

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues

DAILY LOTTERY

SUPER LOTTO
24 30 34 37 43
Meganumber: 27
Jackpot: \$40 Million

FANTASY 5
12 19 28 30 35

DAILY 3
Daytime: 8 6 6
Evening: 7 0 8

DAILY DERBY
1st: 07 Eureka !
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 02 Lucky Star

RACE TIME: 1:46.59
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

Bryan Perley, who apparently held a grudge against a child-support case-worker, was charged in Orlando, Fla., with several felony counts when he tried to arrest her by impersonating a military officer and holding a fake, handwritten arrest warrant. When the woman's colleagues would not cooperate with him, Perley actually called for police backup, according to a report by WFTV-TV. He told the dispatcher, "(The colleagues) don't understand the chain of command in government. I've warned them."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 356th day of 2005.
There are nine days left in the year.

On Dec. 22, 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brigadier General Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly replied "Nuts!" when the Germans demanded that the Americans surrender.

In 1807, Congress passed the Embargo Act, designed to force peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Time is the thief you cannot banish."
PHYLLIS MCGINLEY
AMERICAN POET AND AUTHOR (1905-1978)

INDEX

Horoscopes	
Where the party is, Scorpio	2
Snow & Surf Report	
Water temperature: 60°	3
Opinion	
Don't phone it in	4
State	
Barking up wrong tree	5
Business	
Out of house and home	8
National	
Drilling interruptus	12
International	
Hussein back on hot seat	15
Comics	
Laugh it up	16
Classifieds	
Ad space odyssey	17-19

Surf's up, dude — way up

Pacific storm 600 miles off shore generates mammoth waves; Venice Pier sustains damage



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

POINT BREAK? A lone surfer just off Bay Street is undeterred by Wednesday morning waves that eclipsed 10 feet in Santa Monica, and reached even higher in Venice.

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA BEACH — The Pacific storm that brought waves well over 10 feet high crashing onto the coastline Wednesday isn't expected to let up until next Thursday.

Local lifeguards said they are braced for high surf well into next week, after the first and strongest portion of a Pacific storm produced the highest waves in years on Santa Monica's shores.

Santa Monica's Harbor Patrol said the north and south lower-fishing decks of the Santa Monica Pier were closed on Wednesday and will be considered for public use on a day-by-day basis until the surf subsides.

Visitors are welcomed to view the recent wild tide from the top deck of the pier, which will likely remain open in the coming days,

"No one should be in the water right now ... All it takes is one second, and your child's gone. That's how powerful the water is."

— WAYNE SALKOSKI
Harbor Patrol officer

lifeguards said. Taking in the view from a safe place, however, is as close to the water as lifeguards want the public to get, until the tide relents.

"One thing I've been seeing a lot of is parents letting their children run in and out of the water," said Wayne Salkoski, harbor officer. "That is so dangerous. No one should be in the water right now, especially children."

"All it takes is one second, and you're child's gone. That's how

powerful the water is."

Salkoski said his experienced crew of lifeguards are being knocked on their rear ends when they try to swim.

On Wednesday, the pier and surrounding beaches suffered no property damage.

Neighboring Venice wasn't so lucky. Large waves, some reported to be 15 feet, damaged the Venice Pier, where two bathrooms were

See SURF'S UP, page 10

LOCAL



YOLANDA KING

King for a day: MLK's daughter heads to SM

By Daily Press staff

Martin Luther King's first-born daughter is coming to Santa Monica to be part of the region's largest celebration of the Civil Rights leader.

Yolanda King, Martin Luther King's eldest daughter, will be the keynote speaker at

See KING, page 5

BIG HOLIDAY SALE!
KEYBOARDS • GUITARS • DRUMS
ORCHESTRA INSTRUMENTS • LESSONS
GIFT CERTIFICATES
(310) 453-1928
1901 Santa Monica Blvd. in Santa Monica
www.santamonicamusic.com

GABY SCHKUD
The name you can depend on!
Serving sellers and buyers
on the Westside.
2444 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 102
Santa Monica, CA 90403
(310) 586-0308
COLDWELL BANKER

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT IZZY'S
OPEN 24 HOURS
ON CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS
1433 Wilshire Blvd at 15th St
310-394-1131

REWARD YOURSELF...



Diamond White Gold
Huggy Earrings



SHOP WHERE THEY KNOW YOUR NAME

Visit us today and see the difference family makes.

Open Sundays 12/4-12/18 12pm-5pm & Regularly Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm



Eddie Guerboian

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

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

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

MEDICAL MARIJUANA EVALUATIONS

LEGALIZE YOURSELF



Complimentary, Confidential Consultation • Encrypted Medical Record
Compassionate Care, Expert Advice • Follows California Medical Board Guidelines

Craig S. Cohen. M.D.

8420 SANTA MONICA BLVD 310/623-7370
HOUSE CALLS AND SAME DAY APPOINTMENTS



EXPERT PIPE & LIGHTER REPAIR

Christmas Gifts Imported from 22 countries

MON-FRI. 9:30-7PM
SAT: 9:30-6PM
SUN: 11-4PM

EST. 1928

THE ORIGINAL

WE FEATURE THE WORLD'S FINEST IMPORTANT PIPES

2729 WILSHIRE BLVD., SANTA MONICA CA

Ph. (310) 828-4511

www.tinderboxsantamonica.com



HOROSCOPE

Where the party is, Scorpio

Santa Monica Daily Press



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll Have:

★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Develop a penchant for details now rather than later out of necessity. Make a list and make sure you do everything you need to before the weekend. Your efficiency counts. Tonight: A change in plans or an unexpected visitor is likely.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Think of a child who might need some extra care or who could be neglected in some way. Embody the true holiday spirit and express universal caring. A partner or dear loved one could be quirky. Tonight: Let your hair down.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You might have difficulty with others, especially someone who could have you tossing your hands in the air. Understand that you really cannot control anyone but yourself. Let go and become more comfortable. Tonight: Happy close to home.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might want to think through a decision before acting on it. You could create a lot more work for yourself or cause a hassle. Discuss implications before acting. Tonight: Handle errands before joining a pal.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You might become a little crazy with last-minute gifts or events. Consider buying a lottery ticket. You find that you cannot hold yourself back. A child or loved one could be testy. Remember that the holidays stress out many people. Tonight: Make sure you have mistletoe up.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Your good intentions come through with everyone but a family member. You might find that this person is really out of sync and that there is nothing you can do. Give him or her space to work through a problem. Tonight: Get into the moment.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ News might send you into a tizzy. Not everyone feels like you do, and you get the message loud and clear. How you deal with someone could be very different from how you'd intended to. Try not to get into a verbal battle or power struggle. Tonight: Take some time for yourself.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You find that friends and meetings will work for your purposes. You achieve your goals because of others. Do be careful with money, as you could easily go overboard, forcing you to adjust plans accordingly. Tonight: Where the celebrations are.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You're still carrying a lot of weight on your shoulders. Do what you must, but put a limit on what you will do. Remember, you, too, should be enjoying yourself. Make special plans with a parent or older relative. Tonight: Out late.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might need to make some calls and reach out to those at a distance. Don't forget to stop for a CD or DVD, whether it is for you or someone else. Remember the more spiritual tone of this holiday. Tonight: Do something special for someone who needs a hand.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Make time for a person who is important in your life. He or she adores you. You might exchange gifts early or simply do something special together. Cement this bond by not taking this person for granted. Tonight: Opt for one-on-one time rather than being with the gang.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Others want to celebrate. You might have a difficult time maintaining your share in a project. You are aware that responsibilities come first. Don't break into celebration until you finish your to-do list. Tonight: Just don't be alone.



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 MoNeY.T.LaRoK@\$smdp.Chum

CLASSIFIEDS SALES MANAGER

Annie Kotok annie@smdp.com

CIRCULATION

Keith Wyatt

CIRCULATION

Glenn Bolan

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Dave Danforth dave@smdp.com

MASCOT

Maya Furukawa maya@smdp.com

LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

StoryCorps project comes to Santa Monica

By Daily Press staff

Residents can help put Santa Monica on the map by participating in a project to record an oral history of America.

StoryCorps, a national initiative to document everyday history and the unique stories of America, is coming to the Third Street Promenade to collect stories from Southern Californians as part of its tour across the country.

The StoryCorps MobileBooth, a state of the art recording studio housed inside a silver airstream trailer, will be located at Wilshire Boulevard and Third Street, at the north end of Promenade.

StoryCorps is partnering with KCRW-Santa Monica 89.9 FM to create special programming exclusively for the station, based on the stories collected here. Select segments from StoryCorps air nationally on Friday mornings, during national public radio's morning edition — heard weekdays from 3 to 9 a.m. on KCRW.

At the StoryCorps MobileBooth sound studio, people participate in pairs and often friends or loved ones interview each other. A trained facilitator guides the participants through the interview process and handles the technical aspects of the recording. At the end of a 40-minute session, participants receive a CD of their interview. With their permission, a second copy is sent to the American Folklife Center (AFC) at the Library of Congress where it becomes part of a high-quality, digital archive that will eventually grow into an oral history of America.

StoryCorps was created by award-winning radio documentary producer and MacArthur Genius Award recipient Dave Isay. StoryCorps has been traveling across the country since May 2005 instructing and inspiring individuals to record one another's stories.

"Over the past two years, we've seen the profound effect StoryCorps has had on the lives of those who have participated in the project, and we've seen the power that these stories have had on the millions who have heard them on NPR and on the web," Isay said. "We believe that listening is an act of love."

With more than 3,000 stories already recorded, StoryCorps, the largest storytelling project ever undertaken, will collect more than 250,000 interviews over the next 10 years. In Santa Monica, StoryCorps anticipates recording at least 150 sto-

See BRIEFS, page 11

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS

DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM

BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 6	LIFTS OPEN 6/12
CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed				

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 20"	BASE DEPTH 24" - 36"	LIFT HOURS 8:30am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 35	LIFTS OPEN 6/16
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed, Obstacles				

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 60" - 84"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4 pm	RUNS OPEN 150	LIFTS OPEN 24/48
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 10	LIFTS OPEN 8/16
CONDITIONS: Machine Made, Hard Packed				

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 0"-1"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 0	LIFTS OPEN 0
CONDITIONS: N/A				

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 7:30 am - 9:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 8	LIFTS OPEN 8/13
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed				

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 5	LIFTS OPEN 5/11
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed				

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 60°

DATA PROVIDED BY WETSAND.COM

SWELL FORECAST (11-21 FT)

Today, the swell should start to back down, but we're still in for some heavy surf in the 12-15 foot range at least.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

Big westerly swell continues to hit the coast ...

Significant WNW swell hits NCal on Christmas, day after for SoCal...

Massive storm being tracked for NW swell potential on 27th-28th...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE:	5:07AM	3.0FT	6:50PM	0.3FT
HIGH TIDE:	1:25AM	3.5FT	11:07PM	4.9FT

WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE:	6:20AM	3.1FT	7:30PM	0.7FT
HIGH TIDE:	2:16AM	3.6FT	11:52PM	4.3FT

THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE:	8:01AM	3.0FT	8:12PM	1.0FT
HIGH TIDE:	3:03AM	3.8FT	12:52AM	3.8FT

FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE:	9:47AM	2.6FT	8:54AM	1.4FT
HIGH TIDE:	3:42AM	4.1FT	2:20AM	3.3FT

SURF AND SNOW QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? EMAIL ALEX@SMDP.COM



SURF CENTER santa monica

✱ Core Surf/Lifestyle Shop ✱

1451 THIRD STREET PROMENADE
IN SANTA MONICA • 310.656.CURL

The QLine

Sponsored by...

'Tis the season to be merry. Except, looking around, people are running all over town crazed, stressed and in a hurry. This week, the Daily Press asks everyone to stop for a moment and think about what has made them happy this year. So this week's Q-Line question is, "What are you grateful for?"

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

Got News?

If you see news happening or have something to report, call the Santa Monica Daily Press at our NEW tipline!

Call 310.285.TIPS (8477)

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



OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't hijack Winter Solstice in Christ's name

Editor:

The Witness Stand: "Society is missing the reason for the season" by Cliff Nichols (SMDP, Dec. 7, page 4) reads like a Fox News rant. Unfortunately, Cliff misses the meaning of the holiday season.

And the sad part is that American culture and rituals have regressed to the point that multiple media outlets are now parroting the religious right's talking points as "news." Campaigns promoting "Christmas" over the "holiday" season have become rather offensive for their blatant discrimination against other beliefs.

Besides, many Americans have become like Pavlov's dogs: Instead of salivating, we go on shopping binges when we hear the Salvation Army bell ringing. And, more importantly, let's not forget that "Christmas" was created in the fourth century AD by the Christian authorities in Rome to eliminate the Winter Solstice customs of Pagans.

Since Paganism is a religion, it too has its own set of rituals and customs, which are passed down from parent to child. These rituals include religious observations, rites of passage and even celebrations of the changing seasons. The effort to eliminate all Pagan rituals was never completely successful, and eventually many Winter Solstice customs were incorporated into Christmas observances. These ancient customs that have persisted for thousands of years help us recognize our links to the rest of humanity, past and present.

These include the Scandinavia winter festival, or Yule, celebrated by burning the hearth fires of the magically significant Yule log. Celtic Druid cultures celebrated Winter Solstice by hanging sacred mistletoe over a doorway or in a room to offer goodwill to visitors. Germanic tribes decorated a pine or fir tree with candles and tokens. The Romans celebrated this event with Saturnalia, a festival of merrymaking, and decorating their homes and temples with holly and evergreens. Also popular was the exchange of small gifts thought to bring luck on the recipient.

The Inca held midwinter ceremonies at temples that served as astronomical observatories like Machu Pichu. (By the way, mid winter in Peru is not in December, so jingle bells and snowmen don't play well in December.) Our celebration of "Christmas" has roots in many rituals and cultures not associated with the birth of Christ.

So, let's not hijack Winter Solstice in Christ's name, but let's embrace the diversity of our beliefs, rituals and customs and celebrate them all during this holiday season.

As a Christian, I wish you all a happy holiday.

PS: Christ Jesus, protect us from your followers!

Roger Swanson
Santa Monica

'Happy holiday' crowd on the run this ... holiday

NEWS ON THE EDGE

BY RON SCOTT SMITH



Welcome to chicken nation, where what appears to have become a timid citizenry cowers beneath its own crumbling pillars of freedom.

Where faux-fearless leaders have shepherded their flock into the valley of the shadow of death, where they shall fear all evil, and be so scared of dying that they would allow their phone conversations to be monitored at their leaders' whims, just in case one of the neighbors might be talking to somebody about how to blow up the neighborhood.

Should Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld or Gonzalez care to listen to what goes out over my wires, their ears would hardly burn. Stuff like, "Give me the Patriots, lay the seven," or "I know I've got to make it home for the holidays, mom," is the kind of treacherous dispatch that emanates from here most of the time, and from the rest of America too, I would imagine.

Make that "home for Christmas, mom," as I will not be one to wimp out on the war against the "war on Christmas," as has been officially declared by the Fox News bunch and their ilk, who always seem to need a war against something or other, especially now that the "War on Terror" is sort of losing its legs as a ratings blockbuster.

"The 'happy holiday' crowd is on the run," crowed a pumped up General Bill O'Reilly over and over again in the tense run-up to the liberation of Christmas, shocking and awing his charges into battle to save the season to be jolly. Does he build his case for war on faulty intelligence? His own? I report, you decide.

For Christ's sake, when I was just about 5 years old, even back there in conservative, small-town, Pennsylvania, we got over it real fast when we were told that "seasons greetings" or "happy holidays" may just be a better thing to say in some circumstances for the benefit of those who don't do Christmas. It was something even a 5-year-old could grasp, and in fact embrace. Because it opened our eyes maybe for the first time to the great diverse world that lay beyond our own little pink houses and white picket fences.

What? Not everybody does Christmas? Hmm. Can they be as good as us? Duh. The revelation was quick and certain for us 5-year-olds, so just what part of that concept does this whiny, adult, "war on Christmas" outfit find so hard to understand?

The best part of it is, on O'Reilly's Web site — where he shamelessly pitches every imaginable piece of low-rent merchandise, from cheap, plastic "no-spin-zone" coffee mugs to rubber doormats that say "the spin stops here" — he uses "happy holidays" in the text of all the promos on the site. By the way, just wondering, why would any human being anywhere slightly above moronic, have a Bill O'Reilly "the spin stops here" welcome mat at their front door? Oh well, diversity is as diversity does.

This "war on anything" crowd is always the loudest and the shrillest, always pounding their chests the hardest, but they really do appear to be nothing so much as a bunch of big scaredy-cats. Remember the duct tape and plastic sheets alert — one of the first official proclamations from the newly created Department of Homeland Security? And the absolutely bogus, laughable, color-coded terror alert thing? Is it still there?

To a man, none of the Fox right-radio types, or the Bush-Cheney leadership types, or the Pat Robertson-Jerry Falwell false-prophet types have ever taken a step anywhere close to any real war that they may have actually had a chance to serve in. Why is it so hard to name a right-wing war hero? From those who rail hardest for war, come the least actions that would actually put their own bodies on the line.

It bears asking, how many times has the current commander-in-chief been to the nation he so proudly reminds us he has liberated? It was once wasn't it? And that was on an unannounced, stealth visit to Baghdad during the presidential election season so he could have the ultimate photo-op of serving Thanksgiving turkey to a few soldiers. Even then, he flew into the airport in the dead of night with all lights out on the plane, for fear of being hit.

So have it as you will friends. Merry Christmas, seasons greetings, whatever. Just try to get a little peace on earth in there with it. But not by phone. You never know who might be listening.

(Ron Scott Smith can be reached at edgeofthewest@aol.com.)

Do you have community news?



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

Santa Monica Daily Press



ALL OPINIONS ARE EQUAL AT THE DAILY PRESS...

...PLEASE SEND LETTERS TO:

Santa Monica Daily Press: Att. Editor 1427 Third Street Promenade Suite 202 Santa Monica, CA 90401
Or email: editor@smdp.com

Puppy smugglers selling sick animals for profit

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Smugglers are buying puppies at rock-bottom prices in Mexico and selling them in the United States for up to \$1,000, often to animal lovers who later discover the canines are too sick or too young to survive on their own, authorities said.

The Border Puppy Task Force — a group of 18 animal control and health agencies and animal protection groups — said a two-week operation at San Diego's two border crossings confirmed what they long suspected: Mexico is a breeding ground for unscrupulous puppy peddlers.

"It's a profit-driven practice, it's a disturbing practice," said Capt. Aaron Reyes, director of operations at the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority in Los

Angeles County.

From Dec. 5 through Sunday, agents at the San Ysidro and Otay Mesa border crossings ordered vehicles carrying anything with "feathers, fleas, fur or fangs" to a separate area for more thorough inspections, Reyes said.

The vehicle searches turned up 362 puppies under 3 months old, 155 between 3 and 6 months and 1,061 adult dogs. Smuggled canines were found in trunks and under seats.

It's unclear exactly how many of those dogs were smuggled — it's legal to ferry dogs if they are declared at the border and they have rabies shots and health records — but Reyes said the "vast majority" of those under 3 months were probably contraband. About half the puppies between 3 and 6 months old were likely smuggled, he said.

King's daughter heads to SM to honor her late father's legacy

KING, from page 1

the celebration of Dr. King's life on Jan. 16.

King will be introduced by Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter Sr., who is the first dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College in Atlanta and the founder of the Gandhi Institute for Reconciliation.

The free event — which has become one of the largest celebrations of its kind in Southern California — will end with a march two blocks to the dedication of the new Martin Luther King, Jr. auditorium in the new Santa Monica Public Library.

The event is coordinated by the Martin Luther King, Jr. westside coalition, a non-profit coalition whose missions are consistent with King's legacy. It is cosponsored by Santa Monica College, the city of Santa Monica, and the SMC Associates.

The multi-ethnic, interfaith program also will include inspirational readings, music and presentations of scholarships. The theme is "State of the Union: A Time for Love, Not Hate; for Understanding, Not Anger; for Peace, Not War."

King is founder and CEO of Higher Ground Productions, an organization dedicated to teaching people to celebrate

diversity and embrace unity. She is a veteran speaker and actor who has performed or lectured in 49 of 50 states, as well as in Europe, Africa and Asia for educational, business, religious and civic organizations.

She is the author or co-author of two books, "Open My Eyes" and "Open My Soul and Embracing Your Power in 30 Days."

After receiving a bachelor's degree with honors from Smith College, King received a master's degree in theater from New York University, and directed and performed in productions in that area. As an actor, she has done several roles in films that have to do with social change, including playing Rosa Parks in the NBC-TV movie "King;" Dr. Betty Shabazz in the film "Death of a Prophet" and Medgar Evers' daughter Reena in "Ghosts of Mississippi."

King has received many honors and serves on the boards of several organizations dedicated to missions such as social change, justice and peace.

The event will be held at the Soka Gakai International auditorium, located at 525 Wilshire Blvd. The celebration begins at 9 a.m., and the dedication will be at noon.

For more information, call (310) 434-4003.



Britannia Pub

A Great Place To Anchor

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



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH XMAS EVE
Christmas Karaoke 9pm - Late NO COVER

SUNDAY, 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY
Open All Day, 11PM-1:30AM

HAPPY HOUR 4PM-7PM MON-FRI
ALL DOMESTICS \$2.50, WINE \$2.50, WELL DRINKS \$2.50

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

Full Bar. Heated Patio. Lunch Delivery Available.
Opening Hours 11^{AM} Monday-Friday, 9:30^{AM} Saturday-Sunday

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

FEELING STUCK?

Career Challenges?
Problems in Relationships?
Self Esteem Issues?

Examine self-defeating behavior & live more fully!
Learn new skills to obtain those elusive goals & dreams.

NEXT Santa Monica Workshop - Jan. 20TH
(Pacific Plaza - 1431 Ocean Ave.)

For more info or brochure call (310) 383-0005.

Register Early! Classes are small w/limited seating!



"She's SO hard to shop for!"

Not at Magellan's!
We have hundreds of items for the women in your life, and we can help you choose the perfect holiday gift.



Puckered Twinset, \$99.00

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



STATE

University of California retains Los Alamos deal

BY HEATHER CLARK

Associated Press Writer

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. — Despite a string of security lapses and allegations of fraud and mismanagement, the University of California has been awarded the contract to continue managing the Los Alamos laboratory that built the atomic bomb, the Energy Department said Wednesday.

Because of the scandals at Los Alamos, the government contract to run the nation's pre-eminent nuclear lab had been put out to bid this year for the first time in the lab's 63-year history.

Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman announced that a partnership of UC and the engineering giant Bechtel Corp. had prevailed over a rival team made up of the University of Texas and the defense contractor Lockheed Martin.

The contract is for up to \$512 million over seven years, with a provision to extend it to 20 years. It begins on June 1.

"This is a new contract with a new team, marking a new approach to the management of Los Alamos. It is not a continuation of the previous contract," Bodman said at a news conference in Washington.

UC President Robert C. Dynes said in a statement the contract decision signaled the beginning of a new era and expressed his confidence that Los Alamos workers will "continue to chart new frontiers and

help solve some of the greatest scientific and technological problems of our time."

"All of us at the University of California look forward to being a part of the great science yet to come at Los Alamos," Dynes said.

Bodman listed several goals of the new contract, among them to seek out best practices in government, industry and academia "to make laboratory performance better and cost less, thereby freeing up resources for research and development."

"It is a good decision for the American taxpayers. This new contract will put in place concrete measures of accountability, ensuring that the tax dollars spent at Los Alamos are well spent," he said.

The new management team — formally dubbed Los Alamos National Security LLC — also includes several New Mexico universities. Its new director is Michael Anastasio, who has served as head of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory since 2002.

All current Los Alamos lab employees, except top managers, are guaranteed jobs at the same pay and with mostly equivalent benefits, Bodman said.

The university has run the lab since it was created in the New Mexico desert in 1943 as part of the top-secret Manhattan Project to build the A-bomb. But because of bitter complaints in Congress about

All current Los Alamos lab employees, except top managers, are guaranteed jobs at the same pay and with mostly equivalent benefits.

security lapses and poor management, the contract was put up for competitive bidding.

This time, the university teamed up with Bechtel to give itself more managerial expertise.

The Los Alamos National Laboratory, with about 8,000 University of California employees and 3,000 contract workers, is one of the nation's three chief installations responsible for maintaining the U.S. nuclear arsenal and manufacturing weapons components.

The lab also conducts research on a host of topics of national interest, including miniaturized technology, genetics, computing, the environment and health.

In 1999, in a case that proved a major embarrassment for the government and the lab, Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee was jailed amid an investigation into possible Chinese espionage. The case proved to be weak, and Lee pleaded guilty to mishandling classified information and was released with an apology from a federal judge.

The lab was rocked by other security

lapses, as well as credit card abuses, theft of equipment and other instances of mismanagement.

Former lab investigator Glenn Walp, who was fired in 2002 after alleging mismanagement, fraud and cover-up at the lab, said he was disappointed that UC-Bechtel won.

"It's a blue Christmas for America," he said. Walp said UC deserves praise for the work it has done in the past, "but in the last 10 years, they're just incapable of running the lab that's so important to American security."

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said the new team would mark a "new era" at the lab.

"I particularly hope the new management team will clarify lines of authority and minimize bureaucracies so our scientists can focus on science," he said.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who had been supportive of UC's bid, said the decision "will allow the laboratory's great work to continue, under strong leadership, well into the future."

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Ignite your imagination at the Santa Monica Public Library!

Read Connect Relax and Learn!

Please join us on
Saturday, January 7, 2006
to celebrate the Grand
Opening of the new
Santa Monica Main Library.

The celebration begins at
10:00 a.m.
at 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
in Santa Monica.

For a calendar of events
please log on to
www.smpl.org



STATE



All is forgiven: Slate wiped clean for UC

BY MICHELLE LOCKE

Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. — The relationship between the University of California and the Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab began as a wartime affair conducted against the tense backdrop of the race to finish an atomic bomb.

But for 63 years — many good, some rocky, lately, mostly rocky — the union endured.

Wednesday marked a new chapter as the government — apparently forgiving a series of financial and security gaffes — asked UC to continue as manager. The UC bid, made in partnership with engineering company Bechtel Corp., beat rival team the University of Texas and defense contractor Lockheed Martin in what was the first-ever competition for the contract.

UC's ties to Los Alamos go back to 1943.

Many at UC had little idea what Berkeley physicist Robert Oppenheimer and his colleagues were working on in the New Mexico desert. Even the man who signed the first management contract, UC Board of Regents Secretary Robert Underhill, wasn't told about the secret until months later.

But having civilian control was important to scientists at Los Alamos, some of whom had balked at a plan to give them U.S. Army commissions.

After World War II ended with the deployment of the weapons Los Alamos scientists had concocted, some UC leaders wanted out. President Robert C. Sproul went so far as to tell regents he wanted to "get rid of bomb-making, plutonium and New Mexico," said Gregg Herken, a UC Merced history professor and author of "Brotherhood of the Bomb," an account of the men who developed atomic weapons.

Others argued in favor of keeping UC's ties to Los Alamos, particularly famed Berkeley scientist Ernest O. Lawrence, a prime mover behind the atomic bomb project. Government officials also were keen on keeping the relationship going.

"There's no question that the university was pressured by the Army to continue that contract," said Herken.

For years, the UC-Los Alamos connection was relatively smooth.

"Things were going very well for a while," said Sidney Drell, a physicist and

senior fellow at the Hoover Institution. The system created an atmosphere and a culture that attracted good scientists who felt they were "free to do good work and didn't worry about job shopping," he said.

Trouble was not unknown at the lab. After all, there had been scandal as early as 1945 when Klaus Fuchs, a German-born physicist involved in the Manhattan Project, gave the Soviet Union the main elements of the design of the atomic bomb.

But it was the 1999 Wen Ho Lee case that really sent the relationship downhill.

Lee, a Los Alamos scientist, was initially charged with 59 counts of mishandling sensitive information. All but one of the charges was later dismissed and then-President Clinton apologized for the government's treatment of him.

Still, the case raised questions about UC's management skills, questions that only increased a year later when two computer disks containing nuclear secrets vanished. Investigators later concluded there was an inventory error, and the disks never existed.

"One could argue that leading up to the University of California's problems at Los Alamos there wasn't a proper balance — science got away with being a little cavalier about security," said Drell, who was a member of a commission that wrote a scathing report on the issue in 1999 titled "Science At Its Best, Security At Its Worst."

More gaffes followed, including fraudulent charges to a lab credit card and security and inventory problems that led to a seven-month shutdown.

UC worked hard in recent years to fix things, taking a much more hands-on role, restructuring management ranks and implementing stricter security.

That paid off Wednesday as the government announced it had confidence in UC reforms. The new contract will last seven years and could be extended as long as 20 years.

UC President Robert C. Dynes said in a statement the contract decision signaled the beginning of a new era and expressed his confidence that Los Alamos workers will "continue to chart new frontiers and help solve some of the greatest scientific and technological problems of our time. All of us at the University of California look forward to being a part of the great science yet to come at Los Alamos."

NOW RE-OPENED

FISHER

Hardware & Lumber

NEW LOCATION

1600 Lincoln Blvd.

(corner of Lincoln and Colorado)

Santa Monica, CA 90404

(310) 395-0956

Mon-Fri — 7:30 - 5:30

Sat — 8:00 - 5:00

"See us for a complete line of windows and doors"

10% off purchase with this ad

Excludes Sale Merchandise. Expires 1-15-05.

The Fragrance of Blooms

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

Indoor & Outdoor Garden Center

Taboo HYDROPONICS

CAPTIVATE AUDIENCES

COPIA CREATIVE

... creativity knows no boundaries

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

MARKETING • BRANDING • DEVELOPMENT • CONSULTING

Business

SANTA MONICA BUSINESS BRIEFS

CPA firm welcomes Thaw as new shareholder

By Daily Press staff

A local CPA firm is adding another name to its list of shareholders. Gumbiner Savett Inc., one of Southern California's largest CPA and business consulting firms, has announced that David Thaw has been named a shareholder of the firm. With more than 15 years of experience as a professional in the accounting industry, Thaw contributes extensive expertise in the areas of tax consulting and compliance, company representatives said.

"David's experience and expertise make him a great asset to our firm," said Michael Savoy, managing director for Gumbiner Savett Inc. "He demonstrates professionalism and integrity in his work, and I feel he will be very successful as a firm leader."

Thaw is recognized as a local tax expert in the real estate and hospitality industries. He frequently lectures and has authored numerous articles on real estate tax.

Thaw obtained his bachelor of science degree in accounting, as well as a master of science degree in taxation from the University of South Carolina. Prior to joining Gumbiner Savett Inc., Thaw worked with Ernst & Young, LLP and KPMG, LLP.

Better Business Bureau offers improved Web site

By Daily Press staff

If you want to know how businesses in your neck of the woods rate, the answer is only a few clicks away.

A new feature on the Better Business Bureau's Web site allows consumers to search for companies based on location.

Now, consumers can research and compare companies in Southern California and narrow down good and bad companies in their own neighborhood. The new feature on the BBB's Web site allows consumers to search Southern California companies based on their type of business and allows consumers to filter their search by area code, zip code and city.

In addition, consumers have the option to search all companies or only search companies that hold BBB membership.

For example, a consumer shopping for a new car in the city of Los Angeles can now search car dealerships that sell specifically new vehicles. They can then put in their preferred city and in a matter of seconds have 61 BBB company reports at their fingertips. The BBB rates each company's professional history and customer service record on a scale from A to F, making it quick and easy for consumer's to check out a company.

Previously, consumers searched BBB reports by individual company name only.

You can visit the BBB Web site at www.labbb.org. The site also serves as a tool for consumers who need to file a complaint against a company. Complaints also can be filed through the mail or over the phone to (909) 835-6064.

Money management tips



MIND YOUR BUSINESS

BY KIRK G. AGUER

Being a single parent is far from a rarity in the United States. In fact, one-parent households number in the millions, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Even if another parent provides monetary assistance, single parents often independently make decisions that impact their child's financial security. Here are a few guidelines that may help single parents with their family's future.

MANAGE EXPECTATIONS

Discuss finances with your children. Kids today are very aware of their environment. Discussing your finances with them will help them to manage their expectations of what the family can afford.

Live within your budget. An obvious step to saving money is to develop a streamlined budget that still meets your family's needs. This may be as simple as limiting discretionary spending which, for some, can add up to a savings of hundreds of dollars a month.

INITIATE PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Protect your income with long-term disability insurance. A significant number of mortgage foreclosures are the result of loss of income. Should you become unable to work, long-term disability insurance may be obliged to cover a portion of your salary for an extended period of time. The easiest and most cost effective way to get long-term disability insurance is through your employer. Check the

specifics of your company's benefits. You may be covered and not know it or it may be an option you can elect.

Update your will. A will helps ensure that your wishes for your children will be followed instead of being mandated by a state's intestacy statutes. Moreover, assets such as real estate, investments, automobiles and jewelry can add up to a sizable amount. A will can provide guidelines for how you wish your assets to be managed or used to benefit your children.

INCREASE YOUR NET WORTH

Learn about savings and investment opportunities. With the cash you save from your new budget, consider the many savings and investment opportunities available to you. For instance, instead of keeping too much cash in low- or non-interest-paying accounts, you may want to consider the growth opportunities available through a wide variety of mutual funds or tax-deferred investments. These accounts can be incorporated into a college and/or retirement savings plan.

GET PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

Your financial advisor can suggest specific strategies tailored for your situation and point out any additional considerations, such as a systematic or dollar-cost averaging plan. This investment strategy helps you make consistent contributions on a regular basis.

Being a single parent can be difficult and demanding. However, successfully managing your finances does not have to be. Your Financial Advisor can help you develop a personal financial plan to help you get started.

(Contact Kirk Aguer at (310) 319-5220 or kirk.aguer@morganstanley.com).

In the end, the house doesn't always come out on top



THE WEEKLY RECKONING

BY BILL BONNER

"The trouble with all salesmen," began a recent conversation, "is that they begin to believe their own claptrap." That's true of stock promoters. It's true of politicians. It's true of real estate investors. I don't know; it might even be true of used car dealers.

"Right now, all over America, people are becoming real estate brokers. There are thousands of new ones every day, because they think it is the royal road to riches. They figure they will get an inside track to making a lot of money. They figure they'll get paid for doing market research. I mean, they'll get to go around and look at houses that are for sale, and they'll get paid to do it. All they have to do is sell a house now and then and they can earn a decent living from commissions, but the real money is when they find a gem of a house at a discount; then they figure they will pounce on it.

"What's happened is that they've bought into the real estate industry's spiel. They think it always goes up. And since it's going up all the time, they want to be in on it.

"What you don't see in the real estate numbers is a lot of buying and selling within the real estate profession. A guy gets a license to sell property. The next thing you know, he's not selling a thing, he's buying. He is fundamentally a believer, but his buying is not 'normal.' A few years ago, he was probably buying tech stocks. And before that, who knows what it was, but this is not a guy who will hold onto his house in a slack market. He'll sell, either because he has to, or because he loses interest. There's a lot of that kind of very petty speculation going on. These people will leave real estate when the going gets tough and move on to something else."

We have been thinking about property — perhaps because we are surrounded by it. When prices rise more than 20 percent per year, as they have in the greater Baltimore-Washington area, it draws attention. We went down to Baltimore's Fells Point area the other night for dinner. We felt as though we were in a new city. It was as if we had never been there before: New restaurants, new condominiums, and new parking garages.

We recalled the days when you could get drunk and drive right down the main street directly into the water. Alas, those days are gone.

And so, our own thoughts and opinions are bent towards the real estate market, as if by some powerful magnet. Pretty soon, we have a warped view of the world in which "you can't lose money in real estate."

Yet, we sit this morning in a building whose real value — even today — is probably less than it was 75 years ago. As near as we can determine, the value of central city property in Baltimore hit its high in the 1920s, or maybe before. Then, the city began a decline from which it has never fully recovered. By the 1970s or

1980s, it probably hit bottom with luxury apartments in the center of town selling for as little as \$30,000.

Since then, prices have generally gone up, but even as late as the early 1990s, when we bought our office building, prices were depressed. Our place is an elegant mansion of 16,000 square feet. It wasn't in bad shape when we bought it, but the price reflected a long period of malaise and discouragement with property. We paid only \$500,000 — and worried about it. Now, the building is probably worth more than \$1 million. We have no sure figures, but we recall a calculation that showed it was worth more than that, in real terms, a century ago.

Out on the plains the story is a little different. As reported in this space a few days ago, prices for Kansas farmland reached a peak in the 1880s. They have never recovered.

Does real estate always go up over the long term? We don't know. If so, you may have to live as long as Methuselah to find out.

(For more insight and analysis, visit www.dailyreckoning.com.)



Can't find the Daily Press in your neighborhood?
Call us. We'll take your suggestions. (310) 458-PRESS (7737)

GUEST COMMENTARY BY ELAINE L. CHAO

Let's not forget our citizen soldiers

During this holiday season, our thoughts turn to the many things for which we are thankful. In particular, let us remember our brave men and women in uniform who are defending our freedom in far away places. This includes the largest deployment of Reserves and National Guard members since World War II.

When I visited Iraq, in addition to our regular armed forces, I met many of our citizen soldiers. One that I remember well was a police officer and member of the Army Reserves, who was very proud that his expertise in criminal investigations was being put to good use in Iraq. He asked that I help ensure that reservists and guard members got a fair shake from their employers when they returned home. I have never forgotten that conversation. The members of our Military Reserves and National Guard should not have to worry about their civilian jobs and benefits while defending our freedom abroad.

Now there is a great new tool to help employers and returning veterans understand and protect their rights and responsibilities. On Monday, Dec. 19, the U.S. Department of Labor published the first-ever regulations implementing the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). This landmark piece of legislation, enacted in 1994, protects the reemployment rights, health insurance coverage and pension benefits of past and present members of the Military Reserves and National Guard, other eligible uniformed service members, and those applying to join military service. But those rights have not always been widely understood and appreciated because of the lack of regulations implementing USERRA — that is, until now.

The new USERRA regulations are comprehensive and written in plain English. The rules provide employers and employees with clear and consistent guidance on how USERRA applies to them. Most employers want to do the right thing for their employees, but they are sometimes unclear about their responsibilities. The rules help clarify the rights of citizen-soldiers, and other eligible members of the uniformed services.

President Bush's steadfast support for our men and women in uniform is the driving force behind strengthening the Department of Labor's ongoing efforts. This Administration is backing up USERRA with aggressive outreach and enforcement to ensure that employ-

ers fully understand their obligations and service members have confidence that their rights will be protected.

With briefings, workplace posters, online USERRA assistance, and through 3,500 One-Stop Career Centers, the Department of Labor is working diligently to get the word out about USERRA protections. The department also provides briefings and transition assistance to returning soldiers and works with employers so they understand their obligations under the law. Since Sept. 11, 2001, the Labor Department has provided information about USERRA protections to more than 300,000 returning soldiers and employers.

Employers and employees who are not familiar with USERRA can find comprehensive information about the new rules at www.dol.gov/elaws/USERRA.htm. Returning soldiers can complete online complaint forms at this Web site, if they believe their rights have been violated.

The Department of Labor is not alone in this important effort to protect the rights of our nation's citizen-soldiers, and other eligible members of the uniformed services. The Defense Department's National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and many veterans organizations — including the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, and many others — share our commitment. They are joining the U.S. Department of Labor in its campaign to encourage every employer in America to become familiar with their responsibilities under USERRA.

Members of the National Guard and Military Reserves are right there with all our men and women in uniform, protecting our freedom, guarding our homeland, and helping to preserve our rights. We can honor their service in many ways. The U.S. Department of Labor is proud to play a role in protecting their rights as they return to the civilian workforce, and to publicize and champion the talents and gifts that these brave men and women bring to the workforce. They have been there for us. Now it's our turn to be there for them.

(Elaine L. Chao is secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor. Readers may write to her at: Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C., 20210.)

Davidoff
Millennium Blend Series
A new blend — a new taste.

94
"Highest Rating"
cigar aficionado

25
"Cigar of the Year" and
"Dominican Cigar of the Year"

EUROPE CIGAR JOURNAL

Robb Report
BEST OF THE BEST

Robb Report
Best of the Best

LONE WOLF
TOP CIGAR BRANDS AND MEN'S
ACCESSORIES AT LONE WOLF
9AM - 10PM (310) 458-5441
223 BROADWAY BLVD | BETWEEN 2ND & 3RD

**10% OFF
WITH
THIS AD**

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

Santa Monica High School Theatre
presents

**GUY
AND
DOLL**

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

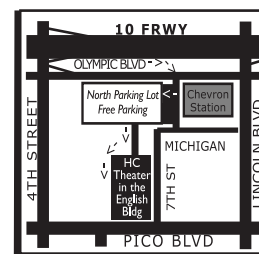
order online - no fees www.smclo.org

Washington
Mutual

GELSON'S
THE MARKET

Santa Monica Daily Press

LOEWS SANTA MONICA
BEACH HOTEL



WHAT

can get the power of email working for your business?

greatbignoise www.greatbignoise.com



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press
(Top) Passersby take in the violent Pacific on Wednesday afternoon from the vantage point of the Venice Pier, which sustained damage from waves as high as 15 feet.



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press
Defiant surfers drop in a wave off Sunset Boulevard on Wednesday afternoon, taking advantage of the unusually high waves that resulted from a storm some 600 miles off the coast.



Derek Goes/Special to the Daily Press
John VanDuinwyk patrols the beach via his jet ski south of the Santa Monica Pier on Wednesday. Lifeguards are stressing caution to onlookers hoping to get a glimpse of the pounding surf, by taking a gander from a safe —and dry — perch.

Storm may wreak havoc through next Thursday

SURF'S UP, from page 1

wiped out.
Flooding occurred around the county's lifeguard monitoring station in Venice, and water rushed up to parking lots, knocking over trash cans and startling beach visitors, according to reports.
The Venice Pier, rebuilt in 1997, was closed as a precaution on Wednesday and will likely remain off limits through Thursday, when waves of more than 10 feet are expected for west-facing beaches.
So far, there have been no reports of any surf-related injuries.
The swell is expected to slowly decrease to between 4 and 6 feet on Friday and remain that way until Saturday. On Sunday, more waves 8 feet and higher are expected, a trend which will continue until Thursday, Dec. 29, according to the National Weather Service.
The high surf is the result of a Pacific

storm that was 600 miles off shore by 6 a.m. on Tuesday, and is expected to generate waves on Santa Monica's beaches ranging between 3 to more than 20 feet high in some places.
The waves are coming from a west-by-northwest storm system that's been traveling at low latitudes toward the region, according to Wetsand.com, a surf Web site.
The storm — characterized as "moderately sized" for the Pacific, with 30- to 35-foot swells — is expected to be close enough to the coast to significantly affect wave size through Thursday.
According to Wetsand.com, most storm systems traveling through the Pacific either turn northward before nearing the California coast or lose strength once passing the Hawaiian Islands. However, Wednesday's storm is expected to be different, where Southern California's coastal places have been set to be a "direct hit" of the system.

CELLULAR FANTASY

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

MOTOROLA RAZR V3
Bluetooth™ support
FREE cingular raising the bar.
NOW ONLY **NO REBATE REQUIRED**

CELLULAR FANTASY
2600 Wilshire Boulevard Santa Monica, CA (formerly Home Savings)
1-866-88-MOBILE www.cellularfantasy.com
AMPLE FREE PARKING

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

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



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press
A crew grapples with how best to respond to damage done to the beach and pier in Venice following Wednesday's unusually high waves resulting from an early week storm in the Pacific.

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

Santa Monica Daily Press

LOCAL



Village little people



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Preschoolers from the YMCA Child Development Center performed during the Santa Monica Family YMCA Holiday-themed board meeting on Monday.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

ries. StoryCorps opened its first StoryBooth, a freestanding soundproof recording studio, in New York City's grand central terminal in October 2003, and in June 2005 opened its second StoryBooth at the site of the world trade center in lower Manhattan. Over the course of the 10-year project, StoryCorps plans to open StoryBooths both mobile and stationary across the country.

"Everybody has a story. StoryCorps gives individuals the sense of affirming their life experience," Ruth Seymour KCRW's general manager said. "We re delighted to be able to bring StoryCorps to the Third Street Promenade, a place that celebrates the intermingling of people in a lively, vibrant way."

The StoryCorps will be collecting stories from Jan. 9 through Feb. 5.

The StoryCorps national tour is sponsored by NPR, the corporation for public broadcasting, and saturn corporation, the automobile company.

SMC professors' photography on display

By Daily Press staff

Like digital art and photography? A new exhibit will feature the works of two Santa Monica College professors.

The printmaking and digital prints of John Greco and Tom Lundquist — both adjunct art professors at SMC — will be featured at SMC in January.

"The general theme of my art has evolved from a strong romantic sense that art is life and life is art," Greco said. "Art goes far beyond its physical representation and, through its essence, arouses the senses to knowledge." He added that he centers most of his works around the human figure.

Greco has had his work exhibited in solo and group shows throughout the world, including the Armory Center for the Arts in Pasadena and the Lapis Arte in Salerno, Italy.

Lundquist said the images he created for the show, "follow the adventures of a mythical troupe of famous singing fish from Canada." The images use, "a number of modeling and illustration programs and are printed on large inkjet printers," he added.

The exhibit will take place at SMC Jan. 6 through Jan. 20 and will be held in the SMC photography gallery, located on the second floor of Drescher Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. An opening reception is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call (310) 434-3434.



Photos courtesy



It's not too late for that gift they'll really appreciate...



Healthy gift baskets

(many to choose from or select your own natural and organic items and we will create a custom gift basket.)



Co-opportunity Gift Certificate



A Co-op Membership makes a great gift--only \$25!

Co-opportunity staff wishes you and your family a very happy holiday!

The Westside's 1st Choice for natural and organic foods for over 30 years!



Santa Monica's Co-operative Natural Grocer

OPEN to the public 7:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m. Daily
Holiday Hours: Christmas Eve 7:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day CLOSED

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



Senate blocks drilling in Alaska wildlife refuge

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate blocked an attempt to open an Alaska wildlife refuge to oil drilling Wednesday, foiling an attempt by drilling backers to force the measure through Congress as part of a must-have defense spending bill.

It was a stinging defeat for Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, one of the Senate's most powerful members, who had given senators a choice to support the Alaska

drilling measure, or risk the political fallout of voting against money for American troops and for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Democrats accused Stevens, the senior Republican in the Senate, of holding the defense bill hostage to drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

"It took a lot of guts for a lot of people to stand up," Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., said after the vote.

Republican leaders fell four votes short of getting the required 60 votes to avoid a

threatened filibuster of the defense measure over the oil drilling issue. The vote prompted GOP leaders to huddle in private over their next move.

The vote that was 56-44.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist for procedural reasons cast a vote with ANWR opponents, so that he might be able to resurrect the issue for another try. But Democrats said they expected the defense bill to be withdrawn and reworked without the Arctic refuge provision.

The 43 senators who voted against refuge drilling — all but four Democrats as well as GOP Sens. Mike DeWine of Ohio and Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island — "are intent and unyielding" and not expected to budge should Frist try for another vote, said Lieberman.

Stevens called the refuge's oil vital to national security and bemoaned repeated attempts over the years by opponents using the filibuster to kill drilling proposals.

Democrats, conversely, accused Stevens of holding hostage a military spending bill that includes money to support troops in Iraq and \$29 billion for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"Our military is being held hostage by this issue, Arctic drilling," fumed Sen. Harry Reid, the Democratic leader. The Nevada Democrat said the Senate could move quickly to pass the defense bill once the refuge issue was resolved.

"We all agree we want money for our troops. ... This is not about the troops," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., a strong critic of disturbing the refuge in northeastern Alaska by oil development.

During the vote, Stevens, 82, who had fought to open the refuge to drilling since 1980 and is the most senior Republican in the Senate, sat unsmiling in a chair midway back in the chamber, watching his colleagues vote. When it became apparent that he had lost, he briefly talked with Frist, presumably over what move should be taken next. He briefly shook his head, a signal of his disappointment.

"We need ... to open up the small area of the coastal plain (of the refuge) for oil exploration and development," said Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska. She called making the oil available a matter of national security by reducing U.S. reliance on oil imports.

Senators determined to protect the refuge from development found it difficult to oppose the politically popular defense bill, which has money for troops in Iraq, relief for Katrina hurricane victims and help for low-income families to pay energy bills.

"Destroying this wilderness will do very little to reduce energy costs nor does it do very much for oil independence," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

The Alaska refuge's 1.5 million-acre coastal plain is believed to contain about 10 billion barrels of oil and possibly a reserve comparable to the Prudhoe Bay fields 65 miles to the west. Oil companies have pumped 13 billion barrels from

Where the wild things are

By The Associated Press

Some facts about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

■ Created in 1960 as the 8.9 million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Range in northeastern Alaska bordering the Beaufort Sea.

■ In 1980 Congress expanded it to 19 million acres and renamed it a refuge, with 8 million acres declared an official wilderness. A 1.5 million-acre coastal plain was set aside for potential oil development, but only if Congress approved.

■ Oil in the coastal strip has been estimated at between 5.7 billion barrels to possibly 16 billion barrels of recoverable reserves. The most likely, or "mean," estimate is 10.4 billion barrels. By comparison Alaska's Prudhoe Bay field has produced 13 billion barrels since 1977.

■ Estimated at peak production to supply about 1 million barrels a day. The country uses about 21 million barrels of oil a day, with 60 percent of it imported.

■ Wildlife on the coastal strip includes caribou, musk oxen, polar bears and an annual influx of millions of migratory birds.

■ Repeated attempts to allow drilling in the refuge have failed to clear Congress. When a drilling measure passed in 1995, President Clinton vetoed it, saying drilling jeopardized the refuge's wildlife.

■ President Bush has made opening the refuge to oil development a top energy priority and says drilling can be accomplished by environmental restrictions and use of modern drilling techniques.

Prudhoe since 1977.

But drilling opponents long have argued that ANWR's oil should not be exploited because of the coastal plain's fragile ecosystem and its wildlife. While the region looks bleak during its long winters and oil can be seen seeping from some of its rock formations, the coastal strip also is the calving ground for caribou and home to polar bears, musk oxen, and the annual influx of millions of migratory birds.

"There are literally hundreds of thousands of Americans following this issue," William Meadows, president of the Wilderness Society, said Tuesday, adding that there has been "an outpouring of angst and concern" over Stevens' attempt to link hurricane relief money, low-income energy assistance funds and money for the Iraq war to push the drilling measure through a reluctant Senate.

Stevens and others maintain the refuge's oil can be extracted using modern techniques without damaging the environment.

Your New Year's Resolutions Start Here!

- Soft Sand 5K Run
- Polar Bear Swim
- 10,000 Steps Walk
- FREE All Day Expo



Santa Monica Pier • Sunday, January 1
www.ResolutionFest.com • 310.474.4832



24 **FITNESS**

KIX1070
NEWSRADIO

Register online NOW and receive a 30 day membership to 24 Hour Fitness and a FREE consultation and haircut at Lance Christopher Salon in Beverly Hills!

BANKRUPTCY

Missed the deadline?

It's not too late!

The Law Offices of Martin D. Gross

2001 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 205 Santa Monica CA 90403
Your Local Santa Monica Attorney on the web www.lawgross.com

CALL 310.453.8320

How about nice headphones
for Holiday gift?



dx 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

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

413 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica CA 90401
310-394-8250 www.dxcstore.com

Tell Santa Monica what you think!

...write a letter to the editor

Email to: editor@smdp.com
or fax 310.576.9913



Santa Monica Daily Press



Tourists, residents aim to preserve valley

BY ALEXANDRE DA SILVA
Associated Press Writer

HALEIWA, Hawaii — It wasn't the beaches, Pearl Harbor or the Waikiki night buzz that Aleksandra Witkowska remembers most about her first trip to Hawaii.

Her memories of the towering green slopes of Waimea Valley on Oahu's North Shore was the highlight, which is why the Chicago businesswoman is now trying to protect the pristine ecosystem from potential development.

"It was one of the few places that we visited on Oahu where you could walk through, see the plants and animals, and not see condominiums and houses," said Witkowska, who toured the valley and swam under its waterfall earlier this month with husband, Paul Tomaszewski. "It was a unique experience."

Tucked behind Waimea Bay beach on the island's rural north coast, the valley includes a popular botanical garden operated by the National Audubon Society, a waterfall and pool once used by cliff divers and featured in scenes from the hit TV series "Lost," as well as scattered sacred stones, burial caves, and agricultural sites valued by Native Hawaiians.

But an ongoing dispute over the lush valley between the City and County of Honolulu and New York investor Christian Wolffer has islanders and tourists worried the valley could be carved up for million-dollar houses.

Wolffer, who promised to protect the site after acquiring it in 1996, tried to sell it as a private residential property for \$25 million in 2000. That prompted the city to initiate a condemnation process, putting \$5.1 million in escrow to buy it.

But Wolffer has argued the valley is worth more than what the city is offering, citing an appraisal as high as \$18 million.

For North Shore residents, plans for the valley are the latest in a series of developments being protested along this coastline 45 miles north of downtown Honolulu.

Grammy-nominated musician Jack Johnson, a North Shore resident, recently posted his autographed Martin Guitar on the eBay online auction site to help protect the Pupukea Paumalu forest, a beachfront bluff where some 500 homes were once proposed.

Another battle involves a planned strip mall fronting Sharks Cove, a salt-water lagoon and one of Hawaii's most popular snorkeling destination.

If ongoing negotiations over Waimea Valley fail, a trial set for the week of Feb. 13 will determine how much the city will need to pay for the land.

"We had a master plan, and since we couldn't do anything with it, couldn't get anything approved ... I put it on the market," said Wolffer. "The city condemned the property and now they can't pay it. In the meantime, the price of real estate has gone up through the roof."

But others contend its value is not that high because the valley has limited use under conservation zoning. The state has said any project proposed in the valley would be subject to strict review, making it nearly impossible to obtain required building permits.

James Case, an attorney representing the preservation group Stewards of Waimea Valley, said the city should wait for the court to decide on a fair market price for the land.

"We feel the city has a good hand. We are confident," Case said. "We want to get a price so we can raise the money."

The valley, which welcomes about 170,000 visitors each year, has special significance for Hawaiians because it guards Oahu's last intact ahupuaa — or traditional Hawaiian mountain-to-ocean farming development.

"You can't put a price on that, not ever," said Margaret Burke Chun, 73, who has spent most of her life studying the valley's rich slopes as the park's historian.

"It's a natural educational place," she said.

Pupukea resident Denise Antolini calls Waimea "an important keystone" in the laid-back surfing town.

"People look to the North Shore to get away," she added. "There's a lot of struggle to keep the North Shore country."

David Orr, a research assistant at the park since 1988, said the valley has 6,000 different plants in 33 theme gardens, all bordering a fresh water stream that is home to four of the five species of oopu, a native fish.

"We just want to see it preserved as the special place that it is," he said. "This is one place we should just keep our hands off."

Got Mexican?

Tastiest Mexican Fare and Margaritas
in Santa Monica since 1965



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

CASA ESCOBAR
EST. 1946

Frugal Phil's Frame Factory Outlet

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

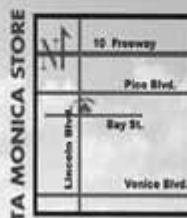
Lowest prices on ready made
and custom framing.

Parking behind the store

"Lowest Prices on Framing"



2317 Westwood Blvd.
(310) 475-1404



1929 Lincoln Blvd.
(310) 314-0404

Last minute framing available
until noon on Saturday 12/24/05
(applies to in-stock moldings only)

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.



Private Fitness Studio

Specializing in:

Custom Fitness Programs
Bodybuilding-Shaping
Strength Training
Weight Management

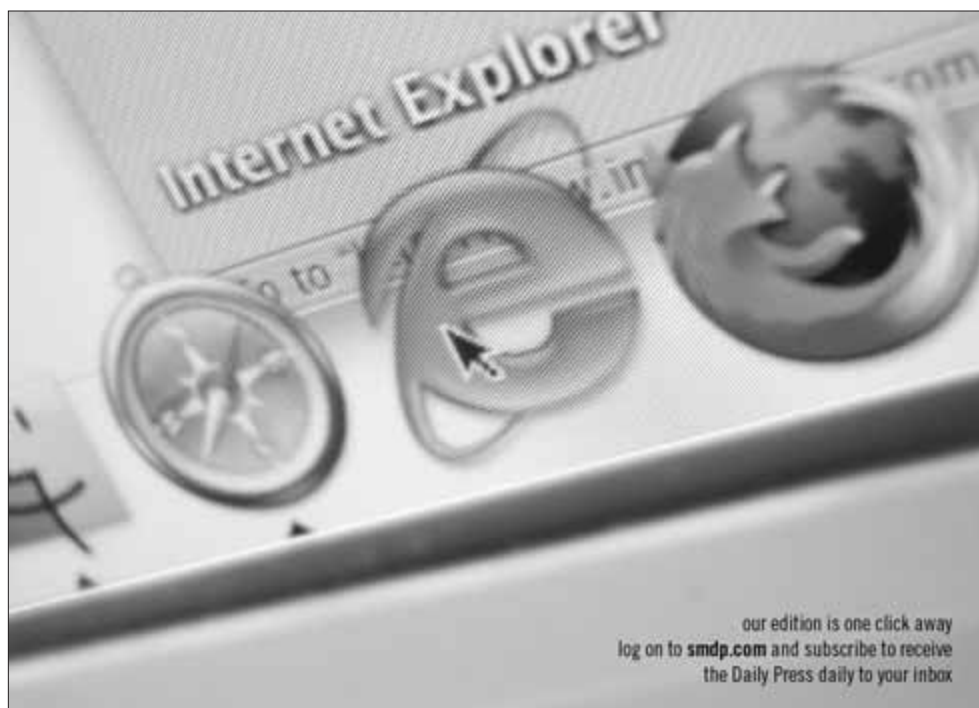
Free Fitness Consultation

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

216 Pico Blvd # 17 ~ Santa Monica Beach

Fabian@Fitbyfabian.com or 310-399-7049

Since 1983



our edition is one click away
log on to smdp.com and subscribe to receive
the Daily Press daily to your inbox

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

PD40105 12/04

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



NATIONAL

No go: NYC transit strike continues

BY DAVID B. CARUSO

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — New Yorkers faced another bone-chilling commute Wednesday without their cherished subways and buses as a transit strike entered its second day, leaving both patience and shoe leather wearing thin.

WHO
can get the power of email working for your business?
greatbignoise www.greatbignoise.com

"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

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

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

With talks still stalled, a judge imposed a huge fine Tuesday against the Transport Workers Union — \$1 million for each day of the strike — and lawyers were due back in court Wednesday.

The sanction was levied against workers for violating a state law that bars public employees from going on strike. The union said it would immediately appeal, calling the penalty excessive.

The strike over wages and pensions began Tuesday morning, just five days before Christmas and at a time when the city is especially busy with shoppers and tourists.

"It's too cold for this," said Jose Cespedes, 55, a hotel maintenance manager who was planning on walking 25 blocks home in 24-degree weather and winds swirling. "I'm very disappointed that neither side thought enough about the community."

The mayor put into effect a sweeping emergency plan, including a requirement that cars entering Manhattan below 96th Street have at least four occupants.

Crowds were thick at both Pennsylvania Station and Grand Central Terminal as commuters waited for trains on the two suburban rail lines, where the number of riders soared.

"It's pandemonium," said Dana Berkowitz, outside Pennsylvania Station during Tuesday's evening rush hour. "I feel like I'm in the mosh pit of a Metallica concert."

Bundled up in heavy coats and hats, others shared cabs and car pools, caught water taxis, biked, rollerbladed or even walked. The mayor joined pedestrians hoofing it across the Brooklyn Bridge.

"The city is functioning, and functioning well considering the severe circumstances," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said before ripping into the union, saying "their leadership thuggishly turned its back" on New York.

On the picket lines, transit workers expressed outrage at management.

"We're tired of being treated like we're the garbage of the city," said Angel Ortiz, 32, standing on the Bronx-Manhattan border with hundreds of other striking transit workers beneath an elevated rail line that carried no trains.

Aside from a police officer being accidentally bumped by a flatbed truck at a checkpoint in Queens, there were no reports of strike-related injuries, accidents or crimes.

"New Yorkers always try to find a way to deal with things like this. New Yorkers always find a way to overcome," said Chris Reed, 37, an insurance executive wait-

ing in line for a taxi.

Anthony Sabino, professor of law and economics at St. Johns University, estimated the city was losing about \$100 million a day, a sum he described as "a big blow to New York. The timing is lousy and the economic impact is lousy."

New York retailers, restaurants and bars are expected to bear much of the brunt of the strike. The week before Christmas traditionally accounts for up to 20 percent of many stores' holiday sales, and consumers who must pay higher taxi fares or face long walks could slow their spending.

The union said the latest MTA offer included annual pay raises of 3 percent, 4 percent and 3.5 percent. Pensions were another major sticking point in the talks, particularly involving new employees.

In its last offer before negotiations broke down, the MTA had proposed increasing employee contributions to the pension plan from 2 percent to 6 percent, said union lawyer Walter Meginniss Jr. He added that such a change would be "impossible" for the union to accept.

"Were it not for the pension piece, we would not be out on strike," union president Roger Toussaint said in an interview with NY1. "All it needs to do is take its pension proposal off the table."

The International TWU, the union's parent, had urged the local not to go on strike. Its president, Michael O'Brien, reiterated Tuesday that the striking workers were legally obligated to resume working. The only way to a contract, he said, is "not by strike but continued negotiation."

State Supreme Court Justice Theodore Jones has yet to rule on whether a second union, the Amalgamated Transit Union, will also be fined. The union has two chapters in New York that have joined the strike.

Also undecided is whether the individual officers of the two unions will be fined for supporting the strike. The Transport Workers Union's 33,000 members already face the loss of two days pay for every day they are on strike.

The nation's largest mass transit system counts each fare as a rider, giving it more than 7 million riders each day — although many customers take a daily round trip.

The strike was costing Jack Akameiza, 66, a day's pay. He was trying to get from Manhattan to Coney Island and got as far as Grand Central Terminal, where he was trying to find a car pool.

"I cannot go to work," he said. "I cannot take care of my family."

Gregoire pitches stronger tsunami warning system

BY CURT WOODWARD

Associated Press Writer

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Washington's coastal counties would get another batch of high-tech tsunami warning stations under a disaster management plan proposed by Gov. Christine Gregoire.

The state has been working to upgrade the warning systems since this summer, when a faulty phone line failed to trigger alerts in several coastal areas.

Gregoire's supplemental state budget request, unveiled Tuesday, asks the Legislature for \$500,000 to install All Hazard Alert Broadcasting stations in four counties.

Her proposal would pay for about 10 of the stations, doubling the number planned for Washington's coast under a previous federal project.

"When it comes to emergency preparedness, it's not all about money. It's about, how well are you organized? How ready?" Gregoire said.

The warning stations — which could be triggered by local authorities, state emergency officials or national alerts — emit a siren or a recorded evacuation message.

They could be used in any emergency, but are being sent to the coast to boost the state's tsunami network.

Shortcomings in that system were revealed in June, when a tsunami warning sparked by an earthquake off the

California coast failed to reach several communities.

Officials said a malfunctioning phone line was to blame, and though a killer wave never materialized, Gregoire pledged to upgrade tsunami preparations.

Maj. Gen. Timothy Lowenberg, head of the state's emergency operations, has said an additional 90 tsunami warning stations would provide full coastal protection.

Gregoire said the 20 stations planned through state and federal projects would be a good start.

"It's not going to be enough, but it is a whole lot better than what we have right now," Gregoire said.

Rob Harper, a spokesman for the state Emergency Management Division, said four cities and two American Indian tribes already have such stations.

They can be powered by batteries, solar cells or wind generators, and are resistant to salt corrosion and gale-force winds, Harper said.

Gregoire's budget proposal also calls for:

■ \$500,000 to help emergency crews across the state communicate with each other more effectively.

■ \$275,000 from the general fund and \$1.2 million from other state accounts for a data center in Eastern Washington that would back up law enforcement and transportation information in the event of an earthquake or other major disaster in the western part of the state.

Gregoire's requests will be considered when the Legislature convenes Jan. 9.



Saddam trial resumes after two-week break

BY MARIAM FAM
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saddam Hussein sat quietly in his defendant's chair at the resumption of his trial Wednesday, two weeks after he refused to attend the last session in a court he called "unjust."

Saddam and seven co-defendants are on trial in the deaths of more than 140 Shiite Muslims following a 1982 assassination attempt against him in the town of Dujail, north of Baghdad.

The deposed president, who was wearing a dark suit but no tie on Wednesday, refused to attend the previous session on Dec. 7.

"I will not come to an unjust court! Go to hell!" he said in an outburst in court the day before.

But on Wednesday his behavior was calm as the proceedings got under way. After greeting the court with a traditional "peace be upon you," he sat quietly in the defendants' area and appeared to pay close attention, writing frequently on a notepad in his lap.

It was Saddam's first court appearance

following last week's election, when Iraqis swarmed to the polls to vote for the country's first full-term parliament since his downfall.

During previous sessions, Saddam has been defiant and combative at times, often trying to dominate the courtroom. He and his half brother— Barazan Ibrahim, who was head of the Iraqi intelligence during the Dujail incident— have used the procedures to protest their own conditions in detention.

The chief prosecutor in the case, Jaafar al-Mousawi told The Associated Press by telephone on Tuesday that five prosecution witnesses were ready to take the stand on Wednesday. It would be up to the court to decide whether to hear all of them, he said. It was unclear how many more prosecution witnesses, if any, would follow.

"We are very prepared for the resumption of the trial," al-Mousawi said.

"There is evidence and there are documents with Saddam's signature on them," he told the AP. "When it's time for the prosecution to make its case, there will be a surprise."

He did not elaborate or provide any fur-

ther details.

The court — which held its first session Oct. 19 — has so far heard nine witnesses, who often gave emotional testimonies of random arrests, hunger and beatings while in custody and torture in detention.

Khamis al-Ubeidi, a lawyer on Saddam's defense team, argued that the "witnesses have no legal value. Their testimonies are based on coaching and unjustified narrative."

He said the defense team had security concerns that it wanted to tell the court about.

"The court has to provide the lawyers and the defense witnesses with security," he told the AP on Tuesday. "How can a lawyer work if he cannot move freely because of the security situation?"

Some Iraqi government officials have said they hope the trial of Saddam will help heal the wounds of his regime's victims and bring Iraqis closer together.

But the trial has also highlighted divisions between Iraq's various ethnic and sectarian groups, with many Sunni Arabs expressing sympathy with the former president and even nostalgia for his era.

By contrast, many Shiites and Kurds gloated over seeing the once powerful Saddam reduced to a defendant.

Palestinians balk at block

By The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Palestinian Authority will cancel Jan. 25 parliamentary elections if Israel goes ahead with its plan to bar Jerusalem Palestinians from voting, a Palestinian official said Wednesday.

"If the Israelis insist on not allowing us to conduct the elections in Jerusalem, then there will be no elections at all," Information Minister Nabil Shaath said.

Israeli officials said Wednesday that Israel would not allow Jerusalem Palestinians to vote because it objects to the participation of Hamas militants in the race.

Be in the middle of it all!

Professional office space available on the Third Street Promenade.



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

Call (310) 458-7737 ext. 104



COMICS

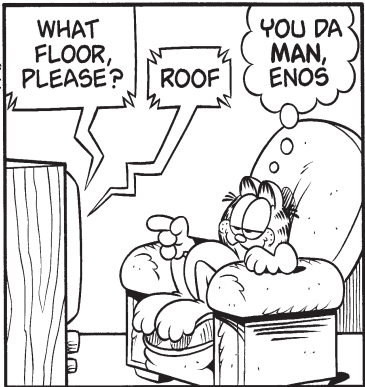
The Dinette Set by Julie Larson



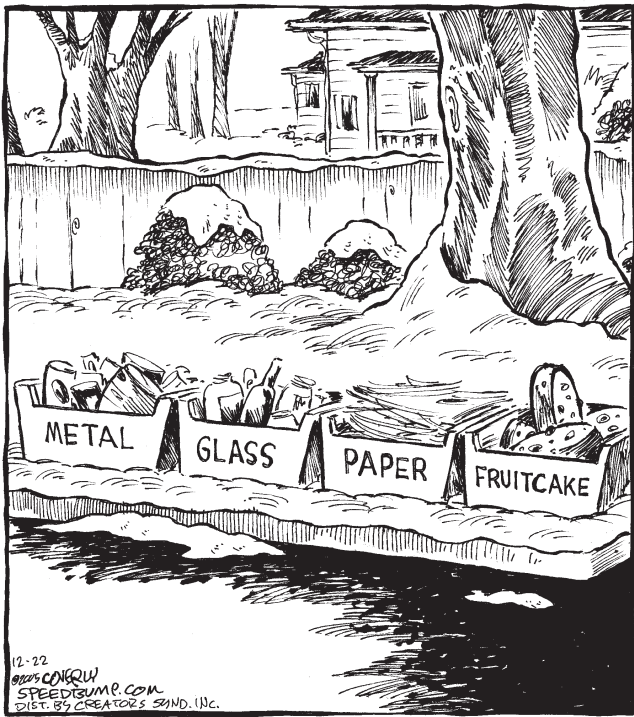
edge city by TERRY & PATTY LABAN



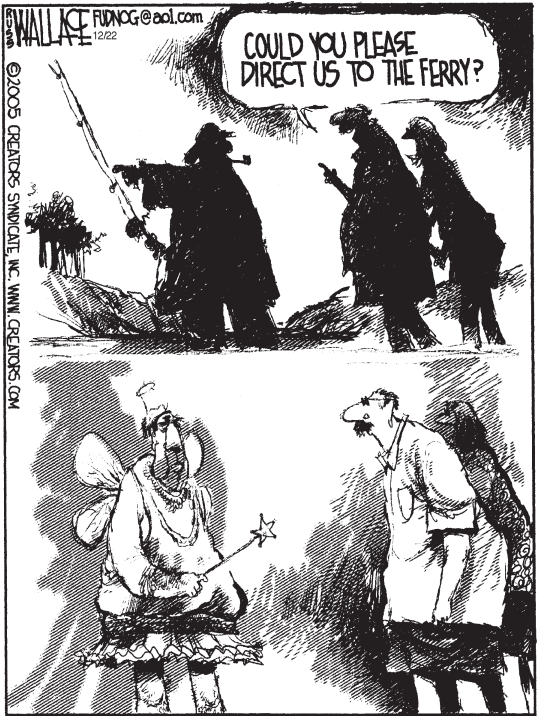
Garfield® By Jim Davis



Speed Bump® By Dave Coverly



Natural Selection® By Russ Wallace



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Marley of "A Christmas Carol"

6 Saudi natives

11 Clearly stunned

12 Sherpa's home

13 Margin- alia

14 Stylish

15 Country music?

17 Charter

19 The Grinch's dog

20 "Oh, wow!"

23 Sworn

25 Singer of "Foot-loose"

26 Bar order

28 Singer Redding

29 Cry of dismay

30 Pouchlike part

31 Flying whiz

32 Course need

33 Japanese emperor

35 Rich- mond's river

38 "Help!" drummer

41 Whatso- ever

42 Singing groups

43 Sitcom of 2000

44 Splinter groups

DOWN

1 Marcia's sister

2 In the past

3 In a stupor

4 Frank

5 Grooms' aides

6 Wing

7 Paper pack

8 Gifted

9 Hitter's need

10 Willy

16 Smoked fish

C	H	A	S	E			S	H	O	E	
L	O	R	E	N			T	E	A	M	S
O	M	I	T	S			W	A	L	E	S
N	O	A	H		F	O	R	A	G	E	
E	N	D		M	A	C		S	A	X	
S	Y	N	T	A	X	E	S				
	M	E	I	R			N	E	E	D	
			S	I	N	T	A	X	E	S	
C	B	S		G	A	S		M	A	P	
H	I	P	H	O	P			G	A	L	E
E	M	A	I	L			R	A	Y	O	N
A	B	I	N	D			A	L	O	U	D
P	O	N	D				W	A	R	T	S

Yesterday's answer

- 17 Nigerian city
18 Juan's wife
20 Uttered in a dull way
21 Happen
22 Alcove
24 Used to be
25 Fireplace item
27 Aesthe- te's topic
31 Bride's pathway
33 Tuna sandwich
34 Terrible
35 Boxing poke
36 Put away
37 Porch sight
39 Received
40 CIA pre- decessor

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

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10
11						12				
13						14				
		15			16					
17	18			19				20	21	22
23			24			25				
26						27				
28					29					
30				31			32			
			33				34			
35	36	37				38			39	40
41						42				
43						44				

12-22

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST for SM CPA firm. 40 hrs/ week. Good people skills. Word/Excel. 45 wpm. Good work environment. Fax resume to (310) 576-1080

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@smmp.com

BOOKKEEPER-- SMALL FAMILY law firm located in Santa Monica is looking for a bookkeeper (20-25 hours per week). Duties include client billing, receivables, payables, and Quickbooks. Knowledge of Tussman billing system a plus. Please fax resume to Stefanie Hall, Polin & Hall, at (310) 449-0014.

★ 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

COOPPORTUNITY- NATURAL Grocer-Membership Asst- 32hrs. Eves/wknds. Apply at 1525 Broadway.

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

FEMALE REAL estate broker needs personal assistant ASAP. agent lic/female preferred. P/T \$184/week+commission. (310) 820-6059

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

FRONT PERSON, Bartender, Kitchen Helper & Dishwasher.

BENIHANA
(310) 260-1423
1447 4th St., Santa Monica,

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

HOTEL OCEANA SANTA MONICA—Seeks experienced front of the house staff. Open positions: Front Desk, Bellman, Concierge, Night Audit. Apply in Person M-F 2-4pm 849 Ocean Ave

PART TIME mornings, mail sorter wanted for busy Santa Monica mailbox store. Pleasant environment + competitive pay. No exp nec. Insured car req. Apply 2118 Wilshire Bl, Santa Monica. (310) 828-8645

Employment

PHYSICAL THERAPY aid on UCLA campus. Fax resume to (310) 698-5414.

SANTA MONICA - Est. 1960, one of nation's largest precious metals/coin co. seeks sales pros. Top Reps earn \$60k-\$400k+ full benefits. No cold calling, no license req, paid training. Goldline.com, (310) 319-0313.

For Sale

SPA/HOT TUB 2006 Model. Neck Jets. Therapy seat. Warranty. Never used. Can deliver. Worth \$5750, sell for \$1750 (310) 479-3054

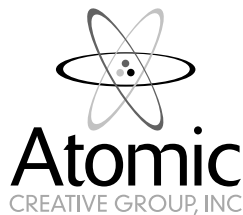
Vehicles for sale

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION
LOW PRICES
NEW 06 MODELS
FREE GAS
COURTESY
OF MITSUBISHI



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

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

THINK

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

Phone 310.426.2456
atomiccreativegroup@gmail.com

Vehicles for sale

NEW JETTA **AUTO TRANS! NEW 2006**
000
DOWN 1ST SECURITY
PAYMENT PAYMENT DEPOSIT
YOU PAY ONLY TAX, TAG & DOC FEE AT SIGNING
LEASE FOR \$249 tax PER MO
5 AT THIS PAYMENT
Only 39 Months
On Tier 1 approved credit. 10K miles/yr. 12¢ excess.

NEW PASSAT **AUTO TRANS! NEW 2006**
000
DOWN 1ST SECURITY
PAYMENT PAYMENT DEPOSIT
YOU PAY ONLY TAX, TAG & DOC FEE AT SIGNING
LEASE FOR \$299 & 7¢ + tax PER MO
2 AT THIS PAYMENT
Only 39 Months
ON APPROVED CREDIT. 10K mi. per year. 12¢ per mile excess. (VIN 165579, 165587)



THIS WEEKS PRE-OWNED SPECIAL

'05 PASSAT BRASS HAT GLX LOADED! LOW MILES (VIN174162)	\$24,333
'02 JETTA GLS Lo Miles Blue Pearl, Auto, Loaded (VIN 174162)	\$16,533
'02 CABRIO GLS Black/Beige, Auto, Lo Mi, CD (VIN802394)	\$16,777
'0 PASSAT GLS WAGON Super Lo Miles, Gorgeous (VIN232120)	\$21,777
'02 GOLF GLS 35+ MPG, Certified, Lo Miles 4DR (VIN047202)	\$13,997
'04 BEETLE GLS CONV. CERT. SILVER/BLACK/Under 8K Miles (VIN333895)	\$20,997
'04 PASSAT GLS 1.8T Lo Miles, Silver/Black/Cert(Mint (VIN058841)	\$18,997
'02 BEETLE (2 @ THIS PRICE) LTHR, SNRF (VIN451199/4016881)	\$16,333
'04 PASSAT GLS 1.8T Lo Miles Silver/Black-Leather Certified, Mint Cond. (VIN058841)	\$18,997
'04 JETTA WAGON Lo Miles Like New! Manager's Special (VIN043711)	\$15,997
'01 JETTA GLS Loaded! Super Lo Miles, Must See! (VIN194471)	\$14,577

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS WE WILL EARN IT... SO BRING ANY COMPETITIONS AD WITH YOU TO COMPARE!

Drivers wanted.

CALL NOW TOLL-FREE
866-VW-DEALS
2440 SANTA MONICA BLVD. 892AL222

Sale ends 12/18/05 close of business. All vehicles exclude government fees and taxes, any finance charges, \$45 dealer document preparation charge, and any emission testing charge. On approved credit.

Instruction

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

For Rent

PALMS/BEVERLYWOOD ADJ. \$995.00.
1bdm/1bath. 2009 Pruess Rd., #4
Open for viewing: 9am-6pm
2 BEDROOM + 2 Bath, gated building

For Rent

with a subterranean parking, AC, newer building with courtyard area, quiet neighborhood. Laundry rm., 1 year lease, no pets. \$1595. (310) 396-4443 x 2002 ellynesis.com

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

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

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

For Rent

CHARMING VENICE Beach craftsman style complex in a quaint and quiet area. 3 blocks from the beach. 1 year lease. No pets. \$1450. Call (310) 396-4443 x 2002. ellynesis.com

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

MAR VISTA, townhouse style. 11621 Braddock Drive \$1300. 2 bdrm/1 1/2 bath. Stove, blinds, carpet, washer/dryer hook-ups, patio, intercom entry, gated parking, no pets (310) 967-4471 jkwproperties.com

For Rent

WESTCHESTER 6707 W 86th Pl. Unit E. 2bdrm/1bath. stove. microwave, dishwasher, carpet, blinds, laundry, gated parking, no pets. \$1375. (310) 578-7512 jkwproperties.com

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

Turn Your Closet into Cash!*L.A.'s hottest resale store!***Great Labels**

DESIGNER RESALE

**ACCEPTING
NEW CONSIGNERS****WANTED:**

LOUIS VUITTON

CHANEL

GUCCI

HERMES

ST. JOHN

PRADA

JUDITH LEIBER

MISSONI

DOLCE & GABBANA



1126 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica

(310) 451-2277

www.greatlabels.com

For Rent

For Rent

For Rent

Business Opps

Personals

DBAS

For Rent

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

Condos for Sale

Commercial Lease

Commercial Lease

310-526-0310

307 CENTINELA
HIGH CEILING
CLOSE TO LAX
(310) 995-5136

Advertise! Call us at (310) 458-7737

Real Estate

FIXER UPPERS Bargains

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

★ 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

Real Estate

PAC WEST MORTGAGE

1-888-FOR-LOAN
310 392-9223

**VERY AGGRESSIVE
RATES
TIME FOR A 30
YEAR FIXED?**

RATES AS LOW AS 6%

30 YEAR FIXED	6.75
10 YEAR/1 ARM	5.75
7 YEAR/1 ARM	5.625
5 YEAR/1 ARM	5.5%
3 YEAR/1 ARM	5.5%
1 YEAR/1 ARM	5.375
6 MO./6 MO. ARM	3.375
1 MO./1 MO. ARM	1.0

* Rates subject to change
* As of December 14, 2000
** Denotes an interest only loan

NEW CONFORMING LOAN AMOUNTS

1 Unit	\$417,000
2 Units	\$533,850
3 Units	\$645,300
3 Units	\$645,300
4 Units	\$801,950



**ROB
SCHULTZ**

BROKER
LICENSED CALIFORNIA
BROKER #01218743



Your ad could run here!

☎ Call us today at (310) 458-7737

Massage

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

HEALING MASSAGE by attractive,
sensitive, young European female.
(310) 806-0377 Laura

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

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

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

Cleaning

Quality Cleaning

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

**HOUSECLEANING SPECIAL
STARTING AT \$99**

Aury Bonilla (323) 605-7197

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

**GET IN SHAPE
LOSE WEIGHT
FEEL GREAT
PROFESSIONAL PRIVATE
TRAINING FOR ANYONE**

Upscale Private Gym in W/LA
Weight Training/Cardio
Boxing/Stretching and more!
Call Tibor (310) 477-0051
30 Years Experience

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

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

**4 SEASONS
ROOFING • REPAIRS**
LIC # 4720422
"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

Evans Properties
HANDYMAN SERVICES

Expert plumbing
and instalations, all
household repairs.
Peter (310) 902-0807

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

**Handyman
On Demand**
Building Trust. Improving Life.

Insurance



FARMERS

AUTO • HOME • LIFE

Robert Donin
Insurance Agent

(310) 834-6868
rdonin@farmersagent.com

**SELF EMPLOYED?
NEED INSURANCE?**

• GREAT RATES
• A+ RATED COVERAGE

DOUGLAS FURUKAWA
(619) 977-8559



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

Services

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**

Personal Services

LIFE COACH

YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM
PERSONAL COACHING IF
YOU FEEL STUCK WITH:

Academic Goals
Career or Financial Goals
Physical or Health Goals

1/2 OFF

INITIAL CONSULTATION, NORMALLY \$200
Anthony Rogers, M.S. - (310) 386-1808



Services

Pet Services



**PROFESSIONAL
PET SITTING
AND WALKING**

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

Pool and Spa

POOL & SPA

SERVICE & REPAIRS

-Weekly service
-Drain & Cleans
-Spa Covers
-Electric spa repair

310-306-6970
FREE ESTIMATES

Retail

**NEPALI &
TIBETAN GIFTS,
CLOTHING &
STATUES**



KATHMANDU BOUTIQUE
1844 Lincoln Blvd., SM
(310) 396-4036
www.kathmanduimports.net

**YOUR AD
COULD RUN HERE!
CALL US
TODAY 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

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

Computer Services

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

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

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

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

**Need a
COMPUTER
Nerd?**

www.LANerdSquad.com

Home or Business
15 Years in Service
Any Computer Problem



(800) 231-5164

RUN YOUR DBAs

IN THE DAILY PRESS FOR ONLY \$60.

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

W.I. SIMONSON SANTA MONICA

CELEBRATING 67 YEARS IN SANTA MONICA

WINTER DREAM EVENT

Mercedes-Benz
Best of the Best
2004
Dealer Recognition Award



NEW 2006 C230 SPORTS SEDAN



2006 E350 SEDAN



2006 R350

LOADED!
INCLUDES
PANORAMA ROOF
PACKAGE



\$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. \$1781 cap cost reduction + \$795 acquisition fee = \$2576 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$31,365. Tier 1 Credit. 10K Miles/yr. 20¢ per mile excess. **OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.**

\$449 5 AT THIS LEASE PAYMENT
+ 88¢ + TAX PER MONTH
FOR 39 MONTHS

\$449.88 + tax first months payment for 39 months on approved credit. \$3127 cap cost reduction + \$795 acquisition fee = \$3922 total due at signing (\$0 security deposit). MSRP \$52,325. Tier 1 Credit. 10K Miles/yr. 20¢ per mile excess. **OTHERS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS.**

\$549 5 AT THIS LEASE PAYMENT
+ 88¢ + TAX PER MONTH
FOR 39 MONTHS

\$549.00 + tax first months payment for 39 months on approved credit. \$2200 cap cost reduction + \$795 acquisition fee = \$2995 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

'98 E320.....\$17,981
BORDEAUX/TAN, NAVI AND MORE! WA473789

'99 E430.....\$19,983
DESERT SILVER/JAVA, XA820514

'03 C230 SPT.....\$22,981
BLACK/BLACK, CD AND MORE! 3A478048

'02 C320.....\$24,981
BLACK/BLACK, CD, 9K MILES, 2F240670

'04 C240.....\$25,981
BLACK/TAN, CERTIFIED, 4A552771

'05 C240.....\$27,983
WHITE, CD, 5A656710

'02 E320 WAG.....\$28,982
TEAL/TAN, CHROMES, CD AND MORE! 203978026

'02 E320.....\$29,981
WHITE/TAN, SPORT PKG, 2B414532

'02 E430.....\$30,981
OBSIDIAN/BLACK, CD, CHROMES, 2B472073

'03 SLK 230.....\$31,981
WHITE/BLACK, CD, 3F275526

'03 CLK320.....\$41,981
CABRIOLET, PEWTER/CHARCOAL, CD, 3T144271

'02 S500.....\$41,984
BURGUNDY/TAN, DVDS, 2A283705

'04 CLK500.....\$43,981
COUPE, BLUE/STONE, 4F104882

'05 G500.....\$69,981
BLACK/ASH BEAUTY & MORE! 5X160408

'05 E55.....\$79,981
OBSIDIAN BLACK/BLACK, 5A731186

MANAGER'S SPECIALS!

'04 TOYOTA CAMRY.....\$16,981
SILVER AND MORE! 4U835613

'01 330i CONV.....\$23,981
BLACK/BLACK, SPORT PACKAGE, 1EV86593

'04 AUDI S4 QUATTRO.....\$39,981
WINTER SPECIAL! 4A113862

'03 BMW 530i.....\$45,981
BLACK/BLACK, LOW 10K MILES, 3PK02785

'03 BMW M3 CONV.....\$46,981
PEWTER/ASH, PK02785

'03 RANGE ROVER 4.6 HSE.....\$54,981
BLACK/TAN, NAVIGATION AND MORE! 3A123568

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 12/25/05

PRE-OWNED CARS

1308 SANTA MONICA BLVD • SM
310-453-2045

