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## Northrop Grumman to slash 500 jobs

Carpinteria facility safe, Goleta workforce at risk

By MORGAN HOOVER  
NEWS-PRESS STAFF WRITER

In another blow to Southern California's defense industry, aerospace giant Northrop Grumman Corp. said it is cutting 500 jobs in its aerospace division in anticipation of a slowdown in Pentagon spending.

The company began offering a voluntary buyout program Thursday but said layoffs would ensue if fewer than 500 people agree to leave before Oct. 28.

Northrop has branches in Goleta and Carpinteria.

Carpinteria's branch, in the 6300 block of Via Real, is not subject to the layoffs, said communications manager Jim Hart.

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## Lawsuit filed against Carp-based surfboard manufacturer

By STUART PFEIFER  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Surfboard manufacturers have a number of concerns — heavy competition, expensive shipping and employees who occasionally like to slip out early when there's a good break.

Product-liability lawsuits typically aren't one of their worries.

That's what makes a lawsuit that recreational surfer Tom Gregg filed against Channel Islands Surfboards a little unusual.

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## Lompoc teen charged with vehicular manslaughter

Local grandmother struck and killed in May

By NORA K. WALLACE  
NEWS-PRESS STAFF WRITER

The 18-year-old daughter of a Lompoc Police Department sergeant faces a misdemeanor charge of vehicular manslaughter in connection with the death of a woman pedestrian.

The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office filed charges late Friday afternoon against

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## Casino fears



MIKE ELIASON / NEWS-PRESS PHOTOS

A town hall meeting about plans by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians to develop a 1,400-acre property filled the Solvang Veterans Memorial Hall and its entryway Friday.

### Santa Ynez Valley residents urged to resist Chumash expansion

By NORA K. WALLACE  
NEWS-PRESS STAFF WRITER

Three national experts on tribal gaming issued a call to arms Friday night in the Santa Ynez Valley — urging residents worried about the potential for expansion of Chumash gambling ventures to stand up, speak out and get involved.

At least 600 Santa Ynez Valley residents packed into Solvang's Veterans Memorial Hall and its overflow rooms Friday night to listen about national and local gaming issues, and to vent about their concerns that the rural valley will morph into a gambling mecca run by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

"You can call, you can write, you can email, but your voice must be heard," urged moderator and Santa Ynez Valley resident Fred Steck.

The meeting was sponsored by Preservation of Los Olivos; We Watch; Preservation of Santa Ynez; and Santa Ynez Valley Concerned Citizens — groups that have doggedly tracked development efforts of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

The Chumash, who already run a casino and resort, purchased 1,400 acres of land off



From left, Cheryl Schmit, Donald Mitchell and Doug Herthel answer questions during Friday's town hall meeting about the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians' plans for a 1,400-acre property in the Santa Ynez Valley.

State Route 154 last year. The land, largely undeveloped, now contains grape vines and grazing for cattle. On Thursday, Chumash leaders said they hope to build about 143 homes on the property, but haven't had internal discussions about what else might occur there.

But many local residents don't believe the tribe and fear unchecked development and expansion of gaming that would, they say, destroy the rural nature of the valley.

"This is a meeting about the expansion of

gaming," Mr. Steck said. "It's not a cultural discussion. It's a business discussion in our Santa Ynez Valley."

Mr. Steck called the Chumash endeavors a "business enterprise ... no different from someone wanting to put an oil refinery in your backyard."

He called upon elected officials to raise their hands if they were in the audience — Solvang's mayor and several council

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## Memorial held for boy killed in truck crash

By ANGEL PACHECO  
NEWS-PRESS STAFF WRITER

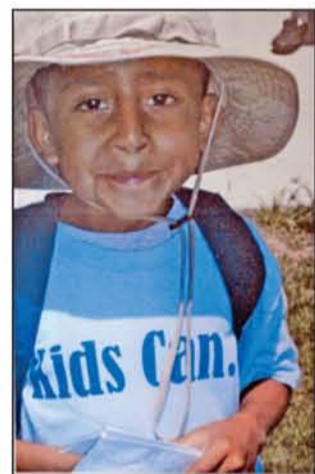
One year after a gravel-hauler with malfunctioning brakes came rolling down Highway 154, Franklin School faculty and students on Friday remembered the third-grade boy whose life was tragically cut short when the vehicle slammed into his family's Santa Barbara home.

On what would have been 8-year-old Jaciel Adalberto Tellez Pacheco's second day in fourth grade, Franklin Principal Casie Killgore unveiled a mosaic made in his honor by 515 of his schoolmates over the last year.

The mosaic of an eagle — the school mascot — now adorns the front of the East Mason Street campus. On the wall next to it are a plaque and a replica of a small mosaic Jaciel made in second grade. His original work is with his grandmother in Mexico.

"He's definitely someone who's still missed and we continue to keep his spirit alive," Ms. Killgore said of Jaciel, who started at the school in kindergarten. "And we're just doing what we can today so that it gives the kids a positive way to reflect on him."

Ms. Killgore described Jaciel as full of life and spirit. He was always smiling and happy to be at school, and a couple of his hobbies included watching Cartoon



THOMAS KELSEY / NEWS-PRESS FILE

A portrait of Jaciel Tellez displayed in November at the Santa Barbara Public Library.

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## Pre-written police forms called efficient

Lance defense challenges notion officers' advance work good for justice

By SCOTT STEEPLTON  
NEWS-PRESS CITY EDITOR

Calling that part of a police officer's job involving paperwork "quite laborious," Santa Barbara Police Department's second in command says officers are encouraged to streamline tasks — and that apparently extends to going into the field armed with standardized investigation forms in which some sections pertaining to field observations and questioning are filled out in advance.

The revelation that Officer Kasi Beutel used photocopied Driving Under the Influence Report forms, in which questions about a suspected drunken driver being under a doctor's care, when he or she last slept and whether both eyes were tracking equally were filled in by the officer in advance, emerged in a hearing on investigative journalist Peter Lance's misdemeanor DUI case before Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge Brian Hill on Aug. 21.

For two days, no one from the Police Department responded to a News-Press request to comment on the practice.

Then on Friday, Deputy Chief Frank Mannix told the paper that filling out some sections of the form in advance is a technique officers use to make police work more efficient.

"Certain officers have used various techniques to help them streamline the efficiency of filling out police forms, which can be quite laborious," he said.

As for whether such a practice is allowed, Deputy Chief Mannix added: "We don't have a policy condoning or preventing a form from being filled out in advance."

Mr. Lance is accused of driving with a blood alcohol concentration of .09. The legal limit is .08. He has challenged the New Year's Day arrest by Officer Beutel on a number of fronts involving alleged misconduct on her part, including rigging the breathalyzer test and witnessing the forging of his name on a waiver to have a sample of blood held for future retesting.

No trial date has been set.

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## Breitbart brings 'culture war' on the left to Reagan Ranch Center

By MICHAEL ELSETH  
NEWS-PRESS STAFF WRITER

More than 200 Young America's Foundation supporters filled the Reagan Ranch Center on Friday to hear self-proclaimed "culture warrior" and blogger Andrew Breitbart talk about his fight against the left's cultural infiltration.

Mr. Breitbart, publisher of Breitbart.com and Breitbart.tv and an instrumental developer of The Huffington Post, is the founder of group blogs Big Hollywood, Big Journalism, Big Peace and Big Government, which broke the ACORN child sex trafficking scandal.

His newest book, "Righteous Indignation: Excuse Me While I Save the World," details what he calls the "democrat media complex," the infusion of the left wing's political ideology into popular culture through the media.

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MICHAEL MORIATIS / NEWS-PRESS

Author and publisher Andrew Breitbart speaks Friday at the Wendy P. McCaw Reagan Ranch Roundtable.

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## Dog receiving treatment before return to adoption block

### ■ ARIEL

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Services, "but we have no leads on her previous owner, which means we don't have anywhere to go with for an investigation."

There were no expectations that anyone would come forward to take the dog or be willing to make an adoption given Ariel's state. So when Ms. Di Sieno found out she would be euthanized if she wasn't claimed by

her owner, she volunteered to take Ariel into her care.

To get her coat back, Ariel would have to be bathed twice a day under a topical solution to stimulate fur growth along with a 30-day oral treatment. She will also be spayed once she has put on some quality weight and cleared of all other medical issues.

"We can only surmise that she has been in an abusive situation for a long time," Ms. Di Sieno said. "She weighed about 44 pounds on Monday. We're hoping to get to an ideal weight of

around 55 to 58 pounds."

Right now, the focus was to give the puppy the best care possible in order to put her onto the adoption block and find her a permanent and loving home.

"We're going to have our volunteers love on her, walk her and show her what a dog's life is supposed to be," Ms. Di Sieno said. "We want to give her 110 percent so we can find her a new life; she is not aggressive at all."

Ariel can already be found interacting with other dogs in the kennel

and likes to hang out with the cats.

"This is a good example of how the animal loving people in our community can come together and be part of the animal rescue team," Ms. Silva said, "it brightens Ariel's future, and it gives her new hope."

Anyone who recognizes the dog is asked to contact the Santa Maria Animal Shelter at 934-6119.

For more information, go to [www.animalrescueteam.net](http://www.animalrescueteam.net).

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## Carpinteria-based oil company fights Australian bank for assets

By MICHAL ELSETH  
NEWS-PRESS STAFF WRITER

A Carpinteria-based oil company and an Australian banking company are awaiting trial to prove each other breached a loan agreement that has them fighting for the oil company's assets.

In early 2009, Signal Hill Service, a locally owned and operated energy company, sought financing from Macquarie Bank Limited for a \$13.6 million expansion project at its Houchin platform south of Carpinteria.

The bank agreed to finance Signal Hill in two payment "tranches," conditional on the oil company's entering into three sets of pre-loan hedge transactions.

Signal Hill agreed to the transactions, which it says MBL represented as increasing its credit-worthiness and security.

But as a result of those high-risk transactions, the company incurred millions of dollars in losses before it entered into the loan agreement with MBL in November 2009, according to a June 27 tentative order from United States District Court Judge Margaret Morrow.

The bank rolled that debt over as part of its loan, but did not disclose the obligation to Signal Hill until later, the oil company contends.

The first \$10 million of the loan was paid in November 2009, with the second payment to be paid at the oil company's request any time before Aug. 1, 2010.

Signal Hill requested the second tranche of \$3.6 million in January 2010. Though MBL assured Signal Hill it was working on the transaction, the bank put off meeting about the payment until after the Aug. 1 deadline had passed.

Without the second part of the loan, Signal Hill said it would not be able to complete its expansion project and use the planned additional oil production to pay off its loan.

But when MBL finally scheduled a meeting in August, the bank claimed the obligation for the additional \$3.6 million had ended on the first of the month.

Believing the bank had breached the loan agreement, Signal Hill stopped making payments to MBL.

"There was an outright breach of contract by MBL," said Dennis Luna, an attorney representing Signal Hill.

Once MBL stopped receiving payments, it notified Signal Hill that the oil company was in default and owed



COURTESY PHOTO

Signal Hill Service took out a loan to expand its Houchin platform south of Carpinteria.

more than \$18 million, based on loan repayment and losses from its derivative transactions.

At this point, each company believed the other had breached the contract. By December, MBL informed Signal Hill its closeout costs had grown to nearly \$19.9 million.

The bank sent Signal Hill a forbearance agreement, requiring the oil company to admit to several defaults. In February, Signal Hill filed a complaint against MBL in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Signal Hill argued its failure to make payments was justified because the agreement was procured by fraud when MBL misrepresented the excessively risky hedge transactions, and because the bank breached the agreement, according to Judge Morrow's June 27 court order.

"As our complaint points out, they basically committed fraud against Signal Hill Resource by hiding toxic derivatives in the loan agreement," Mr. Luna told the News-Press.

In March, MBL filed a complaint for foreclosure and a request to install a receiver in the Superior Court of California. In April, when the judge refused to grant the motion, the bank dropped the case and re-filed in

federal court.

The bank countered Signal Hill's fraud claim with the argument that the oil company had significant past experience with hedge transactions and derivative financing.

"These factors negate Signal Hill's position that it was an unsophisticated and naive investor preyed upon by a foreign bank," MBL wrote.

At this point the two companies' dueling complaints over foreclosure centered on the value of Signal Hill's assets and proof of irreparable harm if their requests were not granted.

According to Signal Hill, the acquisition value of its oil and gas reserves is \$134 million. MBL's valuation is significantly less, counting reserves at around \$29 million using a valuation method that Signal Hill argues is contrary to industry standard.

By even the most conservative industry standard, Judge Morrow said in her June 27 order, the valuation of the company's oil and gas reserves is still likely to be found at roughly \$83 million, more than three times the amount MBL is owed.

Judge Morrow subsequently found in her order that while Signal Hill would be likely to suffer irreparable harm from foreclosure, MBL would

not suffer the same if foreclosure was denied, since the value of Signal Hill's assets is more than the bank is owed.

The judge also agreed with Signal Hill's assertion that the smooth operation of its platforms is in the public interest and could be harmed by foreclosure.

The judge granted Signal Hill's motion for a preliminary injunction, and denied MBL's motion for receivership.

Until a trial takes place, the judge restrained MBL from selling Signal Hill, taking any action to enforce remedies for its financing agreement or interfering with the delivery of payments to Signal Hill or the sale of oil from platform Houchin.

MBL officials declined to comment. Mr. Luna said Judge Morrow's decision was right and Signal Hill will prevail in trial. The case will next go into discovery. A trial date has not been set.

"We are pushing forward and intend to win this case," he said. "Macquarie has been using the typical tactic of trying to grind down a small company to try to delay a decision on the merits. It won't work."

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## Use of preprepared report forms at issue

### ■ LANCE

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In a 13-part series that sprang from his arrest and was published by the News-Press, Mr. Lance has uncovered other Beutel arrestees who have come forward to say, under the penalty of perjury, that they, too, are victims of alleged forgery on blood-test waivers.

What emerged at the end of this week's hearing is a declaration from a handwriting expert hired by the defense stating that, using infrared technology, he found Officer Beutel used photocopied forms during DUI stops, filling in the majority of the information at the scene in ink.

But the rest was from a master copy, including an "X" next to the statement asserting Officer Beutel's belief that the subject is under the influence of alcohol. There were about 15 other pre-answered questions on her Driving Under the Influence Report forms.

Deputy District Attorney Gordon Auchincloss said the first time anyone in his office saw the findings was when they were shared by the defense during a closed-door hearing ordered by Judge Hill but conducted outside his presence Aug. 21.

He told the News-Press a Friday online report by the Santa Barbara Independent quoting him as saying the DA was looking into dropping the case against Mr. Lance "gives an impression that's not completely accurate."

"All I told them is I was looking into the information," he said.

Mr. Auchincloss contacted the Independent about its coverage, because not long after his interview with the News-Press, the weekly added to its story the following editor's note: "Upon publication of this story,

deputy district attorney Gordon Auchincloss called to say his office is not necessarily looking into dismissing the case, but is instead examining the information provided by (defense attorney Darryl) Genis regarding the handwriting analysis, and what that information might mean for the case.

A dismissal is, of course, the outcome Mr. Lance hopes for when he appears before Judge Hill again on Wednesday. At that hearing, the judge will hear from both sides on the findings and other matters—and he could rule on a defense motion to dismiss.

Mr. Genis scoffed at the Police Department's explanation of the photocopied forms.

"The police report is written to fairly and accurately record all of the critical factors related to the arrest. To suggest that a police officer could use a form that lends itself to misrepresentation and then come to court and under questioning by the district attorney suggest (he or she) had used a form exactly as it was (intended to be used) is nothing short of dishonest," said Mr. Genis.

Policy 344, that portion of the Santa Barbara Police Department policy manual pertaining to report preparation, states that all reports shall accurately reflect all pertinent information "seen, heard, or assimilated by any other sense. Employees shall not repress, conceal or distort the facts of any reported incident, nor shall any employee make a false report orally or in writing."

The policy does not address what, if anything, can be filled out in advance. Nor does it address shortcuts to be taken in the name of efficiency.

Deputy Chief Mannix, who has recently taken a higher profile in Police Department matters, said the department doesn't fault an officer

who chooses to fill out certain portions of a form in advance "if it helps their efficiency in the field."

"We have a policy to complete accurate, thorough and truthful reports," he said. "I've uncovered no information about Officer Beutel to suggest she's done anything other than that."

But does using a photocopied form, as Officer Beutel does, in which the words "last night" are already filled in to answer when a subject slept last; "no" is already indicated as to whether the subject has had recent surgery, bumped his or her head today or has been taking insulin pills; and "cool" pre-written to indicate weather conditions at the time of the stop really make for a more efficient stop?

"Different officers may use different techniques to streamline their efficiency," said Deputy Chief Mannix. "What they are, I couldn't itemize them. They vary officer to officer."

Santa Barbara Police Department doesn't train officers to pre-complete forms, said the deputy chief. "However, we train our officers to use initiative and judgment and officers frequently find ways of being efficient in the more regular and mundane aspects of their job."

"If an officer were to fill out certain portions of a form because they always got the same answer 80 to 90 percent of the time, in the 10 percent they decided to change the answer or start the form anew, that would not be inconsistent with filling out a thorough and accurate police report," said Deputy Chief Mannix.

Mr. Lance views the photocopied form as just another example of misconduct.

"It is impossible to believe, as Deputy Chief Mannix is now suggesting, that she did this for purposes of

efficiency. The number of boxes checked or spaces she filled out in advance on the forms answer such questions, which could impact the guilt or innocent of a driver, as when they had last slept, whether they were injured, diabetic, epileptic, under the care of a doctor or on medication," he said. "She even wrote (in advance) 'Yes' to answer the question, 'Do you know why you were stopped?' a question that might shed light on whether she had reasonable suspicion to pull them over."

"All of these questions are expected to be answered spontaneously in the field by an officer who is expected to be conducting an objective investigation."

"The storm troopers of Nazi Germany were efficient," added Mr. Lance. "They got the job done... But the efficient processing of DUI cases becomes abhorrent when we discover that the arresting officer is out to push innocent people into the criminal justice system to face arrest, loss of liberty, incarceration in County Jail in many cases, heavy fines and indelible marks on their records."

Amid the Beutel turmoil, as Mr. Lance first reported, Police Chief Cam Sanchez emerged as one of two finalists for the job of San Bernardino police chief. This seems to have resulted in Deputy Chief Mannix taking a higher profile in department matters. For example, when the woman in charge of the department's business office was arrested on suspicion of embezzling more than \$100,000 in parking citation revenue, it was the deputy chief who ran the press conference on the matter, with Chief Sanchez sort of blending into the background.

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## EVENTS

## SOUTH COAST

**Doggie Day at the Garden:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1212 Mission Canyon Road. In honor of National Dog Day, "Trails 'n' Tails is a day of canine-centric activities, including photo contest, doggie snacks, canine caricature artist, demonstrations, prizes and giveaways. Admission is \$2 off with leashed dog; regular admission is \$8 adults; \$6 seniors (60 or older), children ages 13-17, college students and active military with ID; \$4 children ages 2-12; free to children 1 and younger. 682-4726 or www.sbbg.org.

**Art From Scrap Workshop:** 10 a.m. Art From Scrap, 302 E. Cota St. "Funny Face Self-Portraits." All ages; children 5 and under must have adult supervision. \$8. 884-0459 or www.artfromscrap.org.

**Book Signing and Lecture:** 5:30 p.m. Santa Barbara Historical Museum, 136 E. De la Guerra St. Speaker is Hattie Beresford, co-editor of "My Santa Barbara Scrap Book: Elizabeth Eaton Burton." Reservations required. Free. 966-1601.

**Intermediate/Advanced Ballet:** 10:15 a.m.-noon. Carrillo Recreation Cen-

ter, 100 E. Carrillo St. Instructor is Cat Haworth. \$12-\$14. 966-6485 or 897-2519.

**South Coast Railroad Museum:** 1-4 p.m. 300 N. Los Cameros Road, Goleta. Self-guided tours of Victorian-style Southern Pacific Railroad station, built in 1901. Features hands-on exhibits, artifacts, photographs and memorabilia. Free admission, donation requested. 964-3540 or www.goletadepot.org.

**Dinosaur Show:** 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Santa Barbara Zoo, outdoor Rolling Hills Theatre, 500 Niños Drive. "How to Train Your Dinosaur," a family-friendly show featuring a life-size, adolescent tyrannosaurus rex. Free with zoo admission: \$12 ages 13-64, \$10 seniors 65 and older and children 2-12, free to children younger than 2; \$5 parking. 962-5339 or www.sbzoo.org.

**Santa Barbara Botanic Garden:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. 1212 Mission Canyon Road. Admission is \$8 adults; \$6 seniors (60 or older), children ages 13-17, college students and active military with ID; \$4 children ages 2-12; free to children 1 and younger. 682-4726 or www.sbbg.org.

**Dazzling and Dangerous Creatures Exhibit:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Santa Bar-

bara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta del Sol Road. Safe, up-close viewing of often misunderstood animals such as snakes, spiders and stingrays. Free with museum admission: \$8 adults; \$7 seniors 65 and older, teens 13-17; \$5 children 2-12; free to members and children younger than 2. 682-4711.

**Butterflies Alive!** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily through Sept. 11. Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta del Sol Road. More than 1,000 free-flying butterflies in a garden setting. Bring camera. Free with museum admission: \$10 adults; \$7 seniors 65 and older, teens 13-17; \$6 children 2-12; free to members and children younger than 2. 682-4711.

**Rancho La Patera and Historic Stow House Tours:** 1-4 p.m. Sundays and Saturdays. 304 N. Los Cameros Road, Goleta. Includes Visitor Interpretive Center, docent lead tour of Stow House, and the Ranchoyard and History Education Center. \$8 adults, free for children 12 and younger. Also: dusk-dawn, free self-guided garden tours. 681-7216 or www.goletahistory.org.

**Santa Barbara County Courthouse**

**Tours:** 2 p.m. daily; 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 1100 Anacapa St. Tours begin in Mural Room on second floor. Also: 10:30 a.m. first and third Saturday of month, courtyard gardens tour. Meet under large arch on Anacapa Street. Free. 962-6464.

**Living with Race Exhibit:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta del Sol Road. "Race: Why Are We So Different?" Interactive exhibit tells the stories of race from biological, cultural and historical points of view. Free with museum admission: \$10 adults; \$7 seniors 65 and older, teens 13-17; \$6 children 2-12; free to members and children younger than 2. 682-4711.

## NORTH COUNTY

**PCPA Theaterfest Opening Night Reception:** 5:30-7 p.m. Hotel Corque, 420 Alisal Road, Solvang. In celebration of American premiere of "My Fairytale," musical about Hans Christian Andersen. Presented in part by Solvang Centennial Committee. \$75, includes local wines and appetizers. 922-8313 or www.pcpa.org.

**Mountain Men:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. today and Saturday. La Purisima Mission State Historic Park, 2295 Purisima Road, Lompoc. Members of the American Mountain Men will set up an encampment to share mountain men history and skills. Cooking, hide preparation and tanning, rope making and storytelling are among the activities that visitors can observe. Free. 733-3713.

**Fabing-McKay-Spanne House:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 207 N. L St., Lompoc. The historic house, blacksmith shop, reference room, museum room and carriage house are available for viewing. Volunteers will be available for assistance. Hosted by Lompoc Valley Historical Society. Admission by voluntary donation. 735-4626 or www.lompochistory.org.

**Nature Walk:** 10-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Meet at Cachuma Lake Nature Center, Highway 154. Lake Cachuma naturalists and volunteers lead one-mile walk on Oak Canyon Trail. Free with \$8 park admission per vehicle. 688-4515 or www.cachuma.com.

**Junior Ranger Program:** 12:30-1:30 p.m. Cachuma Lake Nature Center,

State Route 154. Children earn a badge with help of Santa Barbara County Park naturalist as they learn about wildlife and care of environment. Children 10 and younger must be accompanied by adult. \$2 each child, \$10 park admission per vehicle. 688-4515.

**Carnegie Exhibit:** 1-4 p.m. Sundays and Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays through Oct. 9, with extended hours 1-7 p.m. Fridays in July and August. Lompoc Museum, Centeno Gallery, 200 S. H St., Lompoc. "100 Years of Carnegie in Lompoc" includes photographs, memorabilia and documents relating to Andrew Carnegie, who helped build the American steel industry in the 19th century. Admission is \$1 suggested donation for non-members 12 and older. 736-3888.

## VENTURA COUNTY

**Chumash Garden:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Ojai Valley Museum, 130 W. Ojai Ave., Ojai. Living botanical garden that explains use of native plants by the Chumash for food, medicine, baskets and other crafts. Free with museum admission: \$4 general, \$1 youth 6-18, free to members and children 5 and younger. 640-1390 or www.ojavalleymuseum.org.

## Chief silent on matter since June 23

## LANCE

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And despite a terse press release June 23 — day two of Mr. Lance's series — in which the chief attacked Mr. Lance and the News-Press and hailed Officer Beutel's "unblemished career," he has since been mum on the matter.

Could the chief's low profile also be a response to information uncovered by Mr. Lance since then that paints Officer Beutel — and perhaps her supporters — in a bad light? As reported in the Lance series, not only did former accountant Kasi Beutel and her former husband, a CPA, file back-to-back bankruptcies between 1998 and 2000, wiping out almost \$200,000 in credit card debt while holding onto two properties under the homestead exemption — properties they later sold for a windfall in the hundreds of thousands of dollars — but the reverend who performed their wedding stated in a sworn declaration that Kasi Beutel later came to him asking that he backdate the marriage certificate, ostensibly to maximize her child support after divorcing her husband.

According to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics in the department's policy manual, an officer pledges: "I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and

will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency."

Mr. Lance's reporting also resulted in the city of Santa Barbara admitting a huge error in the amount of restitution it sought from another Kasi Beutel arrestee over a workers compensation claim the officer filed in connection to his arrest.

Initially topping \$7,000, the bill was reduced to about a tenth of that amount after it was discovered that a risk management employee with the city used information from an older incident involving Officer Beutel to compute the new bill.

In addition, the new workers comp claim triggered an insurance fraud investigation by the secretary of state's office after Mr. Lance reported discrepancies in the officer's initial account of the arrest, in which she stated she was not injured, and the subsequent claim, which she filed over what she said was a shoulder injury.

Could it be that all of this bad news is weighing heavy on the chief and he's letting an underling run the Santa Barbara Police Department?

"He has been solicited by San Bernardino," said Deputy Chief Mannix. "The chief has allowed that solicitation, but he's 100 percent in charge of the department at this time."

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## Experts on tribal gaming, development speak at event



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Above, attorney Mark Rochefort speaks during Friday's town hall meeting. At right, an overflow crowd listens to the meeting on a speaker outside the Veterans Memorial Hall in Solvang.

## CHUMASH

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members appeared to be the only politicians attending. No county supervisors appeared to be in the audience, though a representative from the 3rd District attended, as did an attorney with the county counsel's office who handles tribal gaming.

As with similar town hall meetings in past years, the sponsors invited three national experts in tribal gaming and development, federal legislation and legal avenues for protests. Cheryl Schmit, founder of "Stand



Up for California," which focuses on gaming in the state, spoke about the process known as fee-to-trust, which enables a tribe to petition the Department of Interior to incorporate property into reservation boundaries. If that occurs, the land is not governed by county land use and zoning laws and is taken off the tax rolls. The Chumash have an outstanding fee-to-trust application on a 6.9-acre plot off State Route 246 but have not yet submitted one for the 1,400 acres. Ms. Schmit urged the audience to

appeal to the state's congressional delegation for field hearings.

"There are unintended consequences for citizens such as yourself when tribes acquire land and transfer it into trust," she said.

California, she said, is at the "epicenter of the issue," with 137 fee-to-trust applications outstanding, encompassing 15,000 acres. "What we want to do is reform this process," she said, indicating opponents want more limits and regulations on the process. Donald Mitchell, an attorney from

Alaska and expert on federal Indian law, described tribal gaming as a \$29 billion a year business in 29 states.

With fee-to-trust, he said, "There are no standards. The decision to take this land into trust, that is political."

He told the rapt audience that they took the first step in getting involved by showing up on a Friday night. But "you need to do a lot more," he said, including reaching out to elected officials and demanding that candidates "protect you from fee-to-trust."

Los Angeles attorney Mark Rochefort, who helped Preservation of Los Olivos and Preservation of Santa Ynez, successfully challenged in federal court the Bureau of Indian Affairs' appeals board's ruling that the groups did not "have standing" to appeal a BIA decision that allows the Chumash to take 6.9 acres into trust for a cultural museum and commercial complex. The case, he said, has been sent back to the BIA for further study, but appears for now to be dormant, he said.

Now, he cautioned, the Chumash have "tried to move the matter into the political arena" by appealing to Rep. Elton Gallegly, R-Simi Valley, for congressional legislation to make the property part of the reservation.

"That is politics," Mr. Rochefort said. "We have them right where we want them. We have them in the political arena, where every person's voice matters. ... To have a voice in your government, that's where this battle is joined and where you have to win it."

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## Audit: Guard members received improper pay

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SACRAMENTO — Maj. Gen. David Baldwin says his decision to remove a former California National Guard leader from active duty is just his latest effort to change the values of the department he now commands.

Gen. Baldwin said Friday that the public image of the Guard was "a shambles" when Gov. Jerry Brown appointed him commander in April.

Investigations by The Sacramento Bee alleged financial fraud, safety violations and other issues within the Guard. A recent federal audit found more financial problems.

Mr. Brown told Gen. Baldwin to fix them.

Gen. Baldwin says removing Maj. Gen. William Wade from duty this week is part of that change. Gen. Wade is accused of collecting too much pay.

The new commander says he replaced half the leadership at the Guard and installed new financial safeguards to prevent problems.