

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues

DAILY LOTTERY

SUPER LOTTO

7 16 19 32 36
Meganumber: 24
Jackpot: \$18 Million

FANTASY 5

12 16 26 30 35

DAILY 3

Daytime: 1 9 3
Evening: 5 5 8

DAILY DERBY

1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms

RACE TIME: 1:46.54

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

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Park Hyatt hotel maid Louise Kelsey, 58, testified in August in Melbourne, Australia, that she was kissed against her will in 2001 by a hotel guest (an Uruguayan soccer player in town for a World Cup match) and suffered a post-traumatic stress disorder that led to her being declared legally blind in 2002. Though a doctor for the defense derided it as "the most powerful kiss in history," the hotel's insurer agreed to its liability in October and said it would negotiate the money amount.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 335th day of 2005.
There are 30 days left in the year.

Fifty years ago, on Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. Mrs. Parks was arrested, sparking a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks.

In 1904, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis closed after seven months and some 20 million visitors.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"An educated man should know everything about something, and something about everything."

DAME C.V. WEDGWOOD
ENGLISH HISTORIAN (1910-1997)

INDEX

Horoscopes

Listen to music, Aries 2

Surf Report

Water temperature: 61° 3

Opinion

Opportunists abound 4

State

Twilight trekking 5

Business

Time for change 8

National

Reeling them in 9

Comics

Strips tease 16

Classifieds

Ad space odyssey 17-19

Hoarding their gourds



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Santa Monica College students were invited up on stage this week for a demonstration of how the "Mbira," or "thumb piano," is played — by strumming the inside of the gourd. Beauler Dyoko (right), of Zimbabwe, and SMC music professor Dr. Ric Alviso show how it's done during "Music & Life in Zimbabwe."

Report: Gang tensions haven't spurred violence

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD — A recent warning issued by police that hostilities might be increasing between gangs from Los Angeles and Santa Monica has not coincided with an increase in violent crimes committed in the city, officials said.

Last week, the Daily Press published a report which said local law enforcement was on higher alert after receiving a tip that gang tensions between members from Los Angeles and Santa Monica have intensified.

On Tuesday, representatives from the Santa Monica Police Department, which provided the information for the Nov. 23 report, "Writing on the wall could spell trouble," said there have been no reported incidents of local gang-related violence since the advisory was released.

As a precautionary measure, the SMPD will continue to have

increased patrols in the Pico neighborhood, according to SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega.

Last week, the SMPD had received unconfirmed and uncorroborated information from an informant regarding recent gang activity in the Los Angeles area. The information identifies a Santa Monica gang as a potential target for retaliation, according to police.

The SMPD reports an increase in gang-related graffiti in the Pico neighborhood, which is indicative of increased tensions. Such graffiti in the past has been a precursor to gang violence.

The SMPD has been in contact with the LAPD for the surrounding area and they have received no recent reports of gang violence attributed to Santa Monica gang members as suspects.

Residents on Tuesday shared a mixed reaction to the report.

Oscar de la Torre, a school board

See TENSIONS, page 11

STATE

Santa Fe finds wage ordinance has appeal

BY DEBORAH BAKER

Associated Press Writer

SANTA FE, N.M. — The New Mexico Court of Appeals on Tuesday upheld a Santa Fe ordinance that requires the capital city's largest employers to pay their workers at least \$8.50 an hour, 65 percent more than the state and federal minimum wage.

The appeals court affirmed a lower court ruling that the city had the power to set a minimum wage for private employers that is higher than the \$5.15 minimum mandated by the state and federal governments.

"The ordinance does not conflict with state law and is not otherwise unconstitutional," Judge Cynthia Fry wrote for a three-judge panel of the appellate court.

The Santa Fe law is similar to the one the Santa Monica

See WAGES, page 7

Optimism abounds while city seeks czar

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Officials are hopeful that local and regional efforts to fight homelessness may soon become more cohesive through a series of upcoming advocacy measures.

According to officials, the city of Santa Monica is narrowing its search for a homeless czar — a temporary position responsible for helping to better coordinate local and regional homeless service efforts.

Judy Franz, City Hall spokeswoman, said a homeless czar may be appointed by the Dec. 13 City Council meeting.

Meanwhile, the Santa Monica City Council is set to discuss on Dec. 13 its annual homeless report, which details what has been done to get the down and out back on their feet, as well as what's still needed to make servicing more effective, officials said.

Also of note, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority — a county government agency charged with helping the homeless in the metropolitan area — is expected to release demographic information taken one year ago. The demographic information is expected to be the first of its kind and may be helpful in coordinating homeless servicing efforts, including specific information relevant to Santa Monica, officials said.

On Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, Bring LA Home, a group consisting of several social service organizations, is expected to release a plan intended to help the metropolitan area fight homelessness.

Local officials said such developments leave them optimistic more is being done to address an issue that continues to devastate those living in Santa Monica and

See HOMELESSNESS, page 10

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



BIG HOLIDAY SALE!

KEYBOARDS • GUITARS • DRUMS
ORCHESTRA INSTRUMENTS • LESSONS

GIFT CERTIFICATES

(310) 453-1928

1901 Santa Monica Blvd. in Santa Monica

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



Served from 4pm - 10pm

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

01597866

GIVING TO THOSE YOU LOVE...



Platinum Hand Engraved Diamond
Engagement Ring



SHOP WHERE THEY KNOW YOUR NAME
Visit us today and see the difference family makes.



Eddie Guerboian

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

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”



2317 Westwood Blvd.
(310) 475-1404



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
fullfill your framing needs.

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



\$26.00

FLAT TO LAX
FROM SM

EXPIRES 12/31/05

2400 Main Street
Santa Monica

7 days a week



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

WITH THIS AD 15% OFF ANY PURCHASE
EXP. 12-01-05
COME IN FOR A FREE SAMPLE OF
OUR PERSONAL PIPE BLENDS!

The Tinder Box
THE ORIGINAL EST. 1928

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



HOROSCOPE

Listen to music, Aries

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)

★★★★★ The New Moon helps you under-
stand recent events. The clarity you gain puts a
smile on your face. Be willing to tackle a difficult
problem or two. Friends' support mixed with
brainstorming will solve nearly any problem.
Tonight: Listen to music.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You are coming from a place of
security, though on some level you feel burdened
by responsibilities. A discussion with a partner or
an associate could help take some of the burden
off of you. Are you willing to open up? Tonight:
Work as a team.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Though you might be down, oth-
ers aren't. Allow the many people in your life to
run with the ball. Take the high road, and you will
be a lot happier. Try to get out of your skin and
look at an event with a new perspective. Tonight:
Allow your popularity to speak.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Your imagination plays a big role
in a relationship. Understand what needs to hap-
pen with a key partnership. You cannot push
someone any further away. Perhaps some nur-
turing could go a long way. Tonight: Get some
extra sleep.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your imagination rocks and
rolls. You see many situations in a different light
than others do. Your mind takes you in a new
direction. Let go of seriousness, and help others
relax with you. You've got ideas. Tonight: Let your
frisky personality dominate.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Investigate what feels right, and
follow through. Sometimes you can be very hard
on other people. Chill out and decide what you
want from a work or daily situation. You will be
able to create just that. Tonight: Happy at home.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Don't hold back anymore.
Express your imaginative side. Others want to
hear more from you. An older or very serious
friend plays a key role. Expressing yourself takes
you in a new direction. Tonight: Talk up a storm.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Be willing to spend that extra
amount to ensure that you get what you want.
Sometimes you sell yourself short. Don't. Your
image might need some sprucing up. Tonight:
Your treat.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Resolutions made today last.
You might need to follow through. Take the high
road and look at what is going on. Listen to some-
one, but still claim your power. Investigate what
seems like a wild idea. Tonight: You decide.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Slow down and find some answers.
Listen to others; enjoy yourselves. Take your time
thinking through decisions. Visualize more of
what you want. Talk through what you want.
Investigate your feelings. Tonight: Move slowly.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Look to your long-term desires.
Think in terms of developing associations.
Meetings provide a great deal of feedback. Others
prove to be a bit testy or remote, but the friendly
Aquarian defuses the situation. Tonight: Be a
friend first.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Take a stand, and others will follow.
Your intuition comes through. You might need to
delegate more, as you are tired. You might need
some time off to rest and relax. Tonight: In the
limelight.



Santa Monica Daily Press

Published Monday through Saturday

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

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

PUBLISHER

Ross Furukawa ross@smdp.com

EDITOR

Carolyn Sackariason editor@smdp.com

STAFF WRITER

Ryan Hyatt ryanh@smdp.com

SANTA MONICA PARENTING

Nina Furukawa nina@smdp.com

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fabian Lewkowicz

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

Robbie P. Piubeni rob@smdp.com

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

Rob Schwenker schwenker@smdp.com

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

Stewart O'Dell stewarto@smdp.com

TRAFFIC MANAGER

Connie Sommerville connies@smdp.com

PRODUCTION MANAGER

Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II alex@smdp.com

NIGHT EDITOR

Lori Luechtefeld lori@smdp.com

NIGHT EDITOR

Michael Tittinger ...somechum@smdp.com

CLASSIFIEDS SALES MANAGER

Annie Kotok anniek@smdp.com

CIRCULATION

Keith Wyatt

CIRCULATION

Glenn Bolan

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Dave Danforth dave@smdp.com

MASCOT

Maya Furukawa maya@smdp.com

LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

A Big Blue tribute to Rosa Parks

By Daily Press staff

Notice something different about the Big Blue Bus today?

The Big Blue Bus is paying tribute to Rosa Parks and the anniversary of the Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott that sparked the civil rights movement by reserving the first seat of all its buses today, Dec. 1. A black ribbon is draped across the seats, along with a commemorative marker, in Parks' honor and specially prepared information cards detailing her life story are available to passengers.

Rosa Parks was 92 when she passed away on Oct. 24 at her home in Detroit. Her arrest for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger on a segregated public bus in Montgomery, Ala. in 1955 served as a catalyst for a year-long bus strike against the city's bus system. The success of the boycott eventually helped overturn segregation laws throughout the South and helped propel Parks into the national spotlight as a advocate for human rights and racial equality. She was often referred to as the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement."

"We wanted to publicly acknowledge Mrs. Parks for her dignified act of courage so many years ago, when few dared to speak out against inequality," said Big Blue Bus General Manager Stephanie Negriff. "Her lifelong dedication and belief in the rights and privileges of every human being toughed a whole nation and made out country a better place to live."

The Big Blue Bus will be joined today by other public transportation agencies around the country in a national transit tribute to Rosa Parks and the anniversary of the Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott.

Feeling bookish this Christmas?

By Daily Press staff

Tired of looking for holiday gifts in malls and crowded shopping centers? Why not give a local school book fair a chance?

Santa Monica Alternative School House, a SMMUSD school, is hosting the annual book fair, which began on Nov. 29 and will continue until Dec. 6. Operating hours are from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The book fair is open to the public.

In addition to being an option for holiday shopping, books and other items for kids kindergarten through eighth grade will be sold at favorable prices. A portion of all proceeds go to support the school.

Let the healing begin

By Daily Press staff

A Santa Monica local returns to her home turf at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center with a warm welcome.

Santa Monica resident and veteran healthcare professional, Kathleen Hunt, has returned to Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center as its chief nursing officer.

Hunt has a history with the hospital dating back to 1977, when she started as a staff nurse in cardiac rehabilitation. She worked her way through the management ranks and was director of cardio-pulmonary and imaging services when UCLA Healthcare acquired Santa Monica Hospital in 1995.

Hunt then became the first director to oversee departments at both the Westwood and Santa Monica medical centers. As director of international services, she had responsibility for all surgical services and the catheterization labs at both facilities. Most recently, she was interim director of the emergency and transportation departments at the Westwood facility.

"Kathleen brings a wealth of experience and considerable talents to this crucial position and we are excited to have her back at Santa Monica-UCLA on a full-time basis," said Posie Carpenter, chief administrative officer.

Hunt holds a bachelor's degree in health care from Redlands University and a master's degree in business administration from La Verne University.



Since 1967
Quality & Value Always!

Open 6am - 2:30pm Mon. - Fri.
6am - 4pm Sat. - Sun.

310-399-7892
2732 Main St.
Santa Monica

"The perfect
business
lunch"



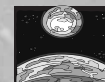
SURF REPORT

Overall, NW periods are averaging 11 seconds from a steep 310 degrees, and there's a light touch of SW coming in from 195 degrees with 16-second periods. Most west-facing breaks are seeing knee- to waist-high surf when the tide is right. South-facing breaks are running ankle high. The NW swell will back down towards chest- to shoulder-high.

Today the
water is:

61°

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



LOW TIDES

HIGH TIDES

	Morning	Height	Evening	Height	Morning	Height	Evening	Height
MONDAY	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
THURSDAY	1:37	1.2	3:04	-0.1	8:07	4.9	9:40	3.0
FRIDAY	2:06	1.1	3:41	0.3	8:41	4.3	10:09	2.9

The Surf Report is sponsored by:



SURF CENTER santa monica

✱ Core Surf/Lifestyle Shop ✱

1451 THIRD STREET PROMENADE
IN SANTA MONICA • 310.656.CURL

The Q Line

Sponsored by...

City Hall is currently embroiled in a bitter legal battle with the attorneys who successfully represented Santa Monica in its litigation against 18 oil companies for allowing MTBE to leak into the city's water supply. At issue is how much City Hall owes its lawyers for their services. And although city officials are looking to minimize the percentage of the more than \$120 million settlement that is shared with those attorneys, they are racking up millions in legal fees in the process.

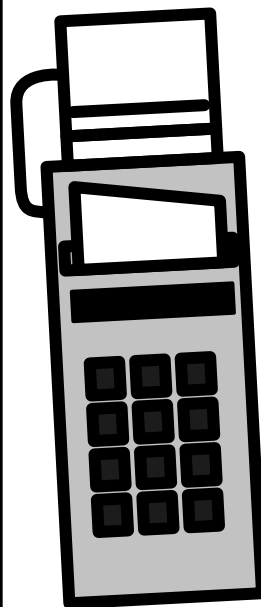
So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Do you approve of the way in which City Hall is handling its legal dispute with its former attorneys? Why or why not?"

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

EST. 1934 The Galley

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

Serving Brunch from 11AM-4PM
Full Bar-Best Bloody Mary's in Santa Monica
(310) 452-1934
2442 Main Street • Santa Monica



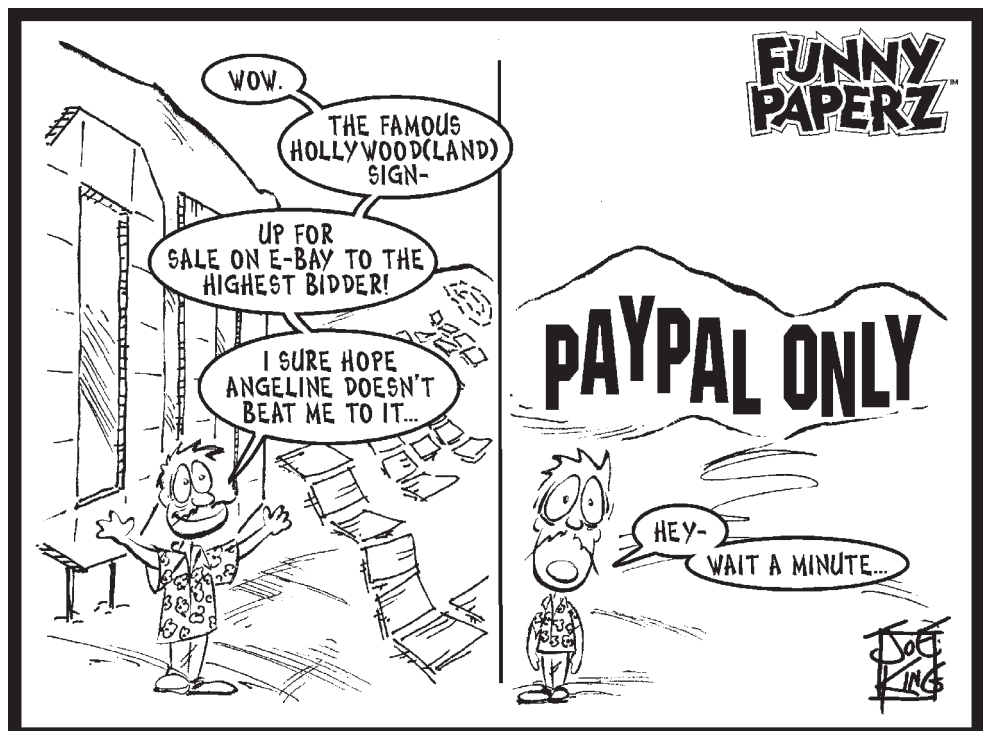
TAXES

ALL FORMS • ALL TYPES • ALL STATES

AUDITS • BACK TAXES • BOOKKEEPING • SMALL BUSINESS

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

100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800
Santa Monica 90401



E-MAIL: FUNNYPAPERZ@YAHOO.COM

© 2005 WWW.FUNNYPAPERZ.COM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Setting the record straight

Editor:

Your article (SMDP, Nov. 26, page 1) on the teapot tempest arising from the manner in which the Convention and Visitor Bureau Board is chosen contained a significant error and an interesting omission.

The Chamber of Commerce endorsed City Council candidates for the first time in the 2004 election. Your article stated that the chamber endorsed Bobby Shriver, Herb Katz and Bob Holbrook. However, Bob Holbrook was not running last year — he was elected to a four-year term in 2002. For the record, the chamber politician action committee did endorse Bobby Shriver and Herb Katz, along with Matt Dinolfo and Kathryn Morea.

When City Councilman Kevin McKeown implied that the chamber's endorsement somehow influenced Shriver's and Katz's votes, he failed to recognize the converse — that Ken Genser and Richard Bloom actively sought the chamber's endorsement in 2004 but failed to receive it.

Several months before the election, the political action committee wrote letters to each declared candidate inviting them to be interviewed if they were interested in receiving the chamber's endorsement. Without exception, all candidates, including those endorsed by Santa Monicans For Renter's Rights (Genser, Bloom, Patricia Hoffman and Maria Loya), accepted the invitation and spent approximately one hour discussing current issues with political action committee members. After all of these interviews were completed, the committee discussed each candidate and made recommendations to the chamber board. The board then decided who would be endorsed.

Tom Larmore
Santa Monica

Watch your backs, rent control abusers

Editor:

I read Ryan Hyatt's article last week about another Santa Monica tenant abusing his rent control apartment (SMDP, Nov. 22, page 1) and how the board sided with the landlord's request to increase the rent. In this particular case, I saw how far the tenant went to lie and cheat to keep the value of his low rent apartment. It seems that so many Santa Monica renters have absolutely no problem breaking the rent control rules. It is as if there is an exception to lying and breaking the rules if it relates to your rent control apartment. I make copies of these stories and distribute them to some of the landlords around me. I am very encouraged by these stories that you have been writing and I believe you are making a change for the better in Santa Monica.

Patrick Davies
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN MARCIANO

The Clintons' moral ground does shake

Former President Clinton now believes that the U.S.-Iraq War is "a big mistake." Clinton, who supported the invasion and colonial occupation from the beginning, and bombed Iraq continuously during his years in office, provides more evidence of his political opportunism.

Democrats accuse Bush of misleading the public in the invasion of Iraq. We need to recall Clinton's assertions about Iraq and weapons of mass destruction: "Saddam ... must not be allowed to threaten his neighbors or the world with nuclear arms, poison gas or biological weapons. Earlier today I ordered America's armed forces to strike ... targets in Iraq ... Their mission is to attack Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs and its military capacity to threaten its neighbors," Clinton said in December of 1998.

Clinton has been joined in his support of war by leading Democratic senators, e.g., Hillary Clinton, Charles Schumer, John Kerry, Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein, all of whom voted for the "War on Terrorism." Representative Barbara Lee (D-Calif.) was the only member of Congress who opposed it; the Patriot Act, opposed by only one Senate Democrat Russell Feingold; and every funding measure for this war including a recent \$80 billion bill that passed 99-0 in the Senate.

Counterpunch Web site author Michael Donnelly commented on the Democrats' opportunism on Nov. 18: "It's absolutely amazing to see (them) now sticking it to Bush over policies they themselves implemented ... Gore, Kerry, Edwards and, now Clinton — each and every one of them a previous Iraq hawk — have the nerve to accuse Bush and company alone of misleading the public on the Iraq threat."

Senator John "Anybody but Bush" Kerry declared that "the president and his administration did mislead America into war. In fact, the war in Iraq was and remains one of the great acts of misleading and deception in American history. The facts are incontrovertible." One fact is that Kerry supported the Iraqi invasion. He then voted against one funding bill but has since supported every Bush request for war.

Donnelly continues: "The very same Kerry gave an impassioned Oct. 9, 2002 (speech) about the threat

Saddam posed, doing more than his own share of 'misleading' ... we must ask ourselves a simple question: ... Why is Saddam Hussein pursuing weapons that most nations have agreed to limit or give up? ... Why is Saddam Hussein attempting to develop nuclear weapons ..."

Gutless and hypocritical Democrats who now snipe at Bush's war policies offer lame criticisms about how the war is conducted. They do not confront the fundamental issues of international law and morality.

If the U.S. had not faced sustained Iraqi resistance, that is, had this war been a quick slaughter like our invasions of Panama and Grenada, we would not have heard a peep from Bill and Hillary Clinton, and leading Democrats. They have no moral ground upon which to condemn Bush's conduct of this war because they are accomplices in this murderous invasion.

Too many citizens, including anti-war activists, apply a double standard when it comes to the crimes of the present Bush regime, and previous Democratic presidents, e.g., Woodrow Wilson, Lyndon Johnson, Clinton and Jimmy Carter. Yes, Carter, who funded Islamic terrorists including Bin Laden in Afghanistan before the Soviet invasion of that country; who supported the Shah in Iran and Somoza in Nicaragua; who allowed his U.N. Secretary Daniel Moynihan (later U.S. Senator from New York), to block international efforts to condemn and stop the invasion of East Timor by Indonesian troops; and who supported that death-squad regime in El Salvador despite a personal plea from Archbishop Romero, who was later murdered. This is the actual record of our "human rights" president.

In their long and sordid history, Democrats have engaged in the slaughter of yellow, brown and black people across the world — and American Indians at home. Bill Clinton's essential support of this war reflects the bi-partisan nature of U.S. war crimes in Iraq and elsewhere. His comments are those of an opportunistic politician from an equally opportunistic and morally bankrupt party. His views, and those of Democrats who stand with him, must be rejected to the very core of our being.

(John Marciano lives in Santa Monica.)

Walking to the nearest newsstand increases circulation.

Santa Monica Daily Press



Moonlight hikers learn to lean on one another

BY SCOTT DOGETT
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The sun set an hour ago, a red ball dropping into the sea, and in the moonlight that falls on the untamed hills northwest of downtown Los Angeles, on Griffith Park's east side, Jose Macias trudges up a steep dirt track called Cardiac Hill.

It's no easy feat for Macias. The substitute schoolteacher from East L.A., with hair pulled back into a ponytail exposing a friendly face glistening with sweat, weighs 270 pounds and stands 5-foot-7.

Leaning on a walking stick atop the woody incline, he breathes heavily, sucks down some water from a tube looping out of a fanny pack, and smiles as fellow hikers stream past him on the trail.

"It's great exercise," he says. "And you don't notice it as much when you're talking to people. Exercising in the gym, you can watch the clock just slowly tick by."

This is the world of night hikes — when Los Angeles is a sea of twinkling white lights and streaking red taillights, and where vast black voids hide myriad rolling hills blanketed with chaparral and scrub, oaks and sycamores.

From Griffith Park to Irvine to the Westside, cadres of hikers answer a call to hike these dark wilderness areas most nights of the week. They pound out tough miles in blackness and shadows, often mud, sometimes fog, without using flashlights, relying instead on moonlight, ambient city light and their own night vision.

Some come for the pleasure of a cool breeze after a long, hot day, or for the chance to hear a barn owl call from a nearby sycamore. Some come to share conversation or a post-hike meal; many have married after trudging along chaparral-lined trails together week after week.

But all who hike after sundown share a secret: Day hikes permit friends or strangers to maintain physical and mental distance at will, but night hikes are naturally intimate. Darkness kindles instincts to stay close, and the absence of conversation and sunlit details gives added importance to what is actually said and seen.

In Griffith Park, dirt fire roads and narrow paths used by deer, bobcats and coyotes wind through the flora haphazardly. Macias and others follow these routes.

On this autumn night, he's one of 19 hikers snaking up a string of dirt paths en route to Mount Taco, a high point that takes its nickname from an odd-shaped water tank.

Hikers gather for the free hikes led by volunteers from the local chapter of the Sierra Club.

At the beginning of the hikes, Louis Alvarado, known as the "mayor of Griffith Park" for his longtime service as hike organizer, introduces Carl Lowe and

other leaders and calls out the hikes according to their level of difficulty. A No. 1 is literally a walk in the park; a No. 6, the most difficult level, is flat-out trail running. On this night, Lowe leads a No. 3 — a moderately difficult hike.

Unlike day hikes, on which you can scan the landscape while making tracks, darkness demands tunnel vision. Hikers rarely take their eyes off the ground directly ahead of them. Differentiating a harmless shadow from an ankle-breaking rut or a branch from a rattlesnake isn't something that can be done from the corner of one's eye.

But darkness heightens the senses. Above the din of conversations and warnings, the brain registers the swoosh of freeway noise, the Rice Krispies crackle of footsteps on leaves and dry twigs, the constant chirping of crickets seeking companionship.

Although plants and trees are within arm's reach, their colors are reduced to shades of black, gray and brown, and their shapes become shadowy masses lacking telling features. Hikers inhale California fuchsia, yucca and sage, but in the faint moonlight their flowers are indiscernible.

The Griffith Park hikes are among the most popular, but there's an equally dedicated group that joins Ed Lubin on a five-mile hike in the picturesque hills above Pacific Palisades. Unlike the Griffith Park hikes, Lubin's follow the same route to the same destination — Parker Mesa overlook — each week. He's led this hike for the past 16 years.

On one night, the sky was full of stars and the view of the ocean from the overlook was spectacular in its clarity. The lights of Catalina Island, as well as the landing lights of aircraft approaching Los Angeles International Airport, were laser sharp; the full sweep of coast hugging Santa Monica Bay was breathtaking.

"If I were in Italy, I'd say, 'Oh, my God, what a view!' But I'm right here," marveled newcomer Sara Bragin of Mar Vista.

A week later on the same route, fog had reduced visibility to 20 feet and blocked moonlight, leading to stumbles and brushes with brush. And it was cold.

But none of that mattered. The friendships that develop during Lubin's hikes continue beyond the hike with a festive dinner in nearby Brentwood.

At Griffith Park, participants gather for a post-hike potluck at the nearby Crystal Springs picnic ground. Hikers cover three dozen tables with cookies, cakes, pies, casseroles and every kind of salad. Hot dogs, chicken and burgers sizzle on grills.

A lone coyote watches from a nearby soccer field. He and the hikers are not more than a hundred feet from motorists zipping past the park on Interstate 5. A boombox plays Latin jazz, and soon a dozen couples — some still in their hiking boots — are dancing.

GERMAN CAR SERVICE

Specialist in Repair of **Porsche • VW • Audi • BMW**

- Best alternative to high dealer prices
- Complete service and repair
- All work guaranteed
- Locally owned and operated since 1965



2202 OLYMPIC BLVD., SANTA MONICA • (310) 829-2563

How about nice headphones for Holiday gift?



Earphones, Headphones,
Noise Canceling Headphones
Wireless iPod Headphones and more...

dxs STORE™

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

Come see our new store in Santa Monica
Between 4th & 5th Street

413 Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica CA 90401
310-394-5250 www.dxsstore.com

Unique Gifts for Travelers!

From luggage to clothing, travel accessories and more, Magellan's has hundreds of unique and useful holiday gift ideas for the traveler on your list.

WonderVase packs flat and molds to any shape to hold fresh flowers wherever you go. Set of 3, \$14.85



Magellan's

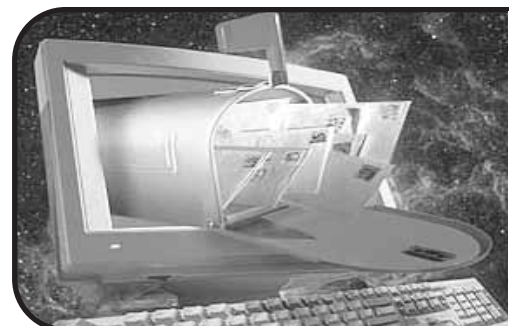
AMERICA'S LEADING SOURCE OF TRAVEL SUPPLIES

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



Santa Monica Daily Press
Has an 'E-dition'
Home delivery by E-mail

Check the day's headlines, news stories, classifieds, comics, horoscopes and ads all before you leave the house!

FREE SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE!

For more information, please call:
310.458.Press (7737) or sign up on
our Web site @ www.smdp.com



STATE



rebe

Pre-Holiday Sale

www.myrebe.com

Specializing in Leasing & Selling Office & Industrial Buildings

NAI CAPITAL COMMERCIAL

 SPECIALIZING IN LEASING & SELLING OFFICE
& INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS

310-806-6104

cporter@naicapital.com

 Christina S. Porter
Vice President

BENIHANA

An Experience at Every Table

The LUNCH BOAT SPECIAL

\$8.25

 Gift Cards
Available

 Green Salad, Soup, Sunomono,
California Roll, Sashimi, Shrimp &
Vegetable Tempura, Choice of Chicken
or Teriyaki Salmon, Steamed Rice
and Fruit Dessert

 A \$14.00 value!
Served every day
during lunch for
dine-in customers
only. Quick, healthy
and delicious!

 Monday - Friday
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
Noon - 3:00 p.m.

 (310) 260-1423
1447 - 4th St.- Santa Monica
Between Broadway & Santa Monica Blvd

STATE BRIEFS

Man charged with killing transvestite

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A 50-year-old man was booked for investigation of murder in the death of a 31-year-old transvestite prostitute who was beaten to death with garden tools.

John Freeman, 50, who lived in his mother's suburban Northridge home, allegedly picked up the victim Sunday morning and took him to the San Fernando Valley home while his mother was away, police Detective Terry Kaiser said. An argument ended in the backyard where the man was beaten to death with a garden hoe.

The victim, who had prior arrests for investigation of prostitution, wore women's clothing to the house but he was naked at the time of the beating, the detective said.

"It's unknown what occurred inside the house. The victim wound up in the backyard, naked and distraught," Kaiser said. Freeman was still in the backyard kicking the victim when officers arrived Sunday afternoon, the detective said.

The victim's name was withheld until relatives could be located.

The motive for the killing wasn't immediately known, but Kaiser said Freeman and the victim had a casual relationship in the past and investigators believe Freeman knew the victim had male genitalia.

Paralyzed doctor reaches settlement with county

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Board of Supervisors approved a \$750,000 settlement to resolve the county's share in an estimated \$9 million lawsuit filed by a doctor who was paralyzed in a Rancho Palos Verdes car crash three years ago.

Dr. Paul Leung Ho, who was a 40-year-old pediatrician at the time of the May, 13, 2002, accident, blamed signal timing for the crash that left him brain damaged and dependent on lifelong, daily medical care and assistance.

Ho was driving east on Crestridge Road in a 1990 Acura with his 8-year-old son when his car was broad-sided by another vehicle as he turned left onto northbound Crenshaw Boulevard.

Ho's attorney said the signal timing did not give left-turning motorists enough time to clear the intersection before oncoming traffic entered it. The signal operations did not include an all-red phase before oncoming traffic got a green light, Ho contended.

The city has since added a 1 1/2-second all-red phase.

"We maintain the traffic controls at the intersection were reasonable and appropriate, but our hearts do go out to Dr. Ho and his family," said county Public Works spokesman Ken Pellman.

The county was held liable for damages stemming from the accident at the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Crestridge Road because it shared responsibility for traffic control with the city.

The city's insurance company is expected to pay for the bulk of the damages, about \$6 million. City Manager Les Evans said he believed the pending settlement agreement, which the City Council must approve, is the municipality's largest insurance loss ever.

The city's two contract traffic-engineering firms, Willdan and Norris Repke, will pay the remainder of the damages, about \$2.1 million.

Ho and his family were expected to seek \$34.5 million at trial.

Assistant County Counsel Philip Miller said the county settled because "a jury could find that additional (traffic control) measures were needed" at the intersection and might award the family more than the settlement.

ACLU doesn't lap up computer initiative

By The Associated Press

FULLERTON, Calif. — Schools superintendent Cameron McCune dropped a request for immediate implementation of a program requiring students at four campuses to have laptop computers costing up to \$1,500 apiece.

The American Civil Liberties Union challenged the Laptop for Learning Program, contending it would be discriminatory if separate classes were offered for those who could not afford the computers.

Cameron on Tuesday retracted his request for immediate implementation of the alternative laptop program and asked that an advisory committee assess the plan. Trustees agreed, and a recommendation to proceed with the program or discard it could come next month.

"We believe we have been legal from the start," McCune said.

Abused children get check from county

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Board of Supervisors agreed to pay \$450,000 to two children abused by their aunt while under the supervision of the county Department of Children and Family Services.

The board on Tuesday voted 4-0 to approve the settlement.

The youngsters, now 11 and 12 years old, were infants when they came under county supervision. They suffered from cocaine and alcohol withdrawal at birth and were placed in the home of a maternal aunt by the department.

In 1995, they moved with the aunt to Sacramento County, which accepted "courtesy supervision" of the children, the county counsel said. A year later, the children were removed from the home because of child abuse allegations.

Despite Sacramento County's refusal to resume courtesy supervision, the youngsters were returned to the aunt's care in 1997.



Business leaders balk, may appeal wage ruling

WAGES, from page 1

City Council instituted this year, which requires city contractors with projects over \$50,000 to pay workers at least \$11.50 an hour. Employees at Santa Monica City Hall have been entitled to the higher wage since Jan. 1. The higher wage is estimated to cost City Hall an additional \$1 million a year.

Several other California cities have required contractors with government bids to pay more than the state minimum wage of \$7.50 an hour. Pasadena enforces a low wage of \$10.28 an hour. Los Angeles and West Hollywood require wages of at least \$10.03 an hour, according to city documents.

The Santa Monica City Council passed the higher wage 5-2, expressing clear differences on the ongoing issue of a living wage in Santa Monica, which has divided business interests and community activists for several years.

The idea of a living wage in Santa Monica is several years old. Proposition JJ was narrowly defeated at the polls in November of 2002. That proposal, which was first approved by the council and later forced to the vote, would have required coastal businesses grossing more than \$5 million a year to pay their workers \$12.25 an hour, or \$10.50 an hour with health benefits.

The so-called living wage ordinance, adopted by the Santa Fe City Council in 2003, also requires most companies with 25 or more workers to pay \$9.50 an hour next year and \$10.50 in 2008.

The city is considering a proposal to delay the 2006 increase until a study of

the ordinance's impact has been completed, but no decision has been made.

Business owners told the Court of Appeals in a June hearing that the ordinance — aimed at easing the financial woes of low-income workers in this expensive tourist town — was unconstitutional and should be tossed out.

They argued that it was pre-empted by the state and federal minimum wage standard and that it violated the state constitution by meddling in the relationship between private businesses and their employees.

The business owners could appeal Tuesday's ruling to the state Supreme Court but haven't decided whether they would do so, said their lawyer, T. Glenn Ellington.

The Legislature will consider raising the minimum wage statewide when it meets in January. Gov. Bill Richardson supports an increase — he hasn't said how much — and House Speaker Ben Lujan, D-Santa Fe, is pushing for a \$7.50-an-hour floor.

Ellington said the Court of Appeals decision creates the potential for varying minimum wages across the state and may result in a push to change the law to require uniformity.

"I think there's a lot of communities that are concerned that if it continues, it could really create chaos for business," Ellington said.

Albuquerque voters in October narrowly rejected a \$7.50-an-hour ordinance put on a city ballot by labor and community groups.

Forest Service experimenting with open space near Truckee

By The Associated Press

TRUCKEE, Calif. — For the first time in more than 40 years, the Forest Service has established a new experimental forest in California to study management techniques and reduce wildfire threats in the Sierra Nevada.

The agency is teaming with the University of California, Berkeley to designate the Sagehen Experimental Forest about 10 miles north of Truckee and 30 miles west of Reno, Nev.

The 8,100-acre area will be managed by the university, the Tahoe National Forest and the Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station.

"This designation will increase the opportunities of scientists throughout the West to share the results of research conducted over decades in the Sierra Nevada," said Jim Sedell, director of the research station.

Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth formally approved the designation on Monday, creating California's 11th experimental forest and the first since 1962. He said such forests have played an important role in improving management of forest

resources throughout their history.

The forest includes the Sagehen Creek Field Station that has been operated by the university under special use permit from the Tahoe National Forest since 1951.

Researchers for the school and the national forest have been working cooperatively for years and recently initiated an analysis for the Sagehen area intended to design a strategic fuel reduction plan to lessen the intensity of wildfires, agency officials said.

The research station administers a network of experimental forests in California, where scientists conduct long-term research into questions related to forest management.

The Sagehen Creek Field Station provides facilities for research and education in biology, fisheries, forestry, hydrology, entomology and wildlife.

It also serves as the hub for a network of research at Sagehen Creek Field Station, Sagehen Basin Experimental Forest, the Central Sierra Snow Laboratory, Onion Creek Experimental Forest and cooperating private landowners in the drainage of the Upper North Fork American River drainage.



"Rene Furterer Sale!"
Buy One & receive 2nd one at 50% off!"

— Gloria
Glory Beauty Supply and Salon
LUXURY PRODUCTS, ACCESSORIES & SALON

Glory Beauty Supply

1840 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90404

ph 1.310.452.6800 toll free 1.888.40.GLORY

Store Hours: Tue.-Fri. 10:30am -7:00pm Sat. 10:30 - 5:00pm

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.

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR



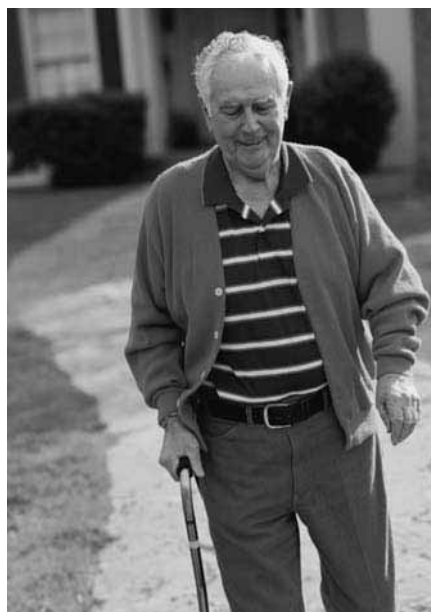
STATE FARM IS THERE.®

Providing Insurance and Financial Services

P040105 12/04

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company (Not in NJ), Bloomington, IL

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

GOOD THING YOU RECYCLE YOUR PAPER...
CHANCES ARE YOU'RE READING IT AGAIN.



Santa Monica Daily Press



Business

Teaching children about their worth



MARKET MATTERS

BY BRIAN HEPP

Piggy banks are famous for storing the wealth of America's youth. Some are pink and pudgy, others flaunt colorful spots, and still others aren't even pigs at all. While the variety seems endless, they all have one thing in common. Usually found on the nightstand of the typical 5- to 8-year-old, they contain tangible dollars and cents that children can see and smell. To any adult, this may seem silly, but it is the key to understanding what your children value, helping them understand what they should value in the future, and teaching them the importance of saving their cents.

For young children, a \$1 bill that sits in their nightstand stash may seem more valuable than the \$100 check grandma and grandpa gave them for their last birthday. Why? Their parents took the liberty of purchasing a few shares of stock with their birthday money at the local brokerage firm. To the child, it might as well have fallen down a deep, dark hole. Although most parents have good intentions when investing their child's gift, they have taken the control away from their child and placed it into the hands of an institution too complicated for the child to understand. Even after they explain that money invested into the stock market can earn even more money, no chores attached, their youngster will still prefer the pig.

Before rushing to the broker, expand on your swift explanation of savings. Help your child understand the world of money by accommodating their reliance on tangible objects. Take them to the brokerage firm and show them around. Introduce them to the firm's employees and let your child choose the company in which they would be proud to own a bit of stock. Their favorite toy company or fast food restaurant chain may be a great choice. With a newfound familiarity, the stockbroker is no longer a money-eating monster, but instead a person who may enhance their treasures.

One thing to remember — brokerage accounts may not be opened in a child's

name, aside from a custodial type of account, until the age of majority. But you can still introduce them to the concept.

After helping your child buy a few shares of stock, get them a copy of the business section of the local newspaper. By giving them a visual representation of the value of their stock on a daily basis, it allows them to become involved with their investment, giving them the control to check on it whenever they want.

While the newspaper idea gives them ownership and a tangible understanding of their assets in the stock market, the idea of interest earned in savings accounts may still be difficult to understand. Because it may be paid on a frequency far too low for the education of children, it may be wise to add a bit of "interest" to their at-home stash. By understanding that their piggy banks "earn" money on a regular basis — let's say monthly — they may learn that by saving more money, they can earn more money.

Although this may seem to put an unrealistic twist on the benefits of interest due to an exaggerated return frequency, there are many stock or bond investments available that have the potential to earn high monthly returns.

But hopefully, as children begin this real-world introduction to these more complicated investment types, they are also learning about the value of earning money. All this talk about savings and accumulating interest is important, but meaningless until they understand what their money is truly worth. Let's go back to that \$100 birthday check. Obviously, \$100 that is given to them is worth a lot more once they realize how many weekends of cutting grass are needed to earn the equivalent. By earning some money themselves, they may not want to waste it on silly objects right away. Instead, they may think twice and fatten their piggy bank.

(Brian Hepp is a financial consultant for Santa Monica-based A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. Member SIPC. He can be reached at (310) 453-0077 or at brian.hepp@agedwards.com. A.G. Edwards is a full-service retail brokerage firm that offers a complete spectrum of financial products and services, including stocks, bonds and mutual funds, financial retirement planning and tax-advantage investments.)



SANTA MONICA BUSINESS BRIEFS

The taxman cometh for property owners

By Daily Press staff

Own property? Don't forget about your 2005/2006 property taxes.

Mark J. Saladino, Los Angeles County treasurer and tax collector, reminds property owners that the first installment of the 2005-2006 property taxes becomes delinquent if not paid by Monday, Dec. 12.

To avoid the assessment of late penalties, payments must be received by 5 p.m. or United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarked before midnight, Dec. 12.

"To avoid late penalties, taxpayers should not wait until the statutory deadline — please pay early," Saladino said.

To ensure proper processing of payments, make checks payable to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector and include the appropriate first installment payment stub marked "1" along with your payment. Substitute bills can be obtained from the local assessor's office. American Express, Master Card and Visa payments are accepted. No pre-registration is required. Property owners can call the toll-free telephone number (888) 473-0835. A service fee is charged by a third-party vendor to utilize the service. When property owners have completed the transaction, a confirmation number will be provided as verification of payment.

Additionally, a new service called "Vcheck" allows property owners to make their payments by going to the treasurer and tax collector's Web site at <http://tax.co.la.ca.us>, or the property tax web portal at lacountypropertytax.com. To pay online, taxpayers fill out an electronic check with select information that appears on their written check. Once a Vcheck payment is made online, the taxpayer will receive a confirmation page which they can print for their records.

To determine the amount due on any parcel, taxpayers may access the Web site at <http://tax.co.la.ca.us>, or call the toll-free Los Angeles County property tax information line at (888) 807-2111, where automated information is available 24 hours a day.

Payments can be made in person at 225 North Hill St., first floor in Los Angeles between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Beginning Dec. 1 through Dec. 12, the treasurer and tax collector personnel also will receive payments at the Lancaster office. Payments must be made by check or money order. No cash payments can be accepted at that location. Taxpayers also may resolve tax problems and obtain substitute tax bills in addition to paying taxes.

Payments by check or money order can be made in person at 335A East Avenue K-6, Lancaster, Calif. 93535 between Dec. 1 and Dec. 12. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Capture a much-needed snapshot of the law

By Daily Press staff

The law can be a tricky thing if you are a photographer.

That's why the California Lawyers for the Arts (CLA) is hosting a seminar, "What every photographer needs to know about the law," on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth St.

Intellectual property attorney Stuart L. Carroll will be discussing legal issues for photographers including copyright registration, infringement actions and relationships with news agencies.

The workshop will focus on legal principals and practical pointers to maximize the value of photographic works, as well as what to do when photographs are used without permission.

The cost is \$20 for the general public and \$10 for CLA members and Santa Monica residents.

Workshops sell out, so reserve early. For reservations, call at (310) 998-5590.

The workshops are supported by the City of Santa Monica cultural affairs division, the California Arts Council, the County of Los Angeles Dispute Resolution Program and the 18th Street Arts Complex.

The CLA is a Santa Monica-based non-profit organization that provides lawyer referrals, dispute resolution services, education programs and publications, a resource library, and community development projects to more than 10,000 artists and arts organizations annually throughout California.

If all that glittered truly was golden, we'd be better off



THE WEEKLY RECKONING

BY BILL BONNER

Markets rise first for the right reasons, and then for the wrong ones.

We're thinking of gold. The precious metal becomes even more precious every day. Our buying target is still at \$450. The price fell as low as \$459 a few weeks ago. We were tempted. We wondered whether to stick with our discipline — buying

below our target figures — or whether to merely buy whenever we have the money. A few years from now gold at any price under \$500 is likely to look like a great bargain — even the chance of a lifetime.

Gold is rising for the right reasons. Gold is insurance against financial breakdown, inflation and mendacity. As the lies

mount up, the price of gold rises. Lies cause people to believe things that aren't true, which leads them to do preposterous and suicidal things.

Looking around, we see hardly a single number, fact, news item, or presidential press conference that doesn't need footnotes, retraction or medical attention. All have been stretched, crunched, twisted or bent into such grotesque shapes that even their own mothers wouldn't recognize them.

We are reminded of a more innocent, more honest age: When gold stood behind the dollar, when children said please and thank you, and soldiers treated their adversaries with respect.

But as Jack Kerouac put it to Ken Kesey: Nothing lasts. The empire that was built on industrial profits persists on post-industrial credit. The habits and principles of many generations — upon which the Anglo-Saxon empire depends — have given way to conceits and lies.

Gold grants no interviews and holds no press conferences. It is mute. It neither panics nor dissembles. It is a universal antidote to lies. The more lies there are, the more valuable it becomes.

(For more insight and analysis, visit www.dailyreckoning.com <<http://www.dailyreckoning.com>>.)

NATIONAL



Reeled in: Fishermen unite to promote image

BY JEFF BARNARD
Associated Press Writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Long splintered into small groups, commercial fishermen are putting together a national organization to promote their image and press their interests before Congress.

The Commercial Fishermen of America announced its formation in mid-November in Seattle and hopes to be up and running by spring. The David & Lucille Packard Foundation, which funds marine conservation programs, provided a \$50,000 startup grant.

“Given that politics is just becoming ever more omnipresent and unavoidable, we felt it was high time we got organized to represent the interests of all fishermen at a national level,” said Jeremy Brown, a salmon and albacore troller from Bellingham, Wash., who is serving on the organizing committee.

Until now, one of the main national advocacy groups for the fishing industry in Washington, D.C., has been the National Fisheries Institute, which represents seafood processors, restaurants and distributors.

But Zeke Grader, executive director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations, said the group does not adequately represent the fishermen.

“Their concerns are very different from those of the fishermen, in some instances 180 degrees apart,” he said.

A national organization, the Seafood Coalition, represents both fishermen and processors around the country, said Pete

Leipzig, executive director of the Fishermen’s Marketing Association in Eureka, Calif.

However, the newly proposed group would focus on fisherman’s issues.

National issues facing commercial fishermen include reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act, the primary federal law governing fisheries management. Other issues include health care and workers compensation, pollution and protecting port facilities.

Since 1990, annual commercial fisheries landings of all species in the U.S. have remained static at about 10 billion pounds worth about \$3.6 billion, according to the Web site of the NOAA Fisheries Service, the federal agency that oversees ocean fishing.

Traditional fisheries such as the groundfish off the West Coast and the cod off of New England have seen dramatic cutbacks as part of efforts to halt population declines from overfishing.

Meanwhile, aquaculture is competing with fishermen to provide fish such as salmon and shrimp, and imports of edible fish were up nearly \$1 billion to \$11.1 billion from 2002 to 2003.

Besides the practical problems facing commercial fishermen, Brown said the public by and large does not have an accurate understanding of what they do.

“What we want to focus on from the outset is to promote the notion of the professional fisherman and the quality food he provides to the consumer,” Brown added.

U.S. relaxes its ban on birds from B.C. following flu scare

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States has relaxed a ban on poultry imports from British Columbia initially sparked by the discovery of bird flu in a duck raised in the Canadian province.

The strain of bird flu is now known to be low-pathogenic and poses no threat to human health, unlike the more virulent form in Asia that has killed dozens of people, the Agriculture Department.

U.S. officials said they banned on Nov. 21 all poultry imports from British Columbia until their Canadian counterparts could identify the virus, later found on a second, nearby farm as well. Several Asian countries that quickly followed the U.S. lead now are expected to relax their bans as well.

In the days after the Nov. 18 discovery of the virus, Canadian officials killed nearly 58,000 ducks and geese on the two farms, located outside Vancouver, said Brian Evans, Canada’s chief veterinary officer.

The strain of flu doesn’t kill poultry, but can leave them sickened and weak. Proper cooking kills the virus, health officials said.

The Agriculture Department said it would maintain the import ban on birds from within a three-mile radius of the two British Columbia farms. Evans said the Canadian Food Inspection Agency is

maintaining a voluntary ban on exports from the quarantine area and is carrying out ongoing testing of birds on the 78 farms within the area.

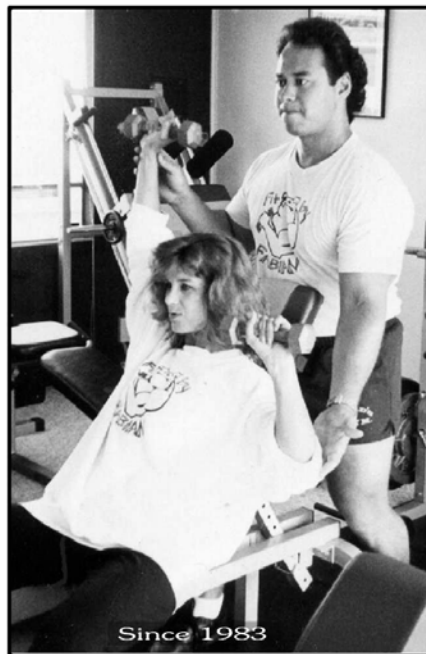
Farmers typically destroy entire flocks of birds when they discover the virus. A 2004 outbreak of bird flu in British Columbia led to the slaughter of 17 million birds.

The Canadian agency says it hopes governments in Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong will resume importing poultry from British Columbia’s Fraser Valley by Dec. 10.

“Obviously our trade people are speaking hour on hour with our trading partners and communicating the findings,” said Dr. Cornelius Kiley, a veterinarian with the agency.

“Our staff in Ottawa are working day in day out with those (countries), telling them exactly what’s occurring and what our expectations are with those restrictions,” Kiley said. “We give them the full transparent information and our expectation is that they will follow international guidelines in the removal of those restrictions.”

The United States continues to ban bird imports from nations where the high-pathogenic virus from Asia has been detected. They include Cambodia, Romania, China, Russia, Indonesia, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Laos, Vietnam and Malaysia.



Private Fitness Studio

Specializing in:

Custom Fitness Programs
Bodybuilding-Shaping
Strength Training
Weight Management

Free Fitness Consultation

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

216 Pico Blvd # 17 ~ Santa Monica Beach

Fabian@Fitbyfabian.com or 310-399-7049

PASSENGERS WANTED

EXPRESS TAXI



Lotus Taxi

Express & Lotus Taxi now are one team to serve you better

We accept all competitors coupons!
20% off for seniors

Supporting Santa Monica Support Your Community

For Fast Pickup Call:
828-3333

\$25 FLAT TO LAX

"It's a another hit by Samohi Theatre. 8 to 5 says you'll love it!"

Santa Monica High School Theatre
presents

GUY'S AND DOLLS



Humanities Center Theater

Fridays at 8PM and Saturdays at 2 and 8PM!

Dec 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17

call for tickets

310-458-5939

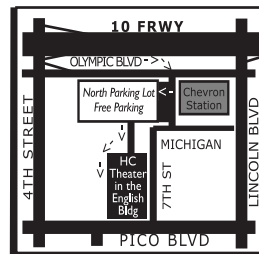
order online - no fees www.smclo.org



GELSON'S
THE MARKET

Santa Monica Daily Press

LOEWS SANTA MONICA
BEACH HOTEL





11 percent of nation's homeless reside in LA

HOMELESSNESS, from page 1

the surrounding metropolitan area.

"I think it's apparent we're reaching a critical mass of energy on the problem of homelessness in the Los Angeles region," said Santa Monica City Councilman Richard Bloom, an advocate for the down and out. "I'm pleased it's getting the attention it needs, but there's more work ahead."

Bloom said the hiring of the homeless czar could be an integral component to the developments.

"The czar is great because it will help provide the glue to keep the momentum going and bring people together," Bloom said.

The regional homeless czar would be hired on a contractual basis, and the position's effectiveness will be reviewed after a year, said City Councilman Bobby Shriver, who advocated the creation of the position. The person will likely be hired for one year, paid at least \$200,000 and report his or her results directly to new City Manager Lamont Ewell.

The regional homeless czar would be responsible for advancing programs such as the sobering center, a mental health and drug court, year-round housing through

the Veterans Administration, and chronic homeless outreach, to affect Santa Monica and neighboring communities, Shriver said.

According to Franz, the position was advertised in the L.A. Times, Sacramento Bee, The Chronicle of Philanthropy, the Los Angeles Business Journal, Nonprofit Directions (publication of the Center for Nonprofit Management), and an online position-posting service of the South California Grantmakers Association.

In addition, many individual contacts were made to invite possible candidates to apply for the position, Franz said. The suggestions came from current City Manager Susan McCarthy, councilmembers and outreach from directors of non-profit groups.

McCarthy has been spearheading the effort, officials said. Franz said few applied for the position, but those who have, have been of a high quality.

LAHSA spokesman Scott Ito said his agency has been working with regional officials to schedule the release of its homeless demographic report, which is expected to be presented within the next few weeks.

However, there have been some preliminary statistics LAHSA representatives

In the line of duty



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Greg Foisie rakes the sand at the so-called "Arlington West" this past Sunday. A peace group sets up crosses to represent U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq each weekend just north of the pier.

have presented at government meetings regarding the state of homelessness in Southern California, which have been staggering to some officials.

Bloom said homelessness is a bigger problem in the LA metropolitan area than any other region in the country.

LA has 11 percent of the nation's homeless population, or an approximate

90,000 of the 800,000 homeless living in the entire U.S. California has 20 percent of the nation's homeless population.

Bloom said Bring LA Home's plan to address homelessness will prove to be helpful as long as steps are taken to ensure it's action-oriented and a source of revenue is developed which will ensure its success.

CELLULAR FANTASY

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

MOTOROLA RAZR V3
Bluetooth™ support

FREE NO REBATE REQUIRED

Now ONLY raising the bar.

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.

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



Among piers



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

A group recently takes a rolling tour aboard Segways in and around Santa Monica Beach.

So far, so good: Report not followed by violence

TENSIONS, from page 1

member and community activist, said he has noticed more graffiti in recent weeks, but based on his observations, he said it's not the kind that should be of much concern to community members.

"I haven't seen an increase in gang-related graffiti, but I have seen an increase in tagger-related graffiti, the latter which we should be less alarmed about," de la Torre said.

Another long-term Pico resident and community activist, Mat Milen, noticed in early November graffiti on the corner of 17th Street and Delaware which he believed was authored by the Venice Shoreline Crips, a rival gang to those in Santa Monica. The graffiti contained a

"187" — the penal code for murder.

Milen was concerned the appearances of such graffiti might indicate heightened tensions between gangs and a threat of violence.

However, Milen said he has not seen any other new gang graffiti since.

De la Torre, who is also director of the Pico Youth & Family Center — which works along with the Police Activities League to help youngsters resist the gang life — said more can be done to help the cause of such organizations.

"The issue of youth violence has been around for many years," de la Torre said. "We need to invest more in prevention and intervention programs to ensure that young people stay away from crime, violence and drugs."



**This Is No
"Bull"**

**"If you're gonna play
the game
you're gonna need
the energy"**

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**



NATIONAL

Maui big wave break overrun by daredevils

By The Associated Press

OPANA POINT, Hawaii — Safety officials and surfers are looking for ways to deal with the seasonal onslaught of surfers yearning to ride the giant waves on the north shore of Maui.

As waves roared seven-stories high at the now famous break known as Jaws on Dec. 15 last year, the area was besieged by daredevils — some of them novices — looking to catch a monster wave and the \$1,000 per foot award offered by the surf company Billabong.

In 2004, the award was \$68,000, won as five helicopters carried professional photographers through the air and thousands of spectators clambered around the 200-foot cliffs above the ocean.

"We were afraid that someone was going to die," Rodney Kilborn, a surf promoter and longtime firefighter, told The Maui News.

What seemed to have been a narrow miss with tragedy has sparked an active debate among big-name surfers over a practice called tow-in surfing.

Until about 15 years ago, a surfer's skill

at paddling out into the ocean dictated which waves he could ride. But the advent of tow-in surfing — two-man teams dragging each other into big waves on the back of a Jet Ski — has changed all that.

While the waves at Jaws were once braved by only the most seasoned of big wave surfers, last year there were 70 of the machines out on the water.

The tramping crowds of onlookers have also taken their toll on nearby crops. Maui Land & Pineapple Co. lost a quarter of its crop a year ago. And vehicles clogged the dirt roads to the site never meant for high traffic. One vehicle was set on fire.

"This situation — with crowds and no crowd management — is the situation for which we may have to establish some kind of physical restrictions," said Jason Koga, the company's land and environmental manager of A&B Properties, which leases the land to Maui Land & Pineapple.

Several years ago Hawaii began certifying tow-in surfers with classes. But the

certifications don't test surfers' skills in the water.

County water ocean safety supervisor Archie Kalepa says the classes need to go further.

"This (tow-in surfing) goes beyond surfing — surfing is probably only half the skill. You've got to have water knowledge, Jet Ski knowledge, rescue knowledge and knowledge of the area," said Kalepa, who is also a respected big-wave rider.

He said he'd also like to see Billabong send the competition elsewhere for a few years after a win.

Some surfers are also talking about creating an organization and safety criteria to self-police the treacherous sport.

"Nobody likes rules and regulation, not even me, but something has to happen," said Kilborn, who is an advisory board member of the fledgling organization Association of Professional Tow Surfers. "People have to get involved or we could lose our sport, we could lose our respect and credibility."

Start The Season Off Right With...

Peterson Real-Fyre Gas Logs, installed in a genuine woodburning fireplace offers authentic natural beauty with economy, convenience and cleanliness. Discerning homeowners choose Real-Fyre for the full package of convenience features and accessories, realistic appearance and latest technology.

Real-Fyre Gas Logs enhance the beauty and warmth of your fireplace. Full, natural flame and very realistic log designs fool the eye. Enjoy the efficiency of clean burning natural or propane gas. Select from dozens (three styles shown below) of log styles and sizes. And treat yourself to the remote control option!

COUPON VALID UNTIL DECEMBER 24, 2005
\$25 OFF Each COMPLETE Gas Log Set And/Or Each Remote Control System
This offer may not be combined with any other offer, coupon or discount. Coupon MUST be presented at time of initial purchase. NO EXCEPTIONS.

PAYKEL FIREPLACE FIXTURES
FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1921

1820 Broadway • Santa Monica • 310.315.9310
 FAX 310.315.9301 • www.paykel.com
 Store Hours: Tues – Sat 9am to 5pm

MasterCard VISA

"We have everything your hearth desires."

WHO

can get the power of email working for your business?

greatbignoise®

www.greatbignoise.com

Bloom all winter

Keep those Beauties blooming all year with Peace of Mind smart organics Fruit and Flower time release organic nutrients. Use only 1 tablespoon per 1 gallon of aggregate for multiple bloom and bud set. Peace of Mind Fruit and flower contains all the micro and macro nutrients your plants need.

Prevent plant stress

Simply use a nutrient supplement to prevent transplant shock and stress during the fall and winter months. Great Supplements to use are: Superthrive, Thrive Alive, Diamond Nectar, Blast Off, Green Fuse, and many other brands.

Attract Lady Bugs

Feed your flowers and Veggies Flora Brand products and watch the ladybug population grow.

Bring this ad in to receive 15% off all products in stock.

Taboo HYDROPONICS

Are You Taboo?

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

NATIONAL



Supreme Court mulls parental notice for teen abortion-seekers

BY GINA HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court wrestled Wednesday with how to handle a New Hampshire law that requires a parent be told before a daughter ends her pregnancy, an emotional showdown in the court's first abortion rights case in five years.

New Chief Justice John Roberts seemed sympathetic to the state, but other justices said they were troubled that the law does not make an exception for minors who have a medical emergency.

The court did not appear satisfied with an appeals court ruling that struck down the law, one of dozens around the country that require parental involvement when a teen seeks an abortion.

Although the case does not challenge the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling that said abortion is a fundamental constitutional right, the stakes are still significant and could signal where the high court is headed under Roberts and after the retirement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Abortion was a prominent subject in Roberts' confirmation hearings and has emerged as a major issue in President Bush's nomination of appeals court Judge Samuel Alito to replace O'Connor, who has been the swing vote in support of abortion rights.

As protesters demonstrated outside, the argument inside the court was at times contentious, with justices talking over each other and over the lawyers.

New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte struggled to field sharp questions on why the state made an exception to allow abortions when a mother's life is in danger.

The court has said before that abortion restrictions should include a health exception.

O'Connor, along with Justices Anthony Kennedy, Stephen Breyer and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, zeroed in on how doctors would avoid being prosecuted or sued if they performed an abortion if a severely sick minor did not want to notify a parent and a judge was unavailable to provide the necessary approval.

"That's the real problem here for the doctor who's on the line," Ginsburg said.

Justice Antonin Scalia, however, said: "It takes 30 seconds to place a phone call" to a judge.

If Alito is confirmed by the Senate early next year his vote could be needed to break a tie in the case, although justices may find a consensus in resolving the appeal without a landmark decision. Justices could tell the 1st

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston to review the matter again.

A Senate vote is planned for January on Alito, who is expected to be more receptive to abortion restrictions than O'Connor.

When Alito worked for the Reagan administration in the 1980s, he said that he hoped the Supreme Court would one day overturn *Roe*. In a memo released by the National Archives on Wednesday, Alito said that because a reversal was unlikely the Reagan administration should instead try to persuade justices to accept state regulations on abortions.

The court could use this case to make it extremely difficult for abortion rights groups to challenge restrictions, without dealing with the sticky issue of overturning *Roe* itself. At issue is the legal standard for courts in handling lawsuits over abortion laws.

The New Hampshire case is being closely watched by states that require minors to tell a parent or get permission before having an abortion. Justices were told that 24 states mandate a parent's approval and 19 states, including New Hampshire, demand parental notice.

The court is considering whether the 2003 New Hampshire law puts an "undue burden" on a woman in choosing to end a pregnancy. O'Connor is an architect of the undue burden standard, and was the deciding vote in the last abortion case five years ago, when justices ruled that a Nebraska law banning a type of late-term abortion was too burdensome.

That law, like the one at issue Wednesday, did not have an exception to protect the mother's health.

The New Hampshire law requires a parent or guardian be notified when an abortion is planned for someone under 18, followed by a 48-hour waiting period. A judge can waive the requirement.

"In an emergency, a woman needs to go to the hospital not a courthouse," justices were told in a filing by Jennifer Dalven, attorney for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England which challenged the law.

The high court agreed to allow news organizations to air audio recording of the court's argument immediately after its conclusion, giving the public its first chance to hear the new chief justice on the bench. Cameras are not allowed in the court.

Roberts, 50, replaced Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who died in September after a yearlong fight with cancer.

Justices agreed to hear the New Hampshire case before Rehnquist's death.

Arctic dwellers deal with warming temperatures that affect subsistence

BY MARGARET BAUMAN

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Warmer temperatures in the Arctic are raising concerns about the social and economic well-being of the people in those regions, said an official with the Inuit Circumpolar Conference.

Climate change is already having devastating effects on subsistence gathering in Alaska, Canada and Russia, ICC's Ronald Brower Sr. told participants in the Alaska Resource Development Council's annual conference held in Anchorage.

"We are experiencing things in one lifetime that should take five or six generations," he said. "We are making do with less."

Brower was one of four panel members to speak on global climate change and potential national policy implications. He urged the local business community to act now to address the problems of climate change globally.

Brower, an Inupiaq-language teacher for the North Slope Borough School District, spoke on behalf of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference. The ICC is an international organization representing some 145,000 Inuit living in Arctic regions of Alaska, Canada, Greenland and Russia.

Temperatures in the Arctic are rising twice as fast as that of the global average, resulting in ice conditions that

will be a growing concern for Inuit people, Brower said.

Several Arctic villages have already experienced rapidly increasing erosion of their coastlines because of severe winter storms and a lack of an ice buffer to stave off major chunks of earth sloughing off into the waters.

Today, erosion in many villages is measured in feet instead of inches, and rivers in dozens of Arctic villages threaten to overtake entire communities. Several of these threatened villages are hoping to relocate, with costs estimated in the millions.

Permafrost is also thawing, causing some homes to shift in place, and ice cellars to melt.

"My ice cellar this year had 2 inches of water," Brower said. "We need to look at alternative means of storing our wild-country foods."

These changing conditions could have serious effects on the migration of sea mammals and the ability of Arctic peoples to continue their subsistence lifestyles, he said.

Species once rare in the Arctic are also showing up in increasing numbers, Brower said. "Now we are catching king salmon in our nets up in Barrow. We are catching king crab 40 miles south of Barrow."

The increase in seafood will bring more commercial fisheries, and Brower said he was concerned about the state and federal policies that would be developed to deal with that impact on Arctic villages.

From Our Family To Yours...

**PAUL'S
TRANSMISSION**

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**

✓ Free Inspections & Test Drives

SANTA MONICA: 825 Olympic Blvd.

CULVER CITY: 11526 Washington Blvd.

(310) 450-6873

(310) 391-0533

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

**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

*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

Governors hammering out immigration proposal

BY PAUL DAVENPORT

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — Arizona Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano and Utah Republican Gov. Jon Huntsman are beginning work on a possible bipartisan immigration reform plan.

They plan to submit the proposal to fellow governors in hopes it could help Congress take action in ways acceptable to states.

"We are very focused on making certain as the national debate on immigration moves forward that the concerns of these states" are taken into consideration, said Mike Mower, deputy chief of staff to Huntsman. "We recognize this is a federal issue."

Napolitano, chair of the Western Governors' Association, told reporters Wednesday that the talks are in preliminary stages, and she declined comment when asked what elements it might eventually include.

However, Napolitano spoke favorably of an immigra-

tion reform bill sponsored by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

The Kennedy-McCain bill would allow illegal immigrants to work in the United States for up to six years. After that, they either must leave or be in the pipeline for a green card, which denotes lawful permanent residency.

Other competing bills include one by U.S. Rep. J.D. Hayworth, R-Ariz., to toughen border enforcement and one by Republican Sens. Jon Kyl of Arizona and John Cornyn of Texas to require illegal immigrants to return to their home countries before applying for a temporary worker program.

Napolitano said there is no deadline to finish a proposal, but Mower said during a telephone interview that it should be circulated to fellow governors by January in order to influence U.S. Senate action expected early next year.

The idea is to first circulate any proposal through the Western Governors' Association, but Huntsman also planned to discuss the immigration issue with fellow Republican governors during a meeting this week in

Carlsbad, Calif. "We're interested in getting comment from governors nationwide," Mower said.

Arizona is the nation's busiest entry point for illegal immigrants, and Napolitano and other state officeholders have urged the federal government to toughen its enforcement efforts and to fully reimburse the state for costs stemming from illegal immigration.

Napolitano and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson earlier this year declared states of emergency in border counties in each state because of border-related problems.

Utah is not a border state, but illegal immigration is a concern because of costs and other impacts on schools, health care and other aspects of the state, Mower said. "Our residents are very concerned and we're very concerned that immigration be addressed from a state perspective."

Huntsman plans to discuss immigration issues Friday with Mexico's ambassador to the United States when the diplomat visits the Utah Capitol, Mower said.

Mexican lawmakers are courting voters in United States

BY ANABELLE GARAY

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Lawmakers from Mexico's governing party are trying to capture the interest of potential voters living in the United States by embarking on a tour through four American states.

Millions of voters living in the U.S. could help sway the 2006 Mexican presidential election, and the lawmakers are hoping to capitalize on that with the tour beginning in Texas Friday in Dallas and San Antonio.

"Those of us that live here maybe have more of a responsibility because we can see how a first-rate country works ... very different from ours," said Oscar Colmenero Morin, a Houston resident helping organizing one lawmaker's visit there.

Mexico's National Action Party faces a challenge to stay in power. Five years after a historic win of the presidency, voters have become disillusioned with President Vicente Fox, saying he failed to deliver on some of his campaign promises.

Legislators from the party will visit California, Illinois, Texas and New York in December, making themselves available to Mexican immigrants, organizations and Spanish media.

Friday in Dallas, delegates were expected to discuss conditions in Mexico and immigrants' rights, said Jose Natera, a Fort Worth businessman from the Mexican state of Guanajuato who is coordinating one of the meetings.

Overall, some 11 million Mexicans live abroad, most in the United States. About 4 million are believed to be registered voters, government officials estimate.

Before, they had to travel to Mexico to vote. But Mexican lawmakers have approved the country's first absentee ballot plan. Voters must send absentee ballot request forms by Jan. 15. Once registered, they can cast ballots at the closest consulate.

Electoral workers were dispatched to take absentee ballot registration forms to airports, land crossings and customs checkpoints along Mexico's border with the United States. But many voters have complained about the lack of information on the new program and say registration is confusing.

"We have very few people registering from here in the U.S.," said Colmenero.

The National Action Party won control of the presidency when Fox was elected in 2000, after seven decades of Mexico's Institutional Revolutionary Party holding the post.

Former Mexico City Mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, a member of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party, currently has a slight lead other candidates in the polls.



Is your
COMPUTER
running too slowly?

www.LANerdSquad.com

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



(800) 231-5164

15 Years of Service to Southern California

"World Famous"

Big Dean's Cafe

AT SANTA MONICA BEACH

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

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

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

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

At Santa Monica Beach in front of the historic merry-go-round, just below & southeast of the pier.
This location has been here since 1902

WEIGHT PROBLEMS?

ACUPUNCTURE - 5000 YEARS OF HEALING

FREE CONSULT & EXAM (\$100 VALUE)

HERBAL MEDICINE TOO
MOST INSURANCE ACCEPTED!

(310) 255-0531

Hanah Eastern Medicine
2701 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite 101



Hoon C. Kim
L.Ac., Dipl. Ac.

There is only one happiness
in life, to love and be loved.



CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO

Goes Photography & Video

Los Angeles Westlake Newport Beach San Diego

www.Goesphotography.com
310.393.7274



There are many printers, but can they
turnaround 3 million movie posters in
42 hours? Imagine 70,000 sheets per hour
and 6,000 boxes drop shipped. We did it
for Star Wars, we can do it for you.
We get the job done.

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 • 3rd generation family owned and operated

PRINTING

- Posters
- Outdoor
- Banners
- Sales sheets
- Brochures
- Stationary
- P.O.P. displays
- Standeers
- 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
- 8-sheets
- 30-sheets
- Bulletins
- Bus shelters
- Bus kings
- Bus benches
- Bus wraps

SUPPORT LOCAL B2B



Troops targeting suspected safe area

BY CHRIS TOMLINSON

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. and Iraqi troops launched an operation in western Iraq to clear insurgents from a suspected safe area used to make car and roadside bombs, the military said Wednesday.

The campaign came as President Bush defended his Iraq policy in a major speech, saying more Iraqi security forces are increasingly taking the lead in battle but that “this will take time and patience.”

About 1,500 U.S. Marines from the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 500 U.S. soldiers and 500 Iraqi soldiers were taking part in Operation Iron Hammer near Hit, 85 miles west of Baghdad, a U.S. Marine statement said. The forces would concentrate efforts in the Hai Al Becker region, where U.S. and Iraqi troops rarely patrol, it added.

“The Hai Al Becker region is suspected to be an al-Qaida in Iraq safe area and base of operations for the manufacture of vehicle car bombs, roadside bombs,” the military said.

It added that the area is believed to be a stopping point for insurgents traveling down the Euphrates River from Syria into Iraq.

In the central town of Baqouba, unidentified gunmen opened fire on a minibus early Wednesday, killing nine construction workers and wounding two, police said.

Following a new wave of kidnappings in which five Westerners were abducted since the weekend, German Chancellor Angela Merkel vowed that her government will “not let ourselves be blackmailed” by those who took a German archaeologist hostage.

“The government is doing everything in its power to bring the German citizen and her driver as soon as possible to safety,” Merkel said.

Kidnappers have threatened to kill Susanne Osthoff and her Iraqi driver, who were kidnapped Friday, unless Germany halts all contacts with the Iraqi government. German TV station ARD showed images of what appeared to be Osthoff and her driver blindfolded on the floor beside armed and masked militants.

The other four abducted Westerners were members of Christian Peacemaker Teams, a group that has had activists in Iraq since October 2002. The group listed those abducted as Tom Fox, 54, of Clearbrook, Va.; Norman Kember, 74, of London; and James Loney, 41, and Harmeet Singh Sooden, 32, of Canada.

On Tuesday, Al-Jazeera broadcast video of the four men held by a previously unknown group calling itself the Swords of Righteousness Brigade. The group claimed they were spies working under the cover of Christian peace activists.

Christian Peacemaker Teams said it was saddened by the videotape of their workers, who the statement said were working against the occupation of Iraq.

“We are angry because what has happened to our teammates is the result of the actions of the U.S. and U.K. government due to the illegal attack on Iraq and the continuing occupation and oppression of its people,” the group said.

“We are some of the few internationals left in Iraq who are telling the truth about what is happening to the Iraqi people. We hope that we can continue to do this work and we pray for the speedy release of our beloved teammates.”

Loney, a community worker, was leading the Christian group’s delegation in Iraq.

A German newspaper, the Neue Osnabruecker Zeitung, reported that Osthoff had received a kidnap threat last summer from extremists linked to al-Qaida in Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and that U.S. soldiers brought her from Mosul to Baghdad for her own safety.

Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, a U.S. military spokesman, said he was unaware of the report but if true, such a move would have been with the knowledge of the German government and “we would ultimately leave it to them” to comment.

Germany has ruled out sending troops to Iraq and opposed the U.S.-led war, but it has been training Iraqi police and military outside the country.

Six Iranian pilgrims were seized Tuesday near a Shiite religious shrine north of Baghdad, police said. Iranian state TV said Tuesday that all six were released but it contradicted that report on Wednesday, saying that only

two of the six Iranians were freed. Both of the freed hostages were women, while four men remain captive.

Iranian television reported that all were freed Tuesday night.

The latest attacks are part of a new wave of kidnappings police fear is aimed at disrupting the Dec. 15 parliamentary elections.

Iraq was swept by a wave of kidnappings and beheadings of foreigners in 2004 and early 2005, but such attacks have dropped off in recent months as many Western groups have left and security precautions for those who remain have tightened.

Insurgents have seized more than 225 people, killing at least 38.

It was unclear whether the recent kidnappings were the work of a single group or simply coincidental. Police believed they may be part of an insurgent campaign to discredit the government and disrupt the elections.

“Terrorists will try to destabilize the situation during the election period” in order to discourage people from voting, police Maj. Falah Mohammedawi said. “They will try to do this through kidnappings, assassinations and threats to citizens. We have our complete security plan to confront this.”

U.S. and Iraqi officials hope a big turnout in the elec-

tion will undermine the insurgency and improve chances for the United States and its partners to begin reducing troop levels in Iraq next year.

Facing criticism and impatience about the conflict, Bush said in his speech that Iraqi forces have not always performed well in combat but have made substantial progress in the past year.

“As the Iraqi forces grow more capable, they are increasingly taking the lead in the fight against the terrorists,” he told a supportive audience at the U.S. Naval Academy, in Annapolis, Md. “Our goal is to train enough Iraqi forces so they can carry the fight against the terrorists.”

Bush’s speech did not break new ground or present a new strategy. Instead, it was intended to bring together in one place the administration’s arguments for the war and explain its strategy on a military, economic and political track.

His address was accompanied by the release of a 35-page White House document titled “National Strategy for Victory in Iraq.” Bush said the document was an unclassified version of the strategy that was being pursued in Iraq.

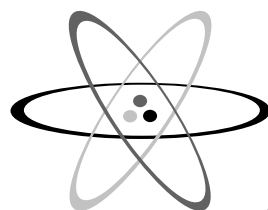
The plan says increasing numbers of Iraqi troops have been equipped and trained, a democratic government is being forged, Iraq’s economy is being rebuilt and U.S. military and civilian presence will change as conditions improve.

WHAT’S THE BEST WAY TO REACH YOUR MARKET?

CREATE
THINK
COOL
IMAGINE

Atomic Creative Group. Full-Service Project Management. Advertising. Marketing. Public Relations. Production

INSIGHT
QUICK



Atomic
CREATIVE GROUP, INC

**We’re the
best in finding
creative
advertising
solutions
for your
business.**

400 Continental Blvd., 6th Floor, Suite 143 • El Segundo, CA 90245
Phone 310.426.2456 Fax 310.426.2458 Email atomiccreativegroup@gmail.com



COMICS

The Dinette Set by Julie Larson



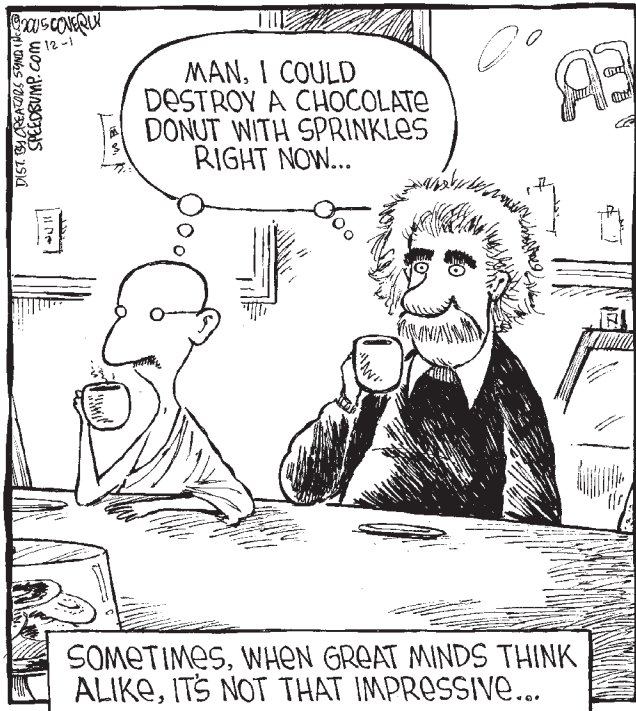
edge city by TERRY & PATTY LABAN



Garfield® By Jim Davis

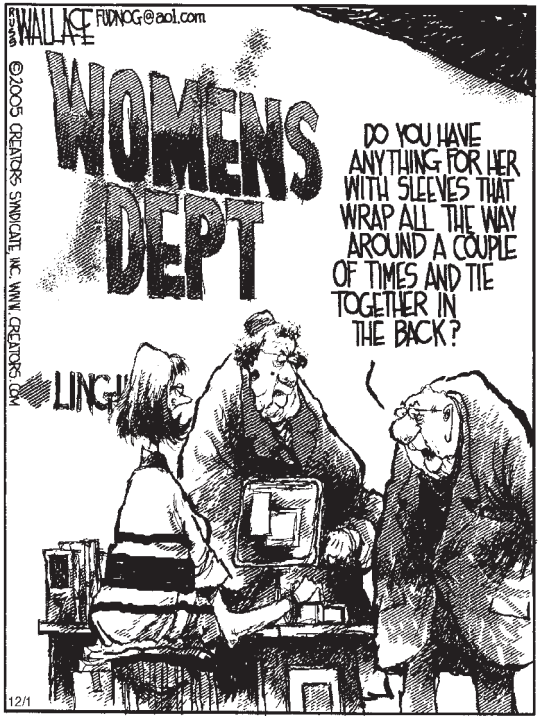


Speed Bump® By Dave Coverly



Natural Selection®

By Russ Wallace



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Lip
- 5 Like a cup of hemlock
- 11 Reed instrument
- 12 Take to the skies
- 13 Change
- 14 Crammed
- 15 Nail type
- 17 URL bit
- 18 Spud, e.g.
- 22 Island south of Sicily
- 24 Future fern
- 25 Wonderment
- 26 John's "Pulp Fiction" co-star
- 27 Critical asset
- 30 Ping producer
- 32 Holyfield rival
- 33 Hoary
- 34 Phil Silvers role
- 38 Dog star
- 41 Turn suddenly
- 42 Sci-fi threat
- 43 Land in the sea
- 44 Prepare

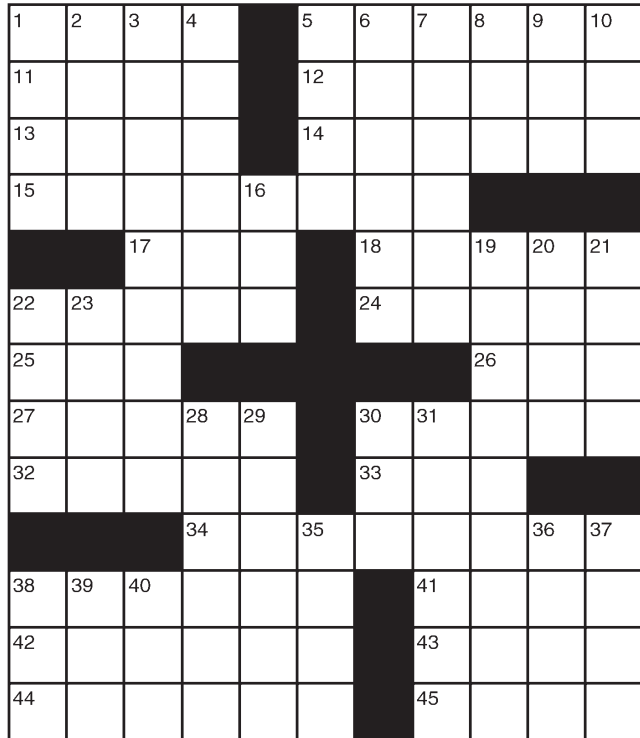
- 45 African vipers

DOWN

- 1 Feathery
- 2 Fit
- 3 Silent
- 4 Voluptuous star
- 5 Croquet setting
- 6 History makeup
- 7 Neaten the room
- 8 Crone
- 9 Put away
- 10 Took first place
- 16 H look-alike
- 19 Vast
- 20 Writer Bombeck

- 21 Caboose setting
- 22 Lauer of "Today"
- 23 Not at home
- 28 Flings
- 29 Diesel invention
- 30 Express despair
- 31 "Twelfth Night" heroine
- 35 Lab event
- 36 Seaweed
- 37 Metal sources
- 38 Trail
- 39 Stout
- 40 Trainer's command

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



12-1

CLASSIFIEDS

CALL NOW!

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

310.458.7737

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

Bruce Rudman
Architects+Engineers

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

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

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

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Announcements
Creative
Employment
For Sale
Furniture
Pets
Boats

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

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

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

Employment**ADVERTISING SALES**

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

BELL RINGERS needed for the Salvation Army holiday season. Apply at 1533 4th St., SM or call (310) 451-1358 x118.

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT needed. Prior experience in a medical/chiropractic office required. Work roughly 30 hrs a week (\$9-12/hour)-plus bonuses available! Fax or email resume: (310) 452-2566 (dcnotmd@yahoo.com)

★ **ADVERTISING SALES** ★

Seeking: Self-Motivated, Energetic, Experienced Professionals.

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

• **High Commissions • Paid Weekly**
• **Leads Furnished**
Newspapers • Magazines
Classified & Display: Real Estate, Ethnic, Entertainment, Military, Business, Finance...

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

DOCTORS OFFICE Clerical Position FT/PT. Must multi-task well. Salary flexible depending on experience. Fax resume to 310-582-1223

Employment
**INVESTMENT SALES:
OIL AND GAS. DRILLING AND
OIL PRODUCTION IS PAYING
HIGH RETURN TO INVESTORS.**

***Great Santa Monica Offices**
***Bigger than Real Estate**
***Great Qualified Leads**
***Great \$\$ support system & staff**
***Office is open 9-6, M-F & Sat**
***Here's the catch:**
“For Closers Only”

Potential Earnings, 15-20K per month

CALL MR. BOND
(310) 394-9800

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

GRAPHIC ARTIST/ designer for children's furniture and accessory line web page. Contingency pay. Jonathan (310) 828-7594

IMMEDIATE OPENING for an Order Entry/ Customer service for local office. Will assist owner, order entry, clerical duties to include, phones, filing, computer literate a must. Send resume to (323) 890-9677

MUSIC AIRPLAY email promotion intern. job@radio-media.com

NAZARETH HOUSE, a Long Term Care Facility in West LA has an opening for a full-time Bookkeeper/Business Office Coordinator. Must have an associate degree in accounting or business related field or equivalent experience. Send resume to mbrody@nazarethhouse.org or call Sister Margaret at 310.839.2361

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

Employment

NAZARETH HOUSE, a Long Term Care Facility in West LA has an opening for part-time RN or LVN for day and evening shifts. To apply send resume to mbrody@nazarethhouse.org or call Sister Margaret at 310.839.2361

NEW TAXI COMPANY needs day and night dispatchers and drivers. Call Don (310) 466-4063.

PART-TIME COMPUTER trainer needed. 2 years experience, working with youth. \$15/hr. Johnny Ramirez (310) 396-7101, called2uplift@aol.com.

RADIO PUBLICITY promoter P/T 7am. (310) 998-8305 ext. 82.

SALES CLERK for busy retail cart on the Third Street Promenade. Full time/part time. Some sales experience needed. Clothing sales helpful. Hourly/commission. Available immediately. Call 310-926-8786 or email sjooma@msn.com.

SALES, TILE and marble SM showroom. Inside/ outside sales. (310) 995-5136. Fax resume (310) 451-0085.

W.I. SIMONSON Mercedes Benz is seeking part-time service cashier. Afternoons and Saturdays. Excellent starting pay. Cashiering experience required. Call Steven Hogarth at (310) 829-4511 ext. 250.

For Sale

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

Pets

VIZSLA AKC dual champ lines. Born 10/08/05 \$1000. (818) 700-0202.

Vehicles for sale

 **'01 RAV4** \$14,988
Cert, 42Kmi, PwrPkg (024808)
(800) 579-6047
TOYOTA SANTA MONICA

Vehicles for sale

 **'02 4RUNNER** \$16,988
SRS, Cert, White (227662)
(800) 579-6047
TOYOTA SANTA MONICA

Your ad could run here!
☎ Call us today at (310) 458-7737

 **'02 COROLLA S** \$11,988
Cert, Excellent Condition (S23067)
(800) 579-6047
TOYOTA SANTA MONICA

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

 **'03 ECHO** \$11,988
Cert, Auto, 35+MPG (280188)
(800) 579-6047
TOYOTA SANTA MONICA

 **'96 CAMRY LE** \$6,988
Auto, P-Pkg, Stereo (825699)
(800) 579-6047
TOYOTA SANTA MONICA

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

 **'97 JETTA** Only \$15,988
5 Spd, Black, Nice Cond. (048951)
(800) 579-6047
TOYOTA SANTA MONICA

\$\$ CASH FOR CARS \$\$

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

Vehicles for sale

 **MITSUBISHI**
Santa Monica

FREE GAS
Courtesy of
Mitsubishi Motors

1997 Audi Quattro AWD Wagon
Black, Loaded
\$11,995 VIN# VN001994

2004 Ford Focus Zx5
Only 16K Loaded
\$12,995 VIN# 4R109335

2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse GT
Spyder, Convertible, 52K Miles
\$12,995 VIN# IE085890

2002 Toyota 4 Runner LMTD.
Only 36K
\$22,995 VIN# 20243621

2005 Mitsubishi Lancer EVO 8
AWD, 2K Miles, Perfect!
\$27,995 VIN# SU016502



1100 Santa Monica Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90404
866-925-3333

Vehicles for sale

Claude Short
Auto Sales Dealer

91 TOYOTA CELICA GT
CONVERTIBLE
VIN 066380 \$2,495

92 NISSAN MAXIMA
LIC: 3CMZ581 \$2,795

96 FORD TAURUS GL
SEDAN
VIN: 207901 \$1,995

96 DODGE GRAND
CARAVAN ES
VIN: 433524 \$5,955

98 CHRYSLER
SEBRING CONV.
VIN: 286770 \$5,995

00 DODGE DURANGO
SLT + 4X4
VIN: 272101 \$10,995

(310) 395-3712

Instruction

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

For Rent

5 SKI RESORTS, 2b/2b Condo, sleeps 6, mountain views, hot tub, one block to shuttle, 106C River Glen, Frisco, CO., 800-826-7706, www.bighornrentals.com/S441f.htm

For Rent

14 OZONE Ave. Sunny large 2bdrm, 1bath w/2 balconies and unbelievable ocean views! 1/2 block to beach with 1 car garage parking. 1 year lease, no pets. No smoking. \$2250 (310) 396-4443 x2002 ellynesis.com

1423 24TH St. Charming bungalow in delightful garden setting. Located on a quiet tree-lined cul-de-sac just adjacent to the St. Josephs Hospital on Santa Monica Bl. Environmentally friendly materials. Very nicely appointed apartment constructed with eco-friendly technology. 1 year lease. No pets or smokers. \$1395. (310) 396-4443 x 2002 ellynesis.com

2201 OCEAN AVE. STORAGE SPACE located just off North Venice Blvd. Highly desirable location. (310) 396-4443 x2002 ellynesis.com

349 5TH Ave. Quaint bungalow in garden setting. Very private and quiet. 1 year lease. No pets or smokers. \$1700. (310) 396-4443 x 2002 ellynesis.com

354 RENNIE Ave. Beautiful 2 Bedroom apartment close to Beach and Venice commercial centers. Very spacious unit with lots of light. 1 year lease. No pets or smokers. \$1800. (310) 396-4443 x 2002 ellynesis.com

50 BREEZE Ave. Sunny studio, 1 block from beach. Hardwood floors and full kitchens. Clean, controlled access building. 1 year lease, no pets, no smoking. \$975. (310) 396-4443 x 2002 ellynesis.com

GOT ADVERTISING?

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

Call us about the Service Directory, it's only

\$204 a month!!

Santa Monica Daily Press

(310) 458-7737



CLASSIFIEDS

For Rent

50 BREEZE Ave. Sunny studio, 1 block from beach, upper unit. Hardwood floors, full kitchen. 1 year lease, no pets. Clean, controlled access building. \$975. (310) 396-4443 x 2002
ellynesis.com

53 PALOMA Ave. Charming single, Full Kitchen. 1 block from beach on quiet walk street, Craftsman Building. 1 year lease, no pets. \$875. (310) 396-4443 x2002. ellynesis.com

BEAUTIFUL
MONTANA GARDENS

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

Daily meals, laundry, housekeep- ing, utilities, and cable. 1 Bdrm, 1 Bath + Full Kitchen. Seniors and all ages welcome.

NOW AVAILABLE

\$2,800/MO

(310) 245-9436

BEST
RENTALS

ELLY NESIS Co. INC
(310) 396-4443
ellynesis.com

HOWARD MANAGEMENT GROUP
310-869-7901

1214 Idaho 2+1 \$2150
1835 7th 1+1 \$1295
1014 6th 1+1 \$1895

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

MAR VISTA 11924 Courtleigh Dr #5. 1+1 \$925/mo. Stove, fridge, carpet, laundry, blinds, utilities included, intercom entry, parking, no pets. (310) 737-7933

MAR VISTA 12309 Culver Blvd, 1+1 \$900/mo. Fridge, carpet, laundry, blinds, utilities incl., intercom entry, gated parking, no pets (310) 578-7512

PALMS BACHELOR, 3623 Keystone Ave #5, \$725/mo. Fridge, microwave, carpet, blinds, laundry, utilities included, parking, no pets (310) 578-7512

SANTA MONICA
\$1099/mo

1bdrm/1bath. Month-to-month lease. Hardwood floors, walking distance to promenade/ beach. (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA
\$1150/mo

1bdrm/1bath. Quiet and spacious. Dishwasher, plenty of closets, sunlight, windows. (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA
\$1495/mo

2bdrms/1bath. Laundry, refrigerator, stove, parking, new kitchen, new plush carpet. (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA
\$1500/mo

2bdrm/1bath. Upper, 1 car driveway, laundry, quiet neighborhood, new carpets. (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

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

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

507 Raymond, \$995
Upper studio, remodeled, Utilities paid, near Main St.

2004 19th St. \$2095
3 bed, front house of triplex
Hardwood floors, shared yard

Venice/WLA
Palms/Rancho Pk

21 S. Venice Blvd., Venice, \$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

10611 Ayres, Rancho Park, \$2300
Duplex, upper 3 bed, 2 bath, New carpet, garage, shared backyard

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

SANTA MONICA
\$1495.00.

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

SANTA MONICA
\$1650/mo

2bdrms/2bath. Carpet, floors, lower, 2 car parking, laundry, patio fireplace. (3 1 0) 3 9 5 - R E N T
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA
\$2400/mo

3bdrm/2bath. Hardwood floors, laundry, dining room, dishwasher, washer/dryer. (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA
\$875/mo

studio/1bath. Hardwood floors, parking included, sepearate kitchen. Closet/ storage space. (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA
\$900/mo

1bdrm/1bath. Carpet and tile. No pets. Near college. Available 12/01/05

For Rent

(3 1 0) 3 9 5 - R E N T
www.westsiderentals.com.

SANTA MONICA
\$900/mo

bachelor/1bath. Hardwood floors, laundry, refrigerator, walk-in closet, microwave, vaulted ceiling. (310) 395-RENT
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA 1+1, 1833 16th St, Unit 8. \$895/mo \$200 off move-in. Stove, fridge, carpet, blinds, no pets. (310) 578-7512.

SANTA MONICA 1244 11th St., #H. 2+1.5 large lower. Stove, carpets, blinds, laundry, parking, no pets. \$1575, \$300 off move-in. (310) 393-6322.

SANTA MONICA: 10TH St. & Idaho, 2 bdrm/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

SANTA MONICA \$2400/mo
3bdrms/2bath. Hardwood floors. Dishwasher, patio, washer/dryer, microwave, refrigerator, stove. (3 1 0) 3 9 5 - R E N T
www.westsiderentals.com

WESTCHESTER: 7825 Yorktown Place. 4bdrm/ 2bath house. Cul-de-sac. \$2995/mo, \$500 off move-in. Stove, dishwasher, washer/ dryer hook-ups, fireplace, patio, small backyard, utilities, cat ok with deposit. (310) 578-7512

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.

BEACH AREA office rental Santa Monica. Must have 501©(3) status. 2nd Floor in 107 year-old Church with staff parking. 190 sq. ft. \$550/month. 310-399-1631, churchop@aol.com

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

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

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

SMALL OFFICE suites available for lease in WLA. 400-575 sqft, \$1.95 per sqft. Call (310) 826-5505.

Commercial Lease

NAI CAPITAL COMMERCIAL

Christina S. Porter
Vice President

1,164 sf of creative office. Newly remodeled. Turn Key. Roll up door. Phone system, furniture included. \$3.00/pkg
(310) 806-6104 cporter@naicapital.com

310-440-8500 x.104

LEARN TO SURF LA
Surf Lessons

Private and Group
Equipment provided
CPR certified
310-920-1265
Camp@learntosurf.la.com

Real Estate

★ Where to Turn ★
When Your Home
Doesn't Sell
Read this Free Report
before relisting your home,
and discover 4 critical issues to
ensure that your home sells fast
and for top dollar.
Free recorded message

ID# 1019.
www.matillarealty.com
1-888-465-4534

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

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

Storage Space

DOUBLE GARAGE: electric door, 12th Street, North of Wilshire. Storage only \$750. (310) 395-6122

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

\$ 1 0 . 0 0
OFF

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

HEALING EXOTIC Russian Massage by blonde, young Russian Female. (310) 210-1436 Olga.

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

THE BLIND MASSEUR, the best looking man alive/ long time body builder is now licensed and certified in the art of Swedish massage. Call Malibu Mike (310) 396-0191 \$60.

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

Business Opps

WORK FROM home online! Start your own internet business free. Make money 24/7 with our full automated system.
www.automaticbuilder.com/29706.

Yard Sales

MOVING SALE. Furniture, kitchenware, air conditioners and much more. Saturday, December 3, 9am-2pm. 1514 7th St, Apt 4, SM, corner of Broadway and 7th.

DBAS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2470577 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Twist Punch Music, Twist Punch Publishing, Twist Punch, 14 Privateer St., Apt. 2, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292. The full name of registrant(s) is(are) : Christopher Matthew Rash, 14 Privateer St., Apt. 2, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/15/2005. /s/: Christopher M. Rash This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/13/05. 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 11/10/2005, 11/17/2005, 11/24/2005, 12/1/2005

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

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

CLASSIFIEDS



PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE SANTA MONICA

SERVICE DIRECTORY

8 7 7 - W E - G E T - E M

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

Services

Gen. Contracting

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

Leave Cleaning To The Experts!



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

SAVE \$15 ON
YOUR FIRST 3 VISITS

Entertainment

PRO VIOLINIST

Classy, elegant
entertainment creates
a memorable wedding,
party or event.

Award-winner, soloist
at prestigious music fests.

Classical, pop, etc.



Call Sandra
(310) 433-9355

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 bene-
fits 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.



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

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

WESTSIDE GUYS

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

808 35/HR (310) 266-6348
CALEB 25/HR (310) 409-3244



Services

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



Health

Chiropractic & Acupuncture



Victoria D. Lucas
D.C., L.Ac.

- Acupuncture
- Chiropractic
- Massage Therapy/Physiotherapy
- Herbal/Homoeopathic Medicine
- Nutritional/Weight Counseling
- Treatment of allergies
- Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Personal Injury

(310) 260-9609

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

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

Insurance

**FINALLY,
AFFORDABLE
HEALTH INSURANCE IS
AVAILABLE**

Call Dave Hagberg
(800) 801-6777

46 Years in the Business

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

Services

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

METICULOUS PAINTING & DRYWALL

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



PAINTING

Top quality A&A
Custom, Interior
and Exterior

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



YOUR AD

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

Pet Services



**PROFESSIONAL
PET SITTING
AND WALKING**

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

Services

Pool and Spa

Padilla

POOL & SPA

SERVICE & REPAIRS

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

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

STILL SMOKING?

Life is short —
Why make it shorter
John J. McGrail, C.Ht.



Certified
Hypnotherapist

(310) 235-2883
www.hypnotherapylosangeles.com

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

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,
macninas@mac.com

CALL US FIRST

PC/Laptop
Sales &
Service



We set up
remote offices,
DSL, Internet
& Wireless.

Computer cleanup our specialty
- viruses & spyware
Home or office.

Call us LAST
Amicus Technology
(310) 670-4962

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



(800) 231-5164

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



Rob's Organic Carpet Care

Cleaning your home with safe, non-toxic products

Santa Monica 310-729-2931

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
Reader Recognition Award



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
+ 88¢ + 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 12/02/05

PRE-OWNED CARS

1308 SANTA MONICA BLVD • SM
310-453-2045

