Lotus
lotusinterworks.com
We Build Small Biz Apps!
Call 310.442.3330 Today!

Maintain Your Independence
Our In-Home Care Management professionals evaluate needs and coordinate services to support independent living.
WISE & Healthy Aging
Call (866) 757-9473

smdp.com
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012
Volume 11 Issue 71

Santa Monica Daily Press

We have you covered

SUPER ONLINE?
SEE PAGE 15

THE COPS AND ROBBERS ISSUE



CARDWELL

Police identify bank robbery suspect

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica police are asking for the public's help in finding a man who allegedly robbed the CHASE bank branch on Fourth Street in January.

Investigators have identified the suspect as David Michael Cardwell, 46. He is described as an African American, 5-feet, 10-inches tall, weighing in around 195 pounds with brown hair and eyes, SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis said Tuesday.

The robbery occurred on Jan. 17 at around 1:25 p.m. Police officers said the suspect entered the CHASE branch located at 1333 Fourth St. and handed a teller a note demanding money. After receiving an undisclosed amount of cash, the suspect fled the location on foot.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Cardwell is urged to contact Detective Robert D'Andrea at (310) 458-2201 ext. 6679, Detective Larry Nicols at (310) 458-8939, Sgt. Ira Rutan at (310) 458-8959 or the SMPD (24 hours) at (310) 458-8495. The public can also call the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Agent Steve May, at (310) 864-7394.

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call the WeTip hotline at (800) 78-CRIME (27463) or submit the tip online at www.wetip.com. Tipsters can also contact Crime Stoppers by either calling (800) 222-TIPS, texting from their mobile, or by visiting www.lacrimestoppers.org. Callers may remain anonymous and may be qualified to receive a $1,000 reward from Crime Stoppers.

kevinh@smdp.com

Police: Arson suspected in campus fire

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI Firefighters and a hazardous materials truck responded to an arson fire at Santa Monica High School's south gym Tuesday afternoon, authorities said.

The call came at 1:55 p.m. Firefighters found up to 10 lockers ablaze, said Santa Monica Fire Department spokesman Capt. Judah Mitchell.

As a precaution, some students were evacuated from the area.

The fire caused moderate smoke damage in the boys' locker room, Mitchell said.

Arson investigators from the fire and police departments responded to the scene and are conducting a joint investigation, according to a release by police spokesperson Sgt. Richard Lewis.

Security guards at all entrances of the campus refused to let visitors onto the campus as firefighters and police worked the scene.

The south gym is slated to be demolished as part of a three-stage renewal of the high school's sports facilities.

ashley@smdp.com



Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

BRIEFED: **Santa Monica police and fire personnel discuss a small fire at Samohi on Tuesday.**

Samohi responds to safety concerns

Extra police, crossing guard brought in to help

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI A fight and traffic-related safety concerns have prompted a response by administrators at Santa Monica High School and Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District officials, including increased police presence at basketball games and a crossing guard.

School officials contracted with the Santa Monica Police Department to have four officers and a sergeant attend certain home and away games, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesperson for the SMPD.

The call for increased police presence at games stems from a fight that broke out after a double-header basketball game Friday, Jan. 20 between Morningside High School and Samohi.

According to officials, things got heated after Samohi players snatched victory out of the jaws of defeat, and both Morningside coaches were ejected from the game during the last minutes of play.

Fans from Morningside ignored directions from the security officers after the event and crossed over to confront Samohi fans. A fight lasting two to three minutes ensued, with Samohi fans getting kicked and pushed, according to school officials.

SEE SAMOHI PAGE 10


Gary Limjap
(310) 586-0339
In today's real estate climate ...
Experience counts!
garylimjap@gmail.com
www.garylimjap.com
COLDWELL BANKER

Seamus D. McDonald
Your one stop shop for all your insurance needs
Personal Lines | Commercial Lines
Life | Health | Disability
Insurance Pro with the Fro!
(310) 245-1925 | Lic #0G41725
smcdonald@newsinsurance.com
office: 949-791-1300 x1315


SMALL BUSINESS STARTUP?
TAXES • BOOKKEEPING • CORPORATIONS
SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
(310) 395-9922
100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800 Santa Monica 90401

Family Dentistry
General, Cosmetic, & Implant Dentistry
Modern, Comfortable and Relaxed Atmosphere
Gentle Dentistry | Sedation Available | Digital Technology | Smile Makeover | Flexible Financing
Santa Monica Tooth Doctor
Basic Cleaning, Exam and full Mouth Xrays
$65.00
Free Cosmetic Consultation
– Modern facilities, gentle dentistry, sedation
Ali Mogharei DDS
(310) 829-2224
2222 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 202, Santa Monica, CA 90404
Check our monthly promotions on our website www.santamonicatoothdr.com

2303 Blue Daisy Cafe
We serve organic food, Italian coffee, tea, Turkish coffee and Turkish tea. Breakfast all day! Crepes - Sweet and Savory, Salads, Sandwiches, Dinner Entrees!
We also have Gluten Free Breakfast and Crepes!
(310) 453-7777 | www.bluedaisycafe.com
2303 Wilshire Blvd, Santa Monica CA 90403
Hours: Mon-Sat 8 am - 6 pm | Sundays 8 am - 5 pm
Mention this ad and get FREE regular coffee with a purchase of $10 or more on Weekdays Only! Ask about details.

Why Wait... an hour for your prescription when you can have it in a few minutes?
• Compounding
• Vitamins
• Homeopathic
• Skin Care
Meet our pharmacist
and get $10 off any in store purchase!
Offer not valid if any portion of prescription is paid for by any government program (e.g. Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare). Minimum $20 pre-tax purchase required. Coupon not valid as payment on prescriptions. No cash value. One coupon per family.
Free Parking SMC PHARMACY Free Home Delivery
310.315.9999 | 1908 Santa Monica Blvd Ste. 4, Santa Monica, CA 90404 | mysmcpharmacy.com

Woodie Hamilton
Personal Trainer
"I'll work with you"
323.635.8483
HarwoodHamilton@gmail.com
www.boxervate.com
Change Your Body, Change Your Life!
I'll be your guide. I make it affordable and attainable.
No Matter Your Age or Fitness Level
I'll Customize a Program that Works for You
Busy Schedule? No Problem!

Your Trusted Source
In-Home Care Management
Let our professionally trained team of geriatric care managers help with coordination of services to maintain independent living.
1527 4th Street, 2nd Floor • Santa Monica
WISE & Healthy Aging
To Schedule an Assessment:
Toll-Free (866) 757-9473
www.wiseandhealthyaging.org

What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012

Calm yourself, calm waters
Annenberg Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy., 9 a.m. — 10 a.m.
Yoga at the Beach House is a weekly workshop that focuses on breathing, alignment and connection to the spirit as a way of healing and strengthening the body, all in the beautiful Beach House surroundings. Cost: $15 per class or $62 for a five-week session (cost of parking included). Ages 12 and up. For more information, call (310) 458-4904 or visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com.

The sport of kings
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 3 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Children and adults are welcome at Youth and Family Chess, a weekly instructional class meant to help you not just learn, but appreciate the ancient game of chess. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012

All grown up
Main Library, Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.
Actor Barry Livingston started in show business as Ernie on "My Three Sons;" today, he plays a role on "Mad Men." Join him at the Main Library Branch where he discusses his autobiography, "The Importance of Being Ernie," and how he avoided child-star burnout. Cost: Free. For more information, call (310) 458-8635.

Familiar town
Broad Stage
1310 11th St., times vary
Already attracting rave reviews, David Cromer directs this adaptation of Thorton Wilder's "Our Town," the deceptively simple story of the birth, life and death of ordinary couple Emily Webb and George Gibbs; but within their story lies a piece of us all. Featuring award-winning actress Helen Hunt. For more information, call (310) 434-3200 or visit www.thebroadstage.com.

Get buggy
Santa Monica Pier
1550 Pacific Coast Hwy., times vary
Cirque du Soleil's "OVO" is under the big top by the sea. In this show, Cirque delves into the secret lives of bugs to tell their unlikely stories. The show runs through Feb. 26. For more information, call (800) 450-1480.

Friday, Feb. 3, 2012

Life's a cabaret
Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Café Samo is a cabaret-style show produced annually by the Samohi Choir Program, featuring dozens of student performers who create and produce their own musical acts. There will also be two shows on Saturday, at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively. For information, call (310) 395-3204.

To create your own listing, log on to smdp.com/submitevent

For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



The new face of code enforcement

Officers work nights, weekends for preemptive strike against violators

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CIVIC CENTER In Joe Trujillo's office, everything goes by the book.

The former Marine leads the Code Enforcement Division, City Hall's newest branch which officials expect to breathe new life into the policing of the city municipal code.

Code Enforcement split off from the Building and Safety Division after the City Council approved the biennial budget in June 2011. It was given a $1.4 million budget for the current fiscal year, and $1.5 million for the next.

The reason was two-fold, said Planning Director David Martin.

"One was to be able to focus on code compliance issues, and having a manager in charge of that division who could focus entirely on code compliance," Martin said.

The second was freeing up the Building and Safety manager, who had previously overseen code enforcement, so he could

SEE **ENFORCEMENT** PAGE 9

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Pair of Vikings to sign letters

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI For the second straight year, Santa Monica High School's girls' soccer team is sending two players to NCAA Division universities.

Lidia Battaglia has committed to the University of Hawaii while Kristen Vasquez will attend University of San Francisco, Head Coach Jimmy Chapman said.

The pair are slated to sign their national letters of intent on Thursday.

The team is currently 10-1-3 overall and is 5-1 in Ocean League play.

The Vikings are scheduled to play today at Culver City. The game begins at 3 p.m.

Last year, Julia Glanz signed with the University of Arizona and Elizabeth Lyons now plays for Fresno State.

PACIFICA CHRISTIAN STAYS IN TOP 10

Pacifica Christian's boys' basketball team is holding steady in the CIF-Southern Section Division 5A rankings, it was announced on Monday.

The No. 6 ranked Seawolves are 9-9 overall and more importantly 4-1 in Heritage League play. They are currently in second place behind 5-0 Milken.

The Seawolves took on Milken Tuesday night, but the result was not available at presstime.

SAMOHI GIRLS ALIVE FOR PLAYOFFS

After splitting a pair of Ocean League games last week the Samohi girls' team is sitting at 4-2 in league as they prepare for first place Culver City.

Culver City enters tonight's game at Samohi 6-0 overall.

Tonight's game begins at 6 p.m. It will be followed by a boys game at 7:30 p.m.

daniela@smdp.com



Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*
GOOD MOVE: **Samohi's Kristen Vasquez will play for the University of San Francisco next year.**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

Campaign disclosure bill fails

Lawmakers have rejected a campaign disclosure bill that would have required top donors to be identified in television, radio and print advertisements.

The Assembly on Tuesday failed to pass AB1148, which fell two votes short of the two-thirds needed, 52-26.

Democratic Assemblywoman Julia Brownley of Santa Monica said her bill would have demanded more transparency as special interests take advantage of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case, which grants political speech rights to corporations.

Republican Assemblyman Donald Wagner of Irvine said the bill would have taken the state in the wrong direction and driven campaign spending underground.

The bill would have specified the size and color of printed disclosures, as well as the duration for which they must appear.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WORLD FAMOUS The Omelette Parlor
Since 1967
Quality & Value Always!
Open 6am - 2:30pm Mon. - Fri.
6am - 4pm Sat. - Sun.
310-399-7892
2732 Main St.
Santa Monica
"$2 off any full priced Omelette*"
*M- F only. Good through 2/13/12, max discount per table $4.
With this coupon. No other offers apply.



Golda Savage
Stand [on] your [own] ground.
Helping sellers & buyers accomplish just that.
310.770.4490
golda@bulldogrealtors.com
BULLDOG REALTORS
1209 Abbot Kinney Boulevard, Venice

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Basking in bike lanes

Editor:

The Main Street bike lanes in Venice are here! Katarina, on her electric bike, and I went for a bicycle ride, and victory lap, up and down the freshly painted Venice Main Street bike lanes on Sunday. They came out pretty good after all this time. It was perfect weather and there were already lots of other cyclists.

These lanes appear to be a bit wider than the Santa Monica section. There's less chance of being doored with a space on the right of the lane for much of the route. And the car traffic seemed calmed by the lane re-configuration. There's a section northbound from the kicking clown to the Santa Monica border which has long had lane confusion, with awkward last second merges into the left lane. That's completely fixed and is much safer and smoother now. The south end of the bike lane is at the Windward Circle, allowing an easy merge around the circle. Connecting to Abbot Kinney's sharrows is easy too, making a good route over to Venice Boulevard's bike lanes to Culver City and even Downtown L.A.

This is a great new place for bicyclists. Now there's a safe, easy route from Downtown Santa Monica to the Windward Circle. These are the best places near the beach to visit by bicycle. And the new lanes make this an easy trip on flat ground that anyone can pedal. Merchants near Main Street should now be asking LADOT for more bike racks in front of their stores to bring in these new customers (www.bicyclela.org/RackRequest.htm). We should all be taking this route for a test spin on the next sunny day.

Like all things there's room for small improvement, which will make a big difference. The one I'd really like so see would be some wayfinding signage. One or two signs at the south terminus pointing to the beach path and the alternate route avoiding Washington Boulevard to the Marina del Rey section of the path. And put a few signs on Ocean Avenue and Venice Boulevard pointing toward the new lanes on Main Street. Showing the connections to the bike lane will really help increase its usability.

These bike lane projects take a massive effort by many, many people to see anything appear on the ground. A big tailwind on their next ride to LADOT and Michelle Mowery's group for initiating this great connecting route. Not to mention engineering, presenting and constructing it. Also to the Venice Neighborhood Council for voting to provide a safer place for cyclists in the community. And Bill Rosendahl's office for getting the plans approved by all concerned.

And a really big kudos to all the SPOKE and LACBC people who advocated for this, especially our Bicycle Advisory Committee representative Kent Strumpel.

Eric Weinstein
Santa Monica

Too costly to save

Editor:

As a veteran of World War II, I always deemed the sculpture at the Civic Auditorium a memorial to the crucial act taken at Hiroshima that ended the war, saving many American lives ("Chain Reaction faces retirement," Jan. 31, page 1).

And while I do not want the sacrifices of brave American men and women to ever be forgotten, spending several hundred thousand dollars to try and restore the statute is not sensible at this time.

Walter Greenberg
Santa Monica





Meredith Pro Tem

Meredith C. Carroll — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Guardians of human decency

AT A TIME WHEN IT SEEMS LIKE CIVILITY and basic human decency have reached dangerously low levels, it's heartwarming to know that there remain a few heroes among us.

Take, for instance, a Louisiana lawmaker who has his eye on the prize.

A parish commissioner in Louisiana, Michael Williams, claims the "moral fiber" of his community is "dwindling." His remedy? Ban pajamas outside of the home.

Caddo Parish, which includes Shreveport — infamous for having one of the highest crime rates in the country — is in grave danger, according to Williams. And he knows why.

"[I]t's pajama pants today, next it will be underwear tomorrow," he said.

Apparently Williams was out on a shopping excursion when he "observed a couple of young men in loose fitting PJs on, probably with their private parts about to come out and no underwear."

He has since drafted an attorney to assist in the writing of an ordinance, which will be presented to a commission in Louisiana.

Thank goodness the state has moved on from the atrocities of Hurricane Katrina, devastation of the Gulf Oil spill, mortal embarrassment of KKK Grand Wizard David Duke, disgraced former Gov. Edwin Edwards and hooker-loving televangelist Jimmy Swaggert, and has time to focus on the "real" problems.

Michael Williams will show those mothers who take their kids to the bus stop in their nightgowns and robes who's boss. Not to mention the preschoolers who dare walk into school on Pajama Day in their, yup, pajamas. Hoodlums. And the majority of Walmart's clientele? Well, if they can't switch out the flannel bottoms for jeans, forget them and their attempt to "live better."

Next up, Michael Williams tackles the pressing issue of cats on leashes. Following that he says he will begin his search for the real killer in the O.J. case.

Speaking of inadvertent D-list celebrities from the 1990s, Newt Gingrich has emerged as a dark, well, horse in the race for the Republican campaign for the presidency.

Despite the fact that Newt Gingrich resigned as Speaker of the House in 1999 following his own extramarital affair after leading the charge against then-President Clinton for his dalliances with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, somehow he has managed to take the lead in the Republican presidential race.

And no matter that his second wife dropped a bombshell last week that the former congressman asked her to engage in an open marriage so he could carry on with his mistress (now his third wife) without divorcing. In fact, Dr. Keith Ablow from Fox News asserts that it's precisely because of Newt's three marriages — and affairs — that he's most worthy of being our next president.

Just because he can't keep it in his pants for just his wife doesn't mean he'd screw America, Dr. Ablow says (although not in those exact words). Not only that, but the good doctor says that Newt's cheating ways are actually good for the country. Here's how he sees it:

1. Three whole women have actually said, "I do" to the silver porker.

2. Two women hopped into bed with him despite the ring on his finger.

3. One of his wives saw so much in him that despite the fact that he was married when he met her, and despite the fact that he cheated on her, she still reserved enough hate to try and ruin his life (after all, the politically correct thing to do would be to feel indifference toward him).

The biggest problem, according to Dr. Ablow, is how we'll figure out how to elect Newt for a third term. And for that our country should be grateful. So, yes: thank you, Newt, for being a philandering pig, er, horse. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

And finally, while the Canyons School District in Utah hasn't even opened yet, administrators already know which animal is out of the running as mascot: the cougar. Despite the fact that the majority of its future students voted in favor of the mountain lion, a school district spokesperson said they fear the animal could be seen as "offensive and derogatory" towards women.

Few people know that the likes of Demi Moore, Madonna and Jennifer Lopez have grown stronger and more powerful than the second heaviest cat in the Western Hemisphere, which is known for its tremendous stalk-and-ambush predatory skills, and counts grizzly bears and wolves among its competition.

"We heard from folks who were worried about the connotation of the word 'cougar' as it pertains to the current vernacular — in a derogatory manner," Jennifer Toomer-Cook, a spokesperson for the school district told Fox News & Commentary.

Yes, the Canyons School District is all too aware of the quiet but tragic epidemic in which 10th-grade hussies are preying on nubile lads in sixth grade. Also banned at the school are Puma sneakers. After all, just imagine the innuendoes that will follow when people start talking about a boy with his foot in a Puma.

Nevermind that Brigham Young University's mascot is the cougar, along with a few other Utah schools. The rejection has nothing to do with originality (although that would have been a perfectly acceptable, and understandable, basis for rejection). No, references to sexually aggressive older women have no place in high school society. Particularly in Utah.

That's why school officials have settled on the "Chargers" as their new mascot instead. Which means, of course, that school officials haven't seen the seventh meaning of the word, as defined by Urban Dictionary.

More at MeredithCarroll.com.

TELL SANTA MONICA WHAT YOU THINK!
WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Email to: editor@smdp.com or fax to (310) 576-9913
smdp.com Santa Monica Daily Press office **(310) 458-7737**

PUBLISHER
Ross Furukawa
ross@smdp.com

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Kevin Herrera
editor@smdp.com

MANAGING EDITOR
Daniel Archuleta
daniela@smdp.com

STAFF WRITER
Ashley Archibald
ashley@smdp.com

CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Brandon Wise
brandonw@smdp.com

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Morgan Genser
news@smdp.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Bill Bauer, David Pisarra, Meredith Carroll, Jack Neworth, Lloyd Garver, Ron Hooks, Taylor Van Arsdale, Merv Hecht, Cynthia Citron, Tom Viscount, Michael Ryan, JoAnne Barge, Katrina Davy

NEWS INTERNS
Colin Newton
news@smdp.com

PHOTOGRAPHY INTERN
Ray Solano
news@smdp.com

VICE PRESIDENT–BUSINESS OPERATIONS
Rob Schwenker
schwenker@smdp.com

ADVERTISING TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
Rebecca Martinez
admin@smdp.com

OPERATIONS COORDINATOR
Michele Emch
michele.e@smdp.com

PRODUCTION MANAGER
Darren Ouellette
production@smdp.com

PRODUCTION DESIGNER
Alejandro Cantarero
production@smdp.com

CIRCULATION
Keith Wyatt
Osvaldo Paganini
circulation@smdp.com

Santa Monica Daily Press
We have you covered

1640 5th Street, Suite 218
Santa Monica, CA 90401
OFFICE (310) 458-PRESS (7737)
FAX (310) 576-9913

smdp.com

The Santa Monica Daily Press is published six days a week, Monday through Saturday.

19,000 daily circulation, 46,450 daily readership. Circulation is audited and verified by Circulation Verification Council, 2011. Serving the City of Santa Monica, and the communities of Venice Beach, Brentwood, West LA. Members of CNPA, AFCP, CVC, Associated Press, IFPA, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

Published by Newlon Rouge, LLC

© 2011 Newlon Rouge, LLC, all rights reserved.

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 editor@smdp.com. All letters must include the author's name and telephone number for purposes of verification. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content.



The Taxman

Jon Coupal
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Jerry Brown as insurance commissioner?

WAIT. WE KNOW THAT JERRY BROWN is California's governor and Dave Jones is our insurance commissioner. So what's up with the title of this column?

The fact is, Brown isn't so much insurance commissioner as he is in the business of selling insurance. To understand this, realize that a major oil company, casino Indian tribes and healthcare providers have all contributed to Jerry Brown's campaign to raise taxes on Californians, taxes that will hit average folks especially hard.

Why would Occidental Petroleum, Native American gambling interests and the California Hospital Association, among others, support making a bad situation — California already ranks at or near the top in almost every tax category — even worse? Certainly these savvy businesses are aware of the damage done to our state economy by high taxes and crushing regulations, which has just been confirmed in a report by the Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation that shows California ranking 47th out of 50 as a place to do business.

To support his budget that will spend 7 percent more this year than last, the governor plans to increase income taxes on those making more than $250,000 along with a half-cent hike in the sales tax. A review of Brown's initiative by the non-partisan Legislative Analyst shows that the bulk of the new taxes will come from the highly regressive sales tax. State Sen. Rod Wright summed up the problem graphically, "If somebody makes $10,000 a year or somebody makes $300,000 a year, the sales tax on toilet paper is the same."

The motive of those businesses siding with Brown becomes more apparent when their relationship with state government is examined more closely. The tribes have shown a tendency to make nice with those in power. Slot machines have proven to be cash cows and agreements with the state determine the number of slot machines the casinos are able to offer to gamblers. When new agreements are discussed, it wouldn't hurt to be able to call in a chit with the governor.

It is even more clear as to why healthcare interests, including Blue Shield of California, would want to be on the governor's list of friends. State government has significant regulatory oversight of both hospitals and health insurance companies. For some service providers, the state is a major client and it is the state that controls how much hospitals are reimbursed for care provided to the uninsured on an emergency basis. Although to citizen taxpayers, their actions may look shortsighted, perhaps for hospital and insurance company executives, helping the governor achieve his goals seems like a good insurance policy.

The advantage to a major oil company from helping the governor raise taxes may seem less obvious. However, several efforts are pending, including one by former President Pro Tem of the Senate and current chairman of the California Democratic Party, John Burton, that would saddle oil firms with an oil extraction tax. If you are a company looking to head off higher taxes on your business, contributing to the pet project of the man who wields the veto pen probably looks like a good investment. A few hundred thousand dollars today could head off millions of dollars in taxes later.

For average Californians who are unfamiliar with the nasty business of politics, know this: Gov. Brown is feverishly working the phones to line up even more businesses to literally pay tribute, in cash, to his tax increase effort. But it also appears that most businesses have had enough and are standing up to the governor's political shakedown apparatus.

TO SUPPORT HIS BUDGET THAT WILL SPEND 7 PERCENT MORE THIS YEAR THAN LAST, THE GOVERNOR PLANS TO INCREASE INCOME TAXES ON THOSE MAKING MORE THAN $250,000 ALONG WITH A HALF-CENT HIKE IN THE SALES TAX.

As John Kabateck, president of the National Federation of Independent Business, and I stated in a recent open letter to state business leaders, "It is difficult to understand why, given California's heavy tax burden any private sector entity doing business in California would support even higher taxes."

We called upon the business community to do the right thing for all Californians who are anxiously awaiting relief — any relief — from the terrible tax-and-spend policies in Sacramento. We hope that business leaders and their organizations will step up to the plate for the good of all hardworking Californians, and help hold the line on taxes.

JON COUPAL is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association – California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

The Q Line

Downtown impressions

A recent study found that visitors to Downtown are spending at consistent levels and that overall the mix of businesses and services makes the area attractive to shoppers. But, parking and traffic were cited as being some of the areas of concern.

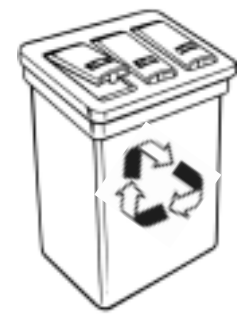
So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think are the positives in Downtown, and what do you think needs a little work?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **(310) 458-7737 ext. 107**.





AUTO • PAINT • BODY
Earl Scheib of West LA
$100 OFF with coupon
Bumper Special $149 Expires 3/31/12
Save Big on Lease Back Repairs
8953 Venice Blvd.
(At Corner of Venice and Robertson)
(310) 204-1192
FREE* Rent-A-Car *See Store For Details
Paint Special $399 Expires 3/31/12 excludes preparation
PURCHASE OF $799 OR MORE (BODY & PAINT)



RECYCLE NOW!
Aluminum Cans $1.80 per pound with this coupon expires 2-29-12
Aluminum Plastic Glass Bi-Metal Newspaper
CardboardWhite/Color/Computer Paper Copper & Brass
Santa Monica Recycling Center
2411 Delaware Avenue in Santa Monica
(310) 453-9677
CLOVERFIELD MICHIGAN 24TH DELAWARE AVE. 10 WEST

BOB GABRIEL CO. INSURANCE
Personalized Insurance



■ Auto Experts ■ Life, Disability & Pension
■ Homeowners ■ Commercial & Business
■ Workers Compensation ■ Group & Individual Health
Representing "A" rated companies including MERCURY INSURANCE
Mercury Insurance has cut rates on auto, homeowners, and renters insurance. Please call for new discounted rates.
Phone Quotes Available
Family Owned Business
310.829.0305
2325 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica
www.bobgabrielinsurance.com

READ US ON THE GO
www.smdp.com/mobile
smdp
Santa Monica Daily Press

Your source for individual & family health plans.
Call today for a FREE quote!
YOUR ELITE HEALTH INSURANCE SOLUTIONS
Authorized Independent Agency (310) 736-3093
3560 Hughes Ave 204
Los Angeles, CA 90034
YourEhealthinsurance.com
CA Insurance License #0H52946
Anthem
Anthem Blue Cross is the trade name of Blue Cross of California. Independent licensee of the Blue Cross Association
® ANTHEM is a registered trademark of Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. The Blue Cross name and symbol are registered marks of the Blue Cross Association

GERMAN CAR SERVICE
Specialist in Repair of Porsche • VW • Audi • BMW
- Best alternative to high dealer prices
- Complete service and repair
- All work guaranteed
- Locally owned and operated since 1965



WE HAVE MOVED!
2143 PONTIUS AVE., WEST L.A. | (310) 477-2563

California Recycles
You can also shop for recycled office products and compostable tableware and utensils in our online store.
www.californiarecycles-store.com



Recycle old electronics For Cash*
We pay the best rates for:
• Cell Phones • TVs
• Computers • And much more
Drop your items off at 1932 Cotner Ave. in West Los Angeles and mention this offer for cash
* Some restrictions apply
310-478-3001 ext. 100 www.californiarecycles.com



CLOSING SALE
Up To 80% Off All Rugs
Weldon Bros.
310.453.4243
1834 Broadway in Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON OLYMPIC PLACE SOUTH AND 1ST COURT ALLEY and DEDICATION OF NEW RIGHT-OF-WAY EXTENSION ON 1ST COURT ALLEY

The City of Santa Monica proposes to develop a park project that includes the rights of way areas known as Olympic Place South and a portion of 1st Court Alley. The project requires the vacation of Olympic Place South and a segment of the existing 1st Court Alley and incorporation into the project of a new public right of way extension of the remaining segment of 1st Court Alley running east and west at 1665 Ocean Avenue.

On January 10, 2012, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 10651 (CCS) declaring its intention to order vacation of Olympic Place South and a portion of public right of way on 1st Court Alley and dedication of a new public right of way at 1665 Ocean Avenue, to allow for this development and set a public hearing for February 14, 2012 at 5:45 PM. The Drawing No. 4745 of the alleys proposed to be vacated and dedicated is on file and is available for review in the office of Architecture Services/City of Santa Monica located at 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Pursuant to Part 3, Chapter 3, "General Vacation Procedure", of the California Streets and Highways Code, the City Council directed the City Clerk to set a public hearing on the proposed vacation and dedication proceedings as follows:

DATE & TIME:
5:45 PM on February 14, 2012, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

LOCATION: **City Council Chambers**
1685 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Santa Monica, CA 90401

All persons interested in or objecting to the proposed right-of-way vacation and dedication may appear before the City Council at the public hearing to offer evidence in relation thereto.

For more information contact City of Santa Monica's Architecture Services Division at (310) 458-8725.

Dead officer suspected of being intimate with girl

TRACIE CONE
Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. When a police officer dies on the job, a department and a community mourn together. But not this week in Santa Maria, where they are too stunned and outraged.

Officer Alberto Covarrubias Jr. was shot and killed early Saturday at the end of his shift working a DUI checkpoint. The shooter was his best friend on the force and best man at his wedding just three weeks earlier.

More shocking still was that the shooting occurred as detectives moved in to arrest Covarrubias, 29, on charges of having sex with a 17-year-old girl.

Now, as Covarrubias' family prepares to bury him without a police funeral, two retired officers who spoke to police at the scene of the shooting offered new details of the case:

• The girl was a member of the department's Police Explorer program for young people interested in law enforcement careers.

• A lieutenant at the checkpoint had alerted the officers assembled, including Covarrubias, that the girl was part of an investigation and that she was going to be pulled off checkpoint duty.

The former officers disclosed the details to The Associated Press only on condition of anonymity. Police officials have not returned repeated calls seeking comment.

Since the shooting, a memorial of candles and flowers has risen where Covarrubias was killed. The death of an officer on duty is rare, though the city came close last month when two were wounded by "friendly fire" during a botched SWAT team raid.

"It doesn't make sense," said Davinder Singh, who manages the 7-11 store 50 yards from the memorial. "It's not supposed to happen that way."

Santa Maria, nestled between oak-studded hills and cooled by the Pacific 10 miles away, is a mixture of 1950s California and the kind of stucco-clad, cookie-cutter development seen elsewhere. Over the years, Latinos have increasingly moved in to the city about 170 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

It's easy to see their influence — they now comprise 70 percent of the city's 100,000 residents. A new Rite-Aid drug store sits around the corner from a Mexican herbal medicine shop, Clinica Naturista. And a throw-back hamburger stand on the main drag serves menudo, a Mexican stew, on weekends.

Killings are uncommon; the city averages less than a half-dozen homicides a year, mostly gang-related. But the recent spate of violence has some city officials worried.

"We're in tough times trying to get business and people to settle here," said Mike Cordero, a City Council member who served 30 years on the Santa Maria police force.

Police have disclosed few details about the Covarrubias case, leaving residents to wonder why police felt compelled to make the arrest while the four-year veteran was on duty and how it could have ended with a bullet in the officer's chest.

Covarrubias' family wants answers, too.

"What happened to procedure?" asked his father, Alberto Covarrubias Sr. "Why did they go to arrest him in the field? If it was so urgent why didn't they just say there was a family emergency and he had to come to the station?"

Chief Danny R. Macagni did not respond to repeated requests for an interview, nor did City Manager Rick Hayden or City Attorney Gilbert Trujillo.

At a news conference the day after the shooting, neither Macagni nor his top deputies were wearing the black bands across their badges that are customary after an officer is killed.

"Events unfolded very rapidly," he said. "It was very clear to the investigators that he knew what was going to happen. I cannot divulge why we know that. The information that we had we knew we could not let him get in the car and drive somewhere.

"But we did not expect him to react the way he did," he added.

Covarrubias, a 2000 graduate of Santa Maria High School, always wanted to be a cop. His classmates said he was a funny and charming guy. He had recently remarried — a woman with whom his father said "he just clicked" — 13 months after his first wife committed suicide during their divorce proceedings.

He once was heralded as employee of the month in the department of 105 for nabbing an ATM robber, his father said. Last fall, he was named to the motorcycle unit. "My son was proud to be a cop," he said. "He was a good cop. Now they're dragging his name through the mud."

Everyone has the same question: Why did police try to arrest Covarrubias while he was armed with his service pistol and aware of the investigation?

"I'm concerned about what's happening and it goes beyond the shooting of an officer. It reflects on the management of the police department," said Toru Miyoshi, who formerly served on both the city council and the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

"They could have waited for a more controlled situation. A DUI checkpoint does not just put the accused at risk but it puts the public at risk as well," Miyoshi said.

It's unclear for how long Covarrubias and the girl carried on a sexual relationship, but she confided to an adult described as a "mother figure" on Thursday — Covarrubias' birthday — that the two "were dating." The woman called police, the retired officers said.

Police decided to set up a sting to arrest Covarrubias on sexual misconduct charges. In California, the age of consent is 18 unless the two people are within three years of each other in age.

Before the DUI checkpoint started, the lieutenant in charge was told that the Explorer Scout was going to be called away to do a "pretext call," the name for setup calls designed to get suspects to confess with investigators listening in, both retired officers said.

For reasons unknown, the commanding officer told all of the officers at the checkpoint, including Covarrubias, that the girl would be called away for an investigation, they said.

The officers, who have more than six decades of experience between them, independently described what happened that night.

Covarrubias panicked when he heard the commanding officer's announcement about the pretext call, the officers said. He texted the girl, asking if she had spoken to investigators.

Investigators proceeded with their plan, sending the "mother figure" to fetch the girl and tell her there was a family emergency. Covarrubias saw the girl leave and became frantic.

Make time for pets before a new baby comes home

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Parents have months to get ready for a baby. Experts say the countdown should include prep time for pets, too.

A baby changes everything for a pet — from how its home looks, smells and sounds to what the rules are.

Low energy, friendly, social dogs are the most adaptable pets, while independent, excitable, high maintenance, busybody dogs are the least adaptable, said San Francisco veterinarian and animal behaviorist Sophia Yin.

"Little dogs can be more jealous and more snippy," said Lynn Sullivan, community health program manager for The BirthPlace at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital.

When Saya Barrett learned she and husband Jack were going to have a baby, she worried that their 15-pound, 5-year-old poodle, Latte, would be jealous.

Instead, Barrett said, Latte "was curious. He could hear her little noises from the crib but had no idea what they were or where they were coming from. He figured it out pretty soon though. He did what any other confused dog would do — looked around, sniffed, then soon found her in her crib."

Almost immediately, she said, they knew "Latte would be a good big brother" to baby Aila, now 4 months old: "Latte is very good to her. He will lick her hands and feet if we are sitting on the couch together."

While Latte adjusted easily, Yin said making some changes before the baby arrives can help a pet and ease new parent anxieties.

Maybe your dog needs to learn some basic commands like sit, down or stay, she said. If your dog is used to jumping in your lap or up onto furniture, new boundaries should be set before the baby comes home. Maybe you have to move the cat's litter box to make way for a crib.

If your dog is uncomfortable around visitors, add some social activities like trips to the dog park.

You can buy CDs or find online recordings of baby sounds, including rattles and cries, Yin said. Pairing noises with treats will make the newness easier to accept.

Use baby powder, shampoo and lotions before the baby is born. While the baby is still at the hospital, take a shirt or blanket the baby has used and let your pet get familiar with the scent, Sullivan said.

A trip to the vet will assure that pets don't have fleas, parasites or other problems, but cat owners who are pregnant must also guard against toxoplasmosis, Sullivan said. The parasite that causes it is most often found in cat feces, so use gloves or get someone else to change litter boxes.

Cats can be an ideal pet for new parents because they often ignore the baby, but they are also curious and can jump and crawl, Sullivan said, recalling an incident when her son, now grown, was an infant and her cat wouldn't stay out of the crib. "When she scratched the baby, that was it," Sullivan said. She immediately found a new home for the cat.

"Infants are helpless," Sullivan said. "No matter how good-natured a pet is, never leave any pet alone with a baby."

Yin said when she talks about cats and babies, the same question always comes up — can a cat suck the life out of a baby while trying to lick milk off the infant's face?

Not true, she says: "Cats will not suck the air from a newborn, but they do like to snuggle up to a warm body."

Cats don't like sticky surfaces, so to keep cats away from a crib, cover the outside with sticky paper or double-sided tape.

When babies start moving and crawling, that poses new challenges for pets, especially fearful dogs.

"Their first response is to get away," said Yin. "As long as they can do that, it's OK. But when the object keeps coming after them and corners them, they might become defensive."

Most dogs will accept their new roles as pal and protector, Yin said, but there might be reasons they can't, don't or won't.

Maybe you have an older dog with arthritis. Getting pounced on by a young child could hurt, causing the dog to snap. Dogs may also lash out in response to rough or even mean-spirited behavior from children, like spitting or wrestling. If a dog pants for no reason or won't lean into a child for a hug, that could be a sign that the dog feels stressed by the child's presence, Yin said. "Some children are very aggressive with animals and they need to learn early how to treat animals," she said.

New mothers might also consider a dog walker or even doggie daycare to give everyone a break, Yin said.

Finally, don't take on a baby and a puppy at the same time. "That," said Yin, "would be like having twins."

Celebrating 40 Years
NOW LEGAL SERVICE
24-HOUR ATTORNEY SERVICE

- Rush Messenger Service
- Rush Court Filings
- Licensed Process Servers
- Mobile Notaries
- Mobile Copy Service
- Drivers Equipped with a Handheld Radio for Immediate Contact

* Get a FREE Lunch with every 10 Deliveries
(213) 482-1567
nowlegalonline.com
*CALL US FOR DETAILS



Don't Carry Your Old Baggage into the New Year
A New Year, A New Start

Did you deal with the issues you thought you would in 2011? Maybe it's time to start dealing with problems you've ignored. I provide a safe and encouraging therapy environment to help you make progress on your goals.

JoAnne Barge, Ph.D.
A Licensed Psychologist & MFT
310.472.2329
www.drbarge.com
PSY 14116 | MT 18182



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the above-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: 1510 Pico – Facilities Dept. Relocation. This project will consist of the repair, refinishing, minor demolition, and repainting of approximately 15,000 SF of floors, ceilings, perimeter walls, doors, and storefront of all public and access spaces associated with the existing building.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS:
10:00 AM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION & MANAGEMENT OFFICE, 3171 S. BUNDY DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066

PLACE FOR OBTAINING BID AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: ONE COPY PER BIDDER WILL BE PROVIDED AT MANDATORY JOB WALK

1. Contractors License Classification. In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §3300, the District requires that Bidders possess the following classification(s) of California Contractors License A or B. Any Bidder not so duly and properly licensed shall be subject to all penalties imposed by law.

2. Labor Compliance Program (AB 1506). The District has established a Labor Compliance Program ('LCP") pursuant to Labor Code 1771.5. The Contractor awarded the Contract for the Work shall comply with the LCP and provisions of the Contract Documents relating to implementation, compliance with, and enforcement of the LCP.

3. No Withdrawal of Bid Proposals. Bid Proposals shall not be withdrawn by any Bidder for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of Bid Proposals. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Bid Proposals.

4. Job-Walk. The District will conduct a **Mandatory Job Walk on Thursday, February 2, 2012, beginning at 10:00 am. Bidder's attendance the Job Walk mandatory.** Bidders are to meet at **Construction Inspection & Management Office, 3171 S. Bundy Drive Los Angeles, Ca 90066** for conduct of the Job Walk. The Bid Proposal submitted by a Bidder whose representative(s) did not attend the entirety of the Mandatory Job Walk will be rejected by the District as being non-responsive.

5. Substitute Security. In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure the Contractor's performance under the Contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor and in conformity with California Public Contract Code §22300. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall submit its written request to the District to permit the substitution of securities for retention under California Public Contract Code §22300 prior to submission of its first Application for Progress Payment. The failure of such Bidder to make such written request to the District prior to submission of the first Application for Progress Payment shall be deemed a waiver of the Bidder's rights under California Public Contract Code §22300.

6. Award of Contract. The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Trustees to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest priced responsive Bid Proposal. If Alternate Bid Items are included in the bidding, the lowest priced Bid Proposal will be determined on the basis of the Base Bid Proposal or on the Base Bid Proposal and the combination of Alternate Bid Items selected in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Instructions for Bidders.

College administrator leaves position over fake SAT scores

AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A senior administrator at Claremont McKenna College resigned after acknowledging that he falsified college entrance exam scores for years to publications responsible for ranking the small school among universities, an official said.

An investigation was launched after inaccuracies were detected in the SAT scores reported for the class entering in fall 2011, college president Pamela B. Gann told staff members and students in an email message on Monday.

The senior admissions official took sole responsibility for falsifying scores sent since 2005 to publications such as U.S. News & World Report, she said. The name of the official was not released.

"As an institution of higher education with a deep and consistent commitment to the integrity of all our academic activities, and particularly our reporting of institutional data, we take this situation very seriously," Gann said.

No one at the college has explained what would drive the senior administrator at such a prestigious institution to falsify the figures.

However, college admissions experts said the incident came amid growing competition among students to win acceptance to a top school and among colleges to lure top students.

Claremont McKenna, located in a small town 30 miles east of Los Angeles, is currently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as the ninth-best liberal arts college in the country.

The 1,200-student campus places a strong academic focus on political science and economics, and boasts graduates including actor Robin Williams and U.S. Rep. David Dreier.

The school said reading and math SAT scores were each inflated by an average of 10 or 20 points. For example, the school reported a median SAT score of 1410 instead of 1400 for the fall 2010 entering class, Gann said.

The college has hired a law firm to conduct an independent review of its admissions-related data processes and has been reaching out to agencies that use the data ranging from education publications to Moody's to set the record straight, said Max Benavidez, a spokesman for the school.

"We're not hiding anything," he said. "We're the ones volunteering to tell people what took place and what we're doing to fix it."

U.S. News & World Report will not change its current rankings but will evaluate the impact of the falsification on the school's profile, said Robert J. Morse, director of data research for the publication. These scores have a weight of 7.5 percent in determining a school's ranking.

"It could affect it in a small amount — not a large amount," Morse said.

Morse said he has seen schools misreport or falsify data to ranking publications and credit rating agencies, but it isn't common.

On Tuesday, dozens of comments flooded the website of Claremont McKenna's student newspaper. Some readers argued that small fluctuations in test scores indicate nothing about a school. Others bemoaned the impact of the incident on the college's reputation and called for greater accountability from the administration.

Aditya Pai, vice president of the school's student government association, said the incident has disheartened students.

"We are disappointed that an administrator exaggerated credentials that need no exaggeration," Pai said in a statement. "However, his actions do not reflect the strength of our community, the excellence of our education, or the caliber of our people."

A message left at the home of a former dean of admissions identified by the Los Angeles Times as having recently left his job at the college was not immediately returned. The school announced Tuesday that Georgette DeVeres, associate vice president for admission and financial aid, would become the interim head of the college's admission and financial aid office.

Joyce Smith, chief executive of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, said the admissions process has grown even more intense in recent years because more students are college bound and they are filing a much higher number of applications due to the ease of submitting paperwork online.

That has colleges working hard to persuade students to attend after they've been accepted at more than one institution, she said.

"We do have some concerns about how this process is going so far out of kilter for parents and students, as well as counselors who feel under siege and colleges who in every little marketing thing, every little new widget (are) trying to communicate with students and get their attention," she said. "The whole landscape has changed."





ENFORCEMENT

FROM PAGE 3

focus on permitting and the inspection processes.

The new arrangement allows the division the flexibility to branch out beyond building and safety concerns to get out in front of problems that pop up in neighborhoods and business districts.

Trujillo calls it "community policing."

"We will be more proactive rather than waiting for a complaint to happen. Everything was complaint-driven in the past," Trujillo said.

That means two teams of three code enforcement officers each led by a separate higher-ranking officer are organized like beat cops perusing neighborhoods, business districts and even taxi stands to keep an eye out for the violations that City Hall has always known about, but only sporadically enforced.

"We enforce the municipal code," Trujillo said. "Twenty-four seven might be difficult, but we're matched up well."

Trujillo was brought to Santa Monica in October to lead the new division, which is couched under the wider umbrella of the Planning Department.

Since his arrival, code enforcement officers have become a more visible part of the community, creating a third point of contact to City Hall alongside the Santa Monica Police Department's neighborhood resource officers and the Fire Department's fire inspectors.

They've also been given new uniforms consisting of tan shirts and black pants for easy recognition.

One of Trujillo's first tasks was to meet his new team and spend the last months of 2011 parsing out what the new division had the manpower to adequately enforce.

The answer, as it turns out, is quite a bit.

Although his team hasn't expanded its numbers, they have already moved their focus beyond building and safety violations to include illegal sales on public property, the long-contentious issue of signs on sidewalks in business districts and "problem properties" in neighborhoods and beyond.

That definition stretches from bars that don't shut their music down by the time stipulated in their permits to homes of hoarders whose surfeit of belongings overflow from their houses and into yards and public space.

Since redeploying in the neighborhoods, his teams have identified eight hoarding homes within city limits.

In the business districts, officers have focused on signage and illegal sales set up on public areas.

Approximately two weeks ago, a sweep targeted A-frame signs favored by businesses to draw in customers, and sales held on the grass in front of the California Heritage Museum stopped.

As with many new projects, there was some confusion.

"They didn't know that sandwich board signs or A-frame signs on private property in the Main Street district are legal," said Gary Gordon, executive director of the Main Street Business Improvement Association. "They were talking to businesses about those as well as ones which are illegal. It caused quite a stir."

As of February, Code Enforcement will help police the taxi franchises, a system which allows 300 cabs from five different companies to operate within city limits in exchange for set fares and strict safety requirements.

Trujillo and his team helped inspect over 300 cars to ensure they were in good enough shape to operate on Santa Monica's roads, and the division will be the point team for violations of the franchise.

If Code Enforcement's scope of work has changed, so has its hours.

The team spent two weekends keeping an eye out for illegal sales at the intersection of California Avenue and 14th Street, and then walked the streets to the wee hours of the morning to watch out for late-night noise disturbances.

Because the step-up in enforcement is dramatic, Trujillo and his team are focusing on three goals.

The first is to educate the public on who code enforcement is and what they do. Second, officers help those in violation of the municipal code to get into compliance. Finally, they ensure that the individuals or properties remain in compliance.

Trujillo hopes the emphasis will be on education, and that Code Compliance will be the first stop for those searching for information from City Hall.

A website is in the works. Until then, residents can call (310) 458-4984 to reach the new division.

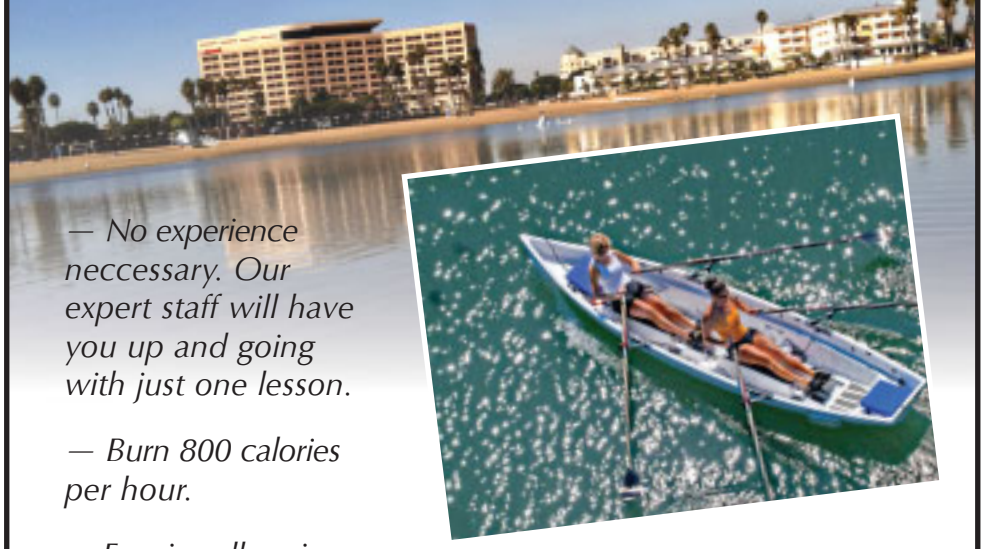
ashley@smdp.com

Santa Monica's Eco-friendly Green taxi.
MetroCab
SANTA MONICA
Call Now!
27.90* from SM to LAX
• Low Prices
• Reliable Service
• Experienced Drivers
• On-Time
310.444.7777
www.MetroCabCo.com

Considering Filing for *Bankruptcy?*
• Free phone consultation
• Speak to your local Santa Monica Attorney
• Get the facts now
"Your Local Santa Monica Attorney"
The Law Offices of Martin D. Gross
A PROFESSIONAL LEGAL CORPORATION
2001 Wilshire Blvd, Santa Monica CA 310/453 8320 www.lawgross.com
Civil Litigation
Consumer and Business Disputes

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF COOPERATIVES WITH
10% OFF
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
EXTENDED HOURS 6 AM - 11 PM
Members save 10% on everything!
Please see the member service desk, or visit coopportunity.com for terms and restrictions.
CO-OPPORTUNITY
NATURAL FOODS
Organic & Local Produce
Over 400 Bulk Foods
Fresh Deli, Juice & Salad Bar
Beer, Wine & Specialty Cheese
Vitamins and Cosmetics & More!
Open to the public daily 7 am to 10 pm
1525 Broadway, Santa Monica, CA 90404
310.451.8902 | coopportunity.com

Get Out of the Gym and Onto the Water
Make The Ocean Your Treadmill!



— No experience neccessary. Our expert staff will have you up and going with just one lesson.

— Burn 800 calories per hour.

— Exercise all major muscle groups.

— New state of the art equipment.

— Easy online booking.

– Sign up now and become a founding member!
– Ask us about this special offer when you sign up!

Whitehall Spirit™
Rowing Club
of Marina del Rey

$25 Opening Special!
Receive incredible reduced pricing. Sign up online for a Opening 1-1/2 hour Lesson with one of our professional instructors for just $25 ($99 Value)

310.822.7600
Whitehalldelrey.com

Hardware...right next door



Santa Monica's local neighborhood hardware and building materials supplier since 1947 with a complete lumber yard, windows, plumbing, bulk aggregates, tile, firepits & more.

Bourget Bros. Building Materials
310-450-6556 1636 11th Street Santa Monica, CA
www.bourgetbros.com



Kibiwot Limo *news@smdp.com*

SAFE: **A crossing guard has been brought in to help with traffic issues around Samohi.**

SAMOHI
FROM PAGE 1

School officials will look at various factors before requesting additional police at games, including the amount of rivalry between the schools, knowledge of gang activity in the opponent school and whether or not there's been a problem with the opposing team in the past, wrote Principal Laurel Fretz in an e-mail.

"For last week and this week, we are having the SMPD come to each basketball game. We have assigned extra security and administrative personnel to each game," Fretz wrote.

That included Friday's road game against Inglewood High School. Four police officers, three administrators and two security officers went to the game, Fretz wrote.

There were no problems reported.

The additional security does not come cheap, however.

School officials estimate that the police presence comes up to $1,200 per game, which buys four hours of police time at overtime rates. That's one and a half times the officers' hourly salary.

At this point, the district is shouldering the burden for the added police presence.

Samohi also requested and received a crossing guard to help ease safety concerns at a turn on Michigan Avenue and Seventh Street where crowds of students on foot vie with cars dropping youth off for school.

The issue was raised at a Parent Teacher Association meeting on Jan. 17.

Dennis Dunbar, the parent of a senior at Samohi, negotiates the crowded street regularly.

Although he's pleased to see that the administration heeded calls for the crossing guard, Dunbar noted that to address the dangerous traffic problem, it might be necessary to have a person with the authority to guide traffic flows.

"If they have a crossing guard, they should think about facilitating traffic and pedestrian safety," Dunbar said.

The district does not have to pay for the crossing guard.

It's currently a temporary position while City Hall and the police department consider whether or not it's feasible to pay for in the long term, Fretz wrote.

The most recent response is one of a set at Samohi, which has been struggling with gang-related violence on and off campus since December 2011.

On Dec. 6, a student was shot several times just blocks from the school for wearing clothes that resembled gang attire. In early January, an incident allegedly involving gang-affiliated youth launched a week of violence on campus and in nearby areas.

ashley@smdp.com



FOLLOW US ON twitter.com/smdailypress twitter
smdp.com Santa Monica Daily Press office **(310) 458-7737**

LUXURY, TECHNOLOGY AND SAVINGS.

LINCOLN

A sedan that's putting standards back into luxury.
A crossover that connects you like never before.
At prices that are equally rewarding.





2012 LINCOLN **MKZ** FWD

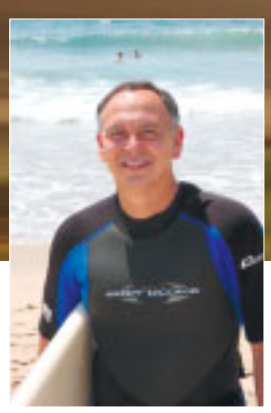
- More standard features than Lexus ES 350
- Voice-activated SYNC® technology standard[2]

2012 LINCOLN **MKX** FWD

- Best-in-class fuel efficiency[1] and horsepower
- Standard voice-activated SYNC with MYLINCOLN **TOUCH**™[2]

Santa Monica Ford Lincoln Mercury 1230 Santa Monica Blvd. | Santa Monica, Ca., 90404 | (800) 809-1283

FORD ENGINE TECHNOLOGY.
HERE TODAY, READY FOR TOMORROW.



Ron Davis
Owner
General Manager

Find us on Facebook

FACT:
We developed the first hybrid SUV, Ford Escape Hybrid – still the most fuel-efficient SUV on the planet. Ford also builds the most fuel-efficient midsize sedan in America, the 41-mpg Fusion Hybrid.

FACT:
The 3.5L **EcoBoost is the first North American production twin-turbocharges direct-injection V6 engine.** It delivers V6-like fuel economy with V8-like performance and will be available this summer on Ford Flex, Taurus SHO, Lincoln MKS and Lincoln MKT.

FACT:
Ford has developed a hydrogen-electric plug-in Ford Edge, our first drivable fuel-cell hybrid electric plug-in. The benefit is zero emissions. We now know that these vehicles are viable and that Ford can build them. And we're bringing to market by 2012 a family of hybrids, plug-in hybrids and battery electric vehicles.



2012 Fusion **HYBRID**

SANTA MONICA Ford LINCOLN Mercury



2012 Escape **HYBRID**

Drive green.

"COME IN AND TEST DRIVE OUR ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY VEHICLES"
1230 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90404 | **www.smford.com** | **(800) 809-1283**

Drive green. Drive quality. Drive safe. Drive smart.

Study questions proton therapy for prostate cancer

MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

A warning to men considering a pricey new treatment for prostate cancer called proton therapy: Research suggests it might have more side effects than traditional radiation does.

A study of Medicare records found that men treated with proton beams later had one-third more bowel problems, such as bleeding and blockages, than similar men given conventional radiation.

This is an observational study so it is not definitive, but it is one of the largest to compare these treatments. Proton therapy is rapidly growing in use — Medicare covers it — even though no rigorous studies have tested whether it is as safe or effective as usual care.

It costs around $48,000 — at least twice as much as other prostate radiation treatments. Hospitals are rushing to build proton centers, and nine are operating now — sites include Boston, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, Jacksonville, Fla., and Loma Linda, Calif., east of Los Angeles. Promoters often claim it is less likely to cause complications.

"There's no clear evidence that proton therapy is better" for prostate cancer, and the new results suggest it may cause more complications, said Dr. Ronald Chen, a radiation specialist at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

He led the study and will give results at a medical meeting in San Francisco later this week. They were discussed Tuesday in a telephone news conference sponsored by the American Society of Clinical Oncology and two other cancer groups.

Proton therapy uses proton particles instead of X-rays. In theory, it targets radiation more directly to tumors and spares healthy tissue, which should lead to fewer side effects. Its value is established for treating eye and certain pediatric tumors. But it often is marketed for prostate cancer — a far more common condition.

Researchers checked Medicare records on more than 12,000 men treated for early-stage prostate cancers from 2002 through 2007. Follow-up information was available for four years on average.

First they compared an older version of external beam radiation to a newer form that now dominates the field — intensity-modulated radiation therapy, or IMRT. It, too, targets radiation more precisely to the prostate, and this is the first large study to show it was better than the older method — even though it came into use a decade ago.

"We found that patients who were treated with IMRT required fewer additional treatments after radiation which indicates better cancer control," Chen said. There also were slightly fewer bowel problems, although there also were slightly more sexual problems among men treated with IMRT.

A second part of the study compared 684 men with proton therapy to a similar group treated with IMRT. There were 18 cases of bowel problems for every 100 proton therapy patients per each year of follow-up versus 12 such problems for those treated with IMRT.

"That's a red flag," said Dr. Bruce Roth, a cancer specialist at Washington University in St. Louis who is involved with the cancer conference but had no role in the study.

It's too soon to know whether proton therapy will prove more effective to justify higher side effects, but seeing this difference so soon in its use is troubling, he said. Doctors don't want a repeat of the IMRT experience, "where it becomes the new standard of care without that comparative data," he said.

The federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality paid for the study, which included researchers from the National Cancer Institute. The government also is paying for a definitive study to compare proton therapy to other types.

It "clearly is a promising therapy," but it has not yet shown an advantage for treating prostate cancer, said Dr. Jason Efstathiou of Massachusetts General Hospital, who will lead the new study.

Early results from patients at his hospital suggests there are fewer complications in the first six months after proton therapy, but "maybe this is a short-term advantage" that disappears or does not occur at every hospital using it, he said.

Only a rigorous study will tell. It starts this summer and will give results in three to five years.



GO WHERE THE WORLD GOES
Santa Monica College
No. 1 in Transfers for the 20th Straight Year

Things to do in 2012

New Year's Resolutions
1. Eat Healthier
2. Exercise More
3. Learn to Play Guitar
Enrolling now! Call us today at
310.310.2623 to sign up for classes!
Private & Group Lessons.
University-trained instructors specializing in:
Piano, Voice, Guitar / Bass, Violin / Viola, Drums, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Mandolin, Ukulele, Music Theory, Performance
GreenBrooms santa monica MUSIC ACADEMY
1445 6th St • Ground Floor • Santa Monica
310.310.2623
www.GreenBrooms.com


START TALKING BEFORE THEY START DRINKING
Kids who drink before age 15 are 5 times more likely to have alcohol problems when they're adults.
To learn more, go to www.stopalcoholabuse.gov or call 1.800.729.6686
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
www.samhsa.gov
Ad Council

Report proposes dividing Great Lakes, Mississippi

JOHN FLESHER
AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. Groups representing states and cities in the Great Lakes region on Tuesday proposed spending up to $9.5 billion on a massive engineering project to separate the lakes from the Mississippi River watershed in the Chicago area, describing it as the only sure way to protect both aquatic systems from invasions by destructive species such as Asian carp.

The organizations issued a report suggesting three alternatives for severing an artificial link between the two drainage basins that was constructed more than a century ago. Scientists say it has already provided a pathway for exotic species and is the likeliest route through which menacing carp could reach the lakes, where they could destabilize food webs and threaten a valuable fishing industry.

"We simply can't afford to risk that," said Tim Eder, executive director of the Great Lakes Commission, which sponsored the study with the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. "The Great Lakes have suffered immensely because of invasive species. We have to put a stop to this."

While no single government agency has authority to approve or reject the project, federal support would be crucial because the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers oversees shipping locks and other navigation infrastructure in the Chicago waterway system. The federal government undoubtedly would be asked to provide some of the funding.

The report's release is sure to ramp up pressure on the corps, which is conducting its own study of how to close off 18 potential pathways between the two systems, including the Chicago waterways. The corps plans to release its findings in late 2015, a timetable it says is necessary because of the job's complexity and regulatory requirements. A pending federal lawsuit by five states — Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio and Pennsylvania — demands quicker action.

"This study shows that hydrological separation is both technically and economically feasible," said Rep. Dave Camp, a Michigan Republican.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a Michigan Democrat, said the report should help build support in Congress for legislation she and Camp are co-sponsoring that would order the corps to finish within 18 months.

A spokeswoman said the corps would not comment until it could review the report.

John Goss, director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality's Asian carp program, said basin separation was one potential solution to the region's invasive species problem. The Obama administration has spent more than $100 million on efforts to stem the carp's advance toward the lakes that include operating an electric barrier near Chicago, monitoring the waterways and researching new technologies.

"We look forward to reviewing the study and assessing how this information can be helpful," he said.

The project that linked the two drainage basins began in the 1890s when engineers reversed the flow of the Chicago River to flush sewage away from the city and into a newly built, 28-mile-long canal that created a connection between Lake Michigan and the Illinois River, a tributary of the Mississippi. It is now a network of rivers, locks and canals.

In their report, the two groups call for placing barriers at key points to cut off the flow of water between the two drainage basins by 2029.

One alternative would put barriers in five locations near Lake Michigan. Another would erect a single barrier in the ship canal before it branches off into connecting waterways. A third plan would use four barriers.

The report does not express a preference but says the four-barrier plan would cost less than the others — between $3.26 billion and $4.27 billion. That plan, the report says, would cause less disruption of waterborne commerce and fewer problems with flood and stormwater control, all of which opponents contend would result from dividing the two systems. It also comes closest to restoring the natural divide between the watersheds, said David Ullrich, executive director of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative.

The report doesn't make a detailed proposal for covering the costs but says the four-barrier plan could be done if the average household in the Great Lakes basin paid about $1 a month through 2059.

The five-barrier and single-barrier plans' price tags could reach about $9.5 billion.

Despite the high cost, the report's sponsors said the project would save money in the long run by shielding both systems from species invasions. Zebra and quagga mussels and sea lamprey already have exacted a heavy toll on the Great Lakes economy, and the region's leaders fear the Asian carp could make things much worse.

"Yes, it's expensive. But the cost of doing nothing is greater," Ullrich said.

Asian carp escaped from Southern fish farms and sewage treatment plants decades ago and migrated up the Mississippi and its tributaries, gobbling up plankton that is essential for other nourishing other fish.

The study, commissioned by the two groups and developed by a private engineering firm, will make the idea of separation easier for people in the region to grasp, said Joel Brammeier, president of the Alliance for the Great Lakes, a Chicago-based environmental group.

"It's a natural, practical, on-the-ground map of how to get it done," Brammeier said.

Mark Biel, chairman of an Illinois business coalition called UnLock Our Jobs that opposes separating the watersheds, said the Great Lakes groups' proposals would take many years to carry out and would devastate cargo shipping and pleasure boating in the Chicago area while doing nothing to prevent species invasions elsewhere.

"Calling this a solution is ludicrous," Biel said.

But the report's authors said their plan envisions upgrades to docks and other infrastructure that, in the long run, would boost water commerce while improving water quality and flood protection. The barriers themselves would make up just 3 percent of the total cost.

The Army Corps of Engineers contends the electric barrier network in the shipping canal is preventing Asian carp and other fish from swimming upstream toward Lake Michigan, although carp DNA has been found beyond the device. Eder said the barrier is a good temporary measure, but not a permanent solution.

Get Cash For Your Gold & Jewelry!

California's Premier Jewelry Buyer Is Paying The Highest Prices For:


Diamonds


Gold


Watches

WE BUY: Rolex - Cartier - Patek Philippe - Tiffany - Chopard - Van Cleef - David Yurman
Broken & Unwanted Gold Jewelry - 10k - 14k - 18k - 24k - Silver - Coins and More!

LIMITED TIME SPECIAL OFFER!
$25 INSTANT BONUS
On Any Transaction Over $100
$50 INSTANT BONUS
On Any Transaction Over $500!
Offer Ends Soon!
(Bonus not valid on coin sales)
Lic. No. 19651221



DIAMOND & GOLD exchange

Santa Monica
2629 Wilshire Blvd.
Santa Monica 90403
(310) 829-9800

Hollywood
7280 Melrose Ave.
Los Angeles 90046
(323) 653-9009

Mon - Fri 10am to 6pm, Sat 11am to 5pm
www.DiamondAndGoldExchangeUSA.com

Santa Monica


Hollywood


ROBB EVANS OF ROBB EVANS & ASSOCIATES LLC
Receiver of I Works, Inc., et al. and the Assets of Jeremy Johnson

11450 Sheldon Street
Sun Valley, California 91352-1121
Telephone No.: (818) 768-8100
Facsimile No.: (818) 768-8802
Attention: Kenton Johnson, Executive Vice President/Deputy to the Receiver
kenton.johnson@robbevans.com

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OVERBID AND TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE OVERBID PROCESS FOR 127 Hollister Avenue, Santa Monica, CA

The Receiver has conditionally accepted that certain Residential Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions and related sale documents collectively comprising the "Purchase Agreement" for the real property located at 127 Hollister Avenue, Santa Monica, California ("Subject Property"), subject to overbids and subject to the approval of the sale by the United States District Court for the District of Nevada ("Court") in connection with the receivership proceeding pending in the case of Federal Trade Commission v. Jeremy Johnson, etc., et al., Case No. 2:10-cv-02203-RLH-GWF.

Date, Time and Place for Submission of Overbids:
At 2:00 p.m. on February 15, 2012, the Receiver will accept overbids of the conditionally accepted Purchase Agreement from qualified overbidders. Overbids may be submitted in person only at the following location:

Prudential California Realty
3130 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 100
Santa Monica, CA 90403
Attn.: Mojgan Sheiban

Information and Inspection of Subject Property:
Questions regarding the Subject Property and arrangements to inspect it may be made through the Receiver's agent, Mojgan Sheiban of Prudential California Realty. Her telephone numbers are (310) 403-2390 (cellular) and (310 255-3494 (office). Her e-mail is mojgansheiban@PruLA.com.

Requirements to Qualify and Participate as an Overbidder:
A potential overbidder must notify the Receiver's office in writing no later 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 2012 of his/her intent to overbid at the overbid session. The written notice by potential overbidders of their intent to overbid must be directed to the Receiver to the attention of the Receiver's Deputy, Kenton Johnson, at the address set forth at the top of this Notice, and the notice of intent to overbid must actually be received by the Receiver's office no later than 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 2012.

Concurrently with the written notice of intent to overbid, and no later than 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 2012, each potential overbidder must present to the Receiver's Deputy, Kenton Johnson, at the address set forth at the top of this Notice, all of the following: (1) a cashier's check payable to "I Works, Inc. Receivership QSF" in the sum of $100,000.00; and (2) a written verification from a financial institution demonstrating to the Receiver's satisfaction, in the Receiver's sole opinion and judgment, the bidder's ability to complete and close a purchase of the Subject Property through sufficient funds or credit facilities within twenty (20) days of the date of the overbid session under the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement and this Notice.

Additional Terms and Conditions of Overbid Session and Sale
In the event that an overbidder is the successful bidder at the overbid session, the cashier's check delivered to the Receiver's Deputy prior to the overbid session by the successful bidder will be deemed a nonrefundable deposit for the purchase of the Subject Property.

The successful bidder must close the sale of the Subject Property within twenty (20) days after the overbid session.

Overbidders are deemed to have completed all inspections and waived and/or removed all contingencies prior to the overbid session. Overbids presented with any conditions or contingencies will be rejected.

Overbidders will be required to execute promptly after the overbid session a California Residential Purchase Agreement substantially in the form of the Purchase Agreement with the purchase price modified to reflect the high bid accepted at the overbid session.

The sale price of the conditionally accepted Purchase Agreement is US$3,200,000 (Three Million Two Hundred Thousand US Dollars) all cash with no financing contingency. The Purchase Agreement and the Receiver's listing agreement further provide for the seller to pay a broker's commission of 6% of the sale price of the Subject Property to the listing broker. Cooperating Broker Compensation of one-half the total commission (3% of the sale price) shall be paid to a buyer's broker only from the total commission and will not be credited to the buyer if the buyer is not represented by a broker at the sale. For the complete terms and provisions of the Purchase Agreement, potential overbidders are directed to the Purchase Agreement, a copy of which is available from the Receiver upon written or telephonic request to Kenton Johnson, Deputy to the Receiver, at the address and telephone number listed at the top of this Notice.

The initial minimum overbid shall be not less than US$3,300,000.00 (Three Million Three Hundred Thousand US Dollars). All subsequent overbids must be at least US$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand US Dollars) higher than the previous bid. The sale to a successful bidder shall be on the same terms and conditions as provided in the conditionally accepted Purchase Agreement, except for the purchase price and except that the overbidders are deemed to have waived and/or removed all contingencies.

Dow and S&P experience best January since 1997

PALLAVI GOGOI
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK It's the best start for stocks in 15 years.

In what was mostly a slow and steady climb, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 3.4 percent in January and the Standard & Poor's 500 gained 4.4 percent, the best performances for both indexes to open a year since 1997.

Investors were encouraged by modest but welcome improvement in the U.S. economy, including an 8.5 percent unemployment rate, the lowest in almost three years. Corporate profits didn't wow anyone — except Apple's — but they were good enough.

"I don't see anything really glamorous or tremendous about the economy or earnings," said Jerry Harris, chief investment strategist at the brokerage Sterne Agee. "But I think they're very acceptable, and things are grinding along."

An unexpected drop in consumer confidence dragged stocks down on the final day of the month. The Dow Jones industrial average finished down 20.81 points, or 0.2 percent, at 12,632.91.

The broader market fared better. The S&P barely finished in the red, declining 0.60 point to 1,312.41. The Nasdaq composite index rose 1.90 points to close at 2,813.84. The Nasdaq gained 8 percent for the month, its best January since 2001.

In January 1997, the last time stocks had such a fast start, the S&P gained 6.1 percent. Bill Clinton was inaugurated for his second term. An Asian financial crisis and "Titanic" lay ahead. Later that year, the Dow crossed 7,000 and 8,000 for the first time.

This January, analysts said, investors had such low expectations for the economy that it was easy for things to turn out better than expected.

"There are no big surprises," said Kim Caughey Forrest, a senior equity analyst at money manager Fort Capital Group. "That's the kind of ho-hum economy that we are in right now."

The Dow closed at 12,217.56 at the end of last year, then started this year with a pop — a gain of 179.82 points on opening day. It was the kind of big swing investors became accustomed to in 2011.

Since then, it's been a quiet ascent: 19 days in a row of moves of less than 100 points. The last time the Dow had such a placid stretch was a 34-day run that started Dec. 3, 2010.

Scottrade, the online brokerage, said stock buyers outpaced sellers among its clients for the first 14 trading days of the year, Jan. 3 to Jan. 23. It also said volume was 16 percent higher than December's average.

For the month, the Dow added 415.35 points, its fourth straight month of gains and its largest January point gain.

On Tuesday, the Dow started up 66 points after encouraging signs from Europe that Greece might finally complete a deal to cut its crushing debt, a step toward securing a critical 130 billion bailout payment.

Greece is negotiating with investors who bought its government bonds. They are expected to swap their bonds for new ones with half the face value, plus a lower interest rate and longer term of maturity.

Investors are increasingly worried that Portugal may need a similar deal with its private creditors. European leaders insist the Greek reduction is a one-time event. Portugal's borrowing costs have risen to record highs.

The Dow lost its gains after consumer confidence fell to 61.1 in January, down from 64.8 in December. Economists had expected 68. The Conference Board said Americans are more worried about their incomes, gas prices and business conditions.

There were also signs that the housing market continues to struggle. Home prices fell in November for a third straight month in in 19 of the 20 cities tracked by the S&P/Case-Shiller index. The biggest declines were in Atlanta, Chicago and Detroit.

In the commodities market, investors worried that the confidence figure was a sign of weaker demand to come, and they sold industrial metals that have prices closely tied to the economy.

Copper for March delivery dropped 3.65 cents to $3.79 per pound, and March palladium ended down $2.15 at $686.35 per ounce. April platinum fell $28.20 to $1,588.10 an ounce.

The metals ended the day down after wild swings. Traders bid up prices in morning trading, encouraged by news that European officials were making progress to contain the financial crisis there, then sold hard on the confidence number.

"This is a day that every trader takes Tums," said George Gero, vice president at RBC Global Futures.

Precious metal prices ended the day mixed. The price of gold rose, as it often does when it looks like the economy might shrink or the dollar might lose its value. Gold for April delivery gained $6 to finish at $1,740.40 an ounce.

In the bond market, the weak U.S. economic data and uncertainty about Greece lit up demand for safe investments. The benchmark 10-year Treasury yield dipped to 1.795 percent, its lowest close in almost four months.

The yield on the five-year Treasury note hit a record low for the second straight day, falling to 0.70 percent.

Treasury yields have been falling since last week, when the Federal Reserve said it expected to hold interest rates near zero into late 2014, more than a year longer than its last estimate, because the economic recovery will need help.

In corporate news:

— RadioShack Corp. stock plummeted 30 percent after the company said its profit fell sharply — 11 cents to 13 cents per share for the quarter that ended in December, down from 51 cents a year earlier and less than half what Wall Street was expecting.

— Best Buy Co. Inc., one of RadioShack's competitors, responded by falling 5.6 percent, worst in the S&P. Both companies sell and service cellphones, but demand has softened at their stores.

— Avery Dennison Corp., which makes labels and packaging materials, fell 5.6 percent after it said earnings plunged 81 percent on nearly flat sales. Its 2012 outlook was well below Wall Street expectations.

— Mattel Inc. soared 5 percent because of strong demand for Barbie and Monster High dolls during the holidays. That boosted Mattel's fourth-quarter profit by a better-than-expected 14 percent. The company also raised its dividend.

— U.S. Steel Corp. gained 5 percent after it reported strong demand for pipes from the oil industry from October through December. The company was also optimistic about this quarter.

— Agriculture conglomerate Archer Daniels Midland declined 3.6 percent after it reported an 89 percent drop in quarterly net income. The company said its results were weighed down by weakness in oilseeds, corn processing and agricultural services.

NFL

Review: Super Bowl online decent, won't replace TV

ANICK JESDANUN
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK The television set won't be the only place to watch video of the New York Giants and the New England Patriots this Sunday. For the first time, U.S. football fans will be able to watch the Super Bowl live on a computer or on a phone.

You may be wondering whether anyone without super-strength eyesight would be able to follow the football on a tiny phone screen. And what about the ads? After all, many people tune in more for the commercials than for the game.

I got a chance to test the offering with a pair of playoff games and last weekend's all-star Pro Bowl. Although it's impossible to say what will happen Sunday, I have found the experience decent so far, but no substitute for the big screen.

The phone offering is made possible through a collaboration involving the National Football League, Comcast Corp.'s NBC and Verizon Wireless. The nation's largest wireless carrier had rights to carry NBC's Sunday night broadcasts live during the regular season, as well as some games from the NFL Network and ESPN. The postseason games broadcast by NBC are an extension of that package.

That means you'll need service through Verizon Wireless to watch on an iPhone or an Android phone (The game won't be available on the iPad). Unless you have the higher-speed 4G service through Verizon, you'll also need its V Cast video service, which costs $3 a day or $10 a month on top of your regular phone bill. A generous data plan or a Wi-Fi connection will help you avoid additional charges.

If you don't have the right phone or wireless carrier, or if you have a super-cheap data plan with low caps, you can watch for free on a computer instead at NBCSports.com. You can interact with the game more that way, but you won't get the same commercials.

To get started on the phone, you need to install the NFL Mobile software. The app is free; it's the software's live video that requires V Cast. You can get the app on the phone through the Android Market or Apple's app store. Or you can go to http://www.verizonwireless.com/nfl and enter your cellphone number. A text message will be sent with a link to get your app. You can also call the NFL by hitting the star key twice and dialing 635. That will also get you a link via text.

The video is easy to find once you open the app.

You get the full NBC broadcast, including replays, announcers and on-screen graphics. You also get the halftime show and national commercials. NBC's peacock logo came up when my local NBC station was showing ads for local merchants such as car dealers and banks.

As for the football, I was surprised how well I was able to follow it. I wasn't able to track the ball for some of the passes and field goal kicks, but I was able to follow it on runs. Sure, the ball is small, but your eyes are much closer to the screen. So proportionally, it's somewhat comparable to what you'd get standing several feet away from the TV.

The video quality was adequate over a cellular connection. Some of the players looked more like video game characters than real people, reminding me of the early days of Internet video. Quality improved with a Wi-Fi connection because more data can be sent without worrying about congestion or data charges.

Video on the phone lagged the TV broadcast by about 30 seconds, so don't fall for any instant bets your TV-watching friends try to make with you. If others are watching in the next room, be prepared for cheers and jeers before you see the action.

Also, for the first half-hour, the app will ask you a few times whether you are really there. The video stops if you don't confirm your presence. I found it disruptive, though Verizon says it's to ensure that people don't inadvertently run up data charges.

And if you were able to snag tickets to the Super Bowl, don't expect to watch the game on the phone. Verizon will block the video in and around the stadium to avoid overrunning its network. Besides, if you made all that effort to be there in person, you should be watching the field, not your phone.

The experience on the computer is different. Online video lagged the TV broadcast by a full minute — enough for an interception and touchdown.

As was the case with the playoffs and the Pro Bowl, online video ads will replace the ones shown on TV. However, NBC says it will make the television ads available on demand soon after they run, so you won't have to miss out on all the chatter about the best and worst Super Bowl commercials. It's also a place to go if you missed one on TV. The phone won't have commercials on demand.

Other extras on NBC's video player include multiple viewing angles. Besides the main television feed, you can watch from the end zone or the sideline or a camera that locks in on the "star" — typically whoever has the ball. You can watch two feeds at once — one in a smaller window within the larger one. You can also get Twitter updates, players' stats and more.

The Web player also lets you pause, rewind or start from the beginning, just like a digital video recorder. With the mobile app, you're stuck with the live feed.

And with a good broadband connection, you don't have to worry about data charges.

One of the games I tested over a cellular connection used up 425 megabytes of data, including the halftime show. Fortunately, I was able to keep an unlimited plan I had before Verizon started capping usage for new subscribers. If you're on the basic, $30-a-month plan, one game will eat up a quarter of your monthly 2 gigabyte allocation. There's not much left for email, YouTube, Facebook and other mobile time sinks.

Hardcore football fans might be thinking: "Why would anyone want to watch the big game on a phone or a computer screen?"

I agree there's no replacing the experience on a thousand-inch flat screen, with a bowl of chips and other artery-cloggers within reach.

But I can think of a few scenarios where it could be useful. If you're en route to a Super Bowl party, you can have the game on in the car or bus (not if you're driving, please). You can follow along on your device as you walk to the door for your pizza delivery.

Or if you're with friends who couldn't care less about the game, you can have it on and still be with them — physically, at least.

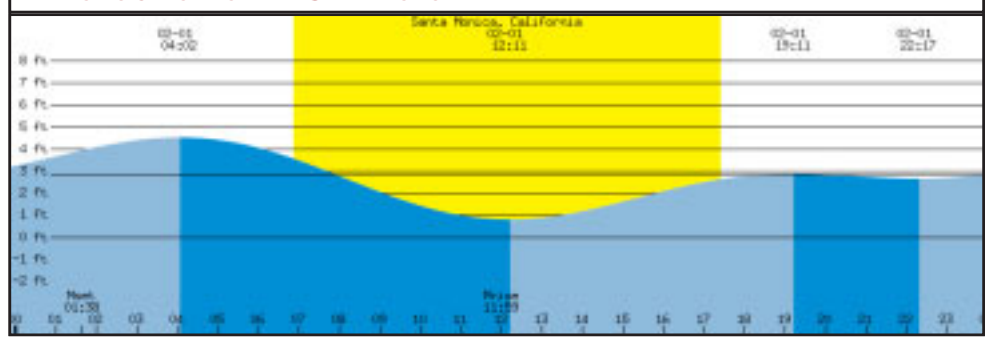


SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP:** 57-59°

SWELL FORECAST
Looking at waist to chest high waves at most west facing breaks.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
SHOULD SEE CHEST HIGH SETS AT WEST FACING BREAKS.

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 25, 2012**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 2
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 3
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 18
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Goodstock Family Foundation, simplehuman, LazerGUY, SBBA

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria or the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	D	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	F	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Corbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH storm.	A	B
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	D

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Westward Ave. drain.	A	D
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CBAW jetty).	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	D

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

Heal the Bay

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Hearts And Minds () 1hr 52min

Introduction by director Henry Jaglom and actor Zack Norman. Director Peter Davis will appear for a discussion following the film along with the editor and cinematographer.
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) 1hr 24min
1:00pm, 3:30pm, 5:50pm

War Horse (PG-13) 2hrs 26min
8:00pm

Iron Lady (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:55pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:25pm

Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 2hrs 40min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm

My Week with Marilyn (R) 1hr 36min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 10:30pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) 1hr 28min
11:30am, 1:50pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:25pm

Man on a Ledge (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
11:15am, 2:10pm, 5:05pm, 8:05pm, 11:00pm

Grey (R) 1hr 57min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Red Tails (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
11:20am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:55pm, 10:55pm

Contraband (R) 1hr 50min
11:35am, 2:15pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:25pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Descendants (R) 1hr 55min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Artist (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

We Need to Talk About Kevin (R) 1hr 50min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Dangerous Method (R) 1hr 39min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Adventures of Tintin (PG) 1hr 41min
2:30pm, 5:05pm

Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) 1hr 28min
2:20pm, 7:45pm

Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
12:30pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

Haywire (R) 1hr 33min
11:30am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

One for the Money (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:55am, 2:35pm, 5:15pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Albert Nobbs (R) 1hr 53min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:55pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 2hrs 07min
11:35am, 7:50pm, 10:45pm

Underworld: Awakening (R) 1hr 28min
11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:20pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com



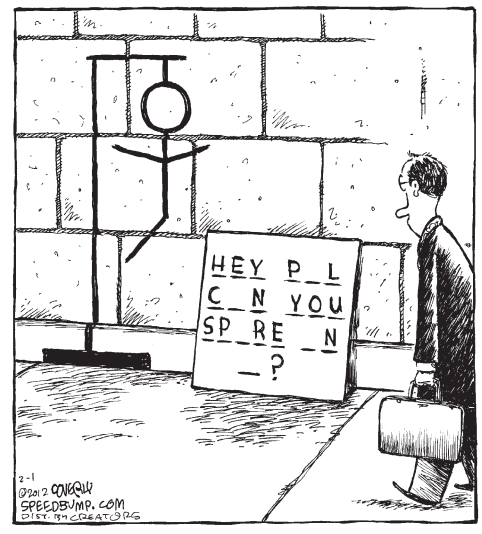
MYSTERY PHOTO

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

The first person who can correctly identify where this image was captured wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press. Send answers to *editor@smdp.com*. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

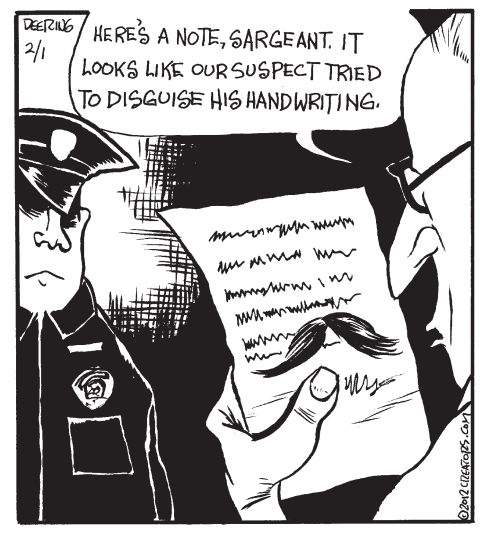
Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



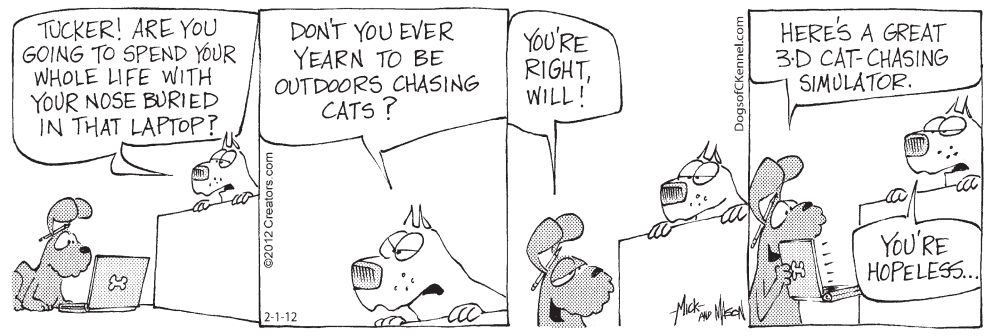
Strange Brew

By John Deering



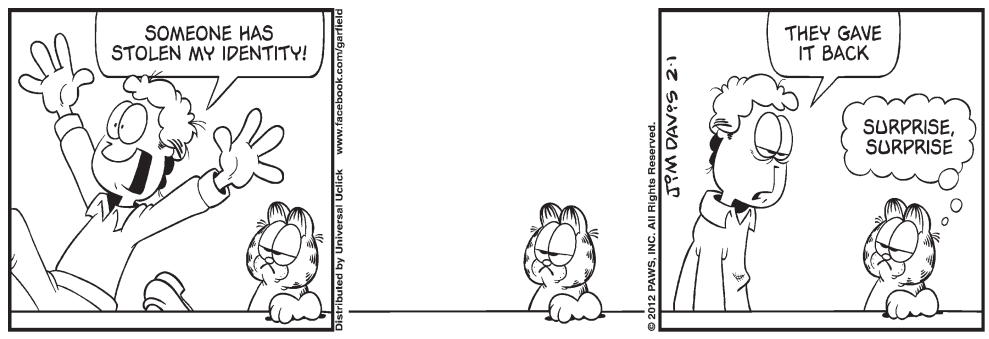
Dogs of C-Kennel

By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



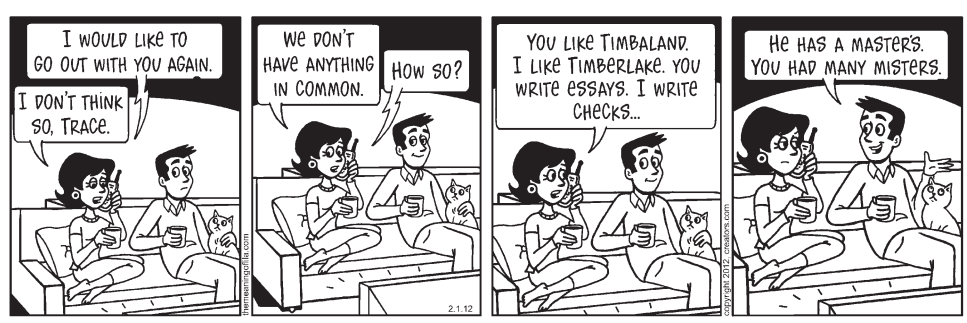
Garfield

By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Order in tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Listen to the feedback you get; you might not have seen what others see. Accept different opinions graciously, even if they are not given graciously. The unexpected occurs out of the blue. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Stay on top of a situation and be clear about what is going on. You might want to have a discussion involving finances, with an eye to change. Remember, you need someone's agreement to make this happen, so cut any sharp comments. Tonight: Out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your smile might not work magic in the morning, but by the evening it will. You might not want to repeat the same conversation verbatim -- a little change could spark another person's interest. Examine the possibilities with an open mind. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Know that sometimes it is better to back up rather than get in the middle of a major conflict. Your interests will be better served. Someone you look up to becomes difficult and unstable. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Look toward making a difference where it counts. Your happy and caring side emerges when dealing with others, especially in a group. You note a conviviality that you rarely see. Let go and enjoy the moment. Don't allow a difficult situation to develop. Tonight: Only where the fun is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Realize what you are expecting from someone you look up to. Perhaps you don't see this person realistically. Could that be possible? Rather than scrap about a situation, take responsibility for your side of the issue. Tonight: Others notice you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You'll get results by pulling back and dealing with a problematic situation through detachment. Plunge right in. You could have a problem. You could discover that a partner or loved one acts in a most unexpected manner. Tonight: Try something unusual or different.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might be surprised by what is happening with a close partner or loved one. You work very hard to clear out an issue. Accept the unexpected at work. Work with new technology. Your efficiency and flex count. Tonight: Curb sarcasm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others have a way of challenging you. Be aware of what is going on with a child or loved one. There might be a side of you that wants no problems. You cannot avoid the inevitable. Confusion surrounds a personal decision. Tonight: Let another person make the final choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You have been working way too hard for your taste. Be aware of another's effort; don't listen to hearsay about this person. Avoid those who are sarcastic and demanding, if possible. You could have quite a shake-up or realization. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You simply cannot help yourself -- you feel good and are light and lively. Use care with your finances, as you might not be seeing the situation clearly, could miscount your change or might actually be deceived. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might not be as present as you might like to be when dealing with another person. Laughter in your mind surrounds a decision that could make you feel a little silly, mainly because you have worried about it for quite a while. Tonight: Order in.

Happy birthday

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

You are full of get-up-and-go this year. Charisma, wit and energy make a close to irresistible mix. Those in creative fields manifest much more dynamic energy and ingenuity. For the most part, your work flows. If you are single, romance might be on your mind more than ever before. You could have several potential sweeties in your life in the next year. Date and make sure you want the person you choose. Someone better easily could be around the corner. If you are attached, the two of you start acting like young lovers. People delight in being around you, as you remind them that romance can stay alive with a commitment. GEMINI is always fun to be around.

Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

								7
			7	6			8	4
		3			1		5	
	6	7	2			4		
4				7		5		
	1	5	8			2		9
	2		9			8		1
		4			8	9		5
						7	3	

King Features Syndicate

GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

5	9	4	2	3	6	7	8	1
1	3	6	8	4	7	2	9	5
2	8	7	5	1	9	6	4	3
4	2	3	6	8	1	9	5	7
7	6	5	9	2	4	3	1	8
9	1	8	7	5	3	4	2	6
3	5	1	4	6	2	8	7	9
8	7	2	3	9	5	1	6	4
6	4	9	1	7	8	5	3	2

JACOBY & MEYERS
America's Most Recognized Legal Network
DON'T WAIT, CALL NOW
888.474.4125
ACCIDENT VICTIM?
- Speak to a licensed Personal Injury Attorney today
- Free Case-Evaluation
- No Cost until you win
- Get the medical attention you deserve
- Collect lost or back wages
- Don't represent yourself, we'll fight for you
- Helping accident victims since 1972
JACOBY & MEYERS
America's Most Recognized Legal Network
Making a false or fraudulent Workers' Compensation claim is a felony subject to up to 5 years in prison or a fine of up to fifty thousand dollars or double the value of the fraud, whichever is greater, or by both imprisonment and fine. This is not a guarantee, warranty or prediction regarding the outcome of your legal matter. Not a referral service. Paid for by these participating attorneys: Spencer, Artec Smith, Friedman, Okula, Black, Jacobson, Thompson, and Maronian.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

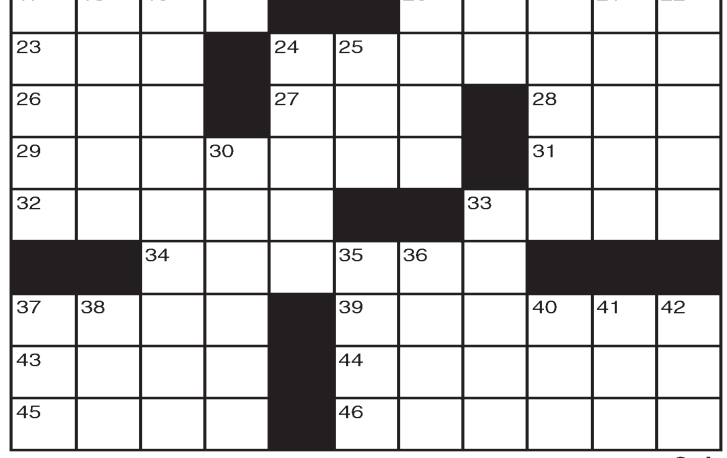
ACROSS
1 Cuban exports
7 First person
11 Middle East language
12 Magazine part
13 One of the Gorgons
14 Privy to
15 Looked after
17 Jokes
20 Mermaid's home
23 Alien craft
24 Short book
26 Building wing
27 Ram's mate
28 "— Were a Rich Man"
29 Makes blue
31 Squeak stopper
32 Spirited horse
33 Bills from tills
34 Cruise port
37 Frau's spouse
39 Pay
43 Proton's place
44 As a precaution
45 Created
46 Was abundant

DOWN
1 Motor part
2 Anger
3 Wander (about)
4 Touches on
5 Ascend
6 X-ray's kin
7 For each
8 Yellow hue
9 Before now
10 Chess pieces
16 Cooing birds
17 Shot in the dark
18 One of the black keys
19 Yellow hue
21 Michael Caine movie
22 Manicure target
24 Requires
25 Possess
30 "Gracious!"
33 Pound part
35 Rotisserie part
36 First-rate
37 Deli choice
38 Greek vowel
40 Orange tuber
41 Employ
42 Walker, on a sign

C	A	J	U	N	■	S	T	E	P	S	
R	O	U	S	E	■	C	E	L	L	O	
U	N	D	E	R	T	H	E	S	U	N	
Z	E	E	■	V	O	W	■	A	S	S	
■	■	■	B	E	T	A	S	■	■	■	
F	A	V	E	S	■	S	Q	U	A	T	
O	X	E	N	■	■	■	U	R	G	E	
G	E	T	I	T	■	C	A	N	O	N	
■	■	■	N	O	R	A	D	■	■	■	
J	O	B	■	T	A	R	■	W	I	G	
O	V	E	R	T	H	E	M	O	O	N	
K	A	N	Y	E	■	S	O	R	T	A	
E	L	D	E	R	■	S	W	E	A	T	

Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 1, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



2-1

ARITHMO™

CrossMath + × − ÷

– Arithmo Crossmath – Reclaim Your Brain

• Insert the given numbers in the empty squares so when they are calculated in threes from left to right and top to bottom they satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes both horizontally and vertically.

• Each empty square dictates the math operation that must be performed to meet the demands.

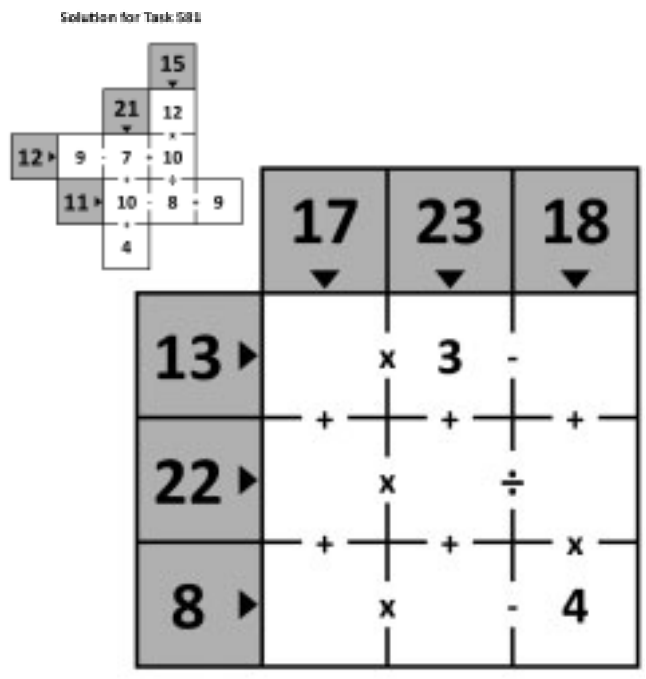
• Remember to multiply or divide before you add or subtract.

Go to www.zokigames.net for more fun and challenging games and links to our mobile phone apps.

Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12

Solution for Task 581



DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 3 5 30 36 48 Meganumber: 23 Jackpot: $15M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 10 15 33 34 37 Meganumber: 8 Jackpot: $8M

Fantasy 5: 11 12 13 18 26

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 7 2 8 EVENING: 9 4 0

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 12 Lucky Charms 2nd: 10 Solid Gold 3rd: 04 Big Ben RACE TIME: 1:47.25

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

NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Medical Marvels: (1) The British Medical Journal reported in December that a 76-year-old woman had been unbothered until recently by the felt-tip pen she accidentally swallowed 25 years earlier. It was removed without complication, and, though the plastic was flaky, the pen still had an ink supply and was "usable." (2) Twice during 2011, babies with two heads were born in Brazil. Though the first, in Paraiba state, died hours after birth, the 9.9-pound "Emanoel" and "Jesus," born in Para state in December, are apparently otherwise healthy. (The baby has two heads and two spines but shares one heart, liver, pelvis and pair of lungs.)

■ Medical Marvels (Canine Edition): The Dogs Trust in Kenilworth, England, was soliciting potential homes in December for "Bentley," a Border Collie whose monophobia might make it what the Daily Mail calls the "most cowardly" dog in the country. While frisky around people, Bentley immediately goes into a frightened sulk when left alone, cowering from cats, holing up behind a couch, and constantly biting his nails, even at the sound of a cat on television. (Bentley was recently outfitted with special lace-up booties to preserve the nails.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1991 - A runway collision between USAir Flight 1493 and SkyWest Flight 5569 at Los Angeles International Airport results in the death of 34 persons, and the injury of 30 others.

1992 - The Chief Judicial Magistrate of Bhopal court declares Warren Anderson, ex-CEO of Union Carbide, a fugitive under Indian law for failing to appear in the Bhopal Disaster case.

1993 - Gary Bettman becomes the NHL's first commissioner

1996 - The Communications Decency Act is passed by the U.S. Congress.

1998 - Rear Admiral Lillian E. Fishburne became the first female African American to be promoted to rear admiral.

WORD UP!

idoneous
\ ahy-DOH-nee-uhs \ , adjective;
1. Appropriate; fit; suitable; apt.

Santa Monica Daily Press

Classifieds

$5.50 per day. Up to 15 words, 20 cents each additional word.

Call us today start and promoting your business opportunities to our daily readership of over 40,000.

YOUR AD COULD RUN TOMORROW!*

Some restrictions may apply.

Prepay your ad today!

VISA MasterCard American Express Card

(310) 458-7737

*Please call our Classified Sales Manager to reserve your ad space. Specific ad placement not gauranteed on classified ads. Ad must meet deadline requirements. See complete conditions below.

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Announcements, Creative, Employment, For Sale, Furniture, Pets, Boats, Jewelry, Wanted, Travel, Vacation Rentals, Apartments/Condos, Rent, Houses for Rent, Roomates, Commerical 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, Psychic, Obituaries, Tutoring

All classified liner ads are placed on our website for **FREE!** Check out ***www.smdp.com*** for more info.

Beauty

HAIRSTYLIST AND MANICURE station for rent Santa Monica. PT/FT (310) 449-1923

Miscellaneous

ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE from Home. *Medical, *Business, *Criminal Justice. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. Call 800-494-3586 www.CenturaOnline.com

CASH FOR CARS, Any Make or Model! Free Towing. Sell it TODAY. Instant offer: 1-800-864-5784

DISH NETWORK lowest nationwide price $19.99/Mo FREE HBO/Cinemax/Starz FREE Blockbuster FREE HD-DVR and install. Next day install. 1-800-296-5653

STEEL BUILDINGS: 4 only 25x36, 30x48, 40x52, 45x82. Selling For Balance Owed! Free Delivery! 1-800-411-5869x222

WORK ON JET ENGINES - Train for hands on Aviation Career. FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified - Job placement assistance. Call AIM (866)453-6204 or visit www.fixjets.com

Employment Wanted

EXPERIENCED PERSONAL assistant/caregiver available . Can do anything from grocery shopping, errands , cooking to caring for the terminally ill. Please call Ros @ 508 367 1245.

Employment

COMMISSION SALES rep needed part time with internet marketing experience. Submit resume to bsberkowitz@aol.com

Excellent weekly income processing our mail! Free supplies! Helping homeworkers since 1992. Genuine! 888-302-1522 www.howtowork-fromhome.com

Hair Stylist Station AND Manicurist Station for rent in Santa Monica salon on upscale Montana Ave.

MYSTERY SHOPPERS! Earn up to $150 daily. Get paid to shop pt/ft. Call now 1-888-750-0193.

Out of High School? 18-24 girls and guys needed. Travel all across America. Paid training, travel and lodging. 877-646.5050

Help Wanted

NEED EXPERIENCED Medical Assistant to answer telephone, make appointments, give injections, etc. in Santa Monica office. (310) 315-1855, westsidetravelmedicine@gmail.com

Adoption

PREGNANT? CONSIDERING ADOPTION? You choose from families nationwide. LIVING EXPENSES PAID. Abby's One True Gift Adoptions. 866-413-6292, 24/7 Void/Illinois

Education

Finish High School at home in a few weeks. First Coast Academy, 1-800-658-1180x130. www.fca-highschool.org

Wanted

FREE Foreclosure Listings OVER 400,000 properties nationwide. Low down payment. Call now 800-250-2043.

WANTED DIABETES TEST STRIPS Any kind/brand. Unexpired up to $22.00. Shipping Paid Hablamos espanol 1-800-267-9895 www.selldiabeticstrips.com

Wants to purchase minerals and other oil and gas interests. Send details to P.O. Box 13557 Denver, Co. 80201

YEARBOOKS "Up to $15 paid for high school yearbooks1900-1988. yearbookusa@yahoo.com or 972-768-1338."

For Rent

EFFICIENCY UNIT $695.00
Part Furnished, paid utilities
Open House Sat – Sun , 10 :00 – 2:00
917 Lincoln Blvd
(310) 668-8360

HOWARD MANAGEMENT GROUP
(310)869-7901

10552 (Little) Santa Monica Blvd. 2Bd + 1Bth upper rear unit in triplex. No walls shared $2395

1011 Pico #18. 2Bd+1Bth+Loft. Modern building. 2 sxs parking spaces. $2375

1623 Bundy Drive, 2Bd + 1Bth. Hdwd floors, pets ok, laundry, parking. $1695.

10703 Holman Ave. 2Bd + 1Bth. One level unit w/ hdwd floors and garage. $1725

WE HAVE MORE VACANCIES ON THE WESTSIDE. PETS WELCOME

www.howardmanagement.com
rentals@howardmanagement.com

PALMS: NEWER BLDG.
ASK ABOUT MOVE IN SPECIALS
Single $1080.00 plus.
1 bedrooms $1,280 and up +, 2bedroom, 2 bath, $1,595.
Gated sub-T prkg and entry, tile floors, s2 elevators, a/c. Some have granite & a balcony
3848 Overland, (310)839-3647

WEST LA
Ask about move in speicials
Single $1175 ,
1br $1525 and up
gated entry, tile floors some have gated sub-terranian parking granite, elevator, balcony, AC,
1755 Purdue
310-479-1079

Real Estate

FREE Foreclosure Listings OVER 400,000 properties nationwide. Low down payment. Call now 800-250-2043.

$5.50 A DAY LINER ADS!
CALL TODAY **(310) 458-7737**

Real Estate

Available Now!!! 2-4 Bedroom homes Take Over Payments No Money Down/No Credit Check Call 1-888-269-9192

Stop Renting Lease option to buy Rent to own No money down No credit check 1-877-395-0321

Autos Wanted

TOP CASH FOR CARS, Any Car/Truck, Running or Not. Call for INSTANT offer: 1-800-454-6951

Bookkeeping Services

Accounting & Bookkeeping Service
Call 310.828.5494

QUICKBOOKS BOOKKEEPING SERVICE
Call 310 977-7935

Services

Tax Prep & Bookkeeping
We'll set up your system or help you get up -to-date.
Small & home business specialist. At your office or ours.

Free Consultation
Doris @ 424-246-0246 or
Doris90272@gmail.com

Handyman

The Handy Hatts
Painting and Decorating Co.
SINCE 1967
RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL
SPECIALISTS IN ALL
DAMAGE REPAIR
"EXPERT IN GREEN CONCEPTS"
Free estimates, great referrals
FULL SERVICE HANDYMAN FROM A TO Z
Call Brian @
(310) 927-5120
(310) 915-7907
LIC# 888736

ELECTRICAL & Kitchen/Bath Remodeling, Additions, Carpentry, Tiles, Decks, Plumbing.,Stairs,Plans.Lic#612380. 310-770-3022

Massage

BLISSFUL RELAXATION! Experience Tranquility & Freedom from Stress through Nurturing & Caring touch in a total healing environment. Lynda, LMT: 310-749-0621

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



CALL TODAY FOR SPECIAL MONTHLY RATES!

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

Prepay your ad today!

VISA MasterCard American Express Card

(310) 458-7737

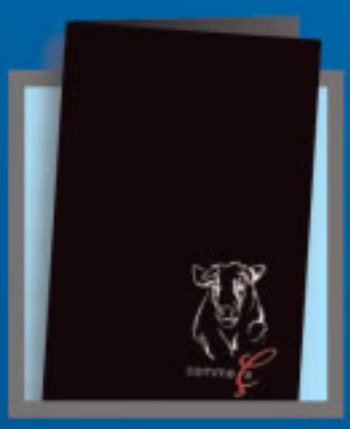
CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING CONDITIONS: REGULAR RATE: $5.50 a day. Ads over 15 words add 20¢ per word per day. Ad must run a minimum of twelve consecutive days. PREMIUMS: First two words caps no charge. Bold words, italics, centered lines, etc. cost extra. Please call for rates. TYPOS: Check your ad the first day of publication. Sorry, we do not issue credit after an ad has run more than once. DEADLINES: 3:00 p.m. prior the day of publication except for Monday's paper when the deadline is Friday at 2:30 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. OTHER RATES: For information about the professional services directory or classified display ads, please call our office at (310) 458-7737.

POSITIVE EXISTENCE

www.peprinting.com
310.314.3537

AT POSITIVE EXISTENCE

WE HAVE ALL YOUR RESTAURANT PRINTING NEEDS


MENU COVERS


TAKEOUT FLYERS



MENUS


DOOR HANGERS

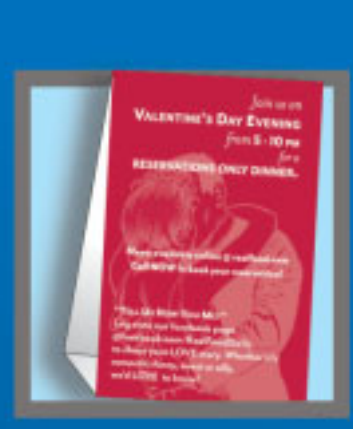


TABLE TENTS

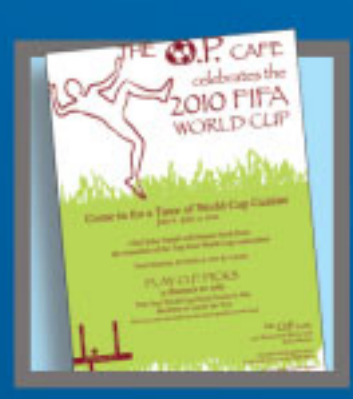


GIFT CERTIFICATES

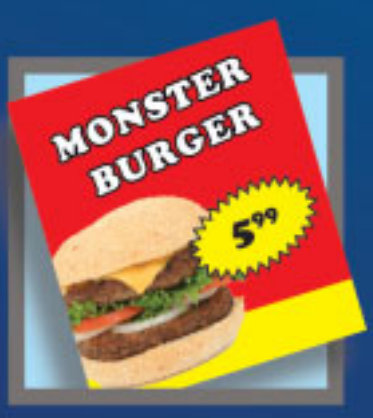

BUSINESS CARDS


COASTERS


POSTCARDS



COUPONS



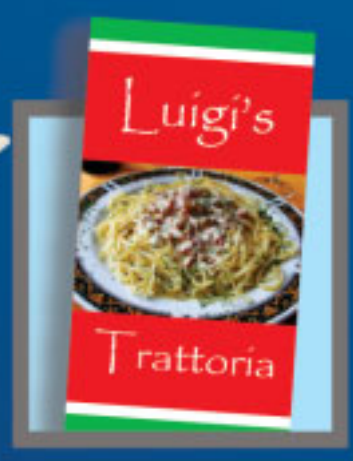
WINDOW CLINGS



CAR MAGNETS



MATCH BOOKS



SIGNS


LABELS

OUR LIST OF CLIENTS INCLUDES:

VALENTINO'S • CHEESE CAKE FACTORY • MELISSE • REAL FOOD DAILY • JIRAFFE • COMME ÇA • LAGO
BOSSA NOVA • FAT BURGER • LEMON MOON • OP CAFÉ • COFFEE BEAN • LA BREA BAKERY



Kate Bransfield

COLDWELL BANKER PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL

Featuring Your Home First!

....To find out how I get your home 1,000% more exposure online on over 100 websites

.....To find out the most up-to-date Santa Monica real estate information

....for a Virtual Tour & multiple photos of these Properties

visit:

www.SantaMonicaListings.com

Estates Director
Society of Excellence
Previews Properties Specialist
Coldwell Banker - Montana Avenue
310.395.1133

La Mesa Way
Extraordinary Santa Monica Estate

7 Bed + 8 Bath

Magical Grounds
Pool, Spa, Tennis Court

Massive Archways

Majestic Dual Staircases
Grace the Entry

Listed at $9,995,000



1424 Marguerita Ave



North of Montana
Wonderful, Corner Lot
5 Bed + 4.5 Bath

$2,999,000
Open Sunday
February 5th
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

619 Euclid Street



North of Montana
Great Square Footage
5 Bedrooms

$2,999,999
Open Sunday
February 5th
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

12220 Dorothy Street



Wonderful, Custom Country Kitchen
Newer, Brentwood Flats Traditional
$2,099,000

Open Sunday
February 5th
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

1000 Granville #101



Luxurious Brentwood Condo
2 Bed + 1.75 Bath
$999,000

Open Sunday
February 5th
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

1320 Princeton #101



Front Unit with Balcony
2 Bed + 2 Bath
$499,000

Call Kate for a
Private Showing

Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica Properties
From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale As of Late - January 2012

	-	Single Family Homes	Condos & Town-homes
Santa Monica Canyon	=	$1,900,000	$2,995,000
North of Montana	=	$3,195,999	$1,074,500
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	$1,985,000	$799,500
South of Wilshire	=	$799,000	$499,000
Sunset Park	=	$1,150,000	$499,000
Ocean Park	=	$1,399,000	$1,149,000

Statistics updated every Monday

1053 17th Street



Renovate or Rebuild
2 Bed + 1 Bath
$989,000

Call Kate for a showing

1751 Appian Way



Only ONE unit left!
Gorgeous Ocean Views

#101 1 + 1 $4,999 / Month

Kate Bransfield Proud Sponsor Of:

FRANKLIN Elementary School

Roosevelt Elementary School

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL
SANTA MONICA, CA

Santa Monica LITTLE LEAGUE

What is Your Home Worth? Contact Me to Find Out!

This is not intended as a solicitation if you currently have a broker. The information has been retrieved from the Multiple Listing Service. Some of these properties have been sold or listed with other Real Estate Agents.