Connect
Log on
Stay local
smdp.com
Santa Monica Daily Press



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



Visit us online at smdp.com
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2009
Volume 8 Issue 104

Santa Monica Daily Press



FREE TO ROLL
SEE PAGE 3

Talk of the town

THE BAD OCTOPUS ISSUE



TAKING A STAND

Maya Myers *mayamyers.com*

Rev. Janet McKeithen, of the Church in Ocean Park and member of the Hill Street Voices for Change, co-organized Thursday's 'Walk for Solidarity.' Those in attendance hope that the State Supreme Court overturns the recently approved Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriages.

District officials consider furloughs

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS The growing trend of furloughing employees could be in the school district's future.

Facing the possibility of more than $4 million in cuts next year to various vital programs, including health services, elementary music, intervention counseling and Santa Monica High School's House System, the Board of Education has requested the staff to explore the cost savings of unpaid leave.

It's a proposal being floated by different agencies across the country in the current economic climate, following the lead of

SEE DISTRICT PAGE 7

Samohi begins season under microscope

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI For a team that went undefeated in league play last season, the Vikings would seemingly be a lock to repeat as Ocean League champs.

But, inside the numbers, the Santa Monica High School baseball team amassed the impressive 10-0 record in league play under serious duress. The Vikings may have beat every rival Ocean League team twice, but many of those ball games were decided by two runs or fewer. A total of four games were close going down to the wire with the final regular season game against Culver City tied 0-0 at the end of seven innings before being decided in the 10th.

"We're going to be a lot like last year," Head Coach Rob Duron said. "We're hoping our pitching and defense can carry us."

Luckily for the Vikings, defense and pitching are stout for a team that opens its preseason today at home against nearby University High School.

While the team is light on home run hitters, Duron said he wouldn't be sure what to expect from his offense until the team plays a few games.

"We'll be OK," Duron said. "We have guys who can put the ball into play."

Duron will look to outfielder/third baseman Logan Whitchurch to help lead the offense with three-year varsity outfielder Vince Lawrence providing speed on the base paths. Together with Ricky Gomez, who moved from shortstop to second base this off-season, those three will be relied upon to generate offense and manufacture runs.

Thankfully for the Vikings, the team is anchored by Tyler Skaggs, a standout left-handed starting pitcher who is being heavily sought after by pro scouts. The lanky hurler has committed to Cal State Fullerton.

Unfortunately for Samohi, Skaggs can't start every game. Duron is using the first couple of preseason contests to figure out

SEE SAMOHI PAGE 9

Little octopus, major expense

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Special to the Daily Press

SM PIER Big disasters can sometimes come in small packages.

The Heal the Bay Santa Monica Pier Aquarium is facing up to $20,000 in damages as a result of a mischievous octopus that flooded the building with 200 gallons of sea water last week.

The water the octopus released through the circulation pipe in her tank cascaded out into the offices and experiment section. Most of the displays were spared.

SEE FLOOD PAGE 7

FIVE GENERATIONS
OF FAMILY JEWELERS
Gregory
Edward
Avedis
Eddie
Avo
READERS
Monday-Saturday
10am-6pm
331 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica
2 Hours Free Parking (Behind Store) 310.451.1349 • www.readersjewelers.com



Gary Limjap
(310) 586-0339
In today's real estate climate ...
Experience counts!
garylimjap@earthlink.net
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

WEIGHT LOSS TEST

- Is your problem controlling your cravings?
- Do you have a problem with compulsions?
- Have you dieted 3 or more times?
- Are you tired of being addicted to diets?


Dr. Norton Wyner, Ph.D

YOUR WEIGHT LOSS SOLUTION:
Completely personalized 12-Step N-FACTOR® SYSTEM with a 1 year Guarantee.

FREE PERSONAL CONSULTATION (310) 458-1014
to view my national video visit www.SMDP.com/loseweight

Your Trusted Source

Adult Day Service Center
The right choice for quality care for your loved one. Let us give you the break you need.
1510 Pico Blvd., • Santa Monica

WISE & Healthy Aging
(310) 452-7802
Enjoy a Free Preview Day on Us!
www.wiseandhealthyaging.org

METRO CAB CO.
"Santa Monica's Premier Taxi Service"
- Low Prices
- Reliable Service
- Experienced Drivers
- On-Time.

25.90 to 27.90* from SM to LAX
*Not Valid Thursday Nor Friday From 3pm to 7pm



Call Now!
(310)434-7777
www.metrocabco.com

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT 401 BROADWAY COMMERCIAL PROJECT

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Monica
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401
Contact: Steve Mizokami, Associate Planner
Phone: (310) 458-8341

The City of Santa Monica intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 401 Broadway Commercial Project. In accordance with Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Santa Monica has prepared this Notice of Preparation to provide Responsible Agencies and other interested parties with information describing the proposal and its potential environmental effects. The following environmental factors, identified in the Initial Study, that would potentially be affected by the project include:

- Construction Effects
- Noise
- Transportation/ Traffic
- Neighborhood Effects
- Shadows
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

PROJECT APPLICANT: Steve Henry
801 Latimer Road
Santa Monica, CA 90402
(310) 849.3814

PROJECT LOCATION: 401 Broadway, Santa Monica, CA. 90404

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is located on a 7,500 square foot parcel on the north-east corner of Broadway and 4th Street. The site is currently developed with a 1-story, 1,500 square foot auto repair building and associated surface parking lot.

The proposed project involves the demolition of all existing structures on the site and construction of a new 4-story, 22,395 square foot commercial building and subterranean parking lot. The proposed commercial building would include restaurants on the ground floor and the fourth floor, and office space on the second and third floors, with patio decks on the third and fourth floors. The subterranean garage would include 11 parking spaces and a facility storage area. An automobile elevator, with access from 4th Court, would provide vehicular access to the subterranean garage.

The applicant has applied for the following discretionary permits: a Development Review permit (08DR-003) for a project exceeding 7,500 square feet of floor area.

REVIEW PERIOD: As specified by the State CEQA Guidelines, the Notice of Preparation will be circulated for a 30-day review period. The City of Santa Monica welcomes agency and public input during this period regarding the scope and content of environmental information related to your agency's responsibility that must be included in the Draft EIR. **Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:30 p.m. on April 5, 2009** and addressed to:

Steve Mizokami, Associate Planner
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401
Telephone: (310) 458-8341
E-mail: steve.mizokami@smgov.net

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de la preparación de un reporte sobre, lo cual puede ser de interes a usted. Para más información, llame a Carmen Gutiérrez, al número (310) 458-834

WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE



OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Rocking rotary
Riviera Country Club
1250 Capri Dr., call for time
The Rotary Club of Santa Monica has long enjoyed a reputation as being the hub for westside men and women dedicated to improving their local and worldwide communities. Those interested in attending the regular lunch should call (310) 917-3313.

Salsa the night away
Isabelle's Salsa/Tango/Pole Dance Academy
1334 Lincoln Blvd., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Friday socials offer you a friendly, relaxed atmosphere to learn how to dance hot salsa. Beginners and advanced dancers alike are welcomed in two different classes. After class, enjoy a social hour to practice and mingle. $20 covers the 90 minute class and the social hour practice. Free drinks are included. Call (310) 392-3493 for more information.

Saturday, March 7, 2009

Start axing the tax
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Volunteers provide free income tax preparation assistance. This service is provided by UCLA volunteers for low-income, elderly, disabled and limited-English-speaking people. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Yoga in the park
Palisades Park
Ocean Ave. and Palisades Ave., 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Start your weekend off right with an energizing and rejuvenating yoga class in Palisades Park, overlooking the ocean. All levels are welcome. Bring a yoga mat and an open heart. All classes are donation only. For more information, call (310) 560-4317.

Sunday, March 7, 2009

Cinderella to a beat
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m.
Audiences help romance bloom in this internationally acclaimed musical for everyone, featuring a charming prince, zany fairy godmother, silly stepsisters and a zealously well-meaning stepmother. Birthday and tea parties are available with every performance. Kid tickets are $10.50, adults are $12.50. Call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2 or visit santamonicaplayhouse.com for more information.

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.

More cops in seats instead of on streets

BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles Police Department is bigger than ever, but so far that hasn't translated into more officers on the streets, police Chief William Bratton said Thursday. The department has added about 700 officers since Bratton became chief in 2002, and hundreds of those are filling clerical civilian positions that remain empty due to a civilian hiring freeze for all but essential civilian positions.

Bratton said the phenomenon is mirrored in other departments across the country, though it's not good news for a police force the chief said is one of the most understaffed in the country.

"What the public was told and sold on was they were going to get more officers on the streets," said Paul M. Weber, president of the Police Protective League, the Los Angeles police officers' union. "That's not happening."

The new officers have been funded by an increase in trash collection fees, and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has said the money would be used to put more officers on the streets.

Bratton and Villaraigosa announced on Monday historic levels of policing in the city — close to 10,000 officers. The extra officers and the seven straight years of declining crime rate have pleased Bratton, though some city officials remain critical of how the added resources are being used.

Last March, City Controller Laura Chick pointed out that too many officers were getting stuck in desk jobs and should be shifted to patrolling the streets. Other officers, including detectives and watch commanders, have been placed in two new stations and others are bolstering Bratton's counterterrorism units, the robbery homicide division and the police academy.

Bratton said he is compiling a survey to see how many officers who are filling civilian positions could be returned to the field.

Bratton said he expects more patrol officers to start working the streets toward the end of next year, as new recruits complete their training and probationary periods.

He also hopes to hire hundreds of extra officers through federal economic stimulus funds and said hiring civilians into his department's clerical positions would potentially free up hundreds of officers.



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

HITTING THE STREETS WITH EASE: **Taxi cabs line Santa Monica Boulevard on Thursday afternoon. The City Council on Tuesday decided not to freeze the issuance of new permits to cab drivers while it develops the new rules to better regulate cab companies. Santa Monica has roughly 450 cabs or 4.9 per every 1,000 residents, second only to West Hollywood.**

City Hall nixes moratorium on new taxi cab licenses

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Facing the likelihood that he will one day have to apply for a franchise agreement to remain in Santa Monica, cab company owner Faud Sanch went into proactive mode.

Learning that city officials were drafting stronger laws to control the overabundance of local taxis, including possibly setting a minimum fleet size, the owner of Metro Cab Co. recently purchased 15 alternative energy vehicles to increase the overall collection to 25, a number mention in a city staff report.

So it came as a concern to Faud when he recently learned that city officials were considering adopting an ordinance that would freeze the issuance of new permits to cab drivers while it develops the new regulations.

Sanch was among the cab company owners who protested the proposed moratorium on new taxi cab licenses and permits at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, testifying that there would be hardship on their operations.

"We were under the impression that you would give us some time to grow and improve our cars," Sanch said.

With the proposed regulations set to come before the council in the next six weeks, officials declined to institute the moratorium and instead directed its staff to move quickly in coming back with a new law.

The moratorium was suggested to control the growing number of taxis in Santa Monica where 50 new cabs have been registered since the matter was addressed by the council in mid-February, making Santa Monica home to more taxis per person than any other city in the region aside from West Hollywood.

"In the interim we've had an explosion

SEE **TAXIS** 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
"1/2 price menu omelettes everyday! From 6am until 7am GET OUT OF BED!


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

Don't dilute

Editor:

I would like to think that the purpose of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is not the teachers, the non-certificated staff, the administration, or students from other school districts, but to serve the students who live in Santa Monica and Malibu, providing them with the best educational opportunities possible.

When deciding on keeping or increasing inter-district permits, ask yourselves the following:

• Are the reading and math scores of every Santa Monica and Malibu resident student at grade level?

• Is every student from Santa Monica and Malibu graduating?

• Is the achievement gap of students from Santa Monica and Malibu closed?

• Are school-wide test scores truly reflective of Santa Monica and Malibu resident students' achievement levels, or are they inflated by the scores of inter-district permitted students?

Then, and only then, think of diluting and/or decreasing the educational opportunities for Santa Monica and Malibu students by granting inter-district permits, being cognizant that when you increase SMMUSD's student population with students from other school districts, you will be adversely affecting the following opportunities for students who actually reside in Santa Monica and Malibu:

• Admissions to the UC system, which currently insures eligibility to the top 4 percent of each high school graduating class.

• Eligibility for Pell Grants.

• Leadership opportunities such as newspaper editor, yearbook editor, school and class officers, team captains, club officers ...

• Honors such as valedictorian, salutatorian, student of the month.

• Membership on sports teams, academic teams, science teams, newspaper and yearbook staffs.

• Roles in school plays.

• Parking spots.

• Use of school resources.

In 2001-2002 SMMUSD realized the error of granting inter-district permits and imposed a moratorium. Since then it has eased up, resulting in 1,614 current out-of-district permits. That practice of SMMUSD needs to stop. Inter-district permits are a cheap budget fix that rob other school districts of their better students and cheat every student who resides in Santa Monica and Malibu of the top-notch educational opportunity they deserve. That educational opportunity is why we live here, why we vote for bond measures, and why our cities annually grant considerable extra funds to SMMUSD.

Susan Hartley
Santa Monica

Share the road

Editor:

Spring is in the air. Everywhere you look, people are strolling with their children and dogs. Kids are in-line skating and skate boarding. Adults are feeling a youthful resurgence and hopping on their bikes. It's a good time to remember courtesy, or barring that, the rules of the road.

I was on Ocean Front Walk with my dog. We were walking in front of the Sea Castle, meeting and greeting other dogs and pedestrians, and my dog was on a regulation 6-foot leash. Suddenly, a middle aged man, decked out in racing gear and helmet on an expensive bike, appeared at my right shoulder and swerved to miss hitting my dog. He yelled, "Watch it!" and continued south on the boardwalk, swerving in and out among the many pedestrians as he sped away. I called after his retreating back, "The bike path is over there!" as I pointed to the bike path which runs parallel to the boardwalk. As my husband pointed out to me, the boardwalk is no longer posted as "Pedestrians Only," and bikes may use the road as well as pedestrians. However, it is the responsibility of the faster vehicle to give the right of way to those who are not feeling the need for speed. We live in a beautiful place, with much to enjoy outdoors. Please remember to share the road.

Barbara Passolt-Pineiro
Santa Monica



Your column here

Michael Cutler

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Mexico's drug war fueling illegal immigration rush

WHILE CORRUPTION HAS BEEN A WAY of life in Mexico historically, the dominance of drug cartels there now amplifies the corruption, putting the beleaguered country at a dangerous tipping point.

Not unlike terrorist organizations, the drug cartels use violence and the threat of it in conjunction with bribery to destabilize Mexico's federal and local government.

Billions of American drug dollars have flowed to the cartels and given them their power.

The tremendous wealth has bought the cartels influence, military-grade weapons, vehicles, counterfeit documents, safe houses, and government and military officials.

With more than 6,000 lives lost last year, Mexico is bearing the brunt of the brutal drug violence, which has included videotaped beheadings and hours-long firefights.

Mexico is so fragile that it is on the same level as Pakistan for the potential of rapid and sudden collapse, according to a report on worldwide security threats issued by the U.S. Joint Forces Command. But the situation puts Mexico's northern neighbor at great risk as well.

On an ongoing basis tens of thousands of illegal aliens push their way across the Mexican border into the United States. Some are seeking an illegal job and serve only briefly as pawns for drug dealers en route by carrying drugs, but others are criminal aliens involved full-time in gangs, such as the violent El Salvadorian MS-13 gang, and the drug trade. They come not just from Mexico and Latin America, but other "special interest" countries — Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and Syria — known to engage in terrorism.

The border situation is in fact so tenuous that a travel advisory issued this month by the U.S. State Department warns of the increasing violence in Mexico, particularly along the U.S.-Mexico border where police have clashed with drug traffickers armed with automatic weapons and grenades. Carjacking, homicide, kidnapping, petty theft and robbery also are on the rise, according to the advisory.

Mexico can now also claim daytime public shootouts. These have gone down in Nogales, Tijuana and Ciudad Juarez, a city which had more than 1,800 murders since January 2008.

Safety and security are so threatened that the mayor of Juarez relocated his family across the border to El Paso after being threatened by the drug cartels. Increasing numbers of Mexican citizens are following suit, fleeing the violence and seeking asylum in the United States — further straining the U.S. immigration system.

Evidence of the spillage of Mexico's problems into the United States abounds. The Mexican drug cartel violence has turned Phoenix into a kidnapping capital.

Except for Mexico City, Phoenix last year had more kidnappings than any city worldwide.

Arizona officials believe if the violent drug-related crime is not halted in this city, other cities throughout the United States will begin to see similar brutal crime.

Last week's announcement that the Drug Enforcement Agency had conducted raids and made arrests of more 750 people across the United States connected to the Mexican Sinaloa drug cartel, seizing $59 million, weapons, vehicles and tons of cocaine, methamphetamine and other illicit drugs in the process, underscores the extent of the flourishing criminal activity.

INCREASING NUMBERS OF MEXICAN CITIZENS ARE FOLLOWING SUIT, FLEEING THE VIOLENCE AND SEEKING ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES — FURTHER STRAINING THE U.S. IMMIGRATION SYSTEM.

If that doesn't send up some red flags, then consider this: it's estimated that there are now more violent gang members in the United States than there are sworn police officers.

Pro-illegal immigration groups and their misinformed supporters have long played on false themes of "jobs Americans won't do" and humanitarianism, ignoring the grave security concerns related to their open-borders stance.

But the realities of what illegal immigration has wrought are now too public and too ugly to ignore. There is a clear nexus between our nation's failures to secure the borders and to create an immigration system that possesses meaningful integrity.

Members of the United States Congress still opposed to securing the borders need to wake up to the urgency of securing our country.

And American citizens must continue to vociferously demand that their elected officials lock down the U.S.-Mexican border and institute a zero-tolerance policy for illegal immigration. Nothing less than the future of a secure and sovereign United States is at stake.

MICHAEL CUTLER is a senior writing fellow for Californians for Population Stabilization. Retired from a 30-year career with the INS, Cutler has given expert testimony at more than a dozen Congressional hearings on issues relating to immigration law enforcement and is an advisor to 9/11 Families for a Secure America. Contact him at info@capsweb.org or MCutler007@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
Melody Hanatani
melodyh@smdp.com

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHERS
Brandon Wise
brandonw@smdp.com
Morgan Genser
news@smdp.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Bill Bauer, David Pisarra, Meredith Carroll, Kenny Mack, Jack Neworth, Lloyd Garver, Taylor Van Arsdale, Dane Robert Swanson, Ryan Hyatt, Steve Breen, Elizabeth Brown, Merv Hecht, Ron Scott Smith Mike Heayn, Brian Hepp Mariel Howsepian, Cynthia Citron, Amanda Cushman, Steve Parker and Phyllis Chavez

CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Fabian Lewkowicz

NEWS INTERNS
Catherine Cain, Ashley Archibald, Rob Lawrence, Teddy Leshnick
news@smdp.com

PHOTOGRAPHY INTERNS
Raymond Solano, Rachel Dardashti
news@smdp.com

ADVERTISING SALES MANAGER
Rob Schwenker
schwenker@smdp.com

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES
Julie Martinez
juliem@smdp.com

Robert Hertel
roberth@smdp.com

Grace Wang
gracew@smdp.com

ADVERTISING TRAFFIC FACILITATOR
Amber Kessee
amberk@smdp.com

OPERATIONS MANAGER
Connie Sommerville
connies@smdp.com

PRODUCTION MANAGER
Robert Summa
summa@smdp.com

CIRCULATION
Keith Wyatt
Osvaldo Paganini
circulation@smdp.com

Santa Monica Daily Press
A newspaper with issues

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

Visit us online at smdp.com

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

19,000 daily circulation, 46,450 daily readership. Circulation is audited and verified by Circulation Verification Council, 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. Letters also may be mailed to our offices located at 410 Broadway, Suite B, Santa Monica, 90401, or faxed to (310) 576-9913. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content.

Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Maybe Shakespeare was right

FOLLOWING UP ON LAST WEEK'S COLUMN, I have great news and "annoying" news. The great news is single mom, C Smith, won her court case and will not be evicted from the Santa Monica apartment she's lived in for the last 14 years. Apparently the moral arc of the universe may be bent toward justice. At least this time.

The annoying news is that, the day after my column ran, I received a rather unpleasant e-mail from landlord Zigi Dromy's lawyer. Michael Simkin, who practices in Century City, without so much as a hello, warned that if I wasn't careful he would sue me and the Daily Press "in a heartbeat." Isn't that charming? And lawyers wonder why their image is a notch above used car salesmen. (My apologies to used car salesman.)

I wanted to remind Mr. Simkin there's a reason the First Amendment was first. I was about to tell him to stick the e-mail where the sun doesn't shine when I realized that made no sense at all since e-mails are electronic.

I was somewhat comforted by recalling Shakespeare's line in Henry VI, "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." (I wonder if Mr. Simkin will sue Shakespeare?)

The character that uttered the Bard's famous line sounds more "Sopranos" than Shakespeare. "Dick the Butcher" was as evil as his name implied, giving rise to speculation that Shakespeare was actually praising lawyers and underscoring the important role they play in society (as opposed to sending "mine is bigger than yours" e-mails).

Over the phone, Mr. Simkin portrayed Mr. Dromy as landlord-of-the-year material and Ms. Smith as an ungrateful tenant, even though she's paid over $144,000 in rent. He pointed out that Mr. Dromy had even replaced the carpet as though this made him Mother Teresa. I pointed out that in Santa Monica a landlord isn't a candidate for sainthood for replacing the carpet every 14 years.

Later that afternoon, Mr. Simkin e-mailed me a letter from a former tenant of Mr. Dromy's whose family moved out, allegedly fearing for their safety because of Smith. In 2007 Ms. Smith suffered a stroke and had four brain surgeries. Apparently, beneath that fragile exterior she's a regular Mike Tyson.

I asked if I could be put in touch with the letter's author. Simkin said, "Go knock on some doors, you're a journalist." (Ouch!) I'm inherently lazy but feeling insulted, I went a knocking.

The most puzzling sight at 420 Raymond has to be the lineup of old shower doors attached to a fence. I was told they've been there for years. And apparently they aren't that attached because some crashed on a tenant's car.

As for the family that moved out, it appears they were unhappy from the beginning. They just had too many kids for that tiny two bedroom, one bath apartment. (I'm told they're now in a three bedroom house in Culver City.)

The mom had even asked advice from other tenants on how to get out of her lease without penalty. Determined, I finally reached her by phone. She greeted me with a few F-bombs and hung up. To steal a line from Tommy Lasorda, "This job is not that G.D. easy!"

After the trial, Mr. Simkin concluded that both sides won: Smith got to stay but Mr. Dromy got his back rent. This ignores that Smith was desperately trying to pay the rent all along. Factoring Mr. Simkin's fees, I have a hunch Mr. Dromy is in the red. What a senseless exercise. Reminds me of a certain war I know.

Kudos, however, to Dan Marquez, Smith's lawyer. After taking her case, Marquez pointed to a big jar. "That's my worry jar. From now on you're to stop worrying, that's my job." Smith broke down in tears. Did I mention the moral arc of the universe is bent toward justice?

In doing research for this, I was put in touch with Rent Control Board Member and prominent landlord Robert Kronovet, who's deeply interested in better tenant-landlord relations.

Mr. Kronovet was bothered by a number of factors in Smith's case, including that, while a three-day notice was issued, neither Mr. Dromy nor his manager checked on Smith's health. He's of the opinion, especially in this economy, that tenants are the landlord's customers, not serfs.

But maybe some good has come from this. A few days ago Smith handed her March rent check to the manager and received a receipt. I have no idea why that's such a breakthrough but, then again, I'm still in the dark about the shower doors. (I'd include a photo, but I'd probably get sued.) Which brings me back to Michael Simkin, Esq., who claims to have a great sense of humor. I have a feeling today's column may test that.

If he isn't too busy dodging a summons, JACK can be reached at Jackneworth@yahoo.com.

The Q Line

Council's new face

The City Council last Tuesday appointed Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights co-chair Gleam Davis to fulfill the remainder of the late Herb Katz' term.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you believe the council made the right choice and why?

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. Please limit responses to a minute or less.













DONATE Your Vehicle

Tax deductible.
No DMV hassle.

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

American Red Cross
1-888-625-4330

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

ACT! Database Coaching

FREE CONSULTATION

WHEN THE MARKET IS SLOW
FIND THE MONEY IN YOUR CONTACTS



Eliminate your frustrations using ACT! and take your skills to the next level! All versions.

Call Chris Pumphrey
20 years hands-on ACT! Experience
www.actcoaching.com
800-915-4228

John Muir
Flea Market

March 7 & 21
8am-3pm
1st & 3rd Saturday
of the month
2510 Lincoln Blvd.,
Santa Monica
(corner of Ocean Park Blvd.
in the school parking lot)

• Collectibles
• Jewelry
• Vintage Clothing
• Real Deals and Real Finds
• Delicious Food



(310) 570-6483

johnmuirptafair.org

SEND US YOUR ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS!
EMAIL TO: DANIELA@SMDP.COM OR FAX TO (310) 576-9913
Santa Monica Daily Press Visit us online at smdp.com



CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Seniors hit Sephora

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.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25, AT 3 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade regarding a report of a theft that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with security at the cosmetics store who said they observed a man and two women steal several bottles of perfume. One of the women distracted a sales person while the other two ran out of the store. The woman still in the store was arrested. The other two fled and could still be at large. The man was described as a white male in his 60s, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, 200 pounds with short, gray, balding hair and a fair complexion. The woman was described as white, in her 60s, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, around 180 pounds with long red hair and fair complexion. The woman arrested was identified as Zofia Tapa, 71, from Chicago. She was booked for grand theft and conspiracy to commit a crime. Her bail was set at $20,000. Police said the suspects took 31 bottles of perfume valued at $2,305.

MONDAY, FEB. 23, AT 6:29 A.M.,
Officers responded to the corner of 11th Street and Washington Avenue regarding a report of a fight. When officers arrived, they saw two men arguing in an alley. One of the men took off their belt and struck the other man in the head several times. The man defended himself until police arrived. The man with the belt was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. The Santa Monica Fire Department was called and provided medical treatment to the victim, who did not have life threatening injuries. The suspect was identified as Jeffrey Lane Whitley, 42, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $30,000.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24, AT 5:20 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1000 block of Euclid Street regarding a report of possible drug activity going on in a parked car. Officers walked up to the car and made contact with a man sitting in the driver's seat. Officers also noticed a woman in the passenger's seat who was allegedly in possession of black tar heroin. Officers said the man was in possession of several laptops believed to be stolen. The woman was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance and violation of probation. The man was arrested for possession of stolen property. They were identified as Blanca Estella Quezada, 31, a transient (bail set at $10,000) and Frank Javier Villareal, 37, of Santa Monica (no bail set).

TUESDAY, FEB. 24, AT 3:34 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of the promenade — Sephora — regarding a report of a theft. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said a woman picked up a cosmetics kit valued at $181.50 and left the store without paying. The security guard stopped the woman once outside the store and escorted her back in. She was detained until police arrived. Officers interviewed the woman and learned that she possibly entered the store with the intent to steal. She was found to be in possession of a screw driver, which is often used to break security censors. She was booked for commercial burglary and possession of burglary tools. She was identified as Melissa Alessandra Conte, 37, from Marina del Rey. Her bail was set at $20,000.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25, AT 8:18 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of the promenade regarding a report of an assault with a deadly weapon at the Cabo Cantina restaurant. Witnesses told officers that a drunk patron became upset when he was asked to leave the restaurant. When he realized police were called, he allegedly threw a full margarita glass at the victim, striking her in the face. When bartenders tried to subdue him, the man allegedly threw his cell phone, striking two customers. He was taken into custody and booked for assault with a deadly weapon and seven outstanding warrants. He was identified as Justin Lawrence Gillespie, 36, a transient. His bail was set at $77,500.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26, AT 6:20 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2400 block of 34th Street regarding a report of a man smoking narcotics in his vehicle, which was parked on the street. When officers approached the car, officers said they spotted the man with a crack pipe. Officers placed the man under arrested and searched the vehicle and found a small amount of cocaine. The man was later booked for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. The suspect was identified as Alexander Goddard Burchell, 42, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27, AT 10:42 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of the Santa Monica Pier regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. An alleged victim told officers that a man walked up to him and pulled out a knife and tried to slash him. Officers later learned that the victim was standing on a spot where the suspect wanted to perform. He wanted the victim to move, police said. The victim flagged down a member of the Harbor Guard, who reported the incident to police. Officers arrested the suspect for assault with a deadly weapon. The knife was recovered. The suspect was identified as Ronald Wayne Jones, 61, of Los Angeles. Bail was set at $30,000.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28, AT 9:25 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 200 block of the Santa Monica Pier regarding a female causing a disturbance by aggressively panhandling visitors and parking booth attendants. Officers attempted to detain the woman and noticed she had a belt in her hand and could potentially use it as a weapon. Despite the belt, officers were able to detain her. While in handcuffs the suspect allegedly spat on one of the officers. She was arrested and booked for battery on a police officer. She was identified as Melissa Noland, 18, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at $20,000.

Editor in Chief KEVIN HERRERA compiled these reports. news@smpd.com

Staffers propose reductions of $4M

FROM **DISTRICT** PAGE 1

California officials which instituted Furlough Fridays for several hundred thousand state employees.

The suggestion came during the school board's joint budget workshop with the Financial Oversight Committee on Wednesday when Assistant Superintendent Mike Matthews, which oversees human resources, presented a summary of more than $4 million in proposed reductions.

"It seems to me an option that seriously needs to be explored," board member Jose Escarce said of furloughing.

It was among a number of suggestions that were raised by board members in addition to Matthews' presentation, which was held just one day before the board was scheduled to authorize administrators to issue letters notifying certain employees that they might be laid off or reassigned positions. The state requires that such notices be sent by March 15.

Another option raised was to cut or freeze the salary of administrators who make more than $125,000 annually.

Board member Oscar de la Torre, who made the suggestion, said that while the top-earning administrators do deserve the salary level, given their experience and credentials, he would be interested in seeing sacrifices made at the top.

"It's not what we get in terms of money, it's what we get in terms of public trust," he said.

The possible reductions presented by Matthews include a $700,000 cut in special education, which would not result in a loss of services because the district has typically overbudgeted the area by that same amount for the past few years, resulting in the funds being carried over, Matthews said.

Cuts in the district office administration are estimated to save about $300,000, and reductions in nurses, intervention counselors and elementary music teachers would result in an extra $400,000. Several parents urged officials retain Tom Whaley, the district's director of visual and performing arts, pointing to the programs he has instituted during his time.

Jane Jeffries, the district's director of health services, asked that the nurses not be laid off, pointing out that a healthy student means fewer absences and more money from the state, which basis its funding formula on daily attendance.

"Healthy children learn better and that helps close the achievement gap," she said.

A reorganization of the House System at Samohi, an option that has been contested by parents, would result in a savings of about $550,000. Class size increases across the board would save another $1.2 million.

"We know the House System is a winner and has truly personalized education at Santa Monica High School," Matthews said.

Some of the options include reducing the current six house structure down to five or four, which would impact anywhere from one to three administrators, three clerical staff and two student support advisers.

Several dozen parents addressed the board regarding the potential impacts to the House System, pleading that no changes be made and an alternate proposal by Principal Hugo Pedroza, which would reportedly keep the structure intact while drawing cuts from elsewhere, be considered.

"We need to preserve and promote the very best Samohi has to offer," Deb Love, a parent wearing a Samohi sweatshirt, said.

melodyh@smdp.com

Aquarium seeking donations

FROM **FLOOD** PAGE 1

The wave of destruction belies the creature's diminutive size. The full-grown female California two-spotted octopus is only a foot long.

The damage to the aquarium, however, was severe. Sea water saturated recycled flooring installed in September 2008, seeped under the front entryway and destroyed the front facade of the display. The drywall on the western side of the building is soaked a foot and a half from the base and one of the public bathrooms is out of commission.

Dehumidifiers dot the office to dry out the walls, but all of the new flooring had to be taken up immediately and much of the drywall near the floor was removed. Workers sprayed sharp-smelling disinfectant to prevent the growth of mold in the moistened surfaces.

Replacing the floor alone will cost between $6,000 and $8,000 said Vicki Wawerchak, director of the aquarium, and recreating the display another $5,000 to $6,000.

Even so, Wawerchak said, it could have been a lot worse.

"The octopus survived and all the animals survived," she said. "The story has a great ending, at least."

Despite the damage, tours carry on more or less as usual. The aquarium gets about 120 students a day as part of its school programs. Those students had to be re-routed through the side doors of the aquarium as workers dried out the front walkway.

"It's really chaotic right now, but people have been very patient with us," said senior aquarist Jose Bacallao.

Although the immediate crisis is over, Wawerchak said, there is still a big bill to pay.

"We're working with the insurance companies, but we have to look to the next step of donations and fundraising efforts," Wawerchak said.

Interested parties can donate to the aquarium over the phone or online.

The octopus sits in its tank as if nothing ever happened, and, after modifications were made to its tank to prevent another disaster, staff seemed ready to forgive it.

"You can't be mad at it, it's their curious nature and intelligence," Wawerchak said. "They like to move around a lot. It's exactly what you want them to do in this situation — have them act like they do in the wild."

news@smdp.com





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 08-016, Design Compatibility Permit 08-002, Tract Map 08-07, 1703-1715 Ocean Front Walk. The applicant requests a Design Compatibility Permit and Vesting Tentative Tract Map for a proposed six-unit condominium (5 market rate + 1 affordable unit) project. A Conditional Use Permit is also requested to replace a bike rental shop on the subject site. Santa Monica Municipal Code Sections 9.20.04.020 and 9.04.20.15.020 require a Tentative Map and Design Compatibility Permit for the proposed condominium project and Section 9.04.08.64.040(n) requires a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed bike rental shop. [Planner: Gina Szilak] **Applicant/Property Owner: SHC Santa Monica Beach Hotel, III, LLC.**

Conditional Use Permit 09-002, 2000 Main Street. The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to re-instate the provisions of Conditional Use Permit 07-002 to allow the on-site sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits in conjunction with a new 97-seat restaurant (La Grande Orange) located in the CM-3 (Main Street Special Commercial) zoning district. The proposed restaurant will occupy a 4,623 square foot tenant space with a Main Street frontage of 120 linear feet that is part of a four-story mixed-use building (Archstone Main Street Apartments). According to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.08.28.040(x), a CUP is required for uses in the CM district with more than 75 linear feet of Main Street frontage, SMMC Section 9.04.08.28.040(p) requires a CUP for restaurants in the CM district of fifty seats or greater, and SMMC Section 9.04.10.18.020 requires a CUP for the on-site sale and dispensation of alcoholic beverages. [Planner: Paul Foley] **Applicant: LGO Hospitality LLC. Property Owner: Archstone Operating Trust.**

Development Review Permit 08-006, Design Compatibility Permit 08-003, 217-225 Bicknell Avenue. The applicant requests a further extension of time on a Development Review Permit and Design Compatibility Permit for a proposed seven-unit condominium project that were originally approved by the Planning Commission on November 16, 2005, and administratively extended on November 16, 2007 for one year. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Sections 9.04.20.14.050(b) and 9.04.20.15.050(b), further time extensions may be granted by the Planning Commission for good cause. Such extensions requests shall be processed in the same manner and for the same fee as a new application request. [Planner: Scott Albright, AICP] **Applicant/Property Owner: Bicknell Pacific, LLC.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

City of Santa Monica

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 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 and the Tide Ride service 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.



FOREVER YOUNG

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Mac Mclean (right) of Click Communications explains to online journalist Michael Lee about the 16 side panels on the new Blu-ray version of Disney's 'Pinocchio' Wednesday night at the Every Picture Tells a Story art gallery on Montana Avenue. The party was in honor of the 70th anniversary of the cartoon's release, with the new DVD coming out on March 10.

Number of cabs have grown in the past month

FROM **TAXIS** PAGE 3

of taxi licenses in the city," Deputy City Manager Elaine Polachek said. "The number keeps growing."

With the high turnover in the cab industry in which drivers earn an average $24,000 a year for working six days a week, some company owners were concerned that the moratorium would not allow them to replace staff.

The proposed freeze would have affected two areas — business licensing for the company and police permits for the individual drivers, the latter of which seemed to draw the greatest concern from cab owners.

"This would put an enormous financial burden on our company and all the companies that operate in Santa Monica because we simply cannot operate without drivers," Wendy Radwan, the director of client and public relations for Taxi Taxi, said. "It is not a matter of adding drivers on the road but replacing drivers in vehicles that are essential to our daily operations."

The new franchise system would increase competition and cut down on the number of taxis operating in the city, a figure that now stands at 454. City Hall currently runs an open-entry system in which all operators who meet insurance and other basic requirements are allowed to conduct business, resulting in an excessive amount of cabs and issues concerning driver behavior, parking and traffic, according to a study by Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates on the local taxi situation.

Conducted last year, the study made several suggestions to resolve the current climate, including requiring companies have a minimum fleet size of 25 cabs, training for all drivers, a centralized dispatching system and that cabs meet environmental standards by the California Air Resources Board for super ultra-low emission vehicles.

Council initially considered instituting a freeze only on business licenses and allowing new drivers on a one-to-one turnover ratio, but opted for the status quo. Several companies also expressed concerns that the moratorium would affect their ability to add cars that they recently purchased.

"I just got a hybrid from a dealer and making payments and now you tell me my company is going to stop working after I've been here since '89?" Sanch said.

The proposed regulations come after officials decided to evaluate whether cabs should be franchised and air quality performance standards established to use as a requirement for receiving licenses, commissioning a study, which found that the city has the second highest ratio of taxis per population in the area with 4.9 cabs per 1,000 residents.

With the proposed regulations expected to be presented in the spring, councilmembers said they could wait without imposing a moratorium.

"Six weeks seems to be a reasonable period of time that this (moratorium) could stand in place and people could wait but there's a financial impact that the longer the time, the greater the financial impact is on these companies," Councilmember Richard Bloom said. "Particularly in this economic climate, we need to be very cognizant about that."

melodyh@smdp.com



Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

GOOD STUFF: **Senior Tyler Skaggs will be relied upon to anchor Samohi's pitching staff.**

Vikings start season against University

FROM **SAMOHI** PAGE 1

who will be the no. 2 starter behind Skaggs. Alonzo Gonzalez will be the first to audition for the spot today against University.

"We're trying to make it about competition," Duron said. "Guys are competing for second, the outfield. We're going to find out pretty soon [who will be the no. 2 starter]."

The added pressure on Skaggs is nothing new for the senior. He took the mound two seasons ago at Dodger Stadium with a California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section title on the line. The Vikings lost that game, but it gave Skaggs a world of experience that he parlayed into a dominant season last year.

"I've dealt with (pressure) before," Skaggs said during practice on Thursday. "I'm pretty used to it by now."

He said he doesn't mind being called upon to lead the team and even looks forward to it.

"For sure, our strength is pitching and defense," Skaggs said. "We just have to play small ball, move people over.

"We have to concentrate on scoring runs that are easy."

Coach Duron agrees with that assessment and added that his team "can't rely on the three-run home run" to win games. While not completely happy with his offensive fire power, he believes that his guys will be able to do the little things to rack-up W's.

Although his Vikings may very well be the class of the Ocean League, Duron is reluctant to consider it a done deal.

"I'm too old to think everything is going to be rosy," Duron said.

daniela@smdp.com

LOVE YOUR HAIR
1/2 OFF 1ST HAIRCUT
COMPLIMENTARY HAIRCUT WITH COLOR OR HI-LITE
COMPLIMENTARY HAIRCUT WITH 100% HUMAN HAIR EXTENSIONS
WE NOW CARRY 'AVEDA' AND 'BUMBLE AND BUMBLE'
1/2 OFF HAIRCUT WITH PERMANENT HAIR STRAIGHTENING
NEW CUSTOMERS ONLY. COUPON VALID FOR ONE SERVICE. PLEASE BRING COUPON TO REDEEM. ONLY ONE COUPON PER CUSTOMER.
ALL SALON SERVICES, INCLUDING: Creative Hair Cutting & Styling, Highlighting & Color Techniques, Human Hair Extensions. Walk-ins welcome.
FRINGE HAIR SALON
3015 Lincoln Blvd.
Two blocks north of Whole Foods
(310) 399-7100

New York Style Pizza
Family owned and operated since 1983
$5 OFF any order over $20
Please mention coupon with order
Not valid with other offers
2 MED. PIZZAS with 2 regular toppings $19.95 (add $5 more for Large Pizzas)
Please mention coupon with order
Not valid with other offers
Large 2 Regular Topping Pizza + Large Italian Salad $16.95
Please mention coupon with order
Not valid with other offers
PIZZA, WINGS, SUBS, PASTA, SALADS
Santa Monica Pizza Kitchen
1318 Wilshire Blvd, Santa Monica
(310) 393-4554 • Open at 11am daily
www.santamonicapizzakitchen.com

INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN THE ONLY LOCAL DAILY PAPER IN SANTA MONICA?
Santa Monica Daily Press Call us at (310) 458-7737

Newer, better and now faster!
Introducing fast-track service for minor injuries and illnesses
SANTA MONICA FASTER
11 am to 11 pm
Nethercutt Emergency Center
15th St. and Arizona Ave.
(310) 319-4870
The better and faster way to get better.
UCLA Santa Monica - UCLA Medical Center and Orthopædic Hospital



On the Prowl

Taylor Van Arsdale
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Truth in advertising

MANY HAVE WRITTEN (RE: MY LAST column) asking why I continued to date "Stinks." Despite his flatulence, poor taste in clothing and dating venues, he was a nice guy. He also had other assets. And guys, size does matter. If you have a small thingie please stay home, watch TV and fantasize about meeting chicks, we don't want you in the dating pool.

This week's heinous disaster: Rudolph. I was getting ready to leave a trendy bar when he started flirting. With his protruding lips and fish-face Rudy wasn't exactly handsome, but he smelled good. I leaned over and sniffed the nape of his neck. After being with Stinks, I had to be sure. Apparently this gesture turned him on. We exchanged numbers and he called me that same night at 10:30 p.m. for a "date." Guys, don't ever call us the same night we meet. We'll think so much more of you if you show a modicum of restraint.

Date no. 1: The next night. Rudy was engaging and funny. Since he walked to the bar, I gave him a ride home. He bade me to drop him near an alley, never revealing his actual residence. Rudy called me that night at 1 a.m. wanting to "chat," and again at 8 a.m., then again at 11:30 a.m., at 3 p.m. and almost every hour on the hour, with the same lines, "You're so beautiful" or "I love your smile" and/or "I miss you." How could he miss me when he was calling me every 10 minutes? He wanted to come by, but I have a rule, I have to see where a guy lives before I allow him over, and I'd yet to see Rudy's place.

Date no. 2: This time the evening wasn't quite as much fun. Rudy spent the night trying to get me to take him home while he begged for a pair of my unmentionables. He needed immediate gratification and there was a reason. Rudy was a former crack addict. Such a pedestrian addiction! Couldn't he have been hooked on something sexy and chic like heroin? What a loser. Rudy was also evasive. I revealed my rule and left thinking I'd never hear from him again. Then came 2 a.m. and Rudy was on the horn – again. He called so many times I had to unplug my phone. The next day he called to apologize and to make it up to me by taking me to dinner.

His cell was cutting in and out so I asked him to call from his home phone. A woman's name came up on my caller ID. "Who's that?" I asked, repeating the name. There was a long pause. Rudy, it seemed, was living with someone.

Trying to rebuild his life from his days "on the streets" Rudy said he was living with a "roommate" who was taking care of his "kids."

His credit was shot and his ex-wife was too unstable thus was the predicament he was afraid to share because he didn't want to lose me. Then he inquired again about my undergarments. Rudy apparently had an underwear fetish. About this time, he started texting me photos of his John Thomas which was uglier than a braised pork chop. Look guys; if you care enough to send the very best and yours is the very worst have the foresight to send a pic of someone else's. And incidentally, if you tell us it's six inches and it photographs as three, remember ... the camera adds pounds. It doesn't subtract them.

Date no. 3: The food was great, the wine superb, but nothing this guy told me added up. During our repast he blurted out conflicting bits of information such as: There are two kids. There is no ex-wife. There are no kids. He lives in a two-bedroom. He lives in a one-bedroom but sleeps on the couch.

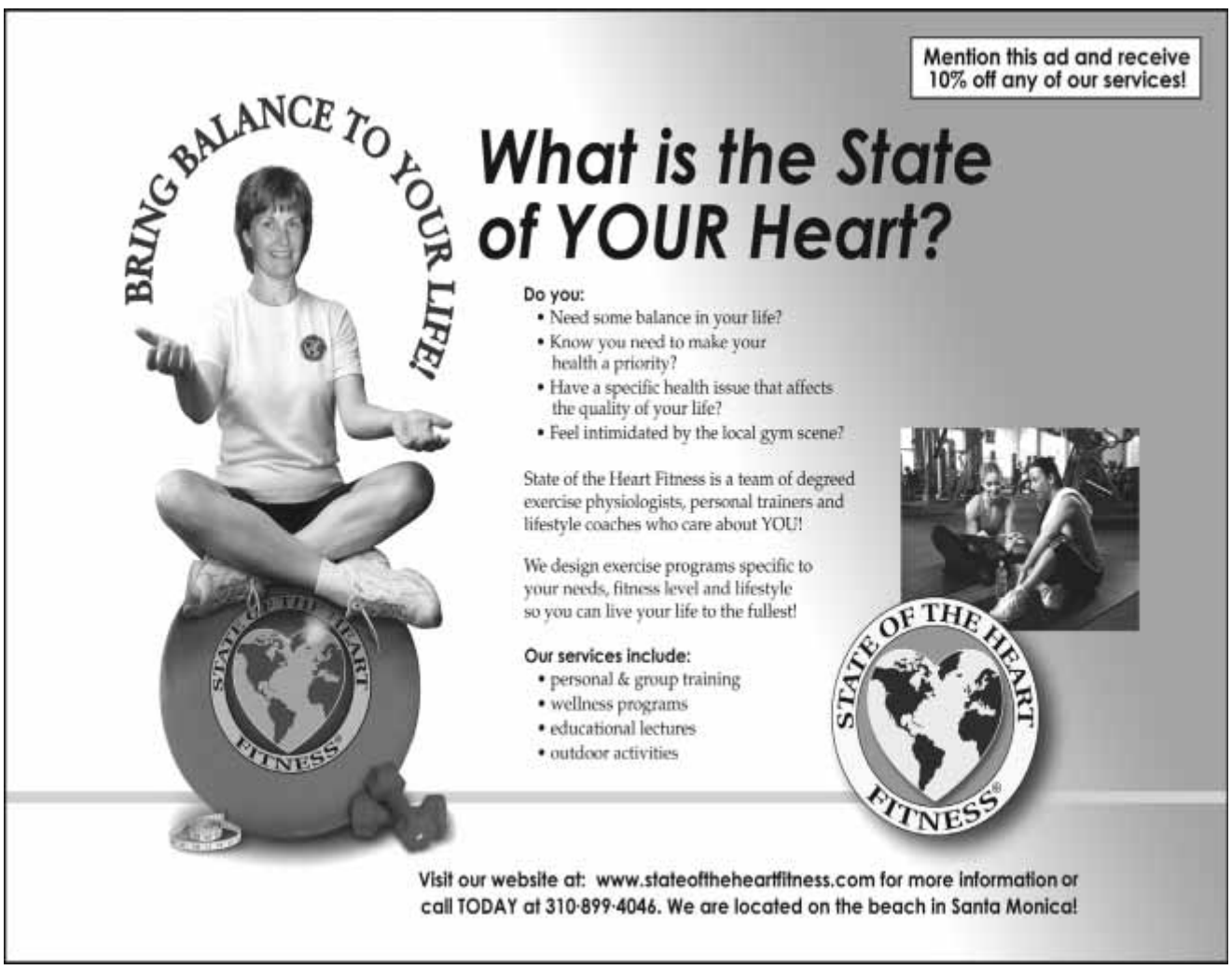
He lives in a two bedroom but his kids sleep in another room. His "roommate" is old and frail. His "roommate" is paranoid and weird. His "roommate" is psycho. The only psycho here was Rudy, who eventually showed me his place. He had a one-bedroom and a girlfriend ... no ex-wife, and no kids.

The last night I saw him we met for dinner. He expressed a sincere desire to get me pregnant. Say what? He couldn't take care of himself let alone a child plus he was a deceitful cheater. His request was coupled with a final and almost desperate plea for underpants.

Knowing about the girlfriend I had stopped by Sears earlier, picked up a pair of cotton undies for a buck and used them to clean my toilet.

Upon leaving I gave them to Rudy and watched as he greedily draped them over his face. Nice. Guys, when you lie to us have the courtesy to get the lies straight lest you wind up with a mouthful of shigella and a Lysol chaser.

TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE is a writer/producer. She's been married, widowed, duped and dumped, and is back in the dating fray while most of her friends are married with kids. She's currently working on a true-life-tell-all and can be reached at Tailfish@roadrunner.com.



'Breaking Bad' shatters the mold

BY FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK Is "Breaking Bad" the most relevant series on the air right now? The show most relatable to viewers?

A knee-jerk response might say otherwise. Returning for its second season Sunday at 10 p.m. EDT, this AMC drama has a most unlikely hero: high school chemistry teacher Walter White, who cooks up Methamphetamine and deals it big time.

Ah, but wait. Without endorsing the odious crank trade, "Breaking Bad" holds up a mirror in which many Americans can see themselves – especially these days.

When the series began a year ago, Walt was a painfully by-the-book scientist, husband and father who, caught in the economic squeeze of the middle class, was losing his struggle to make ends meet. Then he was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer and given just a couple of years to live.

Handed this sentence, Walt was jolted into action. He knew no social safety net would break his fall, or that of the family he'd be leaving behind. He had to hatch a plan, fast.

As the first season of "Breaking Bad" unfolded, Walt forged a desperate alliance with a ne'er-do-well former student, Jesse Pinkman, to equip a motor home as a rolling meth lab, and leave his family financially secure. Thanks to the scripts' twisted brilliance, the Albuquerque setting (with its desert and suburb visual extremes), and a glorious cast (led by Aaron Paul as Jesse and Bryan Cranston in his Emmy-winning role as Walt), the series was never less than riveting.

Meanwhile, Walt won understanding from viewers as a born-again renegade.

"I think they saw that the show isn't about the glorification of a drug," Cranston says, "but about a man and what he does when he feels backed against a wall. People hate the abhorrent behavior, but they root for the character."

That was then. A year later, Americans are reeling from one financial scandal after another, and from a monetary meltdown with no end in sight. Now they may feel even more in tune with Walt.

In a scene from Sunday's season opener (which Cranston directed), Walt makes a quick estimate of his family's expenses in the years ahead: college tuition for two kids; mortgage payments; food, clothing, utilities. Familiar stuff.

All told, $737,000 is what Walt figures he must raise for his family before he dies. This means quickly pulling off 11 more drug deals.

Can he?

Cranston, who dealt in laughs as the addled dad on "Malcolm in the Middle" for seven seasons (and who turns 53 this Saturday), lists a few things standing in Walt's way.

"His wife is finding out he's telling her lies about what he's doing," Cranston notes. "His brother-in-law, who is a drug-enforcement agent, is getting closer and closer to the truth. And Walt is dealing with REAL criminals – guys who will stick a knife in you if you cross them, or THINK you crossed them!"

You say you have trouble relating? Just take a gander at your amazing, shrinking 401(k). Talk about breaking bad! That should put you in a more receptive mood.

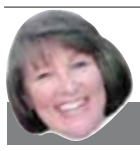
"Looking at our show here at the beginning of season two, I do find myself feeling that it seems more timely than I ever thought it would be," says "Breaking Bad" creator Vince Gilligan.

It wasn't the show he originally had in mind.

"What first interested me was the idea of someone who's been good all his life, and then breaks bad, in the old Southern use of the phrase," says Gilligan, an alumnus of "The X-Files" who hails from Richmond, Va. "Walter White had walked the straight and narrow his whole life, and then suddenly decided to become a criminal, with all the fits and starts, all the mistakes, all the anxieties provoked by such a decision. That's what primarily intrigues me."

But "Breaking Bad," by chance, is in sync with its moment. Without even meaning to, it has come of age.

"It does speak to the middle-class pinch," Gilligan says. "I'd be flying in the face of all good sense right now to say the show is not about the economy."



Play Time

Cynthia Citron
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Good grief, it's a rabbit hole

IF GRIEF IS YOUR FAVORITE EMOTION, you're going to love "Rabbit Hole," David Lindsay-Abaire's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about a couple whose 4-year-old son was killed in an accident.

The accident (the little boy ran out in the street after his dog and was hit by a car), happened eight months ago, but the couple is still in a catatonic meltdown. She, Becca, (Sharon Gardner) is unrelentingly grim and angry, in the "don't touch me!" mode. He, Howie, (Jeffrey Doornbos) is a good guy, trying to reach out to her, even though he is struggling with his own unresolved grief. And upstage left sits set designer Richard Reynolds' perfect "little boy" bedroom, still filled with stuffed animals, a clown chair, and a bookcase full of storybooks.

And that's the whole play. Becca's mother, played by a still beautiful Katharine Ross, comes in periodically to offer some unwanted motherly advice. She, too, has lost a son – a drug addict who hanged himself at 31, but Becca rejects any comparison between her mother's loss and her own.

Becca has a younger sister, Izzie, (Tasha Ames) who, with her lively, sarcastic comments provides the only comic relief. And finally, there is Jason (Mimo Reynolds), the teenager responsible for the accident, who is as tormented as Becca and Howie.

For more than two hours the audience is plunged into this unadulterated grief, and while all the actors are uniformly excellent, under the strong direction of Graeme Clifford, the time spent feels like sitting through a long requiem mass without even the benefit of a Hallelujah Chorus!

The story arc, such as it is, moves in infinitesimal increments toward what apparently is an intimation of resolution. Presumably, the other elements of Elizabeth Kubler Ross' five stages of grief happened earlier, (before the time covered in the play), or not at all, since all we are witness to is anger and, in the end, tentative acceptance.

The play's title is taken from a short story that Jason, the teenager, dedicates to the little boy's memory. In the story, the protagonist enters a series of rabbit holes to find parallel universes where people from Earth live alternate lives.

Becca and Howie's comfortable home in Larchmont, a suburb north of Manhattan, has a warm lighting design by Richard Reynolds and original background music composed by Mimo Reynolds. In fact, the production qualities in this delightful woodside playhouse are first-rate. One can only wish that the play itself were a little less deadly.

"Rabbit Hole" will continue at the Malibu Stage Theater, 29243 Pacific Coast Hwy. in Malibu Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. through March 14. Call (310) 589-1998 for tickets.

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

Sources: Universal, Google mull music video venture

BY RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Universal Music Group, the world's largest music recording company, is in talks with Google Inc.'s YouTube division to create a music video venture, according to people familiar with the matter.

Instead of just receiving licensing fees or a share of ad revenue from the online video site, Universal is seeking an equity relationship on an ad-supported site focused on high-quality music videos, separate from the grainy user-generated fare common to YouTube's main site.

Other record labels such as Warner Music Group Corp., Sony Music Entertainment and EMI Group Ltd. have also been contacted about the plan although they are not part of the talks. Universal is a division of France's Vivendi SA.

The discussions began about a month ago but are still in the preliminary stages, said the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussions are supposed to be confidential.

News of the talks was first reported in The Wall Street Journal.

The discussions began at the behest of Universal Chief Executive Doug Morris, who has pushed to earn more revenue from music videos on its artists, from U2 to Lil Wayne, one person said. Universal's licensing arrangement with YouTube, which began in 2006, was set to expire at the end of March, which provided another reason to revisit their agreement.

Universal's channel on YouTube is by far the site's most popular, generating some 3.6 billion views. The sides are considering forming a separate destination site under the working title "Vevo."

Record labels, faced with declining sales of compact discs, have been experimenting with a number of different ways of distributing their music online, such as getting paid for streams on News Corp.'s MySpace Music site.





SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

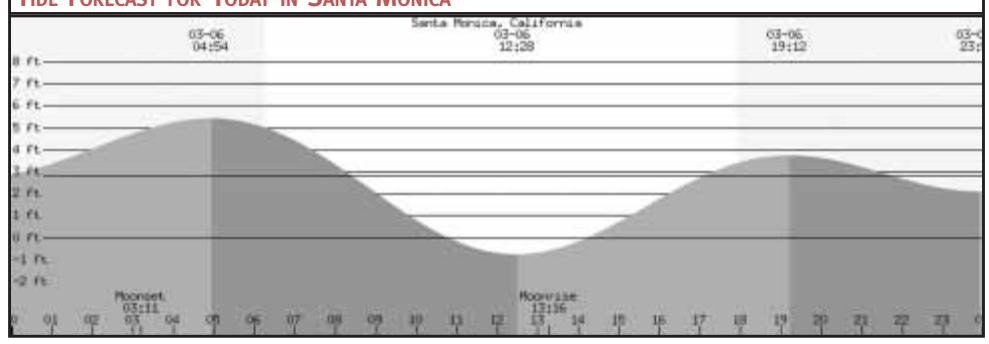
Swell Forecast (3-5 FT)

Friday the 6th the NW swell should drop further, perhaps waist high at west facing breaks. Winds are expected to pick up early onshore, possibly reaching 20+ by noon.

Long Range Synopsis

Saturday the 7th should see some NW wind swell, but it's only looking like waist to maybe chest high for west facing breaks, and peaky.

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 24, 2009**

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 -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 18
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 5
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / 36

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, 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
Las Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	B
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Alisos 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+	D
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	D
Pearco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	D
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	D
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	B
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	B
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	D	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	C
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+	D
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	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	D
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	D

LEGEND

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

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

Heal the Bay

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

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

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-1506

The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
1:55, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30

Fuel (NR) 1hr 55min
1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00

Milk (R) 2hrs 08min
1:15, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15

Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (PG-13) 1hr 36min
12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 8:00, 10:20

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) 1hr 52min
11:15am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

Fired Up (PG-13) 1hr 30min
11:45am, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10

Coraline 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
11:10am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

Frost/Nixon (R) 2hrs 02min
10:50am, 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:15

Gran Torino (R) 1hr 56min
11:05am, 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 10:05

Friday the 13th (2009) (R) 1hr 35min
7:50, 10:20

The Pink Panther 2 (PG) 1hr 32min
11:30am, 2:15, 4:50

Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience (G) 1hr 16min
11:00am, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Slumdog Millionaire (R) 2hr 1min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

Gomorrah (Gomorra) (NR) 2hrs 17min
1:40, 4:50, 8:00

Class (Entre les murs), The (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

The International (R) 1hr 58min
1:10, 4:20, 7:10, 10:20

Watchmen (R) 2hrs 43min
1:30, 5:00, 8:30, 12:00am

Watchmen, Digital projection (R) 2hrs 43min
1:30, 5:00, 8:30, 12:00am

Taken (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50

Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) 1hr 43min
11:40am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
12:50, 4:05, 7:00, 10:10

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

Just relax, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Don't be surprised if you're feeling slightly out of sorts. You could be out of kilter for several months, like it or not. Be careful with any major changes around money or how you look. Romance could be a tad off. Tonight: Play it relaxed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Take a hint from Aries — amplify the feelings. A romance started in the next month or so could be disheartening at best. Understand what is happening with a child or loved one rather than judge. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Someone whose loyalty you need and want might not be available in the next few months. Pushing, pleading and manipulating won't make any difference. The situation is as it is. Tonight: Hang with a pal or two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You might be all smiles right now. Let others respond rather than make an issue when there really isn't one. Your charisma peaks to an unprecedented level. Just the same, be a cynic with a new friend for at least two months. Tonight: Go for the moment, but still use caution with money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ You might not be content with what you are hearing. You might wonder what is the best or most effective approach. Detach and pull back. You'll come up with answers. Trust yourself. Tonight: Let your imagination choose.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ What you thought was a tight bond might prove to be otherwise, whether you like it or not. Investigate a suggestion, though it might take awhile to act on. Time is your ally. Don't follow an impulsive whim, for everyone's sake! Tonight: Be a duo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Though you feel as if you could conqueror the world today, don't count on it. In the near future, you'll discover how difficult others can, could and will be. Make no decisions. Just hang in there. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Keep reaching past the obvious. You might feel as if someone cheated you or took a responsibility away. You'll see events in a new light as a result. Avoid conclusions if possible. Tonight: Easy does it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Though your libido energies are unusually high, you also discover your limits. In the next few months, the best of projects could fall apart. Be aware of others' requests. Tonight: Paint the town red.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Get into the habit of deferring to others for the next few months. You might be shocked by what you hear and/or learn. Investigate options more carefully. Tonight: So many options ...

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Focus on getting the job done. You could be out of sorts with all the last-minute demands that others place on you. Know that you can handle it. Don't take a loved one at a distance for granted. Tonight: Munchies with pals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Use extra caution with funds. Even if a pay raise is in the offing, don't trust that fact until it happens. No matter how conservatively you play it, changes could happen at the drop of a hat. Tonight: Let your hair down.

Happy birthday

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

Expect to make some big changes in how you are perceived and your security this year. Your willingness to transform and grow to a new level determines the ease through which the transformation takes place. That which you might have chosen previously no longer suits you. Those of you who fight letting go could have a far more difficult time than those who release and more quickly greet good. If you are single, suddenly your type changes. You wonder what is going on. Give yourself time as you begin a new life cycle next year; once more your choices might no longer suit you. ARIES helps guide you financially.

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



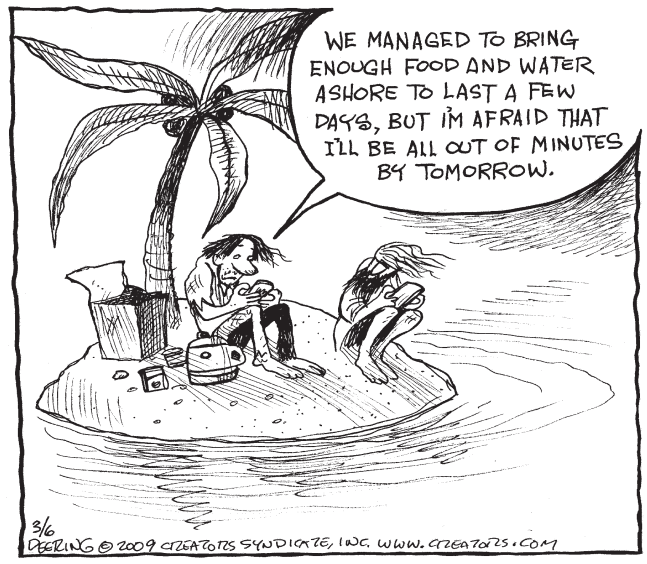
The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield
By Jim Davis



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS HERE IN THE COMICS $35/DAY

CALL US TODAY AT (310) 458-7737

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 ★★★★

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

King Features Syndicate

GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

NEW OFFICES,
Same "Good Neighbor" agents.
Our offices have moved. But we're still a part of your community. See one of us for all your insurance needs.

3122 Santa Monica Blvd
Santa Monica, CA 90404

Troy Wilson, Agent
Insurance Lic. #: 0075687
Bus: 310-315-1955
Monday-Thursday 8:30am-6pm
Friday 8:30am-5pm
Saturday 10am-2pm
Frank D. Wilson, Agent
Insurance Lic. #:0164884
Bus: 310-696-0555
Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm
LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR STATE FARM IS THERE.®
Providing Insurance and Financial Services
State Farm Insurance Companies • Home Offices: Bloomington, IL
statefarm.com®
PS2882 11/04



MYSTERY PHOTO

Rachel Dardashti *news@smdp.com*

The first person who can correctly identify where this image was captured gets a pat on the back from the Santa Monica Daily Press. Send answers to *editor@smdp.com*.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Matador's foe
5 Hiker's burden
9 Spoken
11 Has pains
13 Sign after Virgo
14 T-shirt choice
15 Second person
16 Set aside
18 Like lackeys
20 Tall tale
21 Shorthand expert
22 Squealer
23 Panhandle
24 Diner dessert
25 Yodeling locale
27 Afternoon TV
29 Teachers' org.
30 Morale booster
32 North Carolina native
34 Old auto
35 Comic-strip worker
36 Inquisitive one
38 Furtive one
39 "Superman" star
40 Messes up
41 District

DOWN

1 Stories
2 Relish-tray items
3 Spenser's creator
4 Owned by us
5 Out of style
6 Pinnacle
7 Sax legend
8 Temperature unit
10 Bold
12 Glossy
17 "Evil Woman" group
19 Geese formations
22 Edict
24 Willow's cousin
25 Nay voters
26 Romance-writer Banks
27 Take in
28 Blouse part
30 Job bonuses
31 Seoul setting
33 Preside over
37 Galleon setting

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

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

1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8	
9				10		11				12
13						14				
15				16	17					
18			19					20		
	21						22			
		23				24				
25	26				27				28	
29				30						31
32			33					34		
35						36	37			
38						39				
	40						41			

3-6

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 26 32 35 43 52
Meganumber: 10
Jackpot: $12M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 5 6 12 24 44
Meganumber: 12
Jackpot: $16M

FANTASY 5: 4 26 27 28 29

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 4 4 7
EVENING: 4 0 6

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1.40.16

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

■ Scenes of the Surreal: (1) Allahmanamjad Barbel, 21, sought help in February at the police station in Barnstable, Mass., after his sister playfully put handcuffs on him at a birthday party and couldn't get them off. Police removed them and then, after running his name through the computer, discovered several outstanding warrants and immediately re-cuffed him. (2) Doctoral student Daniel Bennett filed a lawsuit against Britain's Leeds University in February because custodians had mistakenly thrown out research that he had been working with for the last seven years. Bennett is studying the rare Butaan lizard of the Philippines and over the years, to examine its diet, had painstakingly sifted through jungle dirt to gather over 70 pounds of its feces, which Bennett believes is worth far more than the ($720) Leeds has offered him.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1521 Ferdinand Magellan arrives at Guam.

1834 York, Upper Canada is incorporated as Toronto.

1857 The Supreme Court of the United States rules in the Dred Scott v. Sandford case.

1899 Bayer registers aspirin as a trademark.

1951 The trial of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg begins.

1964 Constantine II becomes King of Greece.

1992 The Michelangelo computer virus begins to affect computers.

2006 South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds signs a bill into legislation that would ban most abortions in the state.

2007 Former White House aide I. Lewis Libby, Jr. is found guilty on four of five counts of perjury and obstruction of justice.

WORD UP!

parry \PAR-ee\, *verb*, *noun*:
1. to ward off; turn aside (as a thrust or weapon)

noun:
1. the act of warding off

Santa Monica Daily Press

Classifieds

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

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

YOUR AD COULD RUN TOMORROW!*

Some restrictions may apply.

Prepay your ad today!

VISA MasterCard American Express Card

(310) 458-7737

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

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Announcements, Creative, Employment, For Sale, Furniture, Pets, Boats, Jewelry, Wanted, Travel, Vacation Rentals, Apartments/Condos, Rent, Houses for Rent, Roomates, Commerical Lease, Real Estate, Real Estate Loans, Storage Space, Vehicles for Sale, Massage, Services, Computer Services, Attorney Services, Business Opportunities, Yard Sales, Health and Beauty, Fitness, Wealth and Success, Lost and Found, Personals, Psychic, Obituaries, Tutoring

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

Employment Wanted

MATURE WOMAN looking for Full-time work in doctor's office. Experienced in front and back office procedures. (310)392-0133.

I AM LOOKING FOR a PT job. Live out companionship for driving, shopping, traveling, homework,etc. Educated legal positive temperate European woman. Exp.in this field (323)793-8139

Employment

COUNTER HELP needed. Cafe near 3rd St. Promenade 215 Broadway. Must be experienced. Immediate openings. Apply afternoons in person. (310) 396-9898.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Experienced chair side assistant with x-ray license needed. Permanent, Part-time position 2-3days per week . Flexible hours possible. No Medi-CAL or HMO patients. Non hectic, high-quality office. Fluent in English. (310)451-1446

DENTAL ASSISTANT NEEDED
Dental front/back office assistant with experience. Santa Monica dental office PT (310) 393-9706 Fax resumes to (310)899-1828

GIVE OF YOURSELF American Cancer Society Discovery Shop needs volunteer sales help. You can contribute by spending 4 hours per week Thurs., Fri., or Sat.assisting in our up-scale resale shop in Santa Monica. Conact Terry or Shaunnah at (310) 458-4490.

Help Wanted

DRIVER - Positions Available! Start your NEW CAREER with our CDL Training: $0 down, No Credit Check financing by Central Refrigerated. 1-800-587-0029 x4779. www.CentralDrivingJobs.net (Cal-SCAN)

DRIVER - West Coast Regional NEW HIRING AREA. Newest equipment on the road. Competitive Pay. Run the Western 11 States. On Site - Full Service Maintenance Shop. Reasonable Home Time. Western Express - 22 yrs. old. Good MVR, EOE, CDL-A, 1 yr. OTR. Call Edna Today! 1-866-863-4112. (Cal-SCAN)

Business Opps

100% RECESSION PROOF! Be Your Own Boss! Your Own Local Vending Route. Includes 25 Machines and Candy for $9,995. MultiVend LLC, 1-888-625-2405. (Cal-SCAN)

For Sale

SAWMILLS FROM ONLY $2,990 - Convert your Logs To Valuable Lumber with your own Norwood portable band sawmill. Log skidders also available. www.NorwoodIndustries.com/300N -FREE Information: 1-800-578-1363 x300-N. (Cal-SCAN)

SPA/HOT TUB 2009 Model. Neck Jets. Therapy seat. Warranty. Never used. Can deliver. Worth $5950, sell for $1950 (310)479-3054

Auction

ABSOLUTE AUCTION - Tehachapi Land (probate sale) Last bid wins! No Reserve. Online bidding available. March 20 @ noon. www.AuctionCA.com. Elite Auctions (661)325-6500. (Cal-SCAN)

For Rent

1248 11TH st. unit I, 3bdrm/1 1/2bath, stove, carpet, blinds, laundry, parking, no pets.on site manager $2395/mo $500 off move in (310)393-6322 www.jkwproperties.com

25 Westwind 4+3 Unit 4 dishwasher, tile countertops, stove, refrigerator, hardwood floors, sundeck, intercom entry, washer.dryer, tandem parking, no pets.$3600/mo (310)578-7512 www.jkwproperties.com

501 N. Venice unit 120 single, $1125/mo $300 off move-in stove, fridge, carpet, utilities included, laundry, parking, no pets. (310)574-6767 www.jkwproperties.com

615 1/2 MIDVALE lower Bachelor, no kitchen, sink, fridge,hot plate,, ceiling fan, carpet, street parking, no pets $895/mo utilities included (310)578-7512 wwwjkwproperties.com

833 5TH St. SM upper unit 206 single $1495 stove, carpet, blinds, swimming pool, laundry, granite countertops, wood/tile floors, intercom entry, gated parking, no pets. (310)393-2547 www.jkwproperties.com

AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING IN SANTA MONICA
4 blocks to beach
2-BD + 2-BA
shared by 2 seniors.
$645/month each.
323-650-7988 • M–F 9–5

FREE HOUSEMATE MATCHING SERVICE
We help match seniors with seniors/mid-age/younger people.
323-650-7988
Monday – Friday • 9 – 5

HOWARD MANAGEMENT GROUP
(310)869-7901

1037 5th St. #2 2+2 $2350

225 Montana Ave. #205,105 Studio $1295 Each

505 Barrington Ave. #6 1+1 $1375
We are offering aggressive move-in specials

PLEASE Visit our website for complete listings at:
www.howardmanagement.com
rentals@howardmanagement.com

For Rent

Newly Lowered Rates

Room and Board
401 Montana Avenue
Your home away from home.
Daily meals, laundry, housekeeping, utilities, and cable. Studios, 1bdrms avaliable. Seniors and all ages welcome. Ask about move-in special 1 month FREE.
IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
Starting at $1,800/MO
Beautiful Montana Gardens
(310) 245-9436

SENIORS
Affordable Housing
starting at
$495/month
323-650-7988
Monday – Friday • 9 – 5

MAR VISTA $1500 spacious two bdrm/2bath upper, balcony, Parking. Stove, refrigerator, intercom entry, carpet, blinds, no pets. Centinela Ave., near Palms Blvd. (310)456-5659

MAR VISTA 12450 Culver Blvd. Unit 205 1bdrm/1bath, gated parking, intercom entry, stove, fridge, utilities included, laundry, parking, no pets. $1100/mo $400 off move-in on site manager (888)414-7778 www.jkwproperties.com

MAR VISTA 12610 CASWELL ave.unit 7, 1bdrm/1ba $1150/mo. stove, fridge, carpet, blinds, parking,laundry, no pets.(310)578-7512 www.jkwproperties.com

MAR VISTA: 11932 Courtleigh Dr. unit 10, $1150/mo. 1+1 stove, fridge, carpet, blinds, granite countertop, wood/tile floors, utilities include, intercom entry, laundry, gated, parking, no pets. (310) 737-7933 jkwproperties.com

PALMS 3346 S. Canfiled #202/205 $1095 1+1 upper, stove, fridge, blinds, carpet, on-site laundry, garage parking, intercom entry no pets.$300 off move-in (310)578-7512 jkwproperties.com

WLA, OCEAN VIEW. Hilltop/upper 2bedroom. Private driveway, sundeck, front patio. $2095/mo. 310-390-4610.

Houses For Rent

Santa Monica. 1BD/1BA small house close to Santa Monica College $1,600,Ready to move in. Parking no problem. New Paint and appliances. Front house 3bdrm/1bath $3,000 available March 15 Call (714)450-0224

WLA 2577 Armacost Ave, 2bdrm/ 1 bath stove dishwasher microwave carpet central AC/heat 2 car garage front & backyard pet ok with deposit $2395 $500 off move-in (310)578-7512 www.jkwproperties.com

Roommates

SUNSET STATUE Sober Living is a luxurious home, 2 story, 6 bedroom, and 6 bathrooms home located between

Roommates

Malibu & Santa Monica. Only 1 minute from beach. We help men, women & single parents with children to achieve long term sobriety in a structure, luxurious & supportive environment, We will strive to see you succeed, Schedule a visit and come to see us 310-884-8223 sunsetstatue@yahoo.com

Commercial Lease

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR LEASE
City of Malibu is seeking proposals for the lease of .52 acres of commercial property in Civic Center area
High visibility from PCH
4,848 square foot bldg w/ 22 parking spaces
Basic proposal requirements: 20- 35- yr suggested term depending on scope of investment in project Triple Net; Minimum anticipated lease $428,000 annually w/ periodic increases

For more information: www.ci.malibu.ca.us

THIRD STREET PROMENADE.
Office in tranquil, architecturally designed six-office suite. Brick, exposed redwood ceiling, original artwork. Must see to appreciate. Excellent location on the Third Street Promenade. Perfect for a professional. 11'X11'.use of waiting room and kitchen. Monthly parking pass available.Steve (310)395-2828 X333

Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

Real Estate

WestsideRentals.com
Where quality tenants find a place to live!

SoCal's #1 Home Listing Service
For apartments, houses, townhouses and roommates
Live Help 24/7 Online or By Phone
Thousands of rental listings updated daily
◆FREE Guest Search
◆Full Real Estate & Insurance Brokerage
◆7 Office Locations
◆Landlords Always List FREE
Need a Place to Live? Call us, Stop by or Visit us Online
1020 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica
www.westsiderentals.com
310-395-RENT

Real Estate

WestsideRentals.com
Where quality tenants find a place to live!

SoCal's #1 Home Listing Service
For apartments, houses, townhouses and roommates
Live Help 24/7 Online or By Phone
Thousands of rental listings updated daily
◆FREE Guest Search
◆Full Real Estate & Insurance Brokerage
◆7 Office Locations
◆Landlords Always List FREE
Need a Place to Live? Call us, Stop by or Visit us Online
1020 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica
www.westsiderentals.com
310-395-RENT

AA OLYMPIC Self Storage
Serving Santa Monica and West L.A.
2 Months FREE Rent + FREE Lock
Call for details



OPEN 7 DAYS
Call About FREE Truck Rental Plan
SELF STORAGE MEMBER
(310)829-2525
3250 OLYMPIC BLVD. • www.selfstorage.net/aaolympic

Houses for Sale

FORECLOSED HOME AUCTION. Southern California. 1000+ Homes Must Be Sold! REDC / Free Brochure. 1-800-677-9563. www.USHomeAuction.com (Cal-SCAN)

Land for Sale

ARIZONA LAND. Big Lots. $0 Down, $0 Interest. Best Land, Best Terms Nationwide. Guaranteed Financing. Starting $129/mth. Total $14,995. www.sunsiteslandrush.com Pre-Recorded Message 1-800-631-8164 mention code CALPRESS. (Cal-SCAN)

BUYER'S MARKET. New Mexico. Ranch Dispersal. 140 acres - $89,900. River Access. Northern New Mexico. Cool 6,000' elevation with stunning views. Great tree cover including Ponderosa, rolling grassland and rock outcroppings. Abundant wildlife, great hunting. EZ terms. Call NML&R, Inc. 1-866-360-5263. (Cal-SCAN)

COLORADO BANK FORECLOSURE- 35 AC $29,900. Enjoy 300 days of sunshine. Rocky mountain views, utilities. Excellent financing. First come, First serve!! Call Today 1-866-696-5263 x4938. (Cal-SCAN)

Steel Buildings

BUILDING SALE!... "UNPRECEDENTED Low Prices". Reduced Deposits. Limited Inventory. 25x40 $6,844. 30x50 $7,844.

CALL TODAY FOR SPECIAL MONTHLY RATES!

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

Prepay your ad today!

VISA MasterCard American Express Card

(310) 458-7737

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING CONDITIONS: REGULAR RATE: $5.50 a day. Ads over 15 words add 20¢ per word per day. Ad must run a minimum of twelve consecutive days. PREMIUMS: First two words caps no charge. Bold words, italics, centered lines, etc. cost extra. Please call for rates. TYPOS: Check your ad the first day of publication. Sorry, we do not issue credit after an ad has run more than once. DEADLINES: 3:00 p.m. prior the day of publication except for Monday's paper when the deadline is Friday at 2:30 p.m. PAYMENT: All private party ads must be pre-paid. We accept checks, credit cards, and of course cash. CORRESPONDENCE: To place your ad call our offices 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, (310) 458-7737; send a check or money order with ad copy to The Santa Monica Daily Press, P.O. Box 1380, Santa Monica, CA 90406 or stop in at our office located at 410 Broadway, Suite B, Santa Monica. OTHER RATES: For information about the professional services directory or classified display ads, please call our office at (310) 458-7737.

Santa Monica Daily Press GET RID OF YOUR ROLLERBLADES. Sell your sports equipment to someone who will actually use it. Classifieds

Prepay your ad today! (310) 458-7737 | CALL TODAY FOR SPECIAL MONTHLY RATES! There is no more convincing medium than a DAILY local newspaper. | $5.50 per day. Up to 15 words, 20 cents each additional word.

Steel Buildings

35x60 $12,995. 40x60 $15,995. 60x100 $37,400. Others! Pioneer Steel. 1-800-668-5422. Since 1980. (Cal-SCAN)

Autos Wanted

DONATE YOUR CAR: Children's Cancer Fund! Help Save A Child's 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)

Bookkeeping Services

QUICKBOOKS BOOKKEEPING service, personal or businesses. Online version available. Call 310 977-7935

Services

JEFF'S DOG WALKING AND SITTING Insured, bonded, professional, references, competitive rates, dog park visits 310-663-7945

TRAINED PROFESSIONAL SINGER Will sing at all parties, churches, women's clubs, and all occasions.Jolson, Sinatra, Tony Bennett, popular songs, and will have a sing along. Lots of fun. Holiday Parties! Call Gabe 310-392-6501

Personal Trainer

Lou Ferrigno Jr
Certified Private Fitness Trainer



***Lose weight, shed bodyfat**
***Exclusively private facility**
***Individualized routines!**
(310) 913-2232
FERRIGKNOW@gmail.com

Hair Stylists

MELISSA KAY
Premier Hairstylist
SALON BLU
2510 Main St. Ste D
10% Off One Hair Service
Offer Ends 6/01/09

Gen. Contracting

A/C CONSTRUCTION
General Construction
Commercial & Residential
Remodel & Add ons
Honest. Reliable.
FREE ESTIMATES
— Sabbath Observed—
310.278.5380
Lic# 804884 Fully Insured

TAKE A SMALL STEP TO GET HEALTHY
www.smallstep.gov
Ad Council.org

Services

Handyman

Martin's Professional Services

Quality European Workman
All Manors of Home Repairs
From painting to electrical

(310) 289-3222

Roofing

4 SEASONS ROOFING
LIC. #726424
ROOFING • REPAIRS
"LOWEST RESIDENTIAL RATES IN SO. CALIF."
310-317-9595 ofc.
310-779-5265 cell

Therapy

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



(310) 235-2883
www.hypnotherapylosangeles.com

Business Services

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING in 240 Cal-SCAN newspapers for the best reach, coverage, and price. 25-words $550. Reach 6 million Californians!. FREE email brochure. Call (916) 288-6019. www.Cal-SCAN.com (Cal-SCAN)

DISPLAY ADVERTISING in 140 Cal-SDAN newspapers statewide for $1,550! Reach over 3 million Californians! FREE email brochure. Call (916) 288-6019. www.Cal-SDAN.com (Cal-SCAN)

NEWS RELEASE? Cost-efficient service. The California Press Release Service has 500 current daily, weekly and college newspaper contacts in California. FREE email brochure. Call (916) 288-6010. www.CaliforniaPressReleaseService.com (Cal-SCAN)

Lost & Found

MISSING LOST CAT!! 13yr old male, tabby marks with some white on his chest and tummy - BUD - Ask for Russell. (310) 650-5800

Massage

LIFE ENERGY nurturing, therapeutic, bodywork for healing, body, mind, and spirit. Strictly non-sexual. Introductory special $65 Kaarina's magic hands (310)883-4060

Notices

SHOULDER PAIN PUMP INJURY ALERT! If you received a pain pump after shoulder surgery and suffered further cartilage damage, it may be due to the pain pump itself and you may be eligible for Money Damages. Call the attorneys at James Rolshouse & Associates at 1-800-598-5940. Licensed in Minnesota. (Cal-SCAN)

Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PREMISES MAINTENANCE IN-SPECTION SERVICES

The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) is seeking an experienced firm to provide the services of two inspectors qualified to identify maintenance deficiencies and necessary structural repairs on lessee improvements within Marina del Rey. Inspections will include both land and waterside improvements, in accordance with lease provisions and with regulations and ordinances applicable to the leased premises.

An informational meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at the Boathouse Meeting Room, 13640 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey. The deadline for submitting proposals is 5:00 p.m., March 24, 2009.

To request a copy of the RFP, either telephone (310) 306-0495, send an e-mail with Premises Maintenance Inspection Services RFP in the subject line to ntaylor@bh.lacounty.gov, visit http://lacounty.info/doing_business/main_db.htm.

The County reserves the right to cancel the RFP and to modify any and all terms and conditions of the RFP, including minimum requirements. For further information, call Nicolette Taylor at (310) 577-5736, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Daily Press
CN814393 PQ09-00821 Mar 6, 2009

DENTURE CREAM INJURY ALERT! Zinc poisoning, nerve damage and other serious neurological injuries may be linked to the zinc found in denture creams such as Poligrip, Fixodent and others. If you've suffered zinc poisoning or other serious injuries from your denture cream you may be eligible for Money Damages. Call the attorneys at James Rolshouse & Associates at 1-800-969-5633. Licensed in Minnesota. (Cal-SCAN)

DBAS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090087772 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CASUAL COMPUTING; CASUALCOMPUTING.COM, 824 4TH STREET, #102, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : YOUSRI M. EL FATTAH, 824 4TH STREET, #102, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: YOUSRI M. EL FATTAH This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/22/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/20/2009, 2/27/2009, 3/6/2009, 3/13/2009

PHOULISH PRODUCTIONS and Harras Entertainment now providing recording,editing and Video production. contact Midoe: midoe@phoulz.com

Go Green.

Hire locals. It cuts down on commuting, traffic and smog.

Find them

in the Santa Monica Daily Press classifieds.

Call today to learn about our local hiring packages.
310-458-7737

MUSM: miss you so much
BF: boyfriend
OLL: online love
POS: parent over shoulder
WTGP: want to go private?
LMIRL: let's meet in real life
HDOP: help delete online predators

Every day, children are sexually solicited online.

Ad Council

You don't know what your kids are saying online. Or who they are saying it to. A lot of times neither do they. Protect your kid's online life. To get a full list of acronyms or report an incident, call 1-800-THE LOST or visit cybertipline.com. HDOP: help delete online predators

NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN



Fit by FABIAN
PRIVATE FITNESS STUDIO
FitbyFabian.com
310-399-7049
INTRODUCTORY SPECIAL
3 Private Sessions for $150.00
($50 per session)

How much is your *time worth?*

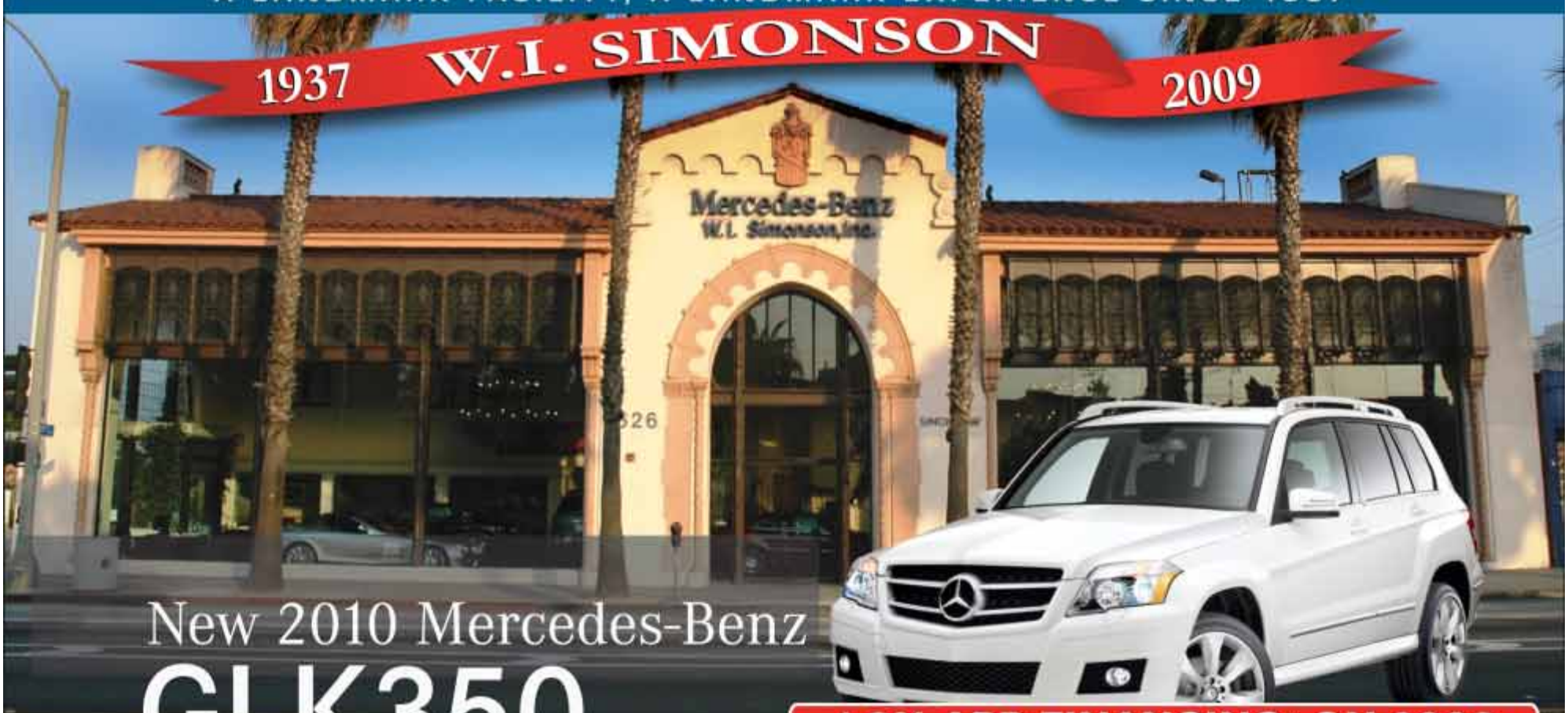


Rush Messenger service
First Local Delivery FREE
Get it done NOW!

NOW LEGAL SERVICE
24-HOUR ATTORNEY SERVICE
(213) 482-1567
nowlegalonline.com
***CALL US FOR DETAILS**

WISIMONSON.COM
A LANDMARK FACILITY, A LANDMARK EXPERIENCE SINCE 1937

1937 W.I. SIMONSON 2009



New 2010 Mercedes-Benz
GLK350
NOW AVAILABLE!

1.9% APR FINANCING* ON 2009
C-Class, E-Class, CLS-Class, CLK-Class, SLK-Class, M-Class, R-Class & GL-Class
Valid on Short or Long Term Financing. On approval of credit. Offer ends 3/31/09.

Yes. Financing IS available!

New 2009 Mercedes-Benz C300 SPORT, AUTO



premium pkg, power locks
$379 + tax. 39 months on approved Tier A1 credit. $4,524 total due at signing, includes tax, license, doc fee & 1st payment. $0 security deposit. 10K miles per year. 25¢ per mile excess. MSRP $37,385. Offer expires 3/31/09.
LEASE: $379 +TAX/MO 39 MOS 5 at this payment

New 2009 Mercedes-Benz GLK350 AWD AUTO



$499+ tax. 39 months on approved Tier A1 credit. $5,044 total due at signing, includes tax, license, doc fee & 1st payment. $0 security deposit. 10K miles per year. 25¢ per mile excess. MSRP $40,665. Offer expires 3/31/09.
LEASE: $499 +TAX/MO 39 MOS 5 at this payment

New 2009 Mercedes-Benz E350 SPORT, AUTO



$509 + tax. 48 months on approved Tier A1 credit. $5,054 total due at signing, includes tax, license, doc fee & 1st payment. $0 security deposit. 10K miles per year. 25¢ per mile excess. MSRP $56,775. Offer expires 3/31/09.
LEASE: $509 +TAX/MO 48 MOS 5 at this payment

New 2009 Mercedes-Benz ML320 BLUETEC



$579 + tax. 36 months on approved Tier A1 credit. $4,424 total due at signing, includes tax, license, doc fee & 1st payment. $0 security deposit. 10K miles per year. 25¢ per mile excess. MSRP $54,045. Offer expires 3/31/09.
LEASE: $579 +TAX/MO 36 MOS 5 at this payment

W.I. SIMONSON PRE-OWNED
3.9% APR Short Term Financing
Valid on 2006-2007 C-Class and E-Class.
On approval of credit.

MERCEDES-BENZ PRE-OWNED

2005	Mercedes	E320	Entertainment Package, Mutli-CD, Power Seats	5A612641	$18,991
2006	Mercedes	C230	Auto, CD, Moonroof, 3.9% APR	749837	$18,991
2006	Mercedes	C230	Sunroof Pkg, Multi-CD, Moonroof, Leather, 3.9% APR	6Z868383	$19,991
2007	Mercedes	C230 AMG	Sunroof, CD, Leather, 3.9% APR	7F875613	$21,991
2006	Mercedes	E350	Premium Pkg, Nav, Parktronic, Multi-CD, 3.9% APR	6A870871	$23,991
2006	Mercedes	CLK350	Premium Pkg, Memory Seats, Multi-CD, Harmon Kardon	6F181834	$24,991
2007	Mercedes	C280 4MATIC	Entertaiment/Sunroof Pkg, Sirius, Multi-CD, only 13k miles, 3.9% APR	7F935105	$24,991
2006	Mercedes	CLK350	Premium Pkg, Light Pkg, Multi-CD, Dual Pwr Seats, V6	6F177631	$24,991
2006	Mercedes	R350	Parktronic, Sirius, Power Seats, Moonroof, 5.9% APR	6A034046	$25,991
2005	Mercedes	CLK320	Multi-CD, Nav, Power Seats, Leather	5T039173	$25,991
2006	Mercedes	E350	Premium Pkg, Nav, Multi-CD, Heated Seats, 3.9% APR	6A893934	$26,991
2006	Mercedes	E350	Premium Pkg, Leather, Multi-CD, 3.9% APR	6A817782	$26,991
2006	Mercedes	R350	Premium Pkg, Navi, Tele-Aid, Multi-CD, 5.9% APR	6A004545	$26,991
2006	Mercedes	E500	Premium Pkg, Nav, Keyless Go, Xenons, 3.9% APR	6A873345	$28,991
2007	Mercedes	E350	Premium Pkg, Nav, Satellite, Multi-CD, 3.9% APR	7B012782	$29,991
2007	Mercedes	CLK350 Coupe	Only 4k miles, Premium Pkg, Nav, Satellite, Multi-CD	7F221389	$29,991
2007	Mercedes	R350	Panoramic Roof, Multi-CD, Power Seats, Satellite, 5.9% APR	7A038288	$29,991
2007	Mercedes	E350	Prem/Sport Pkg, Navi, Sirius, Multi-CD, Heated Seats, 3.9% APR	7B030296	$29,991
2007	Mercedes	E350	Sport Pkg, Premium Sound, Multi-CD, 3.9% APR	7B034457	$29,994
2007	Mercedes	E350	Prem/Sport Pkg, Navi, Sirius, Multi-CD, 3.9% APR	7B096105	$31,991
2007	Mercedes	E350	Sport Pkg, Multi-CD, 18" Wheels, Power Seats, 3.9% APR	7B082148	$31,991
2007	Mercedes	E350	Prem Pkg, Navi, Satellite Radio, Panor Roof, Multi-CD, 3.9% APR	7A997936	$32,991
2006	Mercedes	ML500	Premium/Entertainment Pkg, Nav, Sunroof, Multi-CD, 5.9% APR	6A060126	$33,991
2007	Mercedes	E350	Premium/Sport Pkg, Navi, Multi-CD, 3.9% APR	7B006672	$33,991
2007	Mercedes	ML350	Premium Pkg, Sirius Radio, Multi-CD, Dual Pwr Seats, 5.9% APR	7A173663	$34,991
2007	Mercedes	ML350	Premium Pkg, Navi, Rear View Camera, 5.9% APR	7A246749	$34,991
2006	Mercedes	CLS500	Premium/Sport Pkg, Navigation	O46549	$39,991
2007	Mercedes	GL450	Premium Pkg, Parktronic, Entertainment Pkg	7A176095	$43,991
2006	Mercedes	SL500	V8, Multi-CD, Comfort Pkg, Dual Pwr Seats	6F112223	$43,991
2006	Mercedes	SL500 AMG	Sport/Comfort Pkg, Navi, Keyless Go	6F115757	$47,991
2006	Mercedes	SL500	Parktronic, Comfort Pkg, Multi-CD, BOSE	6F109121	$47,991
2007	Mercedes	E63 Sedan	Premium Pkg, Parktronic, Panoramic Roof, 3.9% APR	7B017479	$57,991
2007	Mercedes	S550	Panoramic Roof, Multi-CD, Nav, Leather, 5.9% APR*	7A037192	$59,991

MANAGER'S SPECIALS

1998	Jaguar	XJ8	Multi-CD, Harmon Kardon, Leather, Power Seats	WC816482	$8,991
2005	Mercedes	C230	Sport Pkg, Prem Sound, CD, Moonroof	640825	$17,993
2006	Mercedes	E350	Premium Pkg, Navigation, Heated Seats, 3.9% APR	849649	$24,991

CONVENIENT 24/7 SERVICE SCHEDULING
SCHEDULE ONLINE!
SAVE TIME AND MONEY ON YOUR NEXT SERVICE APPOINTMENT
ONLINE SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

*5.9% APR Long Term Financing on S, ML and R Class. On Approval of Credit. All advertised prices exclude government fees and taxes, any finance charges, any dealer document preparation charges and any emission testing charge. Pictures are approximate. Ad expires 3/31/09 close of business.

17TH AND WILSHIRE • SANTA MONICA
1-800-784-7160



Search our entire new & used inventory online at WISIMONSON.COM