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

Lotus Platforms
www.lotusplatforms.com
Bringing You Soon!
Santa Monica Daily Press
On Your Phone!

smdp.com
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011
Volume 10 Issue 84

Santa Monica Daily Press

We have you covered

GOODS ON THE RISE
SEE PAGE 5

THE AND ONE ISSUE



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

ROLLING ALONG: **A man rides his bike on Broadway Wednesday afternoon. Activists would like the city to become more bike-friendly.**

Bike activists say accidents on the rise

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Santa Monica bicyclists and pedestrians reported nearly 1,000 collisions in the last five years according to data released at the Santa Monica Bike Committee meeting on Wednesday evening.

According to Santa Monica Police Department records requested by Santa Monica Spoke member Mihai Peteu, bicyclists and pedestrians reported 962 incidents between February 2006 and February 2011.

Of those, there were 38 misdemeanor-level hit-and-run accidents and 129 felony hit-and-run accidents.

The level of the charge is differentiated by how badly the victim was injured.

In that time frame, eight fatal accidents occurred, killing 7 pedestrians and one bicyclist.

Peteu plotted the information on a Google Map based on location, type and date that the incident occurred.

The majority of accidents were clustered at intersections, and many streets in Santa Monica were invisible beneath swatches of overlapping points representing collisions.

SEE BIKES PAGE 9

Last chance to comment on VA master plan

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

WEST L.A. Saturday is the last day for citizens to comment on the draft of a new master plan for the Veteran's Administration campus.

The draft plan is meant to guide the physical development of the campus for the next 25 to 50 years, said Erik Gutierrez, public affairs representative for the VA of Greater Los Angeles Health Care.

The public comment period opened Jan. 19.

"The focus of this planning process is to ensure a therapeutic-, recovery- and research-oriented environment," Gutierrez said.

The campus provides a wide range of health care services to veterans, including housing for the homeless.

Santa Monica city officials are lobbying for the plan to include refurbishing three residential structures — numbered 205,

SEE PLAN PAGE 8

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

St. Monica runs away with first round win

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ST. MONICA St. Monica's boys' basketball team rode a strong second half surge to a 68-54 victory over Newport Beach Sage Hill in the first round of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 5AA playoffs Wednesday on campus.

Sage Hill was able to stay in the game through the first half, trailing 34-29 at the intermission, but St. Monica, led by Troy Whiteto's 18 points, was able to pull away in the third quarter.

"We clamped down defensively," Head Coach Khi-Min Jung said. "We had good energy."

Jung, in his first year, said that he wasn't happy with the way his team allowed Sage HIll's Mark Loper to find open shots en route to scoring a game-high 24 points. After a few half-time adjustments, the Mariners were able to stifle the guard during the sec-

SEE ST. MONICA PAGE 8



Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

TIGHT D: **St. Monica's Troy Whiteto (right) guards Sage Hill's Thomas Hague Wednesday.**

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS HERE!
Yes, in this very spot! EVERYDAY
Call 310-458-7737 for details
smdp.com



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

BACK OR UNFILED
TAXES?
ALL FORMS • ALL TYPES • ALL STATES
SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
(310) 395-9922
100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800 Santa Monica 90401

General, Cosmetic, & Implant Dentistry
Modern, Comfortable and Relaxed Atmosphere
Gentle Dentistry | Sedation Available | Digital Technology | Smile Makeover | Flexible Financing
Basic Cleaning, Exam and full Mouth Xrays $65.00
Modern facilities, gentle dentistry, sedation
Have your kids been to the dentist?
This month: KIDS ARE FREE!
Exam, basic cleaning and full mouth xrays
Call for details.
Santa Monica Tooth Doctor

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

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

Peter & Son
Watch Company
Fine Watches and Repair Since 1975
Authorized Dealer:
Raymond Weil
TW Steel | Suunto
13050 San Vicente Blvd
26th and San Vicente
310.260.9191
PeterAndSonWatchCompany.com


What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Feb. 18, 2011

Vikings take on the cops
Santa Monica High School, baseball diamond
500 Olympic Blvd., 3:30 p.m.
Watch the officers of the Santa Monica Police Department challenge the Samohi varsity baseball team. There will be food, refreshments and a raffle. All proceeds will be donated to the baseball program. For more information, call (310) 256-0129.

Classical music by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
Local classical music impresario and violinist Philip Vaiman and his label Talia Records present the first in a number of unique music and cultural events, called the Los Angeles Seasons Concert Series. The debut event will feature The Red Quartet, a unique ensemble of guitar, violin, cello and vocals whose music ranges from early classical to decidedly futuristic. For more information, visit www.theredquartet.com.

Career Day 2011
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Library staff and professional recruiters will be on hand to help job seekers polish their interview skills and tidy up their resumes. For more information, call the Reference Services Department at (310) 434-2608.

Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011

Whale of a weekend
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk, 12:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
This two-day event celebrates the wondrous whale. Visitors can feel the heft of a whale rib, check out bristly baleen and try on a layer of (simulated) whale blubber for warmth. Kids of all ages can have their faces painted and make a whale visor to take home. Learn more interesting facts about these gentle giants at the aquarium through story time, film screenings and staff presentations on the impact of climate change on local marine life. For more information, call (310) 393-6149.

All about legacy
18th Street Art Center
1639 18th St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
18th Street Art Center kicks-off its 2011 Legacy theme with the debut of the exhibitions, "Have You Seen My Privacy," by Richard Newton and "Outsider Art: Others From Elsewhere Doing Something Altogether Different — Sort of," by Vincent Ramos. In the spirit of the Getty Foundation's sponsored project, "*Pacific Standard Time: Art in LA 1945-1980," 18th Street has declared 2011 its "legacy" year. Artists chosen to activate the galleries will create projects to commemorate or pay tribute to California's influential Contemporary Art Movement. For more information, visit 18thstreet.org.

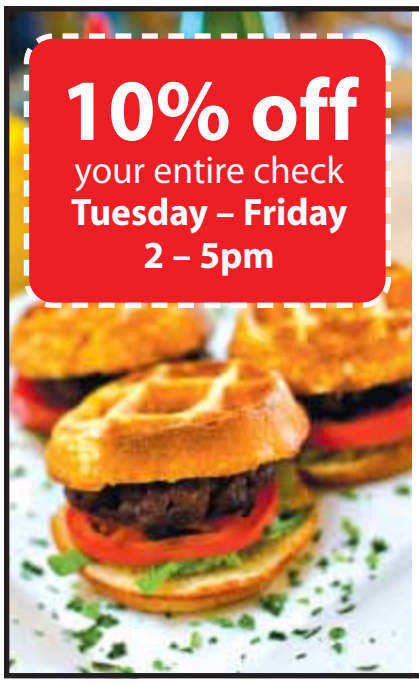
Talking opera
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m.
This week's installment of Saturdays with LA Opera will feature a multimedia talk on "The Turn of the Screw." For more information about this free event, visit www.smpl.org or contact the library at (310) 458-8600.

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



10% off
your entire check
Tuesday – Friday
2 – 5pm

Bru's Waffle
A Waffle Joint
Breakfast • Lunch
Come try our Curry Chicken Salad, Pizza Waffles & Waffle Sliders
~ Illy gourmet coffee ~
Weekdays: 8am to 5pm | Weekends: 8am to 5pm | Closed Mondays
2408 Wilshire Boulevard | 310-453-2787
24th & Wilshire – Free Parking in back

PLEASE BE OUR GUEST
Arm Candy Handbag Boutique
2717 MAIN STREET
SANTA MONICA 90405
www.BagsRcandy.com
310.392.7492
ARM CANDY HANDBAG BOUTIQUE
GRAND OPENING PARTY
SAT FEB 19TH 5P
LUXURY HANDBAGS BY INDIE DESIGNERS
$50 off any purchase of $200 + Drinks & Giveaways

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Crossroads advances to second round with rout

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

LANCASTER Crossroads' boys' basketball team overwhelmed Desert Christian, 78-59, in the first round of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 5AA playoffs on Wednesday.

The Roadrunners were again led by sharp-shooting guard Luke Shmuger, who scored 24 points. Fellow senior Gyasi Williams chipped in 14 points while pulling down 10 rebounds in the blowout victory.

"We could have hit 100 on them if I kept in my horses," Head Coach Kevin Jackson said. "We followed through on what we preached all season: get open shots."

Crossroads advances to the second round against Pasadena Blair tonight at home. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m.

PACIFICA CHRISTIAN SURVIVES LATE SCARE

NORTHRIDGE Pacifica Christian overcame a late deficit to steal a first-round playoff victory over San Fernando Valley Academy, 63-56, Wednesday on the road.

The Seawolves were down with just three minutes left in regulation before pulling out the victory in Division 6AA.

No. 5 seed Pacifica was led by point guard JR Walker's 19 points.

Pacifica advances to take on AGBU of Pasadena tonight on the road. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m.

"They are really tough defensively," Head Coach Kevin Kelsey said of AGBU. "We'll also have to protect against their 3-point shooting."

SAMOHI CAN'T HOLD ON AGAINST UPLAND

UPLAND Despite being up by 7 in the third quarter, Santa Monica High School's boys' basketball team couldn't hold the lead en route to losing to Upland, 77-55, in the first round of the CIF-SS Division 1AA playoffs on Wednesday.

The Vikings entered the final quarter down by 2, but were unable to mount a comeback.

SEE **PLAYOFFS** PAGE 7



Photo courtesy Anacleto Rapping

COOL INSTRUMENT: **String Theory plays The Broad stage on Saturday.**

Where art meets music

String Theory brings unique style to the Broad Stage

BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE
Special to the Daily Press

BROAD STAGE What is it about String Theory that seems to have everyone all a twitter? Is it the canopy of sound that emanates from the unusually large-scale, invented and completely original instruments? Is it the unique way in which the extended length of the strings generates a visual physicality incorporating the dance and movement into the very act of playing the harps? Or is it that there really isn't anything quite like it?

String Theory — a music performance ensemble whose signature instrumentation revolves around long string installations — was born out of the collaborative efforts of three artists: Holly Rothschild, a choreographer and director; her husband Luke Rothschild, a designer and composer; and Joseph Harvey, a baroque cellist and composer.

The three met during their college years in Chicago, and though each of them studied at different

SEE **BROAD** PAGE 8

House Dems warn of job, service cuts

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Sweeping spending cuts pushed by House Republicans would slash California jobs, leave thousands of needy people without health care and harm projects from high-speed rail to water development, Democratic representatives said Thursday.

"During these hard times these budget cuts are going to hit those who can least afford it — working families with children, the elderly and the sick," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, who chairs the California congressional delegation.

If the GOP plan prevails, Democratic lawmakers said funds could be lost for water canals and reservoirs, rural health care and early education. Rep. John Garamendi said the proposal would slash more than $1 billion from federal high-speed rail funding at a time when the state is developing a so-called bullet train, and threaten the restoration of the Sacramento-San Joaquin delta, a major source of water for farming and much of the state's population.

"We are really talking about serious, serious job losses in California," warned Garamendi, who represents San Francisco suburbs. "It's a whole lot of craziness."

Pushed by tea party activists, House Republicans want to make sweeping spending cuts for the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30. The GOP bill is separate from President Barack Obama's 2012 budget unveiled on Monday.

The House plan is not the final word. The White House has signaled it will oppose "cuts that would sharply undermine core government functions and investments key to economic growth and job creation," and the Democratic-controlled Senate is expected to give the House bill a chilly reception when it considers its own version next month.

In Sacramento legislators are struggling with a nearly $27 billion budget gap, and any unexpected cut if federal aid could make matters worse.

The California High-Speed Rail Authority, which has received $5.5 billion in federal funding, is seeking companies to design and construct the proposed line, a

SEE **CUTS** PAGE 8

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
"Love at first bite!"


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

Not a fan of D.A.R.E

Editor:

I just read your article on the Santa Monica D.A.R.E. program and would like to offer some feedback and perspective ("Santa Monica Police introduce D.A.R.E. program," Feb. 8, page 3).

First, D.A.R.E. fell out of favor during the 1990s because it was full of lies and hyperbole, and because it was remarkably ineffective at educating kids about the risks (and – yes – the rewards). For far too long, the program has taken an irrational "scare 'em straight" approach based on lies and hysteria. In fact, in the entire history of the D.A.R.E. program, every single piece of objective research has found the program to be totally ineffective. Misinformation about drug use and abuse is just as dangerous – and often more dangerous – than the drugs themselves.

Second, an important part of educating people about alcohol and other drugs is to use language that portrays substances accurately. You repeatedly use the term "alcohol and drugs" or "drug and alcohol abuse" as if they are not one and the same. Alcohol is a drug, and a very dangerous one. Might I suggest you (and others) consider phraseology like "alcohol and other drugs"?

Anthony Citrano
Venice



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Dictators get no respect

IN WASHINGTON D.C. LAST WEEK, CPAC (Conservative Political Action Conference) held its annual convention attended by 11,000 people, most of whom were Tea Party members though thankfully not in costume. One of the highlights (or lowlights) was former Defense Secretary Don Rumsfeld receiving the "Defender of the Constitution" award. (Another was when Donald Trump spoke, although some of that might have been shock as these days Trump's as huge as Raymond Burr.)

Rummy received the award from Dick Cheney who, as I recall, preferred water boarding over the Constitution. During Vietnam, Cheney avoided military service with five deferments but it was still surprising when some of the crowd booed and shouted, "Draft dodger," and "war criminal." Never rattled, even by the truth, Cheney shouted back, "Sit down and shut up." Clearly, a very refined gathering.

It's widely accepted that Rumsfeld prosecuted the Iraq War with way too few troops who were also dangerously ill-equipped. To date we've lost 4,436 GI's in Iraq (last on Jan. 17) and had tens of thousands permanently injured, not to mention the hundreds of thousands of Iraqis who perished needlessly. For me the "Cheney-Rummy CPAC" show was a dark deja vu of 2000-06 when one party ran the presidency, both houses of Congress and the Supreme Court.

These days, Cheney, Rumsfeld and Bush don't seem eager to set foot in Europe, especially not Spain, for fear of being tried for war crimes. When was the last time former members of a presidential administration were targets of international tribunals for human rights violations? Answer: never.

During CPAC, and even now, the big news was/is the Egyptian revolution. (That is, if you don't count the new Justin Bieber movie.) Imagine, this reality, a Middle Eastern country seeks democracy and we didn't have to invade. Instead of roadside bombs the protesters used Facebook. Maybe there's hope.

Slightly less upbeat, Cheney noted what a valuable ally Hosni Mubarak had been for three decades, apparently overlooking the brutality and corruption. (Mubarak is reportedly worth $40 billion and considering that for 30 years we've given him $1.3 billion a year it sounds like "foreign aid," went right into his pocket.)

Mubarak might have been a ruthless dictator, but to Cheney he was our dictator. It's the cost of running an empire. And when you have military troops deployed in more than150 countries worldwide, as we do, you're definitely running an empire. (Though lately, stealing a quote from former Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda, "It's not that g** damn easy!")

The U.S. has had a long history of propping up dictators and later removing them. At this rate, the average dictator might not want to play footsie with us anymore. Take Manuel Noriega, the former strongman in Panama, who served 20 years in an American jail and is currently in a French hoosegow. (Somehow "French" and "hoosegow" don't quite go together.)

During the Cold War, in return for being anti-Communist, we looked the other way at Noriega's vast drug trafficking empire. That is until Bush Sr. invaded Panama and had Manuel arrested. "But I thought we were partners," Noriega pleaded. (You'd think the handcuffs would have signaled the partnership had ended.)

We even helped put Saddam Hussein in power. Who can forget (though I'd like to) the infamous photo of a smiling Rummy shaking Saddam's hand as if they were fraternity brothers. And this was after Hussein had gassed the Kurds. (We sold him the gas!)

Just prior to the Gulf War, Ambassador Joe Wilson, on orders from Poppy Bush, attempted to warn Saddam not to invade Kuwait. Reportedly Hussein was as puzzled as Noriega, as if to say, "But I thought we were partners."

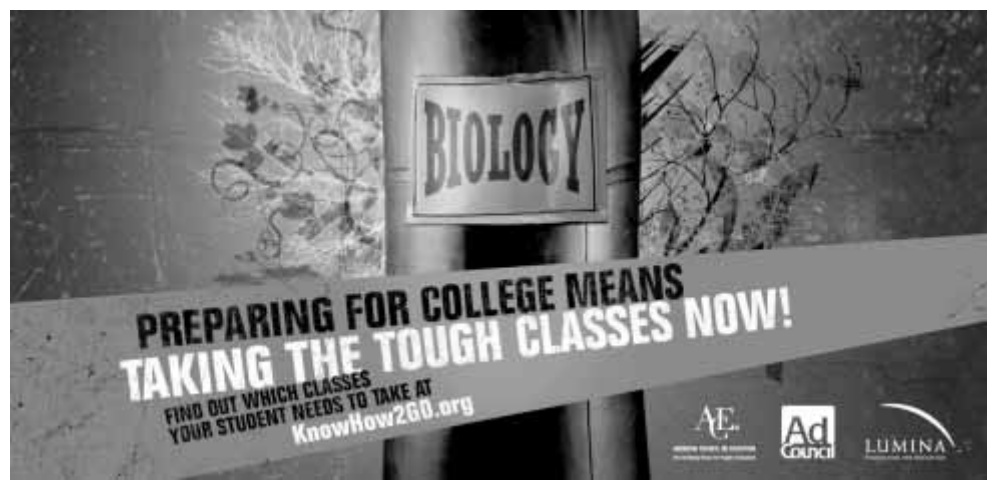
As for Mubarak, he has been conspicuously missing since his resignation. Rumors are that he's deeply depressed, or in a coma and near death. (Or maybe he's just counting his money?)

In the 1950s and 60s when we needed to get rid of a dictator, we did just that. For example, in 1963, the CIA backed the arrest and ultimate assassination of Ngo Dinh Diem in South Vietnam. While they were at it, they whacked his brother, too.

We apparently backed so many coups and assassination attempts on foreign leaders (Lumumba of the Congo, Trujillo f the Dominican Republic, Schneider of Chile and Castro of Cuba) that in 1976 President Ford issued an executive order to ban U.S. sanctioned assassinations of foreign leaders. Thus, if the revolution in Egypt had been pre-1976, Mubarak might have been slightly more than just depressed.

But maybe Cheney's right. To enhance our credibility with current and future despots, perhaps we ought to build a lavish retirement village, a Club Med for ex-dictators. While our local economy could use some of Mubarak's $40 billion, I just hope it's not in Santa Monica.

If he's not in shock (Cavaliers 104, Lakers 99) **JACK** can be reached at Jnsmdp@aol.com.



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, Dr. Reese Halter, Taylor Van Arsdale, Dane Robert Swanson, Farzad Mashhood, David Alsabery, Merv Hecht, Cynthia Citron, Amanda Cushman, Steve Parker and Phyllis Chavez

CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Fabian Lewkowicz

NEWS INTERN
Patrick Hourihan
news@smdp.com

PHOTOGRAPHY INTERN
Ray Solano
news@smdp.com

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

SENIOR ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
Brittney Seeliger
brittneys@smdp.com

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
Steven Stuart
stevens@smdp.com

ADVERTISING TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
Amber Kessee
amberk@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

410 Broadway, Suite B
Santa Monica, CA 90401
OFFICE (310) 458-PRESS (7737)
FAX (310) 576-9913

smdp.com

CIRCULATION VERIFICATION COUNCIL

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, 2006. 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

© 2006 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.

U.S. consumers paid more for most goods in January

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON Consumers paid more in January for everything from food and gas to airline tickets and clothing. The price increases reflect creeping but still-modest inflation.

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 percent last month, matching December's increase, the Labor Department said Thursday. Over the past year, the index has risen 1.6 percent.

Core prices, which exclude volatile food and energy costs, rose 0.2 percent. That's the largest monthly increase in more than a year. Over the past 12 months, core prices have increased 1 percent. This is more than December's 0.8 percent annual pace, but it remains well below the Federal Reserve's comfort zone for inflation of between 1.5 percent and 2 percent.

Food prices climbed 0.5 percent in January, the most in more than two years. Still, food costs in the U.S. are still tame compared with the raging inflation in many developing countries. Those countries are more vulnerable to steep rises in the prices of corn, wheat, coffee and other commodities.

Other reports Thursday showed:

• More people are applying for unemployment benefits. Applications rose last week to a seasonally adjusted 410,000, the Labor Department said. The increase follows a week when applications fell to their lowest level in nearly three years. But that decline was due partly to snowstorms that closed some government offices and kept people from applying for benefits.

• Fewer homeowners are falling behind on their mortgages. The Mortgage Bankers Association said 8.2 percent of homeowners missed at least one mortgage payment in the October-December quarter. That's down from 9.1 percent in the previous quarter and a high of more than 10 percent in the January-March quarter. But foreclosures are still rising.

• The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage dipped to 5 percent this week from 5.05 percent, according to Freddie Mac. The average rate had reached a 40-year low of 4.17 percent in November.

• A private research group's gauge of future economic activity rose a slight 0.1 percent in January, much less than in recent months. Still, the rise in the Conference Board's index of leading economic indicators was the seventh straight monthly advance.

The report on consumer prices showed that some companies are trying to pass on higher prices for oil, cotton and agricultural products. In January, a measure of wholesale inflation rose at the fastest pace in more than two years.

But high unemployment and weak wage increases are limiting the ability of many retailers to raise prices.

"With the unemployment rate still at 9 percent, there will be plenty of downward pressure on underlying prices, and so we don't expect core inflation to trend upwards," said Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics.

Yet many food companies are raising prices in response to a jump in the cost of raw materials. Corn prices have doubled in the past six months. Prices for wheat and soybeans have also risen sharply.

Bad weather has damaged harvests in Russia, Australia, Argentina and elsewhere. At the same time, rapid growth in developing countries is raising demand for a range of commodities, pushing up prices.

Global food prices have risen 29 percent in the past year, according to a World Bank report Tuesday. They are just 3 percent below the all-time peak reached in 2008.

Higher food prices are pushing overall inflation up in developing countries and contributing to political unrest. China said Tuesday that consumer prices rose 4.9 percent in January, driven by a 10.3 percent jump in food costs. Rising food prices led to five days of riots in Algeria last month that left three people dead.

The impact has been much smaller in the United States. Americans spend a much smaller proportion of their budgets on food — about 14 percent, compared with 40 percent to 50 percent overseas.

And commodity costs make up a smaller portion of food prices. Transportation, processing and packaging account for a much larger chunk, said Kurt Karl, chief U.S. economist at Swiss Re. That means big swings in grain costs have less effect at U.S. grocery stores.

In developing countries, people are more likely to buy raw commodities and prepare basic foods such as bread at home, Karl said. And as people in poorer countries spend more on food, they are more likely to push for higher wages to cover those costs. That leads companies to raise prices further, pushing inflation higher in a vicious cycle.

Central banks in some countries, including China and Brazil, are taking steps to thwart inflation, such as rising interest rates. That could slow their economic growth and cut into U.S. exports.

Fed officials unanimously concluded late last month that inflation isn't yet a problem in the U.S., according to minutes from their January meeting. The central bank anticipates that inflation won't exceed 1.7 percent this year.

The Q Line

Paying to play

The City Council recently approved fee increases for a number of recreation programs.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks: Will the new fee rates dissuade you from participating in recreation programs?

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. 102.**



Luxury Ride Great Price!
Lowest Town Car Price to LAX!
$42.00 from SM to LAX*
$28.00 from Venice to LAX*
$27.00 from Marina to LAX*
*SPECIAL RETURN RATE OFFERED, CALL FOR DETAILS
We promptly service all local calls.

310-775-1392
www.BlakkTownCar.com
WE ALSO DO: WEDDINGS, SPECIAL EVENTS, CHAUFFERRED CAR SERVICE FROM ANYWHERE TO ANYWHERE IN SOCAL


John McGrail, Ph.D, C.Ht.
Riding the Weight Loss Roller Coaster?
Why not lose it for good?
(310) 235-2883

www.hypnotherapylosangeles.com
Hypnotherapists are not licensed by the state of California as healing arts practitioners; for your benefit and protection, work on some issues may require a written referral from a licensed physician or mental health professional.

GERMAN CAR SERVICE
Specialist in Repair of **Porsche • VW • Audi • BMW**

- Best alternative to high dealer prices
- Complete service and repair
- 6 month or 6000 mile guarantee
- Locally owned and operated since 1965

2202 OLYMPIC BLVD., SANTA MONICA • (310) 829-2563



SMDP Special - 20% OFF
Robert Roy Pool "Outbreak" "Armageddon"
Pool2000@gmail.com | 310-877-5440
www.StateOfTheArtScreenplays.org
Have a good story, but don't know how to turn it into a screenplay?
Learn from an expert with 25+ years experience
Fundamentals 8 classes / 4 weeks
Writing the Feature 11 classes / 12 weeks
Classes begin March 1 Space Limited




Home and Office Delivery NOW AVAILABLE!
Change your water ...
CHANGE YOUR LIFE
with "Beyond O_2" Alkaline Water
The Tiffany of Alkaline Water!
Alkaline Water reverses the effects of illness and leads to:
- increased energy
- anti-aging
- positive mood
- stabilized blood sugars
- weight loss
- better digestion
- lower cholesterol
- clear skin
- disease reversal (gout, diabetes, etc.)

(310) 664-8880
Beyond O_2 Water House
2209 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90405
www.cleanme.tv/category/101 (Segment Mar. 20)
www.beyondo2water.com
FREE 5 gallons of "Beyond O_2" Alkaline Water
Beyond O_2 Water
(310) 664-8880
With this coupon. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases.
*Please bring an empty container for your water or you may purchase a container at the store

We Buy Gold



15% EXTRA CA$H BONU$
On all scrap gold jewelry WITH THIS AD
Expires 2/28/2011

BRING US YOUR GOLD JEWELRY AND GET
The Best Cash Prices
In The City
#1 Gold Buyers

3 Generations of Expertise
in the jewelry industry,
17 YEARS in Santa Monica

Come in for
– FREE CHAMPAIGN –
WINE and CHEESE
Sunday 11AM to 3PM

CRYSTAL KINGDOM
1418 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90403
310-393-9911
M-F 11-5, SUN 11-3
CLOSED SATURDAY

Need Extra Space?

Move-in special:

$1 for the 1st month

(on selected units)

Easy and Convenient Storage, in the middle of Santa Monica!

Mention this ad when you call for details.
(310) 450-1515
1620 14th st. Santa Monica, CA 90404
www.SantaMonicaMiniStorage.com

SANTA MONICA MINI STORAGE
OVER 30 YEARS

NEW MEMBER BREAKFASTS 2011
Business Networking
in the morning

Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce presents Member Networking Breakfasts

These popular breakfasts give all members the opportunity to introduce themselves and their companies to other members, new and old, all over a great breakfast.

OCEAN AVE SEAFOOD

Thursday, March 3, 2011

Ocean Avenue Seafood
1401 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, CA
7:30 am – 9:00am

SANTA MONICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Both members and prospective members are welcome

$20 Members in advance | $25 Members at the Door | $25 Prospective Members

For more information Call **310-393-9825** or **visit www.smchamber.com**



Play Time
Cynthia Citron
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Romeo and Juliet as you'd like it

WHAT DO STEPHEN SONDHEIM, FRANCO Zeffirelli, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Sergei Prokofiev and Charles Gounod have in common? They have all created popular works in their own time based on William Shakespeare's end-of-the 16th century play, "Romeo and Juliet."

In Shakespeare's own time, however, the prolific Spanish playwright Lope de Vega created his own version of the romance.

Titled "The Capulets and Montagues," it was based on the same source material Shakespeare used (thought to be a 14th century poem by Arthur Brooke), but was not influenced by Shakespeare's interpretation at all. In fact, Lope's version was a broad comedy, a farce, with a happy ending.

Virtually unknown and rarely performed, even in Spain, Lope's verse play has now been translated into a dazzling new production by Shakespearean scholar and maven of the Golden Age of Spain, Dakin Matthews. Matthews, a vastly successful and ubiquitous actor and director, is the "dak" of the Andak Stage Company. (The other half is his wife, director Anne McNaughton.) They have mounted this world premiere in their 35-seat theater, and their 11 performers, each gorgeously attired, make their small stage seem as large as the city of Verona.

It's a delightful play, and the "verse" translation is loose, spoken in the vernacular, and with the rhyme in couplets and then three lines away. The anticipation of the upcoming rhyme is part of the fun. Romeo, explaining to his friend Benvolio the relative blessings of the Montagues and Capulets:

"To one house and
The other, God opened his hand,
And two remarkable gifts did He give.
To us, the Montagues, He gave
The most courageous men, whose names
Echo with excellence, whose fames
Live on in tales, beyond the grave.
The Capulets received from Him
The finest, fairest ladies, whose
Beauty Nature itself did use
As models for the Seraphim.
If only we could join the two
By marriage — if this rivalry
And violence and hostility
Would disappear, I'm telling you
The Veronese would end up being
The envy of all Italy."

As Matthews explains, "We seek to retain as much of the original as we can … We prefer, when introducing a classical piece to our audiences, not to impose too much upon the play and to give it a chance to prove its own stageworthiness without too much tinkering."

In this, Matthews has the perfect partner, his director/wife McNaughton. She has brought his translation to vibrant life with the help of a brilliant cast: most especially with Benny Wills as a handsome, posturing Romeo, and Nicol Zanzarella-Giacalone as the demure Juliet. Also notable are Bruce Green as Marin, Romeo's comic servant, Brett Colbeth as Romeo's friend Benvolio, and John Apicella and John Achorn as the heads of the two rival families. Apicella actually appears onstage in five different roles (and costumes), while Achorn appears twice and Colbeth appears three times. It is to their credit that, even though you recognize them each time they appear (after all, how much can a man with a bushy white moustache disguise himself?) they are clear and convincing — and funny — in their multiple roles.

While the producers claim to be constrained by limitations of space and budget, it is evident that they have spared no expense in the lavish costumes designed and prepared by Dean Cameron. They are wonderful. And the sparse set designed by Michael Cook — mostly arched doorways and windows — provides for maximum movement without diminishing the ambience of a large Renaissance city. There's even room for a sword fight.

The audience members may assume that they are familiar with the Romeo and Juliet story, and all the twists and turns of the well-known Shakespearean play are present in this version. But, as Matthews says, this is "Romeo and Juliet as you've never seen them before." Spoiler alert: they don't die. And the happy ending is a satisfying conclusion to a drama that is more comedy than tragedy. And for those theatergoers who are not big fans of farce, this is the production that will change your mind.

"The Capulets and the Montagues" will continue at the Andak Stage Company's New Place Studio Theatre, 10950 Peach Grove St., in North Hollywood, Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Feb. 27. Call (866) 811-4111 for tickets.

CYNTHIA CITRON can be reached at ccitron@socal.rr.com.

Magic, Bird as theater?

BY MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK The playwright behind the Broadway play "Lombardi" is moving from the gridiron to the basketball court.

Eric Simonson is working on "Magic/Bird," a new play that will chronicle the lives of Hall of Famers Larry Bird and Magic Johnson.

Producers Fran Kirmser and Tony Ponturo were encouraged by the response to "Lombardi" — the story of legendary Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi now on Broadway — to push ahead with a second sports-themed play.

"We've been fired on by the experience to keep on going and really feel that it can be a really thriving series," Kirmser said Thursday in a phone interview.

The story will trace the stars' rivalry and friendship from their days as rookies in the NBA to their appearance on the Olympic Dream Team in 1992. Johnson and Bird were key parts in the storied struggle between the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers during the 1980s.

"Here are these two, amazing at their craft, inspiring to watch, and yet they couldn't be more different people," said Kirmser. "There was a fierce competitiveness between them and yet such a great love and respect."

The six-character play is scheduled to debut on Broadway in 2012. The script is in development and no theater or director has been chosen. Johnson and Bird will participate in the creative process.

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Password protected

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SUNDAY, FEB. 13, AT 3:15 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers were walking in the area of the 2900 block of Fourth Street when they saw a man looking into vehicles parked on the roadway. The man then tried to open the passenger door of one of the cars. The officers decided to follow the man, and watched him peer over a wall into a residence, before continuing on. Eventually he entered an apartment complex in the 200 block of Ashland Avenue. The officers contacted the man when he walked out of the complex and questioned him about where he lived. He replied "OCP," and the officers asked him if he was referring to "OPCC," a local homeless service provider, to which he said "yes." Further investigation revealed that the man was in possession of two personal MP3 players, neither of which he could unlock using a password. The officers arrested the man, who they identified as Michael Spence, 56, a transient. He was not eligible for bail.

SATURDAY, FEB. 12, AT 6:59 P.M.,
Police officers responded to Lincoln Boulevard and Grant Street on a report of an assault. The victim reported that several males approached her and began cursing at her. At one point, one of the men pushed her to the ground. The victim stated that she grabbed a box cutter to defend herself, and the suspect fled in a vehicle. Officers located the vehicle nearby, and arrested the suspect, identified as Abraham Smith, 40, a transient. He was arrested on suspicion of battery, his bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, FEB. 12, AT 12:53 P.M.,
Officers responded to Sears on reports of an alleged shoplifter in custody. Upon arrival, witnesses told the officers that the woman in question had taken perfume, jewelry and a blanket and exited the business. Loss prevention officers detained the suspect and brought her back into the businesses. Officers arrested Leonela Contreras, 42, a transient, on suspicion of burglary. Her bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, FEB. 12, AT 3:21 P.M.,
Officers stopped a car in the 2600 block of 23rd Street after witnessing the driver wearing headphones over both ears. As the officers approached the vehicle, they detected the smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The officers asked if the man had anything illegal inside the car. At first, he replied that he did not, but upon further questioning admitted that he had marijuana and marijuana-infused cookies in the car. The man consented to a search of the vehicle, at which point officers found concentrated marijuana and a digital scale. Officers arrested the drive, Monssee Bjorn, 28, of Los Angeles, on suspicion of possession of marijuana for sale and possession of concentrated marijuana. His bail was set at $20,000.

FRIDAY, FEB. 11, AT 2:43 P.M.,
Officers responded to TJ Maxx regarding an employee that had allegedly attempted to steal merchandise from the store. Upon arrival, officers were told by loss prevention officers that they had received information that an employee was voiding transactions and allowing customers to take items without paying. An analysis of the previous 90 days revealed that the employee had voided $1,687.77 worth of merchandise. Officers arrested Jameecia Malone, 32, of Los Angeles, on suspicion of embezzlement, and additional charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription after a booking search revealed cylclobenzaprine and hydrocodone in her purse. Her bail was set at $20,000.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10, AT 7:38 P.M.,
Officers pulled over a man riding his bicycle on the sidewalk without a headlamp in the 1800 block of Santa Monica Boulevard. Officers located a white, powdery substance that turned out to be methamphetamine. Officers arrested the man, Balibinder Sihota, 41, of Santa Monica, for possession of a controlled substance, riding without a headlight and riding on the sidewalk. His bail was set at $10,0000.

MONDAY, FEB. 7, 8:47 A.M.,
Officers responded to 21st Street at Wilshire Boulevard on a reported assault. A woman told officers that she had been jogging west on Wilshire Boulevard when a man, who had been walking east, jumped in front of her and began screaming unintelligibly in her face. The man had raised two plastic bags above his head, but then continued walking east on Wilshire. The woman told officers she had been scared that the man would throw her onto the sidewalk. Officers located the suspect, Michael DeMartin, a transient, nearby. He was placed under citizen's arrest for assault, and charged with a parole violation. He was not eligible for bail.

news@smdp.com

Editor-in-Chief **KEVIN HERRERA** compiled these reports.

PLAYOFFS
FROM PAGE 3

"We played well for three and a half quarters," Head Coach James Hecht said. "It was kind of the story of our season."

Despite the early exit, Hecht said he's optimistic about next season. The team featured just three seniors with underclassmen comprising most of the squad.

"We'll miss our seniors and appreciate what they have done for us this year," Hecht said. "But, we're excited about the guys we have returning who have a lot of varsity game experience."

daniela@smdp.com



BOB GABRIEL CO. INSURANCE
Personalized Insurance



■ Auto Experts
■ Homeowners
■ Workers Compensation
■ Life, Disability & Pension
■ Commercial & Business
■ Group & Individual Health

Representing "A" rated companies including MERCURY INSURANCE

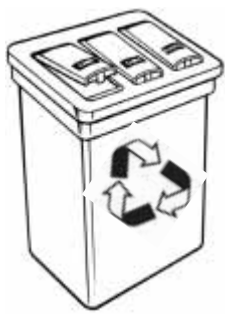
Mercury Insurance has cut rates on auto, homeowners, and renters insurance. Please call for new discounted rates.

Phone Quotes Available

Family Owned Business

310.829.0305
2325 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica
www.bobgabrielinsurance.com

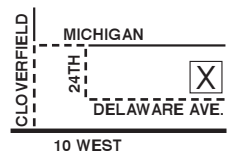
RECYCLE NOW!



Aluminum Cans
$1.80 per pound with
this coupon expires 2-28-11

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



Rev Up Your Business with Speed Networking



Join the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce for our Monthly Speed Networking Event

Speed Networking is a fast paced event that allows you to network, one-on-one, for 3 minutes with each person in the room. You then rotate around the room, trading leads, tips, and contact information.

Event Details
When: February 22, 2011
Time: 5pm - 6:30pm

SANTA MONICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Where: Santa Monica Chamber (1234 6th St., Suite 100, Santa Monica, CA)
Who: Both members and prospective members welcome
Cost: $10 for members, $25 for prospective members

For more information Call 310-393-9825 or visit www.smchamber.com

CUTS
FROM PAGE 3

project that would create thousands of jobs.

Earlier this month, the Obama administration announced a six-year, $53 billion spending plan for high-speed rail as part of a strategy create jobs through infrastructure spending.

Cuts in funding, lawmakers fear, could slow the project and translate into lost jobs for the state.

Rep. Sam Farr, whose district includes Salinas, said the GOP plan threatens to chop funding for community health clinics in the state by 50 percent. Rep. Mike Thompson, whose district runs up the Northern California coast, said proposed health clinic closures could cancel 1,000 jobs and end up costing taxpayers more money.

People are still going to need health care," Thompson said. "They are going to be moved into . places that are cost-inefficient, like the emergency room."

BROAD
FROM PAGE 3

schools their mutual passions threw them together performing in artistic collaboration. Inspired by each other's work, the friends decided to meld their passions to create a hybrid and kinetic performance ensemble featuring sonic sculpture; thus founding String Theory almost 10 years ago.

Luke Rothschild designs large-scale instruments that Holly Rothschild said, "completely transform the entire environment or architecture into a giant stringed instrument. Those pieces bring the dancers and musicians that participate in the performance together. We like to think of it as an immersive performance experience."

The long string harps are played in a different way than traditional stringed instruments. The vibration that the harp utilizes is a compression wave — a longitudinal vibration, as opposed to an elliptical vibration of a plucked guitar string or a bowed cello string, she added.

The trio also mixes film and video elements to the show as well and the music ranges from pop, to film scores, to 15th century renaissance, to rock, to electronica, to experimental moods as well as soundscapes.

One of the pieces features a dancer wearing a specialized "skirt harp." The dancer plays the harp with both her feet and her hands — wearing cotton gloves coated with rosin dust — firmly grasping the long string, and stroking it longitudinally to create the vibration. Each string is tuned by a tuning block and the distance from the resonator dictates the pitch of each string.

The skirt harp in the upcoming show is played as a duet with a Theremin — remember those cigar shaped boxes used to make those eerie sounds popular in 1950s sci-fi movies?

"We have a bunch of crazy instruments in addition to our own," Molly Rothschild said. "The skirt harp is 'super sonic' so when she's moving around in it, it also gives off ambient sounds."

The giant wearable harp was made particularly for the Broad Stage, a site the group loves to play.

"It's such a beautiful venue and the stage is so expansive, which is great yet at the same time it also feels very intimate," she said.

The troupe, which consists of 14 dancers and musicians, is also glad to be back in Santa Monica.

"I feel like Santa Monica is such a great city. It's an extraordinary example of what a community should strive to be. The Santa Monica Cultural Affairs division provides a lot of opportunities for artists. They really try to support the arts," said Rothschild.

This innovative multimedia performance will take place at the Broad Stage on Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

news@smdp.com

PLAN
FROM PAGE 1

208 and 209 — because they are designated for therapeutic housing, which can be used for the homeless.

"Lots of veterans are homeless or returning from the war and need additional assistance," said Setareh Yavari, human services administrator for the Homeless Initiatives department in Santa Monica.

Yavari said a percentage of the Santa Monica homeless population is composed of veterans, although she did not have an exact count of homeless veterans in the city.

Those interested can comment on the draft master plan at regulations.gov/#!home or by mail to Director, Regulations Management (02REG), Dept. of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420.

Comments can also be sent via fax to (202) 273-9026.

All comments must be received by Feb. 19.

ashley@smdp.com

ST. MONICA
FROM PAGE 1

ond half.

For Sage Hill head coach Jeff Beeler, he was just happy to be in the playoffs. Qualifying as an at-large team after a 2-8 Academy League regular season, he told his team that they were playing with "house money," but their luck didn't continue.

While upset that his team didn't fare better during the second half, he did applaud a St. Monica team he feels could advance deep into the postseason.

"They are tough," he said of the Mariners. "They could surprise a few teams."

The Mariners' will get that opportunity tonight at home against Santa Maria St. Joseph. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m.

St. Monica's Jung has a simple formula for keeping this playoff run going.

"We just have to keep playing as a team," he said. "I'm proud of what we've done, I hope we can keep this going."

daniela@smdp.com





ONE DOWN

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Samohi's Lauren Kljucec has the ball stripped by Malibu defenders on Thursday at John Adams Middle School. Samohi won the CIF-SS Division 4 first round playoff game, 5-1.

BIKES
FROM PAGE 1

"It doesn't look like any street is very safe," said Parks and Recs Commissioner Richard McKinnon.

Lincoln, Pico and Ocean boulevards showed the highest concentration of accidents. The points spread out further away from the city center, particularly near Santa Monica College and San Vicente Boulevard.

The SMPD does not track "at-fault" parties in the reports used, so it's unclear whether or not the bicyclist, pedestrian or motorist was at fault in any of the accidents.

A common sentiment, however, was that city streets could better accommodate the mix of bikes and cars, and that police could do a better job of keeping pedestrians from violating bikeways and causing accidents.

The 30-member audience grilled Transportation Planning manager Lucy Dyke, who attended the meeting, for information concerning the draft Bike Action Plan and how it would improve the safety of streets for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The draft plan, which is expected to be open for comment in April, will direct the city for the next five years as it begins to implement bike-friendly improvements in line with its Land Use Circulation Element promise to create "no new net trips" by 2030, Dyke said.

High on the list of demands at the meeting were increased signage beginning the first of June through the summer months and clear separation of pedestrian versus bike ways.

Many present expressed concern that bicyclists and pedestrians cannot coexist on shared streets.

Of particular concern was the county-controlled bike path by the beach, which gets flooded by pedestrians and skaters in the summer.

State law dictates that pedestrians can use the bike way if there is no adjacent pedestrian facility for them to use, Dyke said.

Police spokesman Sgt. Jay Trisler confirmed that pedestrians are supposed to avoid the bike path if they have another place to walk, and said that enforcement stops are made on violators.

Commissioner Phil Brock opined that a program similar to the Bayside District Corporation's ambassadors could shepherd pedestrians onto their designated walkways both for their benefit and for that of the bikers.

"If we make it safer, more people will ride," Brock said. "We want to see people riding to make this a healthier city."

The committee also discussed the fate of the Palisades Garden Walk park, and the possibility of creating a bike path through the center of the facility.

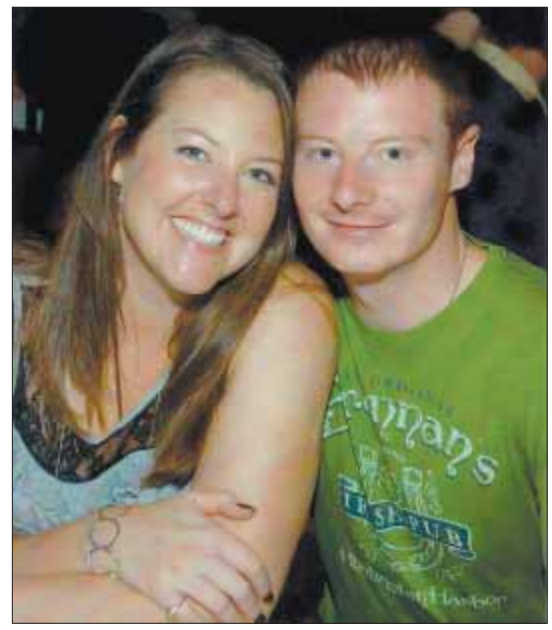
ashley@smdp.com

After a magical kickball season and many flipped cups later, these two will finally tie the knot in 2011.

Their friends will celebrate the amazing pair at V Lounge this weekend, and we all wanted to say:

Congratulations to Joe DiPippa and Katy Kulas!

We couldn't be happier for you both!



Cheers, To many years of happiness,

Adam – Cracking sternums since 2009
Andrea – Princess of bombing Jager
Brittney – Social director of the OPVilla



Miller Honda | CULVER CITY

www.MillerHonda.LA

Miller serving you for over 60 years!



$0 down payment
$0 1st month's payment
$0 security deposit
$0 due at lease signing

2010 Fits, Insights, Crosstours & 2011 Odysseys, Pilots

*To well-qualified lessees approved by Honda Financial Services. Not all lessees will qualify. Higher lease rates apply for lessees with lower credit ratings. MSRP includes destination, excludes tax, license, title fees, registration, doc fees, options, insurance and the like). Dealer contribution may vary and could affect actual lease payment. Must take new retail delivery on vehicle from dealer stock by 02/28/2011. Lessee responsible for maintenance, excessive wear/tear and $0.15/miler over 12,000 miles/year for vehicles with MSRP less than $30000, and $0.20/miles over 12000 miles/year for vehicles with MSRP of $30,000 or more. See your Honda dealer for details.

LESS THAN 7 MILES FROM THE SANTA MONICA PIER!

Thank You for Ranking us #1 Customer Service Experience in 2010!*

*Based on Year-to-Date Ranking January - December 2010 CSE in Zone 1.

NEW 2011 HONDA CIVIC LX



AUTOMATIC FA1F6BEW

LEASE FOR $119 /MO+TAX

5 AT THIS OFFER

Lease a 2011 Honda Civic LX for $119/month+tax for 36 months on approved credit. $3900 down plus tax, license, and $55 doc fee. $0 security deposit. 12k miles/year, $0.15 per mile in excess. Expires 2/21/2011.

NEW 2011 HONDA ACCORD LX



AUTOMATIC CP2F3BEW

LEASE FOR $169 /MO+TAX

5 AT THIS OFFER

Lease a 2011 Honda Accord LX for $169/month+tax for 36 months on approved credit. $3900 down plus tax, license, and $55 doc fee. $0 security deposit. 12k miles/year, $0.15 per mile in excess. Expires 2/21/2011.

NEW 2011 HONDA CR-V LX



AUTOMATIC RE3H4BEW

LEASE FOR $179 /MO+TAX

5 AT THIS OFFER

Lease a 2011 Honda CR-V LX 2WD for $179/month+tax for 36 months on approved credit. $3900 total due at lease signing. $0 security deposit. 12k miles/year, $0.15 per mile in excess. Plus tax, license, and doc fees. Expires 2/21/2011.

NEW 2011 HONDA FIT SPORT



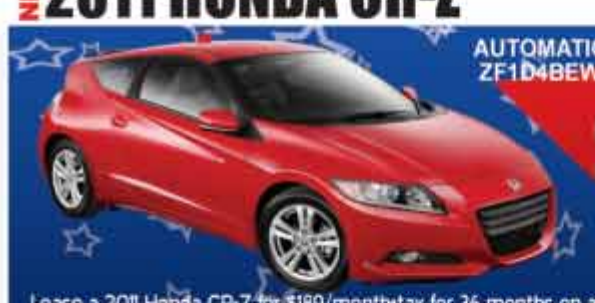
AUTOMATIC GE8H4AEW

LEASE FOR $179 /MO+TAX

5 AT THIS OFFER

Lease a 2011 Honda Fit Sport for $179/month+tax for 36 months on approved credit. $3900 total due at lease signing. $0 security deposit. 12k miles/year, $0.15 per mile in excess. Plus tax, license, and doc fees. Expires 2/21/2011.

NEW 2011 HONDA CR-Z



AUTOMATIC ZF1D4BEW

LEASE FOR $189 /MO+TAX

1 AT THIS OFFER

Lease a 2011 Honda CR-Z for $189/month+tax for 36 months on approved credit. $3900 total due at lease signing. $0 security deposit. 12k miles/year, $0.15 per mile in excess. Plus tax, license, and doc fees. (/007315) Expires 2/21/2011.

NEW 2011 HONDA INSIGHT LX



AUTOMATIC ZE2H6BEW

LEASE FOR $199 /MO+TAX

1 AT THIS OFFER

Lease a 2011 Honda Insight LX for $199/month+tax for 36 months on approved credit. $3900 total due at lease signing. $0 security deposit. 12k miles/year, $0.15 per mile in excess. Plus tax, license, and doc fees. (480416DT/001089) EExpires 2/21/2011.

PRE-OWNED SPECIALS!

05 HONDA CIVIC 468912A/595883 **$10,995**	05 SATURN ION 468441A/136985 **$10,995**	09 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER R121894/561510 (PREV. RENTAL) **$10,995**	05 HONDA ACCORD 480107A/ **$14,995**	07 HONDA ACCORD SE 900481/033705 **$15,995**	10 SUBARU IMPREZA 480577A/ **$16,995**
09 HONDA FIT SPORT 900497/008790 **$16,995**	05 HONDA CR-V SE 480487A/024518 **$16,995**	08 HONDA CIVIC EX 121898/069826 **$16,999**	07 HONDA ACCORD EX 900493/015006 **$17,950**	10 HONDA CIVIC 480522A/008320 **$17,995**	06 AUDI A4 2.0T 121893/220241 **$17,995**
08 HONDA ELEMENT EX 468671DTB/ **$18,995**	08 HONDA CIVIC HYB 900499/ **$19,995**	08 HONDA ACCORD EX 468912B/040303 **$19,995**	08 HONDA CR-V 480310A/019637 **$20,995**	07 HONDA CR-V 4X4 480085A/097338 **$20,995**	06 HONDA PILOT 900503/ **$22,995**

Miller Honda 800-614-3020

9055 W. Washington Boulevard, Culver City, CA 90232

www.MillerHonda.LA

All advertised prices exclude government fees and taxes, any finance charges, any dealer document preparation charge, and any emission testing charge. Sale ends on close of business 2/21/11.

Oscar-nominated costumes on view at fashion museum

SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Helen Mirren's Elizabethan dress from "The Tempest" is covered with gold and silver zippers, all the way up to its ruffled collar.

The hat that made Johnny Depp the Mad Hatter in "Alice in Wonderland" was crafted from imported Italian leather woven with gold threads, and it was sized to fit the fluffy orange wig he wore beneath it.

The costumes from "True Grit" were made new, then aged to look more than 100 years old, while much of the clothing from "The King's Speech" were original pieces from the 1930s.

Film fans and fashionistas can get an up-close look at these Oscar-nominated outfits and nearly 100 other movie costumes at L.A.'s Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising's 19th annual Art of Motion Picture Costume Design exhibition, on view now.

The FIDM Museum & Galleries collects and displays movie costumes to allow future fashion designers and the public to see the creativity and craftsmanship behind the clothing that makes memorable characters on screen, says curator and fashion historian Kevin Jones.

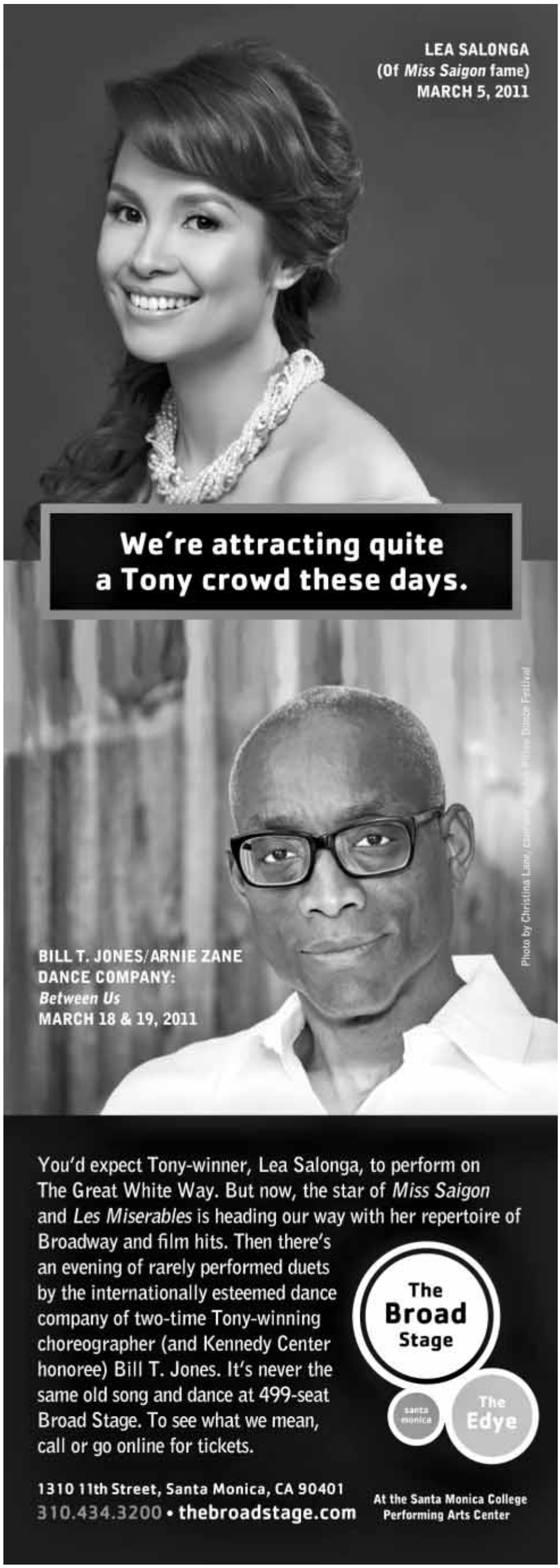
"Costumes perform. They're often the first thing that speak to the audience, before the actor even speaks," he says. "They set the time, the place, the economic status. It's the great power of costumes for film."

Oscar-nominated costume designer Mary Zophres spent months researching the look and style of 1860s Arkansas, where the adventure tale "True Grit" takes place. Once she became fluent in the era's fashions, she ordered multiple outfits made for each character, then had the new clothing aged to appear almost 140 years old. So Jeff Bridges' giant overcoat from the film only looks shabby.









Bell leaders ordered to trial

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES For nearly two weeks the judge listened patiently as lawyers for the mayor, vice mayor and others accused of looting a modest, blue-collar city of millions of dollars painted a picture of their clients as tireless community servants who did any number of good deeds for the poor, elderly and others.

But in the end, Superior Court Judge Henry Hall ruled Wednesday that none of that counted. What mattered, the judge said, was that the six had illegally raised their salaries to 20 times above what state law allows and would have to stand trial on nearly two dozen felony counts of misappropriation of public funds. He ordered them to return to court March 2 for arraignment.

In a lengthy, strongly worded statement from the bench that several defense attorneys said caught them by surprise, Hall suggested the six could have been charged with even more crimes. He also ordered that they stay 100 yards away from City Hall and not engage in any government activity involving Bell.

"I find this is a matter of grave public safety to the people of Bell," he said in issuing his stay-away order. He added that he had considered putting five of the six who are free on bail back in jail to ensure compliance, but decided not to go that far.

When told by Mayor Oscar Hernandez's attorney that his order would effectively shut down Bell's city government, Hall replied that Hernandez and other officials had been skipping City Council meetings for months since the Bell salary scandal broke, preventing the council from having enough members to meet anyway.

"These people were elected to be the voice of the people, to be a safeguard," Hall said. "And they basically sold that off."

Hernandez, Vice Mayor Teresa Jacobo, Councilman George Mirabal and former council members George Cole, Luis Artiga and Victor Bello are charged with taking part in a scam with former City Manager Robert Rizzo and Assistant City Manager Angela Spaccia that looted the city of $5.5 million.

The scandal, in which authorities say property taxes and business taxes were illegally raised and funds like gas taxes illegally diverted as officials' salaries shot up dramatically in recent years, has put Bell as much as $4.5 million debt and on the brink of bankruptcy.

Rizzo, who had an annual salary and compensation package of $1.5 million, and Spaccia, who was paid $376,288 a year, face a similar hearing next week. The council members each received about $100,000 a year.

During a preliminary hearing that lasted eight days, defense attorneys argued that the council members earned their salaries, working full time on the city's behalf, not only attending monthly council meeting but taking part in numerous community projects that benefited low-income people, the aged and others in the city where one in six people live in poverty.

"The bottom line is they worked very hard for the city, they gave their heart to the city and they were paid a fair salary by the city," Hernandez's lawyer, Stanley L. Friedman, said during his closing argument.

Their clients, the lawyers said, weren't aware of what Rizzo was doing and were only singled out by prosecutors after word of the salary scandal garnered nationwide attention.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Very high tide passes with no problems

A very high tide has passed with no problems reported along Southern California's coast.

High tides of 6 feet or greater occurred Thursday morning but low-lying coastal communities reported no difficulties.

The National Weather Service had warned of possible minor coastal flooding because a strong low-pressure system in the Eastern Pacific generated a large northwest swell that reached coastal waters Thursday morning.

Forecasters say high surf advisories will remain in effect until 10 p.m. for west-facing coasts of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, and higher-than-normal surf may occur along parts of Los Angeles County.

The next storm is due Friday into Saturday, with 1-to-3 inches of rain on the coast and in the valleys, and 3-to-6 inches in the foothills and mountains.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

Firm: Home prices dip 3 percent in December

California's median home price dipped more than 3 percent last month to $239,000 from $247,000 in January 2010 as distress sales and bargain hunting continued to dominate the market.

San Diego-based DataQuick Information Systems said Thursday that the state median was also down about 6 percent from $254,000 in December.

Home sales edged down less than 1 percent from around 27,860 in January 2010 to about 27,710 last month but dropped nearly 24 percent from around 36,220 in December.

A decline in sales between December and January is normal for the season, with the drop averaging about 27 percent.

Foreclosures accounted for about 40 percent of last month's sales.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Regulator: malpractice insurance too pricey

The California Department of Insurance says the state's biggest medical malpractice insurer only spent 10 percent of the $179 million it collects in premiums on lawsuits against doctors and other losses in 2009.

Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones says the low spending ratio at The Doctors Company and other insurers is a sign that the industry's rates are too high and need to come down.

The state regulator called on insurance companies to lower rates in a statement Thursday, adding that his staff is going to examine rates of medical malpractice insurers.

Napa-based The Doctors Company insures more than 37 percent of the state's doctors for malpractice.

A call to the company was not immediately returned.

AP

L.A. firefighters hurt in Hollywood Hills blaze

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A firefighter was battling for his life Thursday after a ceiling collapsed at a burning Hollywood Hills home, injuring him and five others.

The firefighter, a veteran in his last year on the job, was hospitalized in grave condition. He had no heartbeat and was not breathing when he was cut free of the wreckage, but rescuers managed to restore his pulse, Capt. Tina Haro said.

"We're hoping and praying and waiting to see, but he is fighting for his life," she said.

The firefighter has been with the department for 38 years, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said in a statement.

"Let us never forget the men and women who selflessly put their lives at risk to protect our families, our homes, and our neighborhoods," Villaraigosa said.

City and county firefighters were called to a 6,000-square-foot home shortly before 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Haro said.

A couple in the three-story home on Viewsite Drive smelled smoke and ran outside before firefighters arrived.

The fire apparently started in a fireplace but spread to the walls and attic, making the flames difficult to douse, Haro said.

"We kind of chased the fire around for a while, trying to find it," she said.

Unbeknownst to firefighters, the fire had burned through sprinkler pipes in the attic and filled the space with water, Haro said.

The weight collapsed a drop ceiling held in place by 2-by-4-inch wood struts, Haro said.

"The ceiling came down in huge piece," striking two county and four city firefighters, she said.

The veteran firefighter was buried.

"Our rapid intervention teams came in and they could see his turnout coat under the rubble," Haro said.

Using chain saws, they cut up the ceiling and pulled him free, then used cardiopulmonary resuscitation to revive him, the captain said.

The firefighter, whose name was not released, was eligible to retire this year, Haro said.

Three other city firefighters were in fair condition, one with a broken ankle and two with back pain, she said.

Two county firefighters were treated for minor injuries, she said.

More than 80 firefighters extinguished the fire in about 90 minutes. There was no immediate estimate of the damage, Haro said.

Police eye fire at drug house where body was discovered

ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Investigators worked Thursday to determine what caused a fire at a drug house days after a body was found in the backyard.

Arson detectives were called to the charred home in the unincorporated Lennox area on Wednesday night after firefighters extinguished the blaze.

The fire added a new layer of mystery to a case that already includes missing persons, a carjacking and a possible killing.

The homeowner, James Stein, 53, and his wife, Gabriela, vanished at different times in December.

On Tuesday, a man's body wrapped in cloth and plastic was unearthed from the trash-strewn backyard.

Los Angeles County sheriff's homicide Lt. Don Slawson said coroner's investigators had not identified the person.

A two-day search of the property turned up no further human remains, and the Steins are both officially considered to be missing, Slawson said.

"We're trying to hunt her down (and) try to find out what happened," the lieutenant said. "Hopefully, she's alive. That would be the best-case scenario for all of us."

The fire was reported shortly after 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, about two hours after a man was arrested on suspicion of carjacking someone at the home days earlier.

Marcos Lomeli, 26, surrendered at a Pico Rivera motel following a brief standoff with a SWAT team, sheriff's Capt. Mike Parker said.

He remained jailed without bail on Thursday.

Homicide detectives want to question him about the body that was discovered.

Authorities had been searching for Lomeli since Saturday, when a man called authorities to report he had been carjacked at the home, Slawson said.

Investigators believe that Lomeli and Jenny Salazar, who both lived at the home, called the man to the house by saying they needed his truck to move some property.

When he arrived, they asked to borrow the truck and told him they "needed to move a body or bodies, as the case may be," Slawson said.

When he refused, he was tied up and his truck was stolen, Slawson said.

Salazar, 22, was arrested Monday for investigation of false imprisonment, robbery and assault with a deadly weapon.

She prompted a search of the property by telling investigators a body was buried in the backyard, Slawson said.

She remained jailed Thursday on $250,000 bail.

Slawson said investigators were looking into the possibility that the fire was set to destroy evidence.

Other motives might be vandalism or a desire to get rid of a house neighbors claimed had been a hangout for drug addicts for decades, Slawson said.

INTERESTED IN YOUR DAILY FORECAST?
Check out the HOROSCOPES on PAGE 17!
smdp.com Santa Monica Daily Press office (310) 458-7737

READ US ONLINE

EDITORIAL SECTIONS

smdp.com/**localnews**
smdp.com/**auto**
smdp.com/**briefs**
smdp.com/**columnists**
smdp.com/**cp**
smdp.com/**crimewatch**
smdp.com/**entertainment**
smdp.com/**food**
smdp.com/**green**
smdp.com/**health**
smdp.com/**letterstotheeditor**
smdp.com/**opinion**
smdp.com/**parenting**
smdp.com/**realestate**
smdp.com/**sports**
smdp.com/**travel**

CHECK US OUT ONLINE

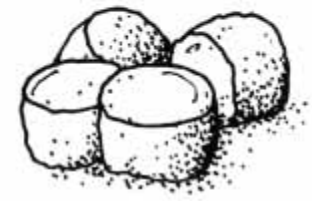
smdp.com/**advertising**
smdp.com/**archives**
smdp.com/**classifieds**
smdp.com/**communitylistings**
smdp.com/**submitevent**
smdp.com/**contactus**
smdp.com/**dba**
smdp.com/**search**

smdp.com Santa Monica Daily Press
office (310) 458-7737

Nemo's Petarazzi
Day Care•Grooming•Pet Photography
Santa Monica Doggie Day Care
50% off 1st FULL DAY
– only $19!! –
2709 B Santa Monica Blvd
310-310-3567

This was our message in the 1970's...
Some things just don't change

MARSHMALLOW INSURANCE.



Toasting marshmallows. What fun. But what a disaster if that should happen while they're still in your kitchen cupboard. Oh boy. It's a fire. And that's when you really need a good solid homeowner's insurance package. That's where we come in. We'll even replace your marshmallows.

White Sutton & Company Insurance Services
1952
807 Arizona Avenue Santa Monica, CA 90401
Tel: 310.393.9477 Fax: 310.393.7186
whitesutton.com
Lic. No. 0178016
Trusted Choice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING

DATE/TIME: February 23, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:
ARB 10-343, 1415 Fourth Street: Retail
ARB 10-641, 725 California: Place of Worship
ARB 11-021, 1338 Twentieth Street: Convalescent Facility
ARB 11-048, 2112 San Vicente: Single Family Residential

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planning-comm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail planning@santa-monica.org, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 & 9 and the Tide Ride serve the Santa Monica Civic Center and City Hall.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed bids for:

BID #3018 PROVIDES DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES AS REQUIRED BY THE BIG BLUE BUS

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on February 23, 2011 at 2:00 PM Pacific Time. Vendors are to meet Paul Casey & Kellee Mac Donald at the Main Library in the Community Meeting Room located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Floor 2 Santa Monica, CA. 90401

The bid packet can be downloaded at:
http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm

Submission Deadline is March 14, 2011 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Request for bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the City of Santa Monica, 1717 4th St., Suite 250, Santa Monica, California, or by e-mailing your request to Kellee.macdonald@smgov.net. Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica.

Vendors interested in doing business with the City of Santa Monica are encouraged to register online at http://www.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/

DONATE Your Vehicle

Tax deductible.
No DMV hassle.

The call is free!
And so is the pick-up!

American Red Cross
1-888-5-RED-CROSS
(888-573-3276)

Cars • Boats • RVs • Cars • Boats • RVs • Cars • Boats • RVs





Group fights homelessness near Disneyland

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

ANAHEIM Diana Gonzalez lives in an encampment of grimy tents and overstuffed shopping carts in an alley less than three miles from Disneyland. Her life is a world apart from the fairy tales of the Happiest Place on Earth.

For Gonzalez, mundane details such as the hours of the public restrooms at the community park down the street are obsessions necessary for survival.

"You've gotta smell sometimes because it's so cold," Gonzalez said, shivering in the chilly night air. "Where are you gonna shower if the bathrooms are closed? Where are you going to go the bathroom? Where are we supposed to go?"

A recently formed interfaith group called the Poverty Task Force hopes to answer those questions as it fights homelessness in Anaheim, a city that is quietly wrestling with a street population rarely seen by the millions of tourists who flock to Disney's resort each year.

Anaheim's diverse churches and mosques have long worked together informally to fill the gaps with emergency shelter and food, but each realized they were only providing temporary fixes. Their faith required more, said Deacon Doug Cook, a member of the coalition from San Antonio de Padua Church.

"We're not even scratching the surface of the city and I really think it needs to be faith-based. It's what we're about," he said. "How many churches are there in Anaheim? There's hundreds and you're looking at about 15 of us on the Poverty Task Force. We're probably 10 percent or less. What if we had the other 90 percent? Think what we could do."

The congregations have their work cut out for them.

The city's humming tourism industry creates an abundance of low-wage jobs that keep many residents just a medical bill or car repair away from eviction in one of the most expensive rental markets in the nation, said Bob Murphy, general manager for American Family Housing, a nonprofit that runs several homeless programs.

Seventy percent of Orange County's homeless are women and children, a fact reflected in last year's HBO documentary series "Homeless: The Motel Kids of Orange County." Total homelessness has jumped 600 percent since 1989, with between 21,000 and 35,000 people on the streets, according to statistics compiled by the interfaith group based on homeless counts and county tracking systems.

The average rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Orange County is $1,350 a month, which requires an income of $25 an hour — and most people make half that, Murphy said.

"People see Orange County as beaches and wealth, and I think a lot of what we're doing is about educating the public," said Kerry Gallagher, an organizer with the Orange County Congregation Community Organization. "A lot of people from Orange County don't want to admit it because it will tarnish our image. If we respond, we are recognizing our problem."

That attitude is something project leaders are bracing for as they ramp up publicity for their ideas in the coming weeks. Leaders of the Catholic, Protestant, Muslim and Unitarian congregations that make up the task force have used their pulpits to preach about the need for homeless services in the city. Earlier this month, they launched a petition drive before a March 8 presentation to the newly elected city council.

And the task force's members expect to meet resistance: The linchpin of their plan is a massive, mall-style building that would act as a regional hub for the homeless, offering all the services they need under one roof.

The five-year strategy calls for 14 other recommendations, including a police team trained in homeless outreach, a homeless census and a "safe zone" for things such as soup lines and portable toilets. The ideas are all meant to dovetail with Orange County's current plan, which began in 2008 with the goal of ending homelessness in a decade.

Lorri Galloway, a longtime city council member who also runs a home for abused and homeless women, predicts an uphill political battle.

"It's definitely not going to be a slam dunk ... ," she said. "There will be concerns by people, by business people, that this would change the image of the Happiest Place on Earth."

The group also faces significant financial obstacles. Even though the task force hopes to pay for most of the project with federal grants and nonprofit funding, the city's involvement could be limited by its own financial woes.

The city is running a $2 million budget gap and made cuts to its homeless outreach staffing, said Bob Cerince, a city staff analyst who has worked closely with the interfaith group.

Another challenge will be finding an uncontested site for the proposed service center in a county where land values are sky-high.

"Everything is really, really up in the air," he said. "Where do you put this thing and how do you develop community support?"

The coalition is willing to do what it takes to create that momentum, said Cook, who is leading efforts at San Antonio de Padua Church in Anaheim Hills, one of the ritziest neighborhoods in the 350,000-person city.

Oscar's winners' envelope get glam treatment

SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Like many a star attending the Academy Awards, Oscar's winners' envelope is getting a makeover.

For 70 years, the envelope — as in "the envelope, please" — was nothing more than a plain, white paper envelope, the kind available at any office supply store.

This year, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is glamming up the way it unveils the names of those winning the industry's highest honor: It's replacing the plain white envelope with a custom-designed keepsake envelope and announcement card that looks great on TV.

"The idea of the envelope was created by the Oscars, so this really is THE envelope," says Steve Bass, the production designer for this year's show who helped usher in a new envelope era. "It made so much sense to heighten the visual experience of what the envelope is."

The new envelope, designed by Marc Friedland, is made of iridescent gold paper watermarked with little images of Oscar. It's lined with shiny red paper embossed with gold Oscars. The winner's name appears on a heavy piece of lacquered red paper inside, with the category listed on the back. The envelope will be sealed with a shiny red sticker adorned with two strips of red ribbon.

It was also designed for ease of use: It opens quickly and the card inside slides out smoothly, so no precious papers will be torn or mangled during the award announcement.

"There's no more significant moment than the anticipation that comes with opening the envelope. It's the most iconic, symbolic envelope in the world," says Friedland, whose company produces invitations for celebrities and corporate events. "Using a store-bought envelope is like showing up to the Academy Awards in shorts and flip-flops."

Friedland says he had long been frustrated with the look of Oscar's envelope. It was "more functional than iconic," he says, explaining that the envelope was first introduced to the Oscar ceremony after a winner's name had leaked out early.

Oscar producers Bruce Cohen and Don Mischer decided this was the year they'd upgrade the envelope. They turned to Friedland, who calls himself "the stationer to the stars," about two weeks ago. He says took design cues from the look of this year's Oscar set.

"It has an elegant Hollywood regency feel to it," Friedland says.

Academy officials haven't decided if they will redesign the Oscar envelope each year or stick with Friedland's red-and-gold design for future shows.

The stationer called it "the most important envelope in the world" and says designing it has been the highlight of his 25-year career. He will also be attending the Feb. 27 ceremony.

But he still won't learn the winners' names early.

His deadline for the finished envelopes is the same day Oscar ballots are due: Feb. 22.

Since the only people on Earth who know the Oscar winners in advance are two accountants at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Friedland prepared insert cards for each of the nominees. It's up to the accountants to stuff and seal the envelopes properly and shred any leftovers.

He said he hopes the new envelopes become "a keepsake to accompany Oscars wherever they go."

Bass, a two-time Emmy winner, says, "You keep the envelope. It's a huge part of the memory as well as the actual statue."

The attention to the envelope on this year's Oscars is indicative of the producers' overall approach to the telecast, Bass says: "The envelope is just the tip of the iceberg for what people are going to experience on the show this year in a new, fresh way."

RESTAURANTS AFFORDABLE PRINTING IS HERE

PRESIDENT'S DAY SALE

1,000 MENUS

Full Color 8.5" x 11" Tri-Fold or
One-Page, Front and Back on 100LB
Gloss Book with AQ Coating

$225.00*

1,000 POSTCARDS

Full Color 4" x 6" Front and Back on
14PT Card Stock with UV Coating

$125.00*



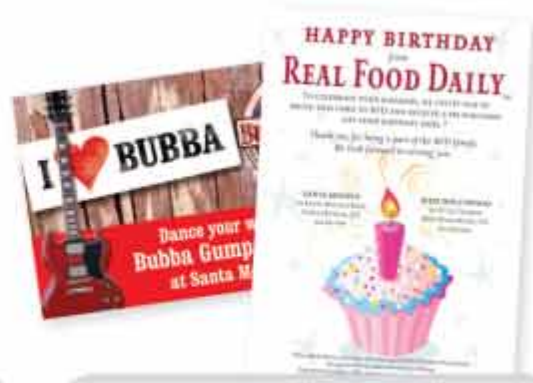
Place your order today!
Offer good from 2/18 to 2/22
Print later if needed: Printing can be done up 1 month after order is placed.



full color menus



custom menus



postcards



matches



door hangers



press kits



coasters



banners/posters

These fine restaurants print with us and are getting quality results for less:

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

310-314-3537 www.peprinting.com

POSITIVE EXISTENCE
Design & Printing Experts

© 2011 Positive Existence, Inc. All rights reserved. *Offer good from 2/18/11 - 2/22/11. Allow 3-5 business days for delivery.



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

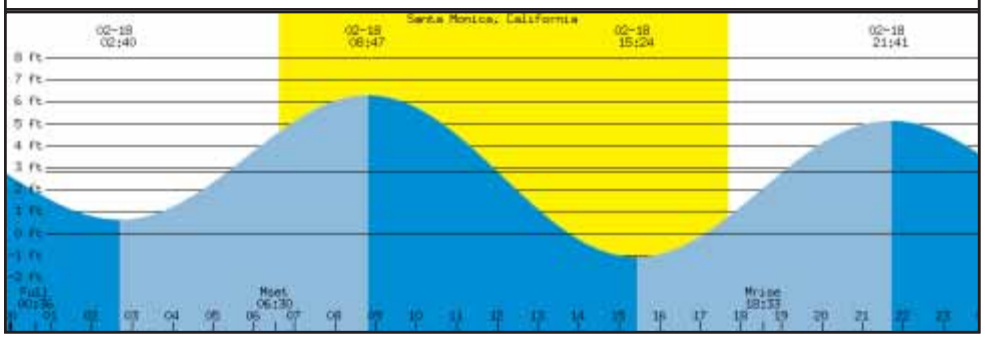
Swell Forecast

Should see the NW increase about 15%

Long Range Synopsis

Looking at a high probability of WSW wind swell coming in from another passing storm. NW swell will back off.

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 **February 8, 2011**

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 -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 27
- Number of (C.D.F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 10

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Groudwick Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

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 in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A	B
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alins creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	B	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	B
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.	B	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	B	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	C
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	D
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	B
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	D
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	C
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	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A	D
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	B
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	B	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	B	F

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'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.

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

© 2010 Copyright Heal the Bay. All rights reserved. Printed on recycled paper (unless listed).

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.

NFL

League officials, players' union agree to mediation

BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK The NFL and its players' union agreed Thursday to mediation in their labor dispute, two weeks before the collective bargaining agreement expires.

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, an independent U.S. government agency, will oversee negotiations in Washington beginning Friday.

After holding separate discussions with representatives from the league and the union, FMCS director George H. Cohen said both sides agreed to have the agency get involved in the stalled talks.

Negotiations broke down last week, leading to the cancellation of one planned session. The players are expecting the owners to lock them out if the CBA expires on March 3 without a new agreement.

"Due to the extreme sensitivity of these negotiations and consistent with the FMCS's long-standing practice, the agency will refrain from any public comment concerning the future schedule and/or the status of those negotiations until further notice," Cohen said.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello told The Associated Press in an e-mail: "We are now in mediation."

In a statement, NFLPA spokesman George Atallah said: "The NFLPA has always focused on a fair collective bargaining agreement through negotiations. We hope that this renewed effort, through mediation, will help the players and owners reach a successful deal."

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Conditional Use Permit 11-001, 395 Santa Monica Place. The applicant requests approval of Conditional Use Permit (11CUP001) to extend the hours of alcohol service and consumption along the outdoor dining patio areas of Santa Monica Place for the following Conditional Use Permits: CUP 09-007 (Xino); CUP 09-010 (Ozumo); CUP 10-001 (Sonoma Wine); CUP 10-003 (Pizza Antica); CUP 10-007 (The Market); CUP 10-008 (La Sandia); CUP 10-009 (Zengo); CUP 10-014 (Food Court); and CUP 10-020 (True Food Kitchen).
The above establishments are permitted to operate the outdoor dining patios with alcohol service until 12 midnight daily. The request involves extending the outdoor operation and service hours to 2:00 AM daily. The outdoor dining areas are primarily located along Second Street, Third Street/Broadway and Fourth Street.[Planner: Grace Page] **Applicant: Doug Roscoe, Macerich Santa Monica, LLC. Property Owner: Macerich Santa Monica, LLC.**

Conditional Use Permit 11-002, Text Amendment 11-001, 1431 Second Street. Replacement of the existing 342 space public parking structure with a new public parking structure containing approximately 750 parking spaces in subterranean levels and up to eight above-ground levels for a maximum height of 84 feet., and approximately 6,300 square feet of ground floor retail, a bicycle parking area for 90 bicycles, storage space, and solar panels on the rooftop deck. The proposed Text Amendment would modify development standards for City-owned public parking structures, including: incorporating the Bayside Specific Plan permitted height of 84 feet in Bayside District zone 2 (BSC2); allowing a modification of the 75-foot minimum retail depth in BSC2; modifying the required BSC2 building stepbacks and citywide building volume envelope; and allowing a maximum 6-2/3% slope for parking structure decks citywide.

WHEN: **Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at http://www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9 provide service to the City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.



MOVIE TIMES

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

The Fighter with David O. Russell in person
7:30 p.m.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-6232

Roommate (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:55pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

I Am Number Four (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

Unknown (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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

Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (PG) 1hr 24min
11:30am, 1:50pm, 4:10pm, 6:30pm, 8:50pm

Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

No Strings Attached (R) 1hr 50min
11:35am, 2:25pm, 5:10pm, 7:55pm, 10:35pm

I Am Number Four (PG-13) 1hr 44min
11:25am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
10:55am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D (G) 1hr 45min
10:10am, 10:55am, 12:45pm, 1:50pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:15pm, 7:15pm, 9:00pm, 10:00pm

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

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Biutiful (R) 2hrs 27min
1:20pm, 4:40pm, 8:00pm

Illusionist (L'illusionniste) (PG) 1hr 22min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:45pm

Immigration Tango (R) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third Street Promenade
(310) 395-1599

Eagle (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:35pm, 7:25pm, 10:15pm

Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:20pm

Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (PG-13) 1hr 47min
10:50am, 1:25pm, 2:10pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm, 10:45pm

Unknown (PG-13) 1hr 49min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
11:10am, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Gnomeo & Juliet (PG) 1hr 24min
10:45am, 1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm

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

Take off ASAP, Cappy

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your enthusiasm might be waning. Fatigue and a need for closer scrutiny of details might drag you down. Schedule a late lunch. Take off afterward. Know when you are too worn out to do anything more. Tonight: Not to be found.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to grasp the many different implications of a situation comes into play in exploring solutions. Remain light no matter what new information heads your way. Brainstorm away. Tonight: Transform your creative energy into fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You swing into weekend mode a little too soon. Consider heading home early; bring some extra work with you. No matter what you do, you are simply not in the mood to work. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ How you deal with someone and the choices you make could change with new information coming in. A family or domestic matter might need to be put on hold. Another person demonstrates his or her caring in a conversation. Tonight: Visit with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ See what energizes a situation. Know when to put a halt to spending, especially if it is stressing your budget. You discover that this is a point of agreement no matter which way you go. Tonight: Let someone else treat for a change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Maintain your visibility, and don't ignore a financial issue. Someone's impressions certainly aren't the same as yours. Your ability to come up with a solution that works for everyone emerges. Funnel more creativity into your personal life, too. Tonight: With a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Willingly back off from a hassle. Let others resolve it, as whatever you suggest will not be "right" anyway. Make plans on the phone, talk to a buddy and simply use the extra private time well. Take some much-needed personal time. Tonight: Vanish happily.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Others say what they think and feel. In fact, not responding and just letting another person jabber could be most informative. You'll learn much more that way than by challenging another person's thoughts and ideas. A meeting could be very important. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Pressure builds, as last-minute details tumble into your lap. Stop and take a deep breath. You know you can handle whatever heads your way. Others respect your need for completion. Just don't let them take advantage of it. Tonight: Finally enjoying yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. You might not be on the right path, but you certainly are trying to find the best way to go. Note when your thought process becomes rigid. Let go of that limitation. It is easier than you might think. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Someone would like to play his or her hand without interference. You really don't have much to lose. Maintain a say in financial decisions. A personal relationship could warm up as a result. Tonight: Let someone else make the first move.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Realize what is happening with a child or loved one. If you pull away mentally, you will get a better sense of the conflict surrounding this person. Emphasize your goals. Look to the long-term in a meeting. Others might be a little frivolous. Tonight: Not alone.

Happy birthday

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

This year, try a new approach, and see what happens. Let go of rigidity; flow with events and situations. Travel, education and dealing with foreigners might not flow as well as in the past. If you are single, your love life could become very intense, more so than you can imagine. If you are attached, the two of you invent a new tango as you up the love temperature. Discussions succeed on a one-on-one level. VIRGO understands you far better than you know.



MYSTERY PHOTO

Brandon Wise *brandonw@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.

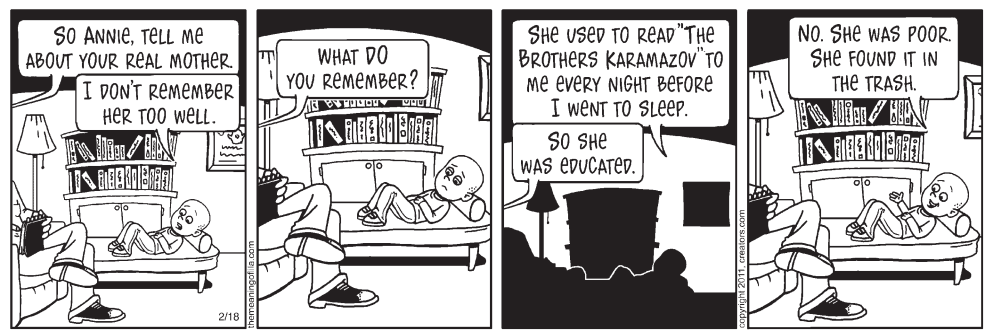
Garfield

By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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

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

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

"New Year - New Rules for Retirement!"

"Retirees and Soon to be Retired Make These Mistakes Losing Thousands of Dollars"

A nationally known financial expert says many seniors and boomers who have retirement accounts make these mistakes, costing themselves and their families thousands of dollars! They risk their retirement security, increasing the chance they could outlive their money. This is true whether they handle retirement savings themselves, or with help from a professional! Are you needlessly losing thousands of dollars? **Find out NOW, Call toll-free, 800-238-1719 for a free consultation. CALL NOW, before it's too late!**

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Ready to swing
6 Microwave sounds
11 Hull bottom
12 "Seascape" playwright
13 Left over
14 Enjoy one's triumph
15 Minimal change
17 Printer's supply
18 Quick jab
20 Secret agent TV show of the '60s
22 — tree
23 Playground sights
26 Juicy fruit
28 Inert gas
29 "God's Little Acre" actor
31 Film noir classic
32 Hoe target
33 Bit of smoke
34 Scrooge cries
36 Europe native
38 Suspect's story
40 Battery end
43 Indian lute
44 Play a banjo
45 Canary chow
46 Grant's successor

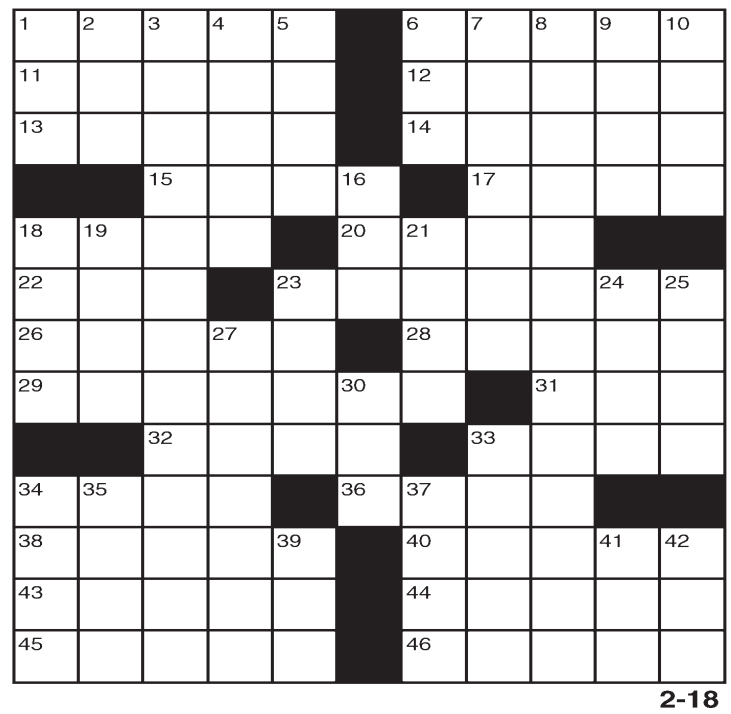
DOWN

1 Crunch targets
2 Upset
3 Three Dog Night hit
4 Concur
5 Freshman, usually
6 Chips buy
7 Squashed circle
8 McCartney/Wonder hit
9 High point
10 Match parts
16 Father's Day gift
18 Western cat
19 Milky gem
21 Hot
23 Ticked off
24 Courts
25 Easy task
27 Spoils
30 Spots
33 "You say you — revolution"
34 Deep voice
35 "I cannot tell —"
37 Whip
39 1040 org.
41 Bill stamp
42 Print units

M	I	S	T	■	C	A	R	U	S	O
I	R	M	A	■	A	X	E	M	A	N
L	O	O	T	■	P	I	R	A	T	E
K	N	O	T	H	O	L	E	■	■	■
■	■	C	O	O	■	L	A	S	S	O
T	A	H	O	E	■	A	D	M	E	N
A	L	I	■	■	■	■	■	O	A	T
D	A	N	E	S	■	P	A	O	L	O
A	N	G	S	T	■	A	C	T	■	■
■	■	■	T	A	J	M	A	H	A	L
N	O	N	A	M	E	■	D	I	N	E
O	R	A	T	E	S	■	I	N	T	O
R	E	P	E	N	T	■	A	G	E	S

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



2-18

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 17 18 24 35 39 Meganumber: 18 Jackpot: $52M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 2 8 16 21 23 Meganumber: 19 Jackpot: $10M

Fantasy 5: 2 12 22 34 37

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 2 2 1 EVENING: 8 0 6

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 11 Money Bags 2nd: 02 Lucky Star 3rd: 03 Hot Shot RACE TIME: 1:48.18

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

■ Jerrold Winiecki, 56, was lifted into an ambulance on Dec. 8 for the 25-minute ride to a hospital in a Minneapolis suburb, after paramedics were unable to keep his airway fully open because of infection. Minutes later, the struggling-to-breathe Winiecki noticed the ambulance stopping at a familiar location enroute -- a Subway sandwich shop near his home, thus increasing his distress. The stop was brief; Winiecki later recovered; and doctors said the ambulance ride was not life-threatening. The ambulance company said proper protocols were met, in that the driver did not stop for food but to use a restroom because of diarrhea.

■ Three men and two juveniles were charged with burglary in Silver Springs Shores, Fla., in January following a December break-in that netted them electronics and jewelry and what they thought was a stash of cocaine. The men told police they had snorted some of the powder. The police report identified the powder as the ashes of the resident's late father and of two Great Danes. (Some of the ashes were later recovered.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1965 The Gambia becomes independent from the United Kingdom.

1969 Hawthorne Nevada Airlines Flight 708 crashes into Mount Whitney killing all on board.

1970 The Chicago Seven are found not guilty of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

1972 The California Supreme Court in the case of People v. Anderson, 6 Cal.3d 628 invalidates the state's death penalty and commutes the sentences of all death row inmates to life imprisonment.

1977 The Space Shuttle Enterprise test vehicle is carried on its maiden "flight" on top of a Boeing 747.

1983 Thirteen people die and one is seriously injured in the Wah Mee Massacre in Seattle, Washington. It is said to be the largest robbery-motivated mass-murder in U.S. history.

WORD UP!

ululate
\ UL-yuh-layt; YOOL- \ , intransitive verb;
1. To howl, as a dog or a wolf; to wail; as, ululating jackals.

ARITHMO™

CrossMath + × − ÷

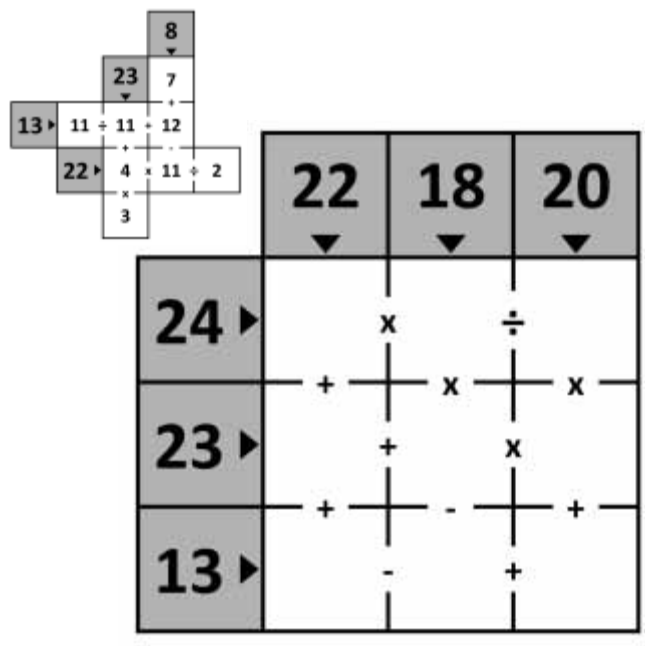
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

For more games, go to www.arithmo.com

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

2, 3, 5, 6, 6, 6, 8, 8, 11

Solution for Task 731



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!

(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.

Miller Honda
CULVER CITY
www.MillerHonda.LA

05 HONDA CIVIC
468912A/595883
$10995

05 SATURN ION
468441A/I36985
$10995

09 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER
PREVIOUS RENTAL
R121894/561510
$10995

05 HONDA ACCORD
480107A/104501
$14995

07 HONDA ACCORD SE
900481/033705
$15995

10 SUBARU IMPREZA
480577A/502973
$17995

09 HONDA FIT SPORT
900497/008790
$16995

05 HONDA CR-V SE
480487A/024518
$16995

800-614-3020

Miller Toyota
CULVER CITY
www.MillerToyota.LA

05 TOYOTA COROLLA CE
306297A/483652
$10998

06 TOYOTA COROLLA S
1000743/665932
$13998

04 TOYOTA CAMRY SE
1000746/321434
$14498

07 TOYOTA CAMRY LE
305658DTA/551870
$15775

08 TOYOTA CAMRY
CERTIFIED
1000760/779657
$15998

10 SCION XB
CERTIFIED
1000714/098368
$16989

05 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER
1000718/081651
$16,989

866-966-4553

Miscellaneous

WINE OF the MONTH CLUB! Send the gift of wine all year long! 2 Bottles each month from award-winning wineries around the world. Call 888-682-7982 and get FREE SHIPPING! (Cal-SCAN)

Miscellaneous

SHARI'S BERRIES - Mouthwatering gourmet strawberry gifts fresh for your Valentine! 100% satisfaction guaranteed. Delivered nationwide. SAVE 20% on Dipped Berries! Visit www.berries.com/berries or Call 1-888-903-2988. (Cal-SCAN)

Announcements

VONAGE UNLIMITED Calls in U.S. & 60 Countries! NO ANNUAL CONTRACT! $14.99 For 3 Months! Then ONLY $25.99/mo. Plus FREE Activation. Call 877-881-2318. (Cal-SCAN)

Employment

HAIRSTYLIST AND MANICURE station for rent Santa Monica (310) 449-1923

Help Wanted

ABLE TO TRAVEL. Hiring 8 people. No experience necessary. Transportation & lodging furnished. Paid training. Work and travel entire USA. Start today. www.ProtekChemical.com 1-208-590-0365. (Cal-SCAN)

ASAP! NEW Pay Increase! 34-46 cpm. Excellent Benefits. Need CDL-A & 3 months recent OTR. 1-877-258-8782. www.MeltonTruck.com (Cal-SCAN)

COMPANY SOLOS & TEAMS - Western US! National Pay for Regional Work! Great home time. 1-year OTR or recent grad. Hazmat required. 1-888-905-9879 or www.AndrusTrans.com (Cal-SCAN)

DRIVERS - NEW PAY PACKAGE. Hiring Class-A CDL Flatbed Drivers for Regional and OTR Lanes. Solos, O/OPís and Teams. Top Pay, Great Equipment. 1-8888-801-5614. www.SystemTrans.com (Cal-SCAN)

DRIVERS - Paid CDL Training & a Stable Career! NO CREDIT CHECK! No Experience required! TRAINERS EARN 49c/MILE! 1-888-417-7564. CRST EXPEDITED www.JoinCRST.com (Cal-SCAN)

DRIVERS/CDL TRAINING - CAREER CENTRAL. We Train and EMPLOY You. Company Drivers up to 40K First Year. New Team Pay! Up to 48c/mile Class A CDL Training Regional Locations! 1-877-369-7091 www.CentralDrivingJobs.net (Cal-SCAN)

TRAVEL-WORK-PARTY-PLAY 50 states! Play in Vegas, Hang in LA, Jet to New York! Hiring 18-24 gals/guys. $400-$800 wkly. Paid expenses. 877.259.6983. (Cal-SCAN)

Business Opps

ALL CASH VENDING ROUTE! Be Your Own Boss! 25 Machines + Candy All for $9995. Vend3, 880 Grand Blvd., Deer Park, NY. 1- 877-915-8222. Major CC accepted! (Cal-SCAN)

LEARN HOW to DOUBLE YOUR 2011 INCOME at this Live Event: www.WealthBuildersConference.com/money (Cal-SCAN)

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

For Sale

New condo in Brentwood with beautiful view for sale & financing by owner. 3+3 1/2 "2065 sqft" $899K. Text condo 400 to 41513 or 714-878-1563

Auction

50 LOTS MUST SELL - February 22nd. Seller financing! No Qualifying! Low Down! Online Bidding! Mohave, Coconino, Apache Counties. Bidding starts at $100. www.SunnyLandAuction.com 1-866-sunnyland. (Cal-SCAN)

Education

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA! Graduate in 4 weeks! FREE Brochure. Call Now! 1-866-562-3650 ext. 60 www.SouthEasternHS.com (Cal-SCAN)

Wanted

WANTED DIABETIC TEST STRIPS. Cash Paid. Unopened, Unexpired Boxes Only. All Brands Considered. Help others, donít throw boxes away. For more information, Call 888-491-1168. (Cal-SCAN)

Instruction

ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE from Home. *Medical, *Business, *Paralegal, *Criminal Justice. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. SCHEV certified. Call 888-210-5162 www.Centura.us.com (Cal-SCAN)

Resorts/Timeshares

SELL/RENT YOUR TIMESHARE For CASH!!! Our Guaranteed Services will Sell/ Rent Your Unused Timeshare for CASH! Over $95 Million Dollars offered in 2010! www.SellaTimeshare.com (877) 554-2098 (Cal-SCAN)

For Rent

9849 TABOR St.Unit 8, Palms, 3bdrm/2bath.$1695/mo Stove, fridge, carpets, wall AC, ceiling fan blinds, balcony, parking, on site laundry no pets. (310)578-7512 www.jkwproperties.com

Garage for rent $200 Safe & Clean 9th & Montana (310)623-0401

HOWARD MANAGEMENT GROUP
(310)869-7901

505 Barrington Ave. #11 2+2, Brentwood $1775

2110 Bentley Ave. #304, Penthouse 2+2, loft $2395

505 Barrington Ave. #3 1+1 Pool, parking, laundry $1295

WE HAVE MORE VACANCIES ON THE WESTSIDE

www.howardmanagement.com
rentals@howardmanagement.com

Mar Vista $995.00 Single w/ kitchen, 1 Bath, No pets, Stove, Refrig, Dshwshr, Parking, 4077 Inglewood Blvd., # 1, LA 90066 Open daily 9am-7pm. Additional info in Unit.

For Rent

MAR VISTA 12450 Culver Blvd. gated parking, intercom entry, stove, fridge, utilities included, laundry, parking, no pets. $975 and up $750 off move-in (888)414-7778 www.jkwproperties.com

PALMS/BVRLYWD ADJ. $1275.00 2 Bdrm, 1-1/2 Baths, NO PETS, stove, refrg, parking 2009 Preuss Rd., #11. LA 90034. Open daily 9am-7pm .Additional info in Apt

PALMS; 3+2 3633 Keystonse unit 7, $1695/mo stove, blinds, tile/carpets, balcony, parking, laundry room, tandem parking no pets. (310)578-7512 jkwproperties.com

SANTA MONICA $1250 1bdrms, 1 bath, no pets, stove, refrigerator, parking, 1935 Cloverfield Blvd. #7 Opean Daily for viewing 9am-7pm. Additional info in Unit. Manager in #9

SANTA MONICA $1250.00 1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, NO Pets, Stove, Refrig, Dshwshr, parking 2535 Kansas Ave., #203 Open daily 9am-7pm.

SANTA MONICA $1650.00 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, NO Pets, Stove, Refrig, Dshwshr, parking 2535 Kansas Ave., #107 Open daily 9am-7pm.

SANTA MONICA $1650.00 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, NO Pets, Stove, Refrig, Dshwshr, parking 2535 Kansas Ave.,Open daily 9am-7pm. , Mgr # 101 additional info in apt

SANTA MONICA $2495.Spacious large lower front 2+2. Hardwood flooring, prime location, Front and rear entrance, backyard, large kitchen, appliances 7 blocks to beach.Close to 3rd Street Promenade. 917 Lincoln Blvd.#2 Call 310-666-8360

SM. ADJ. UNOBSTRUCTED Ocean View large 2+2, on top of hill, on private drvway. 2 sundecks 2 parking, $1995 (310)390-4610

WESTCHESTER 7085 Manchester 1+1 upper, stove, fridge, on-site laundry, shared garage parking, no pets, $1150/mo (310) 578-7512 jkwproperties.com

Commercial Lease

Small Offices for lease $600-$1200/mo. Ocean views Close to 3rd Street Promenade Authur Peter (310) 395-2663 ext 101

Real Estate

EXTRA LARGE condo for sale near Wilshire Blvd., 2bedroom, Very private, inside laundry room, fireplace, breakfast area, very spacious. $529,000 Call Nooshin (310)498-1090. 1209 Amherst Ave. West LA. Open house Sunday from 1pm - 4pm

Land for Sale

RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO AREA - 5 acres w/city water and city maintained roads near small fishing pond and golf course. Only $19,900. Financing avail. Call NMRS 1-888-791-6136. (Cal-SCAN)

Land for Sale

WILDERNESS RANCH FORECLOSURE $222 Per Month. 40.27 heavily wooded acres secluded in scenic N. AZ wilderness setting at a cool-clear 6,800í elev. Quiet and peaceful with sweeping views from prime cabin sites set amid fragrant evergreens and grassy meadows. Maintained road access, garden soils and abundant groundwater available. Borders 1,100 acres of State Trust lands. Scenic drive to nearby pioneer town services and fishing lake. $22,900, $2,290 down. Guaranteed seller financing-no escrow fees. Photo brochure/maps. 1st United, 602.821.9494 wknds. www.Arizona-Land.com (Cal-SCAN)

Autos Wanted

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR BOAT TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. 888-902-6851. (Cal-SCAN)

DONATE YOUR CAR: Childrenís Cancer Fund! Help Save A Childís Life Through Research & Support! Free Vacation Package. Fast, Easy & Tax Deductible. Call 1-800-252-0615. (Cal-SCAN)

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE! Receive Free Vacation Voucher. United Breast Cancer Foundation. Free Mammograms, Breast Cancer Info www.ubcf.info Free Towing, Tax Deductible, Non-Runners Accepted, 1-888-468-5964. (Cal-SCAN)

Services

WOOD WORK
Finishing and decorating.
Cabinet refinishing, closet organizer, shelving, furniture repair, and restoration
(310)999-8586

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

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
"HOME SWEET HOME"

CHECK US OUT ONLINE
smdp.com/**advertising**
smdp.com/**archives**
smdp.com/**classifieds**
smdp.com/**communitylistings**
smdp.com/**submitevent**
smdp.com/**contactus**
smdp.com/**dba**
smdp.com/**search**

Services

Therapy

STILL SMOKING?
Life is short — Why make it shorter
Dr. John McGrail, Ph.D, C.Ht.



(310) 235-2883
www.hypnotherapylosangeles.com

Tutoring

MATH TUTORING
20 yrs experienced math teacher For high school. middle school, and college students.(310)470-3747

Business Services

ADVERTISING- BEST KEPT SECRET. A business card sized display ad 140 California community newspapers. Reach 3 million+ Californians. Cost $1,550.$1.33 cost per thousand. Free brochure (916)288-6019; www.Cal-SDAN.com (Cal-SCAN)

Financial

CASH NOW! Cash for your structured settlement or annuity payments. Call J.G. Wentworth. 1-866-494-9115. Rated A+ by the Better Business Bureau. (Cal-SCAN)

Massage

SANTA MONICA Bodyworks. Services include: Rolf Structural Integration and deep tissue massage therapy. Improve your body alignment/posture, prevent injuries and rejuvenate your well being. Call (310) 924-1920, rolfsitherapy.com.

ADVERTISE! CALL US **(310) 458-7737**

Notices

Free depression treatment at UCLA for teens, adults, and seniors! (310)825-3351 www.DepressionLA.com

READ US ONLINE
smdp.com/**localnews**
smdp.com/**auto**
smdp.com/**briefs**
smdp.com/**columnists**
smdp.com/**cp**
smdp.com/**crimewatch**
smdp.com/**entertainment**
smdp.com/**food**
smdp.com/**green**
smdp.com/**health**
smdp.com/**letterstotheeditor**
smdp.com/**opinion**
smdp.com/**parenting**
smdp.com/**realestate**
smdp.com/**sports**
smdp.com/**travel**

CALL TODAY FOR SPECIAL MONTHLY RATES!

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

Prepay your ad today!

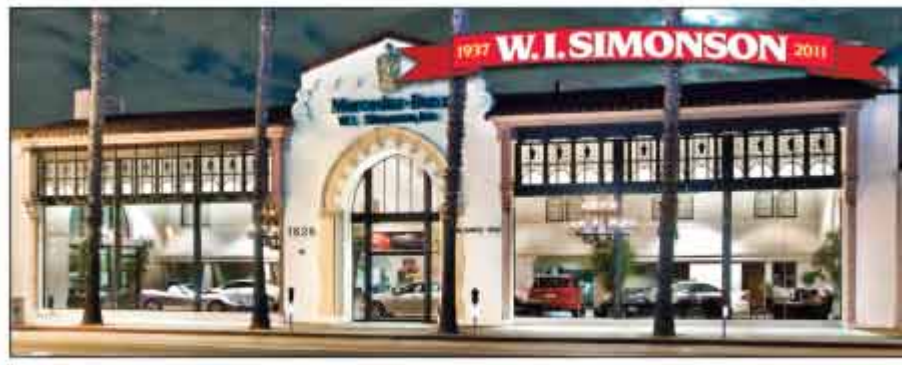
(310) 458-7737

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 or stop in at our office located at 1427 Third Street Promenade, Ste. 202. OTHER RATES: For information about the professional services directory or classified display ads, please call our office at (310) 458-7737.

W.I. SIMONSON

A LANDMARK FACILITY • A LANDMARK EXPERIENCE SINCE 1937.

Certified Pre-Owned REDUCTION SALE





1998 Mercedes-Benz
E320 ..... **$8,991**
ONLY 56K MILES, ONE OWNER #WA605922

2002 Mercedes-Benz
SLK32 ..... **$16,991**
RARE, AMG #250580

2007 Mercedes-Benz
C230 ..... **$21,991**
SPORT, AUTO, MOONROOF #7F901832

2007 Mercedes-Benz
CLK350 CPE .. **$22,994**
P1 PKG, 6 CD, PREMIUM SOUND, MOONROOF #7F208861

2008 Mercedes-Benz
C300 ..... **$25,991**
P1 PACKAGE, SATELLITE #8F114505

2007 Mercedes-Benz
E350 ..... **$28,991**
P1 PACKAGE, SPORT, NAVIGATION #7B150108

2006 Mercedes-Benz
CLK500 CONV .. **$29,991**
GRAPHITE EDITION, NAVIGATION, XENON #6T064205

2006 Mercedes-Benz
S430 ..... **$31,991**
SPORT PKG, NAVIGATION, EXTRA CLEAN #6A465058

2008 Mercedes-Benz
E350 ..... **$31,993**
SPORT PKG, NAVIGATION, LOW MILES #8B261797

2008 Mercedes-Benz
C350 ..... **$32,991**
P2 PKG, NAVIGATION, PANO ROOF 38F138534

2009 Mercedes-Benz
ML350 ..... **$35,994**
CAMERA, NAVIGATION, IPOD #9A442088

2010 Mercedes-Benz
ML350 ..... **$41,994**
P1 PKG, SATELLITE, NAVI, DVD, CAMERA #AA606044

CONVENIENT 24/7 SERVICE SCHEDULING



SCHEDULE ONLINE
SAVE TIME AND MONEY!
ON YOUR NEXT SERVICE APPOINTMENT!

www.WISimonson.net

17th & Wilshire • Santa Monica • 1.800.784.7160



All advertised prices exclude government fees and taxes, any finance charges, any dealer document preparation charges and any emission testing charge. Ad expires 02/21/11 close of business.