

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues

LOTTO

FANTASY 5

10, 6, 23, 4, 34

DAILY 3

Afternoon picks: 3, 5, 5

Evening picks: 9, 3, 9

DAILY DERBY

1st Place: 6, Whirl Win

2nd Place: 4, Big Ben

3rd Place: 3, Hot Shot

Race Time: 1:44.01



NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Jason Cody Jones, 27, was arrested in Florence, Colo., in November and charged with suspicion of theft in connection with \$110,000 missing this year from J.P. McGill's casino, where Jones was a security guard. Jones called attention to himself by purchasing a motorcycle with 300 \$20 bills and a pickup truck with a similar array of small bills, and for spending \$35,000 during a six-month period this year while having earned only \$6,400.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Come quickly, I am tasting stars!"

— Dom Pérignon
(his discovery of champagne)

INDEX

Horoscopes

Pitch in, Libra 2

Local

Bicyclist hit by car 3

Opinion

Moderates do exist in SM 4

State

Terror alert! 7

Mommy Page

Top 10 challenges for moms 10

International

The world in brief 15

People in the News

Elvis is king once again 20

Wrapping for a cause



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press
Samoshel volunteer "Mark F." wraps a toaster oven headed for under the Christmas tree. Friday's free gift wrapping on the Third Street Promenade near Broadway benefitted Samoshel, a homeless shelter in Santa Monica. Free gift wrapping will be offered through Christmas Eve. Donations benefit a host of charities in Santa Monica.

Earthquake shakes central coast; two dead

BY BRIAN SKOLOFF
Associate Press Writer

PASO ROBLES — An earthquake rocked California's central coast Monday and shook the state from Los Angeles to San Francisco, collapsing old downtown buildings in this small town and killing at least two people in the rubble.

The 11:16 a.m. quake — its magnitude measured at 6.5 — pitched the roof of Paso Robles' 1892 clock tower building into the street, crushing a row of parked cars in this San Luis Obispo County town about 20 miles east of the epicenter. More than 40 other buildings were damaged.

It was the first deadly earthquake since the 6.7-magnitude tremor that hit Northridge in 1994, and the most powerful to strike California since a 7.1 quake rocked the desert near Joshua Tree more than four years ago. No one was killed in the 1999 quake.

The main shock Monday was centered in a sparsely populated area about 11 miles north of the coastal town of Cambria. It was immediately followed by at least 50 aftershocks larger than 3.0, the biggest of which was estimated at 4.7, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The quake shook the Hearst

See QUAKE, page 7

Cop building to be demolished

A \$2.7 million park might go in its place

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Officials here are expected to spend \$2.7 million to tear down the old police building and replace it with a landscaped courtyard.

The City Council last week voted unanimously to spend \$51,260 to have plans drafted for the demolition and the construction of a landscaped park. The total cost of the project was estimated to be \$2.7 million, according to City Hall documents.

When the \$66 million Public Safety Facility was completed earlier this year, several different options were floated for the old police building. Some suggested it could be used by City Hall staffers who currently work in

rented offices elsewhere. Others said it could be used to house homeless people. And some have suggested that it is unsafe and should be torn down.

"That building is thrashed."

— KEVIN MCKEOWN
City Councilman

City Hall currently pays \$1.5 million to lease 40,000 square feet of space in various locations throughout Santa Monica. The old building could provide about 28,700 square feet of office space if remodeled, a job estimated to take 22 months, according to City Hall documents.

In recommending demolition,

See BUILDING, page 6

SM police respond to security alert

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMPD — Local police are taking extra measures within the city in response to the national alert level being raised to orange, signifying America is at high risk for a terrorist attack.

The Office of Homeland Security announced on Sunday that the national alert level was raised from yellow — or elevated risk — to orange. Officials said the risk of a terrorist attack is as severe as it has been since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

The Santa Monica Police Department will continue taking additional steps to increase checks of various locations throughout Santa Monica, police said.

"On Sept. 11 we identified certain areas within Santa Monica to provide additional checks and

"We wants residents, business people and visitors to be alert and contact the police if they see something suspicious."

— LT. FRANK FABREGA
SMPD spokesman

now that we've moved into orange alert, the Santa Monica Police Department has begun daily, periodic checks, 24 hours a day," SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega said.

Fabrega declined to say where those areas are. However, security officials in the past have said high traffic places like the pier and landmark structures like the

See ALERT, page 6

THE UNDER \$10 DINNER SPECIAL
Served from 4pm - 10pm
1433 Wilshire Blvd at 15th St
310-394-1131

Music Lessons...
The gift that lasts a lifetime
(310) 453-1928
1901 SANTA MONICA BLVD.
IN SANTA MONICA

PERSONAL INJURY
WILLS, TRUSTS & PROBATE
BUSINESS LITIGATION
McGee, Lerer & Associates
(310) 231-9717
Free consultations



Chestnuts roasting over an open fire
Jack Frost Nipping at your ear, our Color
looks great and our Haircuts do too

*Merry X-Mas and & Happy New Year
Your Friends @ Medusa*

Tint & Haircut \$65
Hi-Lite/Lo-Lite & Haircut & \$85
Book now with Teresa or Gilbert.

1419 Abbot Kinney Blvd. in Venice
(310)396-7600 • medusahair.com

"Medusa Goes Out"

TAEKWONDO SELF DEFENSE
FOR KIDS, MEN AND WOMEN

FREE 30 DAY
TRIAL MEMBERSHIP!

A \$100 VALUE

Experience the Difference ...

King's Celebrity
Martial Arts
4 TIME WORLD CHAMPION
ATA CERTIFIED

2110 Wilshire Blvd. in Santa Monica • 310-828-2779



24 Hours Door-to-Door Shuttle Service

COAST SHUTTLE

Shuttles to All Airports, Piers, & Amusement Parks.

Over 16 Years Experience

TO or FROM
Santa Monica to LAX - \$14
Venice to LAX - \$12

(800) 449-8267
VANS

www.coastshuttle.com

Lower Rates & Best Service to Your Destination.



START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT
Way to Wellness: Back to Basics

Space is Going Fast...
Get Signed Up Now!

4 "Supercharged" Weeks of

- Exercise Classes
- Nutritional Counseling
- Stress Management
- Health & Wellness Education (M, W & TH: 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m.)

Sign-up deadline is December 15th, 2003. Program starts January 5th, 2004
Located at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel
310-842-5657 • www.globalfitnesssolutionsonline.com



HOROSCOPE

Pitch in when you can, Libra



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)
★★★★ Step up and do what is required of you. You might not want to, but unfortunately, you are the best qualified. You have a way of steaming through work that others admire. Do not take a family member's criticism too personally. This person could be jealous. Tonight: Check in on an older relative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Deal with others in your customary nice manner, even if you might want to hit someone on the head with a frying pan. Once you complete what you need to, you will feel good about yourself. At the same time, you might need to establish limits. Tonight: Put on some Christmas music.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ If interfered with, you could lose your temper. Don't, if you can help it, because you could alienate a close friend. The season might be getting to you more than you realize. Be positive about the possibilities that surround you. Tonight: Make nice with a partner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others might challenge you, though on some level, they really don't mean to. The holiday could be getting the best of those you care about, as well as those in your work life. Keep communication flowing. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Pitch right in — you might not have a choice. Still, your mood could make or break a situation. Use care with others and when selecting gifts. You might want to get an extra gift or two for those who might surprise you. Relax as much as you can. Tonight: Clean up any last-minute details.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You're in the pink and ready to celebrate. You might wonder what is going on with a partner who appears to be on the warpath. Remember the tension the holidays can create and be more indulgent. You are the one who will make the difference right now. Tonight: Add more spunk to a relationship.

The Daily Horoscope is sponsored by:

THE COUNTER
BUILDING A BETTER BURGER

HOURS: M-TH: 11AM-10PM FRI-SAT: 11AM-11PM SUN: 12PM-9PM
2901 Ocean Park Blvd in Santa Monica • 310.399.8383



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Head on home, where you might have to deal with a bit of unpleasantness, but nothing you cannot handle. Be indulgent and understanding about the tension that can build around the holidays. Help others remember the true meaning of the holidays. Tonight: Pitch in wherever you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ What you say might have a lot to do with what happens right now. Use your charm and help an irate associate work through a problem or gain perspective. Take off early and finish up holiday errands or do something ultimately cheery. Tonight: Share the holiday spirit. Ignore a Scrooge-like person in your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Think of the person who might have been left out and take action toward him or her. Often people are left out. You might upset a spoiled loved one by your efforts, but ultimately, it all works out. Teach a child that gifts are not everything. Tonight: Share last-minute details.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Someone might not see you the way you see him or her. Remember, right now, you might be more upbeat than you realize, drawing a strong reaction from someone who really might not be so upbeat. Express your caring. Tonight: As you like it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might be a bit out of sorts with what is going on in the next few days. Rather than impact others in your life, work through your feelings. You just might be too tired for your own good. Tonight: Vanish; get some extra sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might be hearing Christmas bells and caroling wherever you are, putting you in the frame of mind for the holiday. Do remember a special friend. You could be pulling everything together for those around you. Tonight: Make it your pleasure.

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 Sackarison sack@smdp.com

STAFF WRITER
John Wood wood@smdp.com

ADVERTISING SALES MANAGER
Rob Piuheni rob@smdp.com

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
Steve Averill steve@smdp.com

PRODUCTION MANAGER
Del Pastrana del@smdp.com

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT
Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II alex@smdp.com

ADMINISTRATIVE TRAFFIC MANAGER
Elise De Ford elise@smdp.com

CLASSIFIED REPRESENTATIVE
Mitch Troy mitch@smdp.com

CIRCULATION MANAGER
Robert DeAmicis Rob@smdp.com

CIRCULATION
Keith Wyatt keith@smdp.com

SPECIAL PROJECTS
Dave Danforth dave@smdp.com

MASCOT
Maya Furukawa maya@smdp.com

LOCAL



Bike vs. car



George Olszewski/Special to the Daily Press

Emergency workers respond to a bicyclist who was hit by a car on Monday afternoon while the driver sits on a bench nearby. The elderly motorist hit a bicyclist while he was traveling south on 11th Street, attempting to make a right-hand turn onto Santa Monica Boulevard. The condition of the bicyclist was not known.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

YMCA offers free community open house

By Daily Press staff

A community open house featuring exercise classes, arts and crafts and swimming activities for all ages will be held at the newly renovated Santa Monica Family YMCA Saturday, Jan. 24.

Attendees will be treated to classes such as body sculpting, step classes, sports for children ages 3 to 9, open volleyball, family swimming, aerobics and activities for toddlers. In addition, tours of the new facility will be conducted and there will be presentations of many of the YMCA's programs and classes. There also will be door prizes and other giveaways.

The Santa Monica Family YMCA has served the Santa Monica, Venice and westside communities for more than 100 years. It features 85,000 square feet of program space and a state-of-the-art aquatic and fitness facility for people of all ages.

The free open house event will be open to the public. For more information, call (310) 393-2721.

MLK celebration planned with appellate judge

By Daily Press staff

U.S. Appellate Court Judge Dorothy W. Nelson — winner of the American Bar Association's award for outstanding contribution to dispute resolution — will be the keynote speaker at the celebration of the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 19, at the First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th St., Santa Monica.

The free event, which has become one of the largest celebrations of its kind in Southern California, is scheduled for 9 a.m. The event is coordinated by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition, a nonprofit coalition whose missions are consistent with King's legacy. It is sponsored 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 and "Community Lights" awards. Immediately following the program will be a Community Involvement Fair with informational booths of various community organizations and refreshments.

surf report

This morning will start off with leftovers from Monday. We'll have fading SW and W-WNW swell still on tap but many spots will be dropping into the waist-high range.

OUTLOOK: By Tuesday afternoon and into Wednesday new WNW swell will build. Exposed spots will see shoulder to head-high surf by late in the day on Tuesday with the swell building overnight into Wednesday morning.

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

Today the
water is:

58°

Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.
Sunset: 4:58 p.m.

	LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	Morning	Height	Evening	Height	Morning	Height	Evening	Height
SATURDAY	N/A	N/A	1:18	-0.7	6:09	6.4	7:36	3.9
SUNDAY	12:25	1.7	2:05	-1.3	6:50	6.9	8:31	4.0
MONDAY	1:10	1.9	2:52	-1.7	7:32	7.2	9:24	4.0
TUESDAY	1:57	2.0	3:39	-1.8	8:17	7.3	10:15	4.0
WEDNESDAY	2:44	2.1	4:27	-1.7	9:03	7.1	11:08	4.0
THURSDAY	3:35	2.3	5:16	-1.4	9:50	6.8	N/A	N/A
FRIDAY	4:30	2.4	6:05	-0.9	12:02	4.0	(10:40)	6.2

The Surf Report is sponsored by:

Today's Special:

Roast Beef
Sandwich

\$8 tax included

Includes:
Pickles or coleslaw,
french fries or salad
and drink



Store Hours:

Open
Daily from
11 a.m. to
10 p.m.

119 Broadway, Santa Monica
310.394.0100

Jane Seymour featured in SMC exhibit

By Daily Press staff

The Malibu Art Association Juried Exhibition, featuring eclectic works in all media, will be at the Santa Monica College Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery Jan. 10 through Feb. 5. The featured artist is actress Jane Seymour, and the juror is SMC art professor Jeff O'Connell.

An opening reception will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The gallery is located at SMC's Madison campus on Santa Monica Boulevard at 11th Street. The gallery will be closed Jan. 17-18 in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

In connection with the exhibit, renowned artist Laddie John Dill will give a free lecture in the gallery at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31.

The show will have a wide range of work, including acrylic, drawings, oils, digital art, photography, prints, and sculpture.

Founded in 1963 by artist M. Marjorie Knowles, the Malibu Art Association sponsors several shows and special projects each year. Fifteen percent of the sales go to Malibu High School scholarships and to purchase books for the Malibu Public Library and Malibu High School Library.

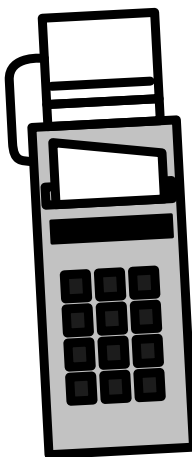
PONTE VECCHIO

ITALIAN HOME & GARDEN FURNISHINGS



Mid-Century Venetian Glass
Tuscan Ceramics • Chandeliers
Deruta Dinnerware • Jewelry
Florentine Leather • Antique Linens

702 MONTANA AVENUE IN SANTA MONICA
(310) 394-0989 • www.PonteV.com



IRS PROBLEMS?

PERSONAL • BUSINESS • OFFERS

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

429 Santa Monica Blvd. Ste. 710
Santa Monica 90401

OPINION

Saddam tangled in a web and caught in a hole

Despite a lot of news reports, a clear explanation by President Bush, and eyewitness live footage of a hole in the dirt, the Iraqi insurgents somehow haven't gotten the message that Saddam Hussein was a low-life coward, unworthy of respect or allegiance, much less combat.

Have they been hiding under a rock?

"It's ironic that there he was, at the end of the day, cowering in a spider-hole," one U.S. Army general said.

"He didn't even fire his gun," another said. "I will negotiate." What a joke.

Clearly this man was not a strong leader. A strong leader would have flown onto the deck of an aircraft carrier, guns blazing, wearing a bomber jacket.

Instead, Saddam took a subtle approach to the big moment with 600 U.S. troops. Surrendering with his hands in the air, he didn't even shave or put up a fight. This was a man and a people going nowhere. Headed for the ash heap

of history. Just like the Ruskies, before they got Putin.

"When you take this leader, and find him in a hole in the ground, then that's a powerful signal you may be on the wrong team and maybe you need to be thinking about some other line of work," said the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, who took the shuttle into Bagdad for the day, and like the Commander-in-Chief, took the next flight out.

Believe it or not, airline food is better than the grub, I mean, MREs they serve in Iraq.

No, the Iraqi "insurgents" haven't gotten the message. From Bagdad to the northern city of Mosul, crowds took to the streets in support of Saddam and what they perceive as freedom — freedom from occupying U.S. troops.

They bombed U.S.-backed police sta-

tions. They attacked a U.S. supply train.

And they fired on a 2nd Infantry Division patrol using a flock of carrier pigeons as a trap. (This was actually a good thing, because McDonnell Douglas has developed an anti-pigeon semi-automatic M-8 retrofit, which Halliburton will deliver to the U.S. Army next year for a small mark-up. Say, 20,000 percent.)

Some Iraqis think this war is about money and oil. Where do they get these ideas? The president has said it 1,000 times if he's said it once. This war is about freedom and democracy. And to prove it, he's brought in experts. Like James A. Baker III, who knows a heck of a lot about democracy since he figured out that mess in Florida in the last election. And he barely does any oil business any more.

I heard a report on KPFF, a left-wing radical radio station in Los Angeles, in which Palestinians were saying the capture of Saddam was a set-up by the Americans, a staged event, as predictable as a Hollywood ending. Now, the Palestinians have been through a lot, so you can't blame them for being a little delusional.

But it does seem sort of inevitable, in a way, that a little dictator funded and armed by the U.S. military, a man who tapped a rich vein of American guns and butter for a decade in another war against another one of our enemies, would be returned to ground level, or even a spider hole, by the same global weapons trafficker, I mean superpower.

Not to worry. A guy who was too dumb to fire his gun at the Special Forces will never think to bring this up when he gets his day in court.

(Beth Solomon is a Los Angeles writer reachable at bethsolomon@earthlink.net.)

Guest Commentary

By Beth Solomon



City Hall spending and Santa Monica drivers are out of control



Evelyn Jerome

"Money doesn't grow on trees," the Santa Monica City Council recently indicated to the school board. Really now. Not the model of spend-thriftiness, our council.

This is the same City Council that was chided by one of its own members for doling out money to a local non-profit organization without any process in place for evaluating how effective the contribution would be.

The same City Council that sat idly by while the reconstruction of the main library went over budget by more than \$20 million of your tax dollars.

And they have the chutzpah to lecture others about carefree spending. Something about glass houses fits nicely here.

A year ago it occurred to me that I couldn't be the only voter in Santa Monica with my head screwed on straight. I couldn't be the only one who thinks our City Council's solutions to municipal problems veer off the deep end

more than occasionally. So I proposed to the editor of this newspaper that I would write columns to represent a moderate point of view, assuming I would be the target of more darts than Huzzahs.

Though I did receive a handful of nasty little notes, sometimes unsigned, one from a city employee with apparently not enough work to do, I was pleasantly surprised at the number of e-mailed pats on the back I received this year. There are moderates in Santa Monica. There are people who want restraint in City Hall's spending and clear results attached to the investments we make. And there are some who agree with me that it's possible to support renters' rights while also supporting owners' rights — every issue doesn't need to be boiled down into a simplistic "us versus them."

That said, this will be my last regular column for awhile — I'm going to declare victory at having found the moderates and quit while I'm a bit ahead.

But before I leave my soapbox, I want to take the opportunity to offer westside and Santa Monica drivers a brief refresh-

er course on driving etiquette. As a dog owner, I am a frequent pedestrian in our town, a special kind of pedestrian with a less-visible-but-still-living-thing usually six feet in front of me. Because we have daily near-death experiences, I thought I would be so presumptuous as to gently offer these reminders:

■ Thou shalt stop at the line on the street adjacent to stop signs. Not six feet in front of the line. My only expectation as a pedestrian is that you will stop at that line, BEFORE creeping forward to see if you can safely proceed.

■ Thou shalt LOOK BOTH WAYS before departing aforementioned line adjacent to stop signs. Though your vehicular traffic may only be coming from one direction, there may be pedestrians coming from EITHER direction.

■ Thou shalt stop at red lights. Even when intending to turn right, stopping is required first. This may sound obvious but clearly most people have forgotten the meaning of the red light.

■ Thou shalt not bolt out of alleys before looking to see if pedestrians are

traversing the sidewalk.

■ Thou shalt stop for pedestrians crossing in the crosswalks without acting as if you are doing us a grand favor. This means that since you may have to stop at any corner, zipping down Wilshire Boulevard at 60 mph (or worse, down Arizona Avenue at 60 mph) is not recommended. This applies to buses as well.

■ Thou shalt refrain from yelling epithets, honking, or making rude hand gestures at pedestrians who cross at, well, a pedestrian speed.

In short, please keep in mind that the pedestrian ALWAYS has the right of way, and sometimes the pedestrian has a dog trotting ahead. My dog, Madison thanks you for abiding by all of these silly rules.

Have a safe and happy holiday, and a joyous 2004.

(Evelyn Jerome is a public affairs consultant, a past president of the Los Angeles County Young Democrats and a Santa Monica homeowner. To respond or to reach her, e-mail evelyn_thinktwice@yahoo.com.)

Opinions expressed are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff. Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters will be published on a space-available basis. It is our intention to publish all letters we receive, except those that are libelous or are unsigned. Preference will be given to those that are e-mailed to sack@smdp.com. All letters must include the author's name and telephone number for purposes of verification. Letters also may be mailed to our offices located at 1427 Third Street Promenade, Suite 202, Santa Monica, 90401, or faxed to (310) 576-9913. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content.

NO ARTIFICIAL FLAVORS, COLORS OR PRESERVATIVES ADDED. NEVER PROCESSED, PICKED FRESH DAILY. 100% ORGANIC NEWS ...

Santa Monica Daily Press

310.458.7737 Fax: 310.576.9913



Member: AAGP, HCS, SCS, SCS, SCS

© 2003 WWW.FUNNYPAPERZ.COM

OPINION

Sex and hypocrisy rule the television airwaves



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pissarra

While I was watching television a few weeks ago, I flipped between channels and came across the show "Angel" on the WB network. It was an interesting show, not for what the topic was, but because at 9 p.m., on the free airwaves of the United States, the show's main character was tastefully in active intercourse.

Living in Santa Monica as a gay man who is a business lawyer, I am not shocked by much. I have known several people in the porn industry. I have a client who legally sells the paraphernalia of the drug industry. I count a Playboy model as a client of mine.

Prude is a word that has only been applied to me once, and I think the user misunderstood the meaning. My point is that sex is not something that shocks me, yet this time, on a network show, I was shocked to see it.

That same show, which deals with some variation of a vampire gone good storyline, regularly shows murders by decapitation, green glowing goo as the remaining blood of a fallen villain, and body parts hacked off. That doesn't shock me.

And frankly, that shocks me.

When the act of making love is more shocking to me than the act of murder, something is wrong with our programming on television, and likely our society.

At first, my thoughts were that this should not be allowed on television. This is a bad image for children to see. No one needs to have this type of programming piped in to their homes. The counter argument is that television is not a right, it is a privilege and it is the duty of a parent to control what their children watch.

The fact is however, that network television, is a right. It is sent over the public airwaves, which are a public asset. Public

assets are those things which one cannot provide for oneself, such as the sewer system, the freeways, etc. The airwaves are regulated by the FCC, precisely because they are limited in number, and therefore are to be used for the public benefit.

Thus the question becomes, what is for the public benefit? Are we better served having television programming that shows rapes, murders, and drug use, or would our society be better served showing normal human relations, done in a tasteful manner?

Television has always been a bit prudish about sex and sexuality. It was in the '50s when I Love Lucy was on television, and the episodes would regularly show their bedroom with its matching twin beds. Rob and Laura on the Dick Van Dyke show had their own set of twin beds. It was a gentler time certainly, but more naive.

Nowadays just about every show has its token black person, token Asian person, and token gay person. Sometimes they add to the quality of the show, and most times they are there to prevent the title of racist or prejudiced from being applied.

Today we have shows like "Cibs," on MTV via cable, which showcase the profits of a life devoted to the benefits of singing about rape and murder. There is little wonder why the inner city is rife with young men striving to make a killing, literally, to get to prison, so they pay their dues, then become rap stars and make their millions.

We are getting the programming we ask for. There is no question that the demographic that the programmers are aiming for is the 14- to 28-year-old male. It just strikes me that this same demographic can be just as obsessed over sex as they are over cars and violence.

The reason why we have an FCC that allows shootings and murders on television but only recently sex, is because it was deemed immoral to show people having a normal human relationship. Life had to be sanitized and idealized. Death could be shown in full, however. Of course that hasn't helped decrease the 50 percent failure rate of marriage. It hasn't helped prevent the increasing number of teen pregnancies or

the spread of disease, particularly HIV. And it hasn't made our society any safer, saner or more ideal.

These rules were initially promulgated by men like the late Sen. Strom Thurmond. That pillar of southern open mindedness who remained in the Senate for over five decades, and now that he is passed on, his illegitimate bi-racial daughter makes her debut, at the age of 78. As disgusted as I am by his hypocrisy, it is understandable. To announce his "sin" of extramarital sexual relations with the black maid, would only destroy his career, the child's life and her mother's life.

This announcement reminded me of another strident hater of the '50s, Roy Cohn. A man so filled with self hatred he ruined the lives of other homosexuals, seeking to keep the scrutiny off of his own homosexuality. He helped to create the environment that produced the rules the FCC enforces today on morality.

We have a society based on the sanctimonious, enforced by the hypocritical. I am not saying we should allow the full power of the pornographic industry to suddenly flood our

airways. We have cable for that, and frankly that is where it belongs, because that is a privilege. I would rather hope that we could find a middle ground in our public programming, where normal human relations, straight, gay, interracial are all tastefully represented, in a truthful and honest manner.

The airways are ours. They are ours to use as we want. I would not want a steady stream of pabulum programming. Much the same as I would not want a schedule full of murder and violence. But if I had to choose between the two, I think for the benefit of our society I would prefer more sex, less violence, and maybe even a little love.

Perhaps we are getting there. As the WB continues to program shows like "Angel" perhaps I will be less shocked to see people making love, and more shocked when they are hacked to bits. Hopefully that will lead to a more peaceful world.

(David Pissarra is a partner in the Santa Monica law firm of Pissarra & Grist, he welcomes questions, and can be reached at (310) 664-9969 or e-mailed at DPISARRA@PISARRA.COM).

PANINI GARDEN
A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE WORLD OF SANDWICHES

**Come In & Experience
Our Grilled or Cold Panini
Sandwiches & Superb Salads**

Panini Party Platters • Weekly Specials • Everything Fresh & Made to Order
Order Online at: www.paninigarden.com • Dine-In Garden Patio • We Deliver

Open Daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

2715 Main Street • Santa Monica • (310) 399-9939 • Fax (310) 314-2634



Busy Bee Hardware

"THE HEALTHY HARDWARE STORE"
Serving Santa Monica since 1914



ACE® Brand
53 Piece Socket Set

29⁹⁹

ACE
The helpful place.



ACE® Brand
15' Extension Cord

2⁴⁹



ACE® Brand
45 Piece Screwdriver Bit Set

24⁹⁹

SPECIALIZING IN:

- Juicers & Health Books
- Water Filters
- Radon Testers



KEYS CUT FOR 75¢
Buy 2 and the third one is on us!

1521 Santa Monica Boulevard • 310-395-1158
Located between 15th & 16th St. on the Northside of SM Blvd.

M & A TOBACCO & GIFTS

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

Marlboro Blend 27 \$25.39 + tax w/ COUPON Exp. 12/31/03	Camel Lights, Royal & Gold Buy 1 for: \$29.99 Buy 2 for: \$25.39 w/ COUPON Exp. 12/31/03	Marlboro, Camel, Newport, & Kool \$29.99 All Style w/ COUPON Exp. 12/31/03
Marlboro Medium (Box + 100) \$27.99 + tax w/ COUPON Exp. 12/31/03	Chesterfield Box \$23.10 + tax w/ COUPON Exp. 12/31/03	\$1 OFF On All Other Brands

Looking for a Last-Minute Gift?
How about our

Winter Day Spa Package
Haircut
(Consultation, shampoo, conditioning, cut & blow-dry)
Manicure/Pedicure
(A full-service luxurious treatment)
Massage
(A full hour of Relaxation Therapy)

Great Stocking Stuffer
a \$165 value for only
\$99
offer ends Feb. 29th

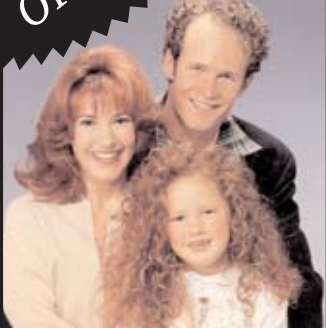
or purchase an Off The Top Gift Card in any denomination you choose.

1418 Main St.,
Santa Monica
(310) 452-3641

GRAND OPENING!

Fantastic Sams

"Come and see our NEW look"
NOW OPEN



ADULT HAIRCUT Shampoo & Precision Cut \$9.95 Long Hair Extra	COLOR Shampoo & Quality Color \$5.00 OFF Min. \$39 & Up
--	--

Santa Monica
 2461D Santa Monica Blvd.
 (Next to Sav-on Drugs)
310-453-5103

Fantastic Sams Sav-on Drugs 26th St.
 Santa Monica Blvd.

M-F: 9am-8pm Sat: 9am-6pm Sun: 10am-5pm

Santa Monica Nativity Scenes

A CHRISTMAS TRADITION



Beginning at the intersection of Arizona and Ocean avenues, these 14 inspiring and dramatic scenes proclaim the story of Christmas to all who pass by.

Scenes will be on display thru 3pm, January 1st.

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to:
 Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee • P.O. Box 0648, Santa Monica, CA 90406

got teeth?

visit David Taft, D.D.S.

310-315-3676

- 20+ years of experience
- Evening hours + emergency services
- Root Canals, Crowns, Veneers
- UCLA Graduate
- Most insurances accepted
- Cosmetic Dentistry

Dental Exam + Cleaning + X-Rays **\$45** (reg. \$149)

FREE Bleaching (includes starter bleach)

with exam, x-rays and cleaning at regular price must mention this ad

UCLA Parkside Medical

2428 SANTA MONICA BLVD., SUITE 303 • SANTA MONICA

Fill the Bubble Get 10% off...

YES. THAT'S CORRECT. SIMPLY FILL IN THE BUBBLE ABOVE THE GIRLS HEADS WITH SOMETHING FUNNY OR CLEVER; BRING IT IN TO US BY NOVEMBER 30TH 2003 AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE V.I.P. PRICING/GIFT CARD SHOWN BELOW. IT'S GOOD FOR AN ADDITIONAL 10% OFF ANY KODAK PRODUCT OR SERVICE WE HAVE IN STOCK.




VENICE CAMERA EXCHANGE & DIGITAL IMAGE CENTER
 2417 LINCOLN BLVD. IN VENICE - (310) 821-5611

LOCAL

Police building 'thrashed'

BUILDING, from page 1

Assistant City Manager Gordon Anderson pointed out that bringing the old building up to code would cost about \$9.6 million and. If it were to be used to house city workers, it would only save City Hall about \$1 million in annual lease payments, Anderson said.

What's more, the old police building was built as an afterthought to the original historic City Hall building, which was dedicated in 1939. It closes off the east end of a courtyard that was meant to be open, according to City Hall documents, which explains that while the main building is considered historically valuable, the later additions are not.

Additionally, fixing up the old building would take money away from a much-needed seismic retrofit of the main City Hall building, a project estimated to cost \$2.5 million that has been put off because of the uncertainties surrounding the old building and a lack of funding.

Anderson said staffers recommended demolition because the redevelopment plan governing the area calls for open space there.

"The Civic Center Plan, which was developed through an 18-month community process, calls for the demolition of the former police wing in order to allow for the eventual restoration of City Hall and the creation of an important visual and public relationship between City Hall, the Public Safety Building and the proposed Civic Center parking structure," reads his report.

The two-story building with a jail in the basement was added on to the U-shaped City Hall in 1958 for the expanding police department. But over the years it too became crammed, most recently wedging close to 300 workers into an aging space intended for 125, SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega said. Another 100 city workers worked in satellite offices throughout the city.

"It was just overcrowded," Fabrega said. "The building was old. It didn't meet standards of the (American Disabilities

Act). There were no public restrooms in it, no elevators. It was just not a community friendly type facility."

Though police and fire staffers have made the move over to the new facility, prisoners have yet to be transferred. Fabrega said they won't take up new residence at the Public Safety Facility until sometime in the middle of next month.

"The building was old. It didn't meet standards of the (American Disabilities Act)."

— LT. FRANK FABREGA
 SMPD spokesman

The new jail is slightly smaller than the current one, but designed to be more efficient for processing and transferring prisoners to county facilities. The current jail holds 112 male and 21 female prisoners. The new jail has 96 beds and 55 cells. There also are five temporary holding cells, as opposed to one at the old jail, and three interview rooms, as opposed to none.

Santa Monica's jail serves as a temporary holding facility and prisoners stay between 24 and 72 hours, depending on their initial court appearance. They are then released or sent to county jail.

Before demolition can begin, the Landmarks Commission will need to review the plans drawn up by contractors. If they are approved, the City Council must then designate funding. A total of \$4.6 million is available for the project and retrofitting City Hall.

City Councilman Kevin McKeown said he was contacted by several members of the community eager to see the old building put to use. So McKeown said he decided to take a look for himself and walked through the now-vacant structure. What he saw spoke for itself.

"That building is thrashed," McKeown said before voting.

Police offer advice on how to prepare for an emergency

ALERT, from page 1

Rand Corp., are locations being monitored.

SMPD works with a task force dedicated to homeland security that includes local, state and national agencies to provide and receive intelligence, Fabrega said. Beyond those agencies, the SMPD asks that everyone be alert.

"We want residents, business people and visitors to be alert and contact the police if they see something suspicious," Fabrega said.

However, police said Santa Monica doesn't appear to be in any immediate danger. "I want to assure residents, business owners and visitors that the police department will continue to deliver the highest quality of law enforcement services during these times," said SMPD Chief James T. Butts, Jr. "To date, we have not been informed by any federal, state, or county agency that a threat has been made against this city."

For additional information regarding emergency preparedness and how to assemble a 72-hour emergency kit, log onto the SMPD Web site at smpd.org.

check out your forecast in today's horoscopes ...

page 2

STATE



Security tightened following terror threat warning

BY SETH HETTENA

Associated Press Writer

Last-minute shoppers continued to check items off their lists Monday as security tightened at California's border, airports, bridges and major facilities following a government warning that terrorists might attack over the holidays.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was briefed about the government's decision to raise the national threat level. State officials were awaiting more detailed information about how the warning would affect California.

Homeland Secretary Tom Ridge said Sunday that threat indicators were "perhaps greater now than at any point" since Sept. 11, 2001, news that reached many visitors to shopping malls on what has traditionally been one of the year's busiest shopping days.

Many shrugged off the warning. "They're like earthquakes. You learn to deal with it," said 42-year-old Jeff Shaw of Reno, Nev., during a lunch break on a family trip to the San Francisco Shopping Mall. "If it's going to happen, it's going to happen."

At Macy's in downtown Los Angeles, 59-year-old Gilbert Carrasco wasn't troubled by the warning as he did some last-minute shopping for his brother and sister.

"I feel very comfortable. I'm not thinking about that at all," Carrasco said. "The United States hasn't had a major terrorist attack on our soil since Sept. 11."

Some of the intercepted communications and other intelligence mentioned New York, Washington and unspecified cities on the West Coast, according to a senior law enforcement, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The California Highway Patrol stepped up security on the Golden Gate Bridge and other spans, including a mandatory checkpoint for trucks. Officers also were paying extra attention to the state's oil refineries, nuclear power plants and power grids, according to Sgt. Wayne Ziese, a CHP spokesman.

Officials also increased security in the waters surrounding the Port of Los Angeles and began random inspections of ships entering the port, Los Angeles Mayor Jim Hahn said.

At the U.S.-Mexico border, the Bureau

of Customs and Border Protection said it would be conducting more thorough inspections of the 55,000 vehicles that cross from Tijuana, Mexico to San Diego each day. Agents were paying close attention to pedestrians, documents and merchandise, and carefully examining trunks and cargo spaces.

Intelligence indicated al-Qaida was seeking again to use planes as weapons and exploit suspected weakness in U.S. aviation security.

Airports across California, already crowded with the traditional holiday travel rush, began Sunday to ratchet up security measures.

Those measures included more officers and K-9 units, random vehicle searches, increased perimeter security and extra efforts urging passengers to be especially cautious, according to an official with the Transportation Security Administration.

San Diego International Airport would begin taking those steps Monday, said spokeswoman Terry Corso. Officials announced Sunday afternoon that security would be increased and random vehicle searches would be conducted at Los Angeles International Airport.

Travelers were asked to factor extra time into their travel plans.

"I'm flying home today," said Bobbi Grisham, 20, who was headed from San Francisco to Ontario. "I don't think it matters. I don't worry about it."

State officials were taking pains not to overreact to the terror alert, according to Dale Chessey, a spokesman for the California Office of Emergency Services.

"We have gone through these many times, and we don't want to ramp up the full operation and find ourselves sitting there waiting," Chessey said. "We don't want to pull all the troops in and then waste a tremendous amount of money."

One sign of the state's desire not to overreact was that only two additional staff people were brought in to assist the state warning center operators who dispense information to police agencies.

Many Californians said they didn't see what they could do differently.

"Either they're going to bomb us or they're not," said Curtiss Jacobs of Lafayette, who was meeting up with friends for lunch in San Francisco.

hands, shovels and heavy equipment.

The bodies of Jennifer Myrick, 19, of Atascadero, and Marilyn Zafuto, 55, of Paso Robles, were found on the sidewalk outside a dress shop, police Sgt. Bob Adams said.

The owners of three cars damaged in the rubble were still unaccounted for. "They have not been reported missing but their whereabouts are unknown," Adams said.

Two people with minor injuries were pulled from a badly damaged adjacent bakery.

"My roof basically jumped onto the street and landed on cars with people in them," said Nick Sherwin, 61, who operated Pan Jewelers in the building. The cars "are crushed like little toys, nothing left."

Marilyn Curry watched the buildings collapse from her law firm across the street, then ran to a city park where

See QUAKE, page 8

St. Anne's Parish Community invites you this season to its Liturgical Celebrations

Schedule of Masses

December 24th

4:00 p.m. — English

5:30 p.m. — English (Children's Mass)

12:00 a.m. — Bilingual (Midnight Mass)

December 25th

10:00 a.m. — English

11:30 a.m. — Spanish



**2011 Colorado Avenue
Santa Monica
(310) 829-4411**

Residents shook up from quake

QUAKE, from page 1

Castle in San Simeon, the estate of the legendary publisher William Randolph Hearst. The castle — a particularly popular tourist attraction this time of its year because of its Hearst family Christmas ornaments — reported no injuries and no immediate signs of any serious damage but was evacuated as a precaution.

The quake also shook the federal courthouse in San Francisco, 165 miles to the northwest of the epicenter, and sent the building's upper floors swaying for about 30 seconds. People in downtown Los Angeles, 185 miles southeast, felt a sustained rolling motion.

In Paso Robles, a town of 25,000 people in a region dotted with wineries and horse ranches, searchers dug through the debris of the collapsed row of stores in the clock-tower building, pulling apart piles of bricks and mangled wood with their

YOUR LEFT HAND
LIVES FOR LOVE.
YOUR RIGHT HAND
LIVES FOR THE MOMENT.
WOMEN OF THE
WORLD, RAISE
YOUR RIGHT HAND.



*Designs that express who you are.
In modern vintage, contemporary, romantic, and floral styles.
The diamond right hand ring.*



**READERS
FINE JEWELERS**
5th GENERATION

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



Eddie Guerboian



Comfy New Year!

Our Cotton Comfort Set is as comfy as your favorite sweats—and wrinkle free, too! Come in today and see how we can make your travels—and holidays—more comfortable, safe, and rewarding.

Magellan's 

AMERICA'S LEADING SOURCE OF TRAVEL SUPPLIES

1006 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica

(at 10th - ten blocks from the beach)

Open Monday ~ Saturday from 10 to 6. Sunday 11 to 4.

www.magellans.com



LOW CARB MARKET NOW OPEN

Over 1300 LOW CARB, LOW FAT & SUGAR FREE products

1820 Wilshire Blvd. at 19th Street

(next to Froman's Deli and Rite Aid)

310-828-0030

Hours: M-F 9am-7pm Sat & Sun 10am-6pm

www.purefoods.com



**Opening in January at:
350 N. Canon Drive in Beverly Hills**



STATE

San Joaquin Valley opts to go to 'extreme' polluter category

BY JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press Writer

FRESNO — Air quality regulators in the smog-plagued San Joaquin Valley took the unprecedented step last week of asking the Environmental Protection Agency to put it in the worst category for air pollution as a last resort to meet federal air standards and avoid expensive sanctions.

The move puts the valley in a category with only notoriously polluted Los Angeles as an "extreme" violator of federal ozone pollution standards. The designation gives the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District the stigma of being the only region to seek the designation, but gives it until 2010 to clear its air.

Under the current "severe" category, failure to clean the air by 2005 would penalize businesses with \$36 million in fees and cost the eight-county region \$2 billion in federal highway funds.

"Those cuts won't stop current driving," said Don Hunsacker, an air quality planner for district. "They might actually delay projects that could improve the situation."

Automobiles are blamed for the bulk of the valley's pollution woes, but the district has little power over regulating them, which comes under federal authority. Farms are also considered a significant source, but they have been unregulated until legislation was passed this year to hold them accountable like other businesses.

Urban sprawl, limited public transportation and a lack of willpower by local air regulators have also been blamed for making this one of the nation's most polluted regions.

The district has never had a workable plan to clean up smog, a corrosive gas that forms when auto emissions and other chemicals react with heat and sunlight. It stunts the growth of crops and exacerbates asthma and other respiratory problems; in one recent study it was shown to

cause asthma.

The district has routinely missed deadlines to comply with the Clean Air Act and the EPA failed to take action until environmental groups began to sue the agency in recent years for failing to enforce the law.

Board members said that volunteering for the extreme polluter category would prevent the federal government from taking over the cleanup and preserve the valley's oversight.

"The only thing we do going with the feds is lose our control," said Tony Barba, a board member.

Agriculture and oil industry representatives supported the measure, saying it was not possible to clean up the air by 2005, and the penalties would drive jobs out of the valley.

But Brent Newell, a lawyer for the Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment, one of four people to speak against the change, disagreed.

"History has shown that the feds have been more aggressive in pursuing these plans," he said, arguing that the business impact was studied, but the costs to the environment and the community's health had not been part of the equation.

He said the expensive sanctions imposed for missing the 2005 deadline would help reduce pollution by funding mass transit.

The decision was widely anticipated and was discussed by the district for nearly two years as it weighed whether the move would discourage much-needed business from coming to the impoverished region that is home to America's most productive farms. There was some fear it would further blemish the struggling region.

Several members of the board said this was an issue they took personally, naming family health problems attributable to the chronic air problems.

10,000 area businesses and homes lose power after quake

QUAKE, from page 7

people were frantically searching for others they knew.

"There were people shouting outside 'Oh my God, Oh my God,'" she said. "Everybody was just shaking, then we were all just grabbing onto each other."

The historic building was made of wood and unreinforced masonry, Adams said — a type of construction no longer allowed under modern building codes.

At dusk, the smell of sulfur filled the air: The quake ruptured a capped pipe that used to deliver artesian well water to mud baths for which Paso Robles was once famous.

Other than Paso Robles, damage appeared minor elsewhere in the region. Several people were reported hurt by falling barrels at a winery, San Luis Obispo County authorities said.

About 10,000 homes and businesses were without power in the San Luis Obispo area, said John Nelson, spokesman for Pacific Gas and Electric. Phone service became spotty as the system quickly became overloaded.

At the Hearst Castle, the only known damage was a blown transformer in the campground below the hill, said Roy Stearns, spokesman for the state

Department of Parks and Recreation. But a crew was being organized to go through each of the castle's 150 rooms to look more carefully.

The quake was felt in the control room of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant operated by PG&E. Nelson said that there appeared to be no damage to the plant and that it was functioning normally, but officials would conduct a "walk-through" to be sure.

The quake struck in a known fault zone on a series of faults that run parallel to the San Andreas Fault, said Lucy Jones, scientist in charge of the U.S. Geological Survey office in Pasadena.

"It's luckily on the coast — there is not very much nearby. That's a good thing," she said.

The last one of a similar size in the area was in 1952, said Ross Stein of the USGS in Menlo Park.

Superintendent Pamela Martens of the Coast Unified School District in Cambria said school was already recessed for the holidays and there were no reports of injuries among staff.

"Right now we're seeing things off the shelf and all over the place. Computers are down," she said.

NATIONAL

Vail tops Aspen in lift ticket prices — \$73 a day

By The Associated Press

ASPEN, Colo. — Vail Resorts Inc. appears to have the highest-priced lift tickets in the country this year, with adult, single-day tickets at Vail and Beaver Creek reaching \$73.

Aspen and Stratton Mountain in Vermont are charging \$72 for their most expensive tickets.

Last year Vail charged \$71, Stratton \$72 and Aspen \$68 for adult, single-day tickets, although special multiday tickets and passes kept most customers from paying full price.

"Since Vail Mountain has been ranked the No. 1 resort in Ski magazine for the 12th time since the ratings began in 1988, and because Beaver Creek beat Aspen in the same survey for the second straight year last season, I think Vail should take

the leadership in dictating what the premier price point is for skiing," said Bill Jensen, Vail's chief operating officer.

"And besides, for \$1 extra you get 4,616 more acres at Vail Mountain than you do at Aspen Mountain," Jensen said.

David Perry, senior vice president of Aspen Skiing Co., said Aspen deliberately did not want to have the highest-priced ticket in the country.

"We're happy to let Vail hold that honor," Perry said. "But we do believe that the Aspen ticket price belongs in the top tier of ski resorts because of the quality of products and services."

Michael Cobb, vice president of marketing and sales for Stratton Mountain, said the nation's leading ski resorts are forced to charge premier rates to keep the experience top-notch.

Las Vegas to extend water intake deeper into Lake Mead

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — With drought drying Lake Mead, water officials are hurrying plans to build a longer straw to draw water from deeper in the reservoir that supplies almost all of southern Nevada's drinking water.

The Southern Nevada Water Authority has approved spending up to \$2.5 million to buy materials to attach a downward pipe to the water intake at the Hoover Dam complex on the Colorado River.

The agency's board is scheduled to award the construction contract next month. Officials estimate installation costs could be from \$3 million to \$5 million, and construction could begin in February, with a completion date in June.

"It's very aggressive," Marc Jensen, water authority engineering director, said of the timetable.

Ongoing drought has dropped the lake to its lowest level since 1968. At 1,139 feet above sea level on Friday, the lake is still more than half full, with about 4.6 trillion gallons of water.

It would have to fall 89 to 139 feet more to reach the water intakes, at 1,050 feet and 1,000 feet.

Two dozen animal rights protests planned in Anchorage

By The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — More than two dozen demonstrations are planned for the weekend after Christmas to urge people to boycott Alaska's \$2 billion tourism industry.

The animal rights group Friends of Animals is organizing the demonstrations to protest Alaska's predator control program, which allows pilots and hunters to shoot wolves from airplanes. The state contends the program is necessary to increase the harvest of moose near a town in Alaska's Interior.

The demonstrations will span the country, from Rockefeller Center in New York City to Union Square in San Francisco, according to the Darien, Conn.-based group. One of the protests will be held in Ontario, Canada. The demonstrations are

planned for Dec. 27-28.

The animal rights group, which touts 200,000 members, was behind a successful campaign a decade ago that resulted in then-Gov. Walter J. Hickel imposing a moratorium on wolf control.

Feral said protesters will be given postcards to send to Republican Gov. Frank Murkowski, saying they won't choose Alaska as a tourist destination as long as the state insists on going forward with its wolf-killing program.

The state plans to kill about 40 wolves in a 1,700-square-mile area near the Interior town of McGrath where residents have long complained that bears and wolves are eating too many moose. The Board of Game also has approved plans to kill about 100 wolves in the Nelchina basin early next year.



CHRISTMAS, 2003

AT

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th

4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Mass in the Gym

5:45 p.m. Vigil Mass of Christmas in the Church

6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Christmas in the Gym

9:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Christmas in the Church

12:00 Midnight Mass in the Church

12:00 Midnight Mass in the Gym

ADDITIONAL PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

5 pm-1:30 am

Crown Parking 1211 7th Street (South of Wilshire)

Santa Monica College Madison Campus (Shuttle)

11th and Santa Monica Boulevard

CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th

6:45 a.m., 7:45 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1:15 p.m.

THERE WILL BE NO 5:30 P.M. MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY;
NO CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE OR CHRISTMAS DAY

701 CALIFORNIA AVENUE - SANTA MONICA, CA - (310) 393-9287

Website: www.stmonica.net

AFTER 13 YEARS BEL MONDO IS...

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

ENTIRE STOCK

50% - 70% OFF

EVERYTHING MUST GO!!

LAST 7 WEEKS!!!

BEL MONDO FOR MEN

HOURS: 9AM-9PM 7 DAYS A WEEK STARTING NOV. 28

1413 MONTANA AVENUE IN SANTA MONICA

(310) 394-7272 • ALL FIXTURES FOR SALE!



Santa Monica

A weekly look at events and programs for Santa Mo

Top 10 challenges for parents of young children

Guest Commentary

By Margaret Altman

Parents will have a wonderful advantage this new year. There is now a large amount of information on early child development and parenting methods available to moms and dads. The new year is an excellent time to put this data into perspective for parents who need to be aware of the key issues and challenges in raising young children.

Question: How do we raise secure, trusting children without making them over-dependent and clingy?

Answer: This is the key question and the answer can be found in the balance between consistency and exploration. From infancy through childhood, parents can build a child's sense of

trust in themselves and in others by responding to their needs in a timely fashion. "Timely" is the key word here because when these needs cannot be quickly met, the parents can reassure the young child within a reasonable time and develop a pattern of trust. Clingy children are often anxious about having their needs met and parents who consistently meet basic needs for attention, food, stimulation will reinforce the child's sense of security. Encourage your child to explore from infancy on. Babies look at things, reach out for things and then like to crawl and explore the environment. After you child-proof the environment, praise the child for being a little explorer and as you watch that child, enjoy that special sense of wonder in his accomplishments.

Q: How do we build the child's attention skills very early in development?

A: Research on the importance of attention skills has boomed in the scientific literature. Parents can, from the first day of birth, boost this important set of skills by doing the following: Consistent face-to-face gazing and mirroring with the child so that the child recognizes the importance of focusing on the emotional information in faces, voices, body language and reducing over-stimulation which puts excessive demands on the infant's limited attention span. By the age of 8 months, parents can engage in shared attention experiences with the child as she points at things and looks at the parent. Throughout childhood, parents can attune to the child's interest in and attention to toys, people and experi-

ences. Allow your child to get absorbed in something of interest and let him pay attention for longer and longer periods of time.

Q: How do we build up the child's memory skills as early as possible?

A: Memory skills develop as the child's brain grows and memory systems mature. The key here is for parents to build a strong foundation of early memories that are emotionally positive. This foundation of fond recollections will help to support the child's growing memory skills. Parents should remember that many memory skills are harmed by ongoing stressful situations and fear-based learning.

Q: How do we build in self-esteem and not spoil the child into a self-centered attitude?

A: A child's self-esteem is a product of many early experiences. One of the most important is the child's ability to master things in his environment. Parents can keep in mind that it is more important for the child to learn to play with and use toys he already has than to be surrounded by new things. An overload of stimulation may fascinate a child but it does not allow that child to master the things that he already has, to use them in new ways and to discover new things about them.

Q: How do we build in positive values and not prejudice?

A: When parents model positive values their children begin to learn them. It is true that as your child gets older, there will be strong peer influences and media pressures to adopt different values. In addition to modeling good values, parents need to be vigilant about what their young children are watching on TV and who they play with. Build your values into

your everyday behavior so that your child will see how you do it. Join that charity, watch TV programs that reflect your values and talk to your young child about fairness, generosity and honesty.

Q: How do we build in assertiveness and not aggressiveness?

A: Assertiveness is the result of a child having language skills, self-esteem and even more important, empathy. At the young age of 10 months, your child demonstrates that they respond to other children's crying. This is positive, empathic behavior. A child who understands other's feelings will be more likely to lots of strategies such as language to communicate with people and to get what she needs.

Q: How do we build in basic social skills?

A: Parents build social skills from infancy onwards by creating a sense of trust in other people and by responding to the baby's first social signals in a positive way. For example, your baby looks at you and you look back at her, your infant smiles and you smile back, your child points and shows you something interesting and you share that social and emotional experience. The first sharing experiences begin as early as 9 or 10 months and parents who respond to the child's pointing with enthusiasm are really building foundations for social skills. As the child grows, the parents can build upon this sharing concept by engaging in games with shared toys and demonstrating to the child how wonderful social interaction can be.

Q: How do we build in love of learning?

A: Children are natural learners and their brains are geared for lots of learning experiences. When parents read to their children and

show their own curiosity and love of learning, children will understand that learning is fun and is rewarding. Young children can learn many things when they are repeatedly exposed to certain stimuli. Parents should be cautious about trying to teach numbers or letters by flash cards to very young children. The learning emphasis should be on enjoying the learning experience and making it a fun part of life.

Q: How do we teach emotion regulation skills so child can manage inner feelings?

A: Children do not have to have a complex understanding of emotions in order for them to begin to manage their distressed states. From infancy, parents who consistently soothe their children in a timely fashion are teaching them what it feels like to be in a comfort zone. This balanced emotional and physical state becomes a benchmark, a positive zone that children will aim for in various ways. Children are in the first stages of learning to soothe themselves very early. Parents can be aware of and encourage the process. For example, a baby stops crying when a parent sings or talks to him, a little child starts to get distressed and then becomes interested in a toy and calms down. Kids learn to manage their emotions slowly as their memory and attention skills grow. By the time that a child can crawl, you can find the things that bring him into a comfort zone (your voice, your touch, a song he likes, a toy to cuddle). These are good strategies of emotion regulation that parents can encourage as they model their own ways of healthy self-soothing.

Q: How do we build in problem-solving skills?

A: Your infant solves problems from the first day of life. She is hungry and learns that crying brings on the food. Problem solved. What you really want your child to learn is the adaptive and successful step-by-step process of dealing with life's challenges. This kind of goal-directed problem-solving is first taught by parents as they handle their infant's problems. If a parent becomes overwhelmed with anxiety when the baby has a problem, the baby will be learning that a challenge brings fear with it. Parents who deal with challenges in a positive, clear, step-by-step fashion are the perfect role models for problem solving.

There are other strategies for building a positive problem-solving approach. Parents can add small challenges to the child's environment and applaud when the child solves them. This can be as simple as hiding a ball behind your back and encouraging the baby to crawl around and find it, and then get a hug for solving the missing ball problem. Simple challenges can be problem-solving learning experiences for the child at a very early age.

Begin to look at problems as challenges that require a step-wise learning process to cope with. This shift in thinking will do wonders for your child as she learns how to cope with the big and small challenges of daily life.

(Margaret Altman L.C.S.W. is the author of *Developing Your Child's Emotional Intelligence* (birth through age 3). The author is in private practice in Sherman Oaks with Dr. A. Korchmarev, M.D. Asst. Clinical Professor, UCLA).

Ocean Oasis
A Medical Spa for Women

MA SPA THERAPY

- Labor Inducing Massage
- Doula Services
- Stretch Mark Reduction
- Pregnancy Massage
- Pregnancy Facials

Ask about our mom's club
Dr. Lisa Masterson, M.D.

1333 Ocean Avenue
in Santa Monica
(310) 458-8190

UNIVERSAL ART GALLERY

"Best Framer in Los Angeles"
LA Magazine

Catering to the Interior Design and Film Industry

- ✓ Speedy & professional service
- ✓ All work done on the premises
- ✓ Special discounts to the trade

Your family portraits deserve a professional touch.

Universal Art Gallery • 2001 Lincoln Blvd., Venice • phone: (310) 302-8909

Complete Baby and Children's Collections

Rockers, Custom Furniture, Cribs, Infant Registry, Clothing, Layette, Gifts, Books, Toys and More!

1600 Montana Avenue
Santa Monica
Tel: 310.998.5858
Mon-Sat: 10am-6pm
Sunday: 12pm-5pm

BEST PARENTING BOOK FOR 2003

"Developing Your Child's Emotional Intelligence; Ten Steps To Self Control Before Age 3!"

By M. Altman, Dr. Reyes and A. Bitton

Available at Amazon.com and Barnes & Nobles Bookstores

Reel Moms

monica mothers and mothers to be

SPONSORED BY:



LOEWS CINEPLEX
REEL MOMS

CALENDAR:

Special Events

VISIT WITH SANTA CLAUS! You can find Santa at various places around town including: **SANTA MONICA PLACE** - See Santa daily from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. thru Christmas Eve. Santa breaks for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m. and breaks to feed the reindeer from 5 - 6 p.m. Photos available. Call 310-917-1355 for more info.

CHANUKAH LIGHT INSTALLATION - December 19th - 26th the Menorah will be lit on the Promenade every night to celebrate the festival of light. Dancing and live music on Saturday, December 20.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY FILMS AND CARTOONS - Tuesdays in December on the Third Street Promenade near Wilshire. Just after dark. Visit www.downtownsm.com on the web for more info.

TUESDAY

Movies for Moms
Movies for Moms sponsored by:



"Love Don't Cost a Thing" showing December 23 at 11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade - for Moms and babies newborn - 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. This week's film is an update of the 1987 teen romantic-comedy Can't Buy Me Love about a somewhat nerdy boy who hires the most popular cheerleader to pose as his girlfriend in order to raise his status amongst his peers. Unlike the original set in a mostly Caucasian high school in Arizona, the latest features a mostly African-American cast. Starring Nick Cannon, Christina Milian, Vanessa Bell Calloway and directed by Troy Breyer.

Storytelling

Main Library - Toddler Storytime will resume on January 6th.

Fairview Branch - Call to confirm holiday schedule - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443. Twilight Story Time - 7pm - an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch - Call to confirm holiday schedule - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081. Family Story Time - 7:00 p.m., all ages.

Ocean Park Branch - Call to con-

firm holiday schedule - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804. Toddler Story Time - 10 and 10:30 am. New series begins Nov. 11 - Dec. 16. Registration required. Music, rhymes and stories for 24 - 36 months with adult.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381. Closed Dec. 22 - Jan. 4 for the holidays. Classes will resume Monday, January 5

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

Mommy Care - 11870 Santa Monica Blvd, at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise - 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Santa Monica YMCA - 1332 6th St., 310-393-2721

Pre-natal Water Work - 10 - 11 a.m. and 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Free for members. Non-members pay \$15.00 regular YMCA day fee or buy a ten-class card for \$70 (\$7 per class)

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 310-826-5774. No classes/group meetings Dec. 22 - Jan. 4th. Classes resume January 5th.

Other

Magiopolis - 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 Call 310-451-2241 for info.

Children's Holiday Films and Cartoons - Tuesdays in December on the Third Street Promenade near Wilshire. Just after dark. Visit www.downtownsm.com for more info.

Hanukkah Puppet Show - 3:30 p.m. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 829-7081. Join Hershel and his friends for holiday fun. Ages 4 and up.

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804. Library closed Christmas Eve.

Montana Avenue Branch - 1704 Montana Avenue - 310-829-7081. Library closed Christmas Eve.

Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443. Library closed Christmas Eve.

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

Border's, Westwood - 11am - 310-475-3444.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381. Closed Dec. 22 - Jan. 4 for the holidays. Classes will resume Monday, January 5

Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150. No pre/post-natal classes on the 24th.

Ocean Oasis Day Spa, 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190. No classes Dec. 24

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station - 826-5774. No classes/group meetings Dec. 22 - Jan. 4th. Classes resume January 5th

THURSDAY

Merry Christmas to All!

FRIDAY

Yoga & Exercise

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

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381; Closed Dec. 22 - Jan. 4 for the holidays. Classes will resume Monday, January 5.

Ocean Oasis Day Spa, 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190.

Pre/Post Natal Yoga/Gentle Flow - 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.; Yoga for Fitness - noon - 1 p.m. Private sessions available; call Kate Thomas, RN - 408-1717

Other

Magiopolis - 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 Call 310-451-2241 for info.

SATURDAY

Storytelling

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

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

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381; Closed Dec. 22 - Jan. 4 for the holidays. Classes will resume Monday, January 5.

Mommy Care - 11870 Santa Monica Blvd, at the Dance Factory, West LA,

394-6711; Pregnancy Exercise - 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise - 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Other

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

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

Alice and the Wonderful Tea Party - Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 8 - Dec. 28 at 12:30 and 3:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse's Family Theatre presents this musical matinee based on Lewis Carroll's delightful and zany characters. Ages 2 and up; \$9 and \$10. 1211 Fourth St., 394-9779, ext. 2, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

SUNDAY

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

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

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

Alice and the Wonderful Tea Party - Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 8 - Dec. 28 at 12:30 and 3:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse's Family Theatre

presents this musical matinee based on Lewis Carroll's delightful and zany characters. Ages 2 and up; \$9 and \$10. 1211 Fourth St., 394-9779, ext. 2, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com.

MONDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade - Toddler Story Time - 10am - 310-260-9110

Main Library - Lap Time resumes in January.

Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804. Spanish for Little Ones resumes in January.

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station - 310-826-5774. No classes/group meetings Dec. 22 - Jan. 4th. Classes resume January 5th.

Yoga & Exercise

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

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

Yoga Baby (Venice) - "Closed Dec. 22 - Jan. 4 for the holidays. Classes will resume Monday, January 5." Ocean Oasis Day Spa, 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190.

Pre/Post Natal Yoga/Gentle Flow - 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.; Yoga for Fitness - noon - 1 p.m.

Private sessions available; call Kate Thomas, RN - 408-1717

REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR MANY WINTER PROGRAMS IN SANTA MONICA

Santa Monica YMCA - Parent/Child Gym and Water Enrichment - 3 months and up. Registration is underway for the winter session beginning January 3. Call 310-393-2721 for information or pick up a registration form at the YMCA at 1332 Sixth St.

City of Santa Monica - the city offers a number of classes for parents and children together, kids and adults including Baby/Toddler classes, dancing, yoga, art and a variety of sports. Registration began December 11, most classes begin the week of January 12th. Class details and registration forms can be found in the current winter issue of Seascapes (in the RecScape insert) or online at www.santamonica.org then follow Seascapes and registration links.

Music Together - a music and movement program for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers. For ages birth to 4 years. Classes begin January 12th. Free demonstration classes are being held on January 7th & 10th. Classes are held in downtown Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Airport and Pacific Palisades. Call 310-396-4436 for info.

Expecting? We'll Be Expecting You!

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

Call today: (310) 319-4947



Santa Monica UCLA
Medical Center



"Home of L.A.'s Most Famous English High Tea"
Since 1986
Open 7 Days - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
ZAGAT'S 2001 AWARD OF DISTINCTION
355 S. Robertson Blvd.
Beverly Hills
(310) 652-0624



Main Street's
Newest and Hottest Boutique
Clothes! Gifts! Collectibles!
2400 Main Street, Santa Monica
310.314.6472

THE LACTATION STATION

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



Saint John's Health Center
A LACTATION STATION
(310) 829-8944 • www.stjohns.org

.....T Mobile.....
Authorized Dealer

1000 for **\$39.99** **5 FREE** phones to choose from

Free long distance & roaming

GL Mobile: 710 Broadway, Santa Monica
(on the corner of 7th & Broadway) **310-255-0916**

The Bhutan Shop

Benchen is back with Bhutan's exquisite hand-woven textiles and many other hand-crafted items.

Holiday Sale: 35% OFF selected items

(310) 392-4991 **2912 Main St., Santa Monica**
(310) 985-2624 **bhutanshop@aol.com**

Serving OCEAN PARK and nearby beach communities

Monte Hartman
Real Estate Services

COLDWELL BANKER **oceanparkhomes.com** **(310) 448-5968**

Amero-Biaigo **Men's & Women's Designer Clothing**
A Division of Amerocorp, Inc.

Cost plus \$1 for Italian Fashion & Accessories

Global fashion E-Store
www.ab-us.com

Member of The Certified International Fashion Designers Association - CIFDA

Chiropractic & Accupuncture

Vita Wellness
MAXIMUM FAMILY CARE IN ONE LOCATION

Victoria D. Lucas
D.C., LAc. QME

310-449-1222
2222 Santa Monica Blvd. • Ste. 203 • Santa Monica, CA 90404

Specializing in Leasing & Selling Office & Industrial Buildings

NAI CAPITAL COMMERCIAL
SPECIALIZING IN LEASING & SELLING OFFICE & INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS
310/440-8500 ext. 104

Christina S. Porter
Senior Associate

NATIONAL

Ranchers, officials clash over territory in Nevada

BY SCOTT SONNER
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. — Nevada's attorney general is sparking unexpected controversy by asking a judge to clarify the state's role in the federal seizure of cattle from ranchers accused of trespassing on U.S. land.

Seeking legal direction in an ongoing dispute over property rights on Western rangeland, Attorney General Brian Sandoval joined the Nevada Agriculture Department in asking a state court to conduct a "judicial confirmation hearing."

Sandoval wants a legal opinion on whether the state acted appropriately when it cooperated with federal land managers who over the past two years impounded and auctioned cattle that had been seized from ranchers accused of illegally grazing livestock on public land.

Leaders of the Nevada Livestock Association — who claim the ranchers' property was seized without a fair hearing — want to block the proceedings scheduled Monday in Washoe County District Court.

The group's leaders include officials for the Independent American Party of Nevada and the Nevada Committee For Full Statehood, and former Idaho congresswoman Helen Chenoweth-Hage and her husband, Wayne Hage, a Nevada rancher and activist long at odds with the U.S. government over grazing and water rights.

They are working on behalf of Ben Colvin, a Goldfield rancher and member of the livestock association who filed a \$30 million suit in U.S. Claims Court in Washington D.C., in August after the Bureau of Land Management seized 62 of his cattle in 2001.

They accuse state brand inspector James Connelley of conspiring with the BLM to confiscate the cattle illegally, and have asked for grand jury investigation of his actions in Esmeralda County.

"I never had my day in court because the brand department transferred ownership of my property to the BLM," Colvin said.

"At the very least Connelley should have required the BLM to produce a court order. Instead he and the brand department said to heck with me and my due process rights," he said.

Sandoval, a Republican, said the brand inspector acted appropriately. He said he sought the court hearing to appease those who allege they were denied due process.

"There was some concern that in regard to the cattle impoundment, that

there was an element of due process that was missing — a concern that there hasn't been judicial review," Sandoval told The Associated Press.

"So our office researched some possible due process we could avail and came up with this judicial confirmation," he said this week.

"We frankly were surprised that one of the groups that was encouraging us to create a process like this has now filed a motion to dismiss the case," Sandoval said.

Ramona Morrison, Hage's daughter and a member of the livestock association, said she thinks Sandoval means well but suspects the hearing is "an attempt by the Department of Agriculture to cover its tail end."

"It would have been nice to be able to go to court in the first place to see if the cattle were in fact trespassing. But they are not going to get the cattle back now," Morrison said.

The BLM seized Colvin's cattle and auctioned them off after billing him for more than \$73,000 in past due grazing fees and fines. The livestock group's petition in Esmeralda County said Connelley should have exercised his authority under Nevada law to block the confiscation.

The BLM is confident the court will uphold the state's action, BLM spokeswoman Jo Simpson said.

"The courts have held before that we have the authority to impound livestock. Once we do that, we are the owners and the brand inspector and the state issues the certificate to us," she said.

"It rarely comes down to impounding livestock and when it does, there are years that go by from when we first try to work with them," she said.

Deputy Attorney General Gina Session said state law dictates that "if someone comes to us with cattle that has someone else's brand on them, we have to ask for proof of ownership."

"The BLM gave us all the notices to show they complied with the legal regulations to impound and we made the determination they were in legal possession of the animals and gave them the brand inspection certificate to sell the cattle," she said.

"We think we did it right, but in reaction to the criticism, we thought there was no harm in putting it before a court to look at because there's a good chance the situation could come up again in the future."

Anniversary Collection **Celebrating SMDP's 2nd Anniversary!**

1 **Anniversary Collection**
FUNNY PAPERZ
BESTEST EDITORIAL CARTOONS OF THE YEAR 2003

2 **Anniversary Collection**
FUNNY PAPERZ
BESTEST EDITORIAL CARTOONS OF THE YEAR 2003

VERSION 2.0
-120pp, signed!
-Softcovers \$15
-CDs \$10
-Both \$20

MAIL CHECK OR M.O. PLUS \$5 P&H TO:

JOE KING
2801
OCEAN PARK BLVD.
#300
SANTA MONICA

NATIONAL



Forest Service reverses course on mass e-mail blackout

BY MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Forest Service is dropping a plan to ignore public comments from certain e-mail servers or on pre-printed post cards, citing widespread opposition.

The agency had planned to bar "duplicative materials" such as mass e-mails, form letters and pre-printed post cards, on grounds they added little to debate over forest decisions.

Civil liberties groups and activists on both sides of forest issues complained that the plan would thwart public access to decision makers and reduce the role of average citizens in shaping policy.

A spokeswoman said the Forest Service never intended to shut the public out, but was abandoning the plan as

a show of good faith.

"We were concerned that people misconstrued it — that we didn't care about what they were saying when in fact that's not the reason why we put it there," spokeswoman Heidi Valetkevitch said Thursday.

"We were trying ... to make sure that decision-makers (get) as much information in as much detail as possible," Valetkevitch said. "You really can't get that from form letters as well as (you can) through detailed comments."

"We won!" responded Cindy Cohn, legal director for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a San Francisco-based group that promotes online civil liberties. The foundation had led a coalition of groups, ranging from the American Lung Association to the League of Conservation Voters and the National Wildlife Federation, that protested.

In a letter to the White House budget office, the

groups urged the Bush administration to encourage all government agencies to accept and review all public comments related to government rule-making, regardless of how they are received.

Environmental groups and businesses increasingly encourage people who agree with their positions to contact the government through their Web sites. Many also use pre-printed letters and cards so the public can easily express opinions to government.

"We think that allowing ordinary people to respond to the rules that affect their lives through things like online action centers is extremely important," Cohn said. "It's one of the benefits of the technology revolution."

Robert Vandermark, co-director of the Heritage Forest Campaign, an environmental group, said he was pleased the Forest Service had "finally found the on-ramp to the Internet. Now it's time they listen to public comments."

System of discipline at Air Force Academy phased out

BY ROBERT GEHRKE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The days of Air Force Academy cadets marching up and down the campus square as punishment for minor infractions are nearing an end, as Pentagon officials have agreed with plans to phase out the academy's cadet disciplinary system.

The disciplinary system featuring demerits and forced marches has been a hallmark of the military academies for decades, but Air Force Academy commanders are doing away with it, relying solely on the punishment available under the Uniform Code of Military Justice that is used at Air Force and other military bases across the country.

The decision comes as new Air Force Academy leaders are seeking to restore the school's reputation after revelations a year ago brought to light a serious failing in the academy's handling of sexual assaults of cadets.

Academy spokesman Johnny Whitaker said the change will leave cadets better-prepared to be part of the Air Force when they graduate, said

"As we're trying to fix the culture and fix the problems that we face across the board, whether it's the sexual assaults or the underage drinking, one of the major goals is to bring the academy back — to close the gap between it and the operating Air Force and do away with things that are academy-unique," said Whitaker said.

Brig. Gen. Johnny Weida, the commandant of cadets at the academy, briefed Air Force officials at the Pentagon on the changes during a video conference earlier this week.

The U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Naval Academy

are not changing their cadet disciplinary system, which is similar to the Air Force Academy's.

Officers hope to have the old cadet system phased out completely by the time cadets return from spring break.

The Air Force has identified 142 sexual assaults had been reported at the academy from 1993 through 2002. Top commanders were replaced in April as Air Force leaders sought to institute major reforms.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice has always applied at the academy for serious offenses. For example, of the 42 reported sexual assault cases where a cadet suspect was identified by the alleged victim, six were court-martialed under the UCMJ and eight were punished through administrative avenues available under the code.

The cadet disciplinary system gave commanders a way to deal with minor infractions, such as being late to class or breaking curfew, that don't warrant a formal military reprimand or charges.

Cadets found breaking the rules could be assigned to march tours — 50 minutes of marching back and forth across the Terrazzo, the academy's courtyard — for each infraction, or assigned demerits.

"It's going to be interesting how they implement this,"

said Michael Nardotti, a retired major general and former chief lawyer for the Army who served on a congressionally created task force to investigate sexual assaults at the Air Force Academy.

He said the cadet disciplinary structure offers leaders flexibility to punish cadets short of the formal administrative reprimands under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Nardotti said the congressional task force found no evidence that there were problems or abuses of the cadet disciplinary system, but did not study the matter carefully.

Whitaker said some aspects of how to deal with minor infractions are being worked out, but it will be a graduated system where punishments will reflect the offenses.

Automotive entertainment
WINDOW TINTING
Auto • Commercial • Residential • UV Coating • Lifetime Warranty
FREE ESTIMATES
CALL US FOR FREE COST SAVING
TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

\$20 OFF*
w/ this ad
*Any tint job over \$60

2410 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica
(310) 453-3541
www.automotiveentertainment.com

Hot Dates and Rates at the Georgian

Your guest rooms for the holidays



NOVEMBER 19-30

&

DECEMBER 1 — DECEMBER 30, 2003!!

Big discounts available for group bookings!

Hot Rates!

BUY 3 GET ONE FREE!

\$199/night for suites includes parking.

From now until February 1, 2004



1415 Ocean Avenue
Santa Monica, CA
Telephone 310.883.6244
sales@georgianhotel.com
www.georgianhotel.com

ARE YOU BACKED UP?

IT'S EASY AND WILL SAVE YOU TIME
AND MONEY IN THE LONG RUN.

- Data backup packages start at \$50 a month
- Daily and Weekly back ups available
- It's automatic!
- Recovery assistance available.

ZyLink

Call Zylink at 866.227.9539



NATIONAL

Pueblo demands proof of heritage from some members

By The Associated Press

ISLETA PUEBLO, N.M. — Letters sent out to Isleta Pueblo members asking them to prove their heritage are causing anger within the tribe.

The letters were sent to 132 of the approximately 2,800 people listed as tribal members, according to a member of the Isleta Tribal Council.

The letters notified those people that the pueblo is reviewing its membership rolls and that they would have until Jan. 2 to prove they are at least half Isleta.

A fill-in-the-blank family tree form going back three generations was attached to the letter and asked for documentation of great-grandparents' degree of Isleta blood.

The letter asked for supporting documentation, including birth certificates, marriage certificates, divorce decrees and court documents that would show paternity.

"If they don't recognize me as a child of the pueblo, who am I? What am I supposed to do?"

— **JUANA JIRON**
Born in Isleta Pueblo

Until they can prove their heritage, the letter states that their annual per capita payments from the tribal government would be withheld. The per capita payments, which are shares of tribal funds dispensed annually, were handed out earlier this week.

Lupita Abeita, who was born in a one-room adobe house in the middle of the pueblo in 1914, was among those who got the letter saying her \$2,000 Christmastime payment would be withheld.

"The money doesn't really matter," said Abeita's daughter, Juana Jiron. "My mom is so hurt. She's just devastated."

Jiron said her mother told her: "If they don't recognize me as a child of the pueblo, who am I? What am I supposed to do?"

Isleta Gov. Alvino Lucero would not comment on the letters, which were on pueblo stationery and signed "Tribal Council." However, two members of the council said the action was not approved by the council and is illegal.

The president of the tribal council and the council secretary, who served on the membership audit committee and who handle the per capita payments, did return calls by The Associated Press seeking comment. A meeting of the 12-member elected tribal council scheduled for this week was canceled.

Many tribes in New Mexico and elsewhere use a one-quarter blood standard to determine tribal membership. The Isleta constitution says a tribal member must have at least one-half Isleta lineage.

California imposes restrictions on cattle in Wyoming

BY ROBERT W. BLACK
Associated Press Writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — California has become the second state to impose restrictions on Wyoming cattle since the finding of brucellosis in a herd near Pinedale, according to an aide to Gov. Dave Freudenthal announced.

Colorado earlier restricted imports of cattle from a wide area of western Wyoming.

California's requirement — imposed statewide — requires all sexually intact Wyoming cattle 18 months and older to show a negative brucellosis test result within 30 days of entry into California, along with a certificate of veterinary inspection and an entry permit.

Exceptions are livestock from a certified brucellosis-free herd and cattle moving directly to slaughter without diversion, said Lara Azar, the governor's press secretary.

"The governor is absolutely still concerned," she said. "While the news out of California isn't the best thing he could have heard today, I found out we generally export only 1,000 head to California a year."

"It's not a positive step, but it's not the biggest problem we could face right now."

Five of eight herds having had contact with the herd that initially tested for brucellosis have tested negative for the disease. Results are pending on the other three neighboring herds, Azar said.

Analysis of blood samples at the State Veterinary Lab in Laramie and a federal lab in Ames, Iowa, confirmed that 31 of 391 cattle in the initial herd tested for brucellosis.

If a cow in a neighboring herd tests positive, it could cost Wyoming its federal brucellosis-free status and subject the state's cattle to more restrictions and testing.

The illness can cause cows to abort and produce chronic flu-like symptoms in humans who handle tissue from diseased animals or drink unpasteurized milk. Brucellosis is carried by some elk and bison in the Yellowstone region, and cattle occasionally are infected despite vaccinations and efforts to separate them from wildlife.

The cause of the latest discovery of the disease in livestock has not been determined.

"Retail Therapy"
75 - 90% off

***75%-90%
OFF**

*take an additional 10% off all merchandise until
Dec. 31 with mention of this ad.

From Gap

to Gucci...

*L.A.'s hottest
resale store!*



310.451.2277

Open 7 Days

1126 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica



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



WORLD BRIEFLY

Searchers dig up the dead

By The Associated Press

LILOAN, Philippines — Searchers have dug up the bodies of entire families huddled together following weekend mudslides in the Philippines, where the death toll rose Monday to at least 119. The nation's president asked the United States to send helicopters to aid in rescue efforts.

Authorities blamed illegal logging for the disaster, which was triggered by six days of pounding rains in provinces near the Pacific Ocean late Friday to early Saturday. The deforestation led to soil erosion on near-by slopes.

Leyte province's Gov. Rosette Leras said the rainfall saturated the ground so much that it "exploded," sending tons of mud and debris down hillsides and onto homes as villagers slept.

In the separate disaster, rescuers searched for a ferry not heard of since it radioed that it was sinking at sea with 75 people aboard on Sunday southwest of Manila.

Of those killed in the weekend landslides, at least 102 were in the central province of Southern Leyte, Vice Governor Eva Tomol told The Associated Press. Casualty figures were expected to rise, because rescuers still haven't reached all of the devastated villages.

China looks for constitutional amendment

By The Associated Press

BEIJING — China's leaders sent its legislature a proposed constitutional amendment on Monday to protect private property for the first time since the 1949 communist revolution — a key step toward cementing the status of capitalism in a nation undergoing radical change.

Approval seemed certain. Communist leaders who control the legislature already have endorsed private property as essential to pushing ahead economic reforms that have let millions of Chinese lift themselves out of poverty.

Party leaders also sent the National People's Congress a proposed amendment to enshrine in the constitution the theories of former leader Jiang Zemin, who invited capitalists to join the party, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Such changes would bring China's legal framework in line with its market-oriented reality. Entrepreneurs who play a critical role in creating jobs and wealth have been lobbying for the constitutional protection.

Illinois governor looks to bend the law

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — To save the state money on prescription drugs, Gov. Rod Blagojevich wants the federal government to give Illinois the right to bend the law by shopping for medications in Canada.

Blagojevich on Monday plans to ask the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to let the state buy drugs at lower prices in Canada for its 230,000 state employees and retirees, a spokeswoman said.

Blagojevich is seeking approval from DHH Secretary Tommy Thompson for the pilot program through the new Medicare bill, spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff said Sunday.

New Hampshire, as well as Boston and Springfield, Mass., have said they are considering the cross-border importation of prescription drugs as a way to cut costs. But Blagojevich, while continuing to push to overturn the federal ban on importing lower-priced drugs from Canada, has said he will not break the law.

Sniper described as 'sweet and bright'

By The Associated Press

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — Convicted killer Lee Boyd Malvo is described by his friends and teachers as bright and sweet, courteous and lonely — not the vision of evil he was called by the daughter of one sniper victim.

Now, Malvo's estranged father is expected to talk again about his son as the defense makes its last bid to persuade jurors to spare the 18-year-old's life.

"We hope you'll see the value of that life," defense attorney Thomas Walsh said Friday during his opening statement in the sentencing phase of Malvo's trial. "That young man has value."

Malvo was found guilty Thursday of two counts of capital murder in the shooting death of FBI analyst Linda Franklin on Oct. 14, 2002, during a three-week series of sniper attacks in the Washington area that killed 10 people and wounded three.

His lawyers had claimed Malvo was indoctrinated by John Allen Muhammad, a man he saw as a father figure, and was incapable of telling right from wrong. Muhammad, 42, was convicted last month in another of the shootings, and his jury recommended the death penalty.

Defense attorney Craig Cooley told the judge he expected more defense witnesses to testify for up to 3 1/2 hours Monday before closing arguments can begin.

Person of year could be anyone

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Time magazine's Person of the Year for 2003 is actually many people — the 1.4 million men and women in the U.S. military, which invaded Iraq and captured deposed leader Saddam Hussein.

The troops were singled out as the top newsmakers of the year because "the very messy aftermath of the war made it clear that the mission had changed, that the mission had not been completed and that this would be a story that would be with us for months, if not years, to come," Time Managing Editor Jim Kelly said Sunday.

The 2003 Person of the Year package, on newsstands Monday, features an artillery survey unit from the 1st Armored Division to tell the story of the American soldier.

The magazine's cover shows three of them — Sgt. Marquette Whiteside, of Pine Bluff, Ark.; Sgt. Ronald Buxton, of Lake Ozark, Mo.; and Spc. Billie Grimes, of Lebanon, Ind., all members of Survey Platoon, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion in the 1st Armored's 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, based in Giessen, Germany.

The magazine glorifies the soldiers but not the Bush administration for putting them in Iraq, calling troops "the bright sharp instrument of a blunt policy," and leaving it to scholars to debate "whether the Bush doctrine is the most muscular expression of national interest in a half-century."

Bush gets high grades on economy

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is getting good marks on the economy from a clear majority of the public at a time when consumer confidence has risen to its highest levels since early 2002, an Associated Press poll finds.

People are increasingly optimistic about the economy in the next six months and feeling more secure about their jobs, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs. The uptick in Bush's rating comes on an issue certain to be central to the 2004 presidential campaign.

In all, 55 percent of registered voters said they approve of Bush's handling of the economy and 43 percent disapproved, according to the survey. That is Bush's best number on this measure in Ipsos polls since the third quarter of 2002, though he briefly came close to this level — at 52 percent — last July.

A month ago, 46 percent approved and 51 percent disapproved of Bush on the economy.

In the new survey, 23 percent said they strongly approve of Bush's handling of the economy, 19 percent said they somewhat approve and 13 percent initially reported mixed feelings but leaned toward approval.

Libya agrees to open nuclear programs to inspections

BY GEORGE JAHN

Associated Press Writer

VIENNA, Austria — Libya has agreed to open its nuclear activities to pervasive inspection by the U.N. atomic agency as early as next week, a key step toward honoring a promise to scrap its nuclear weapons program, the agency's chief said Monday.

Also Monday, Pakistan acknowledged that some scientists participating in its nuclear program may have been involved in the proliferation of sensitive technology.

Libya's decision followed a meeting its delegation had Saturday with Mohamed ElBaradei, the director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency. The session came after Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's surprise announcement Friday that his country would give up nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

ElBaradei said he would lead the first inspection mission, which he described as a positive step on the part of Libya "to rid itself of all programs or activities that are relevant or could lead to the production of weapons of mass destruction."

"We will start as early as ... next week," ElBaradei said. He said he and

senior experts would meet with Libyan government officials in the capital, Tripoli, to agree on how to carry out pervasive inspections, with actual inspection teams following shortly afterward.

Libya has admitted to nuclear fuel projects, including the possession of centrifuges and centrifuge parts used in uranium enrichment — a nuclear effort more advanced than previously thought. It also agreed to tell the IAEA about current nuclear programs and to adhere to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

During Saturday's meeting, the Libyan delegation also agreed that it was in breach of its safeguard obligations and that it would sign an additional protocol to the Nonproliferation Treaty. That move gives IAEA a strong mandate for wide-ranging inspections on short notice.

ElBaradei confirmed Monday that the Libyans were ready to sign that protocol. He described that concession as a "welcome step (that) gives us the authority to detect nuclear activity at a nascent stage — the kind of activity that has been going on in Libya."

Revealing some details of Libya's activities, ElBaradei said the weapons research effort started with a program to

enrich uranium through spinning in centrifuges "sometime in the 80s (and) picked up steam in the 90s."

"It involved the importation of centrifuges, (other) equipment, natural uranium," he told reporters at IAEA headquarters in Vienna.

ElBaradei said Libyan officials in Vienna told him the experiments did not progress to uranium enrichment — a key step in creating nuclear weapons.

He said it was too early to establish whether some of the technology and expertise used in the program was linked to suspected nuclear weapons programs in Iraq or in Iran, which — under international pressure — agreed to sign the additional protocol last week.

Pakistan's government has strongly denied allegations it spread nuclear technology to countries such as Iran and North Korea but said it was investigating whether individual scientists acted without authorization.

"Some individuals may have been doing something on their own. We are investigating that," Pakistani Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed told The Associated Press in Islamabad.

ElBaradei expressed confidence that

— with continued cooperation by Tripoli — his agency would be able to "resolve all issues relevant to Libya's effort to develop weapons of mass destruction" over the next few months.

Gadhafi's decision to come clean is the latest in a series of moves to end his country's international isolation and shed its reputation as a rogue nation.

The United States imposed sanctions in 1986, accusing Libya of supporting terrorist groups. Ten years later, America passed the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act, which threatened to penalize the U.S. partners of European companies that did significant business in Libya and Iran.

While U.S. sanctions remain in force, the U.N. Security Council voted to abolish its sanctions on Libya in September, after it agreed to pay compensation to families of the Lockerbie bombing.

Pan Am Flight 103 from London to New York exploded over the Scottish town of Lockerbie on Dec. 21, 1988, killing 259 people on the plane and 11 on the ground. A former Libyan intelligence agent was found guilty of the bombing in 2001 and sentenced to life in prison.

COMICS

The Dinette Set by Julie Larson

edge
CLUBBY

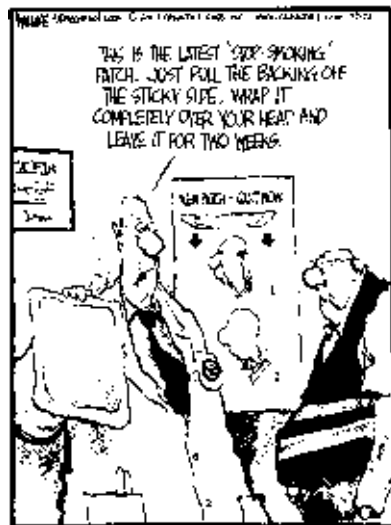
by KEENE PATMY LARSON

**Reality Check**

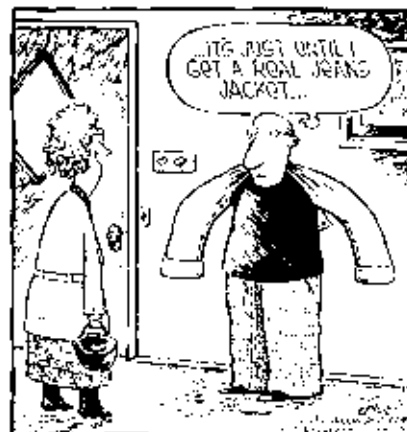
By Dave Whammond

**Natural Selection**

By Russ Wallace

**Speed Bump**

By Dave Coverly

**CROSSWORD**

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 43 Bouquet
makeup6 Trattoria
offering

11 Clear

12 Scopes

13 Cops'

15 Exploit

16 Water

17 Golf

18 Golf

19 Golf

20 Charged

21 Dudgeon

22 Brutish

23 A lot

26 Diatribes

27 Single

28 Danson

29 "East of

30 Gym

34 Fruity

35 "your

36 Single-

37 Glow

40 Spooky

41 Grownup

42 Ceases

DOWN

1 Confine

2 Happen

3 Calls to

4 Fire

5 Mail

6 Noggins

7 Jackie's

8 News-

9 Fast

10 Agrees

11 Clear

12 Scopes

13 Cops'

15 Exploit

16 Water

17 Golf

18 Golf

19 Golf

20 Charged

21 Dudgeon

22 Brutish

23 A lot

26 Diatribes

27 Single

28 Danson

29 "East of

30 Gym

34 Fruity

35 "your

36 Single-

37 Glow

40 Spooky

41 Grownup

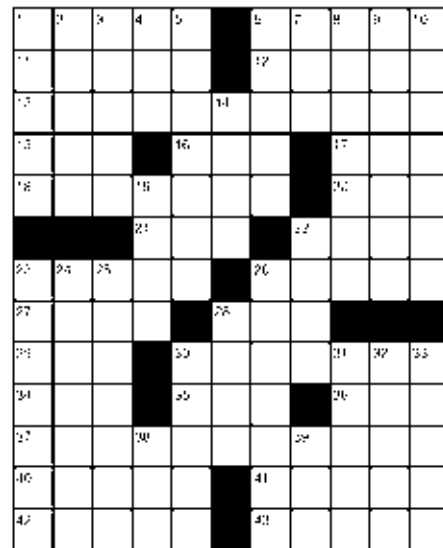
42 Ceases

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

Yesterday's answer

14 In need	28 Young-
of a	sters
massage	30 Mosquito
	attacks
19 Neat	31 Concen-
22 Lord's	trate
wife	
23 Places	32 Foot
24 Trying to	connector
lose	33 Finals.
25 Brisk	e.g.
tempo	38 Pool part
26 Soviet	39 Altar
symbol	promise

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send \$4.99 (check or m/c) to Thomas Joseph, Book 2, P.O. Box 128475, Orlando, FL 32813-6475



12-23

"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 • MUSICSPORTS 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

福 Fukuji Sushi
JAPANESE RESTAURANT**\$15 Special**FREE California Roll & FREE Miso Soup
with \$15 purchase or more**Sushi Special**

Buy 1 get second item free

Exp. Dec. 31, 2003

2645 LINCOLN BLVD. IN SANTA MONICA
(AT OCEAN PARK INSIDE THOMAS' COFFEE SHOP)

(310) 452-2265

COPIA CREATIVE

... creativity knows no boundaries

Brand and Logo Identity • Marketing Strategy • Web Development •
Print and On-Air graphics and design • Product Packaging

Make an impact!

310-8-Copia-C (826-7422)

info@copiacreative.com

\$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 15,000.

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Announcements
Creative
Employment
For Sale
Furniture
Pets
Boats

Jewelry
Wanted
Travel
Vacation Rentals
Apartments/Condos Rent
Houses for Rent
Roomates
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

\$3 - 5K per week income potential work from home, NOT MLM. (800)570-3782 Ext. 4020.

AUTO PROFESSIONAL WANTED:

Looking to get back into the car business? **SANTA MONICA FORD** has a few spots available for the right candidate. Call the Sales Manager at (310)451-1588

BEAUTY STYLIST'S for new Fantastic Sams Salon in Santa Monica. Guarantee 9/hr and up. (310)890-1222

CASHIERS AND Hourly Supervisor. FT/PT Must be reliable, excellent customer svc skills & available weekends. Experience with Low Carbohydrate diets a plus! Apply in person. Pure Foods 1820 Wilshire Blvd, SM. EOE.

DINING SERVER flexible hours, but must have lunch availability. Benihana 1447 4th Street. Santa Monica (310)260-1423.

EXPERIENCED ELECTRICIAN, industrial plumber, concrete form worker. Drivers license & vehicle a must. English speaking. Fax resume (310)719-1449.

EXPERIENCED TELEMARTETERS only. Needed to set appointments for salvage pick-up non-profit organization. Work from home. \$400/wk. potential call Manny (310)753-4909.

FIGURE MODEL wanted. Fit female model wanted for figure drawing by artist. No experience necessary. Call (818)501-0266

NANNY/HOUSEKEEPER SEEKS live-in. CDL, local references, call Dionne (909)940-5264.

NEED SECURITY p/t am&pm for the city of Santa Monica call (714)531-0555.

SALES: 43 year old Forbes 500 ranked affiliate co. is looking for sales pros to keep pace with rising gold market. Top earners make 200K+. Full benefits. No cold calling. Draw/comm. Santa Monica. Visit www.goldline.com or call (310)319-0313.

THE "GREAT American Pitchfest" will be held on Saturday, January 31st, at the Los Angeles Convention Center. This will be the largest pitchfest ever held, and is for writers, producers, and directors for film and television of all genres and formats. Attend training sessions with more than 10 "A-list" speakers, celebrate at our "Sweet Taste of Success" champagne and dessert buffet gala, and meet one-on-one with the power people of Hollywood who can help turn your movie and show ideas into reality. One "decision maker" for every six participants. \$150 until December 31 (\$200 after). Only the most credible companies in Hollywood invited. Visit website at www.pitchfest.com for full list & more information, or call 1-877-255-2528.

Employment

WRITER, PROPOSAL/TECHNICAL for writing response for R.F.P.'s. B.A. Journalism, English or Communication & certain tech writing required. WLA location. Send resumes to resumes@teampcs.com.

For Sale

ALL STORE fixtures for sale. Bel Mondo going out of biz, 1413 Montana Ave. (310)394-7272.

APPLE IMAC: NEW 17" swivel screen, 1.25 GHz., panther, 80gb, 256mb, firewall, super-drive. \$1750 (310)919-7654.

ARCADE VIDEO GAMES for sale (818)252-7175.

Furniture

2 BEDROOM apartment furniture for sale. For complete description & details. Call Paul Lorda (310)395-2558 or (310)804-0810.

7 PIECE Bedroom Set. All brand new! Wood sleigh bed, mattress set, nightstand, and more. Moving and must sell! List \$2500. Giveaway \$795. (310)350-3814.

CHERRY SLEIGH Bed. Solid wood. Still in box. List \$795. Sacrifice \$295. (310)350-3814

PONTE VECCHIO



ITALIAN HOME & GARDEN FURNISHINGS

Mid-Century Venetian Glass
Tuscan Ceramics • Durable Dinnerware
Florentine Leather • Chandeliers
Antique Linens • Jewelry

702 MONTANA AVENUE IN SANTA MONICA
(310) 394-0989
www.PonteV.com

ITALIAN LEATHER Sofa & Loveseat Brand new, still in crate from designer home show. List \$3000. Sacrifice \$995. Must sell! Will deliver! (310)350-3814.

KING DOUBLE Pillowtop Mattress Set. Brand new, brand name. Must sell! List \$895. Sacrifice \$295. (310)350-3814

QUEEN DOUBLE Pillowtop Mattress Set. Plush, name brand, still in plastic. Warranty. Was \$595. Sacrifice \$175. (310)350-3814.

QUEEN ORTHO Mattress Set. New, still in plastic w/warranty. Must sell. \$125 (310)350-3814.

Vehicles for sale

1995 HONDA Civic LX 4 door, gray, 96K, great condition \$3900 obo call (310)944-9292.

Wanted

EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER looking for permanent live-out position. 15 yr experience. With references, bilingual. Have own transportation, CDL, insured, love children and animals. (310)895-0993

Vehicles for sale

'02 Ford Explorer Sport
V6, Automatic PW P/L tilt, CD, Alloys! (ID#54518 STK#P5068) **\$13,995**

'95 Ford Escort
Auto, A/C P/windows, (ID#213592 - STK#P4698) **\$3,995**

'98 Chev Cavalier
4DR, Automatic, A/C, CD (ID#807680) **\$3,995**

'02 Chev Tahoe L/S
Dual A/C, CD, Dual P/seats, third seat, alloys, much more! (ID#193678) **\$24,895**

'01 Ford Expedition
4x4, Dual A/C, Loaded (LIC#40BR776 - ID#B59858) **\$19,995**

'02 Ford Explorer XLT
V6, Leather, Rear A/C, Third seat (LIC#4TRX317 - ID#A61068) **\$18,995**

PLUS TAX, LICENSE & DOCUMENT FEE ON ALL VEHICLES

1230 Santa Monica Blvd.
310-451-1588

FOR SALE

"Classic" 1982 Jeep Wagoneer

Solid Vehicle, Very Reliable, Custom Seats, CD sounds, Surf Racks, lots of love in this Truck.

\$2500 FIRM.
(310) 699-7835

Wanted

WANTED: SANTA Monica Mermaid City Seal as well as other SM memorabilia. Cash Paid! (310)780-5719.

Vehicles for sale

★'00 BMW X5 4.4i★
Sport Pkg! V8, Loaded, Low Mileage! BEAUTIFUL! (H02400)

★'02 Infiniti Q45 Navi★
THE EXECUTIVE RIDE!
All Loaded, Low Miles (V002529) 3 More Available

★'03 Infiniti G35 Sedan★
DVD Navi, Prem whis, Loaded (V006982)

★'01 Ford Mustang★
CONVERTIBLE! Automatic 2D, Leather, (8837P)

★'02 Audi A8L★
FULLY LOADED! Premium Whis. Bose Premium Sound (001079)

★'02 Honda S2000★
4-Cyl. 2.0L VTEC, Leather, 6-Speed, Manuel (8767P)

★'02 Lexus IS300★
Sport Cross, LOADED! Prem Wheels, Leather (043651)

★'00 Volvo V70 XC AWD★
SE Wagon
2.4L Turbo, Moon, alloys
VALUE PRICED! (V70506)

1401 Santa Monica Blvd.
310-394-1888
infinitofsantamonica.com

Instruction

DRUM LESSONS in your home! Great w/children & beginners, first lesson FREE! Call Tom (310)422-2699.

For Rent

GEORGETOWN LAKE MT Deluxe 4 bdrm overlooking pristine mountain lake. Blue ribbon fishery. Minutes from Jack Nicklaus golf course. Hike, boat, swim, horseback ride. Wildlife galore. Stunning sunset views. \$1200 per week. (310) 899-3777

Vehicles for sale

2003 INFINITI G35 COUPE 2D

V6, Automatic, Leather, Moon Roof (206812)

2002 LEXUS IS 300 SPORT CROSS

4D, Hatchback, Moon, Rear Spoiler, Lthr (042025)

2003 VW BEETLE
GL Turbo Hatchback, 2D, Automatic (424228)

2000 LEXUS RX 300
4D Sport Utility, Automatic, Moon, Roof Rack (146978)

2000 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA GLS

4D Sedan, Automatic, Moon Roof (089016)

1999 LEXUS LX 470
4D Sport Utility, Automatic, Leather, Moon (075956)

1100 Santa Monica Blvd
(310) 319-1661
LAcARgUY.com

Vehicles for sale**YEAR END BLOW OUTS!**

'01 CHEV CAVALIER
Low Miles - Super Economy (17359142) \$6,995

'01 TOYOTA PRIUS
TOYOTA CERTIFIED, Clean (10036045) \$13,995

'01 NISSAN GXE
AT, AC, PW, CD & MORE (16437681) \$8,995

'03 TOYOTA COROLLA LE
TOYOTA CERTIFIED, Loaded (3Z129771) \$13,995

'00 FORD MUSTANG
GT Appearance, Pkg-Nice! (YF213400) \$8,995

'98 4RUNNER LIMITED
Leather, Moonroof & much More (W0058384) \$14,995

'01 TOYOTA WINDSTAR
Super Clean - Loaded (1BB37955) \$9,850

AD EXPIRES 12/30/03
All advertised prices exclude government fees and taxes, any finance charges, any dealer document preparation charges, and any emission testing charge.

HURRY TO:
832 Santa Monica Blvd.
800-944-4157
LAcARgUY.com

CLASSIFIEDS ARE EASY!



CALL NOW!

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

310.458.7737

Classified Advertising Conditions : **REGULAR RATE:** \$2.50 a day. Ads over 15 words add 20¢ per word per day. Ad must run a minimum of twelve consecutive days. **PREMIUMS:** First two words caps no charge. Bold words, italics, centered lines, etc. cost extra. Please call for rates. **TYPOS:** Check your ad the first day of publication. Sorry, we do not issue credit after an ad has run more than once. **DEADLINES:** 4:00 p.m. prior the day of publication except for Monday's paper when the deadline is Friday at 4:00 p.m. **PAYMENT:** All private party ads must be pre-paid. We accept checks, credit cards, and of course cash. **CORRESPONDENCE:** To place your ad call our offices 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, (310)458-7737; send a check or money order with ad copy to The Santa Monica Daily Press, P.O. Box 1380, Santa Monica, CA 90406 or stop in at our office located at 1427 Third Street Promenade, Ste. 202. **OTHER RATES:** For information about the professional services directory or classified display ads, please call our office at (310)458-7737.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Rent

3RD STREET PROMENADE Apts. Ocean views, remodeled units 1+1, \$1500-\$2000, 2+2 \$2100-\$2500. 1453 3rd Street. MOVE IN SPECIALS! (310)862-1000.

Casa Loma Apartment 101 Dudley Ave. Venice NOW LEASING!

Steps to the beach
Singles and Studios
\$695.00 to \$1095.00

MOVE IN SPECIAL
FIRST MONTH FREE!
(Requires S.D. & 1 yr. lease)
1-888-399-1166

NEW STUDIO Apartments available. \$1075-\$1345. Six blocks to beach. Promenade area! (310)656-0311

SANTA MONICA 1+1, lower, r/s, gated, carpet, pool, laundry, parking, elec. included, \$950.

(310)395-7368
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA \$1295/mo. 1232 Harvard. Beautiful 1 bdrm, 1ba. Prestigious location, secluded building. Features large closets, stove, dishwasher, gated parking. Owner will consider pets. Walk to shops, restaurants & transportation. (310)717-7963

SANTA MONICA 2+2, carpet, laundry, new paint, blinds, parking, great building, \$1275. (310)395-7368
www.westsiderentals.com

For Rent

SANTA MONICA 3+2, new bath, hardwood floors, laundry, remodeled, gated, quiet, \$2050. (310)395-7368
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA bachelor, upper, carpet, laundry, great deal, utilities included \$600. (310)395-7368
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA studio, lower, r/s, in 4-plex, near Wilshire, parking, utilities included \$725. (310)395-7368
www.westsiderentals.com

WLA \$1390/MO. 2 Bedrooms, 1 bath, new carpet, large kitchen (310)391-8880.

Houses For Rent

SANTA MONICA duplex 1+1, r/s, in 4-plex, near Wilshire, private, parking, \$1100 (310)395-7368
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA guest house, furnished, r/s, w/d, quiet, yard, parking, utilities included, \$1250.

(310)395-7368
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA triplex, 1+1, r/s, carpet, yard, remodeled kitchen, utilities included, \$1295.

(310)395-7368
www.westsiderentals.com

Roommates

90 DAY RENTAL: SHARE 2+2 NEAR WILSHIRE/6TH. PARKING, UTILITIES, CABLE/INTERNET, \$700/MO. STARTING IN JANUARY. (310)395-4433 or nicksper@adelphia.net

NON-SMOKING SWF desires room to rent or studio apartment. Augustchild2@msn.com (760)409-7376.

Roommates

SANTA MONICA shared apartment, private room, furnished, fireplace laundry, month-to-month. \$500. (310)395-7368
www.westsiderentals.com

SANTA MONICA shared house, private room, r/s, dishwasher, laundry, utilities included \$595. (310)395-7368
www.westsiderentals.com

Commercial Lease

12041 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD
1350 s.i.
\$1250 month
(310) 827-3873
OR
(323) 870-5756

SANTA MONICA OFFICES

- CHARMING MEDITERRANEAN STYLE
- NEAR PROMENADE - WINDOWS OPEN
- GARDEN COURTYARD BUILDING
- TELEPHONE SYSTEM INCLUDED
- NEW PAINT AND CARPET
- FURNISHED AVAILABLE
- SHORT OR LONG TERM
- PARKING INCLUDED
- 2 TO 4 ROOMS
- AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

310.395.4620
\$1450.00 AND UP

FOR RENT office suite in Santa Monica w/ use of amenities. 175 sq. ft. \$700/mo. (310)396-9310 ext. 107.

Commercial Lease

MDR SHARE space. New suite, 4 space in small Law Firm. Law Library, Conference Room, Receptionist, Copier, DSL, Parking Available, 90 Freeway close. Starting at \$750. (310)553-0756.

SM/OCEAN PARK: room available in well located Chiropractic & Acupuncture office 3 days per/wk \$500/mo. Jasmine (310)392-9596.

Real Estate

AGAPE ESTATES
Pride of Ownership
Homes and Units
Realtor and Developer
Call Today
310-745-4847
Buy or Sell Tomorrow

Real Estate Wanted

MOTIVATED BUYER: I buy houses, any area, any price, any condition
Call (310)422-4933

Massage

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

EXQUISITE, INTUITIVE, strong and tender relaxing bodywork by mature European. Professional Lady Sonja (310)397-0433.

Massage

OCEAN THERAPY: nice relaxing massage Spanish & Asian Staff (310)899-3709.

OLIVIA FULL body massage. Smooth, thorough, divinely relaxing by beautiful, mature woman. Professional & licensed \$120/hr. \$80/ 1/2 hr. (310)915-5519.

REVITALIZE & Rejuvenate. Body, Mind & Spirit with a therapeutic Swedish/Deep-tissue massage. Laura (310)394-2923 (310)569-0883.

STRONG & SOOTHING Swedish & Deep-Tissue body work. Only \$40/70min. Non-sexual. Paul: (310)741-1901.

THERAPEUTIC ASIAN massage \$49/hr. 1227 Lincoln #201 Santa Monica (323)630-9506. Appointment only.

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE, Swedish, Acupressure, Deep-tissue, Sports Massage, Reflexology. For apt call Tracy at (310)435-0657.

Business Opps

LOCAL VENDING route 60 machines. Locations included, all for \$10.995. (800)509-7909.

Fitness

Curves
in Santa Monica
The Power to Amaze Yourself.™
GET 50% OFF THE SERVICE FEE
Offer valid 7/15/03 thru 11/30/03
Based on first visit enrollment, minimum 12 months c.d. program. Service fee paid at time of enrollment.
Not valid with any other offer.
1335 B 4th St.
310-917-1371

Fitness

Have Fun Getting FIT By the BEACH
Feel Better...Lose Weight...Improve your Health!
Inquire About Our Way to Wellness Program! Exercise, Eating & Stress Management ... All In One Great Program!
Located at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel
310-842-5657
www.globalfitnessolutionsonline.com

Ocean Oasis
A Medical Day Spa for Women
Facials • Yoga • Pilates • Therapeutic Massage
Pregnancy & Post-pregnancy services
BRING IN A FRIEND AND SHE'S FREE!
(310) 458-8190
Dr. Lisa Masterson, M.D.
1333 Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica

TAI CHI/CHIUNG classes in Santa Monica call for info. (626)429-6360.

Lost & Found

FOUND 12-5-03 evening: gold wedding band at Santa Monica & 4th (310)820-5926.

Personals

Fast Dater
3 MINUTE DATING
FASTDATER.COM HAS REVOLUTIONIZED THE WAY PEOPLE DATE TODAY!
Have you had it with blind dates? Then FastDater is for you! Participants even tell us it feels like you are on a game show - dating finally made fun!
NEXT EVENT:
January 5th @ 7 pm
WORLD CAFE IN SANTA MONICA
RSVP's Required
LOG ONTO www.fastdater.com



CENTURY WEST PROPERTIES
EXCEPTIONAL WESTSIDE RENTALS

LEASING CENTER
1437 SEVENTH STREET, SUITE 200
SANTA MONICA



COMPLEMENTARY RENTAL LIST & LEASING CONSULTATION
WALK-INS WELCOME 10AM - 6PM DAILY
(310) 899-9580

Pay tribute to a loved one.

Now offering obituary listings.
For more details call the Daily Press:

310.458.7737 ext. 111

WE ARE THE *Classiest* GIG IN TOWN!

The Daily Press Hiring Guarantee:

Run an ad in the classified section of the Santa Monica Daily Press for 4 weeks and we'll guarantee that you'll find the perfect employee!
Call for more details.

Call Mitch at the Santa Monica Daily Press
310.458.7737 ext.111

CLASSIFIEDS



PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE SANTA MONICA SERVICE DIRECTORY

Services

A/C CONSTRUCTION

COMMERCIAL
Residential Remodel
HONEST & RELIABLE
FREE ESTIMATES



310.278.5380
Fax 310.271.4790

Lic# 804884 Fully Insured

A1 CONSTRUCTION, framing, drywall, electrical. 30 years in this area. Free estimate. (310)475-0497 or (310)415-7134.

B.C. HAULING clean-up; all types big truck; hydraulic liftgate -small truck. No Saturdays. (310)714-1838.

Services

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

BOOKKEEPING SERVICES for small businesses and individuals. Quickbooks, MYOB and Microsoft Money. Reasonable Rates. (310)876-0363.

NBM CONSTRUCTION
Room Additions, Remodel,
Electric, Plumbing, Carpentry
(888) 420-5866

Lic#745354

PICTURE FRAMES custom made by professional (310)980-2674.

**DENTAL
EMERGENCY?**



- Evening hours + emergency services
- Root Canals, Crowns, Veneers
- 20+ years of experience
- UCLA Graduate
- Most insurances accepted
- Cosmetic Dentistry

Dr. David Taft, DDS
310-315-3676

UCLA Parkside Medical
2428 SANTA MONICA BLVD., SUITE 303 • SANTA MONICA

Services

COPPER REPIPE SPECIALIST

LOW WATER PRESSURE? RUSTY UNSAFE WATER? GETTING SCALDED?
We specialize in Copper Repipe of private homes & apartments. Call us!
Senior Citizen Discount

FREE Estimates
1-877-379-9455

SOL'S PLUMBING

FREE WATER HEATER

Lic#767143 Bonded & Ins. ALL WORK IS GUARANTEED ALWAYS A CLEAN QUALITY JOB!

DISCOUNT

HARDWOOD Floors & Molding

Laminate \$0.89/sq.ft.	Engineered Floor \$1.49/sq.ft.
Bamboo Floor \$2.39/sq.ft.	Unfinished Solid Wood \$0.99/sq.ft.

3-1/4"x3/4" Solid Oak Prefinish \$2.39/sq.ft.

All Pergo, Columbia, Shaw, Bruce, Anderson & Mohawk floors on sale. All molding & handrails & stairs part & all prefinish & unfinished flooring sale. BEST PRICES IN TOWN.

(800) 984-2925

Brainstorm for the New Year
50% Holiday Discount to all callers

Business Brainstorm Sessions

 **BULLION GREY**
Innovative Essentials
Turning Possibility into Profitable Reality
(310) 452-0851

call for free business report

Services

EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER
looking for permanent live-out position. 15 yr. experience w/references, bilingual. Have own transportation CDL/insured, love children and animals (310)895-0993.

GET ORGANIZED!
for filing system set-ups, unpacking from a major move, uncluttering closets and other home/office paper management problems, etc.

HIRE A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZER!
Call Christine Cohen:
310-274-4988

Member: National Association of Professional Organizers

HEAD SHOTS. Price includes shoot fee, contact sheets, negatives & expenses. \$250. www.randphoto.net (310)395-0147.

MARCO TELECOM: Phone jacks, installation & repair. Rewiring phone line, splitting business. (310)301-1926, pager: (310)351-7673.

Services

HOME THEATER AND MUSIC:
system design, installing and troubleshooting. 16 years experience with audio/video systems, satellite, cable, telephone and computer networks. (310)450-6540.

KIM'S CHRISTMAS TREES
Finest Quality and Service

We offer tree removal.
Call for an appointment.



(310) 828-5467

NOTICE TO READERS:

California law requires that contractors taking jobs that total \$500 or more (labor or materials) be licensed by the Contractors State License Board. State law also requires that contractors include their license number on all advertising. You can check the status of your licensed contractor at www.cslb.ca.gov or 800-321-CSLB. Unlicensed contractors taking jobs that total less than \$500 must state in their advertisements that they are not licensed by the Contractors State License Board.

Services

PAINTING TOP QUALITY A&A
custom, Interior And Exterior . Free Quote. Jeff Arrieta (310)560-9864.

The Gift of a Lifetime
\$189 Instant Biography
\$489 Foundation Biography
"The Best Stories are Stories Remembered"
LIZ CROW (310) 442-9266

TOWN & Country Builder. Masonry work, concrete, driveways, brick, stone wall, patio, tile. State/Lic. 441191 (310)578-7108.

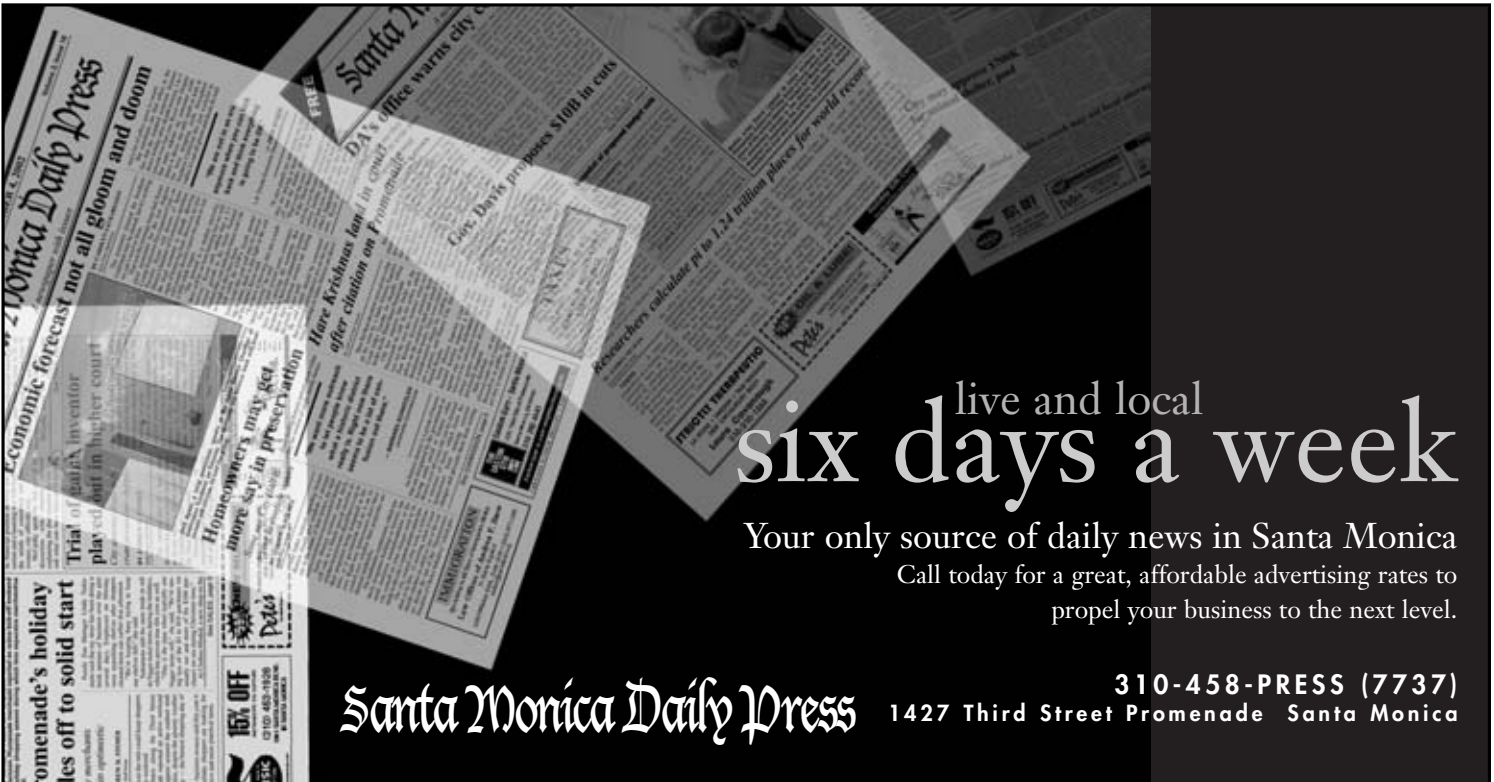
When You Get Ready to Fix Up, Call Us!
NED PARKER CONSTRUCTION
Bonded & Insured • Lic#658-486
PAINTING • CARPENTRY • ROOFING
CONCRETE • ELECTRICAL
323.871.8869

Business Services

HOW can you get the power of email working for your business?
Great Big Noise
www.greatbignoise.com

Computer Services

COMPUTER HELP: Your office or home. Typing, tutorial, Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, internet navigation, software installation. Also, notary public services. (310)207-3366



live and local
six days a week

Your only source of daily news in Santa Monica
Call today for a great, affordable advertising rates to propel your business to the next level.

Santa Monica Daily Press **310-458-PRESS (7737)**
1427 Third Street Promenade Santa Monica



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Britain has crowned a new king — and it's Elvis

By The Associated Press

■ **LONDON** — Elvis Presley is the all-time singles king in Britain, nearly a half-century after he first crashed into the pop chart here, according to a new list published Monday.

Presley has appeared on 1,193 of the weekly charts since 1952, when records began.

At No. 2 is Cliff Richard with 1,152 weeks in the charts, followed by The Shadows at 771 weeks.

The singles chart in Britain has varied in length over the years.

When Presley appeared for the first time in 1956 with "Heartbreak Hotel," the British chart listed 30 records. In 1978, the year after Presley died, the chart stabilized at its present length of the top 75 singles.

The rest of the top 10 are: Elton John, Madonna, Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Rod Stewart, the Beatles and David Bowie.

■ **LONDON** — A Scottish woman who'd been told she was too large to be a "Pop Idol" was crowned the winner of the British talent show.

Michelle McManus, who weighs 211 pounds, fought off criticism from judges on the show and gibes in some of the tabloid newspapers to win the majority of votes from viewers on the final night of competition Saturday.

"I just want to say thanks and to everyone who said I couldn't do it, I've done it," the tearful 23-year-old said after being named the winner.

McManus became a late favorite after receiving criticism for her looks.

The British Press Association reported that one of the three judges, music producer Pete Waterman, stormed off the London set after the final vote was announced. Waterman had argued previously against letting McManus proceed to the public vote section of the competition because of her size. His exit from the studio was not shown to television viewers.

Earlier in the final program, fellow judge Simon Cowell had praise for McManus.

"If you weren't in the final it would be quite boring," Cowell said before the vote was announced. "You have broken the norm and made it interesting. I'm interested, I'm very proud."

A record 10.26 million people voted for the winner. Organizers didn't immediately provide a breakdown for the vote between McManus and runner-up Mark Rhodes.

The winner of the first "Pop Idol" series in 2002, Will Young, is to take part in the "World Idol" competition along with winners from 10 other countries, including "American Idol" Kelly Clarkson. The international competition will air around the world on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

■ **PITTSBURGH** — Christina Aguilera sings about the abuse she says she and her mother suffered at the hand of her father in the song "I'm Okay" — but Aguilera has done more than just sing about domestic abuse.

The 23-year-old pop singer, who hails from the Pittsburgh suburb of Wexford, on Sunday visited the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh where she has donated \$200,000.

Aguilera spent two hours signing autographs and talking to the 18 women and 23 children at the shelter in Pittsburgh's Oakland section. She also helped wrap Christmas presents for children at the shelter.

Aguilera, who now lives in California, was in the area visiting her mother, Shelly Kearns, for the holiday.

"Shelters are so important. I've seen that in my life firsthand, and I always thought that if I was ever in a position to make a difference, I wanted to do something to help," Aguilera told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for Monday's editions.

■ **LONDON** — A little-known U.S. duo won the race for the coveted No. 1 spot on the British Christmas

pop music chart.

Surprise contenders Michael Andrews and Gary Jules beat local favorites, glam rockers The Darkness, to lead the official weekly chart Sunday with their ballad "Mad World" from the cult film "Donnie Darko."

Holding the top spot on the Christmas Day chart is considered a great honor in Britain and every twist and turn of the festive battle is keenly reported and debated. This year's race was considered the tightest in many years.

"Mad World," a somber and sparse take on the 1982 Tears for Fears song — which doesn't even mention Christmas — features Jules' vocals and Andrews on piano. It initially was considered a longshot, but requests from the public and strong radio play gave it a late boost.

"My first reaction was just that it was unbelievable," Andrews said when he heard the news. "This was so unexpected. It just took off. It's an incredible thing for me to be able to enter into the mainstream like this with one of my best friends."

Jules, who dashed over to Britain for a three-week whirlwind promotional tour as the single gained ground, was similarly surprised.

"It feels crazy. I really, really, honestly didn't believe it would make it," he told the British Press Association from his home in Los Angeles, where he returned Saturday.

■ **INGLEWOOD, Calif.** — Laffit Pincay Jr. has a part of a street near Hollywood Park all to himself.

Horse racing's winningest jockey was honored by the city of Inglewood, with a portion of 90th Street near the track renamed Pincay Drive.

Pincay unveiled the street sign in a ceremony Saturday. The street will intersect with Kareem Court, named for Los Angeles Lakers basketball great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Pincay was injured in a spill at Santa Anita on March 1 and retired April 29. He rode 9,530 winners in his career and broke Bill Shoemaker's mark of 8,833 in 1999.

A FAMILY OF DEALERS



VOLKSWAGEN
SANTA MONICA
IN SANTA MONICA... ON SANTA MONICA™

Drivers
wanted.®

Volkswagen Santa Monica,
family owned with 40 years in your community,
is expanding our
SERVICE DEPARTMENT
to provide you a faster, more efficient service experience.

We listened, we heard your comments, and we are working
to make you the happiest customer on earth.

2440 Santa Monica Boulevard • Santa Monica, CA 90404

310-829-1888 • 866-LACARGUY

LacarGUY.com™

Our family of dealers include:

Toyota of Hollywood • Lincoln/Mercury of Hollywood • Scion of Hollywood • Lexus Santa Monica • Scion Santa Monica
Toyota Santa Monica • Volkswagen Santa Monica • Pacific Porsche • Pacific Audi • Pacific Volkswagen

LacarGUY.com



LEXUS
SANTA MONICA
IN SANTA MONICA... ON SANTA MONICA

Lexus Santa Monica
has expanded their
**AWARD-WINNING
SERVICE DEPARTMENT**
with a new 15 million dollar
STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY.
Offering you, our loyal customer, less
wait time and continued quality
service for your Lexus.

2450 Santa Monica Boulevard • Santa Monica, CA 90404

888-640-8466

LacarGUY.com

Our family of dealers include:

Toyota of Hollywood • Lincoln/Mercury of Hollywood • Scion of Hollywood • Lexus Santa Monica • Scion Santa Monica
Toyota Santa Monica • Volkswagen Santa Monica • Pacific Porsche • Pacific Audi • Pacific Volkswagen

