

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues

DAILY LOTTERY

SUPER LOTTO

3 14 15 27 41
Meganumber: 17
Jackpot: \$26 Million

FANTASY 5

7 21 26 32 34

DAILY 3

Daytime: 9 7 1
Evening: 2 5 5

DAILY DERBY

1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 07 Eureka

RACE TIME: 1:42.98

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site: <http://www.calottery.com>

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

An Associated Press investigation revealed in September that \$5 billion in Small Business Administration loans authorized in the wake of Sept. 11 was so poorly managed that businesses close to New York City's Ground Zero went begging for money while thousands of businesses throughout the country got emergency loans by creatively describing how they were hurt by the Islamist-terrorist attacks. More than 130 franchised fast-food shops; dentists and chiropractors; a South Dakota radio station; a Utah dog boutique; and a Virgin Islands perfume shop were among those who got the mostly guaranteed loans. SBA admitted that it assigned some ordinary loans to the 9-11 fund on its own and generously accepted others' 9-11 "qualifications."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 312th day of 2005.
There are 53 days left in the year.
This is Election Day.

On Nov. 8, 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power with a failed coup in Munich, Germany, the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What is politics but persuading the public to vote for this and support that and endure these for the promise of those?"

GILBERT HIGHET

INDEX

Horoscopes

Lay low tonight, Scorpio 2

Surf Report

Water temperature: 54° 3

Opinion

A little about Alito 4

Commentary

Dream weaver 5

SM Parenting

Taking their shots 8

State

Bursting with energy 10

Comics

Strips tease 12

Classifieds

Ad space odyssey 13-15

British invasion a boon to city

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — The city of Santa Monica is glad you came.

Tourism has proven to be an enduring economic workhorse for the local economy, pumping in more than \$840 million for local coffers in 2004 alone, with even more expected this year.

The lion's share of Santa

Monica scenetakers continue to hail from the United Kingdom, a trend that predates the 2001 terrorist attacks — which caused a major slump in the tourism industry.

Acknowledging the similarities in lifestyles between the UK and Santa Monica, local tourism officials have aggressively marketed in Britain for years. Other cities are now catching on.

"After 9-11, all the reports

came out that UK travelers were still moving and that segment started growing, that's when all the other destinations started marketing. So now, in our corner, everybody is picking off of us," said Misti Kerns, president and CEO of the Santa Monica Conventions & Visitors Bureau. "That makes it more difficult."

With a limited marketing budget, the CVB rarely places adver-

A recent study shows the next surge in tourism here will come from Japan

tisements in overseas publications, instead relying on relationships already established and written travel articles spotlighting the city. CVB officials estimate that in 2004, Santa Monica has received the equivalent of \$5 million worth of advertising through such articles.

A recent study shows the next surge in tourism here will come from Japan, and they will likely be different types of travelers — younger, with more disposable income and primarily women who plan shopping excursions, according to Kerns.

See WELCOME TO SM, page 6

Bundy access flap on roads to recovery

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — An agreement that would allow Santa Monica College's Bundy campus to become more accessible to its students — and possibly increase traffic for surrounding neighbors — will be considered by elected officials this evening.

City staff is asking the Santa Monica City Council to consider a temporary tri-party agreement which, if approved, could increase student mobility to and from SMC's Bundy campus. It may also increase traffic volume in surrounding neighborhoods, according to a staff report.

The City Council is set to discuss behind closed doors legal ramifications related to the proposed agreement.

Staff's recommendation comes on the heels of recent meetings held between officials from City Hall, SMC and West Los Angeles

See BUNDY ACCESS, page 7

Have a look-sea



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Crew members from "Dave the Window Washer" suspend themselves along the Sea Castle on Santa Monica Beach, providing residents with a clearer view of the Pacific Ocean.

Billing process has need for speed

(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures which appear on the upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agenda. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY JASMIN PERSCH

Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL — City council is expected to spend \$432,146 tonight to bring its utility bill software into the 21st century.

The numerous bills city officials collect from Santa Monica

residents and businesses — water, sewage, trash, fire inspections — are organized with technology stemming from the 1980s.

The software allows city staff to track utility bills and money collected by residents and businesses on top of providing people with billing information.

City officials said they will install new software that could meet the growing demands of people who want billing made easy.

Many residents and businesses today expect to view and pay their

See CONSENT, page 7

GABY SCHKUD

The name you can depend on!
Serving sellers and buyers
on the Westside.

2444 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 102
Santa Monica, CA 90403
(310) 586-0308

COLDWELL BANKER



BEST ON THE WESTSIDE
SINCE 1972
MUSIC LESSONS
INSTRUMENTAL & VOICE
(310) 453-1928

www.santamonicausic.com

1901 Santa Monica Blvd. in Santa Monica

Back by popular demand... **THE UNDER \$10 DINNER SPECIAL**



Served from 4pm - 10pm

1433 Wilshire Blvd at 15th St
310-394-1131

01578936

SPARKLING DIAMONDS

COME AND VISIT OUR ENTIRE COLLECTION OF EDWARDIAN PIECES





SHOP WHERE THEY KNOW YOUR NAME

Visit us today and see the difference family makes.

331 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica 2 Hours Free Parking (Behind Store)
310.451.1349 • www.readersjewelers.com



Eddie Guerboian

2400 Main Street
Santa Monica

7 days a week

BIKE ATTACK

Free Kryptonite Lock with every Bike purchase

Expires 12-31-05

10% off with this ad

310-581-8014

MERCEDES BENZ TAXI SERVICE

EURO TAXI

OF SANTA MONICA

(310) 828-4200

\$26.⁰⁰
FLAT TO LAX
FROM SM

- OUR FARES AVERAGE 20% LESS THAN MOST OTHER LOCAL TAXI CO.
- CLEAN CARS - VANS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR LARGER PARTIES
- ALL OF OUR DRIVERS SPEAK CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH
- 24/7 DISPATCH



Sunset Grill

A CONTINENTAL CAFE

FOOD TO GO • DELIVERY • DINE IN

A Fantastic Spot for Breakfast

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CAFE FOR 15 YEARS

TRY OUT OUR BREAKFAST CREPES OR OMELETTES
BASQUAISE, GOOD MORNING PASTA
"THE CHEAPEST LATTE IN TOWN!"

"IT'S HARD TO SPEND MUCH HERE; IT'S EQUALLY HARD TO WALK OUT UNSATISFIED" — THE GOOD LIFE

BREAKFAST ■ LUNCH ■ DINNER

Open from 7:30am - 9pm ■ Closed Sundays & Holidays

1701 Ocean Park Blvd. in Santa Monica ■ 310-450-7546



EXPERT PIPE & LIGHTER REPAIR

IMPORTED GIFTS FROM 22 COUNTRIES

WE FEATURE THE WORLD'S FINEST IMPORTANT PIPES

W/THIS AD 15% OFF ANY PURCHASE
EXP. 11-15-05

COME IN FOR A FREE SAMPLE OF OUR PERSONAL PIPE BLENDS!

The Tinder Box

THE ORIGINAL EST. 1928

2729 WILSHIRE BLVD., SANTA MONICA CA

Ph. (310) 828-4511 www.tinderboxsantamonica.com



HOROSCOPE

Lie low tonight, Scorpio

Santa Monica Daily Press



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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ It is going to take more than determination to get through the day. Obstacles demand creativity, or at least by delegating the problem, you'll encourage others to help. Others have suggestions that might not be workable. At least they care. Tonight: Let off steam with friends.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ You are fiery, especially when confronted with negativity. It might be wise to step back and avoid the present tango. Others have great ideas. Implementing them might be a whole different story. Tonight: Work late.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You would be well-advised to distance yourself from strong feelings and hot situations. You must tune in to your higher self, or else you could be embroiled in messes you would prefer to stay out of. You might not understand how very angry you are at someone. Tonight: Stay in your head.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Investigate what is going on before you do or say anything. Everyone seems to have a different opinion of what must happen. It might be wise to listen and, even if you strongly disagree, say nothing. Tonight: Let others sound off.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You might feel unusually glum or out of control. Truly, many planetary forces are at work, which you cannot control. Let others deal with what comes up. Become shy and reticent — yes, you! Tonight: Go along with another's plans.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You have very little control of what is going on. Stick to what you can do yourself, and don't get involved in office or domestic politics. You will be all the happier as a result. Keep your head down and stay out of hassles. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might have many great ideas, but they fall on deaf ears. Everyone is doing his or her own thing. Problems or different styles mark the day's happenings. Be smart; look at the cup as half-full and keep your nose clean. Tonight: You will want to kick up your heels.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ You might want to reach a decision, but now is not the right time. Others are extremely opinionated and difficult. Hassles appear left and right. Stay close to home, or close your door if need be. Tonight: Lie low.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You can talk all you want, but getting a consensus could be tough. Others have personal problems, and their minds are elsewhere. Follow your intuitive sense. Screen out extra flak. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Sometimes you might be put off by someone's attitude, especially regarding former agreements. Let it go for now, as you might not be able to resolve much. You will find that others are simply flaky, argumentative or difficult. Tonight: Think through an issue.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ The Moon might be in your sign, and you might be OK, but the truth remains that others might be hostile, argumentative or just depressed. Stay out of the activity. Do your thing. Tonight: Conjure up an idea in your imagination.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might be argumentative, frustrated or downright out of sorts because of others. If you can vanish, close your door or stay home, all the better. Loosen up and relax by staying out of the way of others. Tonight: Vanish quickly.



Santa Monica Daily Press

Published Monday through Saturday

Phone: (310) 458-PRESS (7737) • Fax: (310) 576-9913

1427 Third Street Promenade, Ste. #202 • Santa Monica, CA 90401 • www.smdp.com

PUBLISHER Ross Furukawa ross@smdp.com EDITOR Carolyn Sackariason editor@smdp.com STAFF WRITER Ryan Hyatt ryanh@smdp.com SANTA MONICA PARENTING Nina Furukawa nina@smdp.com STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Fabian Lewkowicz ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE Robbie P. Piubeni rob@smdp.com	ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE Rob Schwenker schwenker@smdp.com ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE Stewart O'Dell stewarto@smdp.com TRAFFIC MANAGER Connie Sommerville connies@smdp.com PRODUCTION MANAGER Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II alex@smdp.com NIGHT EDITOR Lori Luechtefeld lori@smdp.com	NIGHT EDITOR Michael Tittinger ...somechum@smdp.com CLASSIFIEDS SALES MANAGER Annie Kotok anniek@smdp.com CIRCULATION Keith Wyatt CIRCULATION Glenn Bolan SPECIAL PROJECTS Dave Danforth dave@smdp.com MASCOT Maya Furukawa maya@smdp.com
--	--	---

LOCAL



City phasing out pier parking amid project

By Daily Press staff

The parking deck on the Santa Monica Pier will be closed through Dec. 16 so a strengthening project can be completed.

The project, known as "Phase II," will involve removing the asphalt put in place in the early 1950s to restore the historic wooden surface of the Santa Monica Pier, as well as upgrading the substructure to allow for increased load capacities.

All pier businesses and public events will continue operations as usual throughout the construction. Additional pier parking will be available in the 1550 PCH lot, north of the pier and the "Hot Dog on a Stick" lot, a short-term parking lot southeast of the pier off Appian Way. The Hot Dog on a Stick lot will remain open until midnight through Dec. 16. Parking in that lot is \$1 per hour; in the north lot it is \$6 on weekend and \$5 on weekdays.

New directional signs and city traffic safety officers will help direct visitors to nearby parking. As always, overflow parking for the pier is available in the 2030 Barnard Way lot, a four- to six-minute walk from the pier. The Pier is served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, 7, 8 and 10 and the Tide Shuttle.



Photo courtesy

This section of the pier has already been completed. The next piece of the puzzle involves the parking entrance and turnaround, requiring the pier parking deck to be closed for the next few weeks.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Hail to the 'Chief': Donner recognized

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College Interim President Dr. Thomas J. Donner has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 Walter Robie Award for "Outstanding Chief Business Officer" by a state organization.

The award was given by the Association of Chief Business Officials, which represents chief financial officers at community colleges throughout California.

The award comes less than a year after Donner received the "National Outstanding Chief Business Officer of the Year Award" from the Community College Business Officers Organization. CCBO represents business operations of community colleges in the U.S. and Canada.

Donner has been serving as interim president since January, but most of his 29-year tenure at the college has been as chief business officer. He also served as interim president of SMC from October 1994 to July 1995.

Donner chartered the college's fiscal plan through the aftermath of Proposition



See BRIEFS, page 6



SURF REPORT

West-facing breaks are checking in around knee to occasionally waist. South-facing breaks are even smaller. Today, a system is headed toward SoCal from the gulf region. This will likely bring some rain and increased winds as it builds throughout the day. Morning sessions may still see flat to small conditions, but by evening, size should increase around west-facing breaks to chest high or better.

Today the water is:

54°

Write us at alex@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.



LOW TIDES

HIGH TIDES

	Morning	Height	Evening	Height	Morning	Height	Evening	Height
MONDAY	5:11	3.3	8:25	0.0	3:02	3.4	12:07	5.4
TUESDAY	7:37	3:45	9:33	0.0	4:14	3.8	1:38	5.0
WEDNESDAY	9:43	3.0	10:29	0.1	4:52	4.2	3:16	4.8
THURSDAY	11:01	2.3	11:15	0.2	5:24	4.7	4:38	4.8
FRIDAY	11:42	2.1	11:43	0.0	5:49	4.1	5:16	4.6

The Surf Report is sponsored by:



SURF CENTER santa monica

✱ **Core Surf/Lifestyle Shop** ✱

**1451 THIRD STREET PROMENADE
IN SANTA MONICA • 310.656.CURL**

The **Q**Line

Sponsored by...

After years of preparation, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. opened this past weekend on the Santa Monica Pier. City officials say the restaurant will enhance the family atmosphere of the pier and bring in more revenue for City Hall. Opponents say that allowing a chain restaurant to become established on the pier goes against guidelines that give preference to locally owned businesses.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "What impact, if any, do you think the opening of Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. on the pier will have?"

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your responses in the weekend edition. Please try to limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.

EST. 1934 **The Galley**

Rediscover The Galley's genuine service while experiencing our new weekend brunch served on our beautiful outdoor patio.

Serving Brunch from 11AM-4PM
Full Bar-Best Bloody Mary's in Santa Monica
(310) 452-1934

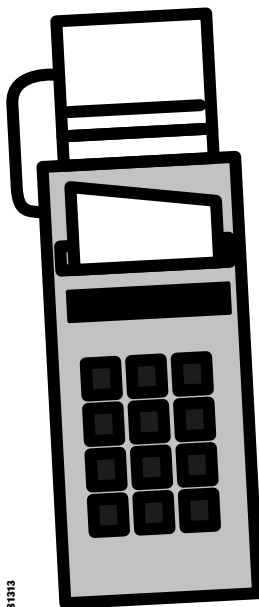
2442 Main Street • Santa Monica

HAVE EQUITY AND THINKING... REFINANCE?

GET DEBT RELIEF
CONSOLIDATE ALL YOUR BILLS
EXPAND A SMALL BUSINESS
AND LOWER MONTHLY PAYMENTS

**CALL TODAY ABOUT YOUR
1% PAYMENT PROGRAM!**

ANDREA SANCHEZ (310) 663-1165 HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL



IRS PROBLEMS?

PERSONAL • BUSINESS • OFFERS

**SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
(310) 395-9922**

100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800
Santa Monica 90401



OPINION



In Memory of Charles Schulz...

© 2005 WWW.FUNNYPAPERZ.COM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's a 'shame' reporter isn't more objective

Editor:

Ryan Hyatt's front page article (SMDP, Nov. 3, page 1) on the kids taking off from school to protest the war was nothing but a biased description of what happened. This was definitely not a protest of children who were afraid of being drafted. The "protest" was a boondoggle for the mostly 14-year-old screaming girls who wanted to get out of class. They were led by a very few parents who manipulated their children into their pro-terrorism anti-Bush bias. Was one of Ryan's kids among them? How come Ryan didn't ask any of the "protesters" any questions about why they were there. No, Ryan just happens to find some people on the street who share his bias.

These weren't thoughtful students displaying their First Amendment rights. These were approximately 45 very young teenagers who have no idea what the draft is. Who wouldn't want to get out of school and run up and down the Promenade with your friends screaming? All they did was annoy all of the patrons and business on the Promenade. Shameful journalism, Ryan, shameful and you know it.

Tom Padden
Santa Monica

Something is rotten at City Hall

Editor:

A warning to all residents. Sewer backups caused by blockages in the city sewer lines are not the city's fault. If you have ever had a sewer backup caused by tree roots on your property, you have probably called a plumber to rooter out your line. Little do you know that the root that is pushed out of your three-inch sewer line on your property may get stuck in the city's eight-inch sewer line and cause a blockage that may have city sewer water flow through someone else's toilet or tub and into their house.

This happens frequently throughout the city. In my case, sewer water was flowing through my residence for nearly two hours before the blockage in their sewer line was cleared by city workers. The city said they were not responsible because a root ball from who knows where caused the disaster. My claim against the city for nearly \$12,000 was denied. Suing them was an option, but with deep pockets and a staff of attorneys they need to keep busy — my attorney fees could reach \$15,000 as the city could delay and delay the case. I was advised to represent myself and sue in small claims court for the maximum \$5,000. As I said, this happens often — 10 to 20 times a year according to city records. It will keep on happening. Unless the city will accept responsibility for the operation or lack of in their city sewer lines, residents like myself or you will have to pay. Is Santa Monica fair? Or self righteous?

Larry Arreola
Santa Monica

A little about Alito shows he's a Supremely good pick



WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA

I, along with many other pundits, have been reading up quickly on Judge Alito. It appears that his position on abortion, the "litmus test" that the conservative religious right is employing these days, is not as ironclad as President Bush thought. Judge Alito has a record of adhering to prior court rulings, and seems to have a strong streak of belief in individual liberty throughout his previous rulings.

How then does his mother's now infamous, "Of course, he's against abortion" comment align with his rulings?

This is proof that the man is qualified and capable of being an excellent justice. He is able to separate his personal views from those of non-sectarian society values. As a lawyer, this is a hallmark of a finely-crafted mind, and I like to think that I too, am able to differentiate from my personal thoughts, with what the society at large should be.

In the upcoming confirmation hearings, much will be made of the judge's rulings on abortion. His famous ruling on marital notification, which was quoted by Justice Rehnquist in his dissent in *Planned Parenthood vs. Casey*, had to do with whether or not a husband should have to be notified of a pending abortion.

I believe that it should be clearly articulated that notification is not permission. Requiring a wife to inform her husband that she is about to abort what is presumed to be their joint creation is only fair in my opinion.

The point of marriage is to create a union. That union then works together to build something. When husband and wife are engaging sexual intercourse, they are each saying they are willing to take on the responsibility of a future child. In my book, they are each gambling that a life will be created.

Since they both have the legal responsibility for the child, they should each have the right to know what is happening with that child. Granted the woman has to carry the child, but that alone does not mean that she should preclude her husband from participation in the discussion of whether or not to abort.

Marriage carries with it legal rights and responsibilities. One of those responsibilities should be to inform your spouse if you are pregnant and going to abort the creation.

Let me be clear: I am not saying the woman should have to get permission from the husband to have the abortion, but she should have to inform him that she is going to get one.

Abortion is a tough subject for most people. It goes to the very heart of our outlook on life. How we view it goes to the very core of how we view the world.

I think most people would agree that

the starting point for much of the debate about abortion is what is the "matter" which is to be removed. The difference in valuation is perhaps clarified by the terminology of "tumor" versus "potential person." For those people who don't consider a fertilized egg to have anything special about it, up until some later point in its development, I think they are using the "tumor" mentality. That is, the removal of a fertilized egg, or fetus carries no implicit moral thinking because it is no different than having a wart removed.

On the other hand, I think if someone believes the zygote is more than a cell, because it can grow into a human being, it has a "potential personhood" encased in it. They are going to have to look at the moral issues of what the removal does.

When I was in freshman biology we did a chicken embryo experiment. We took chicken embryos at various stages of development and viewed them under a microscope. My lab partner accidentally nicked the embryo, which consisted mainly of a heart and a small circulatory system. The heart kept beating for minutes afterwards, even though all the blood drained out. It was then that I decided that life began at conception.

I think and feel that abortion is a taking of a life. But the fact that I am opposed to abortion on a personal level does not mean that I think it should be made illegal on a societal level.

The question then becomes: If one side feels it is murder to kill a "potential person" and one side feels it is merely a medical procedure equivalent to the removal of a tumor, how do we in a non-sectarian society decide what to allow?

I think the only way we can encompass both points of view is to allow choice. That way neither side is forced to take any action that they do not want.

Thinking on two levels is clearly difficult for the majority of humanity. It requires the ability to differentiate oneself from the larger whole. This is not something people like to do. They want to feel a part of. It gives them identity in ways that relieve them from having to think about their values in a larger context.

The ability to do so is what separates the special from the mundane. Judge Alito seems to be capable of holding his personal views in one hand, and his societal views in the other. This to me is proof that, though I may not be in lockstep agreement with him on all things, he is clearly an astute and responsible candidate for the Supreme Court.

As I said before, one man's conservative is another man's liberal. Is letting a husband know that his wife is getting an abortion a restraint on her, or a protection of his right to know? Depends on which side of the argument you're on.

(David Pizarra is a business development lawyer in the Santa Monica firm of Pizarra & Grist. He welcomes your questions and comments. He can be reached at dpizarra@pizarra.com or (310) 664-9969.)

Tell Santa Monica what you think!

...write a letter to the editor

**Email to: editor@smdp.com
or fax 310.576.9913**



Santa Monica Daily Press

OPINIONS EXPRESSED are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff.

Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters will be published on a space-available basis. It is our intention to publish all letters we receive, except those that are libelous or are unsigned. Preference will be given to those that are e-mailed to editor@smdp.com. All letters must include the author's name and telephone number for purposes of verification. Letters also may be mailed to our offices located at 1427 Third Street Promenade, Suite 202, Santa Monica, 90401, or faxed to (310) 576-9913. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content.

COMMENTARY



Not sure I want to know what dreams may come



ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL

About this time of year, people start talking about California dreaming. It seems to happen in other parts of the country when all the leaves are brown, and the sky is gray — sing it with me. In LA, we only get brown leaves in smoggy parts of Burbank and Pasadena. But we do have a song about California dreaming, and hotels from which you “can never leave.” Exterminators would venture to call them roach hotels.

I myself am not a fan of California dreaming. Maybe that's because I live here and I'm tired of dreaming. You would be too if you dreamed of African killer bees trying to attack you as you hide in a filled, outdoor bathtub (don't ask me how it got there).

Of course, I was the genius that yelled “HEY!” as close as I could to their nest while, moments before, making it back safely from the first hive. Bees don't like it when you yell. They especially don't like it if you make derogatory remarks about their comb structure.

An equally frightening nightmare included people telling me that my new hairdo looked like prairie hair. For those in the dark about prairie hair, see my freshman year picture. The hair strands look forlorn and yet somewhat possessed. However “Prairie Hair,” unlike “The Exorcism of Emily Rose” did not bring in much money at the weekend box office. I seemed to be the only one stricken with this phobia.

I don't know about you, but my dreams can be downright mean to me. Some people dream about cool stuff like lollipops, magical castles and pretty ponies. Some people are also six. I get dreams where I have to jump over a bog so I don't smell like, a bog.

For those of you interested in what a bog smells like, think of a bog monster — and think about what the air around him might be like after he ran a marathon — in

a bog.

Not only that, but my dreams like to fool me. They're a big fan of the “I'm just kidding!” factor, like the “Venezuelan” comedian Feriçito on “SNL”. Only he's funny. I'll be in a dream, and I'll wake up in my room and think, oh OK, I was just dreaming. I'll have breakfast, get ready for work, and then wake up for real and have to do it all over again.

This cycle can go on 3-4 times, which is not cool since LA traffic is so terrible. The driving drives me nuts, even in my dreams.

According to the film, “Waking Life,” you need to look for clues like blurry digital clocks to realize you're dreaming. I find them in my dreams and what do they say? ... 8:45 a.m.

So mean, so cruel.

The only cool thing about my dreams is that I can do anything that I can in real life — taste amazing foods, run into walls — you name it. Why I can't wake up from them is a different matter.

One of my least favorite dreams was when Greek Hades was in my bedroom. The eerie brown gray light (apparently, that is the color fixture used in Hades) the twirling leaves over my pink bedspread — it all was there. It's quite horrible to have Hades in your bedroom, but I knew I was dreaming.

Here's how bad my dreams get. I said to myself, “Maybe I'm in the middle of a REM cycle and I really need the sleep,” like a wife who makes excuses for her husband, Hades. This is what I kept thinking in Greek Hell. But after 30 minutes, I finally thought, “screw it, how restful is twirling, dead leaves and brown, pooh-colored light in your bedroom?” I tried to open my eyes for the next 2-3 minutes, but they didn't want to budge.

After a little more combating with my eyelids, I awoke from my dream weary and tired. You should have listened to yourself, I thought. You'll just end up having to get more sleep (and more dreams) tomorrow. But let's be honest, you'd probably rather be a little sleepy than in a REM cycle of Greek Hell too.

(Heidi can be reached at anydayin-la@gmail.com.)

Santa Monica TOBACCO

“THE LUXURY TOBACCO SHOP”

**1434 Fourth St.
Santa Monica
(parking in rear)
310.393.9592**

Marlboro, Camel, Winston, Newport, Kool, Virginia Slim \$30.99 + tax	Nat Sherman NY cut 2-pack for \$7.40 + tax	Nat Sherman MCD Natural 3 Pack For: \$13.85 + tax
Copenhagen / Skoal Kodiak 2 for \$9.99 + tax	All Premium Cigarettes \$38.79 + tax	Are you lucky enough to be here?

Offers expire: 12/31/05
ALL PREVIOUS OFFERS EXPIRE: 12/31/05

**When you buy IPOD mini & IPOD Photo,
You get Free CD Ripping Service!**

**IPOD mini 4G +
5 CDs Ripping Service
\$199.99**

**IPOD mini 4G +
5 CDs Ripping Service
\$249.99**

**IPOD 20G Photo +
10 CDs Ripping Service
\$299.99**

**IPOD 60G Photo +
10 CDs Ripping Service
\$399.99**

“Just bring your favorite CDs.
We pull songs to your new IPOD!”

**Apple IPOD + Free CD Ripping Services
NOV. 1 ~ NOV. 13**

portables / speakers
headphones / earphones
IPOD accessories / laptop bags
audio transfer your CDs to MP3
LP & Cassette conversion
and more...

Come see our new store in Santa Monica
between 4th and 5th Street!

413 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica CA 90401
310-314-8280 www.dxcstore.com

Do you have community news?

... Submit news releases
Email to:
editor@smdp.com
or fax **310.576.9913**

Santa Monica Daily Press

It's always raining somewhere.

“Expect the unexpected” is the traveler's motto, so of course we **always** have a wide selection of umbrellas and rain gear in stock, no matter what the weather.

AMERICA'S LEADING SOURCE OF TRAVEL SUPPLIES

1006 Wilshire Blvd.(at 10th)
Free Parking in Back
Open Monday-Saturday from 10-6. Sunday 12 to 5
Phone: (310) 394-9417 ~ www.magellans.com



LOCAL

Welcome to Santa Monica: Tourism thrives

WELCOME TO SM, from page 1

But how the CVB markets to them remains a question.

"Japan, I absolutely think, will be the growing market," Kerns said. "We would like to market there — part of that is risky. Do you pull out of doing something in the UK? Do you back off of something that has been producing strongly, consistently?"

Kerns' strategy is to keep a foot in as many markets as possible by building up relationships with other tourism officials, including partnering with what some would consider the competition — namely Los Angeles and other Westside cities.

"I encourage people to go to Beverly Hills, but come back here to stay," Kerns said. "Part of success is working with

other people. I don't know if that would've happened before 9-11. It made everybody rethink.

"There is a new normal."

Following the terrorist attacks, LA tourism officials decided that one way to beat the economic downturn was to band together and market the area collectively. Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood and Marina del Rey have been working together on marketing plans in an effort to attract segments throughout the world.

"I'm a big partner person — we've been partners with the state travel division and five other travel destinations for the past three years because none of us on our own can afford to have a rep sitting in London selling our destination, so we combine our efforts," Kerns said. "We

need to have a balance so if there is a crisis in the UK we don't fall apart.

"We are diversified enough that, regardless of world affairs, we are going to get a little bit of each of those who we stay in touch with," Kerns added. "If we had been totally dependent upon the Japanese and Asian markets when 9-11 happened, we wouldn't be having this conversation because I would have lost my job."

The CVB recently partnered up with Palm Springs, sharing public relations representation in the UK.

"It works because people coming for the long haul aren't going to just come to Santa Monica and then go home," Kerns said. "We work with Santa Barbara, San Diego, and Big Bear wants to do something with us this year."

New Zealand, which the CVB started to market in four years ago, comes in as second to the UK for travelers to Santa Monica. Germany also proves to be a strong tourism market for Santa Monica, and Canada continues to be a consistent drive-market here, based on a recent study.

"Canada came up for the very first time as a drive market," Kerns said. "I didn't

believe it. But after 9-11, people weren't flying and gas wasn't astronomical. And they still are coming."

There were 4.74 million tourists who came to Santa Monica in 2004, compared to 3.81 million in 2000. They spent \$840.6 million last year, compared to \$787.9 million in 2000.

Of that, \$242.9 million was spent on shopping; \$196 million on meals; \$188 million on hotels and \$80 million on beverages.

How that translates into the local economy comes in a variety of forms, mostly in hotel bed and sales taxes. In 2004, City Hall received \$20 million in hotel tax revenue and \$5 million in sales tax revenue. About 9,300 jobs in Santa Monica are supported by tourism.

In an industry that's susceptible to security concerns and the global economy's strength, local officials aren't taking it for granted that the levels will remain.

"I don't know how possible it is to stay at this level, it's pretty high right now," Kerns said in an earlier interview. "One of the ways to ensure that we are to keep thanking the people that come so they come back."

TAXI SERVICE

"Santa Monica's Premier Taxi Service"

METRO CAB CO.

- Low Prices
- Reliable Service
- Experienced Drivers
- On-Time

Call Now! **(310) 434-1999**

www.metrocabco.com

Visit Our Website To Print More Coupons

\$19.95
Santa Monica
to
LAX

\$58
Santa Monica
to
Long Beach Airport

\$29
Santa Monica
to
Downtown

20% OFF
Any Ride

www.metrocabco.com There are more savings online for you! ©August 1, 2004. Advertiser with Metro Cab Co. in Los Angeles, (800) 444-8888. 11/05/05 11/05/05

Specializing in Leasing & Selling Office & Industrial Buildings

NAI CAPITAL COMMERCIAL

**SPECIALIZING IN LEASING & SELLING OFFICE
& INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS**

310-806-6104 cporter@naicapital.com

Christina S. Porter
Vice President

01568589

**BUILDING
STRONG
BRANDS**

**COPIA
CREATIVE**

... creativity knows no boundaries

info@copiacreative.com • 310.8.Copia.C (826.7422) • www.copiacreative.com

MARKETING • BRANDING • DEVELOPMENT • CONSULTING

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

13 tax reform and helped develop a strong international student recruitment program to supplement state funding, school officials said.

He formed and led a creative team to tackle the rebuilding of permanent facilities damaged by the 1994 Northridge earthquake, laying the groundwork for Federal Emergency Management Agency funding of the science, library and business buildings, and other reconstruction projects.

He also negotiated the establishment of satellite sites for the college at Santa Monica Airport and several other locations throughout Santa Monica.

Donner received a bachelor of science in finance and his MBA from California State University, Long Beach. He holds a Juris Doctorate degree from Southwestern University and is an active member of the California State Bar.

Town Hall meeting to cover airport issues

By Daily Press staff

Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl and Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (CRAAP) will hold a town hall meeting that will include a panel of experts from the medical, scientific and environmental communities. They will hear comments from public officials and members of the impacted communities including Venice, Mar Vista, West Los Angeles and Santa Monica. The meeting will take place Thursday, Nov. 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Daniel Webster Middle School Auditorium, 11330 West Graham Pl. in Los Angeles.

The meeting is free and open to the public, who will have the opportunity to comment about how Santa Monica Airport affects the quality of their lives.

Martin Rubin, director of CRAAP, said this is the first time a Los Angeles City Council representative has addressed this issue with a public forum. He added that Los Angeles, which borders about half of the airport and gets most of the air and noise pollution, has no representative on the Santa Monica Airport Commission.

After hearing input from the public and public officials, the panel of experts will discuss, at future meetings, how best to effectively assess the impact of the local sources of air pollution and noise on the communities surrounding Santa Monica Airport.

After the panel concludes their assessment, measurements, as well as a human health study, might be conducted that may ultimately lead toward the development of strategies on how to control and mitigate the impacts from the sources of pollution.

For more information, call (310) 479-2529.

Post office puts its stamp on holiday season

By Daily Press staff

It's time to don your mail with gay apparel in the form of new holiday-inspired stamps.

The Santa Monica Post Office, located at 1248 Fifth St., welcomes the arrival of the Christmas holiday stamps, which are now on sale. This year's stamps feature an assortment of four holiday cookie images. In addition, religious-themed Christmas stamps, Hanukkah stamps, Kwanza stamps and a limited supply of past Christmas stamps featuring holiday musicians and snowmen are also available. The Will Rogers facility located at 1217 Wilshire Blvd. is offering extended hours for the holidays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

LOCAL



Council mulls extending SMC's beach lot shuttle use

BUNDY ACCESS, from page 1

which have resulted in an informal compromise to overcome a political gridlock which has prevented the college from having full use of its 10.4-acre campus, located across from Santa Monica Airport at 3171 S. Bundy Dr.

Los Angeles 11th District Councilman Bill Rosendahl — whose jurisdiction includes neighborhoods close to the Bundy site — called a meeting on Friday, Oct. 28, during which the terms of the agreement were proposed. That meeting, attended by Mayor Pam O' Connor and other city officials, resulted in a tentative agreement, the terms of which are to be considered this evening by the Santa Monica City Council before they are approved.

Rosendahl said he plans on speaking to the council during Tuesday's meeting.

"What's been driving these meetings and this agreement is student safety," Rosendahl said. "We need to make sure what we're doing isn't hazardous for students and other motorists driving on Bundy."

"I'm very pleased that the city of Santa Monica has been willing to work on this."

City councilmembers declined to comment on the legal aspects of the agreement which they are set to discuss behind closed doors.

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

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

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

that leads to 23rd Street.

City Hall this summer prevented vehicular access onto the Bundy site from Santa Monica entry and exit points, in response to neighborhood complaints related to the college's expansion plans. City officials have said that restriction will be indefinite unless other agreements are made.

Meanwhile, college officials contend their plans for Bundy have been scaled back to accommodate neighborhood concerns. College officials want vehicular access to the Bundy campus, at entry and exit points located within Santa Monica and West LA. to accommodate its students.

The agreement calls for Rosendahl to work with Los Angeles engineers to place a half-turn signal at the intersection of Bundy Drive and a driveway which is located on the southern portion of the satellite campus.

The half-turn signal would allow student vehicular traffic to flow into and out of the Bundy campus from the southeast corner of the site through the driveway, according to the staff report.

At the same time, City Hall has been asked to allow a right-turn-only exit from South Donald Douglas Loop onto Airport Avenue, both of which intersect on the northeast end of the Bundy campus.

City Hall's concession would provide SMC students with vehicular access into and out of the north end of the campus and back to Bundy Drive. By making the intersection right-turn-only, it's intended to reduce vehicular traffic further east on Airport Avenue, whereby SMC students may access neighborhood routes to the main campus at 1900 Pico Blvd.

SMC would agree to keep its gate to Stewart Avenue closed except in emergencies. Stewart Street is located among West LA homes.

Meanwhile, city staff will ask that the Airport parking lot, which Bundy campus students have used for parking this semester, be used through December as construction on the new Airport Park will permit.

SMC still needs a permanent shuttle lot for students to access its main campus, even as obstacles remain before the college has full access to its new satellite campus.

Until SMC finds a permanent shuttle lot, city staff is also asking the council to extend SMC's use of Beach Parking Lot No. 5 as a shuttle site through the spring semester.

Going with the flow: Water use on the rise

CONSENT, from page 1

bills online, receive them by e-mail or get a single bill for multiple properties, city staff said.

With the requirements of sewer discharge and water consumption becoming more demanding, the new billing software will support the more detailed records and reports needed, city officials said.

Not only does the old software not meet the growing demands of city staff and residents, the computer that runs the old billing system is no longer supported by the manufacturer.

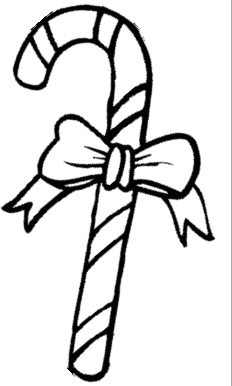
City officials plan to hire Harris Computer Systems to upgrade the billing system that will take between six and nine months to complete.

The Canada-based company is getting paid for the software and hardware it will provide on top of installing the technology and training people to use it.

Included in the contract is a year of software and hardware maintenance that's costing city officials \$27,245.

If city staff choose to call on the company in the next five years for software maintenance, they will pay the same amount per year.

Your Convenient Holiday Shipping Headquarters



Under New Ownership!



- FedEx & UPS Authorized Shipping Center
- Packing & Shipping
- Business Cards/Letterhead
- Color & Black/White Copying Faxing
- Mailbox Rentals (24-hour access)
- Newspapers & magazines

SANTA MONICA MAILHOUSE

1247 Lincoln Blvd., (Between Arizona & Wilshire)

Santa Monica (310) 451-3006

Hrs: M-F: 7:30am-6pm Sat. 8am-4pm



Private Fitness Studio

Specializing in:

Custom Fitness Programs
Bodybuilding-Shaping
Strength Training
Weight Management

Free Fitness Consultation

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

216 Pico Blvd # 17 ~ Santa Monica Beach

Fabian@Fitbyfabian.com or 310-399-7049



310.393.8491

FirstChoiceRealtyCA.com

"Over 25 years of bringing people home"



OUR UNIQUE FINANCING REFLECTS THE EVER CHANGING MARKET!

List & Lock:

We LOCK in a low rate for the buyer of your home, free of charge, for up to 6 months. Buyers never worry about rates going up for YOUR HOME.

Shop & Lock:

We LOCK in a low rate, free of charge, for the purchase of your new home for up to 6 months. Shop without worry about missing today's low interest rates.

ASK OUR AGENTS ABOUT OUR LIFETIME FREE CONCIERGE SERVICE FOR ALL OF OUR CLIENTS.

7120 La Tijera Blvd. #A102, Westchester



2+2 condo. Beautiful remodeled unit in move-in condition. Hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, Washer/dryer in unit, balcony. Must see!

\$446,000

Jim Davis 310 393-8491 ext 5

124 Park Place, Venice



3 units + storage or art studio space in well maintained 1922 craftsman on beautiful North Venice beach walk street. Looks like a single-family residence. Easily convert to single family home or keep as rental and home. Building has newer roof and copper plumbing throughout. Studio space is currently vacant. Owner will carry 1st with 25% down. Owner is agent.

\$1,099,000

Jack Susser 310/393-8491 x4#

11411 W Washington Place, Palms/Mar Vista

Great 4 unit building on Westside. Good unit mix, (2) 2+1 and (2) 1+1 units. Low rents with great upside potential. Close to beach, airport, freeways & Culver City schools. 2 garages are rented for additional income.

\$929,000

Chris Hrobak & Melissa Susser 310 393-8491 ext 13# or 310 210-6311, 310 916-7098



12415 Matteson Ave, Palms/Mar Vista

This beautiful 2+1 features hardwood floors, crown molding in both the living & dining rooms, bay window & separate breakfast room that leads to a big, manicured, park-like yard with gazebo. New windows & copper plumbing. Attached 2-car garage with pull down ladder for additional storage makes great studio. Priced to sell

\$775,000

Cesar Marquez 310/890-8703

0 Oak Drive lot 98, Topanga

1.62 acre lot. Cleared and partially staked. Ideal quiet location in wonderful Old Topanga area. House next door appears to be built on similar lot. Great opportunity to build your dream home.

\$275,000

Jack Susser 310/393-8491 ext 4#



IF YOU HAVE COMMUNICATION ISSUES...

WITH LOVED ONES, CO-WORKERS OR YOUR BOSS,
LEARN IMPROVED ENERGY BALANCING SKILLS AND
VERBAL COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

Debra Gangale, MA, CCC, Reiki Master
310/930-9009 • www.debragangale.com • gangale@aol.com

CLARITY • VITALITY • BALANCE • LOVE

YOUR KID'S IN DIAPERS.
LET'S TALK COLLEGE.

Brian J. Hepp, AAMS
Financial Consultant
2425 Olympic Blvd., Suite 130-E
Santa Monica, CA 90404
(310) 453-0077
brian.hepp@agedwards.com
2005 A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. • Member SIPC

A.G. EDWARDS
FULLY INVESTED IN OUR CLIENTS.

"Parenting Tips Booklet Reveals How To Easily Handle The Most Common Parenting Challenges..."

At last! An information-packed Parenting Tips Booklet reveals the 58 most common parenting challenges, and shows you how to easily and efficiently handle each of these, so that you too can start experiencing the REAL joys of parenting!

This tips booklet focuses on proven action steps to help you develop a healthier, more loving, and more trusting relationship with your child... and also have more "me time" for yourself.

To obtain your copy, call Emma at 310-458-2079 and it will be mailed to you immediately.

empoweringparentsnow.com

**GET THE SCHOOL YEAR
OFF TO A GREAT START**

With One-On-One Tutoring in Your Home!
Our Average Student Improves 2 Letter Grades!

- All Subjects • PreK • Adult • Certified Teachers • Study Skills
- Reading • Writing • Math • SAT/ACT Prep
- No Long-Term Contracts • Affordable Rates

1 FREE WEEK OF TUTORING
Call for details.

CLUBZ! 310-550-0117
www.clubztutoring.com

THE LACTATION STATION

- One-on-One Consultations
- Breastfeeding Support Groups
- Breastfeeding Education and Support Line
- Pump Rentals
- Supplies and Equipment



**Saint John's
Health Center**

1328 Twenty Second Street
Santa Monica, CA 90404-2091

(310) 829-8944 • www.stjohns.org



'Tis the season to take a shot: vaccines ready for the at-risk

BY DENNIS B. WOO, M.D.

Special to the Daily Press

With the holiday season fast approaching, another annual ritual looms — flu season. Although its timing varies from year to year, flu season usually begins in November and runs through February or March.

Influenza, or the "flu," is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. Symptoms usually begin abruptly and may include a fever that spikes suddenly, severe headaches, muscle aches and chills. Other symptoms may include runny nose, cough, sore throat and gastrointestinal symptoms, such as nausea and vomiting.

The flu spreads person to person via direct contact, such as through a sneeze or handshake. Remind your children — and yourself — to practice frequent hand washing to try to prevent the spread of germs.

The flu that spreads each year is not directly related to the avian (bird) flu, which has captured widespread media attention recently during talk about a potential pandemic. The bird flu does not pass easily from person to person and has not been reported in the United States. Thus far, almost all of the known cases are the result of contact between a human and an infected fowl.

For most people, the flu lasts only for a few days. However, some people get much sicker from the virus. It can lead to pneumonia and be extremely dangerous for the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. It also can cause high fever and seizures in children.

The best way to prevent the flu is with a flu shot. There are two types of influenza vaccine: An inactivated vaccine, given as a shot, and a live, weakened virus sprayed into the nostrils. The shots have been used for years, while the spray was licensed for use in 2003. The spray can be given only to healthy people ages 5 to 49.

The vaccines prevent the flu virus for which they were created to combat. However, they will not prevent influenza-like illnesses caused by other viruses. That's why some people mistakenly believe they got the flu from a flu vaccine. In reality, they caught a different virus or were exposed before the vaccine took effect — it takes about two weeks to develop full protection. Because influenza viruses change from year to year, influenza

vaccines are made annually to protect against the strains that are most likely to circulate during the upcoming season. The vaccines can provide protection for up to one year.

Generally, the vaccine is recommended for people at risk of serious illness from the flu or its complications, and for people who can spread the flu to those at high risk. These groups include:

- All children ages 6 to 23 months.
- People age 65 or older.
- People with chronic health problems, including heart, lung and kidney disease, diabetes, asthma, anemia and other blood disorders.
- People with conditions that can cause breathing problems.
- People with weakened immune systems.
- Children ages 6 months to 18 years on long-term aspirin treatment.
- Women who will be pregnant during flu season.
- Physicians, nurses, family members, caregivers and others in close contact with people at risk of serious illness.

The vaccine also is recommended for adults age 50 to 64 and others who want to reduce their risk of catching the flu. It cannot, however, be given to people who are allergic to eggs or are currently ill from a cold or flu.

The nasal spray vaccine, called FluMist, is an option for healthy people ages 5 to 49. The vaccine is administered with two quick sprays into the nostril. It provides about the same protection as the shot. However, it cannot be given to pregnant women, and is more expensive than a flu shot.

Still not sure if you or your child should get vaccinated via a flu shot or nasal spray? Talk to your doctor, your child's pediatrician or other health-care provider. And remember to wash your hands.

(Dr. Dennis Woo is a pediatrician with the UCLA Medical Group in Santa Monica and chair of the pediatrics department at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center. To find a pediatrician or other physician with the UCLA Medical Group, visit the UCLA Healthcare Web site at www.healthcare.ucla.edu or call (800) UCLA-MD1.)

Walking to the nearest newsstand

Santa Monica Daily Press

SANTA MONICA PARENTING

TOOLBOX FOR SANTA MONICA PARENTS AND PARENTS TO BE

SPECIAL EVENTS

THURS., NOV. 10 AUTHOR BETTY G. BIRNEY at CHILDREN'S BOOK WORLD

10:30 a.m. Birney discusses and reads from The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs. FREE! Ages 8 and up. 10580 ? Pico Blvd., LA, 559-B00K.

SAT., NOV. 12 WORLD CITY PERFORMANCE at WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL

11:00 a.m & 12:30 p.m Enjoy a performance by the Salaam Ensemble and Djanbazian Dance Company featuring music of the Middle and Near East. FREE! 111S. Grand Ave., LA, 213-972-4396.

NOAH'S ARK ANIMALS at the LA ZOO – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Visit animal pairs from the Noah's Ark story and receive a free activity book. Free with admission, \$10 adults, \$5 children ages 2 -12. 5333 Zoo Dr., 323-644-4200. Also Nov. 13

SUN. NOV. 13 CD RECORDING WORKSHOP – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Capture your child's singing voice on a professionally mastered and mixed CD with his or her artwork on the cover. Ages 2 and up, \$25. Play Café, 5814 W. Third St., LA, 323-988-1189.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE – FREE! – 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Zimmer Children's Museum presents this interactive and fun environment to learn about child safety. Topics include first aid and bike, street, water and personal safety. No admission fee today only. 6505 Wilshire Blvd., LA, 323-761-8989.

TUESDAY

MOMS Club of Santa Monica Playgroup – 11:00 a.m., for children born 1/04 – 9/04. Call or email Alison at 393-4481/riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details. Nov. 8 – Prime starring Meryl Streep, Uma Thurman, Bryan Greenberg. Romance-Comedy, Rated "PG-13."

Storytelling

Main Library – held at Reed Park, corner of 7th and Wilshire.

Toddler Storytime; 10:00 a.m. For 2 year olds with adult.

Preschool Story Time; 10:30 a.m.; for ages 3-5.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

Cuentos Para Pequeños – 10:00 a.m., six-week series in Spanish for 24 – 36 month olds. **Lap Time** – 11:00 a.m, six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant & Family Support Program. Current session Nov. 1 – Dec. 6.

Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.

Terrific Tuesdays –Nov. 22 – holiday themed stories and crafts for ages 5–8.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St – 310-392-3804.

Toddler Storytime, 10:00 and 10:30. Music, rhymes and stories for 2 to 3 year olds. Current session Nov. 8 – Dec. 13. Registration required.

Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com

Barnes and Noble at the Grove Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

YMCA – Attachment Parenting Classes - 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., 1332 Sixth St., 393-2721 (ask for Shelana Philip-Guide or Audrey Meyer). This new class for mothers/dads and babies up to 12 months is presented by Karol Darsa, PsyD, a licensed psychologist with extensive experience working with children and families. Fees: Members – 1 class - \$40, 5 class pass - \$180; Non-members - \$50, 5 class pass - \$200. **BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES** – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

An advanced 10-week parent education course. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

Yoga & Exercise

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA

10:00 – 11:00 a.m and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Thursday nights 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) 393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end) **Itsy Bitsy Yoga** – Baby IBY (6 weeks to pre-crawling) –9:30 – 10:30 a.m. With Khefri Riley at Ocean Oasis, 1333 Ocean Ave. Register at www.khefri.net or call 323-549-5383.

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of Santa Monica Playgroups – 4:30 p.m., separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 393-4481/riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling

The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052

10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park

Blvd – 310-450-0443.

Toddler Story Time – 9:30 a.m., for two year olds with adult.

Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; for 3-5 year olds with adult. Current session Nov. 2 – Dec. 7.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Lap Time – 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2. Current session Oct. 26 – Dec. 14.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.

Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144

Border's, Westwood – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 7 to 36 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Rhythm Child Parent & Me Rhythms, Santa Monica Studios, 3025 Olympic Blvd., 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Children explore rhythms through drum play. For toddlers. \$100 for 8 weeks.

Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythmhchild.net for more info and session dates.

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – walkers to 3 years; (Mon – Fri); 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre at Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., 394-9779 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For ages 3 – 5 with parents. This theatrical adventure includes story time, theatre games, crafts, play building and lunch. Reservations required 24 hours in advance, \$19.50 includes lunch for child and lunch.

Yoga & Exercise

Kids' Yoga Circle, 1814 14th St., 260-2736 – Yoga and more for ages 4 – 7, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. 8 week session \$125/Drop-in \$18

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$15 **Fitness for Moms** – Babies Welcome! Step Aerobics, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981, drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Other

Puppetolio – 1:00 p.m., 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

THURSDAY

MOMS Club of Santa Monica Playgroup – 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03. Call or email Alison at 393-4481/riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling

Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590 10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Main Library – held at Reed Park, corner of 7th

and Wilshire.

Toddler Storytime; 10:00 a.m.; for 2 year olds with adult.

Preschool Story Time; 10:30 a.m.; for ages 3-5.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m., for 2 year olds, current session thru Dec. 15.

Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; for 3-5 year olds.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St – 310-392-3804.

Lap Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m., for babies up to age 2. Current session thru Nov. 17.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

An advanced 10-week parent education course. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

Yoga & Exercise

Kids' Yoga Circle, 1814 14th St., 260-2736 – Yoga and more for ages 8 – 11, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.; ages 12 – 15, 5:15 – 6:30 p.m. 8 week session \$125/Drop-in \$18

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA

7:30 – 8:30 p.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Tuesdays at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) 393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of Santa Monica

New Mother Group – 10:00 a.m. - for new moms with babies born from 6/05 to present. Meet for conversation, support and playtime. All new Moms welcome! 11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05. Call or e-mail Alison at 393-4481, riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.

Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. www.child-splayonline.net

La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call 310-390-2529 for info.

Planetarium Show at SMC's John Drescher Planetarium, 7:00 p.m. - Night Sky Show, 8:00

p.m. – featured program. \$5 adults, \$4 children. Pico and 17th St., 434-3000.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Indoor Cycling, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45 p.m., \$15.

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Other

Baby Attuned - Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., A new program promoting sensitive parenting and developmental awareness. Eileen Escarce, PhD, MSN. (PSY 18819). Introductory fee: \$15 per screening with feedback. 1137 2nd Ave, Suite 213. By appointment only 310-367-1155.

SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.

Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., 310-559-B00K.

Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.

826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info @825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Classes

YWCA – Toddler & Me every other Sat., 9:45 – 10:45 a.m., \$15 per class; Parent Enrichment once per month , 11:00 a.m. – noon, \$15 per class, \$25 per couple.

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicyoga.com

– at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:00 a.m., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Other

Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

Magicopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

Precious Prints – Ceramic Heirlooms for a Lifetime

Second Saturday every month at The Pump Station, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.preciousprintsstudios.com for more info.

preciousprintsstudios.com for more info.

Lakeshore Learning Stores "Free Crafts for Kids" – Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.

"A Faery Hunt" – 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! \$10, call for reservations – 818-324-6802. www.faeryhunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.

SUNDAY

Main Street Farmer's Market – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., corner of Main St. and Ocean Park Blvd. Pony rides, live music, lots of vendors and great family socializing.

Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

Magicopolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

Breastfeeding

Working Mother's Support Group The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd. - Call 998-1981 for more info.

MONDAY

MOMS Club of Santa Monica Playgroups

Noon – 2:00 p.m., for children born 1/02 – 2/03; 9:30 a.m. – for children born 1/04 – 9/04; call or email Alison at 393-4481/riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling

Main Library – Lap Time at Joslyn Park – 9:30 a.m. Current session thru Dec. 12.

"Family Connections" – 10:00 a.m., immediately following Lap Time - a series of discussions related to early childhood development and growth. Children welcome, free. Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804.

"Spanish for Little Ones" - 11:15 a.m., for ages 2 – 5. Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Toddler Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; "Playtime – A combination play time and parent support time", 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$15

Itsy Bitsy Yoga – TOT IBY (crawling – 2/3 years) – 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. With Khefri Riley at TURNOUT Performing Arts Center, 12113 Santa Monica Bl., St. 201. Register at www.khefri.net or call 323-549-5383.

Yoga Garden, - Restorative yoga for pre/postnatal – 6:30 p.m., 310-450-0133. www.yoga-gardenstudios.com

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

and increases circulation.

Press

Expecting? We'll Be Expecting You!

Take a **FREE** tour of The BirthPlace at Santa Monica –UCLA Medical Center
Tours held monthly. Private tours available too.

Call today: (310) 319-4947





Burst of energy: Livermore has chance to be solar leader

BY TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press Writer

LIVERMORE, Calif. — Here in the sunny suburbs east of San Francisco, voters are being offered a chance to make their city a national leader in solar power at a time of growing anxiety over soaring energy prices and global warming.

A measure on Livermore's Nov. 8 ballot would allow housing developer Pardee Homes to build what it claims will be the country's largest completely solar community, with 2,450 new homes equipped to harvest the sun's energy.

"This is an incredible opportunity to create a model community with the most energy-efficient homes we can provide," said Carlene Matchniff, a vice president for the developer. "It sets a high standard for green building."

But there's a catch: Livermore voters must agree to allow construction on hun-

dreds of acres of protected open space and absorb more than two square miles of picturesque grassland within city limits.

Opponents, including environmental groups and the majority of the City Council, are fighting the measure they claim will swallow open space, encourage sprawl, destroy habitat and clog traffic on one of Northern California's most congested freeways.

"The bottom line is they want to build 2,450 homes outside the city on sensitive lands," said David Reid of the Greenbelt Alliance. "All the solar panels in the world don't make that environmentally friendly."

Los Angeles-based Pardee Homes has been waging an expensive campaign to persuade Livermore's 44,000 registered voters to approve Measure D, which it sponsored.

Pardee officials expect to spend about \$3 million on a campaign that includes

television and radio ads. Opponents, by contrast, expect to spend about \$150,000.

The election is being closely watched to see if a developer can use the ballot box to change land-use regulations and bypass the traditional planning process as well as the city council.

Residents in nearby Antioch, Brentwood and Pittsburg vote Tuesday on similar developer-sponsored measures expanding city limits to add housing, but those measures have wider community support.

This former ranching town about 45 miles east of San Francisco has become one of the Bay Area's outer suburbs. Situated along Interstate 580, the city of 75,000 residents is also home to a burgeoning wine industry and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, known for nuclear weapons and energy research.

Measure D would incorporate 1,400 acres of ranchland where residents have fought off developers for more than three decades. Five years ago, voters approved an open-space initiative that restricted development in that area and others.

To entice voters, Pardee offered to build a 130-acre sports park, preserve 750 acres as open space and provide land and funding for a badly needed high school. About 450 acres would be set aside for the new homes backers say will help ease the region's housing shortage.

"It's probably the best project Livermore's seen in decades, if ever," said Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich. "It

adds amenities to the community at no expense to the taxpayer, and it enriches the balance of housing choices available."

Pardee, a division of Weyerhaeuser Real Estate, has vowed to make the Livermore Trails community a national example for sustainable living. Every new home would have rooftop solar panels that could lower electricity bills 50 to 60 percent and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Homeowners would be credited with excess energy they generate.

Officials from Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and the California Energy Commission support the solar project because it would help promote energy efficiency. But Mayor Marshall Kamena and the City Council's "slow-growth" majority oppose the plan.

Opponents say the measure could open the 14,000-acre North Livermore area to more development and destroy endangered species habitat, including a flowering plant called the palmate-bracted bird's beak.

Critics accuse Pardee of trying to buy off voters with perks and they're skeptical about the company's solar promises because the ballot measure doesn't provide many specifics.

"The project is classic sprawl," said Mike Daley, conservation director for the Sierra Club's San Francisco Bay chapter. "They are going to create so much pollution and devastation in the North Livermore Valley that no environmental group is supporting it."



Pre-Holiday Sale

www.myrebe.com

SWITCH

gears to State Farm for the right

COVERAGE

at the right price.

Find out why more people trust State Farm for car insurance. See if you qualify for Multi-Car and Multiple Line Discounts. Call me today.



Fariba Zand, Agent
Insurance Lic. #: 0834749
2432 Lincoln Blvd
Santa Monica, CA 90405-3802
Bus: 310-314-7601

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR  STATE FARM IS THERE.®

Providing Insurance and Financial Services

Frugal Phil's Frame Factory Outlet

Photo Frames, Wall Frames
Framed Art, Degree and Document frames,
Sizes up to 27x40 in stock

Lowest prices on ready made
and custom framing.

Parking behind the store

"Lowest Prices on Framing"

WESTWOOD STORE



2317 Westwood Blvd.
(310) 475-1404

SANTA MONICA STORE



1929 Lincoln Blvd.
(310) 314-0404

**Bring in this card and
receive one wall frame
50% off regular price.**

Sale 11/5 to 11/19/2005

Our Mission Statement:
We will give our customers
such a great value and
outstanding service that any
other framing store will be
unacceptable. A store with a
family atmosphere. We will
not over promise, we will
over deliver.

**Please give us a chance to
fullfill your framing needs.**

Investigators obtain DNA of cowboy who claimed he was Billy the Kid

By The Associated Press

FORT SUMNER, N.M. — Two southeastern New Mexico investigators have obtained DNA from a cowboy who claimed to be Billy the Kid.

Before dying in the 1930s, John Miller told friends and a son that he was the legendary Western outlaw.

Former Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan and Capitan Mayor Steve Sederwall obtained the DNA last May from Miller's remains, which are buried in Prescott, Ariz.

They say they will compare it with blood traces taken from a 19th-century bench that is believed to be the one the Kid's body was placed on after he was shot by Lincoln County Sheriff Pat Garrett on July 14, 1881. The bench was discovered on a Fort Sumner ranch.

Should the samples match, Sullivan and Sederwall say they could have a break that upends accepted historical accounts of the Kid's life and death.

"Wouldn't it be a coincidence if someone we dug up in Arizona, and who died

in 1934 and claimed to be Billy the Kid, bled on that bench? That's like winning the lottery," Sullivan told the Albuquerque Journal.

Over the last century, at least two men surfaced claiming to be Billy the Kid — Miller and Ollie P. "Brushy Bill" Roberts of Hico, Texas. Those stories presuppose that Garrett killed the wrong man in Fort Sumner and lied about it.

Sullivan and Sederwall were rebuffed in their 2003 and 2004 efforts to exhume the remains of Billy the Kid in Fort Sumner and those of the outlaw's mother in Silver City.

Critics in the two towns said the Kid's death and burial in DeBaca County were well established.

Sullivan has said the impetus for uncovering the truth about the Kid began more than a decade ago when he visited a Hico, Texas, museum dedicated to Roberts.

Sederwall said if Miller's DNA does not match the blood on the bench, investigators will try to exhume Roberts' remains, which rest in Hamilton, Texas.

WHO

can get the power of email working for your business?

greatbignoise®

www.greatbignoise.com

INTERNATIONAL



Rioting spreads to 300 towns; first fatality in France reported

BY ANGELA DOLAND
Associated Press Writer

PARIS — Rioting by French youths spread to 300 towns overnight and a man hurt in the violence died of his wounds, the first fatality in 11 days of unrest that has shocked the country, police said Monday.

As urban unrest spread to neighboring Belgium and possibly Germany, the French government faced growing criticism for its inability to stop the violence, despite massive police deployment and continued calls for calm.

On Sunday night, vandals burned more than 1,400 vehicles, and clashes around the country left 36 police injured, setting a new high for overnight arson and violence since rioting started last month, national police chief Michel Gaudin told a news conference.

Australia, Austria, Britain, Germany and Hungary advised their citizens to exercise care in France, joining the United States and Russia in warning tourists to stay away from violence-hit areas.

Alain Rahmouni, a national police spokesman, said the man who was beaten died at a hospital from injuries sustained in the attack, but he had no immediate details of the victim's age or his attacker.

The man was caught by surprise by an attacker after rushing out of his apartment building to put out a trash can fire, Rahmouni said.

Apparent copycat attacks spread outside France for the first time, with five cars torched outside Brussels' main train station, police in the Belgian capital said.

The mayhem started as an outburst of anger in suburban Paris housing projects and has fanned out nationwide among disaffected youths, mostly of Muslim or African origin, to become France's worst civil unrest in more than a decade.

Attacks overnight Sunday to Monday were reported in 274 towns, and police made 395 arrests, Gaudin said.

"This spread, with a sort of shock wave spreading across the country, shows up in the number of towns affected," Gaudin said, noting that the violence appeared to be sliding away from its flash point in the Parisian suburbs and worsening elsewhere.

It was the first time police had been injured by weapons' fire and there were signs that rioters were deliberately seeking out clashes with police, officials said.

Among the injured police, 10 were hurt by youths firing fine-grain birdshot in a late-night clash in the south-

ern Paris suburb of Grigny, national police spokesman Patrick Hamon said. Two were hospitalized, but the injuries were not considered life-threatening. One was wounded in the neck, the other in the legs.

The unrest began Oct. 27 in the low-income Paris suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois after the deaths of two teenagers of Mauritanian and Tunisian origin. The youths were accidentally electrocuted as they hid from police in a power substation. They apparently thought they were being chased.

About 4,700 cars have been burned in France since the rioting began and 1,200 suspects were detained at least temporarily, Gaudin said.

The growing violence is forcing France to confront long-simmering anger in its suburbs, where many Africans and their French-born children live on society's margins, struggling with high unemployment, racial discrimination and despair — fertile terrain for crime of all sorts as well as for Muslim extremists offering frustrated youths a way out.

France has the largest Islamic population in Western Europe.

President Jacques Chirac, whose government is under intense pressure to halt the violence, promised stern punishment for those behind the attacks, making his first public comments Sunday since the riots started.

"The law must have the last word," Chirac said after a security meeting with top ministers. France is determined "to be stronger than those who want to sow violence or fear, and they will be arrested, judged and punished."

France's biggest Muslim fundamentalist organization, the Union for Islamic Organizations of France, issued a fatwa, or religious decree, that forbade all those "who seek divine grace from taking part in any action that blindly strikes private or public property or can harm others."

Arsonists burned two schools and a bus in the central city of Saint-Etienne and its suburbs, and two people were injured in the bus attack. Churches were set ablaze in northern Lens and southern Sete, he said.

In Colombes in suburban Paris, youths pelted a bus with rocks, sending a 13-month-old child to the hospital with a head injury, Hamon said, while a daycare center was burned in Saint-Maurice, another Paris suburb.

Much of the youths' anger has focused on law-and-order Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy, whose reference to the troublemakers as "scum" appeared to inflame passions.

Family-owned for over 25 years

PAUL'S
TRANSMISSION

Thank You!

✓ Free Inspections & Test Drives

SANTA MONICA: 825 Olympic Blvd.

CULVER CITY: 11526 Washington Blvd.

(310) 450-6873

(310) 391-0533

MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:30AM - 5:30PM

There's nothing more beautiful in life than love and the beach.

CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO

Goes Photography & Video

Los Angeles Westlake Newport Beach San Diego

www.Goesphotography.com
310.393.7274

Is your
COMPUTER
running too slowly?

www.LANerdSquad.com

Home or Business
Any Computer Problem
100% Satisfaction Guaranteed
Request Help by Phone or Online



(800) 231-5164

15 Years of Service to Southern California

"World Famous"
Big Dean's Cafe

AT SANTA MONICA BEACH

Where the "locals" meet and the "fun loving" tourists always return!

SUN • FUN • GREAT FOOD • BEER • WINE • MUSIC

Sports TV • 2 Outdoor Patios • Smoking Allowed
Reasonable Prices! Children Welcome!

1615 Ocean Front, Santa Monica (310) 393-2666

At Santa Monica Beach in front of the historic merry-go-round, just below & southeast of the pier.

This location has been here since 1902

Moving Overseas?

Call for free survey at your residence w/local representative.

Reliable and On-time service
Competitive Rates
We ship cars too!



Rinkens International

Toll Free (888) 886-6683 www.rinkens.com

**"When I'm not selling ads in Dodger Stadium,
I'm reading the Daily Press."**

Beau Lemire, Ad Executive, InStadium Advertising and local lush.

Santa Monica Daily Press

www.smdp.com





COMICS

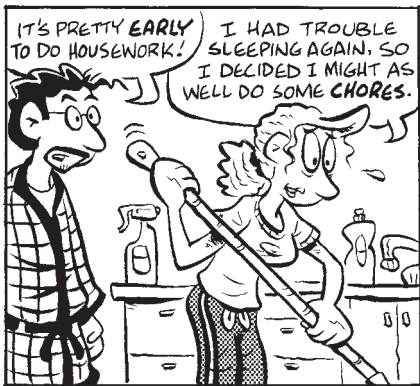
The Dinette Set by Julie Larson

Natural Selection®

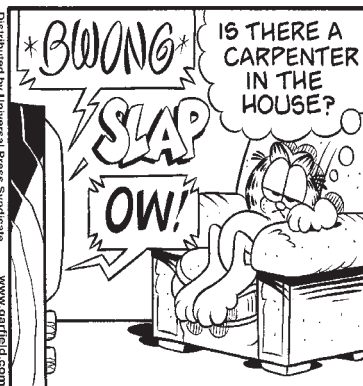
By Russ Wallace



by TERRY & PATTY LABAN



Garfield® By Jim Davis



Speed Bump® By Dave Coverly



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Investi-
gator
- 7 Second
letter
- 11 Safe
haven
- 12 Singer
Tori
- 13 1984 Rob
Lowe
movie
- 15 Agreeable
answers
- 16 Oversup-
ply
- 18 Sound of
surprise
- 21 Spring
- 22 Laundry
holder
- 24 "— your
loss!"
- 25 Sprinted
- 26 Pie —
mode
- 27 Fishy sign
- 29 Catcher's
need
- 30 Shop item
- 31 Eye part
- 32 Comics
Viking
- 34 1988
Matthew
Broderick
movie
- 40 Aphro-
dite's son
- 41 Behold
- 42 Printed
words
- 43 Blood line

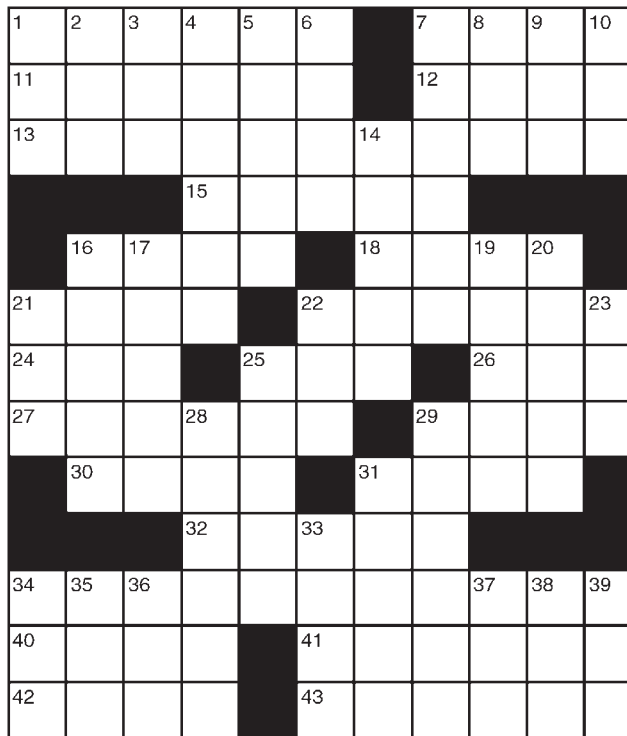
DOWN

- 1 Debate
side

- 2 Curly-
haired cat
- 3 Switch
setting
- 4 Sustain
- 5 Snowy
bird
- 6 Some
wines
- 7 Fragrant
wood
- 8 Outback
bird
- 9 Corn
setting
- 10 Dray
puller
- 14 Kicked off
- 16 "Under-
stand?"
- 17 Ranch
rope
- 19 Portugal's
neighbor
- 20 Furs

- 21 Gloss
target
- 22 Holds
- 23 Ship
deserter
- 25 Take it
easy
- 28 Fellow
emcee
- 29 Red wine
- 31 Cabinet
depart-
ment
- 33 River to
the
Colorado
- 34 Wager
- 35 Anger
- 36 Bagel
topper
- 37 It's
picked in
Hawaii
- 38 Musical
ability
- 39 Pig place

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send \$4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 2, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



11-8

CLASSiFIEDS

CALL NOW!

ALL CLASSiFIEDS \$2.50 A DAY UP TO 15 WORDS
20¢ PER WORD THEREAFTER 12 DAY MINIMUM

310.458.7737

27 years of professional expertise in office, residential, food service, retail, healthcare and telecom. Our team manages all aspects from creative concepts, accurate documentation, expedited plan checks and construction management. Renovation and new construction projects using traditional architecture through full turn-key development. Always, open communication

Bruce Rudman
Architects+Engineers

T 310.393.2727
F 928.222.9992
E Bruce@Architects-Engineers.net

\$3⁵⁰ per day. Up to 15 words, 20 cents each additional word.

Call 310-458-7737 and promote your business opportunities to our daily readership of over 38,600.

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Announcements
Creative
Employment
For Sale
Furniture
Pets
Boats

Jewelry
Wanted
Travel
Vacation Rentals
Apartments/Condos for Rent
Houses for Rent
Roommates
Commercial Lease

Real Estate
Real Estate Loans
Storage Space
Vehicles for Sale
Massage
Services
Computer Services
Attorney Services

Business Opportunities
Yard Sales
Health and Beauty
Fitness
Wealth and Success
Lost and Found
Personals
Obituaries

Employment**ADVERTISING SALES**

Work with clients to figure out their message, package it cleverly, get results. Must be persistent and willing to make the calls, knock on doors, network fiercely. One third selling, one third PR and Marketing, one third keeping yourself organized. This can be fun for the right person, misery for the wrong person. Front loaded commission program enables you to start making money right away, if you have what it takes. Great long term potential for the right personality. Energetic office full of resources to help you grow as a professional. Must be a self starter, high energy and computer literate. Send resume and cover letter to ross@smdp.com

BOOKKEEPING SERVICES for the small business owner who needs only part-time help. Experienced 10+ years, excellent references (310) 435-3489

Career Opportunity for Horticulture Technician.

Interiorscape Company specializing in professional offices and high-end residential is looking for extraordinary individual. Need to love plants and interact with clients with personality and professionalism. Have to be physically fit, strong, motivated, very attentive to detail. Will need car and a smile to travel to accounts in Santa Monica, downtown Los Angeles and Sherman Oaks. Call (310) 397-2466

CASHIER FOR gas station. Customer service, friendly. Call for more information (310) 498-7910.

CASHIER/RETAIL SALES

Seeking energetic individuals. F/T or P/T, including Sat. Some experience, a plus. Will train. Apply in person: Bourget Bros. 1636 11th St. Santa Monica, CA 90404

FULL TIME WAREHOUSE MAINTENANCE POSITION

This position pays \$8-10/hour. We are a live fish importer and retailer. Job Responsibilities include maintenance of warehouse facilities, packing and unpacking live fish, general equipment maintenance, maintenance of water systems, feeding fish and learning about live animal care. Please contact at (310) 478-4707 or redrunblue@hotmail.com.

Employment**ACCOUNTING**

Local municipality seeking an Accountant with degree + 3 years experience as an accountant. \$16/hr.

Call 310 453-4289
Barrington Staffing

CLERICAL

Staff Assistant needed by SM municipality. Course work + 2 -3 years of previous clerical experience. Some contact with clients. \$12/hr.

Call 310 453-4289
Barrington Staffing

★ ACTIVISTS ★

20 Petitioners wanted. No experience necessary. Flexible hours. Up to \$200/day. First call (310) 281-7529. Additional questions: (310) 412-2450.

★ ADVERTISING SALES ★

Seeking: Self-Motivated, Energetic, Experienced Professionals.

Well established Co.
50+ years in L.A.

• **High Commissions • Paid Weekly • Leads Furnished**

Newspapers • Magazines

Classified & Display: Real Estate, Ethnic, Entertainment, Military, Business, Finance...

Call: **Paul 213-251-9100, Ex-25**
and/or Please visit:
www.theglobalmediagroup.com/jobinfo.htm

COUNTER HELP

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts seeking highly motivated and super friendly individuals for work at our fast-paced environment. F/T and P/T shifts available. Apply in person, 6am-10pm: 1231 Wilshire Blvd., SM.

COUNTER HELP needed. Cafe near 3rd Street Promenade on Broadway. Must be experienced. Apply afternoons in person. 215 Broadway, SM. (310) 396-9898.

DRIVER: MUST have own vehicle to deliver and pickup medical equipment. Call Bill (800) 572-3636

Employment

CUSTOMER SERVICE: Order taker needed for Santa Monica for messenger service. Must prove you can type 35wpm and be very friendly on phone. M-F 10-2, \$10/hr. Email resume or letter to info@a-1courier.com.

DENTAL FRONT office and back office with experience. Santa Monica dental office FT/PT (310) 393-9706.

EXPERIENCED APARTMENT maintenance man. F/T, benefits included. (310) 394-3017, fax (310) 451-1628 SM Christian Towers

F/T ENTRY level data entry Hard Tail/Santa Monica must know Word + Excel prv. exp. is necessary Pls. fax resume to (310) 399-4532 no calls please.

FIT FEMALE MODEL WANTED FOR FIGURE DRAWING BY ARTIST. No experience necessary call. (818) 501-0266

GAS STATION boat dock workers at Marina Del Rey Harbor. Call Randy or Sue (310) 823-2444.

HIGH END Santa Monica Tire Shop needs full time:

***Tire Technician**

***Service Writer**

***Mechanic**

Great Pay and benefits. English a must. (310) 393-0767

HIGH-END RETAIL gift help needed. Seeking energetic, computer literate, well groomed person, with good work ethic. Fax resume (310) 314-0105.

HIRING 2 P/T production employees and one customer service agent for new SM business Mon-Sat. Call (310) 656-0103

IMMEDIATE POSITIONS available in the housekeeping department of St. John's Health Center. All shifts available, PT/ FT. Hospital housekeeping preferred. Call (310) 829-8431 for interview.

IMMEDIATE POSITIONS available in the housekeeping department of Century City Doctors Hospital. All shifts available, PT/ FT. Hospital housekeeping preferred. Call (310) 557-7785 for interview.

NEED DRIVER for delivery 10-6, Mon-Fri. Call (310) 656-0103.

P/T SECURITY position available at a private school in Santa Monica. (310) 908-8863.

Employment**NOW HIRING**

Sexy upscale young girls for high class escort agency. \$500-\$1500 daily. (310) 925-8244

PERSON TO learn welding and/or sheet metal assembly. SM (310) 587-1113.

REAL ESTATE Front Receptionist/ Office Admin.

F/T Front Office opening for a busy, real estate office in Santa Monica. Seeking hard-working, positive, team player that has outstanding ability to organize, coordinate & follow through on details. Responsibilities include (not limited to) heavy phones, filing, correspondence, FedEx, greeting clients, ordering supplies & maintaining an organized office area. Local candidates preferred! Must have **GREAT PHONE SKILLS**, ability to multi-task and excellent written & oral comm. Please submit/ fax resumes to (310) 395-2683 or email to info@parcommercial.com.

RETAIL
Crossroads Trading Co.

Asst. Manager FT
Floor Supervisor FT
Sales/Buyers FT & PT

Fun buy-sell-trade clothing co. in Santa Monica seeks fashion-obsessed team w/ exc. people skills & "can-do" attitude. Asst. Mgr. must have 1 yr retail mgmt. exper.

APPLY IN PERSON: 1449B 4th St., SM or email resume to fs18mgr@crossroadstrading.com

INCLUDE RESUME IN THE
BODY OF YOUR EMAIL.
ATTACHMENTS WILL
NOT BE OPENED

SALES

SALES of cruise and tour packages. Paid training, flex 30 hrs/ week. Base + comm. No cold calls. Near LAX (310) 649-7171.

SANTA NEEDS helpers! Photographers & cashiers. Santa Monica Place Mall. Full & part time. Kate (310) 399-5188. Leave message on this number only.

SECURITY COMPANY needs security guard F/T, P/T with license for store in Santa Monica. Call Samy (714) 531-0555.

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

Employment

SOCIAL SERVICES: Community based program in SM for adults with D-D. Mon-Fri 9am-3pm. Experience preferred. Excellent benefits (310) 457-2026.

Your ad could run here!

☎ **Call us today at (310) 458-7737**

TAXI SERVICE NOW HIRING experienced drivers and dispatchers, must know Santa Monica area. Clean DMV and Professional appearance. Bring DMV printout to 2418 Wilshire for application.

YARDPERSON

F/T, including Sat. Will train. Lifting req'd. Apply in person: Bourget Bros. 1636 11th St, Santa Monica, CA 90404

For Sale

SPA/HOT TUB 2005 Model. Neck Jets. Therapy seat. Warranty. Never used. Can deliver. Worth \$5750, sell for \$1750 (310) 479-3054

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

Automotive

Displaced electrician from Katrina is now living in Santa Monica and looking for a transportation van he can use for his electrician contracting work. Joseph Blazio (504) 710-5257

Vehicles for sale

'01 CRV ONLY \$12,988

Only 33K Miles, Cass/CD, Tint

(VIN018803) (800) 579-6047

TOYOTA SANTA MONICA

'01 JETTA GLS V6 \$13,988

Leather, Moonroof, Alloys

(VIN152085) (800) 579-6047

TOYOTA SANTA MONICA

'01 PRIUS HYBRID \$15,988

Certified, Extra Clean, CALL

(VIN022254) (800) 579-6047

TOYOTA SANTA MONICA

'02 RAV4 4X4 \$15,988

CERTIFIED, Alloys, 4x4

(VIN062862) (800) 579-6047

TOYOTA SANTA MONICA

'05 ESCAPE HYBRID \$26,988

9K Miles, Navigation, Gas/Electric

(VIN324567) (800) 579-6047

TOYOTA SANTA MONICA

'93 CAMRY XLE V-6, Champagne.

82,300 miles. Very good condition.

2nd owner. CD changer. \$4500.

(310) 395-2360.

'97 SKYHAWK \$5,988

Only 11K Miles, Immaculate

(VIN459446) (800) 579-6047

TOYOTA SANTA MONICA

\$\$ CASH FOR CARS \$\$

All makes & models, any condition. We come to you and handle all paper work. Friendly professional buyer. Please call now! (310) 995-5898

DONATE YOUR CAR

Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Greater Los Angeles
and the Inland Empire
(888) 306-KIDS

Helping children. Making a difference. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Los Angeles and the Inland Empire. (888) 306-KIDS

Vehicles for sale

FREE GAS
Courtesy of
Mitsubishi Motors

2000 Acura TL

NAV, Fully Loaded

\$12,995 VIN# YA036003

2000 Chevy Camaro Z28

Red/Black, Premium Wheels, Leather

\$12,995 VIN# Y2100506

2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse GT

Spyder, Convertible, 52K Miles

\$14,995 VIN# IE085890

2002 Toyota 4 Runner LMTD.

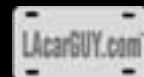
Only 36K

\$22,995 VIN# 20243621

2005 Mitsubishi Lancer EVO 8

AWD, 2K Miles, Perfect!

\$28,995 VIN# 5U016502



1501 Santa Monica Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90404
866-925-3333

Claude Short
Auto Sales Dealer

'91 TOYOTA CELICA GT
CONVERTIBLE

VIN 066380 \$3,000

'92 NISSAN MAXIMA
4DR

Low Mileage, One Owner,
Loaded w/extras
\$3,000

'96 FORD TAURUS GL

4 Door, Full Power

VIN 207901 \$2,000

'95 SATURN 4DR SLI

Low Mileage, One Owner

VIN 328418 \$2,500

'98 CHRYSLER
SEBRING CONV.

Full Power

VIN 286770 \$6,500

2501 Lincoln Blvd. in Venice

(310) 395-3712

Instruction

DIEGO FENTON GUITAR INSTRUCTION
Rock, Blues, Jazz Fusion
Bachelors Degree Musicians Institute
(310) 403-8954.

EXPERIENCED CREDENTIALLED teacher teaching math/science middle school through high school offers private tutoring. Available weekends (310) 210-1604.

GOT ADVERTISING?

There is no more convincing medium
than a **DAILY** local newspaper.

Call us about the Service Directory, it's only

\$204 a month!!

Santa Monica Daily Press

(310) 458-7737

Employment Wanted

Private Chef

For Rent

**BEAUTIFUL
MONTANA GARDENS**

Room and Board
401 Montana Avenue
Your home away from home.

Daily meals, laundry, housekeeping, utilities, and cable. Various Apartment sizes. Seniors and all ages welcome.

NOW AVAILABLE
Starting at \$2,000/MO
(310) 245-9436



**BEST
RENTALS**
ELLY NESIS CO. INC
(310) 396-4443
ellynesis.com

HOWARD MANAGEMENT GROUP
310-869-7901

1214 Idaho 2+1
South of Montana
Like new, \$2150/mo

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AT:**
www.howardmanagement.com





**Christina
S. Porter**
Vice President

1,164 sf of creative office. Newly remodeled. Turn Key.
Roll up door. Phone system, furniture included. \$3.00pgk

(310) 806-6104 cporter@naicapital.com

312-440-8500 x.104

**YOUR AD
COULD RUN HERE!
CALL US
TODAY AT
(310) 458-7737**



Call us today at (310) 458-7737

LEARN TO SURF LA
Surf Lessons
Private and Group
Equipment provided
CPR certified
310-920-1265
Camp@learntosurfla.com

**PAC
WEST
MORTGAGE**
2212 Lincoln Blvd in Santa Monica
1-888-FOR-LOAN
310 392-9223

**WE FEATURE
100%
INTEREST ONLY
LOANS**



**EXCELLENT
MASSAGE**

3300 Overland Ave, CA 90034

We accept Credit Cards

\$10.00

OFF

SWEDISH/DEEP TISSUE massage.
Deep, firm, full body by experienced
licensed therapist. Strictly non-
sexual. James (310) 582-1948
\$65/hr, available for outcalls.

Bankruptcy

Credit repair packet and instructions.
Includes IRS rule \$50.00.

Health/Beauty

Personals

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737



**RUN YOUR DBAs IN THE
DAILY PRESS FOR ONLY \$60.**

INCLUDES RECEIPT AND PROOF OF PUBLICATION. CALL US TODAY @ (310) 458-7737



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Filmmaker takes shot at 'Gonzo' writer's send-off

ASPEN, Colo. — Fans of Hunter S. Thompson will get an inside view of his elaborate memorial service in a film directed by Wayne Ewing.

"When I Die" will be shown Saturday at the Starz Denver International Film Festival. The hour-long movie depicts the creation of the 15-story tower that was used to blast Thompson's ashes into the sky at a closed memorial service on his Woody Creek property in August.

Thompson shot himself in his kitchen on Feb. 20, apparently despondent over health problems. He was 67.

National and most local media were barred from the tribute to Thompson, who is credited, along with Tom Wolfe and Gay Talese, with helping pioneer New Journalism — he dubbed his version "gonzo journalism" — in which the writer was an essential component of the story.

Ewing, who directed 2003's "Breakfast With Hunter," also shows the planning and governmental approvals that organizers needed in order to honor Thompson's wishes for his send-off.

Johnny Depp, who played Thompson in 1998's "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," paid the \$2.6 million cost of the memorial.

CINCINNATI — Bootsie Collins is showing off his signature funk in a tribute song to his hometown football team.

Dressed in an orange leather hat, jacket and wide-legged pants, Collins, 54, shot a music video Friday for the Cincinnati Bengals song, "Fear Da Tiger," which was released last month.

The song includes three players, Duane Clemons, Ben Wilkerson and Stacy Andrews, rapping lyrics they wrote.

The video, scheduled to air for the first time during the Bengals' next home game on Nov. 20, will feature

several players showing off their dance moves with orange tackling dummies.

Collins, who wore the jersey of quarterback Carson Palmer under his leather outfit, has played bass for James Brown and Parliament/Funkadelic. He said he hopes the video will convey a positive image of the city.

"The Bengals are doing their part," he said. "I'm just trying to do mine."

JERUSALEM — Phil Collins says he's open to the idea of a Genesis reunion.

Nothing has been announced, but the 54-year-old British singer, who is touring the Middle East, says: "There's a possibility. I'm open for it."

"If it doesn't happen, it won't be because we don't want to. It will just be because there are too many things in the way," he said Sunday. "I'm happy to sit behind the drum kit and let Peter (Gabriel) be the singer, but if it happens, I'll be there."

Genesis formed in 1967, performing for more than 30 years before disbanding in 1998. Collins fronted the band after lead singer Gabriel left in 1975 to pursue a solo career.

Collins went solo in 1996.

"We're all still good friends. We spent like 30 or 25 years of our life in the same office," Collins said. "Just because we don't play in the same band anymore doesn't mean we don't see each other and enjoy each other's company."

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Yo-Yo Ma began what he called a root-searching tour with concerts in Taiwan and his father's hometown in China and played J.S. Bach — one of the first composers the cellist learned to play.

Ma, whose 50th birthday was last month, said he began learning cello at the age of 4 with his father in Paris by playing Bach's suites. The family later moved

to New York.

"After reaching 50, I began to wonder what the root of life is," he said Sunday.

Ma said that as a child he didn't enjoy practicing the cello very much.

"I still don't like practicing so much now, but I could bear with it if music helps me find my roots," he said.

After two concerts in Taiwan Sunday and Monday, Ma is to play in Hong Kong, Shanghai and his father's hometown of Ningbo in eastern China.

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal is apparently preparing to become a father for the sixth time.

Shaunie O'Neal, the wife of the Miami Heat center and 12-time All-Star, told Miami television station WFOR on Sunday that she is three months pregnant.

She told the TV station the couple doesn't know if they're having a boy or a girl.

The couple, who married in 2002, already are raising three sons and two daughters. They have had three children together and two are from his previous relationships.

LOS ANGELES — Ho ho ho and goodbye.

Johnny Grant, who ran the Hollywood Christmas Parade for 22 years, said this will be his last season as executive producer.

"I just think it's time to step aside and let some young blood come in," Grant, 82, told the Los Angeles Times.

The man dubbed the honorary mayor of Hollywood ran the Hollywood Boulevard parade from 1978 to 1988. He helped round up celebrities and marching bands and arranged for movie studios to sponsor floats.

He left the job for five years to pursue other activities but the parade faltered. Last year, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce asked Grant to return.

Chamber of Commerce Vice President Todd Lindgren will take over when Grant leaves.



Einstein Oil is an all-natural pesticide packed with the power of neem oil. Particularly effective on spider mites and white flies, Einstein Oil is also the smart choice for combating scale, aphids, molds, fungi, and more. This highly concentrated formula mixes with water for lasting control and works by interfering with insect molting—rendering pests unable to reach maturity and reproduce. As such, plant pests disappear within one to three life cycles.

Call for pricing

Your Garden

Those pesky White flies...

GENERAL INFORMATION: Whitefly scales are white and are usually found on the underside of leaves. After they are parasitized, they turn black, and in a few more days, the adult Encarsia emerge from a small hole that you can see if you look carefully.

Whiteflies are difficult to control because they reproduce so quickly and frequently build up a resistance to pesticides. Therefore you need to be vigilant when it comes to treatment. Try the insecticidal soap every 5-7 days to keep up with them. You can also try , yellow sensor cards,(a color that they are attracted to) hung above the plants. Some people have even tried vacuuming the buggers off the leaves. That will fail. A plant derived systemic pesticide (Neem oil) or a parathyroid spray can be effective.



Taboo Indoor & Outdoor Garden Center

2112 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica, Ca 90403 310-998-8589

Hydroponic & Organic equipment, accessories, nutrients and Lighting