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# Lingering eyesores create problems



Alexis Hawkins *news@smdp.com*

ATTRACTING TROUBLE: **Vacant homes, like this one located at 1112 Pico Blvd., are often magnets for vagrancy. Owners blame the city for some of the problems.**

**BY CHIARA CANZI**
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE The pungent stench of urine prickles the nostrils as one inches closer to the metallic fence that isolates a one-story bungalow on California Avenue. Empty beer bottles and soda cans decorate the obviously unkept front lawn while the porch sits empty, dirty and home to old newspapers and half-eaten sandwiches.

The home, located at 1329 California Ave., has become an eyesore in the community and the source of many complaints from residents who want it cleaned up. It is just one on a long list of lots that are waiting for the Planning Commission's approval for redevelopment, or are in a legal limbo going from one owner to the next.

Either way, properties like it have become a problem.

Code Complaint Officer Jacqueline Cochran works closely with residents to solve disputes of any kind and vacant properties have now topped her list of priorities. The department receive complaints of a disparate nature and vacant properties seem to be getting a lot of interest.

"The complaints vary from overgrown vegetation, trash, vagrancy, homeless people living there," Cochran said.

On average, the department receives one complaint a month, and it is Cochran's job to make sure owners of the vacant properties clean them up.

"After we receive a complaint we go out to the particular location to assess the situation and see the alleged complaint," she said.

It is usually easy to see "because we find shopping carts and baskets and bags, beer cans, and evidence of people sitting and eating right there."

"You either see that or you see people living there," she added.

Cochran works closely with the Santa Monica Police Department and the Homeless Liaison Program team. Neighborhood resource officers

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# Samohi boy's soccer reaches finals

**BY JON HABER**
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN For the first time in the team's 36-year history, the Santa Monica High School Ocean League champion boys' soccer team (25-0-1, 9-0) has made it to the CIF-SS Division IV championship game.

Samohi brings its undefeated record to the pitch against Jurupa Valley of Mira Loma (24-2-4, 6-2-2) Saturday at Warren High School in Downey. It's the first matchup ever between the two teams.

Vikings head coach Frank Gatell believes his defense, which hasn't allowed a goal throughout the playoffs, will be the key to success.

"The defense has been playing very aggressive to the ball," the 11-year coach said. "We win by sacrificing our bodies and not letting the ball get by. The little things make the big difference."

The team's defense is anchored by senior defender Nick Ferro and senior goalkeeper Alex Kovacs.

"Our defense has been strong, and we've made some good improvements thanks to the coaches," Kovacs said.

The goalie will look to keep the team focused on keeping the ball on the Jaguars' side of the field. Kovacs also has the confidence his defense can keep Jurupa Valley senior forward Christopher Romero in check. Romero leads the Jaguars with 10 goals and eight assists this season.

"Our shutdown defender all year has been [senior] Chris De La Rosa. We always tend to put him on the [opponent's] best player," Kovacs said. "If it turns out he needs help, well send over some other players."

On the offensive side of the ball, the Vikings will look to senior forwards Alessandro Canale, Artur Jozkowicz and Charlie Paris and senior midfielder Luis Zavala to set the pace on Samohi's side of the field.

"We need those guys to give us the tempo and pace of game we're looking for," Gatell said.

Gatell's players know what they need to do to be champs.

"We need to do a good job of pressing the issue, making sure were pressuring the defense and holding onto the ball," Paris said. "We have to create and finish with all of our opportunities."

The game will take place on synthetic turf. And, according to Gatell, that works just fine for the Vikings.

"We play well on those fields. Our passing is crisp, movement with the ball is a little more concise," he said.

Samohi has cruised thus far in the playoffs, outscoring opponents by a combined 16-0. The Vikings defeated Channel Islands 3-0 last Tuesday to earn a trip to the finals.

"It's still surreal," Paris said. "We've worked the whole season to get to this point. The championship is within our reach. It's a great situation to be in and we want to capitalize on this one because it's the big one."

The championship match will begin at 10 a.m.

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**CROSSROADS BASKETBALL IN FINALS**

The Crossroads Delphic League champion girls' basketball team (19-7) took on Sierra Canyon of Chatsworth (22-4) Friday night for the Division V A CIF-SS championship at the Walter Pyramid in Long Beach. The score was not available at press release.

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**HOT SHOT** Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

**Santa Monica College's Abbie Zaretsky returns the ball during her singles match against Kacie Guggia of Alan Hancock College at Reed Park on Thursday. SMC won the match, 9-0.**

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# WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS




### Sister City Luncheon
1250 Capri Dr., Pacific Palisades, 11 a.m.
The Santa Monica Sister City Association is hosting the 2008 Installation Luncheon & International Sister Cities' Youth Soccer Benefit. The program includes a silent auction, entertainment and the new Board Installation. For more information, call (310) 454-6591.

### Monthly Movie Musical: 'Once'
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Free screening of the recent hit Irish independent film. Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

### The Big One
2601 Main St., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
David K. Lynch, author of "Field Guide to the San Andreas Fault," will visit the Ocean Park Branch Library to answer questions about the San Andreas fault and the possibility of California falling into the ocean. For more information, visit www.smpl.org.

### SoCal casas
1201 S. Figueroa St., L.A., 9 a.m. — 6 p.m.
The L.A. Convention Center will be home to more than two dozen educational "how-to" seminars, presented in English and Spanish, designed to help home buyers navigate today's real estate market; nearly 250 exhibit booths featuring industry experts offering information about programs pertaining to home ownership and the home-buying process; free "green" giveaways; free attendee T-shirts and bags; a children's play area; first 200 attendees to present an entrance coupon on each day will receive a free movie ticket (one ticket per person).

### Reach out and touch someone
1341 Lake St., Venice, 2 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Planet Social Sports games and matches are followed by team gatherings at local bars, which include discounted food and drinks, along with social activities. Men and women must be 21 to play. Check the Web site for specific times and locations www.planetsocialsports.com.

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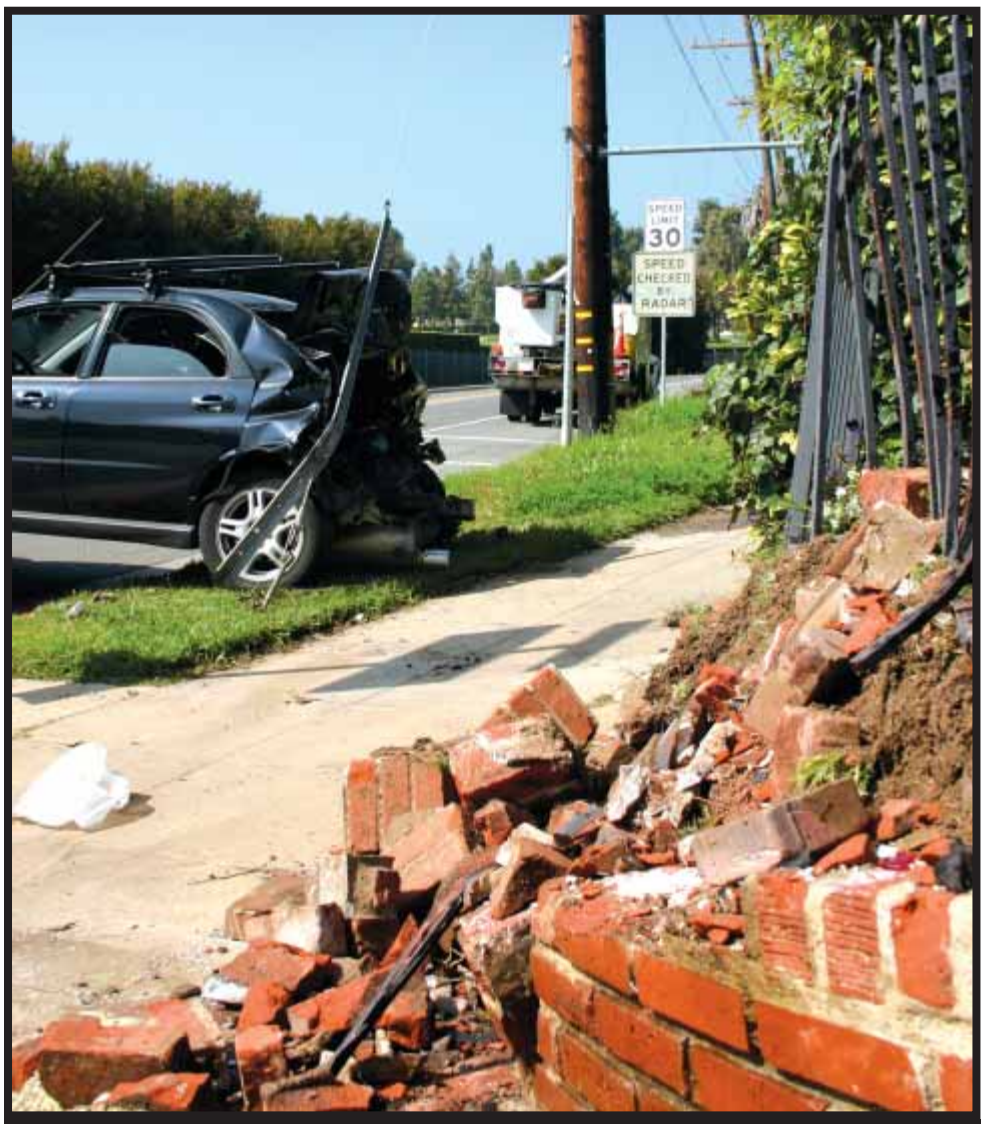
### Improve eclectically
1323-A Third St. Promenade, Noon — 3 p.m.
Westside Eclectic's Level 1 Improv class is an introduction to the art of improv comedy. The intro covers core improv ideals, concepts and vocabulary such as hyper-listening, give and take, yes-anding, efficient communication and emotional response. The WE teaching staff creates a warm and open learning environment that facilitates establishing the foundation of a seasoned improviser. For more information, e-mail classes@westsideeclectic.com.

### Men will lunge
100 S. Barrington Pl., L.A., 3:30 p.m.
Broadway Gymnastic School plays host this year to the 17th Annual Peter Vidmar Men's Gymnastics Invitational featuring gymnasts from "Across the USA" and "Around the World" and including a Special Olympics Session. Spectators admission fees are $10 for adults, and $5 for children (5 — 12 years). For more information visit www.broadwaygym.com or www.petervidmarinvite.org.

### 'Vampire Lesbians of Sodom'
12420 Santa Monica Blvd., W. L.A., 8 p.m. — Midnight
The Black Box Theatre presents Charles Busch's camp comedy, "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom." Travel with these lusty ladies through 1920s Hollywood and 1980s Vegas as they learn to redefine friendship. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased by calling (310) 712-5711 or e-mailing jayceeproductions@gmail.com.

### Kulturas anniversary
1700 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Transplant second-hand bookstore, Kulturas, is celebrating its first whole year in Santa Monica by having "rolling sales" around different sections of the store. Check out their "sort-of-vintage" clothing corner and the current artist exhibit. For further information, call (310) 450-8707.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.




## CRASH COURSE

Melody Hanatani *melodyh@smdp.com*

**An accident involving three cars caused congestion in the north of Montana Avenue neighborhood late Friday morning. According to Santa Monica police, a black Mercedes struck a black Subaru at the corner of Montana and Stanford Street, pushing the German automobile into a brick wall lining a private residence. The accident occurred just moments after the driver of the black Mercedes clipped a white Lexus one block west of Yale Street. The drivers of the three vehicles were transported to local hospitals and there were no reports of fatalities.**

# Comedy class gives Olympic students lots to laugh about

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OLYMPIC HIGH SCHOOL An "X" marks the spot in the center of Kristin Hensley's fourth period class where Jennifer Cagle stands carrying a notepad in one hand, the other moving wildly about as the high school senior digs deep and speaks about her goals.

"I wish I could be a TV personality," Cagle, a student at Olympic High School, said. "Hell, I would sell old lady clothing on QVC!"

Her audience — roughly 20 students in Room 2 — chuckles. Cagle flashes a smile, clearly pleased she was able to draw laughter from her peers. It was after all, a session on stand-up comedy.

For the past five weeks, the students in Hensley's drama course has learned the fundamentals of stand-up comedy, thanks to a program in which professional comedians with the Eamon Cannon Comedy Fund come into the classroom twice a week to teach students the empowering nature of laughter. The program is funded through the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation.

The comedy fund was started last year after its namesake, Eamon Cannon, a graduate of the New Roads School, died at the age of 20 last year. His mentor, Susanna Spies, who met Cannon while she was teaching comedy at New Roads through a program called "Laughlinks," founded the program with the purpose of spreading Cannon's message to high school students.

After graduating from high school, Cannon went on to pursue a professional career in stand-up comedy.

The purpose of the fund is to bring stand-up comedy into the classroom, empowering and inspiring students through the performing art, instilling confidence through building public speaking skills, Spies, who co-founded the fund, said on Wednesday.

Many high school students are like Cannon, who in fact hated school, said Eve Gordon, who serves on the board of the comedy fund.

"We find for kids who are disadvantaged or struggling, it's a lifeline," Gordon, who is friends with Cannon's mother, said on Wednesday.

While the curriculum for the program, which launched at Olympic High School this semester, will be catered toward each individual school, it essentially teaches the same principles of stand-up comedy. The students learn to establish their point of view and derive their comedic material from their opinions, which was the subject of the class this past Wednesday.

SEE LAUGHS PAGE 11

# A group of good apples earn certification from national board

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SMMUSD HDQTRS A group of teachers in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District recently received certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, earning what is perhaps the highest honor that an educator can achieve.

The seven teachers — Anne Keller from Malibu High School; Judith Anderson and Katie Jaroch of Lincoln Middle School; Martha Diaz Chacon and Geoff Tipper from Santa Monica High School; Margo Dunn of Point Dume Marine Science School and Laila Taslimi from McKinley Elementary School — were introduced during the Board of Education meeting last week.

The teachers underwent a rigorous certification process that involved compiling a portfolio demonstrating their knowledge of the curriculum in which they teach, presenting performance-based assessments such as samples of student work, homework assignments and a video tape of the teacher in class.

The average teacher applying for the certification usually spends about 200 to 400 hours altogether, including the time taken to complete the portfolio and studying for the assessment test.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, which administers the certification, was created in 1987 and has since certified more than 3,800 teachers in California, making the Golden State the fourth highest in the nation. Approximately 250 California teachers were certified this year.

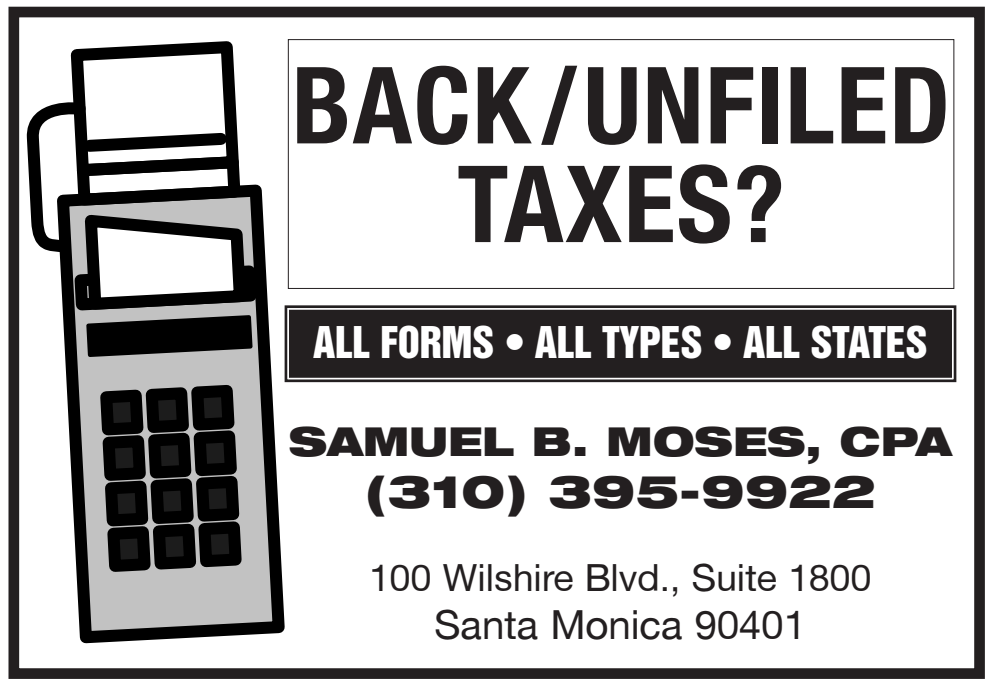
Several teachers in the local school district are currently undergoing the certification process and will complete the process in June, finding out in December whether or not they passed. School officials say that the certification is a sign of teaching excellence.

"Only about 1 percent of California's teachers are Nationally Board Certified," Susan Samarge-Powell, the coordinator of teacher support for SMMUSD, said during the board meeting. "Whereas in our district, we have just over 8 percent of our 624 teachers who are certified.

"We are small, but mighty."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

### Making the case for Hillary as V.P.

**Editor:**

This country has rarely had such an accomplished team of policy wonks running for president as Bill and Hillary Clinton. They understand policy and how power works our government, but, the Clinton's are also lightening rods for enmity. We need a president who can inspire a vision of our country working together – Democrats, Republicans, Independents, and non-believers – to solve the enormous problems Bush and Cheney have left us with. Barack Obama reminds us of the best that America can be. With the Clintons working in his administration as policy advisors, activating the levers of power they are so experienced with, we really could turn our country toward the good society we want and that the world needs.

**Bruce Joffe**
Piedmont, Cali.

### A question for the postman

**Editor:**

Mr. Breen,
Who would Jesus waterboard?

**Peggy Brownstein**
Santa Monica

### Accentuating the positive

**Editor:**

We tend to get reports, with no good news, that relate to our system of education in California as being characterized as a categorical failure, as compared to the world and even the rest of 50 states. Some reports state that California schools are just barely ranked above Mississippi.

In response to that and regarding our own high scoring local Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, I want to share a point of great hope as was observed at the meeting that took place on 2/21/2008 in front of the SMMUSD Board of Education.

In this, a very fractious and adversarial time regarding things involving many in the SMMUSD Special Education community, there is need for some good news. We got some! I witnessed at this meeting parents, staff and board members visibly moved as we all heard countless testimony of the life changing effects a lunch program on site at Santa Monica High school called "Circle of Friends" has had on numerous young adults calling themselves "General Ed" as well as "Special Ed" students. From the mouths of theses articulate students, we all learned that everyone has a right to belong and be included in this fun group that teaches social skills, eats lunch as friends and offers acceptance for those with and without disability.

Time after time the "Gen Ed" young adults came forward with remarkable poise, in front of a very packed district chambers audience, sharing their experience in very clear terms. In less than two minutes, each one who spoke, with almost unanimous agreement and passion, (said) that their journey in life had forever been changed for the good because of their involvement in this club. When each had finished speaking there was a spontaneous applause. I am greatly heartened and encouraged with what I saw and I am very proud of a school district that supports and will continue to fund this program/club as it stands.

Hopefully one day we all can stand together and see that this program that teaches equality, inclusion and friendship for those with and without disabilities, becomes a model for schools nationwide. As was stated by someone at the close of the meeting, we the teachers/parents have just been taught by the students in a very profound way. I agree and based upon what I saw, the future is in good hands. Finally and most importantly, it seems that we have in fact, taught our children very well.

**Felix Schmittdiel**
Parent of a child with a cognitive disability in SMMUSD



## Modern Times

**Lloyd Garver** — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

# An open letter to candidate Nader

### Dear Ralph,

DON'T DO IT. IT'S NOT TOO LATE to drop out. You can say you were just kidding. Everyone knows you have a great sense of humor. I remember seeing you smile that time on television back in, I think it was 1998. Anyway, Ralphie Boy, I'm not asking you to drop out of the race because you might mess things up. I'm asking you to drop out because of your own legacy. You were an American hero for decades. Wouldn't you rather be remembered as the guy who saved countless lives by forcing auto companies to make safer cars than some guy who ran for president a bunch of times because of his ego?

You have every right to run for president. If the long primary campaign has proved one thing, it is that any person — regardless of qualifications, philosophy, or lack of common sense — has a right to run for president. And I don't think you're going to have a meaningful affect on the election as people feel you've had in the past. You seem to agree with me, because on "Meet The Press" you said you doubted you'd be a "spoiler" in this election. You went on to say that "if the Democrats don't win in a landslide … they should just close down."

So, even you don't think you're a serious candidate who can win. So, why are you running? And don't tell me it's because you want to publicize some issues that are important to the American people. You publicized important issues in the past without running for office.

Throwing your well-worn hat into the ring ranges somewhere between annoying and pathetic. It's not like a political group clamored for you to run. You don't even know what party you're going to represent. Ralph, admit it: Most candidates know which party they belong to.

Years ago, when you pointed out the safety problems of the automobile in your book, "Unsafe At Any Speed," car companies and corporate heads said you were a "crank." They tried to characterize you as someone who should not be taken seriously. They claimed that what you had to say was nonsense, and you were just out for publicity.

Of course, they were wrong. You were one of the most selfless consumer advocates in history. Those of us who live here in California owe a particular debt of gratitude to you because we spend so much time in our cars. But now it seems like those old charges might really apply to you. You seem like a "crank" running for president who isn't being taken seriously. When you declared that you were running for president, it wasn't even front page news. It was around page 10, next to stories like "Bush Says War Still Going Great" and "Icy Streets Are Slippery."

You deserve a better legacy than that. I think about schoolchildren in the next generation reading about you. I would hate for there to be only a sentence or two about all of your accomplishments, and then several paragraphs about your unfortunate runs for the Presidency.

I understand that you're not a young man, and perhaps you're looking for something to do with the rest of your life. But maybe after all these years of seriousness, you need to do something that's fun. Maybe go to a karaoke bar and sing a duet with someone you never met before. Rent a motorcycle and take it for a thrilling ride. Or maybe buy a tie that was actually made since the Beatles split up.

**YOU SEEM LIKE A "CRANK" RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT WHO ISN'T BEING TAKEN SERIOUSLY. WHEN YOU DECLARED THAT YOU WERE RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT, IT WASN'T EVEN FRONT PAGE NEWS. IT WAS AROUND PAGE 10, NEXT TO STORIES LIKE "BUSH SAYS WAR STILL GOING GREAT" AND "ICY STREETS ARE SLIPPERY."**

Lots of people retire from one kind of work and then do something totally different. Look at Jimmy Carter. Many people do volunteer work. Some teach. Some go back to school in a field that's completely new to them. But they don't all run for president just because they can.

I got an e-mail from someone I went to high school with the other day. He retired recently, and is about to embark on a new adventure in a completely different profession: He decided to be an usher at Wrigley Field. I have to say I respect his decision a lot more than I respect yours.

**Sincerely, Lloyd Garver**
A former admirer

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# STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

"A lot of people say that this town is too liberal, out of touch with mainstream America, an atheistic pleasure dome, a modern-day, beachfront Sodom and Gomorrah, a moral black hole where innocence is obliterated in an endless orgy of sexual gratification and greed. I don't really have a joke here. I just thought you should know a lot of people are saying that."

- Jon Stewart, hosting last Sunday's Oscars show

"We think teachers should also get raises, but at the same time, we pay the same for gas, we pay the same for groceries."

- Carol Skowland, a 10-year employee of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, on the need for pay raises for the 700 classified staff in the district

"I am what I am."

- Lindsay Lohan

"I do make an effort to find a contact for the main winners. What I was told, the two big winners are not the kind of people that will show up and laugh about it. Who knows, one of them might show up with a gun."

- John Wilson, founder of the Annual Golden Razzie Awards, which celebrates the worst movies and actors of the year

**"WAS IT A GREAT ARCHITECTURAL QUALITY? ABSOLUTELY NOT."**

-- Councilmember Ken Genser referring to the designation of the only remaining shot gun house as a landmark. The City Council voted this week to landmark the last beach-facing cottage on Ocean Avenue.

"Can you imagine him? Showing up? If I could talk to (Oscar producer) Gil Cates and maybe get Castro in a dance number at the beginning of the show? Great."

- "Sicko" director Michael Moore on bringing Fidel Castro to the Oscars to give his acceptance speech should his documentary win. In the film, Moore praises the Cuban health system.

"We didn't want to just talk the talk."

- Sum-Sum Chan, director of marketing and communications for CaseStack, on greening their internal operations and receiving Sustainable Works' Green Business Certification

"Oh my God, I'm exhausted. See, that's what happens when you do your own singing."

- Bette Midler while rehearsing for her Las Vegas show, "The Showgirl Must Go On"

"What we cannot afford, in my view, is to squander the progress that has been made. In fact, we should step up our financial and material assistance."

- Actress and U.N. goodwill ambassador, Angelina Jolie, asking for humanitarian aid from the U.S. in an op-ed article she wrote for The Washington Post

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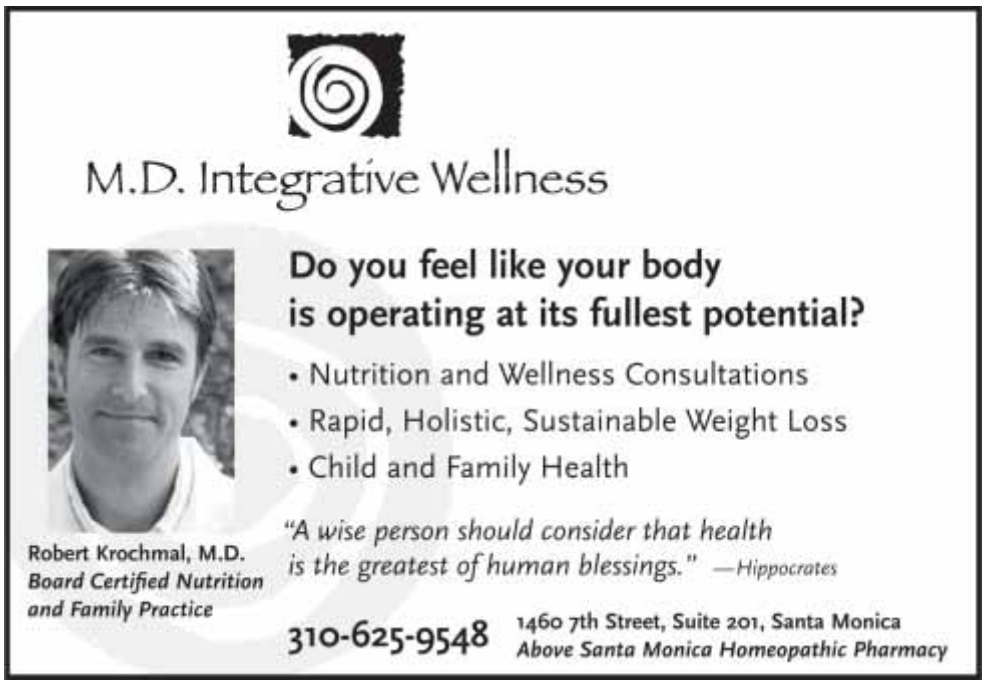
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## The Q Line

# Standing tall with the trees

This past week, Q-line asked:

**How far – within the law – do you think the Treesavers should go to save the ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets?**

Here are your responses:

"WHILE THE TREESAVERS HAVE THEIR hearts and minds in the right place, they ought to give up the battle. It is a waste of time. They can't win in this city. The only thing this city's administration cares about are the rapidly growing bum population and the ugly urbanization of this once lovely seaside community."

"TREESAVERS SHOULD TAKE HEART AND go all the way to save our ficus trees. To remove them now is a willful waste of fine trees and taxpayer money."

"I THINK TREESAVERS SHOULD GO AS far as they can ... to annoy the council."

"THE FICUS TREES ARE MAGNIFICENTLY stately and beautiful. More than I can say regarding the manmade structures that surround them. The Treesavers need the residents of Santa Monica to rally and make a statement regarding the assassination of these wonderful examples or God's creation. The way for residents to make a statement is to e-mail City Hall and express their feelings. Keep in mind folks, we as taxpayers own the common area of the city. Those who control the common area of the city do not own the city nor do they own us."

"ACTUALLY, IF THE POWERS THAT BE don't appreciate the value of the ficus trees I think it is the duty of the Treesavers to go above the law to save the green contributors to our health."

"I FEEL SO SORRY FOR THE TREESAVERS because the rotten cabbage heads on the City Council have already doomed their effort. What a noble cause to save the ficus trees, but their green has bumped into the city hall taxpayer spending green. Let's face it, the mall is a disaster. The revamped Santa Monica Place, who cares? There is no vision for the central business district. I agree with doing all the Treesavers can do legally. Otherwise we will wind up with another City Hall sterile environment with one-lane streets, boring stores, geek head street performers and urine from the bums. At least the beautiful trees would have compensated for that."

"TREESAVERS' JERRY RUBIN NEEDS TO get a paying job instead of living off his family and wife's income. Peace activist Jerry: All the buttons, bumper stickers, and onion skinned shorts don't cut the mustard."

"I THINK THEY SHOULD GO AS FAR AS they can. If they have to take it all the way to the United States Supreme Court, that's a great objective. The three most spiritual things on this planet are whales, dolphins and trees. We as human beings must do everything possible to make sure their existence is kept on this planet earth."

"AS THE GREAT POET JIMMY VINCENT once said, " Trees, trees, trees, you've got to love trees." So I admire the Treesavers. Power to the Treesavers."

"THE SANTA MONICA TREESAVERS should go very far to save these ficus trees. They have been doing an excellent job to try to convince the city to reconsider the tree aspect of an otherwise good Second and Fourth street improvement plan. They've been gathering thousands of signatures. They've got virtually every community group to support Treesavers. Even most of the merchants on Second and Fourth streets want to see the trees remain and not relocated and unnecessarily destroyed. The city should work with Treesavers and the lawsuit is something that is important. It was extremely important that legal action was taken. If the Treesavers have to chain themselves to the trees after trying everything possible, the community will accept that in the same spirit as Ghandi and Martin Luther King. Everyone hopes that the city will do the right thing and not let it get to that point."

"I HOPE IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY FOR the Treesavers to resort to any action outside the law in order to protect not only the trees but the people they help. I hope the next person in charge out there has as much knowledge as Councilman Kevin McKeown about the importance of these trees to the atmosphere and will act accordingly."

"THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SAVE THOSE trees better keep a 24-hour-watch on them because knowing how sneaky these politicians are, they will have crews go out at 2 a.m. to cut them down."

"THE TREESAVERS NEED TO UNDERSTAND that the ficus is the second most common tree in Santa Monica. The tree that we will replace those ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets with is ginkgo biloba, one of the rarest trees in the world. In fact they are an endangered species. What is an environmental group doing trying to block an endangered species from our town?"

"TREESAVERS SHOULD CONSCIENTIOUSLY pursue every means available by peaceful methods to save our beautiful trees. The momentum to do so has grown to a mighty force that includes a large majority of residents as well as visitors."

"WHEN SIX OUT OF SEVEN councilmembers don't care what most residents, businesses on second and Fourth streets and all of the neighborhood associations want, than who are these councilmembers representing? Who is really behind this effort to remove these trees and who has taken control of this city? What is and what is not lawful when just one councilmember is representing the residents of this city?"

"I THINK THE TREESAVERS SHOULD DO as much as humanly possible to save the trees on Second and Fourth streets. We should applaud Jerry Rubin."

"THE TREESAVERS SHOULD CHAIN themselves to trees, stop the bulldozers and they should start a recall campaign to get rid of all the people who sit on the council except for Kevin McKeown."

"THE TREESAVERS MUST NOT GIVE UP until the council admits that the reasons for their actions were not valid."

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# A pro bono party for helpful lawyers

BY MELODY HANATANI
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18TH STREET One of the biggest nightmares for a start-up company is to find out that someone else has the same idea.

That was what Michael Masucci faced almost 15 years ago when he learned that Apple Inc. was about to launch a new product called "EZTV."

The only problem was that EZTV was also the name of a small video arts group where Masucci served as the director.

"We thought we wouldn't be able to fight a giant company like Apple but we decided to look at what our rights are," Masucci said.

With minimal resources and a lack of knowledge of copyright and trademark laws, the group at EZTV contacted the California Lawyers for the Arts, a non-profit organization that helps artists connect with attorneys that have specialization in the field in which the pending litigation concerns.

One short letter to Apple Inc. later, the EZTV name was safe.

"They didn't fight us, they didn't argue, it never went to court," Masucci, who still works at Santa Monica-based EZTV, said on Friday. "The law is so complex that it's almost impossible for somebody not an attorney to even know what their rights are let alone know how to proceed."

The video arts group, located in the 18th Street Arts Center, is one of thousands of clients that have received pro bono legal assistance from the California Lawyers for the Arts (CLA), whose Southern California branch will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a fundraiser on Sunday at Bergamot Station.

"I'm a real fan of what they do," said Masucci, who shoots promotional videos for CLA, which coincidentally is their neighbor in the 18th Street Arts Center.

The Santa Monica branch is part of the larger California Lawyer for the Arts organization that was founded in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1974. Then known as Bay Area Lawyers for the Arts, the nonprofit organization was established by a group of practicing attorneys and artists that saw a need to provide legal aid for a financially struggling community, offering assistance in areas ranging from landlord-tenant issues to battles over intellectual property.

"It was the core value of the organization that we would always have on the Board of Directors at least 50-50 arts professionals and lawyers," Steve Camber, one of the founding members, said on Friday.

More than 13 years after it was founded, the organization entered a new chapter when it formed an alliance with the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts-LA, becoming the first statewide legal service organization serving the artists community. The partnership also served as the birth of the Southern California chapter of the California Lawyers for the Arts, which was originally located in Los Angeles and later moved to the 18th Street Arts Center.

Perhaps most unique about the regional branch of the organization is that it broadened its definition of "art" to encompass the entertainment industry.

"In Southern California, there is a lot of fluidity between what we think of the arts community and the entertainment community," Victoria Goldfarb, the associated director of the Santa Monica chapter, said. "You think about animation or sound and you have all those people involved in the classic arts that have found a niche within the entertainment business to make a living."

The organization maintains a database of lawyers that have specialization dealing with the arts and its related issues. Whenever a client calls into the center with a specific issue, they are referred to a lawyer within that database, which as of now includes about 40 attorneys in the area, Goldfarb said.

Non members pay a $30 fee and members pay $20 for a 30-minute consultation with an attorney from the "panel." The cost for additional representation is negotiated between the client and the attorney, who in most cases recognize the financial burden on the artists, Goldfarb said.

"They're sensitive to the issues of the people who are calling them, recognizing many of them are not established and many won't be able to pay the (otherwise expensive) fees," Goldfarb said.

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> Michael Masucci, Director of EZTV

In addition to legal referrals, CLA also offers mediation, which is funded through the California Dispute Resolution Programs where a portion of the filing fees in court goes toward funding different mediation programs, a method of reducing court cases. The organization also provides educational workshops, schooling artists on business and legal related matters such as book publishing laws and writing grant proposals.

One of the problems, according to Camber, is that art colleges and programs are not educating the students about some of the business and legal issues that they might face as professionals.

The local CLA is housed in a small intimate office, its white walls decorated with paintings and other art pieces. The office is run by a four-person operation, all of which are part-time positions, from Kelly Burik, who handles educational programs, to Karala Jenkins Turner, the intern coordinator.

The interns are key to the continuing operation of CLA, serving as the first connection between the artist client and the lawyer, Goldfarb said.

Krystle Curnutte became an intern at CLA last August to fulfill her pro bono requirement as a graduate student at Loyola Law School. Curnutte fell in love with the mission of the organization during the summer semester and decided to continue in the succeeding semesters.

Curnutte said she came in to the program hoping to enter the field of entertainment law, but is now going a different route, considering nonprofit work.

"Going home everyday, I felt like I was directly helping people," Curnutte said. "It's hard at most law firms to get that experience."

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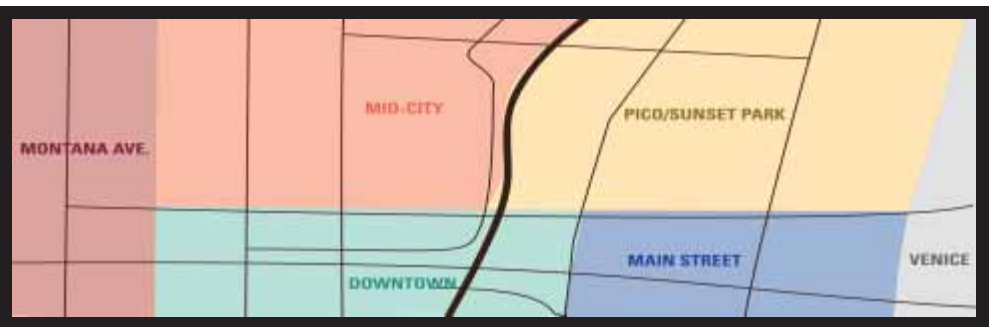
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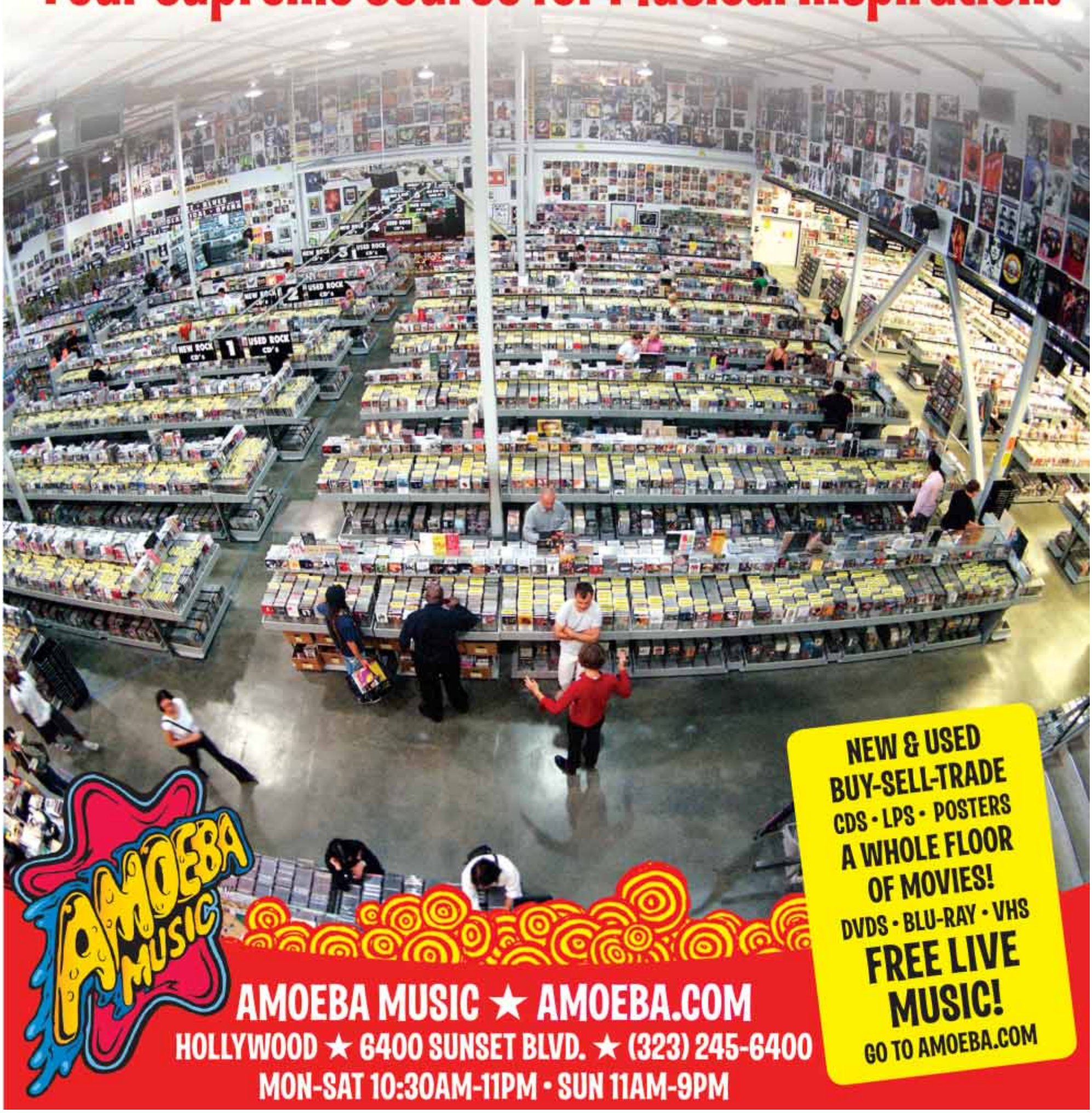


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THAT'S FUNNY: **An Olympic High School student entertains her fellow classmates during a stand-up comedy class last Wednesday. Professional stand-up comedians with the Eamon Cannon Comedy Fund visit a high school drama class twice a week to teach students about the empowering nature of comedy, building confidence by developing public speaking skills.**

# Stand-up comedy class cracks jokes

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"I'm not teaching them how to be comedians, I'm teaching them how to share, to be themselves," Spies said.

Many of the students say the stand-up comedy portion of the drama class inspires them to come to school.

For some, like self-proclaimed jokester Chauncey Ridgeway, stand-up comedy seems to come naturally.

"I'm a jokester in my own little world," Ridgeway said.

For others, like Brittney Lutz, the class has helped the student come out of her shell.

"It helps you develop public speaking skills," Lutz, a senior, said. "I used to be a lot more shy."

Donnie Davis said he signed up for the program because it gave him a chance to be himself, making it permissible for the Olympic senior to act a bit more loose in class.

"It's a chance to be goofy in school," Davis said.

The approximately one-hour course on Wednesday required students to reveal something interesting about themselves to the class, forcing them to get out of their seats and onto the "stage" — an "X" taped onto the carpet.

"Hi, I'm a little bit frustrated and OCD," one student remarked.

With each student, Spies drew bits and pieces out of each presentation and asked the student to focus further on that issue. For the student that claimed to have obsessive compulsive disorder, Spies asked him to place an emphasis on his tendencies to worry.

"It's not about being funny, it's about sharing our opinion and a lot of times when you share your opinion, there's comedy," Spies told the class.

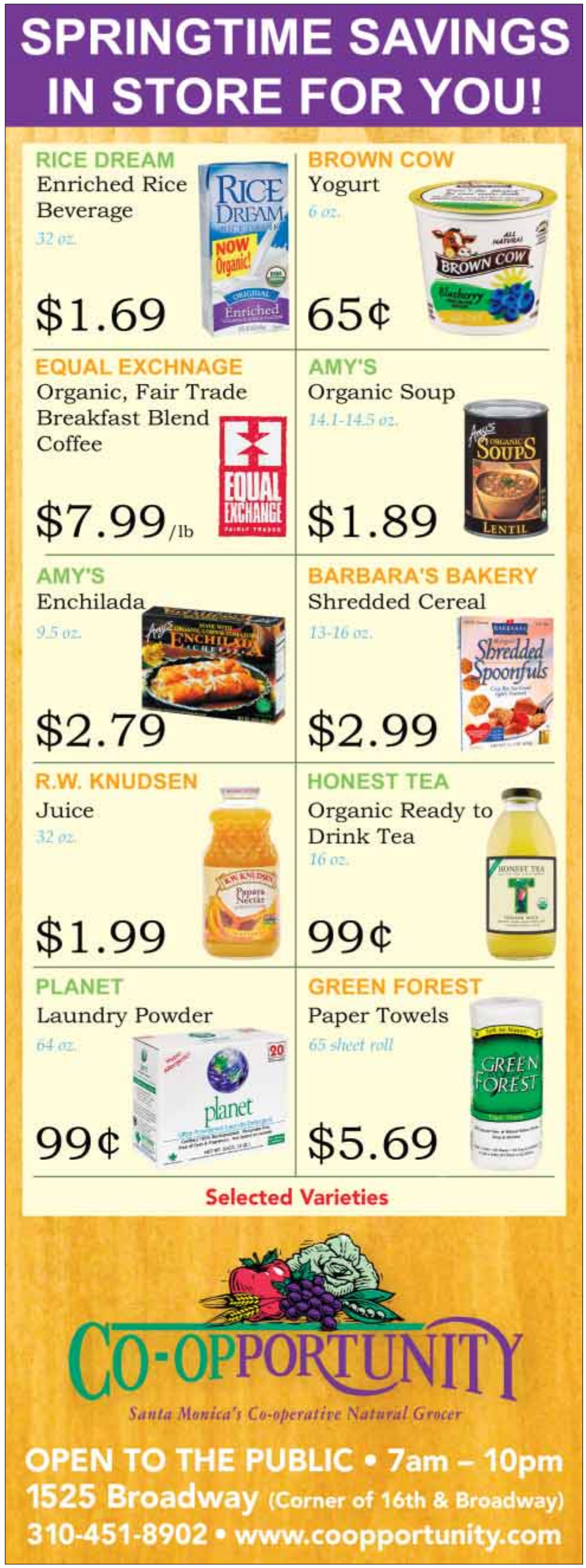
> **"IT'S A CHANCE TO BE GOOFY IN SCHOOL."**
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> **Donnie Davis,** A junior at Olympic High

In the past month of the program, Hensley said she has seen her students mature, coming into the class at the beginning of the semester with a lack of energy, now having a renewed sense of purpose.

As a result of the program and its lingering effects in drawing students to the classroom, the students' writing has also improved, Hensley said.

"They jump at the chance to be on stage," Hensley said. "They just dig it."

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# Owners blame city for the disarray



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NEIGHBORHOOD EYESORE: **A vacant home on California Avenue, directly across the street from John Adams Middle School, has been boarded up for several years, causing some residents to complain to city officials about the eyesore. The property's owners are trying to redevelop the lot into a two-story, six-unit building. Vacant homes like this one often attract vagrants, graffiti and other illegal activity.**

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patrol specific areas of the city and report any disturbance to code compliance.

"The most recurring problems with vacant properties are trespassing, drinking on the property, people carrying and using drugs and alcohol, but it has not been that bad in the last few years," SMPD spokesman Lt. Alex Padilla said. "We come in when properties start to become eyesores and people start using it as a crash pad."

The way officers monitor properties is a simple one.

"We put up a fence and then someone cuts a hole in it, we see it and we can react and monitor, to avoid it happening again," Padilla said.

### THE PROCESS

In an agenda item for the Planning Commission dated Feb.15, 2006, the city's planning staff recommended the approval of the application submitted by the owners of the property on California, Kevin and Sylvia Donnelly and their management firm, DLD Management Group. The owners requested a permit to build six condominium units. Under city law, the Planning Commission "is the responsible authority to approve, conditionally approve or deny tentative subdivision map applications."

To date, the owners have obtained all planning entitlements from City Hall, but the final application for plan checks has not been submitted. Gay Forbes, city development services officer, said it usually takes months to obtain the proper permits from City Hall. The project is also subject to review by the Architectural Review Board.

Co-owner of the California property, David Habibi, said the development process is long, and therefore makes it difficult to maintain the property.

"We got approval for the 6-unit townhouse," but it has taken more than three years, Habibi said.

"It's the bureaucracy in Santa Monica and then you have the rent control people who make it hard for anyone to build new structures," he said.

Habibi and the architects are currently working on designing the interior for each of the six town homes.

"It's going to be ready in six months and then it will take approximately a year and a half to complete the building process," he said.

But a year and a half may be too long for the residents that live next to the vacant home. Cochran and Padilla both acknowledged that the California Avenue property has been a big concern.

Residents are weary of answering the door or speak to the press on the matter, but some have said that homelessness and alcohol have been their biggest fears.

Many of the neighbors are parents of kids who attend Lincoln Middle School, which is located right across the street from the vacant property. Assistant Principal Carl Hobkirk said that the school has not had any issues with the property recently, but there was one isolated incident a few years ago.

"I know there are rumors going around that the property is dangerous and that has given the police a hard time," Hobkirk said. "I know that rumors were circulating that some kids went in the home either before or after school to do something and it was an unsupervised situation, and it may have been dangerous."

Police said they are patrolling the area when children enter and exit the school.

"We make periodic checks," Padilla said of all properties around the city. "When we see that the property has been utilized by unauthorized people, we fill out the no trespassing letter and post it, so that anyone who does that can be arrested."

According to the current projects list issued by the planning department, most abandoned buildings have owners. When the situation gets so bad that officers receive complaints, Cochran has to follow strict protocol before anything can be done.

"So we contact [the owners] and we write a letter telling them we will remove all things in their property," she said. "If the situation becomes a chronic situation then we try to come up with different possibilities."

Buildings cannot be knocked down before the new plans are approved by the city.

### RESIDENTS' REACTION

"The properties are eyesores," said Zina Josephs, president of the Friends of Sunset Park neighborhood association. "I have heard complaints about two properties near the abandoned building on 2300 block of Ocean Park Blvd."

A small 2-story building east of Ocean Park Boulevard was put into conservatorship because of excessive code violations and residents feel something should be done about it.

"I see the owner is still there — he … carries his money to Bank of America in a sock, an always wears a yellow construction helmet," Josephs said.

Last time he was in court, recalls Josephs, the man seemed to be running "a flop-house for illegal aliens, with very overcrowded and unsanitary conditions."

Giovanni Mannara has lived on Ocean Park Boulevard for almost all of his life, but for the past 10 years he has noticed that boarded up buildings around Santa Monica College have atracted dirt and crime.

"There are three buildings on Ocean Park Boulevard and 14th Street that have been empty for so long," Mannara said.

People who trespassed onto those 1-story homes have encountered police multiple times.

"One time the police arrested people who gathered there to smoke pot," Mannara said.

Residents often have to deal with the consequences as well. Mannara had received mail belonging to people who used to live in those homes for a long time.

"It is a problem, and I had to tell the postman not to give me their mail."

While police have inspected that property, the list of vacant and waiting-to-be-approved ones are stocking up.

"The problem lies with the city," said Jeff Jarow, a Santa Monica resident and commercial real estate agent. "It just takes so long to get permits that when you purchase a property it may take up to a year to start building."

For Jarow, that nuisance is the slippery slope for all property owners. Oftentimes, when a landlord vacates the property for inspection by City Hall, it may take up to six months for the planning department to begin the process for redevelopment.

"During that time, the landlord does not want to spend money fixing it, cutting the



grass, so the property collects dirt and dust and before you know it, you are selling your home in foreclosure," Jarow said.

On Pico Boulevard, right next to the Holiday Hotel, three white stucco buildings have boarded up windows and a metallic fence that circles the property. The 1100 block of Pico Blvd. has been vacant for years now, but it may soon have a facelift. The Planning Commission and the Los Angeles County Engineer's Office have approved final plans for an 18-unit condominium that could start constructions in late April.

"Zone changes is what causes a lot of delay," Jarow said.

In the next few years, a rail system will come to Santa Monica from Culver City and that has developers anxious about a possible wave of new zoning standards and new development requirements.

Properties that are in limbo between redevelopment plans and Planning Commission decisions have often an additional step to consider, the Architectural Review Board.

"They hold up the property for some time and eventually the developers cannot build what they want," Jarow said.

Discrepancies in zoning policies and decisions on landmark homes often hurt the future of apartment buildings that fall victim to design flaws.

"They just sit there vacant, and if the owners try to get approval for what they want to build they can't get permits because of architectural changes," Jarow said.

Planning Director Eileen Fogarty admits that the development process is lengthy, especially if property owners have to prepare an environemntal impact report and a traffic analysis, however, that is no excuse for letting a property fall into disrepair.




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SIGN OF THE TIMES: **Many property owners say the lengthy permit process necessary before commencing construction is partly to blame for the poor condition of vacant sites.**

"All property owners are responsible for maintaining their property in a safe condition and ensure that it doesn't become a nuisance or a safety hazard and that it doesn't detract from the value of surrounding properties," Fogarty said.

Changes are being made at the planning department to streamline the process and make it easier for property owners to build. The main this is updating the Land Use and Circulation Element so that developers know what to expect upfront. Fogarty is also in the process of having environmental review done in-house to save people both time and money. She has also assigned planners and inspectors to certain neighborhoods and projects so that there is greater continuity.

"That was a major complaint I heard from the community so we want to have it so that the same inspectors come back to the same site each time," Fogarty said.

**CLASS NOT IN SESSION**

One property that has been the subject of much discussion is located at the corner of Ashland and 4th street. The site is owned by the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District and it is the lot where once stood SMASH, an alternative teaching high school.

Lori Nafshun of Get a Life Consulting and a Santa Monica resident believes this piece of property is one for the books.

"It is arguably the most expensive piece of abandoned real estate in the country — with ocean views to boot," she said.

The site was closed down in the early 1990s when school inspectors found asbestos in the walls of classrooms. Since then, it has been unoccupied.

"Every year there is a different story on what plans there are for the site," Nafshun said. "The neighbors feel that the building would have been razed years ago if it were in the north part of the city."

Community Recreation Coordinator for the school district Michael Hill said that plans have been submitted multiple times for approval, but it is out of the district's hands.

"No school construction goes through without the approval of the state [education] department's strict standards," he said. "We have to make sure that it is handicapped accessible, that no asbestos can be found on the property, that there is no underground pipeline and there no hazardous material is found on the property."

The current structure is below standards on the requirements. What the district intends to do is level the building and only keep the foundations.

"There are chances of rehabilitation, but for now the plans the district considered were not cost effective," Hill said.

Thanks to Measure BB, a proposition that enabled the school district to cash in $268 million for the construction new school facilities, the former SMASH site may soon have new tenants.

"For now we are still exploring alternatives but what we recommend to the board has no timeline," Hill said.

Police have said repeatedly that the situation on all vacant lots and properties is not a problem for the Santa Monica.

"There are no major crimes reported," Padilla said. "But for a neighbor who lives next to an abandoned property, then yes, that's a problem."

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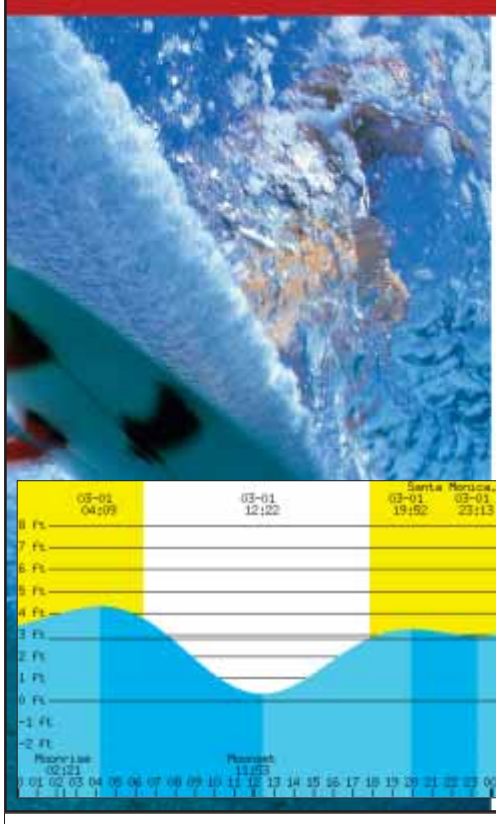

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## SURF REPORT



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

### SWELL FORECAST ( 5-7 FT )

**Saturday the 1st the WNW swell should back down to chest to at times head high as some southern hemi sticks around for chest high waves at the south facing spots. Saturday should see a good onshore push. Sunday the 2nd size increases for south facing breaks. Some head high, 180-190-degree, 16- 18-second swell is due from a system that broke off Antarctica south of Pitcairn, taking a nearly direct northerly trajectory.**

### LONG RAANGE SYANOPSIS

SOUTHERN HEMI SWELLS ON TAP NEXT WEEK...

### 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 four weeks up to the ending date of **February 26, 2008**

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

**QUICK STATS** (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 2
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 35 / 18
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / 28

The Beach Report Card is made possible by a grant from Ford

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+ | A |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth | A+ | A |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks | A+ | A+ |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach | A+ | A+ |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth | A+ | F |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth | A+ | F |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private) | A+ | A+ |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth | F | F |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach | A+ | A |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth | A+ | D |
| Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach | A+ | A |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth | F | F |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd. | A+ | F |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence | A+ | F |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily | F | B |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east | F | F |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon | A+ | A+ |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero) | B | A+ |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs | F | A |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach | A+ | A+ |
| Tuna Canyon | A+ | A+ |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth | A | F |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach | F | F |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach | A+ | F |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain) | A+ | F |

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

**LEGEND**

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

Heal the Bay'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.

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NFL

# Neal among cuts made by Chargers

**BY BERNIE WILSON**
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO All-Pro fullback Lorenzo Neal was released Thursday by the San Diego Chargers, who also parted with safety Marlon McCree and right tackle Shane Olivea in the hours before free agency opened.

General manager A.J. Smith said all three requested their release so they can quickly jump into free agency.

"They want to start somewhere else," Smith said at a news conference. "They want an opportunity, and I understand that."

Olivea had four years left on his contract, while McCree and Neal each had three years remaining.

Even though Neal was a Pro Bowler as well as an All-Pro, his role was expected to diminish in 2008. The Chargers tried to trade the 15-year veteran during the recent NFL Scouting Combine.

McCree is probably best remembered for fumbling a fourth-down interception in the fourth quarter that gave the New England Patriots new life in a playoff win over the top-seeded Chargers after the 2006 season.

Still, it's expected that there will be a demand for his services.

Olivea lost his starting job to Jeromy Clary midway through the season. McCree's release allows Eric Weddle to move into the starting lineup. The Chargers sent Chicago four picks, including this year's third-rounder, to move up 25 spots in the second round of last year's draft to take Weddle.

The Chargers ended a four-game playoff losing streak stretching back to the 1994 Super Bowl, reaching the AFC championship game before losing 21-12 at New England.

"This time we did make some noise," Smith said. "We played in three pressure-packed football games, and I believe in the future this is going to serve us well."

Kicker Dave Rayner, a restricted free agent, will not be tendered a contract. He was signed as a kickoff specialist after Nate Kaeding fractured his plant leg in a win over Denver on Dec. 24. Kaeding continued to kick field goals and PATs.

The Chargers are interested in bringing back their unrestricted free agents, running back Michael Turner, cornerback Drayton Florence and quarterback Billy Volek. But Smith expects Turner and Florence to get big money from other teams.

Turner is expected to get a starting job elsewhere after backing up LaDainian Tomlinson for three seasons. Smith shopped Turner last offseason but didn't get an offer he liked. So he kept the bruising back under a $2.35 million, one-year contract.

The Chargers tried for three years to work out an extension with Florence, who went from starter to nickel back after the emergence of Antonio Cromartie. Cromartie led the NFL with 10 interceptions and was named All-Pro and to the Pro Bowl.

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>
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> Chargers General manager

Volek will no doubt get a look on the market simply based on his leading the Chargers on the game-winning drive at Indianapolis in the divisional playoffs on Jan. 13 after Philip Rivers was knocked out with a knee injury. Volek scored on a 1-yard sneak. If Volek leaves, Charlie Whitehurst would move up on the depth chart to back up Rivers.

The Chargers said 11 players have either had surgery or are scheduled to.

The three players scheduled to have surgery in the next few weeks are all Pro Bowlers — linebacker Shawne Merriman (knee), left tackle Marcus McNeill (shoulder) and defensive tackle Jamal Williams (knees). Williams pulled out of the Pro Bowl because of his injuries and McNeill, originally a second alternate, was added to the roster when two players pulled out.

Smith declined to be specific about the nature of their injuries. He said he expects everyone to be ready by the season opener. Among them are Rivers, who had reconstructive surgery on his right knee on Jan. 23, and Pro Bowl tight end Antonio Gates, who had surgery Wednesday on his dislocated left big toe.

Merriman said he has a meniscus tear in his left knee, which he injured in an overtime win at Tennessee on Dec. 9.






# One down

## Police in London say Winehouse is cleared

Police are no longer investigating AMY WINEHOUSE on suspicion of attempting to interfere with a court case involving her husband, her spokesman said Friday.

The 24-year-old singer is no longer required to return to a police station for further questioning, her spokesman, Chris Goodman, said in a statement.

"Amy is pleased to be discounted from the investigation and thanks the police for their professionalism in their dealings with her," the statement said.

Winehouse was arrested in December after being called to a police station. At the time, she was released on police bail and had been asked to return at a later date for further questioning.

Police said they cannot identify former suspects by name, but they did confirm that prosecutors planned to take no further action against a 24-year-old arrested in December on suspicion of trying to pervert the course of justice.

Meanwhile, Winehouse's husband, Blake Fielder-Civil, appeared in a London court Friday on charges of attacking a pub landlord and then later conspiring with him to withdraw as a witness at the trial.

Fielder-Civil spoke only to confirm his name and plead not guilty. He is due to appear again in April.

Winehouse didn't attend court because she was traveling to Paris to perform at a Louis Vuitton party, her spokesman said.

The singer won five Grammy Awards, including best record, best song and best new artist, in early February, but her musical success has been overshadowed by her tumultuous private life and public struggles with drugs and alcohol.

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FRANK JR. JOINS DAD



FRANK SINATRA JR. has joined his famous dad and sister on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars.

The 64-year-old singer received star No. 307 on Palm Canyon Drive.

Sinatra noted that he used to play on the same street as a kid.

"This has been quite a sentimental journey," he said Thursday.

Nancy Sinatra said her brother deserves the honor because he "is practically, single-handedly, keeping the American songbook alive."

He has made numerous records, including a tribute to his late father.

AP




## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT:** **Extension of Interim Ordinance No. 2250 (CCS) to June 30, 2008 Clarifying the Scope of the Prohibition of New Construction Within a Five Hundred Foot Radius of Another Construction Project**

APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica
LOCATION: Citywide

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following proposed text amendment:

Extend Interim Ordinance No. 2250 (CCS) which was adopted on February 26, 2008 to clarify that only one single new construction project is allowed within a five hundred foot radius in the City's multi-family residential districts and clarify whether exempt projects under construction are considered in applying the prohibition on new construction. Interim Ordinance No. 2250 (CCS) would be extended until June 30, 2008 and would expire on April 26, 2008 unless extended.

**DATE/TIME:** **TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008 AT 6:45 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

**HOW TO COMMENT**
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Construction Rate Program
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

**MORE INFORMATION**
If you want more information about this project, please contact Barry A. Rosenbaum, Senior Land Use Attorney at (310) 458-8336. Interim Ordinance 2250 (CCS) and the Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 serve 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**
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★★★ Deal with a partner directly. Tonight: A long-overdue talk.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★★ Your temper could cause a problem with more than one person. Tonight: Reach out for a certain pal.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
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**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★★ Though anger could result from a friendship, somehow you use it to make another relationship better. Tonight: Have fun and relax.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★ Pressure builds, and you might start acting like Mount Vesuvius. You are experiencing tension and perhaps anger. Tonight: Consider cocooning.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★ You might feel powerless to put a halt to some difficult feelings. Tonight: Visit with favorite people.

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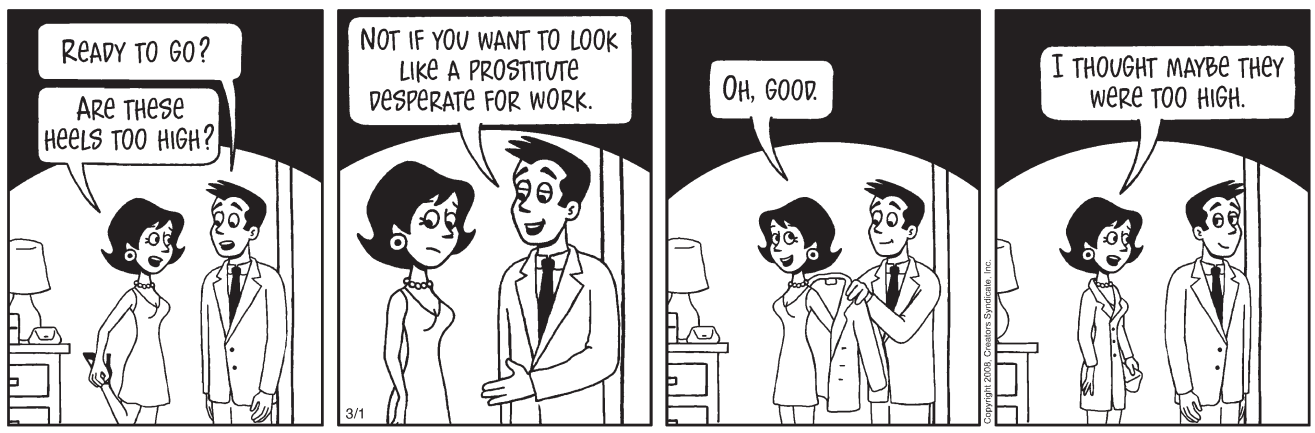

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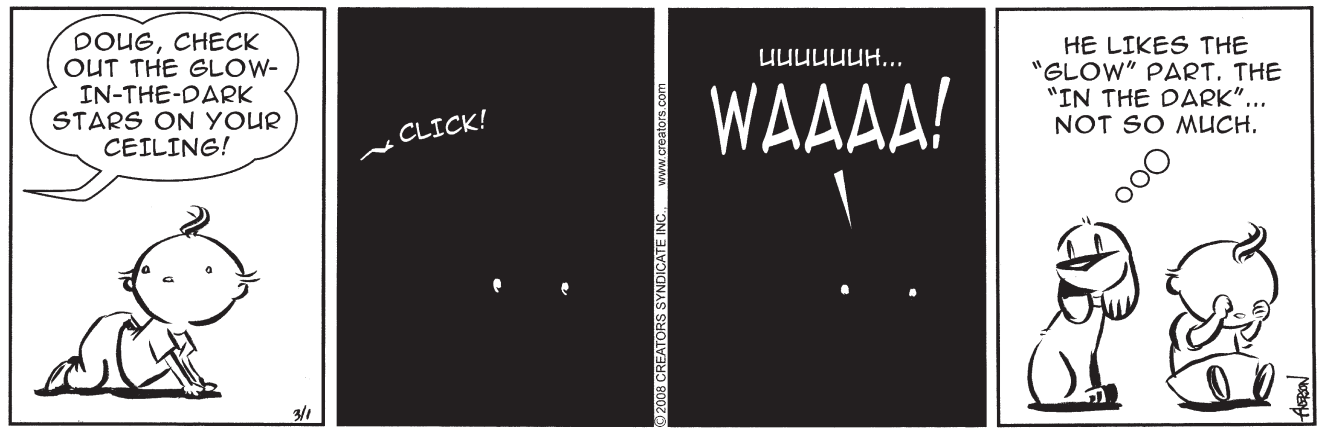

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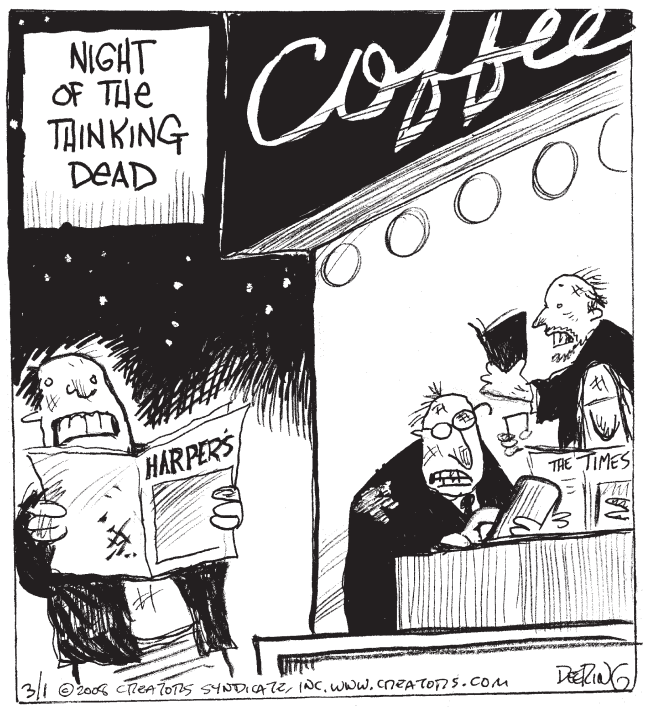


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## CROSSWORD

**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

**1** Reason to pack
**5** Lab activity
**10** Freshen
**12** Clarifying phrase
**13** Extreme
**14** Fencing move
**15** "O Sole —"
**16** Besides
**18** Chinese export
**19** — fours
**21** Chain unit
**22** Words on a photo mailer
**24** Over
**25** Kind of list sent to marketers
**29** Take in
**30** Less complex
**32** "Hail," to Caesar
**33** Syr. neighbor
**34** Huge snake
**35** Cost
**37** Ostentatious jewelry
**39** Singer John
**40** "Rain" role
**41** Delays
**42** Escape vehicles

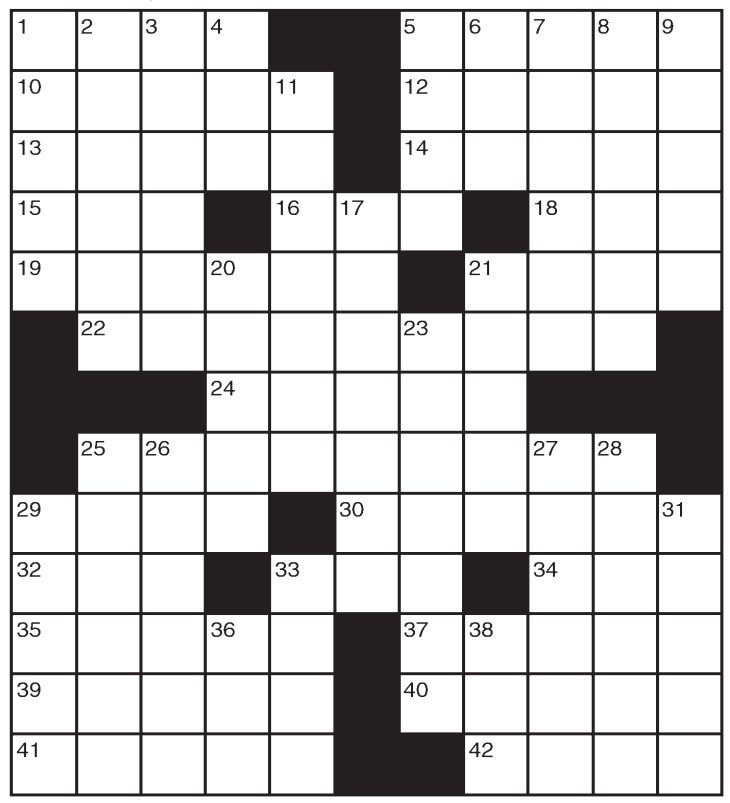
**DOWN**

**1** Top suit
**2** De-pended
**3** All together
**4** According to
**5** Pinball no-no
**6** Outback runner
**7** Sub-mitted, as an entry
**8** Remnant
**9** Furtive one
**11** "Nice job!"
**17** Fancy homes
**20** Plain silly
**21** Horne and Olin
**23** Antacids, for short
**25** "Tender Mercies" star
**26** Willing to consider
**27** Lusty drive
**28** Russia's Brezhnev
**29** Is bold
**31** Fads
**33** Charged particles
**36** Road rescue
**38** Pet perch

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ California's Solar Shade Control Act protects solar panels from obstructions from sunlight, and in January, Santa Clara County officials sought to enforce the law against homeowners who themselves are staunch environmentalists. Since the back yard of Prius-owners Richard Treanor and Carolynn Bissett contains lush redwood trees that block their neighbor's panels, the county ordered that the trees be cut down.

■ Tolerance: (1) In November, 70 petitioning neighbors said they were fed up with the Museum of Tolerance in West Hollywood, Calif. The final straw was the museum's application to expand its building, extend hours of operation until midnight, and reduce the buffer zone between it and nearby homes. (2) Officials of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, initially agreed to host the annual multi-denominational Austin Area Interreligious Ministries Thanksgiving celebration last year, but abruptly canceled when they came to realize that Muslims might actually pray there. Under criticism, the church said that it "hopes" the religious community "will ... be tolerant of our church's beliefs" that necessitated the decision.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1457** The Unitas Fratrum is established in the village of Kunvald, on the Bohemian-Moravian borderland. It is to date the second oldest Protestant denomination.

**1633** Samuel de Champlain reclaims his role as commander of New France on behalf of Cardinal Richelieu.

**1790** The first United States census is authorized.

**1815** Napoleon returns to France from his banishment on Elba.

**1847** The state of Michigan formally abolishes capital punishment.

**1872** Yellowstone National Park is established as the world's first national park.

**1936** The Hoover Dam is completed.

**1946** The Bank of England is nationalised.

**1955** Allen Fieldhouse at the University of Kansas hosts its first college basketball game.

**1966** The Ba'ath Party takes power in Syria.

**2006** Tarja Halonen is inaugurated as President of Finland for the second and last time.

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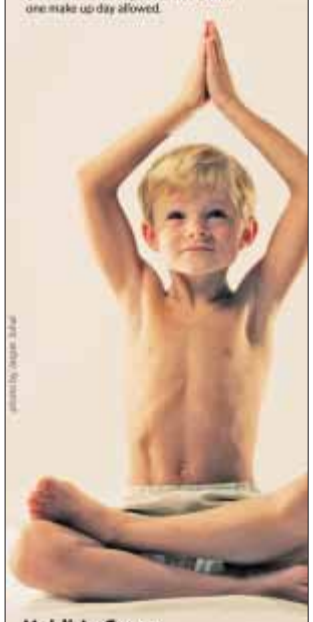
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