad.

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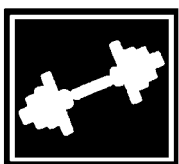
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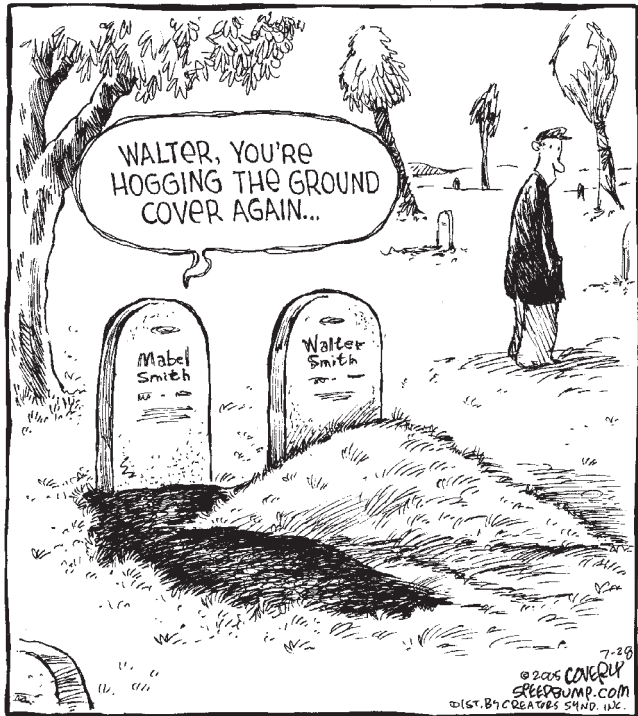
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