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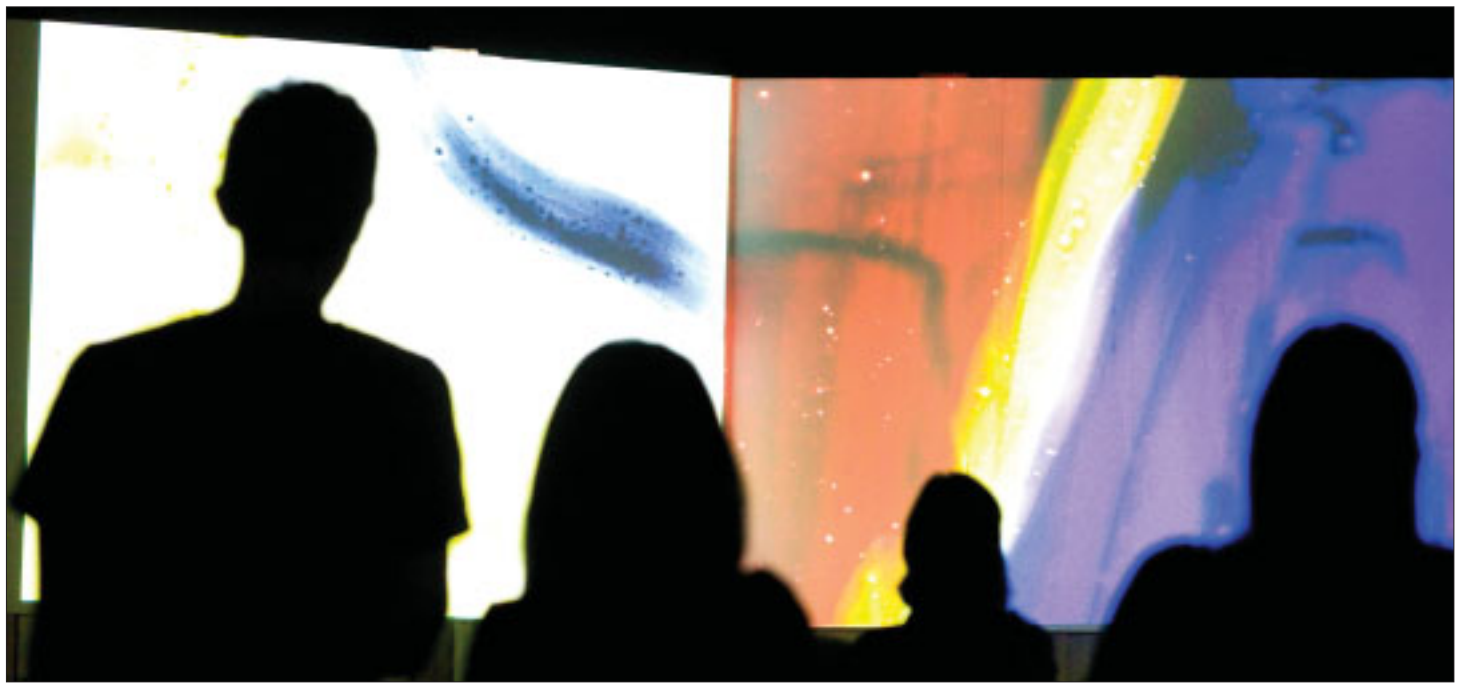
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THE LOOKS LIKE RAIN IS COMING ISSUE



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ALL AGLOW: **Visitors watch hand-drawn images of the coast line of the eastern Pacific Ocean during the 2010 Glow art festival.**

Staff starts to light the fire under Glow

Art festival to return in September of '13

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER Planning is already underway to bring a little Glow back to Santa Monica.

Over a year and a half of organizing and fundraising will take place before the Glow art festival, with its 20 massive installations and over 100 artists, makes its return to the Santa Monica Pier on Sept. 28, 2013.

In that time, the staff at Santa Monica's Cultural Affairs Division will work to raise outside donations for the event, which receives $100,000 in public funds, as well as select the artists and try to improve accessibility to the works, said Jessica Cusick, cultural affairs manager with City Hall.

"Not only do we have to select the artists, they have to think about what they're going to do," Cusick said. "Fundraising is a big chunk of it, and not short-changing all of the other responsibilities that come through our office."

2013 will be the third incarnation of the Glow festival, which debuted in Santa Monica in 2008 to mixed reviews.

The art was well-received, but the 200,000 people that swarmed the city expecting a rave atmosphere killed the

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Petition launched to reform health insurance

BY COLIN NEWTON
Special to the Daily Press

OCEAN PARK BLVD Think the cost of your health insurance is too high?

Santa Monica-based Consumer Watchdog does. The nonprofit, which advocates on behalf of taxpayers, has launched an online petition to put insurance reform on the ballot by the next statewide election.

The proposed ballot measure would require insurance companies to publicly justify rate increases before they went into effect.

The measure would also give Californians the right to challenge rate increases that are deemed unfair.

The petition needs 505,000 signatures by May 1, 2012.

"Californians are facing skyrocketing rate increases year after year," said Carmen Balber, campaign manager for Consumer Watchdog campaigns.

Health insurance rates went up five times the rate of inflation, Balber said.

Such a move would not be that different from other forms of insurance, like homeowners and automobile, where companies have to publicly justify their rate increases; also, some 35 states require health insurance companies to publicly justify their rate increases, Balber said.

"We think California consumers deserve the same protection," she said.

Information about the petition is being spread digitally in an effort to get it straight to Californians, Balber said.

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Community wages publicity war over hotel overhaul

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Community groups are waging a public relations war over a major overhaul of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, which will get its first official look by the Planning Commission Wednesday night.

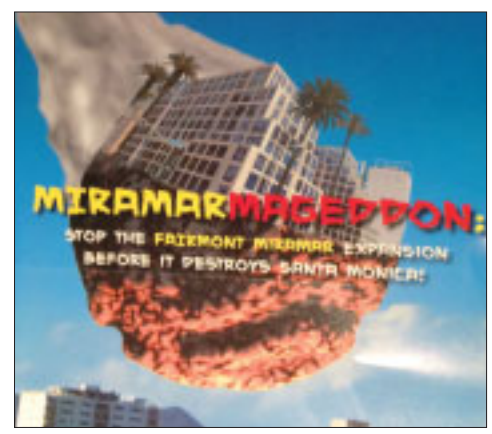
Efforts are spearheaded by two opposing organizations, Friends of the Miramar standing for the project and Santa Monicans Against the Miramar Expansion on the other side.

The Wilmont Neighborhood Coalition has also come out for the project, while Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City sent out an e-mail Saturday condemning the project as a "massive mixed-use project" out of place in the neighborhood.

Friends of the Miramar stacked its 25-member steering committee and four co-chairs with two former city managers and three former mayors amongst a host of other community leaders from the education, business and nonprofit sectors.

Santa Monicans Against the Miramar Expansion, on the other hand, has not publicly posted its leadership, although sources say the Huntley Hotel, which is located across the street from the Miramar, is involved and has hired an attorney and a public relations firm specifically for the issue.

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CHALLENGE IN THE MAIL: **A mailer making the rounds around town claims that the Fairmont project would 'destroy Santa Monica.'**


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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012

Talking it out
Santa Monica High School, cafeteria
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
How do you know if your child is heading down a dangerous path and how do you talk to him/her about it? Find out during a program presented by Dr. Richard Cohen, a psychotherapist, certified cognitive behavioral specialist, addictions counselor and treatment program developer. An innovator of mental health delivery in Southern California since 1975, he is the founder and CEO of Of One Mind, Innovative Behavioral Health, Addiction, and Educational Resources. He is particularly known for his creative skills and psychotherapeutic strategies in working with adolescents, individuals, families and larger social networks.

Follow the bouncing ball
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Warm up your throat for the Senior Center Sing-a-Long. Show off your songbird skills at this interactive event, led weekly by Douglas and Marybeth. Must be a Senior Center Member and 50 or older to participate. Senior Center membership is free. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Our story
Broad Stage
1310 11th St., Times vary
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.

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012

Bring your own bird
Main Library Branch
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
In preparation for this year's Raymond Chandler Citywide Read, join in on a discussion of Dashiell Hammett's own addition to California hard boiled fiction, "The Maltese Falcon." This presentation and discussion of the book should provide background information on a classic of the genre. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Done in an hour
Shoshana Wayne Gallery
Bergamot Station, 6 p.m.
"One Hour/One Painting" is a meditation on art — literally. Author Peter Clothier, art historian, biographer and Buddhist practitioner/writer specializing in creativity ("Mind Work"), invites 20 people to apply the principles of meditation and contemplation for slow-viewing and deep insights into one painting for one hour. The inaugural focus will be on Izhar Patkin's 2011 work "The Dead Are Here." $25; if seats are still open, RSVP to mail@shoshanawayne.com or call (310) 453-7535.

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012

Ask the staff
Ken Edwards Center
1527 4th St., 5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
In connection with the Be Excited! Be Prepared campaign, City Hall is hosting this open house meeting where Santa Monica residents, employees, business owners and other community members can talk with staff and project managers about topics like the pending Expo light rail and Parking Structure 6 construction. For more information, call (310) 458-8301 or visit www.smconstructs.org.

Farm in the backyard
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Join experts in a lively discussion about how gardens grow. Moderated by Darra Henigan from the Santa Monica Farmers' Market. Stay afterward for market treats prepared by chef Sal Marino. Part of the Santa Monica Farmers' Market 2012 quarterly library panel series. Free and open to the public.

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WORK: **Samohi's Fabio Alvarez (center) makes a play against Inglewood earlier this season. The Vikings are in first place in the Ocean League.**

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi boys' soccer in line to score league title

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Undefeated in the Ocean League with two games to go, Santa Monica High School's boys' soccer team controls its own destiny.

Sitting at 6-2-0, the Vikings are preparing for a pair of road games this week to complete the regular season unbeaten to secure a league title.

First up is a tilt with Morningside today at 2:30 p.m. That sets up a crucial game to close the year against second place Hawthorne.

The Vikings enter the week ranked No. 6 in the latest CIF-Southern Section Division 4 poll, which was released on Monday.

Fellow league team Beverly Hills is ranked No. 9 in the same poll.

ST. MONICA GIRLS HAVE SHOT AT PLAYOFFS

St. Monica's girls' basketball team heads into the final week of the regular season with the playoffs on the brain.

The Mariners are 4-2 in the Camino Real League, good for a second place tie with St. Joseph. Both teams trail first place LaSalle by half a game. There's a realistic shot at capturing the league title for St. Monica with a pair of victories this week. They would need help, but the possibility does exist.

St. Monica begins the stretch run tonight at Mary Star of the Sea. The game begins at 7 p.m. The Mariners close the regular season at home against Cantwell-Sacred Heart on Thursday. The game will also begin at 7 p.m.

VIKINGS INCH UP POLL

Samohi's boys' basketball team has moved up a spot in the latest CIF-SS Division 1AA poll.

The Vikings now sit at No. 6 as they prepare to finish the regular season with a pair of games on the road.

Samohi first faces Morningside today. The game is a rematch of a thriller at Samohi. The Vikings, on the strength of 5 points in the final minute by Jordan Mathews, held off the Monarchs. A fight ensued after the contest between fans from each team. As a precaution, the Vikings plan to have a police escort as they take to the road hoping to clinch an Ocean League title.

Samohi is tied with Inglewood for first place, with the teams splitting the pair of league meetings.

Inglewood is scheduled to take on Beverly Hills and Morningside to close the regular season.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

No parking

Parking Structure 6 is going down slightly sooner than expected. The structure, located at 1431 Second St., is closing on Monday, Feb. 13 for construction. All cars must exit the structure by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12.

The previous closing date was Wednesday, Feb. 15.

The new structure should offer environmental improvements, and is set to provide over 700 spaces, including rack space for up to 90 bicycles and 19 motorcycles.

All other Downtown parking structures will remain open, including the Civic Center facilities on Olympic Drive and Fourth Street.

Construction on Parking Structure 6 is expected to be completed in late 2013. For more information, visit www.smconstructs.org.

– COLIN NEWTON

CYBERSPACE

Find a spot

Looking for a parking spot in Santa Monica can be a headache sometimes, but now relief might be as close as your smart phone.

City Hall has launched a new mobile phone-friendly map that provides parking availability information for Santa Monica's 33 Downtown and beach-side parking facilities.

The site uses Global Positioning System technology to indicate where the closest and least populated parking lots would be.

The parking map is the first in a wave of information about Santa Monica services, facilities and resources that should be available for phones this spring, city officials said.

The parking map is available online at www.smgov.net/mobileparkingmaps.

– CN

Ballot could be crowded with new tax-hike plans

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Proponents of a millionaire's tax said Monday they would immediately begin collecting signatures for a November ballot initiative to raise income taxes on California's wealthiest residents, even as Gov. Jerry Brown and another group push their own tax-hike campaigns.

The California Federation of Teachers and the Courage Campaign are among the groups backing the proposed ballot initiative

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Flattery will get you nowhere

Editor:

Development agreements continue to be a hot topic in Santa Monica, and they should be. On Wednesday, the Planning Commission will discuss a large new development planned for the Miramar Hotel site facing our famed beachfront.

No doubt residents concerned about the large-scale and permanent impact of this project will address the commission and send letters and e-mails. But I can't help but wonder if it's a fair contest.

City Hall's official Planning Commission Caselist (Google: smgov.net planning caselist) contains a saccharine description, copied exactly here:

"Proposed Revitalization Includes: Preserving Morton Bay Fig Tree & Palisades Building; Providing Increased Open Space w/ New Plaza @ Corner of Wilshire & Ocean; Removing Surrounding Walls; Replacing 2 Surface Parking Lots w/ New Retail Shops; Adding Up to 120 For-Sale Condominiums & Affordable Housing Per Code; Creating 150 New Jobs; Objective to Obtain LEED Silver Certification for All New Buildings; & Provide for All Uses (freeing up 100-150 On-Street Parking Spaces)."

This description for the Miramar expansion — probably taken from the developer's own words — leads with and emphasizes "revitalization;" "preserving" a landmarked tree (already legally protected, by the way); and "increased open space." It attests new jobs, although I note that jobs are not mentioned for any other project on the caselist.

Why doesn't city staff's far-too-commendatory description mention the two new tall towers, up to 11 stories? Or use descriptors like "significant expansion?" How about "Resulting complex will have as many square feet as the new Santa Monica Place, and will change the Santa Monica coastal skyline dramatically, right up against the open-design Palisades Park?"

The language used by city staff should be objective and avoid flattery. And residents should speak up on this one. Current Planning Commission roster appears at bit.ly/SMPlanningCommission.

Jennifer Polhemus
Co-founder, Friends of Sunset Park

A weak city

Editor:

Reading your article "Santa Monica is a 'strong' city," Jan. 20, page 3, I first moved here in November of 1987 to my aunt's condo there just above Pacific Coast Highway and Sunset Boulevard. My aunt explains to me how expensive the real estate is here; coming from Oregon, the pricing was mind-boggling.

She then directs my son and I to explore to the south the city of Santa Monica. I am mind-boggled again to note among this outrageously priced real estate, there are bums and homeless obviously suffering from mental illness living all over the streets.

I returned here a few months ago from my home state of Oregon only to find the real estate to be more expensive and the bums and homeless to be worse than ever, and you are getting away with calling this a strong city? Seems your perceivatory [sic] skills and common sense might still be in your "duffle bag" so to speak? Or let's continue to be phony and fake, gulp, what's going to be the bottom line here? What do you think?

Rebecca Anderson
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Life in the self-improvement bubble

WE LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE BEAUTIFUL. Our world is a bubble of gyms, yoga studios, waxers, trainers, nutritionists, life coaches, publicists, managers and agents. There are stylists and hairdressers to tell us what to wear and how to style our hair. We are surrounded by images and messages that tell us how we should look, dress and behave.

I have friends who only eat vegan, others are on the paleo diet, which is different from the primal diet I understand. There are those of us who are avid triathletes, and others who prefer to workout with hunks of iron in the park in a "boot camp" style group exercise.

Santa Monica is ground zero in self-improvement and becoming the best you can be. I like that for the most part. We are a society that is incredibly rich in our abilities to improve our lives.

This past weekend I was blessed to spend the morning at the Annenberg Community Beach House, the historically significant location where William R. Hearst and his "lady friend" Marion Davies entertained. The reason for my good fortune was the launch of BetterYou.com.

BetterYou.com is a website dedicated to the latest trends in health, fitness and beauty. I was invited by Hope Horner, who I've known for a few years now, to come out and explore the latest trends and newest information about health and beauty.

The day was gorgeous and as the bustling concierges of BetterYou.com were scurrying about in the last minute throes of event production I was able to wander amongst private chefs, private trainers and make-up sales ladies from Mary Kay.

The folks at ChefsDiet.com were there talking about how convenient and easy it is to have a private chef today. I wanted to sample some of their food which looked great in the brochure, but alas they weren't cooking. I was able to sample some of the goodies from Garden of Eating (www.goecatering.com), who had some tasty treats in the form of various healthy-ish breads and those little quiches that are so tasty but probably not very low-fat and heart-healthy.

The BetterYou event gave me an opportunity to have an interesting conversation with Lisa from Sugar Me, www.lasugaring.com, who grabbed my attention with a picture of a half naked man. She has this picture of a client of hers that is a mixed martial arts athlete and it draws a lot of oohs and ahhs. I've wondered for years what sugaring is, and it turns out that it is hair removal using melted sugar.

She got my attention quickly, because I know that sugar burns are brutally painful, and I could not imagine what this was all about. Lisa has this very comforting demeanor, which I imagine you would need if you are going to put something hot on someone and then rip out their hair by the root. As we chatted, a pair of ladies were asking her questions and as she explains the process, I give in and let her do a small section of my wrist. It wasn't too painful, and there was just a bit of redness for a few hours afterwards.

I don't know that I'll be having large, or even small, portions of my body sugared, but it was good to learn something new, which is why I love going to events like this one. Seeing people start new businesses and finding new ways to improve myself is a very rewarding experience. I love trying new things, and this weekend I also tried out the latest trend in hydration, coconut water.

Vita Coco's an all-natural, super-hydrating, fat-free, cholesterol-free, nutrient-packed, potassium-stacked, mega-electrolyte coconut water that doesn't have a very strong coconut flavor actually. The one that I tried was peach/mango flavor that was mild and smooth. I'd wondered about it, because I see so many people drinking it around town, and now I know what all the hubbub is about.

There was a selection of physical trainers, but I think my favorite was Sonki Fitness, (www.sonkifitness.com) founded by Sonki Hong, who must be a living Energizer Bunny. He is a West Point grad, who won more awards that I can name. Definitely a superstar in the fitness arena and his bootcamps are quite popular.

Overall the BetterYou.com launch event was a great success and a wonderful opportunity to showcase the Annenberg Beach House in all its glory. I learned a ton this weekend, and I'm sure that if you to go beteryou.com, you'll find some great resources to keep yourself in shape and looking your best.

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After the Bell

Merv Hecht
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So many ways to make money on the market

MANY INVESTORS ARE AFRAID TO GO into the stock market today because of the extreme volatility. From day to day the Dow Jones and other indices suddenly are moving up and down in unusual swings.

But what many do not realize is that this psychologically-driven market often creates a buying opportunity.

For example: Whirlpool (WHR) is one of the leading companies in the United States, and has been in business since 1898. Whirlpool Corporation engages in the manufacture and marketing of home appliances worldwide.

A few weeks ago when the company announced that earnings were down and they would be laying off some staff, the stock dropped precipitously from about $65 a share to about $50 a share. Recently, since I started writing this article, it has started to move back up.

At $50 a share the annual dividend is over 4 percent! While it is possible that the dividend will be reduced, there has been no such suggestion from the company. And it seems more likely that after cost cutting efforts and a return to a more normal economy, customers will be buying refrigerators and dishwashers — all over the world — and the profits will come back up. Meanwhile, 4 percent is not a bad return in today's financial world.

Personally I'm an option writer. So when an opportunity like this arises I either sell 10 puts at 50, collecting in a $3,000 premium, or buy the stock and sell calls against it, taking in about 12 percent a year in returns between the call premiums and the dividend.

(Addendum: Whirlpool stock announced record earnings last week and the stock jumped from $55 a share to $68! For those that took my advice (originally on my website about one month ago) this was good news. For those that wrote covered calls against the stock at $60, they picked up the option premium plus $5 a share — not bad, but they left a lot on the table. For pure option writers it was a bitter pill.)

BETTER TO HAVE OPTIONS

Why do I like options? Because by writing calls against my stocks, I sometimes make a profit even when I pick a dog.

One of the worst performing stocks I bought in 2011 was TEVA. But it's been a good source of call premium income, and now has started to move up toward my purchase price of $45.

I have been holding the March 42.50 calls for which I received $1,300 when I sold the calls.

Last week the stock went over $42.50. I decided not to let it be called away.

So I bought back the March $42.50 calls and paid $2,765. At the same time I sold the June $45 calls and took in $2,275.

In other words, I gave back $500 in cash of the original premium I had received in order to move up 2 1/2 points (or $2,500 on my 1,000 shares). From a tax point of view I have a loss ($2,765 less $1,300) so far. If the stock doesn't go over $45 in the next six months I will still have a profit on the options.

That doesn't look likely with the stock now at $44.50 and the market looking hot. But if the stock goes to $45, which was my cost, I can let it be called away, receive my $45 cost, and come out way ahead from the option premiums.

My point is that by writing calls against my stocks, I sometimes make a profit even on those stocks that temporarily go down in value after I buy them. And sometimes even if they stay down.

Another way to buy stocks is to look for a promising technology. I recently read an article about Nuance Communications, Inc. (NUAN). This is the leading company in voice recognition technology. This technology seems to be a very hot area.

When, through research, I discovered that the company has a contract with IBM to joint venture the technology, I recommended the stock on my website. That was in December, when the stock was trading at about $24. Personally I wrote a naked put at $21 a share, and took in a premium of over $1,100. By doing that I agreed to buy the stock if it went down to $21 a share. Of course even if it did go down that much, over 10 percent, I would have been OK to buy the stock at that price, reduced even more by the cash premium I had already received.

The stock has now moved up to $28 a share. For those that bought the stock, their investment has gone up 20 percent. For humble option writers like me, I am ahead only 10 percent. But I have to wait until April until my potential obligation expires.

For information about **MERV HECHT** and more details on the strategies and stocks he writes about in this column, visit his web site at DoubleYourYield.com. Look for his financial column to begin appearing regularly on Mondays.

The Q Line

Permit plan

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is considering increasing the number of permits it offers to students from outside of the district.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you support the district's permit proposal or do you think that they should back off the idea?

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**.


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SAN GABRIEL

Train trench dig finds artifacts near old mission

Archaeologists have dug up thousands of pieces of history along the route of a planned train trench near the historic San Gabriel Mission.

The Los Angeles Times says some 20,000 artifacts have been uncovered so far, including coins from the 1800s, chunks of pottery, Native American shells and railroad spikes.

A 30-member team of archaeologists is working along the path of a $498 million, 2.2-mile trench that will lower existing train tracks 30 feet, easing traffic tie-ups along the San Gabriel Valley route east of Los Angeles.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Court upholds deputy killer's death penalty

The California Supreme Court says the death penalty is an appropriate sentence for a gang member convicted of shooting to death a Los Angeles sheriff's deputy 17 years ago.

The unanimous court on Monday rejected the self-defense claims of Freddie Fuiava.

Deputy Stephen Blair was questioning Fuiava and another man in the Lynwood area of Los Angeles County after seeing them discard a loaded handgun on May 12, 1995.

The defense claimed that Blair opened fire on Fuiava first. Prosecutors alleged Fuiava was the one to start shooting out of fear of returning to prison.

The Supreme Court ruled that the jury and judge had a sound basis to convict Fuiava of first-degree murder. It said any legal error made during the trial was "harmless."

AP

LOS ANGELES

Ex-jailhouse chief says probe is a witch hunt

A retired commander says he's the target of a rigged Los Angeles Sheriff's Department internal investigation designed to shield top brass from blame in jailhouse excessive force probes.

Robert Olmsted, a 32-year sheriff's veteran who was the top jail commander when he retired in 2010, said earlier that he warned Sheriff Lee Baca and other managers about shoddy deputy use-of-force investigations.

He also told them he was concerned about deputies forming aggressive cliques.

The Sheriff's Department confirms there's an investigation to determine if anyone stopped Olmsted from correcting the jailhouse problems.

Olmsted calls it a witch hunt, telling the Los Angeles Times that the department will alter and mask the truth to discredit him.

Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore denies the investigation is designed to scapegoat the former jailhouse chief.

AP

MONTEREY PARK

County man arrested in death of pregnant wife

Los Angeles County homicide detectives have arrested a 41-year-old man after the death of his pregnant wife.

Sheriff's Deputy Mark Pope said Hongxin Liu is being held Sunday on $1 million bail in a jail in Monterey Park, 10 miles east of downtown LA.

Authorities say earlier Sunday Liu got into a violent dispute with his wife, 39-year-old Chenan Bao, who was three months pregnant with their second child.

Pope says Bao later died from her injuries, and detectives arrested Liu.

The couple's 2-year-old daughter was put in the care of child welfare officials.

The Sheriff's Department would release no further details on the circumstances surrounding the death, and said the exact cause would be determined by the coroner this week.

Liu is scheduled to appear in court Wednesday.

AP

SAN FRANCISCO

Tech company move boosts mayor's branding push

San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee's effort to brand the city as the world's high-tech capital is getting a boost as cloud-computing company Riverbed Technology Inc. announced its new downtown headquarters.

The mayor said Monday the company's move to the renovated 168,000-square-foot space could bring more than 600 new tech jobs to the city.

Riverbed plans to move into its new offices in the South of Market neighborhood in 2014. It has signed a 10-year lease.

Since his successful effort last year to persuade Twitter Inc. to stay in San Francisco, Lee has cultivated an image as a tech-friendly politician eager to present the city as a Silicon Valley alternative.

The city's 7.6-percent unemployment rate is below the national average, helped by its thriving tech scene.

AP

SANTA ANA

New charges for suspect in homeless killings

A former Marine already accused of killing four homeless men was charged Monday with two new counts of murder in the stabbing deaths of his high school friend's mother and older brother.

Itzcoatl Ocampo, 23, was charged in the stabbing deaths of 53-year-old Raquel Estrada and her son 34-year-old Juan Herrera. Charges were dropped Friday against Estrada's son Eder Herrera, 24, a former schoolmate of Ocampo.

Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas said Ocampo didn't only prey on the homeless.

"The homeless people killed were all easy victims but he clearly wasn't limited to that," Rackauckas said to reporters. "He's just a monstrous serial killer."

Ocampo appeared in court but his arraignment was postponed to March 16 after his attorney sought more time to look into the new allegations.

"I'm shocked as to these charges," said defense attorney Randall Longwith.

Estrada and her son were killed in their home in October, and Herrera was arrested shortly after, but Rackauckas said "significant evidence" was found linking Ocampo to the mother and son killings after DNA samples were taken from his home.

AP

CDC: Kids exposed to excessive smoke in cars

LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO Texting while driving, speeding and back-seat hanky-panky aren't all that parents need to worry about when their kids are in cars: Add secondhand smoke to the list.

In the first national estimate of its kind, a report from government researchers says more than 1 in 5 high school students and middle schoolers ride in cars while others are smoking.

This kind of secondhand smoke exposure has been linked with breathing problems and allergy symptoms, and more restrictions are needed to prevent it, the report says.

With widespread crackdowns on smoking in public, private places including homes and cars are where people encounter secondhand smoke these days. Anti-smoking advocates have zeroed in on cars because of research showing they're potentially more dangerous than smoke-filled bars and other less confined areas.

The research, from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was released online Monday in Pediatrics.

The study is based on national surveys done at public and private high schools and middle schools. Students were asked how often they rode in cars while someone was smoking within the past week. The most common answer was one or two days. The smoker could mean other kids or parents; the study didn't specify.

A CDC fact sheet suggests even small amounts of secondhand smoke can be risky.

"There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke," the CDC says.

Overall, 22 percent of teens and pre-teens were exposed to secondhand smoke in cars in 2009, the latest data available. That figure declined gradually during the decade, from 40 percent in 2000, the study found. But still, the numbers of kids still facing the risks "is certainly problematic," said CDC researcher Brian King, the study's lead author.

"The car is the only source of exposure for some of these children, so if you can reduce that exposure, it's definitely advantageous for health," King said.

The CDC advises parents to not allow smoking in their homes and cars, and says opening a car window will not protect kids from cigarette smoke inside.

Lawmakers delay hearing on school trans fat ban

KRISTEN WYATT
Associated Press

DENVER The nation's leanest state is taking its sweet time as it considers a proposal aimed at getting junk food out of schools.

A Colorado House committee was expected to discuss a bill that represents the nation's toughest regulations meant to keep trans fat away from students, but lawmakers Thursday delayed the hearing without explanation.

The bill would forbid trans fat in cafeteria lunches — but it wouldn't stop there.

The proposed ban would apply to snacks in vending machines, bake sale goodies and popular "a la carte" items on lunch lines such as ice creams or pizza, requiring any such treats to be prepared without artery-clogging trans fats.

Small amounts of trans fats occur naturally in many meat and dairy products, but most come from partially hydrogenated cooking oil. Many types of cooking fats, such as shortening, are available without trans fat.

Colorado's measure would not apply to naturally occurring trans fats. But setting the proposal apart from other states with similar restrictions is a provision that extends to before- and after-school hours.

Delaware and California, for example, both ban school food with trans fat, but not at all after-school activities.

Colorado has the nation's lowest obesity rate, but that percentage is rising among young people.

In 2007, Colorado's childhood obesity rate was the nation's third-best. By 2010 it ranked 23rd according to the Colorado Health Foundation, a change researchers attribute to sedentary behavior and a growing childhood poverty rate.

Lawmakers who sponsored the measure, a Republican and a Democrat, said that for Colorado to hang onto its prized leanest-state title the state has to make healthy eating a higher priority for children.

"Colorado is one of the healthiest states but has the one of the highest rates of childhood obesity," said House Education Chairman Tom Massey, R-Poncha Springs, one of the bill's sponsors. "So if we're going to do something about that, this is a step in the right direction."

The American Heart Association and other supporters of the measure are working to assure skeptical lawmakers that the ban wouldn't forbid childhood faves such as pizza and french fries.

"You can still have the exact same food," association lobbyist Susanna Morris said. "You'd have to find different ways of preparing them."

Colorado's Department of Education doesn't have a statewide trans fat standard.

Janelle Asmus, a spokeswoman for the state education department, said a review "found the amount of trans fat in a school meal to be minimal."

But, Asmus added, the review didn't include items for sale in vending machines and after-school activities such as bake sales.

The Legislature has not estimated how much the change would cost local schools. The bill would not require changes to school kitchens or food preparation methods.

Colorado's best-known school nutritionist says the complete trans fat ban is do-able. Ann Cooper, author of the "Renegade Lunch Lady" blog, is in charge of food service at the Boulder Valley district, thought to be the only public school district in the state that is trans fat free.

"We don't serve convenience food. We don't serve junk food," Cooper said. "That's where the trans fat is. You cook from scratch, it's not a problem cutting all the trans fat."

If approved, Colorado's trans-fat ban would take effect next school year. Supporters say the proposal may be amended to give schools more time to comply, a change they accept. The bill may also be amended to exempt fundraisers from the ban, protecting many sporting-event concessions such as nachos.



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LOOK OF THE FUTURE?: **The Fairmont's project would open the corner of Ocean Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard. The current layout has the hotel surrounded by a wall at the corner.**

FAIRMONT

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Neither group nor hotel representatives returned phone calls for comment by presstime.

Santa Monicans Against the Miramar Expansion sent out a mailer to homes throughout Santa Monica encouraging residents to oppose what it characterizes as an attempt by New York developers to demolish the historic hotel and replace it with a "Las Vegas style hotel-condo-retail complex."

The mailer included a photo of a massive development perched atop a flaming asteroid and the phrase "Miramarmageddon."

The hotel's owner, MSD Capital, disputes many of the claims in the mailer and at the organization's website, www.savesantamonica.com.

The opposition group turned up the heat six or eight weeks ago, said Alan Epstein, an executive with MSD Capital, an investment arm of Michael Dell, the business magnate who founded Dell Inc. The team addresses each of the allegations in a 38-page letter describing the project submitted to the Planning Commission.

"In order to stir up controversy, they say that the applicant is a New York-based developer," Epstein said. "The applicant is the owner of the hotel, and has owned it for six years."

Charges that the project would disrupt a "tranquil residential neighborhood" and that it included a "Hollywood style nightclub" on the roof are untrue, Epstein said.

They did get one right.

"They say we'll increase retail by 1,200 percent, and numerically, that's true," Epstein said.

Right now, the only store in the hotel is a small sundries shop that sells Q-tips and other necessities. The plan would add three other retail stores.

The severity of the attacks surprised Epstein.

"We're now at a float up stage. We don't even have a project definition," Epstein said. "It's a free country, but this is a little early."

Not so for Robert Gurfield, who owns a condominium on the 1100 block of Third Street.

The proposed hotel will reach 133 feet tall in some places and block many people's views of the ocean, decreasing their property values.

It wasn't what Gurfield expected when he bought his condo six years ago, when he was told by the Planning Department that nothing could get higher than 45 feet.

The next day, he opened escrow on the property.

"Now they're waffling on that … I feel a little chagrined. I would have had second thoughts about buying this place if I knew the view was not going to be permanent," Gurfield said.

He's also concerned with other impacts to the neighborhood, particularly congestion as a result of the up to 120 condominiums that the hotel owners propose to build on the top floors of the hotel.

"Does Santa Monica need more high-end condos?" he asked.

It's something he hopes the Planning Commission will consider once they look at the project Wednesday.

Proponents of the project see the Miramar's renovation as an opportunity to fix up the hotel and bring in much-needed revenues to both City Hall and the schools.

Rebecca Kennerly, an education advocate and co-chair of the Community for Excellent Public Schools, also co-chairs the Friends of the Miramar.

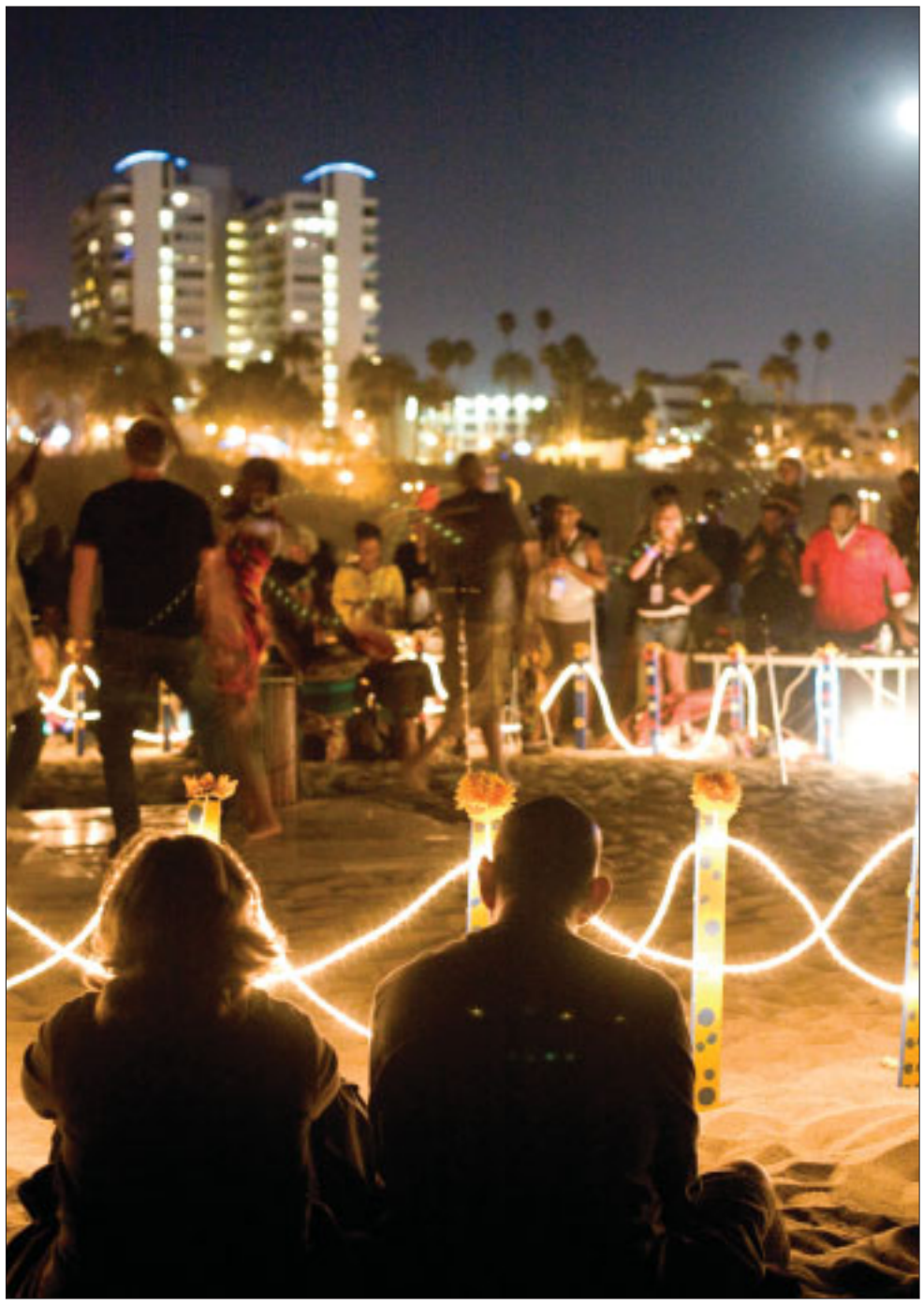
Development is not usually her thing, Kennerly said, but she felt that seeing the hotel succeed married two dovetailing interests: Creating a good development in Downtown and creating tax revenues shared with the schools.

"With the way the city and our schools are paired right now, it just seemed like a natural fit," Kennerly said.

Estimates commissioned by MSD Capital show the revamped hotel bringing in $5 million in revenues to City Hall on top of what the current hotel already provides.

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GATHERED: **Visitors sit together around a circle under the moon as performers and musicians act out The Tongva/Gabrieleno myth of the Sun and the Coyote during the 2010 edition of Glow.**

GLOW
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mood for many who had difficulty getting to the installations at the heart of the event.

"What we've been consistently good at is the quality of the art," Cusick said. "What got better between 2008 and 2010 is the participants' experience."

The idea of a signature art festival emerged during the Creative Capital process, a year-long dialogue that resulted in a collective vision for the future of arts and culture in Santa Monica.

It took the form of a "Nuit Blanche," a French creation that put art on display at night. The phrase translates to "white night," the French equivalent of an "all-nighter."

Though the festival was conceived as a biennial event, Glow took an extra year between its second and third incarnations to regroup and fix problems that arose in 2008 and 2010.

"We felt that Glow is amazing, but we'd like to make some improvements to it in terms of access and making it a little easier on the artists who participate," Cusick said.

The previous two events met all requirements for participants with disabilities, but even the able-bodied found it difficult to negotiate the sand to get to the installations set up on the beach.

Artists found that they needed a logistical switch as well. In the past, each participant set up their creation the morning of the event, which in 2008 closed as the sun came up the next day and in 2010 ended at 3 a.m.

It was a marathon, Cusick said, and left participants high and dry if their piece had a technical issue just before the event.

Glow 2013 will let artists set up their projects the day before in order to get any problems out of the way. While it's helpful for artists and the city team, it's also much more expensive because it means more security.

The 2010 show had a $550,000 budget. Much of that was in-kind services and approximately two-thirds of the budget goes to "infrastructure" costs, like police and fire protection.

"The art piece of it is, unfortunately, rather small," Cusick said.

Allowing the artists to set up the day before makes for a better show, but raises the cost, something that Cusick and her staff of four are still grappling with.

Glow doesn't have a corporate sponsor, but it does have support within the business and tourism sections of Santa Monica, including the Convention & Visitors Bureau and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., formerly known as Bayside.

Businesses stay open late and run specials that night, and the 2010 event filled hotel rooms, a fact that encouraged staff to move the event from summer to September, when hotel stays were lighter.

Although it's easy to make a case for the economics of Glow, it's become a critical piece of the city's identity, Cusick said.

"We needed a signature arts event," she said. "We didn't want it to be just another art show, we wanted it to be a signature event that was uniquely Santa Monica."

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INSURANCE
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U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein authored an e-mail in support of the petition to be sent to registered voters, and the petition itself is available online, and can be viewed, downloaded and printed as a one page document, Balber said.

"That's fairly unique because most petitions are too long to fit on one page," she said.

However, some organizations do not see the petition as positive.

Both the California Hospital Association (CHA) and the California Medical Association (CMA), a group that advocates for doctors and patients, have come out against the petition.

Paul Phinney, president elect of CMA, said that he understands that healthcare insurance is expensive for patients, but the initiative does nothing to address those costs aside from creating bureaucratic red tape.

Phinney cited a state law, passed in 2010, that requires insurance companies to file with the California Department of Managed Health Care and the California Department of Insurance information about changes in rates for individual and small groups at least 60 days before they take effect.

"We need to let that legislation work for a while, see how well it's going to work," Phinney said.

Jan Emerson-Shea, vice president of external affairs with CHA, said the petition also fails to take into account how hospitals obtain money.

Due to federal cuts, hospitals in California lose money on Medical and Medicaid patients they take in, she said.

"They do not pay their fair share of the cost of care," Emerson-Shea said.

The lost money is made up by shifting it to funds that come from insurance plans, she said.

And that's money that needs to go toward state mandates, like the Seismic Retrofit Program, a statewide program that requires hospitals to replace or retrofit buildings to a higher earthquake safety standard, in some cases by 2013, or be closed, Emerson-Shea said.

It's an important program, but one that comes without any state or federal funding, she said.

"When you look at the measure, it does nothing to address those concerns," she said.

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TAXES
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to raise income taxes on people who make more than $1 million a year.

Supporters expect to raise the $2 million they will need to get the initiative on this year's general election ballot, then another $8 million to $10 million for the campaign.

"We're the one measure that doesn't put an additional burden on the back of middle-class and working-class families," campaign chairman Anthony Thigpen said during a conference call with reporters.

The proposal also is supported by the California Nurses Association, one of the state's most powerful interest groups.

It is one of three tax increase campaigns planned for the November ballot, each of which has influential supporters that have been politically aligned in the past.

Brown has warned that a ballot containing too many similar-sounding tax initiatives could confuse voters and jeopardize success.

The Democratic governor has raised nearly $2.2 million for his own proposal, which would temporarily raise income tax rates on those who make more than $250,000 a year, and increase the state sales tax by half a cent. The California Federation of Teachers and other groups oppose the broad-based sales tax increase, which they said affects those who can least afford to pay more.

The third initiative is being promoted by wealthy Los Angeles attorney Molly Munger. It would raise income taxes on a sliding scale to boost funding for public schools.

Munger has given $800,000 of her own money for the initiative, but it's not clear if her plan is backed by any other deep-pocketed financial supporters. The California Parent Teacher Association, which supports the measure, could help generate grass-roots support throughout the state.









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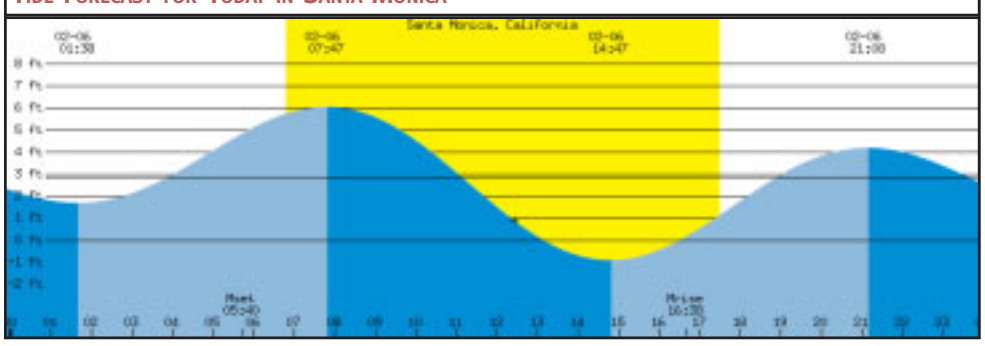
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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 2
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- Number of wet days -- 6
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / 19
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillos 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 Las 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.	D	D
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	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Corbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A	D
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
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
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	B
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	B
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward 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	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	B
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 CBW 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
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NFL

Raiders pick Stanford's Tarver to lead defense

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. The Oakland Raiders didn't look far to find a defensive coordinator.

The Raiders on Monday hired Stanford's Jason Tarver, who helped shape one of the Pac-12's top defenses while serving as co-defensive coordinator and overseeing the linebackers under rookie head coach David Shaw last season.

Tarver had spent the previous decade as a 49ers assistant, including the final six seasons (2005-2010) coaching the outside linebackers. After the 49ers hired Jim Harbaugh, Tarver went back to the college ranks to team with co-defensive coordinator Derek Mason at Stanford.

Tarver returns to the NFL with an even more monumental task.

Despite having many high-priced players on that side of the ball, the Raiders struggled mightily on defense last season. Oakland had franchise worsts in touchdown passes allowed (31), yards per carry (5.1), yards passing (4,262) and total yards (6,201) while giving up the third-most points (433) in team history.

Just last offseason, cornerback Stanford Routt, linebacker Kamerion Wimbley, defensive tackle Richard Seymour and safety Michael Huff received contracts worth more than $160 million combined. That quartet joined former top 10 pick Rolando McClain, who signed a $40 million, five-year deal when he was drafted in 2010; and defensive tackle Tommy Kelly, who just finished the fourth year of a $50.5 million, seven-year contract, on one of the league's most expensive defenses.

And least productive.

The Raiders joined this year's Tampa Bay team as one of the four teams to allow at least 30 TD passes and 5.0 yards per carry in a season, a distinction last reached by the 1952 Dallas Texans. The Raiders, who finished 8-8 last season, also became the sixth team since the 1970 merger to allow at least 2,000 yards rushing and 4,000 yards passing in a season.

That prompted new general manager Reggie McKenzie to fire Hue Jackson after one season as coach and hire Dennis Allen, the former Denver Broncos defensive coordinator. Allen and Tarver will share the task of fixing two long-standing problems on defense: stopping the run and reducing penalties.

The Raiders set an NFL record last season with 163 penalties for 1,358 yards.

The 37-year-old Tarver received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Santa Clara in 1997. He also earned his master's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from UCLA and the departmental prize for distinguished teaching in 1998 and 2000.

Under the tutelage of Tarver and Mason, Stanford's defense ranked either first or second in the Pac-12 in eight categories last season. That included first in total defense (331.4 yards) and rushing defense (107.8 yards) per game in the offense-oriented league.

Stanford also lost 53-30 at home to Oregon, costing the program a shot at the Pac-12 and BCS championships. The Cardinal finished with an 11-2 record, including a 41-38 overtime loss in the Fiesta Bowl to Oklahoma State.

The Raiders now have all three coordinators in place.

Greg Knapp replaced Al Saunders on offense and Steve Hoffman is taking over for John Fassel as special teams coordinator. There are still some position coaches and lower-level assistants to fill out.

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.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind (PG) 1hr 56min
7:30pm

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

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

Albert Nobbs (R) 1hr 53min
5:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Iron Lady (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:55pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

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

Big Miracle (PG) 2hrs 03min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:25pm, 10:10pm

Man on a Ledge (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:50am, 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, 10:50pm

Chronicle (2012/ I) (PG-13) 1hr 23min
11:30am, 1:40pm, 3:55pm, 6:10pm, 8:30pm, 10:40pm

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

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

Norwegian Wood (Noruwei no mori) (NR) 2hrs 13min
1:10pm, 7:00pm

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, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Dangerous Method (R) 1hr 39min
4:30pm, 10:00pm

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

Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) 1hr 28min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

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

Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
12:20pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

Haywire (R) 1hr 33min
11:30am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:25pm, 9:50pm

One for the Money (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:40am, 2:25pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Woman in Black (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:50am, 2:35pm, 5:20pm, 8:05pm, 10:40pm

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

Indulge a loved one, Cappy

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Just as you believed you finally got past a problem, you come to a realization -- you might not have cleared up the issue. Confusion surrounds the best of intentions. Push could come to shove if you are too confrontational. Tonight: Do your thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You hear good news and want to share it. Use care when speaking to others. Some people cannot help but be jealous. Stay on top of your demands. Pressure builds if you don't take care of yourself. Tonight: Stay close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are juggling more than your fair share of work and other issues. You could be very tired and drawn from dealing with a child or loved one. Don't let someone else interfere with your plans, though you'll have to do some juggling. Tonight: Fun and games.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by what another person shares. It could cause a problem, as you know too much and it might affect your attitude. Stay on top of a changeable situation. Juggle your way through an increasingly tense matter. Tonight: Treat time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ If you can accept some dissent around you, you should fare well, because ultimately your insights will point to the correct direction. You wonder what is happening behind the scenes with someone who withholds a lot. Only you can figure it out for sure. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Remain sensitive to your inner thought process. How you handle a situation and your choices point to the correct solution. Don't depend on anyone else. Count on you, and only you. Let laughter happen. Tonight: Play it easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ No one is harder on you than you are on yourself. You wonder why you treat yourself as you do and what might be the appropriate solution. A friend or several people in a meeting try to nudge you forward. Still, ultimately it is your call. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could feel pushed to the max. You wonder how to take some of the pressure off yourself. You might be surprised by how easy it is to enlist people's help. Do it more often, and smile more often! Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You naturally respond to the innate ups and downs of the day. You could be asking a lot of questions. But somehow you are able to handle what few can. A friendship causes a problem when you least expect it. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Juggling a financial matter -- as you well know -- could backfire. You handle funds better than most. Why challenge your wisdom and perhaps luck? Others observe your reactions with care. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Clearly you want what you want. The issue remains what to do about a situation that is close to your heart and that could be somewhat provocative. Your sign is well known for its unpredictability. You prove it once more! Tonight: Toss yourself into living.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You have a personal matter on your mind that takes you away from others. You could think that something is off or missing in a key day-to-day matter. Don't react; simply figure it out. A partner expresses his or her dismay at not having you more present. Tonight: Easy works.

Happy birthday

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

The Full Moon on your birthday signals a very lively year with a lot of interpersonal interaction. If you are single and you can stay light and easy, you'll discover how fun dating can be. A loved one who is a foreigner or at a distance might be distancing him- or herself even more. If you care, rope this person in! If you are attached, more often than not you will see that your sweetie offers a whole different perspective. Learn to understand his or her logic. Travel and accepting different styles might not come easily for you. Give these areas of your life a break. LEO can push your buttons!

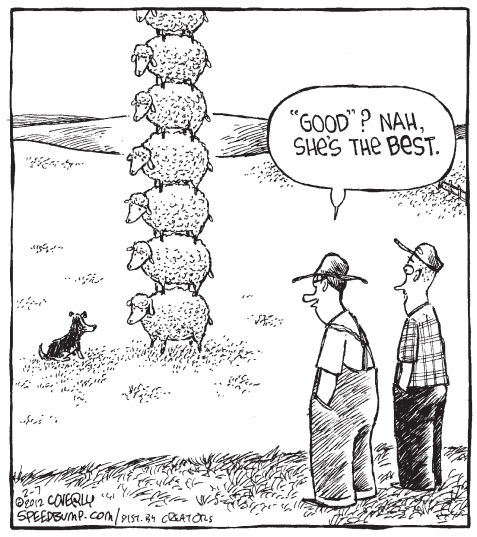


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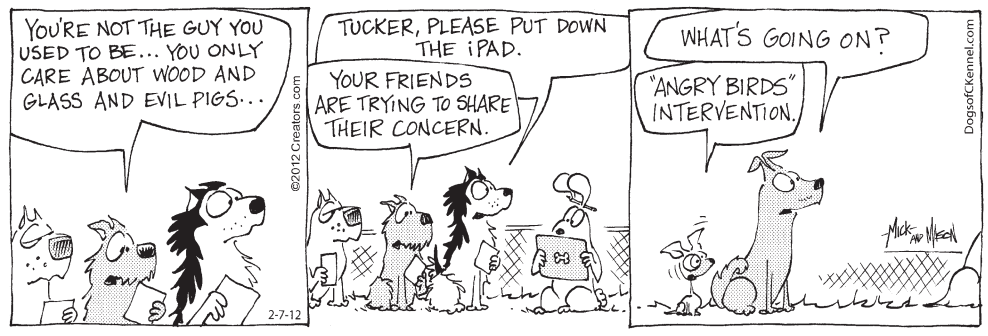
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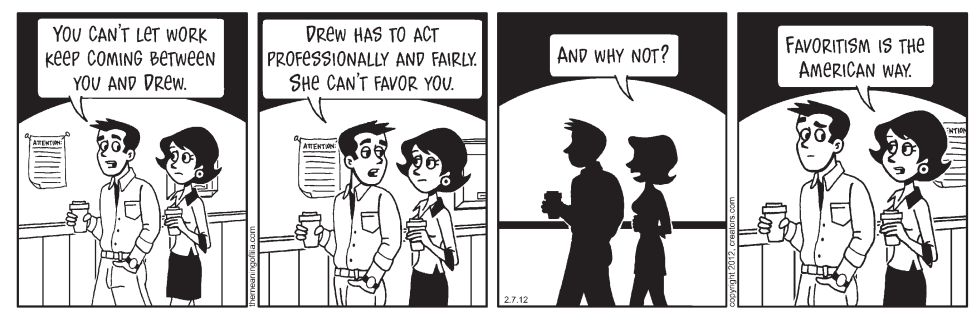
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Sudoku

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 ★★

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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Rocker Bob
6 Ninnies
11 Stood up
12 Proper
13 1976 decathlon medallist
15 Scepter
16 Place down
17 Mine rock
18 Pencil parts
20 Sturgeon eggs
21 Hosp. areas
22 Splinter group
23 Film excerpts
26 Office sights
27 Poland's Walesa
28 Buck's mate
29 Poker card
30 Trimmed, as a photo
34 Comic Bernie
35 Possessed
36 Juan Perón's wife
37 He becomes the Hulk
40 Photographer Diane
41 "Death Be Not Proud" poet
42 Oboe parts
43 Hits

DOWN

1 Buffalo hockey player
2 Goof
3 Dutch cheese
4 PC key
5 Some square dancers
6 Poker cards
7 Finish first
8 Pays no heed to
9 Alcatraz nickname
10 City routes
14 Baby-food buys
19 Second-year student, for short
22 Ooze
23 Place to get steamers
24 "Smiley's People" author
25 Drink cooler
26 Gizmos
28 Colorless
30 Mating game
31 W.Va. neighbor
32 Happening
33 Challenges
38 Cow's chew
39 At present

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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Two dozen religious leaders in India's Karnataka state are, as usual, protestineg the annual, centuries-old Hindu ritual in which lower-caste people roll around in food leftovers of upper-caste people. "Hundreds" performed the exercise at tmples, according to a January Times of India report, believing that contact with sophisticates' food will alleviate pernicious skin conditions.

■ Far away from Karnataka, in the urban center of Calcutta, India, engineers are trying to save the historic Howrah Bridge from collapsing due to corrosion from spit. A half-million pedestrians (aside from the frenzied vehicle traffic) use the bridge every day and frequently spit their guthka and paan (half-chewed betel leaf and areca nut and slaked lime) onto the steel hangers that hold up the bridge -- thus reducing the hanger bases by 50 percent in just the last three years. (Engineers' immediate remedies: cover the bases in washable fiberglass and conduct an education campaign in which "gods" implore pedestrians to hold their saliva until they've crossed the bridge.)

■ On Nov. 5, the 220 inhabitants of Coll, an island off the coast of Scotland, endured the first "crime" that any of the residents could remember. Someone vandalized the public lavatories at a visitors' facility, doing the equivalent of about $300 damage. A constable was summoned from a nearby island to investigate, but seas were rough, and he had to wait for two days for the ferry to run. One Coll resident vaguely recalled an incident at a pub once in which a man threatened to throw a punch (but didn't), and another remembered that someone took whale bones left on a beach by researchers (but later gave them back). According to a Daily Telegraph report, the culprit is "still at large."

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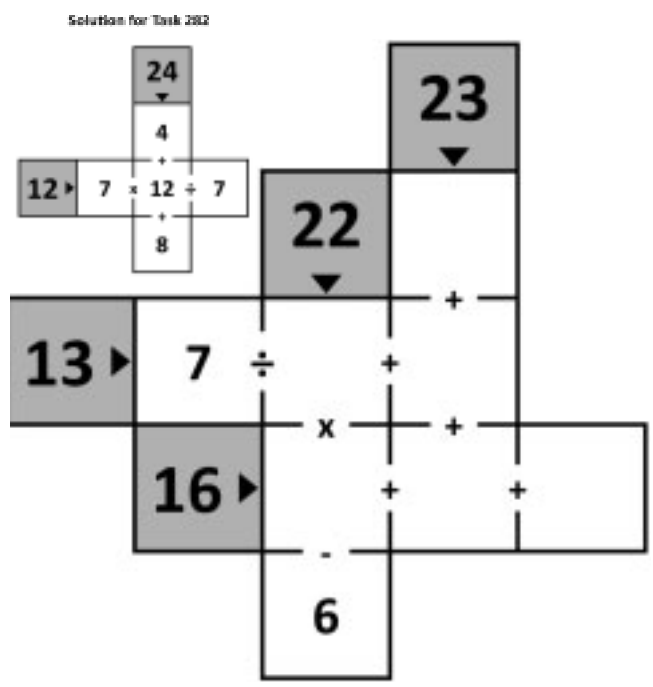
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New Listing
1018 4th Street #304
$5,900 per month





2 Bedroom
2.5 Bath
Almost 2000 sq ft
Loft
Roof-top Deck
Remodeled 2005

Hurry
Won't Last

1424 Marguerita Avenue
North of Montana
Wonderful, Corner Lot

5 Bed + 4.5 Bath
Soaring Ceilings &
Sky-High Windows

$2,999,000
Open Sunday
February 12th
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



619 Euclid Street



North of Montana
Great Square Footage
5 Bed + 4.5 Bath

$2,999,999
Open Sunday
February 12th
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

12220 Dorothy Street



Custom Country Kitchen
Brentwood Flats Traditional
4 Bed + 4 Bath

$2,099,000
Open Sunday
February 12th
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

1010 19th Street #9



Spacious and Bright
2 Bed + 2 Bath
$2,900/ Month
Call Kate for a
Private Showing

1000 Granville #101



Luxurious Brentwood Condo
2 Bed + 1.75 Bath
$999,000
Open Sunday
February 12th
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

1320 Princeton #101



Front Unit with Balcony
2 Bed + 2 Bath
$499,000
Open Sunday
February 12th
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

11 Marine Terrace #1



Gorgeous, Modern Townhome
3 Bed + 3.5 Bath
$28,000/ Month
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Average Price of ALL Santa Monica Properties
From ALL agents in ALL companies
Listed for Sale As of Early - February 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
Open Sunday
February 12th
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

1751 Appian Way



Only ONE unit left!
Gorgeous Ocean Views

#101 1 + 1 $4,999 / Month

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