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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

LaToya Joplin was arrested in July in Ypsilanti Township, Mich., and charged with killing her daughter, Kayla, 3, despite her statements to a sheriff's detective (read in court in an August hearing) that she, and not Kayla, was the real victim. The detective said Joplin told him "she was the one who was abused when she disciplined Kayla, because she would strike her to the point that her hand was throbbing." She was forced to keep hitting her, she said, because Kayla never said "ouch."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 315th day of 2006.
There are 50 days left in the year.

1918

Fighting in World War I came to an end with the signing of an armistice between the Allies and Germany.

1966

Gemini 12 blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., with astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. aboard.

1981

Stuntman Dan Goodwin scaled the outside of the 100-story John Hancock Center in Chicago in nearly six hours.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When you make your peace with authority, you become authority."

JIM MORRISON
AMERICAN ROCK SINGER (1943-1971)

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Hollywood's hottest hit SM

THE BIDDING BEGINS: American Film Market attendees get off the shuttle in front of Loews Hotel on Ocean Avenue.

Green houses go mainstream

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK — With its crisp clean lines, cedar siding and ultramodern architecture, the newest addition to this neighborhood is a clear departure from the traditional craftsman and cottage style homes that line its streets. The differences between this 2,500-square foot home and the typical breezy beach houses scattered

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EDITORS NOTE

CITYWIDE — We asked questions, the candidates responded.

With less than a week remaining before the Nov. 7 election, many voters may still find themselves on the proverbial voting fence. The Daily Press aims to help. Turn to pages 12, 13, 16 and 20 for the second batch of out City Council candidate questionnaires.

Sweets treats
Shelley Kay hands out candy to trick-or-treaters Bella Welsh, 2, and her younger brother Jack, 1, on Halloween night in a Montana Avenue neighborhood.

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN AVENUE — For the next seven days, downtown Santa Monica will become the world's largest board-room, as thousands of filmmakers from roughly 70 countries gather in local hotels and movie theaters to compete in an intense bidding war for the latest crop of Oscar hopefuls. While film festivals like Cannes and Sundance provide opportunities for celebrities and Hollywood hot-shots to celebrate the art and culture of filmmaking, the American Film Market (AFM) is more like an extended power lunch where independent films are scrutinized and producers make bids in hopes of landing a lucrative project. Since its 1981 inception, AFM — which opens today and runs until Nov. 8 — has hosted the first screenings of 14 Oscar winners, including last year's "Crash," written and directed by Santa Monica resident Paul Haggis, who also wrote the Oscar-winning film and AFM alum "Million Dollar Baby."

AFM, which is based in

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Putting a new face on SM business

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — A former corporate executive and publisher of a local weekly newspaper will assume control over the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce today, representatives of the organization said. James Lynch, who stepped down as publisher of the newly created Westside Chronicle on Tuesday, will become the business community's leading advocate when he takes over for the outgoing Kathy Dodson, the chamber's president since 2001. Dodson has accepted a position with the city of El Paso, Texas, where she will serve as the director of

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A must appearance, Gem

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 ★★★★★ DYNAMIC ★★★★★ POSITIVE ★★★ AVERAGE ★★ SO-SO ★ DIFFICULT

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Listen to your instincts, and trust a sudden insight. You might be much harder on a child or loved one than you intend to be. You might want to reach out for someone at a distance. Find an expert, and you'll become more secure. Tonight: Some time off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Know when to say enough and pull back. Sometimes you could feel tired or pushed by a personal or domestic situation. Know that you cannot please all the people all the time. Know when to break away. Tonight: Find your friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Remain on top of what is important. Know what is needed to take a stand. Others want to understand more of what is happening. Easy does it. Know when to put the brakes on a situation. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Take an overview and understand what might be needed to get past a problem or issue. Surprises will happen if your creativity flows and you don't take a strong stand. Focus your energy, and you will accomplish much more. Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Togetherness becomes the theme. Listen to heartfelt feelings from an associate, special friend or loved one. He or she is coming from a dynamic and centered spot. You might need to revamp your plans, if not your thinking. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ You might want to toss your hands in the air in the midst of frustration! Make it OK that you cannot handle everything, and you'll be on your way to a good day. Let others call the shots — as if you had a choice! Tonight: The answer is yes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Plunge into work knowing what you must get done if you are to enjoy yourself. You could become discouraged by another's reticence or need to be controlling. The only way to win a game is not to play. Tonight: Relax and put your feet up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ You naturally lean into what draws out the best in you. Allow more fun and caring to come through. Sometimes you hold back way too much. Think positively. Be careful with a risk that could impact your wallet. Tonight: Use your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★ Tension builds where you least expect it. Don't allow your nerves to run the show. Be spontaneous and loosen up. Not everything is as you see it. Laugh and relax more. Family and foundation are important. Tonight: Vanish as soon as you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ You might want to rethink recent decisions and head in a new direction. Spontaneity is great, but craziness might not be. A partner might not mean to be a downer but is. Financial dealings might not be up to snuff. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★ Money can be a wild card, causing a situation to teeter and totter. You might want to rethink a personal matter before committing any further. Ask yourself what is good for you. You need to make that decision. Tonight: Say no if you need to.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ The unexpected disrupts your day. You might wonder what is going on with someone you care about. Know that you cannot predict every situation. Flow with and ride the waves of life, if you know what's good for you. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

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ELECTION 2006

Measures heat up West LA elections

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

VENICE — Outside the political bubble of Santa Monica, voters in bordering Los Angeles enclaves will be asked to weigh in on a hotbed of issues up for consideration Tuesday.

Aside from state official races and propositions, three local measures have stirred enough controversy to spice up the ballots for voters in Venice and Brentwood, both of which are part of the city of Los Angeles.

This year, voters will be faced with Measures H, J, and R — which address the issues of affordable housing, technical changes in fire stations and increased term limits for city council members, respectively.

Measure H would provide safe and clean housing to homeless and people at risk of being homeless, such as battered women, children, seniors, the disabled and veterans. If the measure passes, the city would issue \$1 billion in bonds for approximately 10,000 homes and rental units over 10 years.

If the measure passes, the city would have to make debt service payments of approximately \$58 million for 30 years. The average homeowner with a \$500,000 house would pay an extra \$73 a year in taxes for 30 years as a result, William T. Fujioka, city administrative officer, told Smartvoter.org, an informative election web site run by the League of Women Voters.

"It's a critical piece of policy to create the affordable housing ... for homelessness that we need," said City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, who represents the 11th District, which includes the areas of Venice, West Los Angeles, Brentwood and Mar Vista.

"It is critically needed if we ever get to the point of creating housing for middle class and working class people," Rosendahl said. "Many of my residents, children and grandchildren, can't afford to live in the 11th District."

The opposition argues that the measure would actually make homes unaffordable by adversely increasing property taxes.

"It's a property tax that is levied only on property owners and we don't think that is the way to go to make affordable housing," said Joel Fox, president of the Small Business Action Committee.

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Crash and burn

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

A Santa Monica Fire Department engine en route to Santa Monica College to answer an alarm call was involved in an accident at the intersection of 20th Street and Delaware Avenue around 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday. The truck collided with a Honda Civic. The crash caused no injuries that required transportation, according to the SMFD.

Rats! Rodent at source of outage

BY JESSICA ROBERTS

Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE — A rodent found its way into a high-voltage electrical box early Tuesday morning, leaving hundreds of residents without power and cable for up to eight hours.

Time Warner reported that cable and Internet services were lost around 7:30 a.m., about four hours after the animal run-in at the intersection of 26th Street and Colorado Avenue.

"The problem was that a rodent got into an underground electric padmounted switchbox and came in contact with high voltage," Edison spokesman Mark Olson said.

Edison reported that 2,419 customers lost power for only 30 seconds, while 250 more were without power until the afternoon,

including cable provider Time Warner. Patty Rockenwagner, a Time Warner spokeswoman, said that about 7,000 cable customers and 5,000 high-speed Internet customers were affected, although some of those affected customers overlap.

Time Warner serves about 27,000 homes in Santa Monica.

"Some people have no power and no cable," Rockenwagner said yesterday afternoon. "Some have power, but no cable. Some were not affected at all."

The initial, brief power failure extended north of Pico Boulevard to Arizona Avenue, and west from Centinela Avenue to 22nd Street. Most immediately regained power, as automatic safety systems were activated, but a smaller area of customers — from Colorado Avenue east to Nebraska Avenue, between Franklin and Stewart streets — did not have power until the afternoon.

Businesses in the area include Yahoo! Music and MTV Networks, as well as The Water Garden and Colorado Center business parks.

Cable and Internet services were lost from Santa Monica Boulevard to Marine Avenue, west of 26th Street and east of Ocean Avenue.

Both power and cable services were completely restored by 1 p.m. to all but one customer — a large building located very close to the damaged equipment. Power was expected to be on for that building by 5 p.m., when the switchbox was to be repaired.

The intrusive rodent was not identified.

"These boxes are sealed so nobody can get in, but sometimes rodents get inside," Olson said. "It's pretty rare, but it does happen occasionally."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SM residents should be free to smoke weed

Editor:

Reasons why Santa Monica should tax and regulate marijuana.

1) Regulation of marijuana would reduce organized crime and access to adolescents just as the regulation of alcohol has.

Teens report they have easier access to marijuana than they have to either alcohol or tobacco, according to a national survey released on Aug. 20, 2002, by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. The results marked the first in the survey's history that adolescents said it was easier to buy cannabis than cigarettes or alcohol. Similarly to the failed prohibition of alcohol, marijuana prohibition creates organized crime to respond to the substances' demand instead of allowing law-abiding businesses to create revenue.

2) Marijuana is safer to both the user and the community than alcohol.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice-Bureau of Justice and Statistics, 40 percent of those convicted of homicide had been under the influence of alcohol at the time of their offense. Furthermore, the national highway traffic administration has concluded that 47.4 percent of all highway deaths involved a driver intoxicated by alcohol. Marijuana users, however, have "the same or lower incidence of murders, highway deaths, and accidents than the general non-smoking population as a whole," according to a cancer study at UCLA. Even more interesting is that despite the thousands of deaths from alcohol overdose annually, there has not been a single reported case of anyone dying from marijuana use.

3) California is behind other states on marijuana reform.

Several states have issued a tax on marijuana for \$3.50 per gram, including Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Utah. Nevada and Nebraska tax at different rates, while Denver has legalized marijuana with a statewide legalization to be voted on Nov. 7. Similar to Alaska's policy, it would allow up to an ounce of marijuana in a citizen's (over 21) home.

4) Otherwise law-abiding adults in Santa Monica are more likely to be targeted for non-violent marijuana offenses than in states that have taxed and regulated it.

Marijuana arrests and funding for those arrests are steadily increasing, with 785,545 people arrested in 2005 (more than twice the arrests of 1993), according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Annual Uniform Crime Report. Even worse, the report stated that 42.6 percent of all U.S. drug arrests were for marijuana, refuting previous claims that minor marijuana offenses aren't targeted in the drug war. If the arrests aren't taking place in states regulating it, they're arresting citizens in the states without regulation like the residents of California.

5) Marijuana is not addictive.

Unlike tobacco and heroin, which both have a 75 percent chance of relapse after quitting, complete with withdrawal symptoms, as stated in Jack Herer's "The Emperor Wears No Clothes," marijuana creates no physical dependency. Furthermore, it is no more habit-forming than playing video games or drinking tea. Herer cites this information from the American Lung Association, University of Massachusetts and several other sources.

6) Legalization would generate needed money to our budget.

Harvard Economist Jeffrey Miron estimates in his report "Budgetary Implications of Marijuana Prohibition" (signed by over 500 economists) that \$96.3 million would be generated annually from tax revenue in California alone if marijuana were legalized.

The alcohol prohibition didn't work and marijuana's prohibition isn't working. The current laws mislead people into believing marijuana is worse than alcohol. People will always drink and people will always use marijuana, so why is it that those choosing to leisure with a safer substance are the ones being thrown behind bars?

Other counties are doing it and Santa Monica can too. Simply get out and vote "yes" on Measure Y this Nov. 7 and take the first step to legalizing marijuana — decriminalizing it.

Gerald Clift
Santa Monica

Cable TV spots are nothing new for candidates

Editor:

I am writing in response to the article in the SMDP regarding the cable TV ads being used in 2006 Santa Monica City Council election ("Attack on the airwaves," Oct. 25, page 1) Although Kevin Herrera reported that "The TV spots mark a first in Santa Monica," this is simply not true. When I ran for city council in 2004, I used cable TV ads for about 10 days right up to the day of election. They played on CNN, CNBC, ESPN, HGTV, Discover Channel, etc. The article also alludes to TV spots being very expensive, but my experience was the opposite. The cable company charges very low rates for political ads. I paid between \$8 and \$70 per spot.

I'm not trying to suggest I know how much is being spent on the current ads, but I spent only a couple thousand on my TV spots compared to \$10,000 or more for a simple mailer. With today's voters on heavy information overload, why add to landfills by printing more paper? It often just gets tossed out anyway. In my opinion, cable TV was a very cost-effective way to reach many voters. I only regret I didn't use it earlier in my campaign, instead of spend-

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Contending Streisand's political enlightenment



Yet again, liberals of America have been given another opportunity to stand proud. With a remarkable economy of words, one of their leaders — Barbra Streisand — expressed at a recent concert what I have long suspected is a common thought shared by many her followers toward the "unenlightened" masses ... you know, those whom people living at the center of the universe (i.e. — California) believe must reside "somewhere else" (i.e. — the "red states"). To Streisand's chagrin, apparently a few of those "unenlightened" people found their way into her audience (i.e. — they bought tickets) and then had the unmitigated gall to express their displeasure when she openly mocked their President.

Her response? She rejoined them with a genteel: "Shut the F*** up."

How sweet is that? What a tender-hearted expression of care and concern. I mean, really, you have to wonder, is it even possible for one to aspire to being more tolerant of the diversity among us than that? Obviously, her concern is for the well-being of the unenlightened. And, how lucky can we be? She wants us to evolve ... to become more like her and those she considers to be her friends. How is that possible if those in need of being educated aren't willing to just shut up and listen?

So, in her own little way, hasn't her recent demonstrative blurt shown us yet again how deeply she must believe that "people, people who love people, are the luckiest people in the world?"

Of course, I can understand how some might have problems with Barbra's approach. After all, for one thing, it is necessarily based on the presumption that the only "correct" view of the world is Barbra's. But today, we are told this is what it is to be enlightened, whereas in the days of yore, it might have been mischaracterized as the musings of an egotist — you know, the type of person who might be found complaining: "I'm not being fair with myself. My humility has caused me to not love myself as much as I should."

In fact, were I not so very tolerant of those among us who are intolerant due to their enlightenment, I might even go so far as to say that, in the past, it might have reminded me of Milton Berle's old joke: What does a woman have that gets bigger when you stroke it? He used to say that it was her ego, but today, by the example set by Barbra, it just might be more politically correct to say it is her intolerance of those who

might disagree with her politics of tolerance.

On the other hand, there probably are some of you out there who might conclude (again, paraphrasing Berle) that for Barbra, it's probably a good thing she doesn't have to pay taxes on what she thinks she's really worth. But to those who think this way, would it not be appropriate to respond by pointing out that she has the right to say what she said to "hecklers" at her performance? Yes, I suppose that may be true if it was her singing they were heckling. But, interestingly, it wasn't. They were heckling her intentional infusion of her politics into a forum that those who bought tickets reasonably thought was intended only to showcase her singing talents.

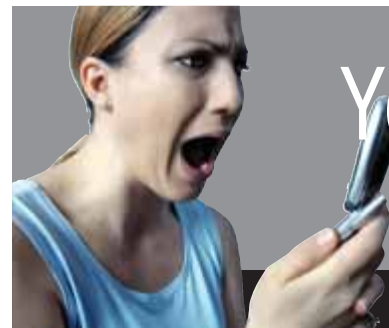
So, couldn't it be argued that, by her infusion of politics into what many could reasonably expect to be an apolitical environment, it was she who invited the very response from her audience that set her off? Well Barbra, welcome to the "Public Square." That's the place in America where we enable anyone and everyone to express their divergent views on all subjects politic, even, and perhaps especially, when those views stand in diametric opposition to those expressed by the few among us who consider themselves to be enlightened, and therefore, "elite."

In my opinion, it is the view held by those who would silence their opposition by yelling things like "Shut the F*** up" that is truly frightening. For one thing, you might say at the very least that it indicates such people are not coming to the arena of civic discourse with an open mind. Rather, it would seem they are closer to taking the narcissistic position that politics should operate on the principle: "My way or off with your heads." Let's face it, all such political environments, when boiled down to their most basic elements, are built on a foundation of someone's supreme egotism, are they not?

Don't get me wrong. There's a part of me that loves egotists. For one thing, they are a unique group of people who only under the mildest of duress will usually confess quickly just how wonderful they really are. After all, if there is one thing of which we can be fairly certain, it is that the most difficult secret for an egotist to keep is her opinion of herself.

For now, we certainly have been given sufficient information to know how the rest of us "unenlightened" oafs should behave while in the presence of people like Barbra so as to enable them to remain calm. We now know that we only have to remember to sit down and shut up, but then, in silence, also remember to vote accordingly.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ing so much on expensive mailers.
I haven't seen the new ad being run against Kevin McKeown, but I'm glad to hear it's being done. Not only because I think this is a fantastic media outlet which can quickly disseminate information to a large audience of voters, but because I support getting independent candidates into office instead of those backed by the same old SMRR political machine. That is why on Nov. 7, I'll be voting for Bob Holbrook, Terry O'Day and Jenna Linnekens.

Kathryn Morea
Santa Monica

Halloween eye candy is a treat

Editor:
I do see that a lot of women are wearing skimpier costumes each year ("Inhibitions on the outs," Oct. 31, page 1). But I do not see this as a problem.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

Drink up, just not at Shutters

Editor:
Though many of us cannot afford the \$12 glasses of wine that Shutters and Casa del Mar serve, we can certainly request that our friends and guests who have that kind of loot spend it at the many other fine establishments in Santa Monica that do not slime the one City Council candidate who really does listen to his constituents — Kevin McKeown. Sanctions may not work on the axis of evil, but maybe they will against the Edward Thomas Co.
By the way, how did I get on their mailing list, and how do I get off?

Ron Di Costanzo
Santa Monica

A plea for McKeown

Editor:
Thank God we have councilman McKeown on the council. As a homeless man, McKeown has been the only one to protect us. If not for him, I would have been kicked out of here too. I've been pushed from one town to the other and all I can say is we need more like McKeown on the Santa Monica city council. We need government that looks out for us poor folk. I hope that when Councilman McKeown is voted back in, that he will make those hotels illegal. He should convert them into hotels for us so we don't have to sleep on the street anymore. We need more McKeowns.

Verlon Jones
Santa Monica

Airing concerns: Reader takes exception to ads

Editor:
I applaud your newspaper for giving the proper placement to "Attack on the airwaves" as the lead story of the day (Oct. 25, page 1).
The vicious and misleading ads paid for by the managers of Shutters and Casa del Mar hotels may attack Kevin McKeown for supposedly being soft on crime, but it's clear to anyone who follows city council meetings that the real reason these ads and mailers are being sent out by hotel operating company Edward Thomas Management Company is because Kevin McKeown has not made it easy for developers.
We resident taxpayers are lucky to have Kevin McKeown on our city council.
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The Q-Line

They're outta here?

Three incumbents with more than 35 years of experience of collective experience in public office are looking to extend their reign on the City Council on Nov. 7. As in all races, incumbents have an advantage thanks to experience and an already formed support base. This leads to questions about complacency, fresh ideas and new energy. With that in mind, this week's Q-Line question is:

Should there be term limits for City Council members? If so, what should the length of one term be, and how many might an elected official serve before stepping down?

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Unions sue over inmate transfers

DON THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Two state employee unions sued Monday to block Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's plan to ship more than 2,000 inmates to other states to ease crowding in the nation's largest state prison system.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation signed contracts this month to use private prisons in four states to house 2,260 medium-security inmates at a cost estimated at \$51 million a year.

The California Correctional Peace Officers Association, representing prison guards, and Service Employees International Union Local 1000, representing other prison employees, say sending the inmates out of state to private prisons violates the state Constitution.

Their lawsuit asks a Sacramento Superior Court to halt the transfers to Arizona, Indiana, Oklahoma and Tennessee before they can begin next month.

It also says Schwarzenegger overstepped his powers when he declared an emergency this month to speed up the no-bid contracts with the GEO Group Inc. of Florida and

Tennessee-based Correctional Corporation of America. Such emergency declarations should be reserved for unforeseeable disasters, said Chuck Alexander, executive vice president of the guards' union.

Schwarzenegger said inmates, guards and the public are in danger because more than 172,000 inmates are crowded into space designed for about 100,000. That has heightened tensions and forced some inmates to sleep in gymnasiums and auditoriums.

California prisons were projected to run out of even makeshift beds by next August, but the transfers to prisons in Arizona, Indiana, Oklahoma and Tennessee are expected to free up space until June 2008.

"Any beds that we empty in this process are going to be filled back up again," Alexander said. He said the transfers would not make anyone safer.

California has had private prisons since the 1980s. However, a legal opinion issued last week by the nonpartisan Legislative Counsel said the practice is illegal because it uses private companies for public safety services that should be provided by state employees.

The emergency declaration Schwarzenegger

issued allows him to suspend laws that would otherwise prevent the transfers, Corrections Secretary James Tilton said in a statement. Tilton said other laws allow the use of in-state private prisons.

The difference this time is that legislators did not act on Schwarzenegger's request for a law authorizing the out-of-state transfers, said Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero, D-Los Angeles.

"Clearly this is an effort to do an end-run around the Legislature," said Romero, chairwoman of the Senate Select Committee on California's Correctional System. She sought the legal review from the Legislature's lawyer.

Tilton promised Monday to keep working with lawmakers to find ways to ease prison crowding. He previously said the three-year private prison contracts would give legislators time to reconsider Schwarzenegger's \$6 billion proposal to build new prisons and shift thousands of inmates to community programs.

Alexander said the public employee unions plan to file a second lawsuit on Wednesday on behalf of taxpayers objecting to the cost of the inmate transfers.

Border agents get jail time for taking bribes from smugglers

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Two former supervisory Border Patrol agents were sentenced Tuesday to more than six years in prison for taking nearly \$200,000 in bribes from what authorities say was eastern California's largest smuggling ring of illegal immigrants from Mexico.

Mario Alvarez and Samuel McClaren released smugglers and their customers from jail while working on a prisoner transfer program with the Mexican government. They once released a prisoner in a Wal-Mart parking lot for a fee of \$6,000, according to court documents.

The agents, based in El Centro, once smuggled two illegal immigrants across the border themselves in a government vehicle and released them for cash, according to court documents. They turned over the location of surveillance cameras and other Border Patrol intelligence to smugglers.

"I made some terrible mistakes and what I did was wrong," Alvarez told U.S. District Judge John Houston, who sentenced him to six years, three months in prison.

McClaren, 44, wiped away tears twice with a handkerchief before Houston sentenced him to 6 1/2 years in prison.

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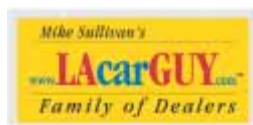
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Sifting through the arson suspects

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN

Associated Press Writer

CABAZON — Investigators trying to determine who set a wildfire that killed four firefighters spent Tuesday sifting through hundreds of tips and interviewing previously convicted arsonists who live in the area where the blaze began, authorities said.

About 65 investigators from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department had questioned "several" people of interest and planned to talk to several more in the coming days, said Susan Raichel, an ATF spokeswoman.

Detectives were also talking to convicted arsonists who live in the area, said James Crowell, an ATF special-agent-in-charge who is heading the Cabazon probe. In California, convicted arsonists must register with the county and provide their address, Raichel said.

No arrests have been made, officials said. "We're tracking down every lead and interviewing everyone we can and we're doing the best we can to resolve this," Crowell said in a telephone interview Tuesday. "There's no time frame we're working on. There's no way for me to gauge whether we're closer to apprehending someone or not."

On Monday, investigators picked up two men from a residence about a quarter-mile from the fire's point of origin and briefly questioned them. They were then released, authorities said.

The blaze started early Thursday and scorched 40,200 acres, or more than 60 square miles, of forest and brush before being fully contained Monday. It destroyed 34 homes and 20 outbuildings. A portion of Highway 243 in the fire area remained under

indefinite closure for repair of the two-lane road.

Firefighting costs reached \$9.9 million, the California Department of Forestry said.

Riverside County Sheriff Bob Doyle also said investigators would be interviewing a number of people in the case. The reward for information leading to an arrest topped \$500,000.

"We're trying to work through the leads that we have, and going through the process," Doyle said in a telephone interview.

Authorities said the fire was deliberately set at the base of a slope in Cabazon, west of Palm Springs, as fierce Santa Ana winds hit Southern California. Residents said they saw two young men leaving the area where the fire began.

At the crime scene, investigators had planted blue, red and yellow flags attached to wire stakes in the ground to mark the location of possible evidence. Part of the hillside was marked by a grid made of pegs and string.

Several hours into the blaze, a U.S. Forest Service engine crew was overrun by flames while protecting a home in the San Jacinto Mountains. Killed were Mark Loutzenhiser, 43, of Idyllwild; Jason McKay, 27, of Apple Valley; Jess McLean, 27, of Beaumont; and Daniel Hoover-Najera, 20, of San Jacinto.

The lone survivor of the crew, Pablo Cerda, 23, remained in critical condition at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

"Every day, it's just wait and see," said Tomas Patlan, a U.S. Forest Service spokesman. "They're trying to make sure he's breathing on his own, make sure there's no infections. Those are goals, one battle at a time."

A memorial service for the dead firefighters was scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday in Devore.

Congresswoman enters no-fly zone

GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA — A California congresswoman said she was briefly denied access to a United Airlines flight last week because her name appeared on a "no fly list" set up after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Rep. Loretta Sanchez, a Democrat who has been a critic of the no-fly list, said her staff had booked her a one-way ticket from Boise, Idaho, to Cincinnati through Denver. But they were prevented from printing her boarding pass online and at an airport kiosk.

Sanchez said she was instructed to check in with a United employee, who told her she was on the terrorist watch list. The employee asked her for identification, Sanchez said.

"I handed over my congressional ID and he started laughing and said, 'I'm going to need an ID that has your birthday on it,'" Sanchez said in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

The employee used Sanchez's birth date to determine she was not the same Loretta Sanchez on the list, and she was able to

board her flight, she said.

Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman Jennifer Peppin said that for security reasons she couldn't confirm that the name was on the list. But she said that name mix-ups do occur.

"Generally what happens is people have a name that is very similar to someone who is on the no-fly list. It's the airlines' responsibility to do further checking," Peppin said.

Sanchez is favored to win a sixth term representing the 47th Congressional District, about 30 miles south of Los Angeles. The district includes many of the 24,000 Arab Americans who live in Orange County.

Sanchez said that she has fought to get some of her constituents' names off the no-fly list and that doing so can take up to six months.

"When they want to, TSA can make sure that you don't have that identification problem," she said. "Sometimes it's taken us months to get these people off the lists so they can travel in a normal way. I can't have to worry about that."



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Growers ask mandatory criteria in response to E. coli outbreak

BY LISA LEFF

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — An agricultural trade group is proposing mandatory food safety standards for California lettuce and spinach producers, in hopes that such a system will help restore public confidence following a deadly E. coli outbreak this summer.

The proposal Monday by the Western Growers Association, which represents the fresh produce industry in California and Arizona, seeks to enhance existing safety precautions for leafy greens and would cover such issues as water and soil testing, worker sanitation and "everything that is done in the field before (produce) gets to the plant," said the group's president, Thomas Nassif.

The effort comes in response to the nationwide warnings against eating fresh spinach after bags were found to be contaminated with deadly bacteria, sickening more than 200 people and killing three. Investigators eventually linked the fatal strain of E. coli to wild pigs that may have spread the bacteria by trampling fences surrounding a Salinas Valley spinach field.

The outbreak was the ninth linked to California vegetables in the last decade.

Under the new proposal, the California Department of Food and Agriculture would

enforce the guidelines and give compliant growers a clean bill of health. The state also would have the authority to sanction growers who don't follow food safety procedures by enjoining them from shipping or selling their crops, assessing fines or seeking criminal penalties.

"It is not normal for a business to say, 'Please regulate us and enforce it if we don't do the right things,'" Nassif said. "But that, we believe, is essential to restore public confidence."

Western Growers hopes to have a standard agreement among produce buyers, transporters and processors worked out by January, and the standards with which growers would have to comply by March, he added.

Farmers, processors and retailers would be assessed a fee to pay for the inspections, said Nassif and state agriculture department spokeswoman Nancy Lungren.

The effort first would apply only to California's lettuce and spinach industry, according to Nassif. But the group, which currently also is working with federal officials on a similar set of food safety standards, wants the state proposal to eventually cover farmers and processors in other states to have a uniform standard nationwide, he said.

Weak demand is a blow for merlot

BY MICHELLE LOCKE

Associated Press Writer

OAKVILLE — Winemaker Chris Phelps lets his tongue decide when it's time to harvest merlot. Grapes popping with sweetness? Check. Velvety skin with a melt-in-your-mouth texture? Get out the clippers.

But this harvest, merlot growers and producers have more to worry about than selecting the best grapes. After a boom in the '90s led to a lot more merlot being planted and made, not all of it great, oversupply and faltering demand have cut into prices, leaving some merlot grapes hanging on the vine.

"There is merlot that's just not going to sell," said Bill Turrentine, president of Turrentine Brokerage in Novato, Calif.

At Swanson Vineyards, a Napa Valley producer of high-end merlot, staff aren't taking the grape's misfortunes lightly. The winery is in the third year of a campaign called Merlot Fights Back, holding tastings and seminars across the country and generally "preaching the merlot gospel," said Swanson's Phelps.

Swanson doesn't expect to have to leave merlot to rot in the fields this year despite the poor market. With production of just 20,000 or so cases a year, most of that premium merlot grown in the Oakville appellation, the winery is small enough to use up all its fruit.

But there are some growers who don't expect to sell fruit that isn't already under contract, said Nick Frey, president of the Sonoma County Winegrape Commission.

The problem is that sales of new grapes are flat and there are still tanks of merlot left over from last year's bumper crop.

Interestingly, the pinot noir red wine variety is "still very hot," Turrentine said — a droll development for those who remember the 2004 movie "Sideways," and its lead character Miles, the merlot-hating, pinot-loving wine snob.

Did "Sideways" put a spin on merlot sales?

Some think yes, although they note that there were a number of behind-the-scenes

factors at work, including the overplanting that followed merlot's mid-1990s popularity surge.

"It probably contributed to a trend," said Turrentine. "It is unfortunate, because some people are making beautiful merlot."

Phelps remembers going to see the movie and groaning when he heard Miles' famous diatribe — "I am not drinking any (expletive) merlot."

But Swanson's merlot maneuvers began before the movie came out, prompted by tasting room staff noticing that visitors were beginning to turn up their noses at merlot. (Swanson also produces pinot grigio, a white wine, as well as a cabernet blend called Alexis.)

Consumer taste in wine is notoriously fickle, a real problem for an industry where it takes three or more years before a new vineyard can come into production.

"It's not like you plant tomatoes this year, next year you plant cotton," said Duff Bevill, vineyard manager for Dry Creek Vineyard in Healdsburg, Calif.

Still, many in the industry don't think consumers have lost their taste for merlot, which is often softer and easier on the palate than other reds, especially when comparing younger wines.

Sales data show merlot is still popular with consumers, though sales growth has slowed.

There were 7.8 million cases of merlot sold in food stores in 2005, according to ACNielsen, a firm that tracks checkout scanner sales in about 3,000 supermarkets and large-volume retail outlets nationwide. That was almost the same as the 7.75 million cases sold in 2004. Overall, merlot's market share dipped slightly from 12.4 percent in 2004 to 11.7 percent in 2005.

Napa-based Wine Opinions, which regularly runs online surveys of wine drinkers, found last March that merlot was still popular with consumers but much less so with the trade — distributors, restaurant wine buyers and sales representatives.

Dead zone dissipated for fall

BY JEFF BARNARD

AP Environmental Writer

GRANTS PASS — An ocean dead zone off Oregon that killed fish, crabs and sea worms in an area bigger than Rhode Island last summer lasted nearly three times longer than any of its predecessors before dissipating with autumn's change in the weather, scientists said Monday.

This year's dead zone off Oregon ran for 17 weeks, compared to the previous high of six weeks in 2004, and saw oxygen readings near zero that left the ocean bottom littered with dead crabs, sea stars and sea anemones. This is the fifth straight year the dead zone returned. It covered 70 miles of the central Oregon Coast and there are indications a dead zone also formed off southern Washington.

Southerly winds in recent weeks have flushed out the oxygen-depleted waters that were stuck along the Continental Shelf off the central Oregon Coast, and put an end to the condition known as ocean upwelling that triggered the dead zone, Jack Barth, professor of physical oceanography at Oregon State University, said from Corvallis.

"The fact that we've seen five in five years now, and this one in 2006 was the most devastating does not bode well for the future," Jane Lubchenco, a professor of marine biology at OSU who served on the Pew Oceans Commission, said from Corvallis. "We're seeing a system that is acting very sporadically. It's changing in ways we haven't seen

before, or at least we haven't documented before. We can trace all those changes to changes in the winds."

A recent United Nations report listed 200 dead zones around the world, including one off the mouth of the Mississippi River in the Gulf of Mexico. Almost all of them are caused by fertilizer and pollution running down rivers to feed huge algae blooms, which die and decompose on the bottom, depleting the water of oxygen.

The Oregon dead zone is different. Strong northerly winds drive a phenomenon known as upwelling, which turns over the waters on the Continental Shelf, bringing nutrients from the bottom to the top, and feeding an explosion of tiny organisms at the bottom of the food web known as phytoplankton.

When the phytoplankton die, they sink to the bottom, where they are consumed by bacteria, using up all the oxygen.

Similar dead zones have been documented off Africa off the coasts of Namibia and South Africa, and off South American off the coasts of Peru and Chile.

The northerly winds that produce strong upwelling were twice as prevalent this summer as normal — a condition consistent with global warming, Barth said. The idea is that as the land warms, it creates low pressure that draws more air off the ocean. That also meant fewer of the southerly winds last summer that would normally flush out the dead zone.

The condition was intensely documented within a 1,200-square-mile study area by

instrument readings taken from research buoys, research ships, and a kind of torpedo called an autonomous underwater vehicle. The study area runs 70 miles from Cascade Head near Lincoln City to Strawberry Hill near Florence. The dead zone extended 15 to 30 miles offshore to a depth of about 100 feet.

"It's pretty obvious from video images we saw on the 21st of August that most life there was dead if it hadn't been able to escape," said Lubchenco. "And the bottom was being taken over by mats of bacteria — white fuzzy growths all over the place. We suspect that is a bacterium that thrives in anoxic — no oxygen — conditions."

Francis Chan, an Oregon State ecologist, is leading an effort to monitor the area over the winter and spring to see how well marine life can re-establish itself before the expected return of a new dead zone next summer. Researchers are applying for grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

While sampling for juvenile coho salmon last September, Bill Peterson, a NOAA oceanographer based in Newport, found extremely low oxygen levels in continental shelf waters stretching from the Columbia River to LaPush, Wash.

"We frankly don't know what is down the road, but we are concerned," Lubchenco said. "But we don't understand enough about how the global or local climate systems to have any confidence in making precise predictions."

Vermont cows provide the energy to power a small college campus

BY DAVID GRAM

Associated Press Writer

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Green Mountain College is seizing the power of cow dung.

The 760-student school, located along the Vermont-New York line, started Thursday to get half of its electricity from farms that run generators powered by methane gas extracted from cow manure.

The college will pay an extra \$48,000 on its \$250,000-a-year electricity bill for the privilege, which will help it reduce its reliance on non-renewable energy that pollutes the environment.

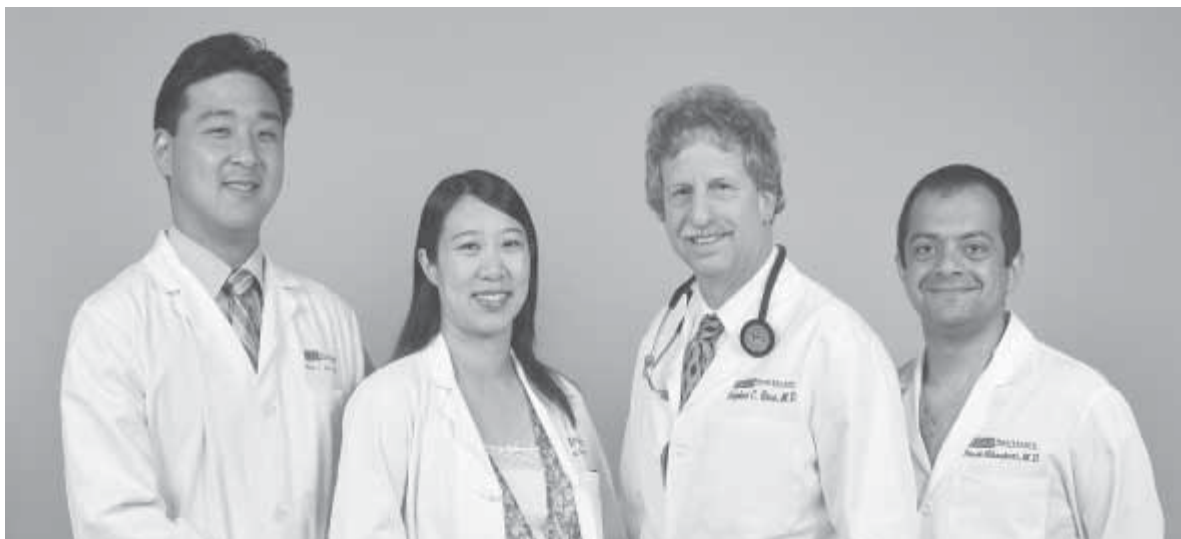
"It's a perfect fit," said college President John F. Brennan. "We're an environmental college. We're dedicated to environmental applications and renewable energy."

College and utility officials gathered at Blue Spruce Farm in Bridport, 35 miles north of campus, to announce the agreement. The farm is the site of Central Vermont Public Service Corp.'s first cow power generator, which its owners fired up nearly two years ago.

The power company, which harnesses and delivers the power, allows customers to take 25 percent, 50 percent or all of their electricity from the cow power program. The program has been so successful that the farm has installed a second generator.

The utility, which has signed up more than 3,500 other customers for cow power, has provided grants to four other farms to help them pay for generators, and more are in the works.

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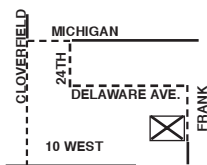
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Supreme Court considers
cost for cigarette damages

BY PETE YOST

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Jesse Williams, according to his widow, never gave any credence to the surgeon general's health warnings about smoking cigarettes.

When Williams contracted inoperable lung cancer after smoking two packs a day for 45 years, he told his wife: "Those darn cigarette people finally did it. They were lying all the time."

Nine years after Williams' death, the Supreme Court is considering this question: Can Williams' widow collect \$79.5 million in punitive damages for fraud from the cigarette company Philip Morris USA?

To the dismay of anti-smoking groups, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the company's appeal of a jury verdict in Oregon.

Philip Morris, the maker of Marlboros, is struggling to turn back unfavorable rulings by Oregon state courts in the Williams case. One ruling upheld the jury award after the Supreme Court sent the case back to Oregon once before to make sure it conformed to a 2003 high court opinion limiting punitive damages.

Another case being argued Tuesday highlights what critics say are problems with court-appointed attorneys for death row inmates in Florida.

Gary Lawrence, convicted of beating his wife's lover to death with a pipe and baseball bat then setting the body on fire, is asking the Supreme Court to allow the appeal of his sentence to proceed despite a lower-court ruling that he missed a deadline. Among Lawrence's arguments is that his lawyer, supervised by Florida courts, was responsible for timely legal filings.

In the case over punitive damages, the Williams family is counting on justices to

find that Philip Morris' conduct was so reprehensible that it justifies exceeding guidelines the court has laid out in two rulings in the past 10 years that struck down large awards.

One difference is that the earlier cases did not involve physical injuries.

The company doesn't deny making public statements rejecting a link between smoking and cancer; rather, it says there's no evidence Williams ever heard the statements or ever read them.

The court also will be looking at the decision of the state courts that declared it acceptable for the jury in the Williams case to consider harm by Philip Morris to other smokers for conduct similar to that which allegedly injured Williams.

Three years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court said in a different case that a defendant cannot be punished in an individual lawsuit for harm to people other than the plaintiff.

The cigarette company says the approach of the Oregon courts is collective punishment in an individual action, a violation of due process. Philip Morris complained that the nonparties in the case were never identified, their individual circumstances were not presented in court, and there was no way for a defendant to respond to allegations of widespread harm.

The jury awarded Williams' widow, Mayola, \$800,000, in actual damages, a ratio of 97 to one. Justice Anthony Kennedy said three years ago that the ratio of punitive to compensatory damages rarely should be higher than nine to one.

The company says that under long-established practice, when compensatory damages are substantial, the constitutional maximum punishment is between zero and four times the amount of compensatory damages.

Judy Shepard rallies youth to vote

BY MARTHA IRVINE

Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — Short in stature, Judy Shepard walks in and stands at the podium, only to be dwarfed by an unwieldy microphone.

"I'm not a professional speaker," she tells her audience. They number in the hundreds, mostly teens and young adults.

She is, she tells them, "a mom with a story." She's a social studies teacher, a country girl from Wyoming who reluctantly became a political activist after her 21-year-old son Matthew Shepard was beaten, tied to a fence and left for dead on the prairie outside Laramie, Wyo.

Because Matthew was gay, his high-profile death eight years ago became a rallying point for proponents of tougher hate crimes legislation.

Since then, Shepard has hounded politicians, asking them to broaden hate crimes protections on the federal level and in many states that don't have them — including her own. She has stood side-by-side with the family of James Byrd Jr., a black man who was dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas, the same year Matthew died.

She also has maintained a demanding speaking schedule that takes her to college campuses across the country. This fall she takes her hate crimes campaign a step further by pushing young people to vote and then pressure the officials they elect.

"What happened to the days when we questioned authority? You don't yell. You

don't scream," she told her audience at Chicago's Roosevelt University. Her tone was gentle, but firm. "You should be just mad — mad, mad, mad."

This month, the foundation she and husband Dennis began in their son's name started distributing lapel buttons with their son's photo that say "Vote — For Me."

Disappointed with her fellow baby boomers, Shepard aims the get-out-the-vote effort at a generation of young Americans who polls show are more accepting of diversity and gay issues than their elders — and who also showed signs of life in the 2004 election, when nearly half of all eligible young voters cast ballots.

"Matt was passionate about politics and voting, so it seemed like a natural fit," Shepard, who is 54 and lives in Casper, Wyo., said in an interview.

It is an image of her eldest son that she'd much rather remember than the last time she saw him, barely alive in a hospital bed, his head wrapped in bandages and his face swollen and stitched. She didn't recognize him at first and, to this day, is not sure he was aware of his family's presence at his bedside before he died on Oct. 12, 1998.

"I do this now because I don't want there to be another Matthew. But I also don't want there to be another Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson," Shepard said of the two young men who are each serving two life sentences after pleading guilty to felony murder and kidnapping to avoid the death penalty.

Post position tightens security at border

BY BRADY MCCOMBS
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Perched on a hilltop near the border in the rolling hills east of Nogales, National Guard Tech. Sgt. Nick Livingston and his crew scan the horizon from east to west looking for illegal border crossers.

With rifles at their sides, binoculars around their necks and bulletproof vests underneath their camouflage fatigues, Livingston, 33, of Cincinnati, and three other guardsmen form one of the entrance identification teams that stand post along the Mexican border.

They aren't allowed to apprehend illegal immigrants or leave their post. Their mission is to be extra eyes and ears for the Border Patrol. They did that well, said Border Patrol officials who credit the Guard with playing an integral role in slowing illegal immigrant traffic across the Arizona border this summer.

"As soon as they got here, we noticed a big drop in apprehensions and entries," said Gustavo Soto, Border Patrol spokesman.

Yet, experts say the National Guard has a minuscule impact on illegal immigration that has deep roots in Mexico and the United States. Local immigrant advocates worry about the increased militarization of the border.

"I don't believe the presence of the National Guard will have any long-term, lasting impact on the inflow of illegal workers," said Daniel Griswold, director of the Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based libertarian public-policy research foundation. "This is more symbolism than solution."

Border Patrol officials point to decreases in apprehensions, which they use to gauge illegal-immigrant traffic, and border deaths as evidence of the Guard's impact. A heavy monsoon and increases in agents and fencing also played a part in the decreases, said agency officials and experts.

In the Tucson Sector, from July 1 through Sept. 21, border deaths dropped 46 percent and apprehensions dropped 27 percent from the same time the year before, Soto said. In the Yuma Sector, deaths dropped 29 percent and apprehensions 66 percent, said Lloyd Easterling, a Border Patrol spokesman.

The 1,950 National Guard troops in Arizona have also built four miles of fencing and 15 miles of vehicle barriers and regraded at least 150 miles of access roads. They

have assisted with vehicle and helicopter maintenance and in camera control rooms.

Earlier this summer at Smuggler's Gulch east of Nogales, Guard engineers cut through the canyon walls and used the dirt to build a 25-foot land bridge for a gravel access road that allows Border Patrol agents to speed back and forth in pursuit of illegal immigrants.

"Basically what used to be a goat trail is now like an interstate for the Border Patrol," said National Guard Sgt. Edward Balaban.

But just as they've done for decades, smugglers have likely already reacted to the latest move by the U.S. government and found new routes around the identification teams and new fences and vehicle barriers, Griswold said.

Even if that's the case, it doesn't mean the National Guard's work is in vain, said National Guard Chief Master Sgt. Terry Libbert.

"We're making them work a lot harder," he said. "They're having to go into areas that are a lot further out."

The Guard's presence has been useful to the Border Patrol in its quest to secure the border, but that's only one part of a multi-pronged approach needed to create tangible change, said Steven Camarota, director of research at the D.C.-based Center for Immigration Studies, which supports tighter immigration controls.

"Securing the border is only one piece in a much larger puzzle," he said. "It's a small, pretty modest part of a much larger set of things that we would have to do, and we're not doing them."

Guard members who come from around the country and don't understand the bicultural, bi-national norms of border cities such as Nogales and Douglas have made residents feel as though they live in occupied territories, said Kat Rodriguez, coordinator for Derechos Humanos, an immigrant-rights organization in Tucson.

"You add actually armed troops, and absolutely it's become militarization to an even more intense degree," she said.

Three Nogales residents who live in a neighborhood in the hills east of the city said they've haven't been bothered by the Guard. They offered different opinions about whether they've helped slowed illegal crossings.

Maria de la Luz Luevano, 59, said illegal immigrants continue crossing near her house as always. But neighbors Juan Silva and Sofia

Castro Dessavre say they've seen a significant decrease and even though neither ever had problems with illegal immigrants, they feel an added sense of security, they said.

"I don't know where they are crossing, but it's not here," said Silva, 67, who has lived at his house that sits about a half mile from the border east of Nogales 25 years. "We sleep better."

The men and women come from 24 states and territories with a wide range of civilian backgrounds. Their time on the border ranges from two weeks to one year. They all volunteered for the mission.

Senior Airman Joseph Littlejohn, 24, works in construction in Oklahoma City and has Guard training in computer maintenance. He arrived on Aug. 1 and will be here until April. Senior Airman Jeremiah Steele, 19, worked at a Wal-Mart in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., before he arrived three months ago.

They suffered along with Livingston in the heat of July and August, got drenched in the summer's monsoons and have been struggling to keep warm in the cold nights of October. But through it all, the four said they've learned a lot and enjoyed their time in Arizona.

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INTERNATIONAL

2 NATO soldiers killed, 2 wounded by roadside bomb in eastern Afghanistan

BY JASON STRAZIUSO
Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — A roadside bomb killed two NATO soldiers and wounded two others on patrol in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, the alliance said.

The roadside bomb struck the soldiers' vehicle in the province of Nuristan, NATO said. The two wounded soldiers were taken to a U.S. military facility in Asadabad in neighboring Kunar province.

NATO did not release the nationalities of the soldiers, but U.S. troops are the primary NATO component in eastern Afghanistan.

NATO troops on Monday fought insurgents in southern Afghanistan for six hours in a firefight that left 55 militants and one NATO soldier dead. Another 20 militants were wounded in the battle in Zabul province, NATO said.

The nationality of the soldier killed Monday was not released, but many of the Western troops in Zabul are also American.

Afghanistan has seen a sharp rise in violence the last several months, particularly in the southern and eastern provinces near the border with Pakistan. Militants have been increasingly using roadside and suicide bombs in their attacks against Western and Afghan security forces.

In Ghazni province, a suicide attacker blew himself up Tuesday in the office of the chief of Andar district, killing one police officer and wounding another, said Gen. Abdul Ghafar, the provincial police chief. Ghafar said the attacker tried to enter the chief's office but was stopped by the police.

Two NATO soldiers also were wounded in the attack, said Maj. Luke Knittig, a spokesman for the alliance's International Security Assistance Force.



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AGE: (not stated)
OCCUPATION: computer data entry operator
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: single
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? HOW long? (no neighbor-hood given) 10 years
YOUR RIDE? bus
OWN OR RENT? rent
YOUR PASSION? Women's rights
WHAT ARE YOU READING? "The Fourth Deadly Sin" by Lawrence Sanders

THE WATER AROUND THE SANTA MONICA PIER IS SOME OF THE MOST POLLUTED IN THE STATE AND POSES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK TO SWIMMERS. HOW DO WE CLEAN UP THE BEACH?
Filtration plants, daily cleaning of beaches.

WHAT'S A HIDDEN GEM IN THE CITY?
The library

HOMELESSNESS IS FAR AND AWAY OUR CITY'S MOST PRESSING ISSUE, ACCORDING TO DAILY PRESS READERS. WHAT NEW IDEAS DO YOU BRING TO THE TABLE? DO SERVICE PROVIDERS HELP THE DOWN-AND-OUT OR MERELY ATTRACT MORE HOMELESS AND ENABLE THEM?
House all homeless women. Keep cold weather shelters open all year. Open a large shelter in Venice (share the effort).

BEATLES OR STONES?
Stones

HOW DO YOU SPEND A DAY OFF IN SANTA MONICA?
Head for the mountains around here.

RESIDENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OFTEN CLASH OVER THE ISSUE OF GANG VIOLENCE — SOME ADVOCATE MORE ENFORCEMENT, OTHERS CALL FOR MORE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES. WHERE WOULD YOU FOCUS RESOURCES?
Mentoring — keeping kids in school, guarantees of college, of a future.

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY THREE PEOPLE IN HISTORY, WHO WOULD THEY BE? (SPOUSE AND CHILDREN EXCLUDED)
Vlasta, Boadicea, Eleanor Roosevelt

LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES,

DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP?
Streamline the permit process — weeks, rather than months.

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?
The deterioration of life in America (quality of).

COMFORT FOODS?
Pizza

DOES THE CITY NEED MORE PARKING SPACES, OR WILL THAT JUST ATTRACT MORE DRIVERS? WHAT INCENTIVES SHOULD THE CITY OFFER TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS?
Light rail, more Tide buses.

FREE FORM. WHAT'S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?
Bashing the homeless.

WHY ARE YOU SO SPECIAL?
We all are.



Kevin McKeown

AGE: 58
OCCUPATION: Creating and supporting innovative educational technology for Santa Monica public schools.
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Not/none yet.
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? HOW LONG? A block and a half from Lincoln Middle School, since 1976.
YOUR RIDE? A well-maintained 1977 10-speed bur-gundy road bike from Helen's Cycles. My other car is a green 2001 Prius, license plate STA MNCA.
OWN OR RENT? The same rent-controlled apart-ment for over 30 years.
YOUR PASSION? We live in one of the most beau-tiful places on the planet and I'm passionate about pro-tecting it from overdevelopment. For the past eight years, I have been the council liaison to the city's Environmental Task Force, and in that role, I spurred the creation of the Sustainable City Task Force and the new 10-year Sustainable City Plan. I championed our Community Energy Independence Initiative, which will get Santa Monica onto solar power and off the grid in 20 years. I've been the con-sistent voice maintaining Santa Monica's lawsuit against Playa Vista for the unmitigated traffic impacts that will choke Sunset Park. I introduced Santa Monica's proposed ban on Styrofoam, which particu-larly trashes our beaches and the bay, and expanded it to virtually all non-recyclable plastic food packaging.
WHAT ARE YOU READING? Resident e-mails and staff reports.

The ocean will become cleaner when we learn to respect it, and not let our urban effluents pour into the bay untreated. Santa Monica Pier is about to be updated. The needed restoration of the protective break-water opens options for the return of small boats, to further help people enjoy and appreciate our ocean. I will work with Heal the Bay to develop a model environmentally friendly boating program called Green Sail. Boats sailing "clean" could unfurl the covet-ed Santa Monica Green Sail, creating a memorable iconic representation of our community's commitment to clean beaches and clean water.

WHAT'S A HIDDEN GEM IN THE CITY?
My secret sunset-watching spot on the lip of Santa Monica Canyon.

HOMELESSNESS IS FAR AND AWAY OUR CITY'S MOST PRESSING ISSUE, ACCORDING TO DAILY PRESS READERS. WHAT NEW IDEAS DO YOU BRING TO THE TABLE? DO SERVICE PROVIDERS HELP THE DOWN-AND-OUT OR MERELY ATTRACT MORE HOMELESS AND ENABLE THEM?
I'm for taking back our parks, but not by just passing feel-good laws we can't enforce. We are finally moving homeless feedings indoors to get unhoused and hungry people real help, which I've advocated for years. Next, we need to relieve the burden on residents and our police and paramedics in other parts of our city. On the Westside Cities Council of Governments, I enlisted our neighbor cities to work with us cooperatively on regional solu-tions. I represented Santa Monica this year at a national summit, and now with a federal grant we're getting the chronic homeless off our Santa Monica streets in a program called "housing first." Our new homeless court identifies the real criminal element for deserved prosecution, then gets other unthreatening street people out of a revolv-ing-door criminal justice system.

BEATLES OR STONES?
Stones and beyond. I first came to Santa Monica in the mid '70s as general manager of L.A. radio station KROQ. My iPod rocks.

HOW DO YOU SPEND A DAY OFF IN SANTA MONICA?
At the beach, of course!

RESIDENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OFTEN CLASH OVER THE ISSUE OF GANG VIOLENCE — SOME ADVOCATE MORE ENFORCEMENT, OTHERS CALL FOR MORE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES. WHERE WOULD YOU FOCUS RESOURCES?
Last July, at a time when shootings were fresh on our minds, I asked the city council for immediate action: Hire someone to focus our social program efforts against youth vio-lence and coordinate them regionally. Appoint a Community Task Force on Youth Violence. The current council demurred, but I will bring this back.

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY THREE PEOPLE IN HISTORY, WHO WOULD THEY BE? (SPOUSE AND CHILDREN EXCLUDED)
This one's personal: Both of my parents, and my kid sister. My dad died when I was only 12, and my mom only 10 years later. My sister and I never got to share as adults the friendship of our parents. I'd love for the four of us to sit down now and explore the meaning of life together as a family.

LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP?
We have an extraordinarily successful busi-ness community — for corporate chains who can pay inflated commercial rents. We need to preserve our locally-owned, neighborhood-serving smaller businesses. That's why I've defended the small markets in Ocean Park, fought the losing battle to keep the Midnight Special bookstore in downtown, and helped increase outdoor dining opportunities for neighborhood restaurants. I led the council to repealing the small home business tax to encourage residents to work here, where they live, rather than commute and pollute.

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?
Overdevelopment.

COMFORT FOODS?
It used to be ice cream, but part of losing 130 pounds since 2005 has been switching to less fatty treats. Now I tend to go for an apple. Midsummer peaches from our Farmers' Market are the best!

DOES THE CITY NEED MORE PARKING SPACES, OR WILL THAT JUST ATTRACT MORE DRIVERS? WHAT INCENTIVES SHOULD THE CITY OFFER TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS?
We need to provide for current needs, while being cautious not to overbuild. I supported the downtown parking that merchants and cus-tomers want, but drew the line at an additional 1,000 unneeded spaces developers tried to sneak in for 500,000 square feet of future office and retail space downtown. We residents have been very clear that downtown is too congested already. Transit and better land use will eventu-ally reduce the demand for cars and parking.

FREE FORM. WHAT'S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?
I'm the only councilmember who stood against Prop. W and for "clean money." We need to make our democracy work better, including at the local level. Negative campaign-ing dissuades citizen involvement. It's becom-ing too hard for voters to know who is paying for misleading messages. Voting wisely requires being able to "follow the money" and know whose interests are really being advanced.

WHY ARE YOU SO SPECIAL?
I offer a unique combination of energy and experience, and remain extraordi-narily responsive to our residents and their concerns. I came to the council as a com-munity activist and I have not lost my con-viction that our city's greatest resource is the people who live here. My commitment is to empower us in making decisions that affect our lives, not let economic forces drive the future of Santa Monica without respect for residents.



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Mark C McLellan
AGE: 46
OCCUPATION: Real estate
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married/no children
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? HOW LONG? Wilshire at Euclid. Seven years.
YOUR RIDE: 2001 Lexus RX300
OWN OR RENT?: Own
YOUR PASSION: My wife, photography, travel. The great outdoors.
WHAT ARE YOU READING? “The Art of Happiness,” by His Holiness the Dalai Lama

THE WATER AROUND THE SANTA MONICA PIER IS SOME OF THE MOST POLLUTED IN THE STATE AND POSES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK TO SWIMMERS. HOW DO WE CLEAN UP THE BEACH?
As a community, we must support candidates on a national, state and local level that have a strong commitment to a clean environment. Also, the citizens of Santa Monica cannot bear the burden alone, the city and county of Los Angeles must take a more active approach to treating this regional problem. Finally, on a personal level, we must all do everything we can to help out — curb your dog, pick up your trash, properly dispose of used oil, etc. These steps may seem small, but when everyone pitches in, the end result is dramatic.

WHAT’S A HIDDEN GEM IN THE CITY?
The greatest day of joy in my life was when I married my wife in the rose garden at Palisades Park. It is a very special place.

HOMELESSNESS IS FAR AND AWAY OUR CITY’S MOST PRESSING ISSUE, ACCORDING TO DAILY PRESS READERS. WHAT NEW IDEAS DO YOU BRING TO THE TABLE? DO SERVICE PROVIDERS HELP THE DOWN-AND-OUT OR MERELY ATTRACT MORE HOMELESS AND ENABLE THEM?
The city is currently engaged in a comprehensive review of our homeless services. I support this study. With over 20 years in the medical field, I learned the value of understanding the outcomes of an approach to a problem. I am not sure, as a community, we have a true handle on the correlation between the services we provide and their outcomes, and until we do, it is very difficult to measure what we are doing right and what we can do better. That said, our current approach to homelessness is not working.

BEATLES OR STONES?
Being a rocker at heart, my first inclination would be the Stones, but if choose, I must ... “Eleanor Rigby.” Enough said.

HOW DO YOU SPEND A DAY OFF IN SANTA MONICA?
Doing anything that gets me outside. Climbing stairs, hiking, bicycling, surfing, strolling the Farmers’ Market, eating lunch at a sidewalk cafe watching the world go by.

RESIDENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OFTEN CLASH OVER THE ISSUE OF GANG VIOLENCE — SOME ADVOCATE MORE ENFORCEMENT, OTHERS CALL FOR MORE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES. WHERE WOULD YOU FOCUS RESOURCES?
We must have a very strong enforcement response. Adherence to the law is not optional. However, a major battle is lost once the problem reaches the level of law enforcement intervention. We will always have individuals in a society that do not respect the law, but there are a lot of young people that would benefit greatly from a prevention strategy and I believe this approach will provide the greatest success in the long run.

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY THREE PEOPLE IN HISTORY, WHO WOULD THEY BE?



Pam O'Connor
AGE: 58
OCCUPATION: Historic preservation planner
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Single, right now ...
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? HOW LONG? Wilshire/Montana; almost 20 years.
YOUR RIDE? When I drive: An Accord. When I use transit: Big Blue Bus, Culver City Bus and Metro services.
OWN OR RENT? Renter
YOUR PASSION? Like I'm going to tell the SMDP ... Right now, Detroit Tigers (in 1984, when I lived in southeast Michigan, I attended all the World Series games in Detroit and saw the Tigers win the World Series).
WHAT ARE YOU READING? Guidebooks about Peru; a trip is planned for after the election.

THE WATER AROUND THE SANTA MONICA PIER IS SOME OF THE MOST POLLUTED IN THE STATE AND POSES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK TO SWIMMERS. HOW DO WE CLEAN UP THE BEACH?
Passage of Measure V, the Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax, will generate funds to upgrade existing/build new infrastructure

needed to keep polluted runoff and stormwater from flowing into Santa Monica Bay. The city of Los Angeles has already approved a stormwater bond and the other cities in the region will need to develop funding measures to do their fair share.

WHAT’S A HIDDEN GEM IN THE CITY?
Not so hidden, but one of my favorite places to get lost in is Hennesy + Ingalls, Art & Architecture bookstore on Wilshire, near the Promenade.

HOMELESSNESS IS FAR AND AWAY OUR CITY’S MOST PRESSING ISSUE, ACCORDING TO DAILY PRESS READERS. WHAT NEW IDEAS DO YOU BRING TO THE TABLE? DO SERVICE PROVIDERS HELP THE DOWN-AND-OUT OR MERELY ATTRACT MORE HOMELESS AND ENABLE THEM?
It sometimes seems to be a “chicken and egg” situation. Frankly, groups who come to Santa Monica to feed homeless do a disservice to the people they say they want to help. They attract more homeless to Santa Monica than local organizations who provide services (i.e., shelter, mental and physical health services, job training) can handle. New initiatives, such as working with chronic homeless, are showing some success. The county of Los Angeles — the major source of public health funding — has begun to work on regional solutions that require every city to do their share.

BEATLES OR STONES?
I listen to KUSC (FM radio) ... and they haven’t played either group recently.

(SPOUSE AND CHILDREN EXCLUDED)
Jesus Christ, Abraham Lincoln, Michelangelo

LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY’S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP?
I am a local businessman. I work for Marcus & Millichap as a specialist in Multifamily Housing. The first thing I would do is work with business owners and the good people in City Hall to see what can be done to help eliminate red tape. Next, the driving force behind our planning must be to build a more sustainable community. Residents need easy access to all types of businesses in their local area. To do this, we must have a multi-use component to our development going forward so that people can live, work and shop in an area that is close to home.

WHAT’S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?
The erosion of the middle class is the biggest threat to the quality of life in Santa Monica. The middle class is the backbone of the community. And unfortunately, housing for the middle class is disappearing at an even faster rate. Every day, I listen to parents and grandparents talk about the loss they feel because their children and grandchildren cannot afford to live here. We are breaking up the very structure of the family that is so vital to us all. We must do better.

COMFORT FOODS?:
Home cooking, soda, gumbo, chicken and dumplings, BBQ, chocolate.

DOES THE CITY NEED MORE PARKING SPACES, OR WILL THAT JUST ATTRACT MORE DRIVERS? WHAT INCENTIVES SHOULD THE CITY OFFER TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS?
Yes, the city needs more parking spaces. People are attracted to Santa Monica because of our weather, beaches, shops and

attractions. Additionally, a large number of people now commute into the city for work. Until we have in place the mass transportation necessary to handle the burden, it is a sad reality that today we need more parking.

I support light rail, subway, enhanced bus routes and more bicycle lanes for Santa Monica. As we continue to develop this infrastructure, we must also continue public outreach that educates visitors and residents about our alternate transportation opportunities. And as far as incentives go, I believe most people want to do the right thing and with education and encouragement, and perhaps free bus rides for a week for local residents, we can change minds and behaviors.

FREE FORM. WHAT’S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?
Like most residents, I too have great concerns about homelessness, traffic, parking, gang violence pollution, education, affordable housing and the erosion of our middle class. These problems are real, but I honestly believe solutions are obtainable. One thing I have witnessed on the campaign trail that concerns me is a perceived need to pit one group against another — landlords vs. tenants, business vs. residents, etc. Good people can have real differences on key issues, but we all benefit more when we work to find the common ground that we can build upon instead of focusing on what divides us.

WHY ARE YOU SO SPECIAL?
I don’t really think of myself in that way. I try to be a good son, brother, friend, husband and neighbor. Hopefully, one day soon I will be a father and I will do my very best to raise a happy, kind and considerate child that will contribute to making this world a better place. As the youngest of 12 children, I was raised to give back to the community.

For over 20 years, I worked in the medical field for Fortune 500 companies like Kodak and Johnson & Johnson helping to improve the quality of life for others.

Like most people, I am just trying to do my best to make each day matter.

HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP?
There have been complaints, yet businesses are thriving in Santa Monica. The Land Use element and its implementing document — the zoning code — are over 20 years old ... and had become a patchwork of layers and processes. So, when a business applied to make tenant improvements, the process had become unwieldy. I initiated update of the Land Use element (currently underway) so that the community could determine what the form, scale and uses should be in Santa Monica for the future, and these will be implemented by a new zoning code and clear planning processes.

WHAT’S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?
Traffic and congestion. These are also regional issues ... many Santa Monica residents work elsewhere and many people come to the Westside and Santa Monica for work and recreation. So, getting optimal performance out of our streets (signal synchronization, turning lanes), improving transit options (Rapid Buses, neighborhood shuttles), and completing Light Rail to Santa Monica are all important cogs in building a stronger transportation network. I’m First Vice-Chair (and incoming Chair) of the LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, where I’ve worked hard to ensure that our Westside cities get funding for streets and transit — and have worked tirelessly to bring light rail to the Westside and Santa



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THAT'S THE TICKET: Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce President, Kathy Dobson holds a basket up while James Lynch picks a raffle winner during the 12th Annual Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's Education Celebration. The celebration honored all new incoming teachers into the school district. Lynch will replace Dobson as the new chamber president.

Lynch aims to keep connected

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economic development.

Lynch has an extensive background in business and economic development. The 54-year-old has served as the executive director of the nationwide health care company Schick Laboratories, Inc., and as a partner in the computer and accounting services firm Lynch, McFadden & Company. He has also served as president of several Southern California business districts and chambers of commerce.

"Jim not only knows the Westside and Santa Monica very well, but he has extensive experience leading chambers. Those two variables were critical in our decision to select him as the next president," said Mary Ann Powell, a member of the chamber's board of directors. "Beyond that, he struck me as a good-natured guy who can lead a young, talented team at the chamber."

Lynch will be called on to continue the work of Dodson, who has been credited with reinvigorating a chamber that had grown stagnant, raising its membership from 846 to more than 1,000 during her reign.

Under Dodson's watch, the chamber has become more active in the community and in politics, hosting job fairs and promotional events that celebrate the culture and richness of Santa Monica's business community, as well as organizing a campaign to defeat a controversial living wage law that would have forced most businesses in the coastal zone to pay an hourly wage of \$10.50.

Dodson has also been praised for her leadership on homelessness and improving ties with City Hall, a relationship which had oftentimes been described as adversarial.

Lynch's first major move will be the selection of a governmental affairs representative for the chamber who will work closely with City Hall on the formation of new laws and regulations that affect businesses. The staff person will also act as an ombudsman for chamber members with projects before City Hall.

To fund the position, the chamber has established a "Business Roundtable," where up to 30 chamber members pay an annual fee of \$2,500 to have quarterly meetings with City Manager Lamont Ewell, elected officials and city department heads.

The position was created following the chamber's decision to dismantle its political arm in favor of a less confrontational approach to working with City Hall.

"Jim is intimately familiar with the Westside's governmental affairs activities, although not specifically in Santa

Monica, but we expect him to pick up and learn our particular concerns and initiatives quickly," said John Bohn, president of the chamber's board of director. "It is my hope that Jim can make a smooth transition, because with a change in leadership, there is always concern. The chamber is in sound financial shape and the team there is great."

Lynch said his work with the Westside Chronicle has enabled him to reach out to city officials, businesses and residents, helping him better understand the issues facing Santa Monica, such as homelessness and the lack of parking downtown.

As president of the Beverly Hills, Century City, Tustin and South Pasadena chambers of commerce, Lynch plans to use his contacts throughout the region to create a strong network of businesses which can work together to keep the economy thriving.

"I look forward to maintaining the momentum and all the good work already in progress," Lynch said. "There has been a lot of work with outreach to local businesses, there has been coordination with the city and other neighborhood and community groups and I would to make sure the chamber has a good, trusting working relationship with all of those organizations ... and the Convention and Visitors Bureau to help promote tourism and the hospitality business."

While helping to establish a newspaper was important work, Lynch said his passion lies with the chamber. He has vowed to work closely with all media outlets, showing no favoritism to former colleagues.

"I will be involved with each of the papers in town equally, sharing information and trying to help (them) fulfill their mission to readers, which is providing good and accurate information in a timely manner," Lynch said. "I will not be employed or have any type of officer, director or ownership capacity with the (Chronicle)."

Lynch is a graduate of the 80th anniversary class of the United States Chamber of Commerce four-year Institute for Organization Management at the University of Notre Dame and holds both master's and bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and public administration from California State University, Los Angeles.

Additionally, he has earned the designation of accredited chamber executive from the Western Association of Chamber Executives, the nation's largest regional accreditation body. Of the nearly 1,000 chambers of commerce within its region, there are fewer than 40 accredited chamber executives.

Lynch resides in South Pasadena with his wife Beverly and two daughters, Patty and Annie.

The bidding wars start with sights set on Oscar

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Westwood, is a non-profit, trade organization representing independent film companies from 22 countries, said Jonathan Wolff, executive vice president of the Independent Film & Television Alliance and managing director of AFM.

"The key difference between us and most trade shows is that the exhibitors there are looking to generate new leads ... and follow up weeks later to generate new business," Wolff said. "That's not the case with AFM. On the first day, filmmakers aren't wondering who will come by. All but the weakest films have full schedules for three or four days, contacting buyers on what they have available, new projects getting under way."

Wolff estimates \$800 million worth of transactions will be made during the market's run.

"Many people use the term 'independent' for something that is edgy, auteur, low budget. That's absolutely wrong," Wolff said. "The word independent, in any industry in the world, means separate and apart from the market leaders. In the auto industry, Damien Chrysler, Ford, GM — they are all majors, whereas Ferrari is independent."

The AFM will open with a record-breaking 589 films, a 10 percent increase over last year. All 23 movie screens on the Third Street Promenade and the surrounding community become AFM screening rooms, where participants may view more than 900 screenings. The Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel will serve as the base of operations again this year, while Le Merigot hotel will play a supporting role.

The citywide event is expected to generate between \$15 million and \$17 million in total spending, with a hotel room block of 1,300-plus room nights during the eight-day run.

The Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) funded a report on the economic impact of AFM locally and found that the event contributes \$11 million to the local economy, generating an estimated \$500,000 in taxes for City Hall and \$300,000 for the state. The breakdown of tax revenues generated for City Hall are approximately \$400,000 collected from hotel taxes and \$100,000 in retail sales tax and related fees.

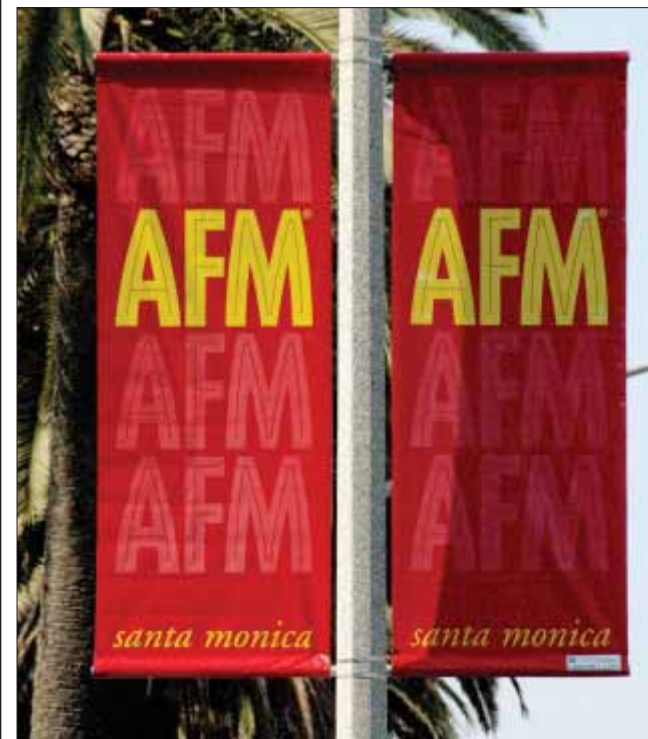
"To host such a high-caliber event in our off-season that increases revenues for our local businesses and city coffers continues to be invaluable," said Misti Kerns, president of the CVB.

AFM has called Santa Monica home since 1991 because of its combination of several movie theaters, thousands of feet of exhibition space, several hotels with varying rates and an ambiance that suits those who work in the entertainment industry, Wolff said.

"Our entire show is essentially between Wilshire and Pico (boulevards) and Fourth Street to the beach," Wolff said.

In addition to providing City Hall and local businesses with revenue, AFM also offers residents of Santa Monica the chance to see new films for free by registering on the market's web site, www.americanfilmmarket.com.

Those who wish to have complete access to all films must pay a fee of \$775. Those who only want to spend one day at the market can purchase a daily pass for \$250.



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SIGN LANGUAGE: AFM hosts filmmakers from over 70 countries.



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STILL STYLISH: The two-story house on Highland Avenue was the first to be awarded the LEED for Homes green certification at the platinum level. The house features eco-friendly elements such as its own water management system, photovoltaic cells on the roof and radiant heating.

'Green' living options are quickly growing

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around Ocean Park goes foundation deep.

Much like Legos, some assembly was required.

The two-story house on the 2900 block of Highland Avenue was delivered in pieces from a factory in Santa Fe Springs in April. Within eight hours, the house designed by renowned architect Ray Kappe came together, from 11 separate modules, potentially breaking a home construction record for Santa Monica.

"It's quicker, cheaper and (produces) less waste," said Steve Glenn, owner of LivingHomes, a developer of "green," yet stylish prefabricated homes. Glenn currently lives in the prefab residence.

Incorporating environmentally friendly elements, like radiant heating, the prefab estate is the first single family home in Santa Monica to receive the official thumbs up from the U.S. Green Building Council.

It was not only the first home to receive the LEED for Homes green certification, it achieved the highest rating — platinum. LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a nationally accepted benchmark to building environmentally friendly homes.

The house is loaded with "green" qualities. It is made from more than 70 percent double-paned Fleetwood and Polygal poly-

carbonate glass, which has three times more heating insulation capabilities than regular glass, has its own water management system that will collect rainwater and recycle shower and sink water to maintain the landscape, and uses photovoltaic cells on a roof to convert sun power into its own energy.

The four different Kappe-designed homes range in price from \$350,000 to \$650,000, not including foundation, transportation or installation of materials. The homes vary in size from two to four bedrooms, with two to three bathrooms.

A house can be delivered within six months after building permits are issued.

FROM PREFAB TO JUST FAB

However, the prefab homes are not the only ones painting the town green.

Currently, three other Santa Monica homes — a condominium and two custom-built houses — are participating in the pilot phase of the LEED for Homes program, a process by which environmentally friendly homes can receive "green" certification. It's a sign that city homeowners could soon transition to green living, something that experts say is not only friendly to the environment, but healthier for the body.

"It's not a matter of if, it's when (green houses will increase)," said John Lee, managing partner of Lee Capital Builders in Santa Monica. The company is currently develop-

ing a home north of Montana Avenue that it hopes will receive a LEED certification.

The popularity of sustainable living has grown for several reasons, mainly sparked from the energy crisis in California, said Greg Reitz, city of Santa Monica's green building advisor. Recent certification for green businesses and other buildings has expanded interest in the topic.

Lee believes the popularity also has something to do with the increasing availability of resources to build green over the past four years.

The 4,000 square foot home that Lee is building could receive the silver LEED rating and would include a furnace that is 33 percent more efficient than its counterpart, efficient plumbing fixtures and recycled concrete.

Lee Capital Builders is also planning to build a 2,800-square foot green home in the Pacific Palisades.

"Our goal is to make these things a little more mainstream," Lee said.

The list of benefits of having a green home appears endless, including raising home values, reducing the impact on the environment, cutting utility bills and reducing the impact on health — a factor that many homeowners tend to overlook, said Reitz.

The city also offers the perk of giving priority to issuing building permits for builders applying for LEED certification.

The growing group of interested homeowners and developers who need guidance

on how to achieve that healthy environmental setting have sought advice from the Green Building Resource Center, a partnership of the city of Santa Monica and Global Green USA, whose headquarters are in the city.

Opened in 2004 on Main Street, Global Green USA's Green Building Resource Center offers free expert consultation on an array of different methods on sustainable living and building, providing samples, magazines and a directory of local companies that either sell green products or provide related construction service.

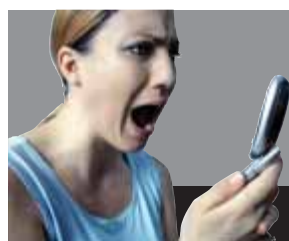
"We put in all the product because we think they're green, not because someone paid us to," said Ted Bardacke, senior program associate at Global Green USA.

Along one wall of the Green Building Resource Center, which is open during limited hours Wednesday through Friday and Sunday, are samples of different types of sustainable materials, like non-toxic adhesives, natural wall covering, non flushing urinals and roofing made from recycled tires.

Clients come from all across West Los Angeles, but close to 50 percent live in Santa Monica.

"This is a city that's always been concerned about the environment," Bardacke said. "We're blessed with a wonderful natural environment to begin with."

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AGE: 33

OCCUPATION: Executive Director, Environment Now Foundation

MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married; 21-month-old daughter, and a second due Nov. 3.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? HOW LONG? Pico; almost 10 years

YOUR RIDE? GM cars, bike, stroller

OWN OR RENT? Own

YOUR PASSION? My family, the environment, learning

WHAT ARE YOU READING? Jim Collins' epitaph "Good to Great in the Social Sector"

THE WATER AROUND THE SANTA MONICA PIER IS SOME OF THE MOST POLLUTED IN THE STATE AND POSES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK TO SWIMMERS. HOW DO WE CLEAN UP THE BEACH?

The pollution at the pier comes from our streets and our behavior. There are four ways to address this problem.

1. Support Prop V, which will repair the storm drain beneath the pier;
2. Reduce the amount of water that reaches our storm drains by conserving water and reducing impervious surfaces;
3. Treat runoff from our streets by allowing our natural ecosystems to filter the water;
4. Encourage sustainable business and consumer practices throughout the community, particularly around the pier.

This plan will increase open space, restore ecosystems, clean the beach and reduce the cost to taxpayers.

WHAT'S A HIDDEN GEM IN THE CITY?

Our alleyways are a hidden gem. Behind many of our homes and businesses are tremendous opportunities for green space, bike lanes and community interaction. By replacing the broken asphalt with porous pavement and landscaping, we can recharge our groundwater, reduce stormwater runoff and increase our connection to nature. We can also utilize alleys to link our bike network. On the promenade, our alleys offer an opportunity to support an eclectic mix of small businesses.

HOMELESSNESS IS FAR AND AWAY OUR CITY'S MOST PRESSING ISSUE, ACCORDING TO DAILY PRESS READERS. WHAT NEW IDEAS DO YOU BRING TO THE TABLE? DO SERVICE PROVIDERS HELP THE DOWN-AND-OUT OR MERELY ATTRACT MORE HOMELESS AND ENABLE THEM?

In Philadelphia, the city combined their programs for homeless folks with aggressive outreach by case workers. This puts the responsibility for contact with homeless people in the hands of dedicated service workers, and not police. It reduced chronic homelessness by 70 percent in three years.

BEATLES OR STONES?

Beatles for the breadth and best albums ("Sgt. Pepper's" and "Abbey Road"). The Stones for the depth ("Sympathy for the Devil," "Undercover of the Night," "Angie").

HOW DO YOU SPEND A DAY OFF IN SANTA MONICA?

Not too many of these lately — beach, park, neighborhood walk (Coffee Bean on Michigan Avenue), reading ...

RESIDENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OFTEN CLASH OVER THE ISSUE OF GANG VIOLENCE — SOME ADVOCATE MORE ENFORCEMENT, OTHERS CALL FOR MORE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES. WHERE WOULD YOU FOCUS RESOURCES?

As a candidate who is endorsed by both neighborhood leaders on the issue of gang violence as well as the firefighters, paramedics and former chief of police, I have found the common ground to solve this problem. All sides want solutions, and we need to focus on creating and implementing community policing that is locally-defined, and providing engaging and interesting youth programs that attract young people on their own terms.

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY THREE PEOPLE IN HISTORY, WHO WOULD THEY BE? (SPOUSE AND CHILDREN EXCLUDED)

Robert Oppenheimer, Toni Morrison, Abe Lincoln.

LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP?

Provide more creative space for businesses to thrive and compete against the large chain operations that pay more in rent. Enliven the public spaces with art, increase pedestrian safety and maximize public transit.

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?

Car culture threatens to take away the livability of our city. It interferes with pedestrian enjoyment of the built environment, contributes significantly to our pollution burden, produces noise and reduces our interactions with neighbors. Many people in this election will prioritize cars, their facilities and their movement over people. I will not.

COMFORT FOODS?

Pizza, Nilla Wafers and milk

DOES THE CITY NEED MORE PARKING SPACES, OR WILL THAT JUST ATTRACT MORE DRIVERS? WHAT INCENTIVES SHOULD THE CITY OFFER TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS?

The city has been on a downtown parking building binge, and we should evaluate the effect before committing to building additional parking. We should encourage people to leave the car at home by making the decision to do so safer and easier. Pedestrian and bike safety has declined in our community in recent years. The city has made no progress on increasing the network of bike lanes in our city, which now total a mere 3 percent! Many neighborhoods need improved parking facilities, and these can be provided with creative solutions like angled parking and car sharing.

FREE FORM. WHAT'S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?

So-called progressives who are more interested in the fight than the solution; picking sides and not getting results; placing blame and not taking responsibility; claiming credit and not knowing how to work with a team

WHY ARE YOU SO SPECIAL?

I'm not so special, just willing. There is no good self-interested reason for running for city council, particularly as a young father with a career and a mortgage. You have to be committed to making change happen and not protecting the old way of doing things to make running for city council worthwhile. I've let my actions and record speak for itself.

Local Measures stir controversy

MEASURES, from page 3

LOOSE LIMITS

Measure R would loosen term limits on City Council members, from two four-year terms to three four-year terms. It aims to restrict lobbyists from making campaign contributions, requires contractors to comply with lobbying laws, and requires ethics training, among other things.

The camp encouraging voters to approve the measure feels the government needs tougher reform.

The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles supports the measure, partially because it extends term limits — something it does not support.

"It means a good qualified person may stay in office as long as they are doing a good job," said Marilyn Albertson, a member of the Board of Directors speaking on behalf of the League.

Albertson said LWV is supporting the measure because it would require greater disclosure, and prevent people in

office from "playing musical chairs."

The opposition camp is asking voters to reject the measure because it believes it was written by lobbyists.

"It was done without any input from neighborhood councils, or for that matter, any group except the League of Women Voters and the Chamber of Commerce," said Doug Epperhart, president of Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council.

The West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council has also come out against Measure R.

The measure is a great deal for developers who want to continue working with those city council members who "they already bought," Epperhart said.

Measure R would restrict developers from making campaign donations, but would not prohibit them from asking their clients to do the "dirty work" for them, he added.

"Personally, I think they should call it the 'save the developer some money initiative,'" Epperhart said.

FLEXIBLE FIRE STATIONS

Measure J would provide flexibility in designing new fire stations by amending the previous voter-approved Proposition F, passed in 2000, by allowing stations to be constructed on one or more sites within close proximity of each other. The two sites would be less than a collective two acres.

Proposition F, in its current form, limits construction to a single two-acre site, rather than spreading it out. The measure has been endorsed by LA Fire Chief William Bamattre and Councilman Eric Garcetti.

The measure would have no fiscal impact to the city's debt or the general fund, according to Fujioka.

If the measure passes, it will provide the city the flexibility of where to place regional stations and save money, according to an impartial analysis by Gerry Miller, chief legislative analyst, on Smartvoter.org.

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A wealth of millionaires in million-dollar homes



DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

Last week, we talked about the wealthiest cities in the United States. As you might expect with Beverly Hills at number one and Santa Monica at number two, Los Angeles County has been confirmed as the wealthiest county in the United States, according to a recent survey by TNS Financial Services. And, as you might expect also, four of the nation's richest counties are in California — L.A., Orange, San Diego and Santa Clara.

The survey studied a national sample that included more than 1,800 households with a net worth of \$500,000 or more, excluding primary residence. Winners of the top-10 richest counties in the country are — Los Angeles County, with 262,800 millionaire households (23 percent of the state's wealthiest households). Cook County, Ill., came in second with 167,873 millionaire households, followed by Orange County (113,299 households); Maricopa County, Ariz. (106,210 households); San Diego County (100,030 households); Harris County, Texas (96,593 households); Nassau County, N.Y. (78,816 households); Santa Clara County, (75,371 households); Palm Beach County, Fla. (69,871 households); and Middlesex County, Mass. (67,552 households).

A total of 48,666 Golden State homes sold for a million dollars or more last year, according to DataQuick Information

Systems. That was up 47 percent from 33,107 in 2004. The total was 19,080 in 2003 and 13,871 in 2002. Statewide, there were 310 sales for more than \$5 million last year, 327 sales were in the \$4 million to \$5 million range, 990 in the \$3 million range, 3,937 sales in the \$2 million range, and the rest between \$1 million and \$2 million.

"In reality, the prestige market remained pretty stable from 2004 to 2005. But because of the increase in home values across the board, more sales prices crossed the million-dollar threshold. In other words, homes that would have sold for \$900,000 in 2004, sold for more than a million last year," said Marshall Prentice, DataQuick president.

And, according to the MLS, in Santa Monica, 221 single family homes sold for a million dollars in 2005.

Our six-year real estate boom has made many multiple properties millionaires. While SoCal has been the extreme, with real estate assets escalating nationally, so has the number of U.S. millionaires. In 2005, the number of households with more than \$1 million in net worth (excluding primary residence) rose for the third consecutive year. The TNS study attributes the increase to "long-term wealth accumulation," as opposed to new wealth creation or getting rich on real estate investments.

"With the increasing number of millionaire households comes an increasing confidence, as over three-quarters of high-net worth households feel they will be financially prepared for retirement," stated Jeanette Luhr, manager of the TNS study.

Real estate continues to be an investment portfolio staple, but the study proves it is not

the sole cause of wealth. Forty-six percent of millionaire households own investment real estate such as a second home, third home, rental properties and undeveloped land. Thirty-four percent have a first mortgage on these residences and 25 percent have second mortgages on these additional residences.

The study concluded that the mean net worth (excluding the primary residence) for these millionaire households is \$2.16 million; mean investable assets — \$1.44 million. The median age for the head of the household is 58 years old, and almost 45 percent are retired.

"These millionaire households understand that calculated risks are still a necessity within their portfolio design," noticed Luhr, "however, over 50 percent have become much more conservative in their investment approach over the past year."

In the Golden State, the median-sized million-dollar home in 2005 was 2,480 square feet, with four bedrooms and three bathrooms, according to DataQuick. If you sold a home in California last year, there was a one in 13 chance that it went for at least \$1 million, up from a one in 20 chance in 2004.

The real news is that \$1 million homes are becoming more commonplace in areas not known for lifestyles of the rich and famous.

"A million dollars isn't what it used to be, and a millionaire looks like the average Joe on the streets," noted Santa Monica multi-unit owner Nancy. "I work as a teacher, so I'm kind of thankful for that. I'm also thankful I bought property in Santa Monica 25 years ago."

The million-dollar home trend is pushing even farther inland, into non-resort communities in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Several new million-dollar home markets emerged there last year, thanks to sales of newly built large homes on big lots.

You used to be able to spot millionaires — they lived in places like Beverly Hills, Malibu, Santa Barbara — now they're everywhere. DataQuick notes that in the Glassell

ALL IN A ZIP

ZIP Codes with the highest number of homes that sold for \$1 million or more in 2005

ZIP	Area	Number	Sold
Highest Price Paid (in millions)			
92037	La Jolla	478	\$23.5
90266	Manhattan Beach	444	\$5.3
94010	Hillsborough	396	\$6.5
92130	Del Mar	379	\$7.5
92677	Laguna Niguel	378	\$6.7
95070	Saratoga	372	\$5.8
92660	Newport Beach	371	\$7.6
92648	Huntington Beach	360	\$3.5
92253	La Quinta	354	\$9.5
95014	Cupertino	347	\$2.6

Source: DataQuick Information Systems

Park, 18 homes sold for \$1 million or more in 2005. There was just one in 2004. In Baldwin Hills, the number of seven-figure homes rose to 23 from nine.

"The million-dollar cycle hasn't completely played itself out in the more affordable areas, which include the Inland Empire," said John Karevoll, DataQuick's chief analyst. "There is more to happen there."

Even condominiums in California are breaching the \$1 million mark. There were 2,902 condo sales in the million-dollar category last year, up 73 percent from the year before, DataQuick said. Most were sold in West Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. The MLS confirms that Santa Monica had 87 million-plus condos in 2005. The approximate year-to-date figure is a healthy 105.

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Get out of the single frame



REAL ESTATE 101

BY MIKE HEAYN

Paradigm shift. You won't be able to purchase an apartment and run it as efficiently as possible unless you get out of the single family frame of mind.

A lot of new apartment investors look at an apartment building as a set of single family homes on a single parcel. To an extent, these investors are not wrong. However, where the error in judgment takes place is in the way of value. Commercial real estate value is not solely determined by comparable sales and a loan to value, but rather on the property's current income and future income potential.

When you buy a commercial property, such as an apartment, you are buying an income stream. Think of these kind of investments like an annuity (i.e. — periodic payments). Unlike an annuity, however, real estate is not fixed in its income level. This means you are buying a tangible asset that has tax benefits such as depreciation and should yield a return.

When purchasing an apartment, the first thing to do is find out what kind of financing is available. Every commercial property is different, and thus, the amount of money that can be lent against it varies. Once you have an idea of what financing is available,

you will be able to figure out what the overall cap rate is or cash on cash return.

One of the most important factors when figuring out the overall cap rate is figuring out what type of return on investment suits your needs. Do you want a 10 percent, 15 percent, 20 percent or 25 percent return? Heck, you may even want a 50 percent, which may be feasible in other areas of the country. Realistically, though you are going to expect an average to sub-average return in Southern California.

There is no simple way to find out if a property is good enough for your needs unless you run the numbers with the property's actual income. What you want to know is what the property has been generating for a least a year, what types of expenses the property has, and if there has been any type of capital improvements done. You should not have a hard time getting the income and expenses from a broker or real estate agent. If a broker tells you that only accepted offers will have the income information released, move on. You cannot in good conscience decide if a deal is worthwhile or not without knowing the underlining numbers.

Just as all properties are different, so are the investors who run them. If this is your first building, take time to set your priorities — growing value long term, steady cash flow

Demographics can project future demand



IN YOUR SPACE
BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

The value of real estate relies to a high degree on supply and demand. The makeup of the demographics, or population characteristics, for the region where the real estate is located is the driver for the demand side of the equation. Demographics measure things like age, race, income and employment status of the nearby population and are used to project future demand.

An example of how demographics play into real estate investment opportunities is the large number of aging baby boomers. As the boomers grow older, their needs change and astute investors who can read that trend can benefit. The current shortage of assisted living facilities is a good example of demographic change creating demand for an asset class that is in short supply.

An additional consideration to the demand engine of the aging boomers is the barrier to entry for new product. This is created by the current high cost of construction and available land that is properly entitled.

The strength and diversity of the local economy can also directly affect the supply and demand balance, impacting the value and stability of real estate.

In 2000, the health of the economy in the Silicon Valley in California was predominantly driven by the "dot-com boom." When the dot-com economy went bust, real estate followed. The need for office space evaporated and values and cash flows in the area suffered the consequences of being a "one horse" town.

Studying changes in demographic patterns can point the investor to the areas with the greatest likelihood of finding success. Indicators to consider are population and job growth for the last several years and projected growth over the next 10 years. Areas that are currently considered highly promising using the population and job matrix are Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Phoenix, Arizona; Las Vegas, Nevada; Hesperia, California; Orlando, Florida; and Austin, Texas.

The wise investor looks at many factors when evaluating risk for a given investment. What is the economic engine that drives the local economy? Are there barriers to entry for new product? Is there population and job growth? How broad-based is the economic engine? Are the services being provided via the real estate asset relevant to the demographics and local economy?

Demographics are a powerful tool in the search for good investments. They can be used to help locate which geographic areas and what real estate asset classes to pursue. If

Sample Properties For Sale				
Retail				
City	State	Sq.Ft	Price	Cap Rate
Missori City	TX	42,526	\$2,300,000	8.80%
New York	NY	10,566	\$3,385,000	7.90%
Cameron Park	CA	37,928	\$6,495,000	6.80%
Lake City	FL	89,691	\$10,190,000	8.22%
Tenant In Common/Alternatives (No Management)				
Type	State	Minimum Investment	Year1/Year 5 Cash On Cash	
Dry Stack Boat Storage	KY	\$100,000	6%/ 20%	
Retail Office Ctr	TN	\$250,000	8%/10%	
Multy Family	NC	\$250,000	7.61%/8.79%	
Grocery Anchored Ctr	NC	\$400,000	8%/11%	
Office	NV	\$500,000	10%/12%	

properly used, they can also help the investor understand current and future risk for a given investment.

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REAL ESTATE 101 Have an exit plan

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with easy operating, etc. Once you have real numbers figured out for your return on investment, you should know your exit strategy before you get in. Think about your best- and worst-case scenario. What if the market drops 10 percent or 20 percent? Will this affect you? If your property is stabilized and you know your financing well enough, you will proba-

bly be fine.

Remember, you cannot change the purchase price, but you can change the financing. It is an income stream you are buying. You will be able to find help with certain association such as the Apartment Owners Association for documents such as leases, estoppels, etc.

In Southern California, you are going to pay a premium for an apartment property. There is a lot, and I mean a lot, of competition out there. There are more dollars from cash refinances and 1031 exchanges than there are deals. Soon, real estate will become the ugly stepchild because of its illiquid nature. Believe it or not, there actually will come a time

when sellers won't be getting five and six offers over the asking price. The real estate market, in both residential and commercial areas, will change. I am not saying that the sky will fall and values will drop drastically, but I am saying, that eventually, the real estate climate will change.

Finally, keep in mind that an emotional attachment to an investment property is not the best way to go about purchasing an asset.

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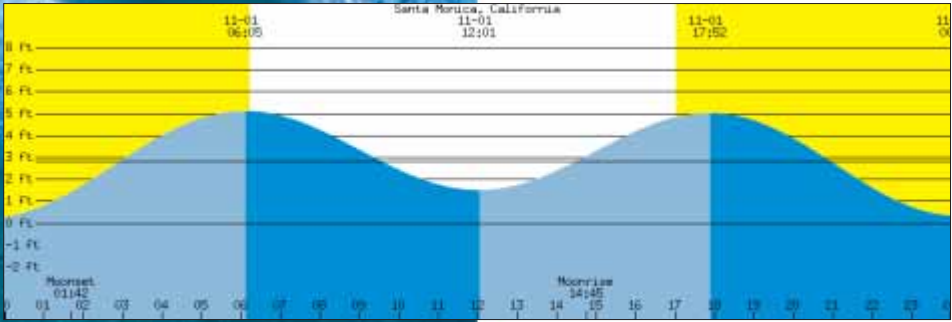
SWELL FORECAST (... FT)

The 1st size from the SW should back down to knee to waist as west facing breaks experience similar size. Winds though should be ideal for the dawn patrol sessions, yet the tide will be quite high once the sun comes up.

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 3
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / ns
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / ns

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

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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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Getting expert etiquette

By Daily Press staff

The public can learn why Emily Post’s name is synomous with proper manners from her very own relative.

The Santa Monica Public Library welcomes etiquette expert and best-selling author Peggy Post to the Main Library’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium on Monday, Nov. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Spokesperson for the Emily Post Institute and great-grandaughter-in-law of Emily Post, Peggy Post is the author of many books on good manners and proper etiquette. Post will join the library to discuss her latest book, “Excuse me, but I was Next ... How to Handle the Top 100 Manners Dilemmas.” Learn how to deal with everyday, modern annoyances such as cell phone yakkers, line cutters and movie chatters, and much more.

A book sale and signing will follow.

This is a free program with limited seating. Tickets will be available one hour prior to the event. For more information, contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600 or Web site at www.smpl.org.

Crafty holiday ways

By Daily Press staff

In time for the holidays, the Contemporary Crafts Market (CCM) returns to the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.

The event held Nov. 3 through Nov. 5, features one-of-a-kind decorative, functional and wearable art. Celebrating its 21st season, the event will showcase handiwork of more than 250 of the nation’s celebrated craft artists, spanning several generations. A great chance to buy fine art gifts for those on your shopping list, CCM presents handmade glassware, jewelry, ceramics, watercolors, silk and velvet fashion, weavings, mixed media sculpture, and hand-carved furniture.

The market will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The CCM is held twice a year in Santa Monica and annually in San Francisco. Artists are jury-selected based on creativity and quality. All items in the show must be handmade.

The entrance fee is \$7 for adults and free to children age 12 and under.

For more information, call (310) 285-3655 or visit the web site at www.CraftSource.org.

A generous donation for the arts

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Historical Society Museum recently announced that it received a donation of \$100,000 from longtime resident of Santa Monica, Dr. John E. Gilmore.

The \$5 million capital campaign for the building of the new museum was launched last month, which to-date had raised \$200,000. The honorary spokesperson for the campaign is Joe Regalbuto, who is best known for his 10-year run on CBS’ “Murphy Brown.”

“We greatly appreciate Dr. Gilmore’s generous donation. It has helped out fundraising efforts enormously,” said Louise Gabriel, president/CEO of the museum.

“His generosity and dedication to the museum has touched us deeply, and we are very thankful.”

Today, Dr. Gilmore is extremely active in the community and continues to support many organizations like the YMCA, Kiwanis and the Boys and Girls Clubs.

“Santa Monica is full of culture and being able to help preserve its history for future generations means a lot to me,” said Gilmore. “For those who feel that Santa Monica has been a big part of their lives, I urge them to join the campaign and to help make this museum a major attraction.”

The money which is being raised will allow the museum to be relocated to a new 5,000-square-foot facility situated on the Santa Monica Main Public Library campus in mid-2007.

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Missing cash

Cambodian group denies stealing Jolie's donation

The head of a Cambodian aid group has denied allegations that donations by Angelina Jolie for a conservation project had been misappropriated.

TREVOR NEILSON, philanthropic and political adviser for Jolie and her partner Brad Pitt, told The Associated Press in New York that "hundreds of thousands of dollars" were missing.

He was responding to allegations by Mounh Sarath, director of Cambodian Vision in Development, that Jolie had reneged on an agreement by stopping funds for his group.

"The sad reality is that this person who made these allegations was fired because we believe (he) stole" Jolie's donations, Neilson said Monday. He didn't elaborate

or say whether action would be taken to recover the funds.

On Tuesday, Mounh Sarath denied the allegations and said he "will fight any lawsuit to find out the truth and to see if they have any documented proof of the money stolen."

The 31-year-old actress has promised up to \$1.3 million over five years for a forest con-

servation program that was approved by the Cambodia government in 2003.

She terminated the contract with Cambodian Vision in Development in December, and has set up an independent Cambodian organization to administer the conservation project for remote northwestern areas of Cambodia, Stephan Bognar, execu-

tive director of the Maddox Jolie Project, said Monday.

The Maddox Jolie Project is named for Jolie's 5-year-old son Maddox, who was adopted from Cambodia in 2002.

Scenes for her 2001 movie, "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider," were filmed at Cambodia's famed Angkor Wat temple.

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Van Halen attempts to jump into Fame

VAN HALEN is trying to make their biggest "jump" yet — into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, with potential 2007 classmates such as R.E.M., Chic, and Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five.

All are among the nine nominees for enshrinement in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland. A panel of 500 industry experts will select five to be inducted at the annual ceremony, to be held March 12

in New York City.

To be eligible, artists must have issued a first single or album at least 25 years prior to nomination.

Van Halen and R.E.M. came from opposite sides of the 1980s rock 'n' roll spectrum. Led by cartoonish frontman David Lee Roth and fleet-fingered guitarist Eddie Van Halen, the California quartet was a hard rock favorite with songs like "Jump" and "Hot for

Teacher." R.E.M., meanwhile, was the quintessential indie rock band until breaking through to mass success in the early 1990s.

Grandmaster Flash led the most innovative act in early hip-hop, and the song "The Message" was like a letter from urban America.

Chic, a funk group led by Bernard Edwards and Nile Rodgers, were one of the few acts to dominate the disco era

and emerge with their reputation intact through songs such as the wedding band favorite "Good Times."

Other nominees include Patti Smith, the punk rock poet who recently presided over the closing of New York's legendary CBGB nightclub; British invader the Dave Clark Five; Phil Spector favorites the Ronettes; soul singer Joe Tex; and the Stooges, early home of Iggy Pop.

AP

A brief peace for Mills and McCartney

The ugly divorce battle between PAUL MCCARTNEY and HEATHER MILLS MCCARTNEY was put on hold this weekend at their daughter Beatrice's third birthday party, according to news reports.

The two even spoke to one another during the 90-minute event, which was held at a children's play center in East Sussex, England, on Saturday, Britain's Hello! magazine reported Monday. About 15 guests attended, the magazine said.

McCartney reportedly took off in a car with Beatrice 10 minutes before Mills McCartney departed with leftover birthday cake.

McCartney, 64, and Mills, 38, announced they were separating in May after four years of marriage. McCartney filed for divorce in July.

Their marital breakup has stirred a sensation not seen in Britain since Prince Charles and Princess Diana parted ways a decade ago, sparking immense

rivalry in the British press for the best scoop.

Two weeks ago, the Daily Mail splashed its front page with what appeared to be legal papers drafted by Mills McCartney's lawyers against the former Beatle that alleged drug use, drunkenness, callousness about his wife's amputated leg, indifference to her pain and an assault with a broken wineglass.

Her lawyers said last week she is suing two newspapers over "false, damaging and

immensely upsetting" stories surrounding her divorce from McCartney. She had been vilified in the media and was now being stalked by photographers, the firm said.

Associated Newspapers, the publisher of the Daily Mail and London's Evening Standard, said the stories about Mills McCartney in both papers "were obtained by proper methods and in accordance with good journalistic practice."

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The Grudge 2 (PG-13)
1:55, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

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The Departed (R)
12:35, 1:40, 5:00, 7:35, 8:30
Flags of Our Fathers (R)
1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:30
Flicka (PG)
1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
Marie Antoinette (PG-13)
12:10, 2:50, 4:00, 5:40, 8:25, 10:45
Saw III (R)
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12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00
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Man of the Year (PG-13)
11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20
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12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:10, 6:30, 7:20, 9:30, 10:30
Running With Scissors (R)
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas in Disney Digital 3D (PG)
12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20



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Difficulty
GOLD

					8			
1		6		5				4
		3	4			5		6
4		7	2					8
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7		2			3	1		
3				9		4		7
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GETTING STARTED

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 LAST PUZZLE

9	5	4	8	6	3	1	7	2
3	1	6	4	2	7	8	9	5
7	8	2	1	9	5	4	3	6
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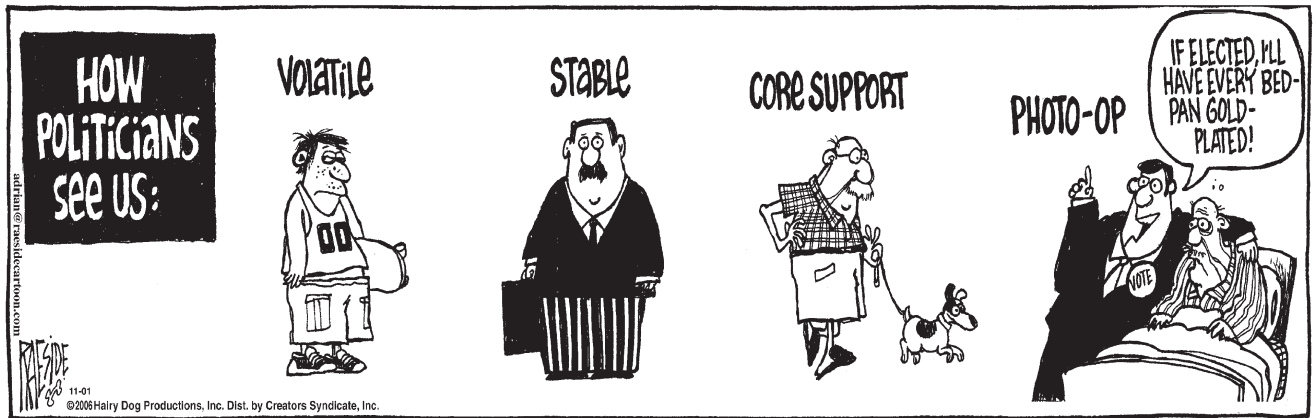
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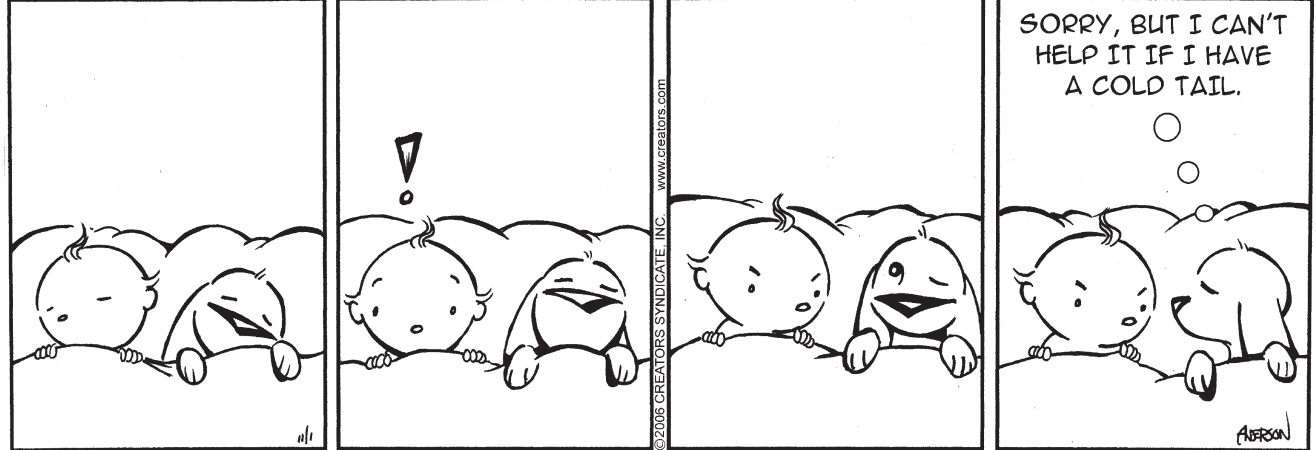
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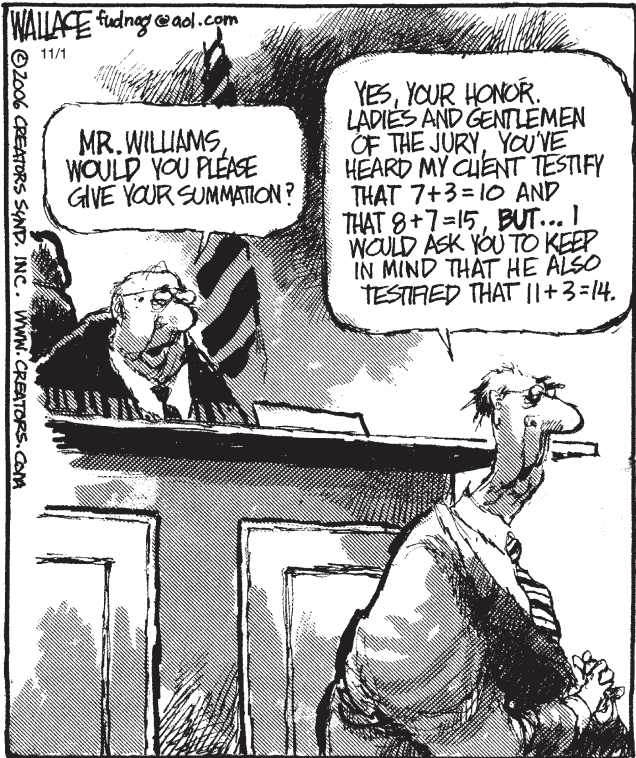


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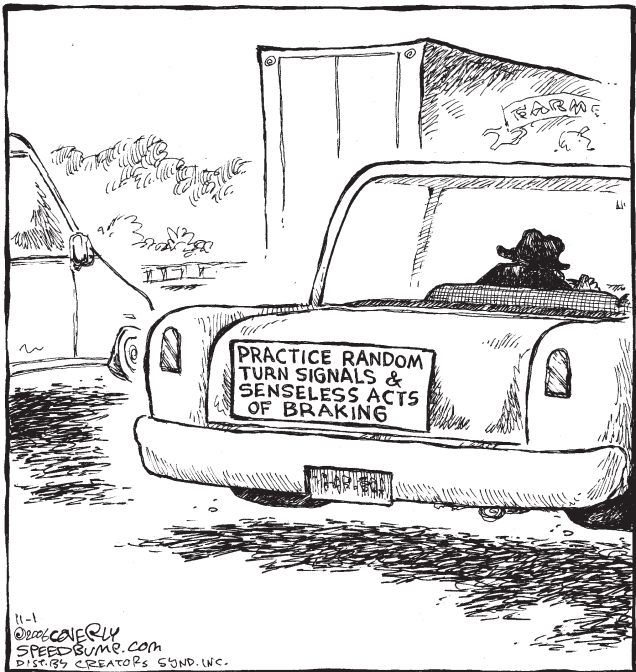
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- 14 Knight's opponent
- 15 Inclined
- 16 Tear along
- 17 Most new drivers
- 19 Stole stuff
- 22 Trombone part
- 24 Word separator
- 26 Silent performer
- 27 Map dot
- 28 Signs
- 30 Music genre
- 31 Empty talk
- 32 Swirly posters
- 34 Bend
- 35 Auditing org.
- 38 Warning
- 41 Put out
- 42 Without delay
- 43 Butte's kin
- 44 Toot
- 45 Manipulative sort

DOWN

- 1 Geometry calculation

2 Spring

- 3 Days gone by
- 4 Shrewd
- 5 Try to get, at an auction
- 6 Unlike this answer
- 7 Paper purchase
- 8 Chips buy
- 9 Freud topic
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- 22 Urban woe
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- 29 Comfort
- 30 Upper limit, briefly
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- 34 Ward off
- 36 Get up
- 37 Headliner
- 38 Truck part
- 39 Ignored a diet
- 40 Otto — Bismarck
- 41 Rhea's cousin

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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 28, 2006. 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 \$340,000 and \$435,000 and shall be completed in 60 working days. The Work requires a California Class A contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Charles Chen at (626) 458-7917.

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 Los Angeles County 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 wage rates for this Project as predetermined by the Secretary of Labor (Federal) are set forth in the Special Provisions.

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Bidders are advised that, as required by Federal law, the State has established a statewide overall DBE goal. This Agency's Federal-aid contract is considered to be 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. To provide assistance in meeting the statewide goal, the Agency

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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.

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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 County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

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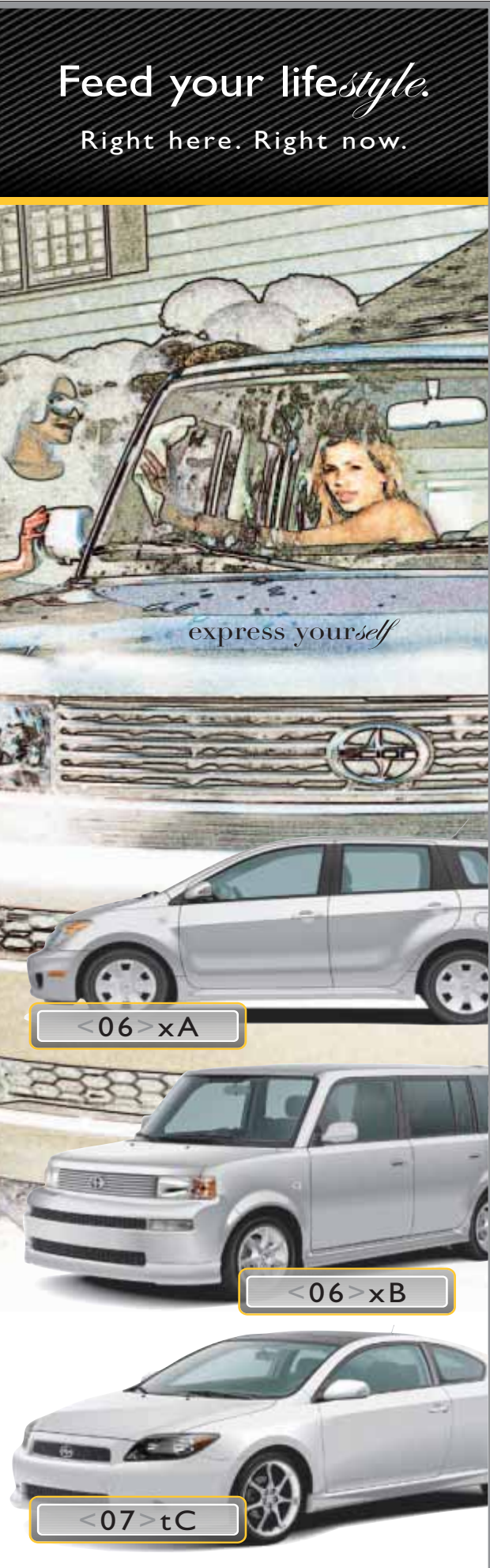


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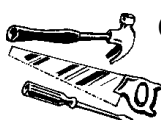
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