

## TRENDS & INNOVATIONS

### Doctors reveal health care prices

A California physicians' group became one of the first major medical groups to disclose prices. Torrance-based HealthCare Partners Medical Group has posted pricing for 58 medical procedures. The flu vaccine's fee is \$15, a chest X-ray costs \$61, and the Hepatitis B vaccine is \$137, according to the group's Web site. The release came after President Bush issued an order requiring all federal agencies involved in health insurance program to share health care cost information with consumers. Other hospitals have also begun to disclose their pricing.