



Santa Monica Daily Press

November 26-27, 2005

A newspaper with issues

Volume 5, Issue 12

DAILY LOTTERY

SUPER LOTTO

5 7 11 24 38
Meganumber: 19
Jackpot: \$15 Million

FANTASY 5

7 20 24 30 39

DAILY 3

Daytime: 7 3 2
Evening: 3 7 8

DAILY DERBY

1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 01 Gold Rush

RACE TIME: 1:40.32
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>



Unwrap the holiday season with the annual Daily Press Gift Guide (See inside).

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 330th day of 2005.
There are 35 days left in the year.

On Nov. 26, 1942, President Roosevelt ordered nationwide gasoline rationing, beginning Dec. 1.

In 1825, the first college social fraternity, Kappa Alpha, was formed at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

In 1832, public streetcar service began in New York City. The fare: 12 1/2 cents.

INDEX

Horoscopes

Don't have to go far, Leo 2

Surf Report

Water temperature: 62° 3

Opinion

Grinding to a halt 4

State

City not pumped about loan 5

National

Ka-ching! 8

Comics

Strips tease 19

Classifieds

Ad space odyssey 20-22

Broads sway revue



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Santa Monica College Theatre Arts students perform a number from 'La Cage aux Folles' during the Musical Theatre Workshop this week in the SMC Concert Hall. Directed by Perviz Sawoski, professor and chair of the theatre arts department, the company interpreted more than 20 skits and numbers from various musicals.

Lego Land? No, it's 'Ashes and Snow'

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER — Right now, it looks like a parking lot filled with shipping containers. Within weeks, however, the parking lot just north of the pier will be transformed into the next Nomadic Museum, complete with life-sized elephants living among art patrons.

"I like to say that it is a big Lego in a sandbox by the sea," said artist Gregory Colbert, who is bringing his traveling exhibit "Ashes and Snow" to Santa Monica.

Thousands of people are behind the making of the museum, which is taking shape in the beach parking lot and opens to the public on Jan. 14. Just feet from the Pacific Ocean, workmen are navigating forklifts, drilling the ground and arranging

shipping containers for the exhibit that will be on display until May. 14.

A temporary display of 152 shipping containers will house more than 100 large-scale photographic works and an accompanying 35 millimeter film by Colbert, which will be aired in a theater that can seat up to 800 people. The show transforms an area adjacent to Santa Monica's historic pier into a timeless realm in which wild animals co-exist with humans.

"There is something whimsical and magical about the location," Colbert said. "It's by the sea, it's meditative, beautiful."

Over the past few weeks, crews have been erecting the 56,000-square-foot temporary structure designed by renowned architect

See ASHES AND SNOW, page 11



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

A demonstration was held recently to show how the Chance Helical Piles are installed for 'Ashes and Snow.'

Tourist board won't go changing

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Despite suggestions that its leadership may be unethically chosen, elected officials this week voted against remaking the selection process for members who serve on a tax-supported tourist advisory board.

The Santa Monica City Council favored (4-3) on Tuesday to allow the Convention and Visitors Bureau to maintain current practices in which board members are appointed both by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and City Hall.

The bureau is a non-profit group which supports tourism efforts and, therefore, is considered an integral part of the local economic engine. However, five of the bureau's 11 board members are appointed by the chamber, an entity that has recently gotten more involved in local politics — forming political action committees and endorsing three current councilmembers in last year's election.

The bureau's remaining five positions are appointed by the City Council, with the City Manager serving as a permanent member.

The bureau — set to receive \$2,087,900 in funding this year from City Hall — was asked in June by the City Council to find an alternative method of making its five appointments from the chamber, perhaps by pursuing other contacts within the business community. One method the council

See TOURIST BOARD, page 13

Back by popular demand... **THE UNDER \$10 DINNER SPECIAL**
WILLY'S DELI
Served from 4pm - 10pm
1433 Wilshire Blvd at 15th St
310-394-1131

CREATIVE DRAMATICS
3 TO 5 YEAR OLDS
FREE 1ST CLASS
SANTA MONICA MUSIC CENTER
(310) 453-1928
1901 Santa Monica Blvd. in Santa Monica
www.santamonicamusic.com

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

The advertisement is presented in a black and white format. At the top, the text "MERCEDES BENZ TAXI SERVICE" is written in a standard sans-serif font. Below this, "EURO TAXI" is prominently displayed in very large, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath "EURO TAXI", the words "OF SANTA MONICA" are written in a smaller, all-caps sans-serif font. To the right of the main title, a grey triangular graphic points downwards, containing the price "\$26.00" in a large font, followed by "FLAT TO LAX FROM SM" and "EXPIRES 12/31/05". In the center-left area, the phone number "(310) 828-4200" is shown in large, bold digits. Below the phone number, a list of five bullet points describes the service's offerings. At the bottom right, there is a photograph of a light-colored Mercedes-Benz sedan, likely a taxi, parked on a street.

MERCEDES BENZ TAXI SERVICE

EURO TAXI
OF SANTA MONICA

(310) 828-4200

- 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
- ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

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

EXPERT PIPE & LIGHTER REPAIR
IMPORTED GIFTS FROM 22 COUNTRIES
WE FEATURE THE WORLD'S FINEST IMPORTANT PIPES

 **The Tinder Box**
 THE ORIGINAL EST. 1928

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

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

2729 WILSHIRE BLVD., SANTA MONICA CA
 Ph. (310) 828-4511 www.tinderboxsantamonica.com



HOROSCOPE

Don't have to go far, Leo

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)**
★★★★ Others put in their two cents, whether you want to hear it or not. Consider that there might be grains of wisdom there, and listen carefully. You need to pull back; forget being the pioneer sign, and be more receptive to others. Tonight: Go along with the program.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ ★ You are responsible, if nothing else. You might discover that others open up and share much more of what they need. Be happy for their openness. Expect to be doing for others or finishing a project or two. Give more of yourself. Tonight: A quiet evening.

 **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★★ You are clearly in the mood to be more playful and to have a good time. Finding playmates happens naturally, but they might not be who you had in mind. “Love the one you’re with” changes to “Play with the one you are with.” Tonight: Commit to enjoying the moment.

 **CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★ You find being home close to perfect. You want to relax or handle a special project. A romance could be heating up, or a child is unusually adorable. Let loving and nurturing feelings emerge. Tonight: If you entertain, let it be at home.

 **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★★ Use today to visit with people you normally don't make time for, be they neighbors or a cousin. The cleaners might appreciate that extra smile and "How are you?" You can also pick up the phone and chat with old friends. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Before you go out or make a purchase, be sure of your budget. You don't want to cause yourself any problems in the long run. You also might think of alternate plans, different gifts for the holidays, whatever — but be sure to honor your budget. Tonight: Favorite spot.

 **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
 ★★★★★ Others find you very magnetic. Maybe the time has come to make that special request or make a move on a key situation. Think of what you have to offer, and don't get insecure. You will find the right words at the right time. Tonight: What YOU want.

 **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★ You might need some private time, but this doesn't necessarily mean alone. Invite that special person to take a walk or to go out to lunch. Open up and chat. Express what is on your mind. Tonight: Not to be found.

 **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★★ Through focusing on others and making fun plans with them, you let go of stress. Go to a ballgame or play ball. Some of you might enjoy a movie and munchies with your friends. Tonight: Happy with friends.

 **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★★ You might want to think about how others perceive you. Some Goats might be more interested in making a public commitment. You can count on being in the limelight. Tonight: Out late.

 **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★★ Break your normal patterns and do something different. You feel as if you are open; now test just how open you are. Walk through a new porthole. Try something very different. Show your openness. Tonight: Go exotic.

 **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★★ Devote time to that special friend or loved one in your life. Sharing different ideas and just hanging out rebinds the two of you on a new level. Go to a museum or concert together. Tonight: Make nice.



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. Plubeni 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



Shipping out



Photo courtesy

Volunteers from the American Red Cross of Santa Monica, supporting the American Legion, will look to brighten up the holidays for U.S. servicemen and women overseas, sending holiday gift packages containing such items as toiletries, pens, paper, cookies, playing cards, letters and books. (From left to right) Mark Hasson, commander of American Legion Post 123; Robert Jacobs, board member of the Santa Monica Red Cross; Kristine Wyatt, Red Cross volunteer and teacher for the Pacific Center for Creative Learning; and Paul Wyatt, 13, Red Cross youth volunteer do their part. Last week, the quartet packed and shipped some 600 packages, which are expected to arrive in the Middle East before Christmas.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa hosts candy cane drive

By Daily Press staff

Santa is coming to town early this year and Santa Monica's firefighters and police officers are leading the way.

Santa and his public safety helpers will be distributing good cheer and thousands of candy canes as part of the 13th annual "Candy Cane Drive."

Santa's scheduled stops are as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 3:

10:30 a.m. — Douglas Park on California Avenue and 25th Street.

11 a.m. — Christine Reed Park at California Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard.

11:30 a.m. — Third Street Promenade and Wilshire Boulevard.

1:30 p.m. — Virginia Park at 2101 Virginia Ave. in the Thelma Terry Building.

2 p.m. — Marine Park on Marine and 17th Street.

See BRIEFS, page 7

CLARIFICATION — In the Nov. 23 edition, a community brief on page 3 describing a local discount program at area hotels for residents didn't indicate how many locations are participating. There are about 15 hotels taking part. Check www.santamonica.com for a list of participating hotels.

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



SURF REPORT

On Saturday, the WNW system should increase size around most west-facing breaks into the shoulder- to head-high zone with sets running 2-3 feet overhead at standouts. Winds though will likely be an issue, possibly blowing from the north to 15 mph early on, and up to 20 mph or more in some locations.

On Sunday, the WNW swell backs down a tad, but still should have plenty of chest- to head-high + waves for west-facing breaks.

**Today the
water is:**

62°

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
SATURDAY	12:19	1.5	11:36	1.4	5:51	4.9	5:56	3.7
SUNDAY	12:55	0.9	N/A	N/A	6:11	5.3	6:47	3.8
MONDAY	12:05	1.6	1:29	0.3	6:33	5.7	7:35	3.8
TUESDAY	12:34	1.8	2:05	-0.3	6:59	6.1	8:21	3.8
WEDNESDAY	1:02	1.4	2:31	0.0	7:28	5.4	9:15	3.2

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 QLine

Sponsored by...

**THE Q-LINE
RESPONSES
ARE IN!**

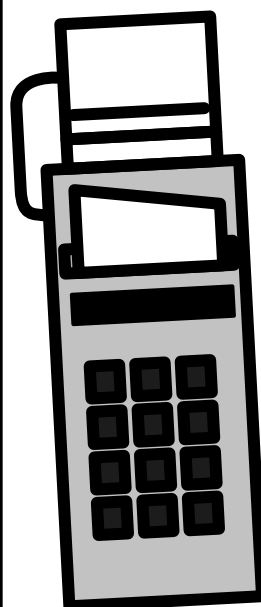
**WE HAVE THE QUESTIONS.
YOU HAVE THE ANSWERS.
CHECK OUT THIS WEEK'S Q-LINE
RESPONSES ON PAGE 4.**

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



**BACK/UNFILED
TAXES?**

ALL FORMS • ALL TYPES • ALL STATES

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

100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800
Santa Monica 90401



OPINION

The QLine

LEADERS GRIND OUR CHILDREN TO A HALT

This past week, Q-line asked:
"How can City Hall increase access for residents to the new skatepark without putting a strain on its budget?"

Here are your responses:

① "In the first place, all these considerations should have been budgeted along with the building of the skatepark. How ridiculous can you get? Well, in Santa Monica, that has proven to be without limit. Anyway, please give these young people priority over the escalating bum population and put the money towards helping them, our young citizens rather than the greedy graspers and freeloaders that are overload-ing this city."

② "This really nice skatepark intended for the use of our young people is yet another shrine to the incompetency and the inability of our city administration to look beyond their noses. Add this one to the monstrous-looking city library building, a building for the ages? Ugh. Anyway, take the money away from these useless homeless programs and give it to the citizenry by making the skatepark more usable and safe for the young people."

③ "The safest, most beautiful, and most healthful place to skate or ride a bicycle is on the Santa Monica bike path. The ocean salt air blowing onto the coastline from the west is clean and refreshing. In the years I have biked on the bike path I have never observed a crime being committed. I contribute the safeness of the path due to surveillance cameras being in place and nearly everyone who uses the path have cellular telephones and 911 emergency help is only three punches on a touch tone dial away. Still, I only recommend night skating and bike riding during the summer months. It becomes dark very early during the winter months and the path is less safe. In my opinion, the same caution applies to the skating park. During the summer months, skaters should be able to skate in sunlight until 8 p.m. without safety concerns. During the winter months, they should go home when the sun sets. We are living in a time when prudence dictates cautions. The life you save may be your own."

④ "Well, I think it's terrible the city of Santa Monica has been so busy making a mess of things. Paying these lawyers millions of dollars instead of putting the money where we really need it, like the skatepark."

There's no excuse for this terrible City Council that we have. They have really put things in a real bad situation for Santa Monica. So I say, let's kick them out and get some new ones in with the exception, of course, of Robert Shriver."

⑤ "If all these skaters want to use the skatepark at night, why don't they put the lights in themselves and let them pay for it? Why should everyone else have to pay for it?"

⑥ "About the skatepark, it's just another example of how things are not thought through by the city. They build a beautiful park and then no one can use it properly. They ought to put it in the budget whatever they need to begin with. Now they have to allocate money so it stays open. That's ridiculous. Build something then lock people out? They ought to put the lights in and the staff on. They should have figured that out to begin with."

⑦ "Are you telling me that hiring an eight-hour park ranger is going to be a strain on the city budget? That city yards' electricians cannot wire the park for lighting? We can spend \$1,000 for a dinner for outside City Hall lawyers to eat a meal, but can't add six hours a day for a skatepark supervision? This is a no-brainer, but when dealing with City Hall no-brains it becomes brain dead. I think it's a great idea to put all the skateboarders in one place rather than on the sidewalk outside your apartment. They can have a great time and stay out of trouble, but it should be only a nominal fee of \$1. Maybe the City Council brains are waiting for the pollution suit. A \$100 million from the oil companies before they further fund the skate park. We contracted for outside lawyers to battle the big oil, maybe we could contract out for City Council members."

⑧ "Why do we have to pay to use the skateboard park when the skateboard park money is coming out of our city and out of our taxes? I just think it's horrible that you have to have these young people pay for the skateboard park and for such a limited time."

'Modern' missives drive their points home



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

It's time once again to share with you some of the responses I've gotten to recent columns.

In my column about e-mail etiquette, I said, "with apologies to Tivo and the cotton sweater, e-mail might be the greatest invention of the past 50 years."

MARCIA disagreed: "I vote for Viagra."

In my discussion of Daylight Saving Time, I talked about having Daylight Saving Time in the summer when there's already plenty of daylight:

Jo Ann: "DST has no real effect on anyone except to annoy the hell out of them when it changes back to standard time. And vice versa."

EDWARD: "If God had intended us to work in daylight, He would have made days differently, and who are these impudent legislators to go about rearranging God's time?"

After results of the president's physical were published, I discussed his calmly low pulse rate and how it worries me that he isn't worried enough about things for it to be at least a little higher. Many people responded. In fact, Rush Limbaugh read my column on his show, and said he didn't know what to make of it. Readers had no problem understanding it:

ROGER: "It is to Bush's credit that he takes his work seriously enough to remain at peak physical condition."

LARRY: "Bush's great health and sharpness has led him to pick a vice president with a bad heart."

GEORGE: "Your article about Bush's heartbeat assumes that he has a heart."

I talked about the "Intelligent Design Theory."

MIKE: "Evolution completely contradicts the second law of thermodynamics and cannot be proven, experimented, or repeated."

JOHN: "Thank you for putting into words what so many of us in the scientific field have been feeling for so long. The entire idea behind the 'theory' of Intelligent Design is a farce."

KENBET: "Your (column) was wonderful, and so precise. ... But I'm afraid all the religious nuts ... will be banging your door down. Thanks for being so brave."

CHRIS: "One day you will believe in the Bible."

MARY: "The bigger question is, how could we possibly have allowed one of these people to run this country? How many stupid are Americans?"

I wrote about TV newscasters seeming to only want to talk about extreme or "bad" news:

AMANDA/TERESA: "This is why we turned off our TV about four years ago."

CARL: "Am I the only one sick of the morons on the Weather Channel standing outside in a hurricane telling us that you'd have to be an idiot to be there standing in a hurricane?"

I spoke about the movement to allow

kids to hunt at a younger age since a growing number of people think having 12 years old as a minimum is too old:

EMILY: "As a mother who has always hunted, and now we support my children with hunting, I find your story outrageous ... these parents are spending time with their kids and teaching them along the way. That makes a good parent no matter what the hobby is."

JAMES: "... at the young age some people are suggesting ... no way. And that is the opinion of an outdoorsman/hunter with over 50 years experience."

MARIE: (who had had a gun accident in her family) "Your column today brought tears to my eyes, and my heart aches ... I only wish more people would read your columns. You have a way of writing which should get some results ... I hope!"

ROBERT: "Fear is a terrible thing, especially coupled with an agenda."

BRIAN: "I hope my two sons can hunt someday, but it's an uphill battle with all the electronic play toys that either their mother brings home, the relatives send us, or the neighbors have."

JOE: "Accidental shooting of kids while hunting is very rare."

DAVID: "If liberals think it's OK for 6-, 7-, and 8-year-olds to be taught about 'my two dads' in public school under the guise of diversity, then it should be OK for conservatives to teach 6-, 7-, and 8-year-olds about gun safety and hunting."

PAUL: "I just read your article and have changed my mind. I was waiting until my boy turned 12 to take him hunting, now I know he is ready now!"

As I noted here recently, I got more e-mails on my column about the "English only" movement than on any previous column. However, the next week, when we printed some of your responses to that column, readers broke that record by sending me more responses to the responses to the original "English only" column:

DAPHNE: "I have found that compassion, kindness, and a smile are understood by all humans regardless of culture, native tongue, religion and color."

REGAN: If we can't speak to one another, we can hardly be friends now, can we?

DC: "I definitely believe people who choose to live in this country should speak English. Think (sic) it is ridiculous (sic) to have schools teach alternative languages."

MARCIA: "I am sick and tired of seeing subtitles everywhere when I'm in America."

LIZ: "Where in the Constitution does it make it mandatory to speak English?"

PHILIP: "It's bad enough when they enter illegally, but when they go to the store, they should try to speak the language of the country they are breaking into."

Keep reading and keep writing.

(Lloyd Garver has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Frasier." He also has read many books, some of them in hardcover. He writes the "Modern Times" column for CBSnews.com's opinion page and a weekly column for SportsLine.com. He can be reached at smdp@lloydgarvermoderntimes.com.)

Do you have community news?



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

Santa Monica Daily Press

STATE



Town tanks state loan to relieve septic system

By The Associated Press

LOS OSOS, Calif. — Town officials have rejected a \$135 million loan from the state to build a sewer system, setting up this Central Coast community to be fined more than \$11 million.

Under Wednesday's decision by the Los Osos Community Services District, the town would become the first local government in the nation to default on the special low-interest loan, which is financed through the state by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, state officials said.

"It's obviously a very unfortunate distinction that Los Osos has now earned for itself," said William L. Rukeyser, spokesman for the State Water Resources Control Board.

So far, the state has given the 15,000-resident community between Los Angeles and San Francisco \$6 million of the loan to replace the town's septic tanks, which are suspected of polluting Morro Bay. Rukeyser said the state will seek to recover the money.

"There's no shortage of communities that are eager to build projects that will benefit their residents," Rukeyser said.

The debate over the \$135 million project centered largely on placement of the wastewater treatment plant. Under the plan approved through the loan process, the plant would be located midtown — something district board member Chuck Cesena said was unacceptable.

Cesena said the district hoped the state board would allow it to find a new site outside town, which would be less expensive to build.

"We're not walking away from (the current plan), we're being driven away from it," Cesena said.

State officials have said they will not renegotiate terms.

The region's water quality control board ordered Los Osos to replace septic systems two decades ago, citing groundwater and ocean pollution. It had said it would suspend the more than \$11 million in fines Los Osos has accrued over three years if the town moved forward with the current plan. The town currently faces \$10,000 in fines a day.

Cesena said the town can't pay, and added that regulations require the board to consider a community's ability to pay when imposing fines.

Crash landing: Ring allegedly staged accidents to bilk \$3M

BY PAUL CHAVEZ

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Twenty-three people have been arrested for allegedly participating in an insurance fraud ring that staged more than 60 auto collisions on Southern California freeways and bilked about \$3 million from insurers, officials said Wednesday.

A seven-month investigation led to the arrest of Huntington Park lawyer Bernard Laufer, 52, as the alleged ringleader, said state Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi. Laufer, taken into custody Tuesday, faces charges of insurance fraud, grand theft and conspiracy.

The investigation continues and more arrests likely will be made, Garamendi said. The probe is looking into doctors and chiropractors who may have been involved in the scam.

The California Department of Insurance in April received a tip that a Humberto Carlon, 22, of La Verne, was recruiting people to participate in staged collisions. Carlon was arrested early in the investigation and has been sentenced to two years in state prison for his involvement.

A telephone call to Laufer's office Wednesday was not immediately returned.

Laufer allegedly bought the cases from Carlon and filed the fraudulent claims against the victims' insurance companies.

The ring allegedly staged more than 60 collisions using a so-called "swoop and squat" technique, which involves braking suddenly to cause a rear-end collision.

Carlon allegedly recruited friends and family into the ring and several suspects were enticed to join at a church Bible study group, officials said. People typically were paid a few hundred dollars to cause the accidents and report injuries, Garamendi said.

The ring allegedly targeted SUVs and commercial trucks.

No one was seriously injured in the collisions, but one victim had to close his business after his company truck was totaled in a staged accident, Garamendi said.

The other suspects arrested in the case were primarily people living in the United States illegally, Garamendi said.

Garamendi said it was the third major criminal ring to be broken up in the past three years and urged anyone who believes they were victims of a staged accident to call his department.

To underscore the danger of staged accidents, Garamendi cited the example of a family of three who burned to death on the Long Beach Freeway in 1996 when their station wagon was crushed between two big-rigs and exploded. Two men were sentenced to 11 years in prison after admitting they staged the accident as part of an insurance scam.

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: 10/31/05
ALL PREVIOUS OFFERS EXPIRE: 10/31/05

Frugal Phil's Frame Factory Outlet

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

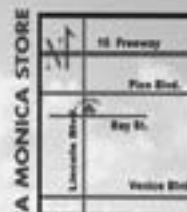
Lowest prices on ready made
and custom framing.

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 ad and
receive one wall frame
50% off regular price.

12/31/05

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
fulfill your framing needs.



Thanksgiving Sale

Just in time for holiday
travel, find savings on
discontinued luggage
from Eagle Creek,
as well as closeouts
on clothing, packing
accessories, shoes
and more.

Magellan's

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

No Phone Orders Please.

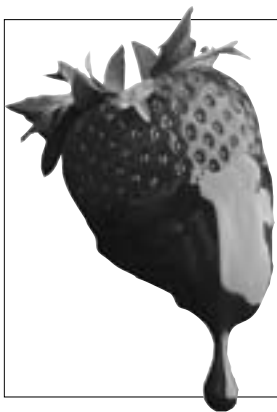
WHAT

can get the power of email working for your business?

greatbignoise www.greatbignoise.com



STATE



**Add that gourmet touch to your festivities.
Rent our chocolate fountain for your party!**

27" Fountain accomodates up to 150 guests.

Prices start at 395.00

Smaller Parties at discounted prices.

(310) 570-9484



Gala Productions

Frozen in time: Family hopes ID brings closure

BY JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press Writer

FRESNO, Calif. — When a flight crew training for combat in World War II disappeared in the Sierra Nevada on Nov. 18, 1942, four families were left waiting for a word or a body to bury — for some end of the grief that was only partly eased when wreckage and scant remains were found five years later. Now, 63 years later, one family might get their wish.

"It's been a long struggle," said Millie Ewing, the sister of pilot William Gamber.

Military anthropologists analyzing the well-preserved body of an airman found encased in ice last month in Kings Canyon National Park have narrowed their options to four men who flew out of Sacramento's Mather Field on the mission that went astray: Gamber, 23, and aviation Cadets John Mortenson, 25, Ernest Munn, 23, and Leo Mustonen, 22.

Experts were able to read a name on a faded badge on the serviceman's clothing, but they won't reveal it until they confirm the identity through DNA. It could take weeks, or months — but that's not long for family members who waited for decades.

"What we do has to stand up to scientific and legal scrutiny, so that the family knows for sure this is their loved one," said Maj. Rumi Nielson-Green, with the Hawaii-based Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command, which identifies remains of missing service members. "These families have been waiting for a long time, and they deserve that."

The details and the wait have been nerve-racking for Lois Shriver, who, like Ewing, was never able to bury her brother Munn, a cadet with slicked-back blond hair who still smiles, handsome, in a family picture.

Munn, like the other three, was given a military funeral in San Bruno's Golden Gate National Cemetery, but the grave is empty — a bitter memory for Shriver, who was 17 when the cadets disappeared.

"You never forget these things," she said.

The four young men left at 8:30 a.m. on an overcast day with five hours of fuel aboard the AT-7 craft for a navigational training flight through the Central Valley.

The weather had been stormy and gusty. Training missions had been canceled the day before, when "it rained cats and dogs" according to a diary entry by serviceman William Bechter, who trained at Mather Field in 1942, and died in action the next year.

Leonard Spivey, a friend of Bechter who graduated from the base as a navigator three days after the accident, said strong winds and poor visibility may have led the plane far off course. It crashed nearly 200 miles from home.

"Imagine being in a hot air balloon on a windy day," he said. "At that time, we didn't have sophisticated navigational devices."

Spivey read Bechter's diary entry from the night the plane disappeared: "The war was brought close to home tonight when one AT-7 ... failed to return from this morning's hop."

Bechter wrote that flights scoured the valley for days. They gave up a month later, after 581 hours of fruitless ground and air searches, according to a 1942 military accident report.

Five years later, ice climbers scaling the 60 degree slope of the Mount Darwin glacier found the first hard evidence of the crash: pieces of the motor, scattered shoes, clothing, and a piece of frozen flesh.

Among them was a badge with the name of Mortenson, of Moscow, Idaho. That appears to eliminate him as the frozen airman because the uniform on the remains also bore a name tag.

Forensic anthropologists in Hickam Air Force Base, in Oahu, Hawaii, have examined the body and sorted through decades-old dental records to piece together the identity of the airman who died of massive trauma in the crash. The ice tomb preserved the skin and muscle, the young man's fair hair, even the trinkets he carried in his pockets — a 1942 calendar, coins, a fountain pen, and a comb.

Physical remains weren't conclusive, so officials are gathering samples of DNA from the airmen's families to look for a match, said Nielson-Green.

The news of the find generated a lot of excitement in Munn's hometown of St. Clairsville, Ohio, where most who grew up with him just "married and settled down," said Shriver. Two of her sisters still live there.

The find brought back bittersweet memories of the ambitious youngster who wanted to see the world beyond his parent's confectionary store and the placid landscape of rural Ohio, Shriver said.

But a phone call from military officials early in November laid her hopes to rest.

"They told us they didn't think it was him," she said, without giving more details.

That leaves only Gamber and Mustonen, the youngest son of Finnish immigrants who settled in Brainerd, Minn.

Anna Mustonen never overcame her son's disappearance, said Marjorie Freeman, who went to school with Leo and his brother, Arvo Mustonen.

Freeman lived with her mother-in-law during the war and Anna Mustonen would visit their house for coffee each day. The two older women chatted in Finnish at the kitchen table. Sometimes Mustonen broke down and cried over her missing son, said Freeman.

Leo Mustonen had pushed himself through junior college and the University of Minnesota. He enlisted to pursue a goal of designing aircraft, Freeman said.

Anna Mustonen died in 1968, without conclusive word of her son. But if this airman turns out to be him, Freeman said, she believes he should be buried not in a military cemetery, but in Brainerd's Evergreen Cemetery.

"She would have wanted him nearby," she said. "What mother wouldn't?"

Ewing, 92, and in a retirement home in Ohio, is also eager to bring her brother home.

She had followed him to California when he enlisted. The two were close, and it was up to her to pick up Gamber's clothes and car from the base after he disappeared.

But she waited a year, hoping for some sign of the handsome former college basketball player. When she finally returned to Fayette, their hometown, she was alone.

For decades, she's ached to give the body of her 23-year-old brother a proper burial in their family plot.

Being able to do it now, she said, would be "truly amazing."

SWITCH
gears to State Farm for the right
COVERAGE
at the right price.



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

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.



Providing Insurance and Financial Services

MOBILITY REDEFINED

Only available at: **[i]³**

**11906 WILSHIRE BLVD
(SUITE 26/UPSTAIRS) LA
Besides KFC, past Brockton**

866-MY-ICUBE
TOLL FREE **694-2823**
www.icube.us

**Compact
& Light
Powerful!**

**512MB RAM
80GB HD**

**Flybook turns
into a Tablet PC!**



**WEIGHS
ONLY
2.5LBS**

Bugs not in computer, but acting as computer

BY PAUL ELIAS
AP Biotechnology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The notorious E. coli bug made its film debut Wednesday. That’s when researchers at the University of California, San Francisco and the University of Texas announced in the journal *Nature* that they had created photographs of themselves by programming the bacteria — best known for outbreaks of food poisoning — to make pictures in much the same way Kodak film produces images. It’s the latest advance in “synthetic biology,” a disputed research movement launched largely by engineers and chemists bent on genetically manipulating microscopic bugs into acting like tiny machines, creating new, powerful and inexpensive ways to make drugs, plastics and even alternatives to fossil fuel.

The field seeks to go beyond traditional genetic engineering feats where a single gene is spliced into bacteria and other cells to manufacture drugs. Synthetic biologists are trying to create complex systems that function as logically and reliably as computers.

Mainstream biologists, however, scoff that biology — life itself — is too unpredictable and prone to genetic mutation to understand, let alone tame and turn into miniature factories.

Bioethicists, meanwhile, fret that synthetic biologists are attempting to create new living creatures and are inventing technology that can readily be used by terrorists.

Still, a growing number of engineers are jumping into the nascent field, whose chief goals include breaking down microbes and other living things into smaller components and reassembling those parts into useful machines.

“There is kind of a hacker culture behind all of this,” said Chris Voigt, a University of California, San Francisco researcher who, at 29, was the senior

author on the bacteria-as-film paper in *Nature*.

Voigt and colleagues took from algae light-sensitive genes that emit black compounds and spliced them into a batch of E. coli bacteria. The organisms were then spread on a petri dish that resembles a cookie sheet and placed in an incubator. A high-powered projector cast photographic images of the researchers through a hole on top of the incubator, exposing some of the bacteria to light.

The result: Ghostly images like traditional black-and-white photographs of the researchers responsible for the invention, at a resolution Voigt said was about 100 megapixels, or 10 times sharper than high-end printers.

The work, though, isn’t intended for commercial markets.

“They aren’t going to put Kodak out of business any time soon,” said Massachusetts Institute of Technology researcher Drew Endy, a leading synthetic biologist.

Instead, the creation will be used as a sensor to start and stop more complex genetic engineering experiments. The idea is to create a genetically engineered cell that lays dormant until a laser is shined on it, prompting it into action.

Such an accomplishment would add to the growing success of a field that is making strides around the world, in such projects as:

- Scientists in Israel made the world’s smallest computer by engineering DNA to carry out mathematical functions.

- J. Craig Venter, the entrepreneurial scientist who mapped the human genome and launched the Rockville, Md.-based research institute named after himself, is attempting to create novel organisms that can produce alternative fuels.

- With a \$42.6 million grant that originated at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Berkeley researchers are engineering the E. coli bug with genes from the wormwood plant and yeast to create a new malaria drug.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

2:30 p.m. — Clover Park on Ocean Park Boulevard and 25th Street parking lot. Santa Monica children are encouraged to look and listen for the lights and sirens of the public safety vehicles, while parents are encouraged to bring their cameras. For more information, call the Santa Monica Police Department, community relations office at (310) 458-8474.

Free voice-over class at SMC

By Daily Press staff

Want to learn how to perfect your voice-over technique? The Santa Monica College theatre arts department presents Emmy Award-winning actor Gregg Marx, who will present a master class called “The Art and Business of Voice-overs.” The free master class, open to the public, will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 in the Hangar Stage, located at SMC’s airport campus, 2800 Airport Ave. Seating is on a first-arrival basis. Marx has done hundreds of radio and television commercials. He also has performed extensively at Los Angeles’ top cabaret venues, including his own critically acclaimed, “Wet Night ... Dry Martini” and, “Love: Shakin’ ... Stirred ... and on the Rocks.” Currently, he performs weekly at Maggiano’s Little Italy at The Grove in Los Angeles. This is the third and final in SMC’s fall Theatre Arts Master Class series, which is co-sponsored by the SMC Associates, a private organization that funds speakers and special programs on campus. For information, call (310) 434-4393.

You can make enormous profits! How To Buy & Sell Houses In California Without Using Your Money Or Credit!

Lets say you don’t have enough money... plus... you have lousy credit or don’t want to use your good credit.

And, let’s say you want to make huge profits buying and selling houses in California.

Can it be done? *Absolutely!* And, here’s why: There’s a man in Jacksonville, Florida who’s bought and sold over 1600 houses all over the United States. He became a multi-millionaire doing this.

From humble beginnings as an auto mechanic, working fourteen hours a day to make ends meet, he built a fortune in real estate... starting from scratch... with no previous experience.

Why is this important to you? Simple! Over the years as he was struggling to figure out the secrets of real estate investing, without using his money or credit, he began building step-by-step systems almost anyone could duplicate to knock off ten years from their learning curve.

Then he started sharing his secrets with others and it wasn’t long before the success stories started rolling in and he became known as the world’s leading expert in Quick Turn Real Estate and built a secret society of real millionaires spanning North America.

If you’d like to be part of this, the first thing you have to do is learn how to find great real estate deals. Plus, there are a few other “trade secrets” you need to know. How are you going to learn all these secrets? That’s easy. The man in Jacksonville (his name is Ron LeGrand) has spent a small fortune to put on a seminar in Los Angeles. All you have to do is go to one of these seminars and you’ll learn his secrets...

100% Free!

There’s no cost to you whatsoever to attend this seminar. It will start *exactly* at

“...two fast ways to pick up a big check (\$10,000) or more in less than 30-days after you attend the seminar...”

8:00 a.m. in the morning... and... it’s recommended you get there about 1/2 hour early. The seminar will last until approximately 5:00 p.m. that afternoon. Be sure to bring pen and paper... because... during this seminar, you’ll learn secrets about making HUGE profits in real estate... which...will *amaze* you...and...

You Can Come To This Seminar Absolutely Free!

Here’s a “taste” of what you’ll learn at this seminar:

✓ **How you (regardless of your credit or financial status) can make \$10,000 per month (every month of the year) without spending a dime of your own money!**

✓ Where to find the best deals in the shortest time with the least amount of effort!

✓ **How to buy your own idream home ” without money or credit! (URGENT: Don’t even think about buying a home until you learn this.)**

✓ Why you should NEVER ask a bank for a loan! It’s absolutely NOT necessary... and... it’s also a royal pain.

✓ **The 5 steps to real estate success and why... if even one of them is out of place... your real estate profits will *vanish!***

✓ Who are the very best people to buy houses from... and why... you should ONLY deal with these people!

✓ **The two fastest ways to pick up a big check (\$10,000 or more) in less than one month after you come to the free seminar!**

✓ How to (legally) make all your real estate profits... 100% tax free!

This seminar could change your life. You’ll be able to buy and sell houses in the Los Angeles area with no credit, no money and without risking any of your savings. Actually, even if your credit is perfect, there’s still no reason to tie up your credit and put yourself at risk with loads of loans.

You’ll never have to deal with bad tenants who kick holes in your walls, stop up toilets... or... who move out in the middle of the night... *still owing you rent!*

If that’s something which appeals to you, come and spend one day at this seminar.

There will be three seminars in the Los Angeles area. **The events will be held on December 9th at the Wyndham Hotel Orange County, December 10th at the Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown hotel, and December 11th at the Hilton Burbank Airport and Convention Center hotel.**

Be sure to go to one of these seminars. It’ll only last one day... but... *that one day* will change your life.

Seats are limited and pre-registration is required. Seats are given on a first-call, first-served basis.

You’ll also receive a free gift of two CD’s worth \$100 filled with over 300 pages of valuable, life-changing secrets that only a man that has personally bought & sold over 1600 houses can reveal.

It’s easy to attend. All you have to do is call the toll-free number below (it won’t cost you a single penny to make this call), give your name and address and...

You Can Bring Your Friends! *(Call RIGHT NOW to make sure you donit get left out.)*

**1-800-458-1338
24 Hours A Day**

WARNING!

If you *seriously* want to attend this amazing seminar, you need to call **1-800-458-1338** to get your seats reserved... *right now!* You see, whenever Mr. LeGrand arranges a seminar like these scheduled in the Los Angeles area, registration fills up... in the blink of an eye! So don’t be left out. This is your chance to turn your life around. Call right now while you’re holding this page in your hand.

**1-800-458-1338
24 Hours A Day**

**December 9, 2005
Wyndham Hotel
Orange County
3350 Ave of the Arts
Costa Mesa, CA 92626**

**December 10, 2005
Sheraton Los Angeles
Downtown Hotel
711 South Hope St
Los Angeles, CA 90017**

**December 11, 2005
Hilton Burbank
Airport & Convention
Center Hotel
2500 Hollywood Way
Burbank, CA 91505**

Copyright ©Global Publishing, Inc. 2005

The results discussed in this ad may vary by individual student. Ron LeGrand and Global Publishing, Inc. do not guarantee, and hold no liability for, any actions or comments influenced by the information contained in products and services received.

Advertising with Impact © 2010 by Ringier, 2009-2010. All rights reserved.



Santa Monica
401 W. Santa Monica Bl | **310.576.7011**

Beverly Hills
8562 West 3rd Street | **310.246.9230**

NATIONAL



Logging turns green trees to red ink

BY SCOTT SONNER
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. — Logging of national forests costs U.S. taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars a year, according to one new estimate, as federal land managers try to marry a century old program that produced lumber to one that squeezes out relatively few products while waging a war on wildfires.

Subsidization of logging continues to grow because congressional spending on the Forest Service program has held steady, and in some cases increased, while timber harvest levels have fallen dramatically over the past 15 years, a conservation group's new study says.

The shift from large-scale clear cuts to commercial thinning of forests and fuels reduction projects has accelerated the government's losses to an estimated \$6.6 billion since 1997, according to Rene Voss of the nonprofit John Muir Project of the Earth Island Institute, author of the new study.

"The bottom line is that on average over the last seven years, the Forest Service has lost what we estimate to be \$835 million annually," he said.

"When it comes to commercial timber sales, it's just like a big black hole and they keep throwing more and more money into it," said Steve Holmer, a spokesman for The Wilderness Society in Washington D.C.

Timber industry officials say the figures don't tell the whole story because

much of the expenditures that show up as costs of timber sales are tied to other things, such as clearing brush and bug-infested trees to reduce wildfire threats.

"I'm not surprised they are losing money but they are not comparing apples to apples," said Chris West, vice president of the American Forest Resource Council based in Portland, Ore.

"Often the work has more value than just timber sale value. If you are doing fuels treatment as part of a timber sale, there is a net public benefit to doing that," he said.

Environmentalists and some taxpayer groups long have criticized subsidies of federal logging. But Voss, in a report to be released next week titled "Taxpayer Losses from Logging Our National Forests," said the practice is more disturbing today because of growing U.S. budget deficits.

"Congress is trying to find all sorts of places to try to cut spending after the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast," he said. "We have a lot more important national issues we should be spending our money on."

Congress funds the Forest Service's logging operation, which includes examining potential ecological effects and preparing logging plans before selling the rights to the wood to timber companies, which in turn cut the trees for their own profit.

Part of what the timber companies pay is reinvested in Forest Service reforestation programs, and part of it is returned to the U.S. Treasury — although there's been none left for the Treasury the past four years. In three of those years a net

loss was incurred, Voss said.

During the peak years of the 1980s, the agency logged as much as 12 billion board feet a year on national forests, about one-third of that in Oregon, Washington and northern California.

But national output fell to below 4 billion board feet after the northern spotted owl was declared a threatened species and court battles ensued in the early 1990s. In

recent years, annual harvests have hovered around 2 billion board feet, with the cherry hardwoods of Pennsylvania and pine plantations of the Southeast now rivaling the Northwest's Douglas fir as the most profitable products.

The Forest Service used to issue an annual report with detailed figures on the

See **LOGGING**, page 16



Pre-Holiday Sale

www.myrebe.com



Got Mexican?

Tastiest Mexican Fare and Margaritas
in Santa Monica since 1965

2500 WILSHIRE BLVD., SM * 310/828-1315 * LUNCH & DINNER



CASA ESCOBAR

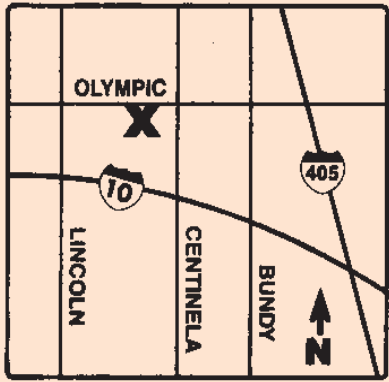


AA OLYMPIC Self Storage

Serving Santa Monica and West L.A.

2 Months FREE Rent + FREE Lock

Call for details



OPEN 7 DAYS

Call About FREE Truck Rental Plan





(310)829-2525

3250 OLYMPIC BLVD. • www.selfstorage.net/aaolympic



NATIONAL

Future of transmission lines at crossroads

BY WILLIAM MCCALL

AP Business Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — There is one thing that just everybody agrees has to be done about the thousands of miles of electricity transmission lines that crisscross the West — build more of them.

The big question is, who pays for them? Another is, who controls them? And finally, how much should it cost to use them?

Utility managers and regulators say

those questions need to be answered soon — before demand outstrips the power supply to some of the fastest-growing areas of the nation. Otherwise, the risk of a blackout like the one that left the East Coast in the dark in 2003 keeps rising.

The Bonneville Power Administration two years ago completed a transmission system expansion project in the Seattle area, reducing the risk of massive power failures there.

"It reinforced a key link that would have,

for sure, put the Seattle area in danger of blackouts had it not been constructed," said Ed Mosey, spokesman for the Portland-based federal power marketing agency.

In Arizona, the largest utility in the state is proposing a new \$3 billion pair of 500,000-volt lines to bring power 600 miles from coal and wind turbine plants in Wyoming. It would also let the Arizona Public Service Co. send excess power from the Southwest to the north.

"Arizona's one of the two fastest-growing areas of the country, along with Nevada," said Jim McDonald, spokesman for Arizona Public Service.

The utility relies on coal, nuclear and natural gas-fired generating plants for electricity to accommodate growth that includes Arizona cities like Gilbert, which topped the U.S. Census Bureau's list of fastest-growing cities with at least 100,000 new people from April 2000 to July 2004.

But all that generating capacity has to have a way to reach new businesses and homes — meaning more high-voltage wires, McDonald said.

"So it's very important to have additional infrastructure in the West because of the way the region is growing," McDonald said. "And there hasn't been a substantial investment in that transmission infrastructure."

On Nov. 17, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proposed transmission pricing reforms to promote what commissioners said was long overdue investment in energy infrastructure.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005, which President Bush signed in August, directed

FERC to develop incentive-based rates for interstate power transmission. The reforms adopted on Nov. 17 will implement those incentives and provide regulatory certainty needed to reassure utilities and investors, officials said.

The goal is to increase power-grid reliability and lower costs by reducing transmission congestion between states, commissioners said.

"No one is looking at the lights going out," said U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore. "But what we're looking at now is how do you make the system work better, and how do you avoid duplicate investment in very expensive transmission lines."

Reliability and congestion are issues that have been a struggle for utility managers and regulators across the West for more than a decade, as they have watched transmission line construction fail to keep pace with electricity demand.

"We should have been making plans to build out the transmission system years ago," said David Kvamme, spokesman for PacifiCorp. The Portland-based utility serves 1.6 million customers in six Western states and must balance regulatory demands in each state with the need for additional transmission capacity.

But transmission investment actually declined for 23 years from 1975 to 1998, according to FERC figures. And over that same period, electricity demand more than doubled, resulting in a significant decrease in transmission capacity.

"We're in the midst of a historic shift in

See **TRANSMISSIONS**, page 14

Discover Opportunity...

Just two hours away, Downtown San Diego is booming. Minutes to dozens of world class golf courses, parks and the historic Gaslamp District...and the best ocean views in Southern California!



2 bed 2 bath + den 1,680 sqft ocean views!\$750,000
2 bed 2 bath 1,221 sqft Ocean Views!!.....\$550,000
2 bed 2 bath 1,700 sqft Prime water view location.....\$1,265,000
2 bed 2 bath + den Penthouse level. Water Views!!!\$1,425,000



Prudential
California Realty

Chris Warren
(619) 818-1666



warren@prusd.com • www.sandiegohomesdowntown.com



Britannia Pub

A Great Place To Anchor

Great Food...Great Cocktails...Great Crew... GREAT FUN!!



THANKSGIVING DAY THURSDAY, NOV. 24TH, 2005

OPEN 11AM-2AM

KARAOKE: 9:30PM-1:30AM

Special Thanksgiving Dinner: **STARTER**, Fresh Tomato Basil Soup, **ENTREE**, Oven Roasted Turkey, Southwestern Cornbread Stuffing, Candied Yams with Maple Syrup, Whole Cranberry Sauce, Medley of Steamed Vegetables, Roast & Mashed Potatoes, Homemade Turkey Gravy, **DESSERT**, Honey Sweetened Pumpkin Pie.

PRICE: \$15.95 - Reservations: (310) 458-5350

FULL MENU AVAILABLE ALL NIGHT!

FULL MENU

featuring Britannia's very popular fish & chips and all other british favorites. Breakfast served all day. If you are counting calories, we have great salads too.

Full Bar. Heated Patio. Lunch Delivery Available.

Opening Hours 11^{AM} Monday-Friday, 9:30^{AM} Saturday-Sunday

318 Santa Monica Blvd. • Santa Monica
310-458-5350 • www.britanniapub.com

Do you have
back pain
that makes it
difficult to walk
or move freely?



Each year more than 700,000 women and men suffer from **vertebral compression fractures** that are often caused by **osteoporosis**. The pain can make it difficult to walk or move freely.

Doctors are studying a new experimental treatment for vertebral compression fractures that may help to reduce pain and restore mobility. **To find out more about this important research study, ask your doctor or call the number below.**

The Spine Institute
St. John's Health Center
1301 20th St., Suite 400
Santa Monica, CA 90404
1.866.876.9871



Traveling show stops in Santa Monica

ASHES AND SNOW, from page 1

Shigeru Ban. The first of its kind, the Nomadic Museum building is composed largely of recyclable and reusable materials, demonstrating sustainable practices in its architectural approach.

The steel cargo containers are stacked and secured in a checkerboard pattern to create rigid walls. The structure of the roof trusses is partially constructed of paper tubes that rest on 2-foot paper tube columns.

The Santa Monica opening marks the third incarnation of “Ashes and Snow,” Colbert’s 14-year-long personal and artistic odyssey. To date, the artist has completed more than 30 extensive international expeditions to places as diverse as India, Egypt, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Ethiopia, Namibia, Tonga, the Azores, Antarctica and Borneo.

“When I started “Ashes and Snow” in 1992, I set out to explore the relationship between man and animals from the inside out,” Colbert said.

Colbert, who calls animals “nature’s living masterpieces,” captures moments of contact between man and animal. It is the interaction of distant lands, peoples and creatures that emerges, like vivid memories of a shared experience. None of the images have been digitally collaged or superimposed. They record what Colbert saw through the lens of his camera. The artworks, each approximately 5 feet by 8 feet, are mounted without explanatory text so as to encourage an open-ended interaction with the images.

The title “Ashes and Snow” suggests beauty and renewal, while also referring to the literary component of the exhibition

— a fictional account of a man who, over the course of a yearlong journey, composes 365 letters to his wife. The source of the title is revealed in the 365th letter. Colbert’s photographs and one-hour film loosely reference the traveler’s encounters and experiences described in the letters.

Colbert’s one-hour 35 millimeter film, edited by two-time Academy Award-winner Pietro Scalia and narrated by actor Laurence Fishburne, is continuously projected on a large-format screen in a column-free theater under a tensile roof supported by bracket beams.

The exhibit — which made its debut in Venice, Italy, in 2002 — just wrapped up in New York, where people lined up for five blocks to get a glance of the museum.

“The people who saw this show in New York will see something very different in Los Angeles; there are 14 new species and two films,” Colbert said. “We could go on to other cities for 10 years and we want it to be a special experience at each place.”

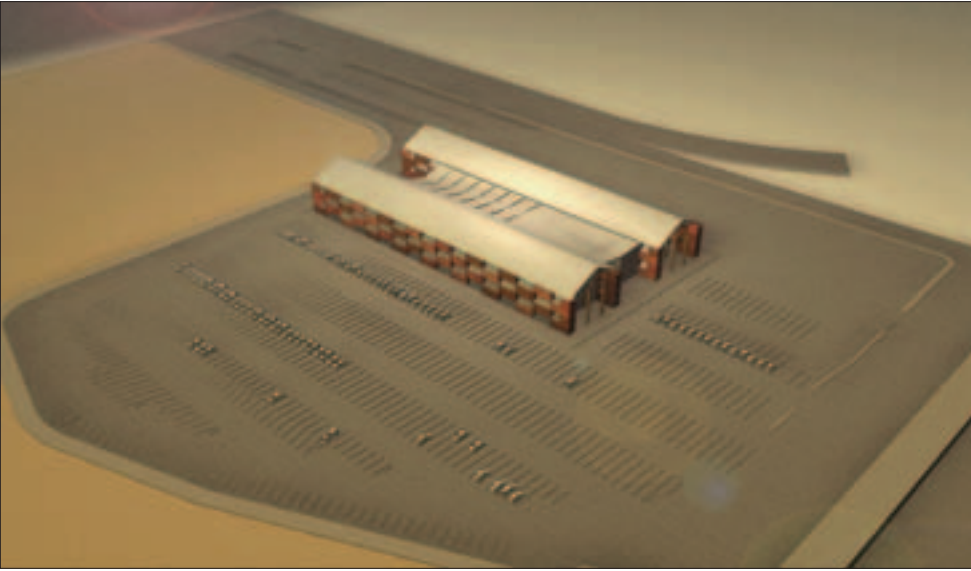
From March through June, more than 300,000 visitors attended the second incarnation of the exhibition at New York’s famed Pier 54 on the Hudson River. Additional venues are planned for the United States, South America, Europe and Asia.

But few locations would seem more appropriate than Los Angeles, a city filled with traffic congestion and a population of people who live so segregated from one another, Colbert said.

“This is a place to feel the collective together,” he said. “A city like Los Angeles, it doesn’t have a place for people to congregate and this space feels democratic.”



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press



Rendering courtesy

(Top) Steel cargo containers have been stacked and secured in a checkerboard pattern in preparation for the art exhibit entitled ‘Ashes and Snow’, which focuses on the relationship between man and animals. (Bottom) An artist’s rendering of how the display will appear when finished.



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

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#



“We sell it or we buy it”

www.matillarealty.com

225 Culver Blvd. Playa del Rey CA 90293
(310) 305-8000 office (310) 306-6177 fax
steven.matilla@era.com



Steve Matilla
Owner/Broker

Great Investment Property in Santa Monica



2645 28th St. Santa Monica

Clean seven unit residential income property in prime Santa Monica area. Annual income is \$132,000. 6 units are at market rents. Well maintained large apartments, with some recently rehabed. Copper plumbing throughout, new sewer. Ideal location, north of Ocean Park, east of Cloverfield, close to shops, restaurants, commercial centers, easy freeway access, located blocks from Santa Monica City College.

Offered at: \$2,600,000

Call 310 305-8000 x101 - STEVE MATILLA

Undeveloped lot with Marina and wetlands views



6315 Esplanade , PLAYA DEL REY 90293

One of the last to be developed lots in the lagoon area of Playa Del Rey. Zoned R-3, can develop a home or duplex, maybe even condos (must check with city of LA for parking requirements). Lagoon and Marina views, also ocean views possible from 2nd and 3rd stories of a future development. A very unique opportunity.

Offered at: \$1,100,000

Call 310 305-8000 x101 - STEVE MATILLA

Westchester Home



8920 Villanova, Westchester

3 bedroom, two 3/4 baths, one bath designated ADA approved. Spacious living room features hardwood flooring and a flagstone fireplace. All windows are LAX soundproofed. Enclosed brick floor patio is located off backyard. A wheelchair ramp is situated from the driveway to the front door.

Offered at: \$780,000

Call 310 305-8000 x101 - STEVE MATILLA

Playa del Rey Lot



8317 Delgany Lot

You know have a vacant lot on one of the best streets in Playa del Rey. Plans are pending. Plans call for a contemporary/architectural design for a new four bedroom, four bath home of 4,000 sq. ft. Height limit is 36 feet from curb and this home will provide ocean and Marina views.

Offered at: \$985,000

Call 310 305-8000 x101 - STEVE MATILLA

W.I. SIMONSON SANTA MONICA

CELEBRATING 67 YEARS IN SANTA MONICA

WINTER DREAM EVENT



COME AND SEE THE NEW 2006 CLS.

Mercedes-Benz
Best of the Best
2004
Under 200,000 Sales



NEW 2006 C230 SPORTS SEDAN



\$299 5 AT THIS LEASE PAYMENT
+ 88¢ + TAX PER MONTH
FOR 39 MONTHS
FULLY EQUIPPED

\$299.88 + tax first months payment for 39 months on approved credit. \$2701 cap cost reduction + \$795 acquisition fee = \$3496 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$31,365. Tier 1 Credit. 10K Miles/yr. 20¢ per mile excess. OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.

2006 E350 SEDAN

W.I. SIMONSON
EXCLUSIVE!
DEALER
CONTRIBUTION
\$500
2006 E350
SEDAN ONLY



\$499 5 AT THIS LEASE PAYMENT
+ 88¢ + TAX PER MONTH
FOR 39 MONTHS

\$499.88 + tax first months payment for 39 months on approved credit. \$3383 cap cost reduction + \$795 acquisition fee = \$4178 less \$500 W.I. Simonson contribution = \$3678 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$52,325. Tier 1 Credit. 10K Miles/yr. 20¢ per mile excess. OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.

2006 R350

LOADED!
INCLUDES
PANORAMA ROOF
PACKAGE



\$599 5 AT THIS LEASE PAYMENT
+ TAX PER MONTH
FOR 39 MONTHS

\$599.00 + tax first months payment for 39 months on approved credit. \$3193.40 cap cost reduction + \$795 acquisition fee = \$3988.40 less \$648.42 1st payment credit = \$3331.58 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$58,815. Tier 1 Credit. 10K Miles/yr. 20¢ per mile excess. OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.

Mercedes-Benz
Certified Pre-Owned



MERCEDES-BENZ CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED PROGRAM INCLUDES
7 DAY TRIAL EXCHANGE • 1 YEAR/100,000 MILE WARRANTY

MANAGER'S SPECIALS!

'99 E430	\$21,982
DESERT SILVER/JAVA, XA820514	
'01 ML320	\$23,981
BLACK/BLACK, 3RD SEAT, 1A241304	
'02 C320	\$24,981
BLACK/BLACK, CD, 9K MILES, 2F240670	
'03 C320	\$28,982
NAVIGATION, SILVER/CHARCOAL BEAUTY & MORE, 3F313565	
'05 C240	\$29,983
WHITE, CD, 5A656710	
'02 E320 WAG	\$31,983
WEDGEWOOD BLUE, CHROMES, CD, 2B397026	
'03 CLK320	\$41,981
CABRIOLET, PEWTER/CHARCOAL, CD, 3T144271	

'96 E320	\$13,981
BLACK PEARL/BLACK, TJ024409	
'99 C230	\$13,981
WHITE/JAVA, XA797347	
'01 JAG S-TYPE 4.0	\$21,981
FLINT GREY/GREY, 22K MILES, 16M19410	
'99 E430	\$22,981
SILVER/JAVA, XA820514	
'01 BMW 330i CONV	\$26,981
BLACK/BLACK, SPORT PKG, 1EV86593	

'05 E500	\$41,981
PEWTER/ASH, 3A298414	
'04 CLK500	\$46,981
COUPE, BLUE/STONE, 4F104882	
'05 S430	\$61,984
SILVER/CHARCOAL, 5W449143	
'03 SL500	\$65,984
SILVER/CHARCOAL, SPORT PKG, 3F027035	
'05 S500	\$68,983
BLACK, ONLY 10K MILES, LIKE NEW! 5AU41192	
'06 CLS500	\$69,984
BORDEAUX/JAVA, 6A017865	
'05 G500	\$71,981
BLACK/ASH BEAUTY & MORE! 5X160408	

BRING IN THIS AD

SPECIAL! \$500 CREDIT TOWARD ANY PRE-OWNED PURCHASE!

BRING IN THIS AD

NEW CARS
17TH & WILSHIRE • SANTA MONICA
1-800-MY-MERCEDES



1-800-MY-MERCEDES

WWW.MERCEDESBENZPRICING.COM

All advertised prices exclude government fees and taxes, any finance charges, any dealer document preparation charges and any emission testing charge. Ad expires 11/28/05

PRE-OWNED CARS
1308 SANTA MONICA BLVD • SM
310-453-2045



LOCAL



Blue's clues



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

The ferris wheel at the Santa Monica Pier remained blue during this past holiday week as part of the Make-A-Wish Foundation's 'Season of Wishes,' when 100 wishes will be granted to children with life-threatening medical conditions. The ferris wheel is one of many landmarks throughout Los Angeles that will don a blue hue in support of the campaign.

Genser feels chamber appointments unethical

TOURIST BOARD, from page 1

suggested would be for the bureau's board to recruit among tourist trade associations, or from local business districts.

On Tuesday, the City Council heard a response from the bureau, whose members indicated that after much deliberation, they decided their selection method was appropriate.

"We considered your request, however, the current composition seems to work best for us," said Rodney Punt, a bureau board member. "We do not act in politics."

"In short, if it (isn't) broke, don't fix it."

Mayor Pam O'Connor was the determining factor to preserve the bureau's leadership selection process.

"The city manager serves on the bureau, and I anticipate the new city manager will, too," O'Connor said. "If there were a problem with (political influence), I'm sure it would be reported."

"I don't see an ethical issue. The bureau is a transparent organization."

However, the bureau's position frustrated some elected officials, such as City Councilman Ken Genser, who said it's inappropriate that City Hall confer any special status on a group which is politically involved.

"The chamber is now engaged in partisan politics, and it's important the city keeps an arms-length away from any political organization," Genser said.

Genser said because of the chamber's recent political posturing, allowing bureau board members to be appointed by the chamber would be equivalent to City Hall allowing the Rent Control Board to be appointed by Santa Monica's Renters' Rights, a group which Genser has close philosophical ties and endorsed him in the

last election.

Councilman Bobby Shriver, who was endorsed last year by the chamber, disagreed with the analysis that it was a political organization. He said he would have been more supportive of any attempts to better regulate the bureau if allegations of political wrongdoing weren't anticipatory in nature.

"If we were going to suggest a whistleblower clause that would allow bureau board members to report any political influencing, I could be supportive," Shriver said. "As it stands, I haven't heard about any (political influencing) and I don't see there being an ethical issue (in how the bureau operates)."

Suspecting some elected officials may not have been disclosing the full basis for their decision, Councilman Kevin McKeown — who supported Genser's position — requested that councilmembers who were endorsed by the chamber raise their hands.

City Councilmen Bob Holbrook, Herb Katz and Shriver — who voted against the changing the bureau's makeup — were endorsed by the chamber in the last election. The three councilmembers said they voted against making any changes to the bureau while indicating their affiliation with the chamber had nothing to do with their decision.

"I have no problem being asked if I was endorsed by the chamber," Shriver said. "I have a problem if anyone believed I'd hesitate (in responding)."

"My decision has nothing to do with the fact I was endorsed by the chamber, and I resent any implication it might. I simply feel (the bureau's makeup) is not an issue, and that we should be talking about other city problems."

Great Meals Start Here



**Shop Co-op, Shop Organic
for all of your holiday needs!**

*Happy Holidays
from all of us here
at Co-opportunity!*

**Gift Certificates Available!
A Co-op Membership makes a great
gift—only \$25!**

**Co-opportunity Presents Monday Night Food For Thought:
Holistic Care for Your Pet with Dr. David Fong
Mon. November 28, 2005 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
FREE to the public
Sha'arei Am- The Santa Monica Synagogue
1448 18th Street, Santa Monica**


CO-OPPORTUNITY
Santa Monica's Co-operative Natural Grocer

**We will be closed on Christmas Day but will be open our regular
hours from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week to help you
prepare for all of your holiday needs.**

**1525 Broadway
(Corner of 16th & Broadway)
Santa Monica
310-451-8902**

CELLULAR FANTASY

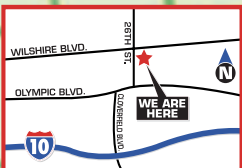
We carry a wide range of handheld accessories for all your wireless needs.



MOTOROLA
RAZR V3

Bluetooth™ support

FREE  **raising the bar.**
NOW ONLY **NO REBATE REQUIRED**



CELLULAR FANTASY

2600 Wilshire Boulevard Santa Monica, CA (formerly Home Savings)

1-866-88-MOBILE www.cellularfantasy.com **AMPLE FREE PARKING**

Business Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am - 6:30pm,
Saturday 9am-6pm, Closed Sunday

*Requires new activation on 2-yr service agreement on \$49.99 plan or higher. One time activation fee of \$35.00 per line will apply. Subject to Customer Agreement, Calling Plan & credit approval. \$200 early termination fee per line, other charges and restrictions apply. Offers and coverage not available everywhere. \$1.75 regulatory fee per line/month is our charge, not a tax. Roaming and long distance charges may apply. New subscribers only. Equipment tax is based on the actual retail price of the phone. Price of phone without activation is \$499.00. Prices subject to change without prior notice.



NATIONAL

Congress' deregulation of industry began in '92

TRANSMISSIONS, from page 10

the way this country regulates electric utilities," said Bryan Lee, FERC spokesman in Washington, D.C.

Some of the problems the West faced in 1992 when Congress first began to deregulate the energy industry still frustrate utility managers and policymakers.

One of them is how to balance electricity generation and transmission. Building more plants to generate more electricity does little good unless the extra power can be distributed to the cities and towns that need it.

But that raises a conflict over whether the individual utilities that produce the power should also control the transmission grid, or whether it should fall to an independent agency or perhaps to an organization created by the industry.

Robert Kahn, executive director of the Northwest Independent Power Producers Coalition, said his group supports the creation of an independent agency to manage the transmission grid across the West.

Without it, there is a risk of "pancaking," or tacking on costs as power is routed from one state to another, Kahn said.

"I would argue it's like the tragedy of the commons," Kahn said. "They're all pursuing their own interests but in ways that are damaging to their neighbors, and in ways that are not beneficial to the entire grid."

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission had ordered the development of a regional transmission organization, or an RTO, but the effort was abandoned by

the Bonneville Power Administration and large investor-owned utilities after the Western energy crisis of 2001 — when rates skyrocketed because drought reduced hydroelectricity generation, deregulation failed in California and Enron Corp. tried to rig the market.

"Following the energy crisis when it was apparent there was illegal manipulation of the interstate transmission system and illegal sales of power across high voltage power lines, FERC said there had to be a better system for handling bulk transmission of power," said John Harrison, spokesman for the Northwest Power Council, the agency that plans for energy development in Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington state.

The solution may lie with Bonneville, the federal power marketing agency which controls much of the transmission system in the Northwest and other parts of the West — a unique situation among the four such agencies nationally.

"The BPA is the 800-pound gorilla," said Kvamme, the PacifiCorp spokesman.

But the agency has dropped out of the latest proposal for a regional organization, called Grid West, and left it up to the utilities to discuss the next step.

DeFazio, the congressman who has devoted years to energy policy, says it may take a major effort to finally settle on the right system for the West, but it appears that utilities and regulators are headed in the right direction.

Taboo

HYDROPONICS



Are You Taboo?

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

Fall Planting



Things to do in the fall for a beautiful garden

While the industry and many experts have touted fall as an exceptional time for planting, many of you out there remain unconvinced. I am not talking about waiting until after the last of the turkey is consumed at Thanksgiving dinner to plant your entire garden bed for next year, but certain plants do very well (actually better) planted in fall, so let's find out what garden planting can be done now to avoid clogging the planting schedule in spring and to establish your new plant BEFORE growing season begins.



GEORGE CHUNG REALTORS

George Chung, his agents and employees wish you and your family the best of health, good understanding, peace and happiness this holiday season.

Our Listings



11345 VENICE, MAR VISTA

Clean four unit in Mar Vista area. Inspection after accepted offer Do not disturbed tenant. Must participate will 1031 exchange Roof 1 year old. 3 unit-2 bedroom 1 bath .Ron Kuraoka 310-943-7665...



3218 CORINTH, MAR VISTA

Location! Location! Location! Beautiful, Tree-Lined Street in Westdale Trousdale Area of Mar Vista. 3Bdrms+2.75Baths. Living Room w/FPLC + Family Room Combination w/ Sky Lights. Formal Dining Room. Spacious Landscaped Back Yard w/ Entry from Family Room. Carpet Floors. Enlarged Updated Kitchen w/ Breakfast Area & Adjoining Laundry Room. Central Air & Heating



12435 WASHINGTON PL., MAR VISTA

Rental House, Zoning LAR 4-1 Buyer to verify with Building & Safety



3285 MOUNTAIN VIEW, THE BEST STREET IN MAR VISTA

New Stunning Contemporary 3 Story Home w/Subterranean Garage. 4 Bed. 3.5 Bath, Family, Dining, Great Room, Office/Study. Breathtaking Views- Downtown to Santa Monica Mountains. Chefs Kitchen. Full Line of Stainless Steel Appliances. Custom Mahogany Cabinets w/Designer Hardware. Exquisite Granite Countertops w/ Intricate full backsplash. 1200+Bottle Wine Cellar in Basement with racking. Beautiful Natural Stone Floors through-out basement and 1st floor. Mahogany Hardwood Floors on 2nd and 3rd floors. Custom Fireplaces located in Master Bedroom, Living room and Great Room. Extensive Master Bedroom w/Spa and walk in Steam Shower. Walk in Closets, 2nd Floor Laundry Room with ample storage. Roof Deck w/Panoramic views w/BBQ hook up. Alarm System with dual control/ Built in Speaker System. Network Wired for connectivity-2 Zone HVAC System. Copper Radius Roof accented by Copper Garage Door. Lush Landscape & Custom Color Concrete Hardscape.



2560 FEDERAL, MAR VISTA

Beautiful 1929 Spanish with all the original details. Coved ceilings with defining arches make this home charming and full of character. Dramatic light fixtures adorn this home along with a Malibu Tile fireplace in the Living room. New Tile Roof, New Driveway, New Patio Intricately designer laid linoleum flooring in kitchen and breakfast nook. Tiled bathroom with the original bathtub. Beautiful hardwood floors.



3512 GREENWOOD, MAR VISTA

Open spacious kitchen-dining room and living room with recessed lighting and ceramic tile floors. Beautiful view from the Living room through the sliding doors to the back yard with swimming pool and BBQ. Danky wine cooler. Professional quality kitchen with Birds Eye maple cabinetry with purple heart trim, center island with hidden pull up appliance trays, granite counter top, Viking range (6 burners & griddle), Kitchen aid dishwasher & refrigerator. Extra large pull out drawers, cooking tray slot. Huge walk in pantry. Dining area with Bird's Eye maple glass cabinet doors and dark granite counter tops. Full bath with oversized tub. Outdoor BBQ with additional stove/gas range, and mini refrigerator. Heated and filtered swimming pool. Forced Air Heating and 100 amp main with underground wiring to sub panel on the house. 2 car detached garage with attached dry walled rumpus room. New wood fence on 3 sides of property, and drip irrigation (hose) on side yard. Sprinklers in front yard with new temperature coated driveway parking

OUR MORTGAGE PARTNER: ARE FINANCIAL



- 100% Loan-to-Value — No money down required
- No documentation loans available
- Prior bankruptcy or mortgage rates won't disqualify you from becoming pre-approved for your new dream home
- Non-owner occupied property loans welcome and multi-unit property loans.
- Loan programs that offer a 1% starting rate. This allows a 500K-loan amount to make only a \$1608 payment
- Pre-approval in minutes for a purchase of a new home or refinance of an existing home today

*WE OFFER A 1% START RATE!

30 year fixed	5.25%
10 year/1 arm	5.375%
7 year 1/arm	5.25%
5 year 1/arm	5.125%
3 year 1/arm	4.875%

* APR 4.774%. Loan subject to borrower qualifications, property evaluations, and credit approval. All rates and program guidelines subject to change without notice.

(310) 745-3190 OR (310) 391-6346



NATIONAL

"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

Tired of Living With Low Back Pain?



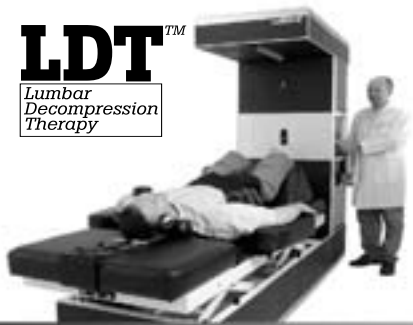
Lumbar Decompression Therapy (LDT™) is a non-surgical procedure that relieves acute or chronic low back pain associated with:

- Herniated Disc
- Facet Syndrome
- Degenerative Joint Disease
- Sciatica

LDT™ has saved thousands of people from low back pain without surgery.

LDT™
Lumbar Decompression Therapy

Call us today to find out if you are a candidate for LDT™



Call now to schedule your FREE evaluation

(310) 562-6700

Lordex Spine Institute 1712 Ocean Park Blvd., SM
www.lordex.com

Timber sales are considerably more expensive than yesteryear

LOGGING, from page 9

expenses, revenues and profits or losses for timber sale programs on each of the 109 national forests, but stopped after 1998.

Even during the early 1990s, when agency officials insisted the government was making money, environmentalists disputed the claims and said the Forest Service was failing to take into account indirect expenses that go into timber harvests, such as road-building and reforestation.

Conservationists gained new ammunition in February 1997 when the White House Council of Economic Advisers concluded that the Forest Service had spent \$234 million more than it made logging national forests in 1995.

It marked the first time an administration had formally accepted environmentalists' claims that Forest Service accounting practices were hiding overall logging costs to taxpayers.

The new study by Voss — and related research papers by the conservation group Heartwood in Illinois and Indiana — suggest the subsidies have grown.

Voss said the Forest Service hides the costs of timber sales by listing expenses under other items, such as road maintenance, thinning and fuels management. He made his calculations by adding varying percentages of those accounts to the overall timber sale budget when the work contributed to producing forest products.

Jim Culbert, a budget assistant for the Forest Service in Washington D.C., said he spoke with Voss several times while Voss was compiling his data and finds most of his estimates to be "reasonable."

"I'm not surprised to see those kinds of numbers," Culbert said.

Culbert said it costs considerably more today than 15 years ago to prepare a timber sale due in part to stricter environmental oversight and legal challenges.

"People can quibble with some of the percentages. There's a levels of gray in there, but what he's done is not unreasonable," Culbert said. "He's making his best guess and

I don't see anything that is way off base."

Mark Donham, Heartwood's program director, said he studied the agency's finances and the Forest Service's own budget figures — without the adjustments Voss has made — suggest losses of \$300 million to \$400 million annually in recent years.

"Even using the Forest Service's lowball figures, it is hard to justify losing our forests and our money at the same time, while a handful of private timber companies profit handsomely," he said. "But that's what is happening."

Culbert disagreed with the call to end logging in national forests.

"There's some sort of assumption the timber program should be making money. And we were making money — taking in more money than we spent on those programs in the heyday of timber program," Culbert said. "But nothing in the law says we must do that. Our mission is to manage the lands for multiple use."

"One could look at it that timber sales are used as a tool that allows us to manage the national forests for all sorts of goals and objectives in terms of treating vegetation. We plant trees for more than just logging. We also maintain roads for public access and our own access," Culbert said.

West said the conservationists are using "voodoo-Enron accounting practices" to exaggerate the costs of the timber management program.

"They are speaking out of both sides of their mouths, calling for more hazardous fuels projects near communities, but they don't like the expense of doing that work," he said.

"To protect and enhance our federal forests for future generations, we need to make an investment in their management. Luckily, some of that investment can be recouped in the selling of forest products that also employs citizens and provide consumers with environmentally friendly wood products which is simply commonsense."

Walking to the nearest newsstand increases circulation.
Santa Monica Daily Press

**It only takes
one good reason
to plan your estate.**

How many do you have?



**LIVING TRUSTS, WILLS, AND POWER OF ATTORNEYS...
FOR A FRACTION OF THE COST!**

Free Estate Planning Seminar

Saturday, December 3, 2005, 11:00am & 1:30pm

(310) 264-0517

Seating limited. Call for Reservations. 1st 20 people to register will receive a bonus guide to estate planning, a \$29.95 value FREE!



We The People®

DOCUMENT PREPARATION SERVICES
2922 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica



 **chase**

www.chasehair.com

201 Wilshire Blvd. 310.451.4477

INTERNATIONAL



China's media raise questions about chemical spill response

BY JOE MCDONALD

Associated Press Writer

HARBIN, China — China's usually docile government-run media raised sharp questions Friday over the handling of a chemical spill that forced this city to shut off water supply to 3.8 million people. In the southwest, thousands fled the area of another industrial accident for fear of a second toxic leak.

A 50-mile stretch of cancer-causing benzene was slowly winding its way down the Songhua River through Harbin, in China's frigid northeast. Authorities estimate that 100 tons of pollutants were released into the river following a Nov. 13 chemical plant explosion upstream.

Officials kept news of the spill secret for days and initially said they were shutting off water merely for maintenance.

"If information is not given in a timely, accurate and transparent manner, it will leave room for rumors to spread," said a column printed in the China Youth Daily newspaper that gave a play-by-play account of the local government's misinformation and confusion.

Other papers quoted experts as questioning the government's handling of the spill, asking how the pollutants reached the river and complaining about the lack of backup water resources and plans for handling such emergencies.

One paper called on Beijing to learn a lesson from its outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, which emerged in late 2002. The government was initially criticized for withholding information about the pneumonia-like disease, drawing international criticism.

"The government should tell the public the truth," the Beijing News said in an editorial in its Thursday edition. "During SARS, the publication of truthful information turned the situation around."

Meanwhile, another chemical plant accident hundreds of miles away prompted fears of a second benzene leak and warnings to residents not to drink river water, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The second incident was in Dianjiang, a county in the southwestern region of Chongqing, where an explosion at the Yingte Chemical Company on Thursday killed one worker, Xinhua said. Nearby schools were closed, and about 6,000 people were evacuated, the Beijing Daily Messenger newspaper reported.

Such incidents highlight the environmental damage caused by China's soaring economic growth and complaints that the secretive communist government fails to enforce safety standards.

Plans to resume water service to Harbin on Saturday would likely have to be scrapped, although it could be restored by Monday, said Du Yuxin, the city's deputy Communist Party secretary.

"All the citizens are showing high spirits," he added. "We have the confidence and the ability to overcome this difficulty."

State television sought to depict the situation as under control, showing scores of workers installing new water filtering material at the city's main water plant.

They were replacing anthracite with activated carbon, which can absorb more pollutants, China Central Television said.

The decision to cut off Harbin's water supply Tuesday set off panic-buying that cleared supermarket shelves of bottled water and other beverages. Authorities have since brought in truckloads of drinking water and ordered a price freeze to prevent overcharging.

The government has defended its handling of the spill. The Nov. 13 blast killed five people and forced the evacuation of 10,000 others. Authorities cited human error at a tower that processed benzene, a toxic, potentially cancer-causing chemical used in making plastics, detergents and pesticides.

The benzene spill reached Harbin early Thursday morning and was expected to take 40 hours to clear the city.

In neighboring Russia, concern was growing about 435 miles downstream in the border city of Khabarovsk. Officials told Russia's Itar-Tass news they weren't getting enough information from the Chinese side.

Chinese authorities have placed blame for the disaster squarely on the plant's owner — China National Petroleum Corp., a state-owned company.

The company apologized for the disaster late Thursday in a statement carried by Xinhua. Officials have said company personnel could face criminal charges over the spill.

China ranks among countries with the smallest water supplies per person. Hundreds of cities regularly suffer shortages of water for drinking or industry. Protesters in rural areas claim pollution is ruining water supplies and damaging crops.

In Harbin, the city announced it was digging 100 new wells. The city already has 917 wells serving hospitals and some residential areas.

Canada's McCain Foods Ltd., the world's largest producer of frozen French fries, said its plant in Harbin would "remain closed until the water supply is determined to be safe."

U.S. beer-maker Anheuser-Busch Cos. said its Harbin Brewery used water from wells and not the river. It was giving away its water for free Friday to local residents, who came carrying buckets and jugs.

Du, the deputy Communist Party secretary, was among those who stopped by. "Today we drink their water. Tomorrow we'll drink more of their beer," he said.



ENJOY FEDERAL TAX-FREE INCOME.

Call today for a free copy of
The Complete Guide to Tax-Free Municipal Bonds.

Brian Hepp, AAMS
Financial Consultant
2425 Olympic Blvd., Suite 130-E
Santa Monica, CA 90404
(310) 453-0077
brian.hepp@agedwards.com



A.G. EDWARDS
FULLY INVESTED IN OUR CLIENTS.

2005 A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. • Member SIPC

[24778-v1-0688] BM-273-1005

INCOME TAXES

Web Creation & Services
financial & business planning
Back Taxes
Chat Sundays 3pm to 5pm

ComeSearch.com/LiveTaxChat.htm

Consultations 310 395-0603

For all your money matters

Have a truly memorable life. Be there and be loved.

Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

Goes Photography & Video

Los Angeles Westlake
Newport Beach San Diego

www.Goesphotography.com
310.393.7274

Be in the middle of it all!

Professional office space available on the Third Street Promenade.



950 square feet of office space conveniently located downtown, a walk away from shops, restaurants and the beach. Bright office space with high ceilings, natural light, two large private offices and a spacious reception area. Quiet location with a shared kitchen. New paint and carpet. Parking. Available now.

Call (310) 458-7737 ext. 104

Come Celebrate the
Season at the
**Montana Avenue
Holiday Walk**

**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 2nd
5:00 TO 9:00 PM
7th to 17th St.**

COME AND ENJOY EATS AND TASTY TREATS!
DANCE TO LIVE MUSIC WHILE YOU SHOP
AT THE MONTANA AVENUE
HOLIDAY WALK.



NATIONAL

In Alaskan village, erosion is measured in skulls on shoreline

BY ROSANNE PAGANO

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Where an old graveyard once stood, coffins now jut from Akiak's eroded riverbank along the Kuskokwim River in southwest Alaska.

An occasional human skull rests on Akiak's shore. Swallowed by the river long ago are other village landmarks: A regional hospital and staff housing dating to the 1900s. A field where children liked to play ball.

Like nearly all of Alaska's 213 villages perched along the coast or riverbanks, Akiak literally is losing ground. The Kuskokwim routinely claims from five to 20 feet of riverbank a year, leaving Akiak elders like Andrew Jasper to recall the village that once was.

Jasper is a city councilman and lifelong Akiak resident. He likes to walk newcomers along the mossy tundra to the banks of the Kuskokwim, where a 90-year-old Moravian church once stood. It was hauled far from the river to the center of town years ago.

"We've been concerned for ages," Jasper said.

Damage to the old graveyard, once located between the river and church, has rekindled interest in stemming erosion in the Yupik Eskimo village 25 miles northeast of Bethel.

Sheila Williams, Akiak's tribal administrator, said villagers have long wanted to dignify cemetery remains by excavating the site and digging a mass grave in Akiak's new cemetery, more than 500 feet from the Kuskokwim.

"But nobody can tell me who (is buried there) or when that graveyard was developed," Williams said.

Akiak once served as a hub for outlying villages, and Williams said local elders think the gravesites belong to victims of a regional tuberculosis outbreak in the early 1900s.

"There are people from all over," Williams said of the old graves.

Jetties installed more than 20 years ago have long since failed and federal engineers once estimated that full-scale erosion control in Akiak, population 350,

would cost more than \$1 million.

But villagers don't need government studies to document erosion's toll: Their gauge is an orange Dodge pickup that broke down sometime in 1965 and today dangles over the 8-foot tall bank.

"I'm told there used to be 200 feet of bank between that truck and river," says Andrew Oxford, a Bethel-based soil and water conservation scientist with the Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. Storms and swift water during spring breakup cause most of the erosion, Oxford said.

Scattered fish racks and smokehouses are within 25 to 50 feet of the river; the nearest homes sit within 100 feet of the water and aren't considered in imminent danger.

"If (the riverbank) keeps eroding at its current rate, they'll have to look at installing a more permanent erosion control structure or move buildings and houses further back," Oxford said.

The conservation service surveyed Akiak's graveyard in October as the village sought government help to stall erosion and relocate the old graves, perhaps as soon as spring.

A Government Accounting Office report in 2003 found that 184 of Alaska's 213 villages on rivers and coastlines endure erosion and flooding. Best known is the Seward Peninsula village of Shismaref, on a barrier reef less than a quarter-mile wide facing the Bering Strait. Villagers say storm erosion, which once claimed 125 feet at once, is an ongoing emergency; cost to relocate Shismaref is estimated at \$180 million.

In Kalskag, 25 miles west of Akiak, villagers obtained \$40,000 from a National Park Service grant and \$10,000 from the Middle Yukon-Kuskokwim Soil and Water Conservation District to stop erosion three years ago by planting willows and alders along the riverbank and installing rock "barbs" — photocopier-size quarry rocks sunk along the shoreline to deflect the current.

Oxford says the same strategy could work in Akiak, although no funding has been located yet.

Don't let APRIL 15th become your noose.
Take Advantage of OUR Hindsight,
Take Control, Then Relax!

25% off

YOUR TAX PREP FEE
when *America's CPA* Completes
Your Income Tax Return

With over 40 years of IRS & Business Experiences.
Located at Santa Monica's 3rd Street Promenade

Free Consultation 310 395-0603

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

COSMETIC DENTAL CARE

Quality Affordable
Family Dental Care
State-of-the-Art
Cosmetic Dentistry

Your Insurance
May Cover all
of your Costs!

Interest Free
Monthly Payments

Insurance/MEDI-CAL
Accepted

WWW.RAPIDSMILE.COM

Free Teeth Whitening
with completed treatment
Minimum treatment of \$500.
Otherwise, 40% off.

Must be combined with Get Acquainted Special.
With coupon Expires 12-24-05

Get Acquainted Special Cleaning & Exam

- Complete Dental Exam
- Prophylaxis Cleaning
- Fluoride Treatment
- X-Rays as Necessary
- Complimentary Oral Care Kit

\$49

With Coupon Expires 12/24/05

Crown Or Bridge
Natural Looking! Porcelain Fused to Gold/Metal or All Gold/metal

\$499

Must be combined with Get Acquainted Special. Cannot be used w/other offers.

Per Unit Expires 12-24-05

RAPID SMILE DENTAL GROUP
Cosmetic & Family Dentistry

DR. DAVID YOUSSEFI DMD FAGD
2428 SANTA MONICA BLVD. #403
(CORNER SANTA MONICA BLVD. & CLOVERFIELD)

310-696-6996

FELLOW
ACADEMY OF
GENERAL DENTISTRY

INSURANCE WELCOME - MEDICAL WELCOME
WWW.RAPIDSMILE.COM

Cosmetic Makeover
Veneers, White Fillings, 1 Hour Whitening, Root Canals, Full Mouth Esthetic Reconstruction

40% OFF

Must be combined with Get Acquainted Special. Cannot be used w/other offers.

With Coupon Expires 12-24-05

"When I'm not teaching English in China, I'm reading about Santa Monica in the Daily Press online."

John Wood, Peace Corps English Instructor and former SMDP reporter.

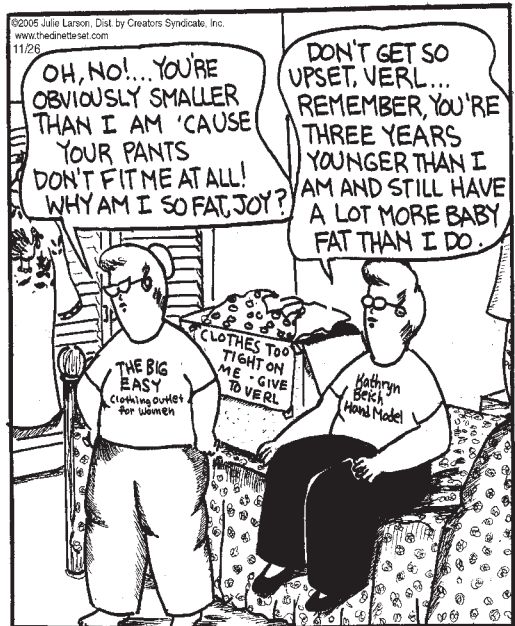
Santa Monica Daily Press

www.smdp.com

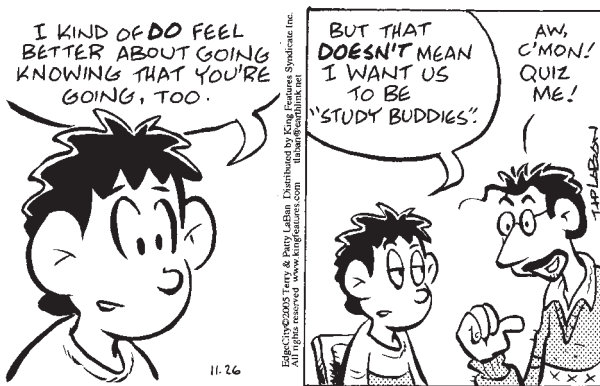
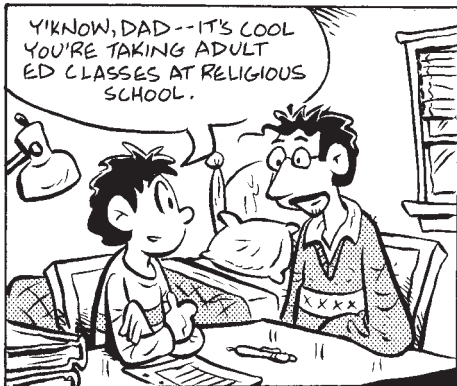


COMICS

The Dinette Set by Julie Larson



edge city by TERRY & PATTY LABAN



Garfield® By Jim Davis

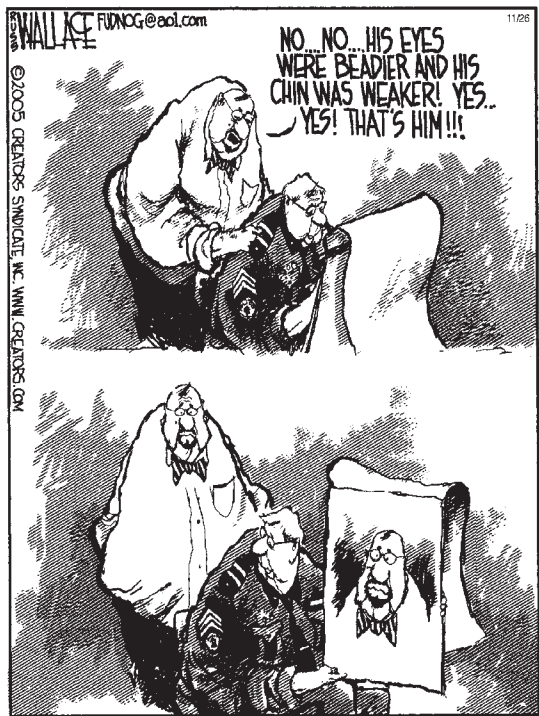


Speed Bump® By Dave Coverly



Natural Selection®

By Russ Wallace



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Stood for
- 7 Bridge utterance
- 11 Desolate
- 12 Landed
- 13 Fit for farming
- 14 Spur on
- 15 Café lists
- 16 Exact copy
- 17 Some poetry
- 18 Chipped off
- 19 Order to Rover
- 21 Aliens, for short
- 22 Car borrowers, of a sort
- 25 Down
- 26 Till

- 27 Gossip item
- 29 Place for a Parisian picnic
- 33 Goya subjects
- 34 Doughy ring
- 35 Loads
- 36 Split item
- 37 Playwright David
- 38 Popular tennis tourney
- 39 Smack
- 40 Brawls

DOWN

- 1 Battle site of 1836
- 2 Yawning, perhaps
- 3 Laughable
- 4 "La Mer" composer
- 5 Wings
- 6 Pre-Easter buy
- 7 Comic Poundstone
- 8 "Today Show" celeb
- 9 Official seals
- 10 Mounts
- 16 Bonnie's partner

L	O	C	U	S		A	B	B	E	Y
A	N	O	S	E		P	R	I	C	E
T	H	I	N	G		R	O	L	L	S
V	A	N		M	N	O		L	A	M
I	N	C		E	O	N		C	I	A
A	D	O	R	N	S		C	O	R	N
		L	A	T	E	R	A	L		
S	A	L	T		J	E	T	L	A	G
C	U	E		B	O	P		E	R	R
A	R	C		A	B	E		C	O	O
R	O	T	O	R		A	C	T	U	P
E	R	O	D	E		T	H	O	S	E
D	A	R	E	D		S	I	R	E	S

Yesterday's answer

- 18 Hard to see
- 20 Deux follower
- 22 Fronton activity
- 23 Handyman's work
- 24 Talk of Toledo
- 25 Gospel writer
- 28 Caan's "Misery" co-star
- 30 Clearly stunned
- 31 Zellweger of "Cold Mountain"
- 32 Families
- 34 Its pH is more than 7
- 36 Vagabond

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

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10
11							12			
13							14			
15						16				
17					18					
			19	20			21			
	22	23					24			
25				26						
27			28				29	30	31	32
33						34				
35					36					
37					38					
39					40					

11-26

CLASSIFIEDS



CALL NOW!

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

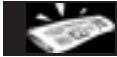
310.458.7737

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

CLASSIFIEDS



For Rent

ROQUE & MARK Co.

2802 Santa Monica Blvd.

310-828-7525

SALES • RENTALS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

**RENTALS AVAILABLE
NO PETS ALLOWED**

SANTA MONICA

1249 Lincoln, \$895

Lower single, new carpet & vinyl, close to Wilshire

2004 19th St. \$2095

3 bed, front house of triplex
Hardwood floors, shared yard

1527 9th St., \$2295

Upper 2 bed + loft, 1 3/4l

WEST L.A./WESTWD/PALMS

1752 Federal, WLA, \$1250

Lower 1 bed, new carpet,
Dishwasher, parking, laundry
rm

**21 S. Venice Blvd., \$1500-
\$1550**

(2) one bedrooms, lower &
upper Steps to the beach,
parking

**1723 Barrington, WLA,
\$1600**

Lower 2 bed, 2 bath, new
carpet & blinds, parking,
laundry

**11856 Rochester, WLA,
\$1650**

Upper 2 bed, 2 bath, new
Granite counters, new berber
carpet

**3632 Greenfield, Palms,
\$1450**

Lower 2 bed, hardwood
floors, New kitchen & bath
linoleum

**FOR MORE LISTINGS GO TO
WWW.ROQUE-MARK.COM**

**FREE RENTAL Lists & No Fee
Rentals.** Sullivan-Dituri Company.
2111 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA
90403.

SANTA MONICA \$1495.00.
2bdrms/1bath. Appliances, Parking,
NO Pets. 2535 Kansas Ave., #209
(Open Daily 9-7), Mgr. #101.

SANTA MONICA \$1765.74/mo,
2bdm/2bath. Carport, laundry, lovely
enclosed patio, Mediterranean style,
garden, fireplace. (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$1800/mo
3bdm/2bath. Stove, carpets, new
paint and blinds, laundry, new vinyl
(3 1 0) 3 9 5 - R E N T
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$2250/mo
3bdm/2bath. Upper, stove,
dishwasher, balcony, hardwood floors,
parking, great location! (310) 395-
RENT www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$675/mo.
Bachelor/1bath 1yr minimum lease.
Carpet, laundry, street parking.
Available now! (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$850/mo
studio/1bath. New carpets,
refrigerator, stove, small full kitchen,
near SMC (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

For Rent

SANTA MONICA 1244 11th St., #H.
2+1.5 large lower. Stove, carpets,
blinds, laundry, parking, no pets.
\$1600, \$300 off move-in. (310) 393-
6322.

SANTA MONICA: 10TH St. & Idaho, 2
bdm/2 baths, spacious prime
location, parking available, laundry
room, security, Patio, \$1,950/mo. Call
310-451-2178

SANTA MONICA: 1453 3rd St. 1BD/
1BA \$1,800 Live on the Promenade
with ocean views, Hardwood floors,
ceramic tile, washer/dryer (310) 916-
8580

SENIORS- AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Live in a BEAUTIFUL

apt/ suite in Beverly/ Fairfax or
Santa Monica: **\$400-\$560/month**
(323) 650-7988

WLA: 2BDRM/1BATH. \$1600/mo.
Great location, new carpet, tile, clean,
quiet, parking, patio. Brenda
(310) 991-2694.

Houses For Rent

WESTCHESTER: 7825 Yorktown Place.
4bdm/ 2bath house. Cul-de-sac.
\$2995/mo. Stove, dishwasher,
washer/ dryer hook-ups, fireplace,
patio, small backyard, utilities, cat ok
with deposit. (310) 578-7512

Roommates

Private bedroom, shared bath in
two-bedroom apartment for sublet
on Abbot Kinney. Close to shops and
beach; parking, laundry, hardwood
floors, new kitchen. To share with
clean, healthy surfer. Neat female
preferred. Available Dec. 1. \$775
util. incl. Contact Nick (310) 699-
0888, nnevarez@ripcurl.com

Commercial Lease

1503 PACIFIC Ave. Available Month to
Month until 5/31/06. Great office
space located 1 block from beach and
1/2 block from Windward Avenue. All
utilities included. Approx 365 sq.ft.
1 room with common area bathroom,
concrete floors, exposed beamed
ceilings. (310) 396-4443 x2002,
ellynesis.com

600sf office for lease. Adjacent
Beverly Hills. Shared restrooms,
conference. \$1,100/mo. Call Donna
(310) 837-3606.



**Christina
S. Porter**
Vice President

1,164 sf of creative office. Newly remodeled. Turn Key.

Roll up door. Phone system, furniture included. \$3,000pk

(310) 806-6104 cporter@naicapital.com

310-440-8500 x.104

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA Private
Office Approx. 280 sq/ft, Windows/
A/C, 310-394-3645

MAR VISTA, 12240 Venice Blvd.
Modern security building, 5 small
offices. 120- 962 sq ft. from \$325-
\$1635. (310) 390-7487

SANTA MONICA 1452 2nd Street. Very
charming building, small offices.
Between \$700/mo & \$1200/mo.
Includes utilities & cleaning.
(310) 614-6462

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

Real Estate

PAC WEST MORTGAGE

2212 Lincoln Blvd in Santa Monica

1-888-FOR-LOAN

310 392-9223

**VERY AGGRESSIVE RATES
30 YEAR FIXED RATES**

JUST REDUCED! JUST 5.375%

30 YEAR FIXED 5.875%

10 YEAR/1 ARM 5.75%

7 YEAR/1 ARM 5.625%

5 YEAR/1 ARM 5.375%**

3 YEAR/1 ARM 5.125%**

1 YEAR/1 ARM 5.125%

6 MO./6 MO. ARM 4.375%

1 MO./1 MO. ARM 1.0%**

*Rates subject to change

* As of August 16, 2005

** Denotes an interest only loan

**WE FEATURE
100%
INTEREST ONLY
LOANS**

**New option ARM .95%
100% Financing to
\$1.5 Million**

\$650,000

1ST \$520,000 @ 5.25% \$2,275 PMO

2ND \$130,000 @ 7.75% \$834 PMO

Total: \$3,114.00 P/MO

* Not Including Tax & Insurance



**ROB
SCHULTZ**

**BROKER
LICENSED CALIFORNIA
BROKER #01218743**



**11 COSTLY HOME
INSPECTION
PITFALLS**

Free Report reveals
what you need to know
before you list your
home for sale

**Free recorded message
1-888-465-4534
ID# 1040**

www.matillarealty.com

Massage

5'2" HOURGLASS Figure offers
full -body sensual massage. Very
private, very discreet. Incall/ Outcall
special rate, Rachel (310) 339-6709

BLISSFUL RELAXATION! Heal your
body, mind, spirit. Therapeutic,
Swedish, Deep-tissue. Energy
balancing. Strictly non-sexual.
Introductory specials from \$50.00/1hr.
Lynda, L.M.T. (310) 749-0621

EXCELLENT MASSAGE

3300 Overland Ave, CA 90034

We accept Credit Cards

**\$10.00
OFF**

EXOTIC MASSAGE by sexy, young,
Russian, European female. (310) 210-
1436. Simona.

EXQUISITE, INTUITIVE, strong and
tender relaxing body work by mature
Europen. Very Professional, Sonja
(310) 397-0433.

MELT AWAY stress with a deep
tissue, light touch, pampering
massage. Outcall (Westside)
(310) 578-9935 Nana.

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

Perform and Excel in your
Favourite Physical Activity
without pain & with ease
310-930-5884
www.nydoo.com

Business Opps

ABSOLUTE GOLDMINE! 60 Vending
machines/ excellent locations all for
\$10,995. (800) 234-6982.

Lost & Found

BROWN MAHOGANY color Hamer Bass
guitar on 28th Street in Santa Monica,
Sunday, November 6th. Reward
offered! No questions asked! Call
Stewart (310) 403-4308.

DBAS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 05 2419412 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as All Stars
Academy, 11503 Menlo Ave., #8, Hawthorne, CA
90250. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Tina
Maria Williams, 11503 Menlo Ave., #8, Hawthorne,
CA 90250 This Business is being conducted by, an
individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to
transact business under the fictitious name or
names listed herein../s/: Tina Williams

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of
LOS ANGELES County on 10/06/05. NOTICE: THIS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES
FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED
PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement
does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a
fictitious business name statement in violation of
the rights of another under federal, state, or
common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business
and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY
PRESS to publish 11/5/2005, 11/12/2005,
11/19/2005, 11/26/2005

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 05 2546753 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as Universal Home
Supply, 15018 Sylvanwood Ave, Norwalk, CA
90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are :
Alexander Carlos, 15018 Sylvanwood Ave, Norwalk,
CA 90650 This Business is being conducted by, an
individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to
transact business under the fictitious name or
names listed herein../s/: Alexander Carlos

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of
LOS ANGELES County on 10/21/05. NOTICE: THIS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES
FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED
PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement
does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a
fictitious business name statement in violation of
the rights of another under federal, state, or
common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business
and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY
PRESS to publish 11/19/2005, 11/26/2005,
12/3/2005, 12/10/2005

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

Turn Your Closet into Cash!

L.A.'s hottest resale store!

Great Labels

DESIGNER RESALE

**ACCEPTING
NEW CONSIGNERS**

WANTED:

LOUIS VUITTON

CHANEL

GUCCI

HERMES

ST. JOHN

PRADA

JUDITH LEIBER

MISSONI

DOLCE & GABBANA



1126 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica

(310) 451-2277

www.greatlabels.com

LEARN TO SURF LA

Private and Group
Equipment provided
CPR certified
310-920-1265

Camp@learntosurfla.com

WHAT

can get the power of email working for your business?

greatbignoise www.greatbignoise.com

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING CONDITIONS :REGULAR RATE: \$3.50 a day. Ads over 15 words add 20¢ per word per day. Ad must run a minimum of twelve consecutive days. PREMIUMS: First two words caps no charge. Bold words, italics, centered lines, etc. cost extra. Please call for rates. TYPES: Check your ad the first day of publication. Sorry, we do not issue credit after an ad has run more than once. DEADLINES: 4:00 p.m. prior the day of publication except for Monday's paper when the deadline is Friday at 4:00 p.m. PAYMENT: All private party ads must be pre-paid. We accept checks, credit cards, and of course cash. CORRESPONDENCE: To place your ad call our offices 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, (310)458-7737; send a check or money order with ad copy to The Santa Monica Daily Press, P.O. Box 1380, Santa Monica, CA 90406 or stop in at our office located at 1427 Third Street Promenade, Ste. 202. OTHER RATES: For information about the professional services directory or classified display ads, please call our office at (310)458-7737.

Notice of Hearing on Petition Notice is given that on November 29, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. or as soon after that time as the matter may be heard, petitioner Ross Furukawa, will move for an order pursuant to Government Code §6008 adjudicating The Santa Monica Daily Press as a newspaper of general circulation for the County of Los Angeles. The hearing will be held in Department 64 of the Los Angeles Superior Court, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The Petition sets forth the following: 1. Petitioner, Ross Furukawa, is publisher of the newspaper known as The Santa Monica Daily Press, which is seeking adjudication under Government Code §6008 as a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Santa Monica. 2. The Santa Monica Daily Press is published for the dissemination of local or telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character in the City of Santa Monica, California. The business address is 1427 Third St. Promenade, Suite 202, Santa Monica, CA 90401. 3. The Santa Monica Daily Press has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers, and substantial distribution to subscribers numbering 1023 in the City of Santa Monica and surrounding areas for a total weekly distribution of approximately 20,000. 4. For more than three years preceding the filing of the petition, the petitioning newspaper has been established under the name of The Santa Monica Daily Press, and has been so established and published, that is, issued and sold or distributed regularly each day in the City of Santa Monica and the surrounding areas. 5. During each of the three-year period preceding the filing of this petition, the newspaper has maintained a minimum coverage of local news and intelligence of a general character of not less than twenty-five percent of its total inches; it has a principal office of publication located in the City of Santa Monica, County of Los Angeles. WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that The Santa Monica Daily Press be adjudicated pursuant to Government Code §6008 as a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of California. DATED: November 5, 2005 Lisa Grace-Kellogg Attorney for Petitioner



CLASSIFIEDS

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE SANTA MONICA
SERVICE DIRECTORY

877-WE-GET-EM

WE CAN FIND AND SERVE ANYBODY, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.
Restraining orders & judgement collections our specialty.
lawhotline@aol.com

Services

Cleaning

Quality
Cleaning

Thorough Cleaning
Houses & Offices
Competitive Rates
Dependable Personalized Service
Great References

HOUSECLEANING SPECIAL
STARTING AT \$99

Aury Bonilla (323) 605-7197

Leave Cleaning
To The Experts!



RESIDENTIAL
COMMERCIAL SERVICES
www.julescleaning.com
310/936-6370

SAVE \$15 ON
YOUR FIRST 3 VISITS

Fitness

Unbottle a Buff Body
Personalized Pilates At Your
Command with Certified
Instructor, April Sugarman

You can have:
• Sculptured Arms & Legs • Tighter Abs
• Better Posture • More Flexibility

Call April at (310) 993-2463 and enjoy the benefits of Pilates today. Santa Monica & Hollywood locations. Also offering GYROTONIC®

GYROTONIC® is a registered trademark of GYROTONIC® Sales Corp and is used with their permission.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL
Mention this ad and get \$100 off a 10-session package of private sessions.
Call (310) 993-2463 to get started today.

Gen. Contracting

**4 SEASONS
ROOFING**
LIC. #726424
"LOWEST RESIDENTIAL
RATES IN SO. CALIF."
310-317-9595 ofc.
310-779-5265 cell

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

Services

A/C CONSTRUCTION

General Construction
Commercial & Residential
Remodel & Add ons
Honest • Reliable
FREE ESTIMATES
— Sabbath Observed —



310.278.5380
Fax 310.271.4790

Lic# 804884 Fully Insured

The Level Goes On
Before The Spike Goes In

Romero Rain Gutters

Seamless Aluminum Gutters
Custom Made Color Match
Your Home or Building

(310) 408-5900 or (310) 534-3075

Repairs • Cleaning
Copper Galvanized
Free Estimate

Ask for Jose Romero
Lic. #834699

Handyman

Handyman Services
To Fit Every Budget



Carpentry • Plumbing • Electrical
Drywall • Painting • Kitchen & Bath
Decks • Flooring • Windows
and much more!

toll free 1.877.33.FIXIT
(1.877.333.4948)

302 West Grand Avenue, Suite 8, El Segundo, CA 90245
310.322.6975 (voice) 310.356.6990 (fax)
www.HandymanOnDemand.com



Licensed, Bonded, Insured, Guaranteed.
Lic 281148



Building Trust. Improving Life.™

Services

WESTSIDE GUYS

Full Service Handymen
CARPENTRY, ELEC., PAINT, ETC...
TERMITE AND DRY ROT REPAIR
ROOF REPAIR AND WATER DAMAGE

BOB 35/HR (310) 266-6348
CALEB 25/HR (310) 409-3244

Health

Chiropractic &
Acupuncture



• Acupuncture
• Chiropractic
• Massage Therapy
• Herbs, Herbs, Herbs
• Nutritional Counseling
• Treatment of Allergies
• Musculoskeletal Disorders
• Pain Management

(310) 260-9609

300 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 204
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Insurance

SELF EMPLOYED?
NEED INSURANCE?

- GREAT RATES
- A+ RATED COVERAGE

DOUGLAS FURUKAWA
(619) 977-8559



Moving & Storage



BEST MOVERS
No job too small

2 MEN, \$59 PER HOUR
Fully insured. We make it EZ.
Free prep. & boxes. Discount for
handicap & seniors!

Since 1975 Lic. T-163844
(323) 997-1193 (310) 300-9194

Painting & Tiling

Spectrum Painting

Custom Painting & Decorative Services (FAUX)
INTERIOR/EXTERIOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL

• FREE ESTIMATES •

Dedicated to Quality and Customer Satisfaction

Serving Venice and the surrounding area Ron Blenkinship
(310) 525-9622

METICULOUS PAINTING
& DRYWALL

Interior & Exterior • FREE Estimates
References Available.
10 YEARS EXPERIENCE
Call Joe: 447-8957



Services

PAINTING

Top quality A&A
Custom, Interior
and Exterior

Free quote,
call Jeff Arrieta
(310) 560-9864



Personal Services



Learn how you can
Create success
career, weight,
relationships & more
Devlyn Steele Life Coach
(310) 383-9040
www.toolstolife.com
Free Consultation

Pet Services



PROFESSIONAL
PET SITTING
AND WALKING

310/577-6137
www.fetchpetcare.com
SANTAMONICA@FETCHPETCARE.COM

Pool and Spa

POOL & SPA
SERVICE & REPAIRS

-Weekly service
-Drain & Cleans
-Spa Covers
-Electric spa repair
310-306-6970
FREE ESTIMATES

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

Services

Real Estate

REAL ESTATE
FINANCING

1st Power Funding

Dept. Real Estate #01406589



CRAIG LACHMAN
800-813-2480
Ext. 102

• Analytical • Professional
• Straightforward • Thorough

PROVIDING EFFECTIVE
MORTGAGE MANAGEMENT

Tailoring

ONE HOUR Alterations, hemming,
jeans, pants, skirts, etc. Made by
professional Call Michael (310) 980-
2674

Therapy

COMPASSIONATE
COUNSELING

A safe place to make changes.



Life Transitions
Stress
Relationships
Self-Esteem
Unresolved Grief

Free Consultation
Laurie Levine, MFT (MFC 23031)
Santa Monica/SFV
(310) 284-3699

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

STILL
SMOKING?

Life is short —
Why make it shorter

John J. McGrail, C.Ht.



Certified
Hypnotherapist

(310) 235-2883
www.hypnotherapylosangeles.com

Services

Transportation

Please call:

Taxi! Taxi!

24 hours a day

7 Days per Week in Santa Monica
All Mercedes Taxi Service!

10% off meter
with mention of Ad

828-2233

Computer Services

CERTIFIED MAC Tech.
Affordable Repair/ Support/
Consulting/ Tutoring. (310) 980-
9254,
macninja@mac.com

Quick-N-Easy
PC REPAIR

PC Repair • Tune Up
Upgrade • Virus/Spyware
Removal • Data Recovery
Notebook Repair • Networking
Wireless • Security Experts

(310)
309-2441

Need a
**COMPUTER
Nerd?**

www.LANerdSquad.com

Home or Business
15 Years in Service
Any Computer Problem



NEW COMPUTER? Call a tutor.
Consultant will set up, train, and
repair. (310) 559-7635

**YOUR AD
COULD RUN HERE!
CALL US
TODAY 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

**PRINTING**

- Posters
- Outdoor
- Banners
- Sales sheets
- Brochures
- Stationary
- P.O.P. displays
- Standees
- Packaging
- Statement stuffers
- Menus
- Rack cards
- Booklets
- Annual reports
- Press kits
- Ad film
- Pocket folders
- Direct mail
- Counter cards
- Labels
- Postcards
- Magazines

FULFILLMENT

- Folding
- Stitching
- Stapling
- Die-cutting
- Lamination
- Collating
- Numbering

MEDIA SERVICES

- Outdoor - All mediums
- 8-sheets
- 30-sheets
- Bulletins
- Bus shelters
- Bus kings
- Bus benches
- Bus wraps

MICROSOFT
 SONY
 ANITA SANTIAGO ADVERTISING
 LA BREA BAKERY
 NEW LINE CINEMA
 IKEA
 WELLS FARGO
 BLT
 ANSCHUTZ ENTERTAINMENT
 NBC
 GUESS INC.
 LOWES HOTELS
 NEW WAVE ENTERTAINMENT
 TRAILER PARK
 UNIVERSAL PICTURES
 MTV NETWORKS
 STAR WARS
 SPIDERMAN
 HARRY POTTER
 LORD OF THE RINGS
 UCLA

What do they know about marketing?
They know a great marketing campaign
is nothing without an excellent printer.

Positive Existence Print & Media Experts
High quality • High volume • High-speed turnaround
 Call us today - we'll get you out of any printing bind
310-314-3537 or visit us online at www.peprinting.com

Service oriented • 52 years experience • Family owned and operated

SUPPORT LOCAL B2B

TOYOTA SANTA MONICA

PRE-OWNED CENTER

Toyota Prius Drivers Can Now Cruise in California's Carpool Lanes!

TORRANCE, Calif., Aug. 11 /PRNewswire/ -- Toyota Prius drivers can now apply for Clean Air Vehicle stickers from the Department of Motor Vehicles that allow them to drive with only one occupant in California's High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes.

GAS/ELECTRIC HYBRIDS

2003 TOYOTA **PRIUS**

\$22,988

COLOR: SUPER WHITE VIN: 087134

GAS SAVER-35MPG!

2004 SCION **XB**

\$12,988

LOADED!, ALLOY, SECURITY, CD, ABS, A/C VIN: 141848

2004 SCION **XA**

\$14,988

ONLY 9K, AUTO, 19' WHEELS VIN: 068077

PRE-OWNED VEHICLES UNDER \$10K

1993 TOYOTA TERCEL	[VIN:282295]	\$2,988	A/C, AM/FM CASSETTE, GREAT GAS SAVER
1994 OLDSMBL CTLS SPRME	[VIN:400554]	\$5,988	58K, A/C, CRUISE
1997 VW JETTA	[VIN:048951]	\$6,988	68K, BLK, SUNROOF
1996 TOYOTA AVALON	[VIN:080149]	\$8,988	LOADED, LOVELY, WHITE, W/GOLD PKG LEATHER
2000 ISUZU RODEO	[VIN:354408]	\$8,988	PWR, ALLOY, CRUISE, CD
1996 NISSAN	[VIN:377559]	\$3,988	REG, CAB P/U
1991 MAZDA 626 LX	[VIN:911077]	\$4,988	4CYL, AUTO, LTHR, MOON ROOF
1996 TOYOTA CAMRY LE	[VIN:825699]	\$6,988	4CYL, AUTO, PWR PKG
1998 TOYOTA CAMRY LE	[VIN:139206]	\$9,988	4CYL, AUTO, PWR PKG, CHROME WHEELS

**Top price
paid for
your Prius!**

Call Larry Cook

Pre-owned Sales Manager @ [800] 579-6047

801 Santa Monica Boulevard Santa Monica, CA 90405
"In Santa Monica, On Santa Monica @ Lincoln"

LACAR GUY.com
Family of Dealers