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FIRE ALARM

District closes Malibu schools due to wildfire risk
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TO THE RESCUE: Helicopters from the Air Ops unit of the L.A. City Fire Department take turns filling up their gondolas with water Monday just off the coast, near Pepperdine University in Malibu.

No hitting below the belt

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Fair fight funds could level political playing field in SM

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A fair fight and politics are two themes that don't often converge in conversation, but they will tonight. Residents are expected to ask the City Council to consider creating a "fair fight" fund for candidates who are attacked

by independent expenditure committees that have the power to raise and spend an unlimited amount of money to influence the outcome of elections. It is one idea out of many that the council will consider as it looks at the public financing of campaigns, an issue which has gathered steam since last November, when a group known as Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities used more than \$400,000

from the hospitality industry to run negative television ads targeting Councilman Kevin McKeown — the first time such ads were used in a local election, political observers said. "In between the last two council races, independent expenditures went up by 300 percent," said Brandon Marlowe, with Vote4SM, a group of residents who are working with clean money advocates on public financing in

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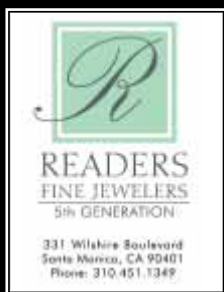
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Movie Thriller: 'Disturbia'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Santa Monica Public Library gears up for the Halloween season with the recent thriller "Disturbia," starring Shia LaBeouf and David Morse. Free program. All ages welcome. Seating is first come, first served.

Interpol at the Forum

Manchester Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, Inglewood, 8 p.m.

True fans of Interpol will get past the initial comparisons to Joy Division and get lost in Paul Banks' dreamy eyes. Sigh. Tickets start at \$25.

For more information, visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Bongo Fury

1432 Fourth St., 9:30 p.m.

Fierce Afro-Cuban Jazz and Cabaret tonight at Harvelle's. Cover charge is \$10. For more information, visit www.harvelles.com.

Storytime Tuesdays

11360 Santa Monica Blvd., L.A., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.

The West L.A. Library offers stories and crafts for kids every Tuesday morning.

Floral design and sales course

601 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

The Regional Occupational Program is offering a semester course on floral design. Instruction includes principles of floral design, basic sales, customer relations and basic business practices. The registration fee is \$50. Pre-registration is required. Call (310) 395-9493, ext. 457 or 456 for more information.

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007

An enchanting lunch

1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

Storytelling, an enactment of a Halloween-themed fairy tale, lunch, and more make up Halloween Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre — an event for 3- to 5-year-olds and their folks. Ticket prices are \$25 for children; parents are free (including lunch) and participate throughout. Reservations are a must. Call (310) 394-9779, ext. 2 or visit www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com for more information.

YMCA pumpkin patch

Sunset Boulevard and Temescal Canyon, Pacific Palisades,
3 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Pick a pumpkin, play on hay bales and hide-n-seek in the spooky woods at the Palisades-Malibu YMCA's pumpkin patch at Simon Meadow. For more information, call (310) 454-5591.

Kultural Columbus

1700 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.

"Columbus" is split between Kulturas' two locations — on Fourth Street and Ocean Park Boulevard. The Fourth Street display exhibits two large and striking panels of pastel on paper, while the Ocean Park location exhibits the smaller oil on wood panels.

McCampbell and Mendez play Tag

2903 Santa Monica Blvd., check for times

Tag Gallery's new exhibit features works by Rachael McCampbell and Valerie Mendez. For more information on the gallery or the artists, visit www.TAGTheArtistsGallery.com.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Prius doesn't placate environmentalists

Protesters criticize Toyota for its stance on emissions rules

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

AUTO ROW With its formidable gas mileage, the popular Prius has helped Toyota become one of the greenest car companies around, but that hasn't stopped environmentalists from criticizing the auto maker for its stance on emissions.

At a rally on Monday in front of the Santa Monica Toyota dealership, citizens concerned about greenhouse gases and global warming held up picket signs and shouted through a megaphone at passersby in an effort to draw attention to Toyota and the other major auto manufacturers who are trying to block a state law mandating a 30-percent reduction in auto emissions by 2016.

The rally — organized by Plug In America, the Rainforest Action Network and the Global Exchange — was one of several said to be held in cities across the country in an effort to raise awareness about AB 1439, a bill sponsored by former Santa Monica Assemblywoman Fran Pavley that has become a model for other states looking to act where the federal government has not.

The bill, passed in 2002, forced the California Air Resources Board to devise standards to reduce motor vehicle greenhouse gas emissions. ARB sought public input and adopted regulations in 2004.

It was then that the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers — representing BMW, Chrysler, Ford, GM, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Porsche, VW and Toyota — announced it was filing a lawsuit challenging



COMING TOGETHER: Protesters assemble in front of the Toyota dealership at Santa Monica and Lincoln boulevards at noon on Monday to voice opposition to the car makers' actions attempting to block a state law mandating a 30-percent reduction in auto emissions by 2016.

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the law, saying that fuel economy standards can only be set by the federal government.

State officials filed a waiver with the Environmental Protection Agency in 2005 that, if granted, would allow them to move forward with the regulations, but so far, the EPA has failed to act.

If the waiver is approved, it would allow other states to adopt California's strict motor-vehicle emission regulations. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and State Attorney General Jerry Brown have made it clear that if the EPA fails to follow the law and grant the waiver, the state will take the matter to

federal court.

"We're out in front of the dealership because we know that this is where the money comes in," said Paul Scott, of Plug In America, a group advocating the production

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Suspected bank robber doesn't get far from the scene

BY JARED MORGAN
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN A homeless man was arrested by police just minutes after he allegedly robbed a Santa Monica bank on Saturday, causing a commotion that left visitors and area workers holed up indoors while police secured the area.

Mark Collett, 45, reportedly walked out

of the Citibank at 501 Santa Monica Blvd. with more than \$3,500 before being apprehended one block away — near the northwest corner of Sixth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard, said Lt. Alex Padilla of the Santa Monica Police Department.

"The guy ran down the sidewalk and, like, 13 cops ran from across Santa Monica Boulevard to catch him," said Mathias Nani, a clerk at Hi De Ho Comics, which is located near the inter-

section where Collett was apprehended.

Customers and employees at Hi De Ho were told by Santa Monica police officers to stay indoors for more than an hour, Nani said.

"It was crazy. I saw a cop car come down the street and noticed that there were police everywhere," said Cam Lewis, an employee of Goodwill, located just across the street. "I thought it was funny. They already had the guy down and more police came."

Police cars, paramedics and fire trucks were all on the scene, with a police officer conducting traffic amid the early afternoon chaos.

"(The suspect) was on the ground, his face was bloody. That's the fastest I've seen [Santa Monica Police] move," said Kimberly Hafey, a receptionist at the nearby Healing Bodyworks. "They quickly locked everything down."

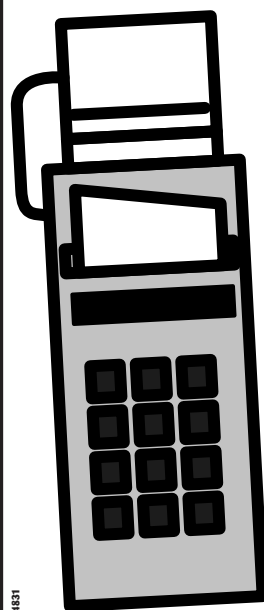
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Daniel’s Village teaches compassion
Editor:

I am a family member of Daniel’s Place. The support I have received from this organization has been tremendous. I am writing this letter in regard to (the Daily Press’) Oct. 18 article “Residents wary of Daniel’s Village” in the Santa Monica Daily Press.

As a mother of a mentally ill young adult who would benefit greatly from this type of housing, I wanted you to know that I am in total agreement with this project becoming a reality. By the community supporting – by uniting – to be a part of this project, rather than opposing it, would show the compassion that these mentally ill individuals so desperately need.

Regina Canetty
Santa Monica

Stand tall by our suffering youth
Editor:

I am writing to voice my endorsement of Daniel’s Village (“Residents to Step Up: Step off,” Oct. 18). This project, in conjunction with the support services that Step Up and Daniel’s Place provide for young adults struggling with mental illness, is desperately needed. The transition from adolescent to adult, and the attending life skills that must be learned to make this transition, is confusing and difficult in and of itself. For kids with mental illness, it is overwhelming. They need all the support and love we, as a community, can give to them.

Research has shown that people with mental illness are no more likely than anyone else to harm strangers. However, they are more likely to be the victims of violence than other members of society, due in part to poverty and homelessness. Daniel’s Village will provide safe shelter, social support and independent living skills to these young people. For some, it may even make the difference between life and death.

It is my hope that the citizens of Santa Monica will approach this issue with knowledge and compassion. To paraphrase a famous quote, “No person stands so tall as when s(he) stoops to help a young person.” These kids need our help. Let’s give it to them by supporting Daniel’s Village and we’ll all stand a little taller.

Migsy Smith
Santa Monica

Spend money on our students first
Editor:

I spent over four hours at the school board meeting (Oct. 18) and no one can explain why \$23 million of Santa Monica and Malibu taxes (Measure BB funds) are slated for a new school (Edison Language Academy) that will serve only a couple hundred Santa Monica residents, at most. Given an overall decline of school-age students in our district, would not those widely sought after Measure BB funds serve a better purpose by refurbishing other larger SMMUSD elementary schools? Simply move those few hundred students to other SMMUSD campuses and eliminate the need to hand out massive out-of-district permits to LAUSD as our student population continues its downhill spiral.

Let’s return to community schools and stop building “commuter” schools for Los Angeles residents.

Dr. Lisette Bauersachs
Santa Monica

Guest Commentary

Brandon Marlowe
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It’s time for fair
fight funds for all

WE DON’T LET BULLIES STEAL OUR KIDS’ lunch money, and we shouldn’t let political bullies steal elections in Santa Monica.

The City Council is exploring options for local campaign finance reform. First and foremost, they should craft a plan that serves residents by protecting local politics from special interests and their expensive attack campaigns.

We wonder why our town keeps getting more congested, and why developments we residents oppose keep springing up anyway, including massive condos that replace affordable housing and displace our neighbors.

In local politics, money talks — and big money from out-of-town developers has been shouting the loudest. Last year, one Beverly Hills-based hotel developer spent close to \$1 million trying to buy the election. They ran a nasty attack campaign, with TV spots and relentless direct mail, against a pro-resident, pro-environment incumbent ... all the while, trying to elect candidates more willing to approve their plans for run-away beachfront development.

We Santa Monicans are smart. We didn’t buy the attack campaign, and the deep-pocketed hotel owners were unmasked and defeated — this time. Unfortunately, spending that kind of money is merely a cost of doing business for developers who stand to make millions by turning our town into Beverly Hills-by-the-sea. They will be back in future elections, fat checkbooks in hand — we can count on it.

In 2006, the dollar amount of independent expenditures — which, because of established court decisions, cannot be limited — increased by an alarming 300 percent over the previous Council race. The bulk of it happened to come from developers, but really, any well-heeled group can get a very large foot in the door and a very large thumb on the scale of political power. And you can be sure that most of them won’t have the average Santa Monican’s quality of life at the top of their agenda.

It’s human nature to want to avoid being attacked, so our local elected officials tend to become more timid about standing up to developers. If we residents want to regain control of our town, we have to stop the bullies. This brings us back to local campaign finance reform.

What is it about the current system that gives the big advantage to well-heeled outsiders? Special interest groups and their con-

sultants create some plausible-sounding shadow entity — “Santa Monicans for Apple Pie” — and then flood voters with fliers and other communications that seem to come from a committee of concerned citizens.

Courts have said corporations have the right to do this, even if the content is lies meant to buy elections: It’s protected as free speech. That free speech too often comes at the high cost of harm to our quality of life. In this last election, it was developers taking aim at us with their money; next time other special interests may join the party. If we can’t prohibit wealthy outside interests from spending big bucks in

Santa Monica politics to overwhelm local voices, what can we do? We can fight back.

Last year, the developers outspent the candidate they attacked 20-to-1. That’s not a typo: They spent about \$800,000. He spent less than \$40,000, but he had an honest, credible message.

What if we ensured that future candidates could answer such attacks, by making available from a public fund the modest sum needed — in Santa Monica that’s about \$40,000 or \$50,000 — to effectively get their message out if they are attacked?

Full public financing of campaigns has been suggested, but the costs might be high. It may not make sense to put public dollars behind each and every candidate who comes forward, and it’s hard to know where and how to set the bar for who should qualify.

What if, instead, we simply made about \$40-\$50K in public funding available to any candidate who is attacked? The special interests would think twice about mounting an attack, because the candidate they oppose would get to fight back. It would help candidates find their backbone and resist the temptation to cave in to developers to avoid becoming a target.

No solution is perfect. But we must begin to protect ourselves — now. Think about what overdevelopment costs you and your neighborhood. Think about the friends forced out of town, and the traffic congestion and lower quality of life for those of us who remain. Stopping the political attack campaigns would be a great investment in keeping Santa Monica’s future in residents’ hands.

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Guest Commentary

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A radical free-market remedy for recession

IN 1997, I WROTE AN ARTICLE TITLED "The Business Cycle" predicting a recession in 2008. I could forecast the year because a real estate cycle has occurred in the United States since the early 1800s, with an average duration of 18 years. The last real estate recession was in 1990, so I stated that the next recession would most likely occur in 2008.

In August 2005, real estate prices were rapidly rising, and I warned that the boom would end badly. "Don't blame the market," I said, since the boom and subsequent bust were caused by government interventions that had distorted the real estate and financial markets. I warned that home prices would plunge, there would be defaults and foreclosures, and the economy would fall into recession.

Now, as I write in October 2007, real estate prices have, for the time being, peaked. Home prices are falling in much of the United States. Sales have plunged, and many borrowers have defaulted. Loose lending standards have promoted subprime mortgages for folks who can barely afford loans. When the adjustable interest rate rises, they default.

Banks sell these risky mortgages in the secondary market, facilitated by government-sponsored enterprises popularly called Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Mortgages are packaged and sold to hedge funds and financial institutions worldwide. Defaults create uncertainty about the value of these securities, and the whole global financial system then totters.

The Federal Reserve has come to the rescue with money expansion and interest rate cuts. This action has calmed the financial markets, and the stock market has recovered. However, this great expansion of money will come at a price: Higher inflation later. Interest rate manipulations temporarily treat the symptoms but do not eliminate the causes of the business cycle.

There is nothing the Fed can do to prevent the next recession. The Fed has been blamed for lowering interest rates too much after 2001, but the problem is not just a misjudgment by Fed officials. The fundamental problem is that the optimal rate of interest cannot be known under a system of central planning.

The interest rate plays a vital role in the economy. It equalizes savings and borrowing and, in doing so, allocates income into consumption and investment at the right amounts, so that all income gets spent. But

when a central bank like the Fed manipulates the interest rate, it becomes different from the natural free-market rate, and it is then not allowed to do its job. That creates distortions, such as an unsustainable real estate boom.

The real estate boom gets escalated by another government intervention: The tax system. To the extent that government works such as streets, public transit, security, parks, and schooling are beneficial, they increase real estate rentals and prices. That magnifies the boom as speculators jump in to buy properties to sell later at higher prices.

In a libertarian world, with a pure free market, such security and infrastructure would be provided privately, and landowners would have to pay to get these services. When government provides such services by taxing mostly wages, sales, and business profits, landowners get an implicit subsidy, a redistribution of wealth from workers and tenants. Small business especially suffers from having to pay both high taxes and high rentals.

The elimination of the business cycle would require radical changes in policy. The secondary market for mortgages would have to become privatized, with no government guarantees. The Federal Reserve system would be replaced by "free banking," a pure free market in money and banking, with the money supply set by market demand, allowing the free-market interest rate to do its proper job.

Finally, taxes on sales, wages, profits, and buildings would have to be abolished. Instead, private communities such as homeowner and business associations, land trusts, and proprietary communities such as shopping centers and industrial parks would pay for their civic services, eliminating the government subsidy to landowners. Without artificially low interest rates, mortgage and deposit guarantees, and subsidies to real estate ownership, there would be no real estate boom and no recessions.

These radical free-market remedies will of course not take place soon, but at least people should understand why we have a boom-bust real estate cycle. Most important, they should understand that it is government, not the market, that will have caused the next painful recession.

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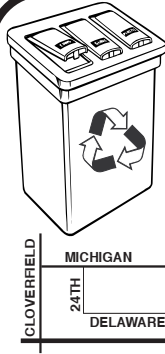
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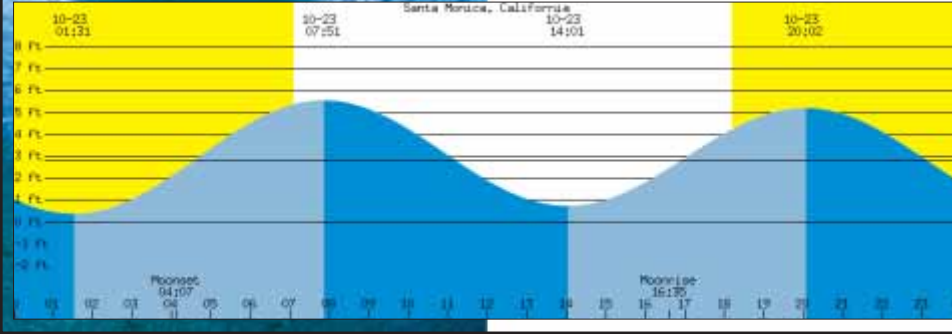
Swell Forecast (4-6 FT)

Today the NW swell drops dramatically as the southern hemi SW holds its own. South facing breaks are looking best for size with sets running chest to head high (with some overhead pluses at standouts). West facing breaks on the other hand should drop to about waist high, perhaps chest high on the better set waves. As for conditions, the Santa Ana should weaken some, but where there was wind yesterday, there'll be wind today.

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (leocarrillo)	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	B
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	B	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	C	A
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	C
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	A	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	A
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	A+	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A+	A+	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	B	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	B	F	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	F
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	A+			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	D	A+			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A -- F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken



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Fair funding could help level the field

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California. “This time, it was developers trying to knock off Kevin McKeown. Next time, who knows who is going to pile on millions of dollars to get their way in Santa Monica?

“This way, if a candidate is attacked by someone with deep pockets, they’ll have some support.”

Under the fair fight proposal supported by Vote4SM, a candidate would receive public money only when an independent expenditure committee has spent a certain amount of money directly attacking that candidate. Details have yet to be worked out, but supporters are confident the council could come to a conclusion on what exactly an attack would be and how much would have to be spent on those attacks before a candidate became eligible to receive funds.

How the fair fight funding would be financed is also up for debate.

Denny Zane, co-founder of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, the ruling political party in Santa Monica, said the organization’s steering committee is behind the fair fight funding proposal, even though candidates that SMRR does not support would be eligible for that money.

“(Negative campaigning) is not our style,” Zane said. “We don’t like to do it, but we have and we will if it is made necessary by outside expenditures.”

Zane, a former Santa Monica mayor, said fair fight funding fits the city because of the level of activism and engagement exhibited by its voters. That, along with a strict campaign contribution limit of \$250 per person, has helped level the playing field, making public financing unnecessary. Candidates have raised more than \$100,000 in elections past, showing that there is also no need for raising the contribution limit.

Fair fight funding is preferred because it could be something the council could approve without having to hold a costly election, however, that would mean voters would not be able to make the final decision. The plan is also free from legal challenges because it does not prevent independent expenditure committees or candidates from spending as much money as they can raise, something which is protected as free speech, Marlowe said.

A TOWN THAT CAN'T BE BOUGHT

The city’s top election officials have prepared a report for the council that includes five options for the council to consider in addition to fair fight funding. Most mirror a proposal that was submitted earlier this year.

Under most scenarios, a candidate wanting to participate in public financing would first have to raise qualifying contributions that could be anywhere from \$500 to \$2,000. The money would have to be raised in increments of \$5, \$10 or \$20. Some of that could be used as seed money to keep the campaign afloat. Once the contributions are collected, candidates would receive a grant that could be as much as \$40,000 or more.

Under some of the options, a second grant could be issued if an independent expenditure committee spent a certain amount of money on attack ads.

Another option would set a ceiling on how much a participating candidate could raise, but allow that candidate to accept contributions above the current limit of \$250 per person. Dollar-to-dollar matching funds could be given to the candidate if independ-

ent committees spend over the grant limit.

Assuming that an average of 12 candidates would participate in the funding proposals each election cycle, the cost to taxpayers would be anywhere between \$600,000 to \$960,000, depending on which option is chosen.

To pay for public financing, residents could be asked to absorb higher taxes on luxury items such as high-performance vehicles or exotic leather and fur coats, or City Hall could raise taxes on cigarettes and alcohol. City officials could also increase fines and fees; float a bond; charge candidates a “storage” fee when returning campaign signs posted illegally and removed by city staff; or take money from the General Fund, which pays for police, fire and other services.

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Brandon Marlowe
Vote4SM

Bob Stern with the Center for Governmental Studies, which advocates for public financing, said public financing could be paid for out of the General Fund, which sits at nearly \$500 million, since it would represent only a small fraction of total money spent. The hard part would be getting the public to vote in favor of such a plan given the lack of a scandal locally that would trigger such support.

Last November’s negative campaign ads did strike a chord with many voters, but it remains to be seen if they were enough to make people want to reach deep into their own pockets, especially considering McKeown’s convincing victory at the polls in the face of the negative campaign waged against him.

“Santa Monica is very competitive politically and is one of the few cities where that is the case,” Stern said. “In Santa Monica’s case, it is SMRR verses the developers. That said, I think public financing would help bring in more candidates who aren’t aligned with either and make for an even more competitive race.”

Marlowe said the beauty about fair fight funding is that anyone who is attacked can access it, that includes those who are the target of SMRR.

“As citizens and an activist group, we want to get some kind of legacy for Santa Monica that says nobody can come in here with millions of dollars and buy public policy, buy our elections,” he said. “This (proposal) will not benefit one group or another. It is designed to benefit the future generations of Santa Monica.”

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Cleaning it up

City Council's consent agenda focuses on sanitation and garbage

BY THEA CHARD

Special to the Daily Press

The City Council is expected to shell out more than \$16 million tonight for projects aimed primarily at keeping Santa Monica clean.

From sewage rehab to street paving to tackling taggers on the Big Blue Bus, this week's grip of consent agenda items should help keep the city clear.

SEWAGE RELIEF

City Council is expected to approve more than \$10 million for the contract of the Colorado Ocean Relief Sewer Construction Project, including the construction of a new sewer line and rehabilitation of the existing pipe that was damaged more than a decade ago in the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

A sewer main 30-inches in diameter marks the convergence of several sewer pipes, serving as the backbone of the city's northern sewer system. Located on Colorado Avenue, the main handles nearly two-thirds of all Santa Monica's wastewater. The main runs south under the western part of Colorado Avenue, under the I-10 freeway and then crosses to Ocean Avenue, where it connects with a recently rehabilitated sewer main.

The existing sewer line was damaged in 1994 and can no longer handle the future needs of the city. An attempt to repair the 30-inch main was made once before, but because of the high flow of sewage, it proved unsuccessful.

The Colorado Ocean Relief Sewer Project details construction of a new sewer line to relieve the strain on the existing pipe, as well as a rehabilitation of the existing line for additional backup support.

The city's original sewer main was constructed in the 1950s and consists of more than 150 miles of underground piping that ranges from 6-inches to 72-inches in diameter.

After looking over several bids, city staff is recommending that Council award the contracting agreement to Steve Bubalo Construction Company, Inc., who has worked on several similar Los Angeles area projects and submitted the lowest bid esti-

mation, in the amount of \$8,442,150 (with a 10-percent contingency, not to exceed \$9,286,365).

Staff also recommends Tetra Tech, Inc., as the construction management and construction inspection service provider, for an amount of \$1,502,000.

The project is eligible for grant funds from FEMA because the construction will increase the capacity of the existing sanitary sewer system. FEMA grant funds must be expended by Dec. 31, 2008 to be applied to the project.

TIRE LEASING

Big Blue Bus is hoping City Council will award \$2,650,000 in a contract with Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company for the lease of tires and related on-site services for city buses.

The BBB has been leasing tires for at least 40 years, a practice that has been standard in the transit industry since the 1940s. There is a high volume of tire repair and replacement every day at the BBB, making leasing much more prudent and economic than purchasing tires.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company was the only company to submit a bid and the BBB would like to extend the contract for another five years.

MEAN STREETS

Almost 155 miles of Santa Monica streets will be receiving a facelift if the Council approves spending approximately \$120,000 of Proposition C funds for an ongoing pavement rehabilitation program.

The pavement management system currently in place has not been updated since 2003, providing KMS and Associates, Inc. with the task of developing a new multi-year plan for maintaining and repairing city streets.

GRAFFITI FREE

City Council is expected to approve a bid of \$495,000 in a three-year term with Transit Products and Services for the purchase of Plexiglas window guards for certain models of the Big Blue Bus.

The bid would supply New Flyer and MCI Classic buses with recyclable acrylic liners that would cover the glass windows on the buses, deterring vandalism, making the buses look and feel safer to riders and providing a cost effective alternative to replacing the safety glass itself.

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GULP: A water-dropping helicopter fills its gondola in one of two ponds at Pepperdine University on Monday in Malibu, preparing to make a water drop on the wildfire in the hills of Malibu.

Wildfire shuts down schools

SMMUSD officials take precautionary step to protect kids

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU Approximately 2,300 students here will have another day out of the classroom today as firefighters continue to battle blazes that have claimed five structures and dam-

aged one of the city's public schools.

At the request of Malibu City Manager Jim Thorsen, officials with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District decided on Monday afternoon to close Malibu High School, Point Dume Marine Science School, Juan Cabrillo Elementary School and Webster Elementary School for at least another day. The schools were also closed on Monday.

Webster Elementary School, located next to Pepperdine University and less than a mile south of the Presbyterian church that was destroyed in the fire, sustained damages and could stay closed for a while longer even

if the other public schools open later this week.

Two facilities staff members from the district visited Webster on Monday morning and reported finding damage to 12 classroom doors and the exterior of four buildings. The interior of three classrooms will require some clean up and roughly 50 percent of the school's rooms are plagued by the stench of smoke, Superintendent Dianne Talarico said on Monday afternoon. The emergency earthquake and general storage sheds were lost in the fire and the electricity is currently down, she added.

Talarico added that she plans to pay a

visit to the campus on Wednesday and will determine if classes will be able to resume any time soon.

"I can't get people through to even go out to begin to clean up yet," Talarico said. "I was able to get two of my employees out because we heard some of the doors were damaged, which meant the school was vulnerable and wasn't secure."

Malibu accounts for 2,300 of the students in the unified school district, approximately 500 of which attend Webster Elementary School.

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TOAST: A lone, burned-out car sits in the parking lot of the Malibu Presbyterian Church Monday.

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The outlook appeared brighter at the three other public schools which are located at a safe distance from the fire.

Juan Cabrillo Principal Barry Yates spent a few hours at school on Monday, the lone figure on the entire campus.

From one direction of the Morningview Drive campus, he could see the smoke from the Santa Clarita fire, in the other direction, the smoke hovering above the Pacific Ocean from the Malibu blaze.

During his visit to campus on Monday not one parent or student stopped by the facility, mistakenly believing that classes were still in session, Yates said.

Parents were notified through each schools' phone message system of the closures. A message was also posted on the unified school district's Web site.

Lack of access was the leading factor causing administrators to close schools that weren't in imminent danger. Pacific Coast Highway, the main artery through Malibu, remained shut down throughout Monday.

"Access is a big issue because we can't get students and staff into the school," said Malibu High Principal Mark Kelly.

Approximately 10 percent of the Malibu fire has been contained as of Monday, according to Ron Haralson, the inspector for the L.A. County Fire Department. More than 2,400 acres have burned, destroying seven structures and damaging 16 others. The fire was reported early Sunday morning and is believed to have been caused by a downed power line.

Along with the Presbyterian church, the fire also destroyed the Kashan Castle and five single-family homes. Also, ten homes and six

businesses were damaged.

The castle, which was constructed in the 1970s and overlooks the Malibu lagoon, was listed for sale earlier this year for a whopping \$17 million.

Many local fire agencies have deployed resources to help combat the blazes that have spread throughout Southern California, including one in San Diego that has claimed the life of at least one person. More than 250,000 people have been evacuated across the Southland, more than 1,500 of which are from Malibu. No injuries have been reported as a result of the Malibu fire.

The Santa Monica Fire Department sent three engines to help fight the region's many blazes — two to Malibu and one to Santa Clarita, according to the Santa Monica Fire Capt. Scott Ziegert.

There seems to be no signs of relief in the near future as temperatures are expected to stay in the high 80s to low 90s through Wednesday. Making matters worse, low humidity is expected for that time period.

In Yate's 12 years at Juan Cabrillo, he has seen the school shut down about a dozen times due to flood or road closures caused by other disasters. In terms of wind conditions stoking fires, this is one of the worst situations that Yates said he has ever seen.

Yates plans to apply for a waiver to the state Department of Education to excuse the two days of absence. Many schools on the east coast that are forced to close due to severe wintery conditions make up the missed days later in the year.

"We anticipate the waiver to forgive the missed two days," Yates said.

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Residents forced to flee raging fires

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SAN DIEGO Wildfires blown by fierce desert winds Monday reduced scores of Southern California homes to ashes, forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee and laid a hellish, spidery pattern of luminous orange over the drought-stricken region.

At least one person was killed in the fires, and dozens were injured. Nearly 130 homes had burned in one mountain town alone, and thousands of other buildings were threatened by more than a dozen blazes covering at least 310 square miles.

"The sky was just red. Everywhere I looked was red, glowing. Law enforcement came barreling in with police cars with loudspeakers telling everyone to get out now," said Ronnie Leigh, 55, who fled her home at a mobile home park as smoke darkened the sky over the nearby ridge line.

Firefighters — who lost valuable time trying to persuade stubborn homeowners to leave — were almost completely overwhelmed as gale-force winds gusting to 70 mph scattered embers on the dry brush. California officials pleaded for help from fire departments in other states.

A pair of wildfires consumed 128 homes in the mountain resort community of Lake Arrowhead, in the San Bernardino National Forest east of Los Angeles, authorities said.

At least 14 fires were burning in Southern California, said Patti Roberts, a spokeswoman for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

From San Diego to Malibu, more than 150 miles up the coast, some 265,000 people were warned to leave their homes. More than 250,000 were told to flee in San Diego

County alone, where hundreds of patients were moved by school bus and ambulance from a hospital and nursing homes, some in hospital gowns and wheelchairs. Some carried their medical records in clear plastic bags.

A 1,049-inmate jail in Orange County was evacuated because of heavy smoke. The prisoners were taken by bus to other lock-ups.

In San Diego, more than 194,000 reverse 911 calls — calls from county officials to residents — were made, alerting residents to evacuations, county Supervisor Ron Roberts said.

Many of those told to evacuate ended up at Qualcomm Stadium, home to the NFL's Chargers, where thousands of people huddled in eerie silence on the bleachers, staring at muted TV news reports of the wildfires. A lone concession stand served coffee and doughnuts.

Many evacuees gathered in the parking lot with their pets, which were banned from the stadium.

The sprawling Del Mar Fairgrounds on the coast was also turned into an evacuation center, along with high schools and senior centers.

At least one of the fires, in Orange County, was believed to have been set. And a blaze threatening the homes of the rich and famous in Malibu might have been caused by downed power lines, authorities said.

Mel Gibson, Kelsey Grammer and Victoria Principal were among the celebrities forced to abandon their homes over the weekend, their publicists said.

Another blaze was started by a car fire. Flying embers started new fires at every turn.

San Diego County fires were burning so

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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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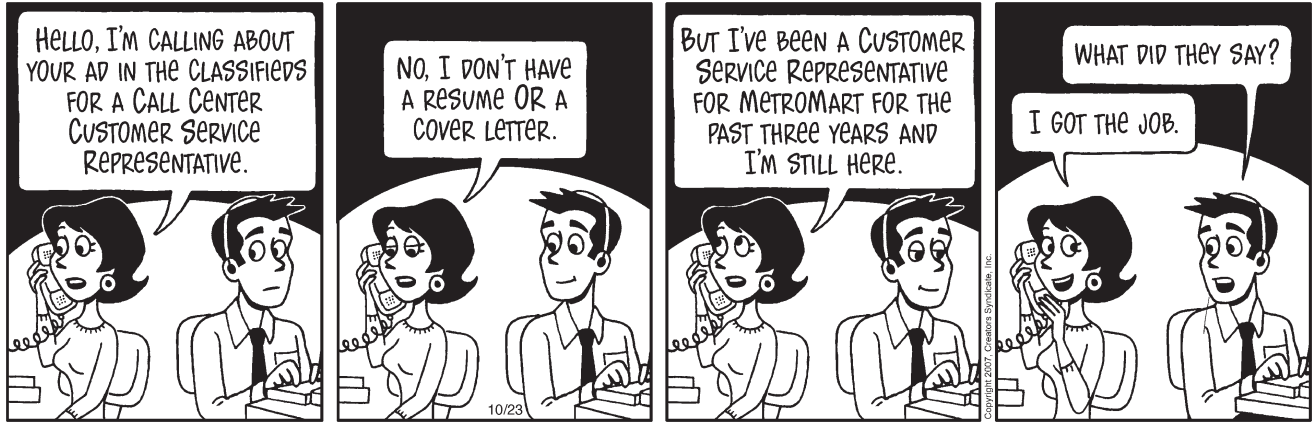
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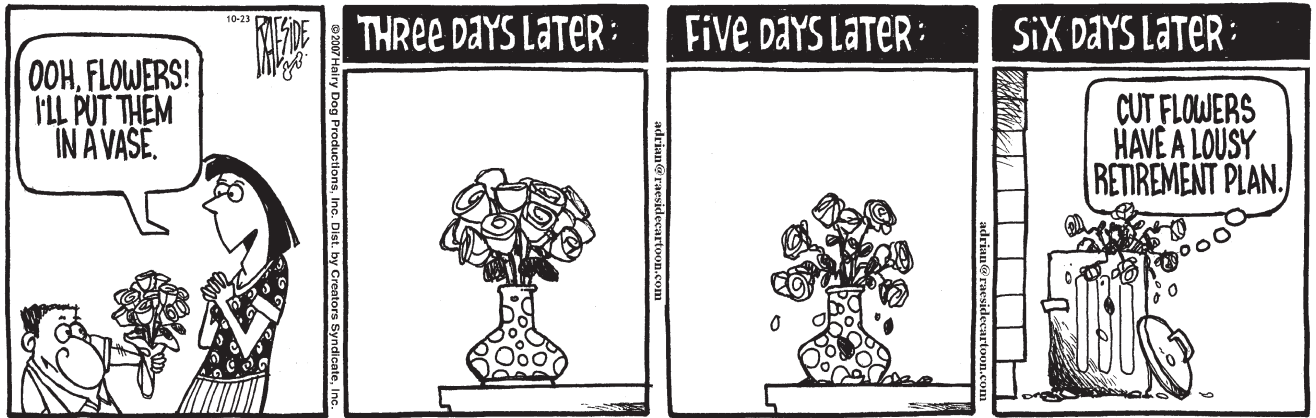
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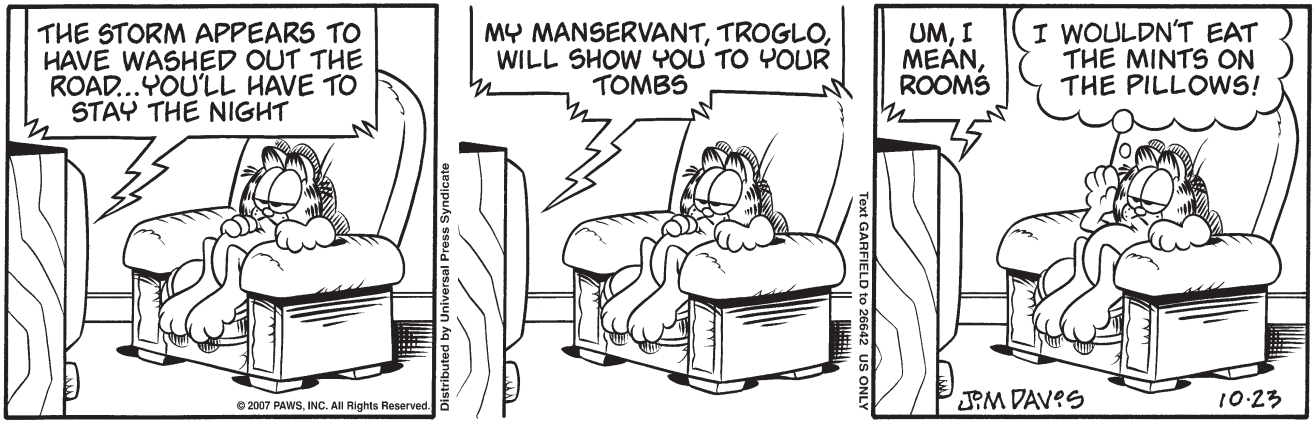
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1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 10:00
Things We Lost in the Fire (R)
1:35, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50
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The Comebacks (PG-13)
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Protesters take Toyota to task

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of electric vehicles with zero emissions. "If you attack the money supply, they listen."

Scott said that in 2005 when Toyota was destroying its Rav4 EVs, Plug In America, then known as DontCrush.com, held a similar rally in front of the dealership, and the next day, he and other owners of the cars found themselves in Toyota's headquarters in Torrance and owners were allowed to keep their cars.

Scott reported the effort saved hundreds of vehicles.

"They've listened before, so we're hoping that this will have a similar impact," Scott said.

Representatives from Toyota and the automakers association said that the federal government is in charge of regulating emissions and fuel econo-

IF YOU ATTACK THE MONEY SUPPLY, THEY LISTEN."

Paul Scott, Co-founder, Plug In America

my, not the state. If that were the case, there's the possibility that every state would adopt their own, unique standards creating a "hodgepodge" of regulations that would make it impossible for automakers to remain in business.

"Automakers support increasing fuel economy standards and reducing emissions, but we understand that in order for us to really meet rigorous demands and meet consumer needs, there needs

to be a comprehensive, national approach," said Wade Newton, spokesman for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers.

"It can't be a handful of states."

Environmentalists said it wouldn't be a handful of states. California's bill is seen as a model and, therefore, would be adopted by other states, setting a new standard.

A spokesman for Toyota said the company invests roughly \$25 million a day in research and development, trying to come up with the next generation of eco-friendly rides.

"Over the past 10 years, our cars have consumed 11 billion fewer gallons of gas than if we would have merely met (current) standards," said Xavier Dominicus, spokesman for Toyota.

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Photo courtesy of Duncan McIntosh

TAKING IT ALL IN: Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger tours the fire-damaged Malibu Presbyterian Church on Monday following a briefing on the canyon fire in Malibu and other Los Angeles area fires. On Sunday, Schwarzenegger proclaimed a state of emergency in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura due to more than 11 major wildfires.

Series of wildfires across region forces evacuations

FROM FIRE PAGE 9

fast that authorities did not have an accurate count of how many homes had been destroyed.

"It was nuclear winter. It was like Armageddon. It looked like the end of the world," Mitch Mendler, a San Diego firefighter, said as he and his crew stopped at a shopping center parking lot to refill their water truck from a hydrant near a restaurant. Asked how many homes had burned, he said, "I lost count."

Tom Sollie, 49, ignored evacuation orders in Rancho Bernardo to help his neighbors spray roofs on his street with water. His home was untouched, but he watched a neighbor's house reduced to nothing but the remnants of a brick chimney. "The house went up like a Roman

candle," Sollie said.

He added: "If we weren't here, the whole neighborhood would go up. There just aren't enough fire trucks around."

The blazes in San Diego County and elsewhere erupted one after another over the weekend. Things got worse Monday, when several new fires erupted and other fires merged. Parts of seven Southern California counties were ablaze.

"The flames were like 100 feet high and it moved up the hill in seconds. It was at the bottom, it was in the middle, and then it was at the top," said Steve Jarrett, who helped a friend evacuate his home in nearby Escondido.

Fire near the San Diego Wild Animal Park led authorities to move condors, a cheetah, snakes and other

animals to the fire-resistant veterinary hospital on the grounds of the park. The large animals, such as elephants, rhinos and antelope, were left in irrigated enclosures.

The world-famous San Diego Zoo was not immediately threatened.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency in the seven affected counties, opening the way for government aid.

"Its a tragic time for California," he said in Malibu, where a church, homes and a mansion resembling a medieval castle were destroyed over the weekend.

White House deputy press secretary Scott Stanzel said in an e-mail that President Bush called Schwarzenegger to make sure the state is getting the help it needs.

One person died in one of the fires near San Diego. More than a dozen people were hospitalized with burns and smoke inhalation, including four firefighters, three of whom were listed in critical condition, officials said. Some of the injured were hikers, while others may be illegal immigrants.

San Diego County spokeswoman Lesley Kirk said fire crews were stretched thin and were anxiously awaiting reinforcements from other parts of the state.

"The winds are up, it's very, very dangerous conditions," Kirk said. "Fires are popping up all over the place."

Flames forced the evacuation of the San Diego community of Ramona, which has a population of about 36,000.

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Type of License(s) Applied for: 41 – ON-SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE.
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control INGLEWOOD.
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10/23/2007, 10/30/2007, 11/6/2007

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the installation of signs and pavement markings under Project ID No. RDC0014635, Commuter Bikeway Signing Project Phase II, in the vicinities of South Gate, Lynwood, Santa Monica, Long Beach, and Temple City.

The bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The work is estimated to cost between \$70,000 and \$100,000 and shall be completed in 40 working days. The work requires a California Class A or C32 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Harry Cong at (626) 458-3111.

The bids must be submitted on the proposal forms included in the bidder's package of the contract documents, which may be purchased for \$15, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$19, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to County of Los Angeles in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the bid to guarantee that the bidder will enter into the contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works. Furthermore, minimum Davis-Bacon Act Wage Decisions for this Project as predetermined by the Secretary of Labor (Federal) are set forth in the Special Provisions.

If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the applicable prevailing wage rates per the Director of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the contractor and its subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate.

The rate of compensation for any classification not listed in the schedule, but which may be required to execute the contract, shall be commensurate and in accordance with the rates specified for similar or comparable classifications or for those performing similar or comparable duties.

Bidders are advised that, as required by Federal law, the State has established a statewide overall DBE goal. This Agency's Federal-aid contract

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is considered to be a part of the statewide overall DBE goal. The Agency is required to report to Caltrans on DBE participation for all Federal-aid contracts each year so that attainment efforts may be evaluated.

The County hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUALEMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246)

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These goals are applicable to all the contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or Federally assisted) performed in the covered area.

The contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR, Part 60-4, shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR, Part 60-4.3(a), and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and females evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from contractor to contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order, and the regulations in 41 CFR, Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

The contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs within ten working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the contract is to be performed. As used in this Notice, and in the Contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is the County of Los Angeles.

The bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms included as part of the proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible bidder is a bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, worker's compensation insurance, and liability insurance with the contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles

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County Code.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY JOHNSON

Case No. SP007262

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY JOHNSON

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Duane A. Johnson, Sr. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Duane A. Johnson, Sr. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 16, 2007 at 9:15 AM in Dept. No. R located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HAYWARD R. ALKER

Case No. BP107099

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of HAYWARD R. ALKER

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Judith Ann Tickner in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Judith Ann Tickner be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 26, 2007 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072087799 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as F AND M MOTORSPTS, 11797 W. PICO BLVD. LA, CA. 90066. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TARGA FLORIO INC. 3465 ROSEWOOD AVE. LA, CA. 90066 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/ TARGA FLORIO, INC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 9/10/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 10/9/2007, 10/16/2007, 10/23/2007, 10/30/2007

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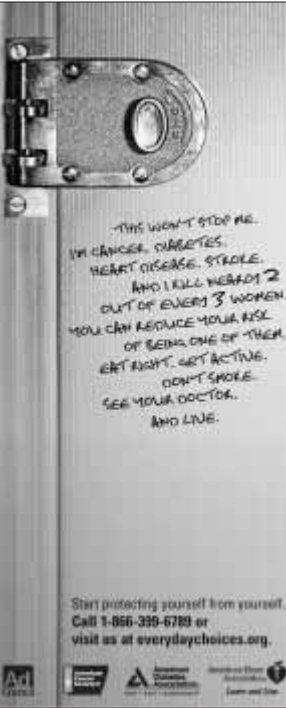
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