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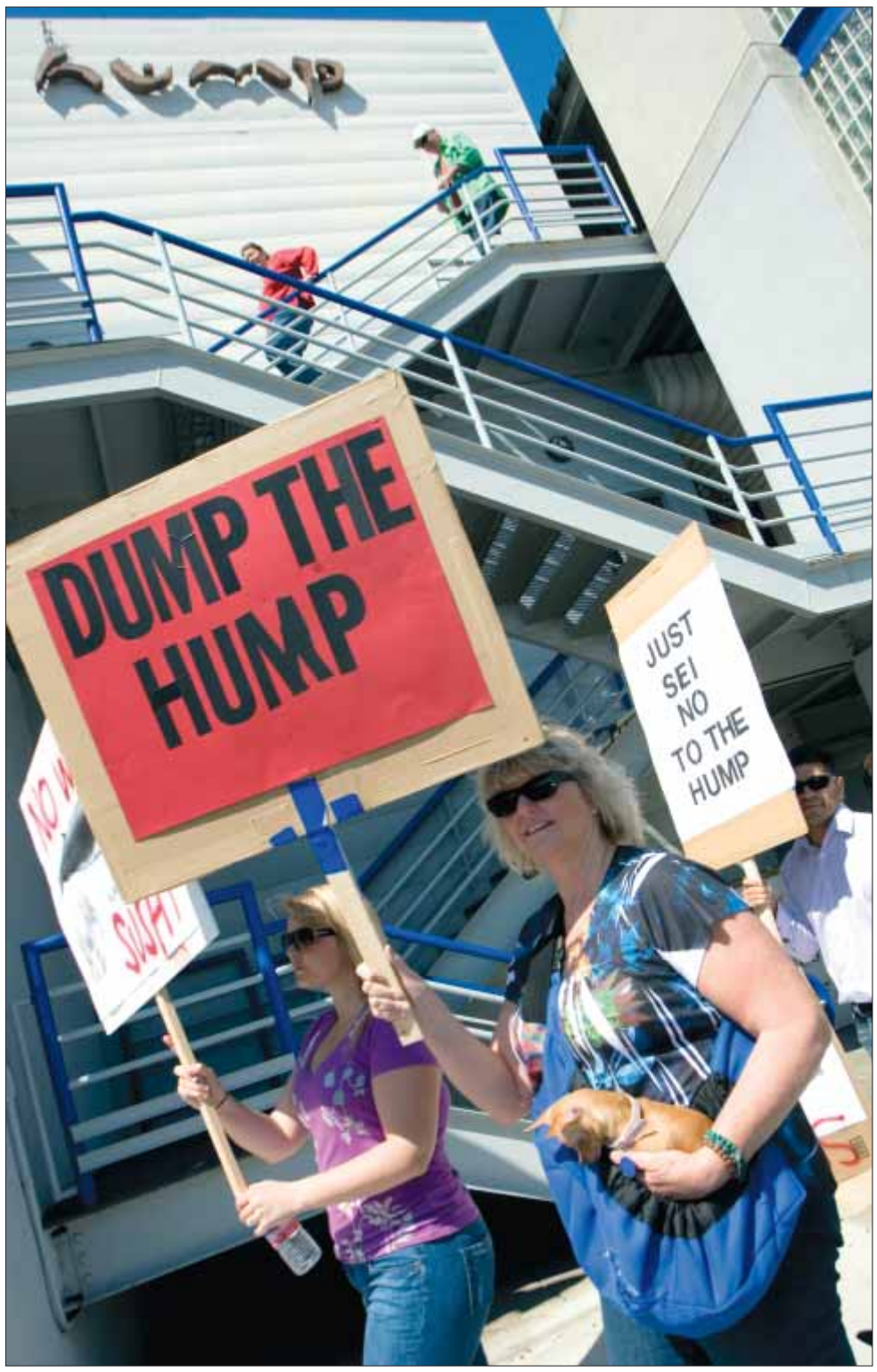
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We have you covered

THE SO SORRY ISSUE

Hump issues apology for serving whale



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

NO WAY: **Protesters march against the sushi restaurant The Hump and its illegal sale of whale meat on Friday. Owners of The Hump and its sister restaurant Typhoon have admitted to serving sei whale, an endangered species. The owners and a chef are facing criminal charges.**

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM AIRPORT Owners of sushi restaurant The Hump admit to selling customers banned whale meat, issuing an apology on their Web site.

The U.S. Attorney's Office filed misdemeanor charges Wednesday against the owners of The Hump and its sister restaurant Typhoon, as well as a sushi chef, charging them with violating the Marine Mammal Protection Act by serving on at least three occasions Sei whale, an endangered species and the third largest baleen whale in the oceans.

If convicted, the restaurant team faces a fine of $200,000, while the chef faces a $100,000 fine. All parties could serve a year in federal prison, according to federal prosecutors.

"The charge against the restaurant is true: The Hump served whale meat to customers looking to eat what in Japan is widely served as a delicacy," The Hump's owners said in a statement on the restaurant's Web site, www.thehump.biz. "In serving this meat, The Hump ignored its responsibilities to help save endangered whales from extinction and failed to support the world community in its uphill fight to protect all endangered species.

"While The Hump cannot undo the damage it caused, it will put into place procedures to ensure that it strictly complies with the laws and becomes a good corporate citizen. We sincerely apologize. We pledge to work hard to re-earn the trust of the public and respect of our customers."

Federal prosecutors were tipped off by the team behind the Oscar-winning documentary "The Cove," which went undercover using tiny microphones and cameras to record the serving of whale at The Hump. Animal activists collected food samples, which were tested and found to be Sei whale. Receipts received also had the word "whale" written on them, federal prosecutors said.

With that evidence in hand, prosecutors served a search warrant Friday, March 5, to collect animal parts and records.

City officials, who own the space where The Hump and Typhoon are located, are looking into whether or not they can evict

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GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Samohi girls survive in OT

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI In a season full of big shots and stirring victories, Santa Monica High School's girls basketball team held off a strong Canyon Springs squad, 59-56, at home in overtime on Thursday to advance to the Southern California region semi-finals of the Division 1 CIF State Championships.

Samohi's Bianka Balthazar hit a clutch 3-pointer in the waning seconds of the fourth quarter to send the game to OT. Thea Lemberger then hit a pair of clutch free throws to ice the game in the final 10 seconds to help the No. 3 seeded Vikings move on to face No. 2 seed Clovis West Saturday on the road.

Samohi was led by Lemberger's 20 points. Moriah Faulk added 17.

"The dream season continues," Head Coach Marty Verdugo said. "It came down to letting great players take over at the right time."



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MOVING: **Moriah Faulk against Canyon Springs Thursday.**

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Saturday, March 13, 2010

Free e-waste recycling event

City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave., 8 a.m. — 12 p.m.

Not sure what to do with that old broken monitor taking up space in your closet? Here's your solution. For one day only, the City of Santa Monica's Solid Waste Management Division will conduct a free public electronics recycling event. Most electronic devices contain lead and other toxic metals that could be released and pose hazards to people, fish, or drinking water quality if they are broken — not to mention a variety of materials that can be recovered and used again. For more information call (310) 458-8528.

Santa Monica Symphony performance

Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 7:30 p.m.

This performance will be a tribute to "America" which includes two works by Aaron Copland, who has been credited with one of the most distinctively American musical idioms for the concert hall. The performance will include Ives-Schuman's variations on "America," Copland's "Billy the Kid" Suite, Copland's, "Lincoln Portrait," and William Grant Still's "Afro-American Symphony." The pre-concert talk featuring Tavis Smiley begins at 6:30 p.m. and the suggested donation is $10 per person, but is not mandatory — admission is free. For more information call (310) 395-6330.

Quantum Entanglement

MLK Jr. Auditorium and North Entry Courtyard
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.

Donna Sternberg and Dancers, in collaboration with Michael Masucci/EZTV will be presenting this multimedia event. Starting in the auditorium with a short talk on the interplay between dance and scientific principles, the dancers perform while interacting with large-screen video projections and a short film presentation. The performance then moves to the courtyard in this series highlighting the dance company's science series, marking its 25th anniversary.

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.

Council denies landmark appeal

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Three so-called "kit houses" will retain their historical landmark status after a split City Council voted this week to reject the property owner's appeal.

Located on the 1000 block of Ninth Street, the three detached bungalow houses are examples of the "manufactured housing style" popular around the country in the 1920s. The model types of all three houses were listed for order in the 1925 edition of the Pacific Ready-Cut Catalogue, according to a City Hall report.

The Landmark Commission in September voted 4-2 to landmark all three houses. Arguing the houses don't meet City Hall's landmark standard, property owner Marina Belokamenskaya, who bought the site in order to redevelop it, asked the council to reconsider.

Although three of the five council members present for the meeting Tuesday night agreed that only the front house on the property should be landmarked, they were unable to modify the Landmark Commission's decision designating all three houses as landmarks.

Councilmembers Gleam Davis and Kevin McKeown voted against altering the commission's decision, denying the council majority the fourth vote it would have needed to grant the appeal. Council members Bobby Shriver and Bob Holbrook were not present at the meeting.

"I think the Landmarks Commission missed the mark when they called it a bungalow court," said Mayor Pro Tem O'Connor, who works as a historic preservation consultant. The back two houses, she said weren't visible to the public.

In an interview O'Connor said she had doubts about whether any of the three houses deserved to be landmarked, saying a more in depth analysis should have been conducted. There are many kit houses all around the country, including a number of them in Santa Monica, she said, making it difficult to determine which ones should be preserved.

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>
> Pam O'Connor
> Mayor Pro Tem

"There was no context about why it was important to Santa Monica, other than it exists," O'Connor said of the property.

In a report submitted to City Hall, a consultant argued the site is not a significant historic resource because it does not exhibit exceptional characteristics of a period, style, or method of construction and is not an important work of a significant architect, designer, or builder.

City Hall staff had recommended upholding the Landmark Commission's decision, stating in a report that the buildings should be preserved because of their association with Santa Monica's social history and architectural character, and because they are examples of work by a notable builder.

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END OF THE LINE

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School's Harry Horn drives to the basket against Westchester on Thursday during the second round of the CIF Division 1 State Championships. Samohi lost the game, 63-54, ending its season. The Vikings were runners-up in the CIF-SS Division 1A Playoffs.

Despite economy, most shoppers still spending

BY MIRIAM FINDER
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Despite a rocky economy this past year, 62 percent of Santa Monica residents claimed their shopping habits remained unchanged, according to a local spending survey conducted by city officials and business interests.

The survey, taken by 732 people, aimed to track the local spending habits of Santa Monica residents and employees as part of the Buy Local Santa Monica campaign, which encourages people to shop at Santa Monica businesses.

Jennifer Taylor, senior development analyst at City Hall's Economic Development Department, said she believes despite the economy, Santa Monica residents have not changed their local spending because of the quality and uniqueness of businesses here and the premium placed on buying local.

"People geuninely value local businesses and want to support them," Taylor said.

Purchasing practices during a recession aside, the goal of the survey was to break-

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Open carry laws make us less safe

Editor:

The column "Booze, bullets, lattes and Lugers," was, unfortunately, right on point regarding the risks of allowing private citizens to carry guns in public. "Open carry" proponents complain that they must resort to this tactic because permits to carry concealed handguns are too difficult to obtain, especially in California. The sad facts, however, are that even those people who pass the enhanced background check to obtain a concealed handgun permit kill innocent people. My organization, the Violence Policy Center, has identified 139 people killed by concealed handgun permit holders nationwide since May 2007 – including two in California. Shockingly, nine of the dead were law enforcement officers and 13 of the incidents were mass shootings where three or more people were killed.

Allowing private citizens to carry guns in public has only one result: to make everyone around them – including law enforcement officers – less safe.

Kristen Rand
Washington, D.C.

It's up to you

Editor:

Keeping the Twilight Dance Series of extraordinary free concerts on the Santa Monica Pier is up to your readers. The City Council enthusiastically put some funding forward as an incentive grant to be made conditionally available for a couple of weeks, but that money will be transferred, and the Twilight Dance Series will be saved, only if the public shares our enthusiasm and donates the needed matching funds. Your readers can support the Twilight Dance Series online at www.santamonicapier.org. It is public donations that will save the Twilight Dance Series, not just the City Council.

Kevin McKeown
Santa Monica City Councilmember

City Hall in question

Editor:

So, The Hump not only serves a protected, endangered species of whale to those whose minds are as charmless as their gullets, but now we discover that the City Hall was getting a piece of the action by collecting rent and a percentage of the sales receipts! I hope residents rise up and park in front of this butcher shop and bring signs and bullhorns – show lots of ugly pics of slaughtered whales.

And now we learn that city officials refuse to disclose to the SMDP the amount of money they collected from the percentage of receipts? Really? One wonders why City Hall is withholding public information about public funds – or is it cash they are not disclosing?

In 10 years not a single city official ever ate there? Yeah right. I find it hard to believe this could go on for 10 years and the city officials who ate there and/or who were overseeing this establishment did not know these idiots were serving whale. What? Do you all really believe this only just started? Not a single city official ever saw or heard about cars pulling up to the back door delivering "fish" out of the trunks, huh? Moreover, the article in the SMDP noted that the word "whale" was actually printed on the receipts when these sales were made. This means City Hall must have also gotten copies of receipts with the word "whale" on them if the city was getting a percentage of the receipts, they were also getting copies of said receipts, as well! What person on the city payroll was reading and counting them?

The Hump needs to have it license revoked. After their prison sentences and six-figure fines are paid up, the owner, manager, and chefs of the Hump should not be allowed to ever work in Santa Monica again. City officials who knew about this should resign as a federal investigation into public corruption follow them to the unemployment line. The people who enjoy eating endangered and protected creatures should … well, this is a family paper, so let's leave it at that.

James Zeruk Jr.
Santa Monica

On the Beat

Officer Richard Carranza — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Pedestrians don't belong on the beach bike path

Q: IS IT LEGAL TO WALK ON THE BIKE PATH?

A: No, it is not legal to walk along the bike path, unless there are no adjacent walkways for pedestrians. In the city of Santa Monica the only place it is legal to walk on the bike path is about 1/4 mile north of the pier, where Ocean Front Walk ends. Unfortunately, many of the pedestrians who are on the bike path are not aware that it is illegal and are simply using the path to enjoy the beach, just like the bicyclists. However, the confusion can pose a safety hazard, particularly during the summer months when there is a large influx of visitors. To support improvements to the bike path and educate the public regarding bike path safety, a committee was recently formed involving the city of Santa Monica, city of Los Angeles, and Los Angeles County. In the meantime, the SMPD asks that people be mindful of each other, slow down on the path, and be patient with those who are unaware of bike path laws. To view the Santa Monica Bike Map, check out: http://gismain/gismaps/pdf/bikemap.pdf Remember, always wear a helmet!

Q: CAN I WALK MY DOG ON THE BEACH?

A: Unfortunately, no. Although most people are responsible and clean up after their dogs, many do not. Therefore, to maintain the cleanliness of our beaches, dogs are not allowed on any portion of the beach in the city of Santa Monica. The only exception to this restriction is for service dogs. The Santa Monica beach is also home to protected wildlife that may be affected by our canine friends. While in public, dogs must be on a leash at all times. Also, all dog owners and/or walkers must have readily available materials to clean-up after their dogs. If you have any other animal related questions, feel free to contact the Santa Monica Animal Shelter at (310) 458-8594.

CRIME ALERT

The Beat 2 patrol area, which encompasses the area between Interstate 10 and the south city limits and Lincoln Boulevard to the beach, has seen an increase in bicycle thefts in the past two weeks. SMPD reminds everyone to lock their bicycle to a fixed, secure location (both in public places and private parking garages) using a quality bike lock (cable locks are not suggested). Make sure you also register your bike with the City, so that if it is stolen we can identify it if located. For questions or information please contact Neighborhood Resource Officer Scott Pace at (424) 200-0682 or scott.pace@smgov.net.

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The Q Line

Is it twilight for the dance series?

This past week, Q-line asked:
Is the series worth saving or should it be replaced by something more cost effective?

Santa Monica Pier leadership revealed recently that a lack of funding for the annual Twilight Dance Series may force organizers to either scale back the concerts or replace the series with a less expensive version. To make up the shortage, officials have launched a fundraising drive.
Here are your responses:

"I FRANKLY THINK IT IS A WASTE OF GOOD money for the freeloader population. These are difficult financial times and taxes are better spent on more necessary things. Also, a lot of the unsavory crowd is attracted to these freebies."

"I THINK THE TWILIGHT DANCE SERIES should be replaced by a series of rotating concerts in all of the parks that we have here in Santa Monica and using different forms of entertainment like some symphony music, classical music, country western, rock 'n' roll, just music that would appeal to more people on a variety level."

"FIRST, I WISH TO THANK THOSE individuals who have organized the Twilight Dance Series over the years. I have thoroughly enjoyed riding my bike down to the pier on Thursday evenings to enjoy what was then the best free show in town. One could depend on hearing various celebrities whose names were readily recognized as stars in the music entertainment world. I especially enjoyed Buck Owens of the western world, Jose Feliciano of the Latin world and the great, progressive jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson. I could name all of the celebrities but the list could go on and on. Unfortunately, during the last few years the shows have gone on the wane. In my opinion, the new breed of entertainers would be better suited for the late "Big Daddy" Eric Nord's Gas House formerly in Venice. I had a good rapport with the Big Daddy. Still his shows were a wee bit Beatnik-ish. I have not attended the shows in awhile and neither have my friends. Perhaps we would have a blast from the past this summer with recognizable entertainers."

"I THINK IT WOULD BE A REAL TRAGEDY to not have the Twilight Dance Series. There is a lot of money spent on all kinds of other frivolous stuff. I think the Twilight Dance Series should definitely be funded. It would be a terrible shame if it wasn't. I also happen to be an ex-landlord in this idiot, San Malicious."

"I THINK THEY OUGHT TO GO BACK TO their original vision, which is it should be a dance series and they should get more local music like Suzy Williams and her Solid Senders, which is a fantastic big band group that is fantastic to dance to. Support the locals and make it more of a dance concert like it used to be. It's moved away from that. I don't know how much they are spending on these famous people, but it's not a dance concert anymore. It's something else. They don't have to pay so much money. They can hire our local artists. We've got plenty of local musicians that are fabulous to dance to. They are the ones who should be playing up on the pier. I feel very strongly about this."

"I HAVE BEEN A SANTA MONICA RESIDENT since 1989 and the Twilight Dance Series has recently been showcasing groups that are of little interest. If they would showcase groups that are of interest and just charge a dollar, I think that would be a good option. Another option is to scour Santa Monica and Los Angeles for some up and coming groups. There are a lot of great musicians out there, jazz, soul people, even African music, which the dance series has showcased in the past. We have all of it here."

"YOUR QUESTION PRESUPPOSES WHETHER one cares for the decrepit pier, let alone the self-indulgent dance series. Even if you don't acknowledge the noise and commotion to the pier neighbors, the dance series is an example of City Hall hubris. Injecting taxpayer money on mostly politically correct music and supporting a blackhead of fiscal irresponsibility, the pier, why would a competent City Council support such obvious manipulation of honest, decent, hard-working taxpayers?"

"I THINK THAT THE TWILIGHT SERIES ought to be paid for by some of the developers who are getting such an advantage from the City Council. They saved a lot of money with the selection of Terry O'Day instead of having a real election. That money ought to be able to handily finance the dance series as it is and I hope it is done that way."

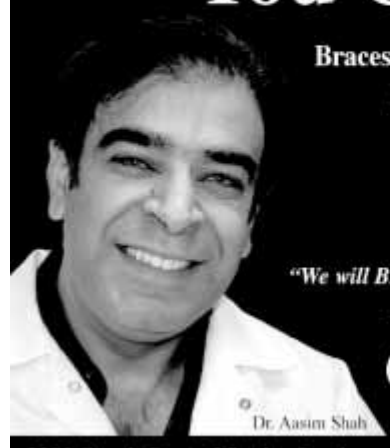
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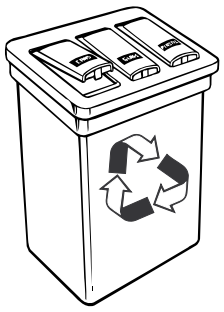
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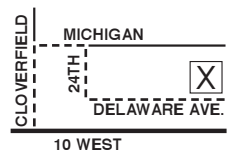


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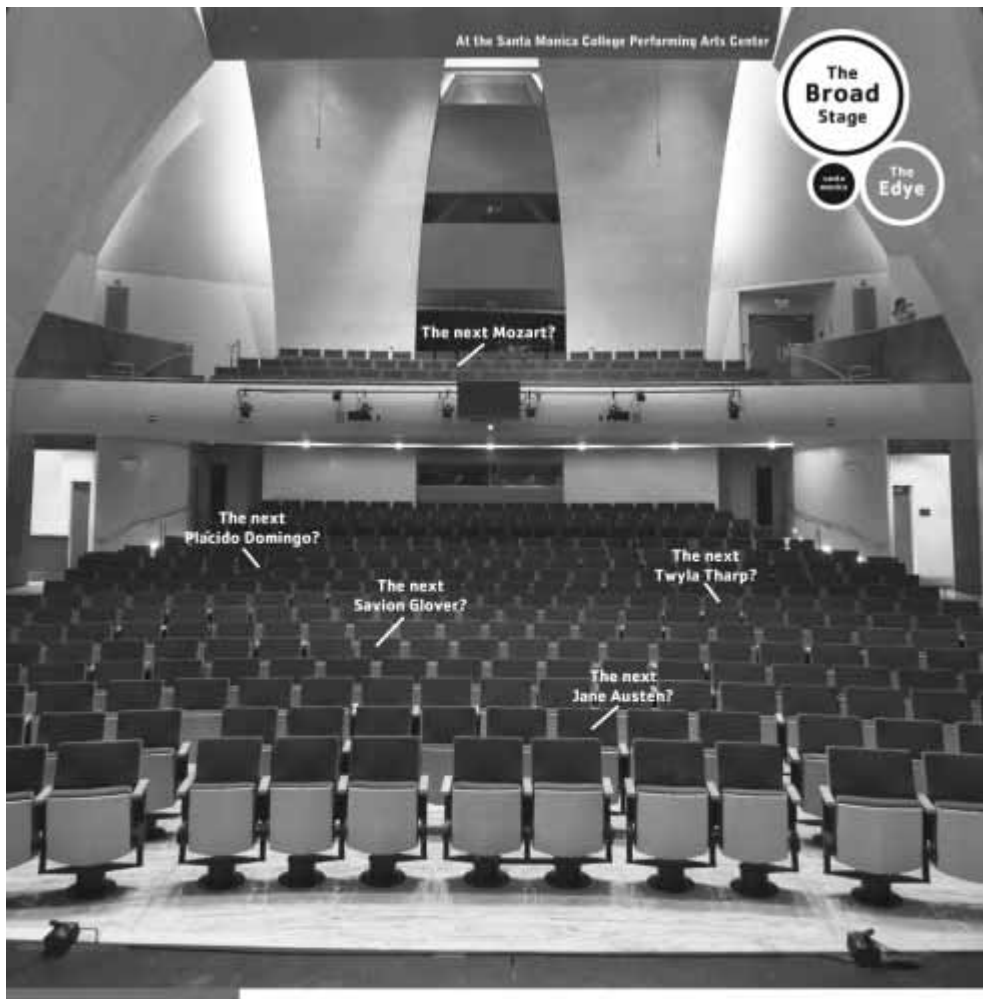


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Protesters target The Hump for selling illegal whale meat

FROM HUMP PAGE 1

The Hump for engaging in illegal activity. A report from the City Attorney's Office is expected to be released before the March 23 City Council meeting. City Hall receives over $40,000 a year in base rent from The Hump and Typhoon restaurants, as well as a percentage of gross receipts.

Since The Hump was folded into Typhoon's lease, it is unclear what would happen to both restaurants now that the owners have admitted guilt.

Several council members expressed outrage upon learning The Hump was charged with selling the endangered species. Santa Monica has a history of protecting wildlife and natural habitats, promoting itself as a "green" city.

A protest was held Friday at the Santa Monica Airport where The Hump is located. Representatives from the Companion Animal Protection, the Ocean Preservation and Sea Shepherd societies arranged the protest, calling on all restaurants to cease from serving endangered whale meat and called on the Japanese government to stop its illegal slaughter of protected marine life. Whale meat can often be found in Japanese markets.

Whales are caught under a controversial research program that activists say is a front for commercial whaling.

"The Japanese are exporting this cruel practice to the United States and we will not tolerate it," said Carole Raphaelle Davis with the Companion Animal Protection Society. "Whale wars have reached our shores here in L.A. and this is an international scandal."

Representatives from the Japanese Consulate in Downtown Los Angeles could not be reached for comment.

According to international environmental watchdog Greenpeace, Japanese adults rarely eat whale since it is considered a luxury food. Research on Greenpeace's Web site shows that 95 percent of Japanese never or rarely eat whale and that 69 percent do not support whaling in the Southern Ocean. Other studies have shown that the consumption of whale meat has dropped considerably, forcing the whaling industry to place thousands of tons of whale meat in freezers because it could not be sold.

Japan has hunted whales for hundreds of years, and during the lean postwar years, whale was the chief source of protein because Japan could not afford pork or beef. Whale was often served to children in schools. It is now seen as a luxury food item because of the increase in cost.

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This year the Cemetery staff would like to reach out to the Santa Monica Community and surrounding areas in an effort to achieve a wider degree of participation from local organizations and residents.
If you or your organization would like to participate in the planning of the upcoming event, or participate as a part of the event program, **please contact Virgil County, Cemetery Administrator** at **(310) 458-8717** by **March 25th**.
Musical groups (bands, choirs, etc.) are highly encouraged to participate.
Remember for this event to be a continued success and to truly mirror the Community, your participation is essential.



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

ON THE GO: **Shoppers run down the Third Street Promenade on a Saturday in February. A recent survey of shoppers conducted by the Buy Local Campaign steering committee showed that the majority of residents believe it is important to shop locally but Santa Monica needs more stores like Target.**

Survey shows local shopping results

FROM **SHOPPING** PAGE 3

down spending habits in order to better understand where and why Santa Monica residents shop and what the Buy Local Committee can do to enhance local shopping and aid the 105 local businesses associated with Buy Local.

With the help of Santa Monica College students trained during a two-hour session and the Bayside Downtown Ambassadors, Buy Local Committee members distributed surveys at events like the Pico Art Walk and the Main Street Summer Soulstice.

"We try to go to different parts of the city where we knew we'd get a lot of people," Taylor said. "The feedback is incredibly valuable to us."

Of those surveyed, 67 percent are Santa Monica residents, the rest employees in Santa Monica or shoppers from nearby areas.

People who only work in Santa Monica are important because of their need for lunch and daytime shopping options.

Scott Rader, for example, works in Santa Monica, but lives elsewhere. While he primarily shops near his home, he goes to the Third Street Promenade when he needs something during the day. To reach people like Rader, the group purposely targeted Wednesday Farmers' Markets instead of Saturdays.

Additional demographics taken into consideration are adjacent cities, like Venice, Brentwood and the Pacific Palisades. Taylor said although these people do not live directly in Santa Monica, they consider shopping here as local.

Results showed that residents believe shopping locally is important.

"I'm loyal to my community," said Santa Monica resident Anne Pearson. She said she enjoys watching local businesses thrive.

From the survey results, the committee was able to determine how to make local shopping a better experience for people like Pearson, whether through informing them what new business would attract patrons or if they need to better publicize the businesses already here.

"PEOPLE GEUNINELY VALUE LOCAL BUSINESSES AND WANT TO SUPPORT THEM."

Jennifer Taylor,
senior development analyst, City of Santa Monica Economic Development

For example, one major reason for shopping elsewhere was variety, with many survey participants noting a lack of ethnic dining options and stores like Target. However, Taylor said there are plenty of ethnic restaurants, such as Dhaba Cuisine of Indian on Main Street, but people in parts of the city farther from these locations might not know about them. Thanks to the survey, committee members now know better marketing is needed for these restaurants.

Cost and parking were also listed as reasons residents travel elsewhere to shop, but also factors that would draw them back to Santa Monica if improved. Taylor said the problem of parking is one of perception than reality, though, and committee members are working to make more parking available during weekends and evenings.

Regardless of any complaints found in the survey, 75 percent of Santa Monica residents said buying local is important.

"It was good to have that validated," Taylor said. "Local residents ... understand and value local businesses."

Debbie Lee with Bayside said the survey will help economic development in terms of looking at what types of businesses to attract and expanding services that might be missing. Additionally, it encourages people to explore Santa Monica more for shops that fit their needs that they might not have noticed previously.

"You might walk by the store 100 times" but not notice it, Lee said.

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Pretzel bread gives sandwiches a twist

CARYN ROUSSEAU
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO The smell of freshly baked bread wafts through Hannah's Bretzel, a downtown restaurant where the ovens are lined with rows of pretzel bread loaves that are sold on their own and used to make sandwiches filled with hams, cheeses and other gourmet ingredients.

"It's just soft and salty," says customer Stephanie Klein, who ordered an Italian Parma ham sandwich on the bread during a recent lunch hour and visits about three times a month. "I'm big on a soft, good tasting bread."

Twist this: Baking experts say pretzel bread — a cousin of the ubiquitously popular crispy, salted snack — is growing in popularity, popping up on menus and in sandwich orders from California bakeries to New York restaurants.

The centuries-old chewy German bread with its doughy consistency and salted crust is "almost in that trend phase where you're seeing it almost everywhere," said Tom Vaccaro, senior director of baking and pastries at the Culinary Institute of America, where pretzels are taught in classes.

"It offers a lot of flavor components when you eat it," Vaccaro said. "For a lot of people it's in that comfort food zone, meaning a lot of people as children, as kids went to fairs, went to baseball games, football games, where you had pretzels for sale."

So it wouldn't be that much of a jump for customers to order a pretzel bread sandwich, said Peter Reinhart, baking instructor at Johnson and Wales University in Charlotte, N.C.

"It's not something that's so out of the box that no one's heard of it," Reinhart said. "We know that pretzel goes well with mustard, so it makes a good base for a sandwich."

Florian Pfahler started Hannah's Bretzel (he says in his native Germany pretzel is spelled with a "b") in 2004 and has two Chicago locations with plans for more. His goal is to bring pretzel bread from Germany to the United States and says he has earned a loyal following.

"What I hear time and again is, 'This is a tasty sandwich,'" Pfahler said. "The pretzel bread tastes so good."

The restaurant also offers bragels (pretzel bagels) for morning sandwiches, pretzel-shaped pretzel bread and mini baguette-shaped pretzel bread for sandwiches.

Pretzel bread baking has been taken to the artisanal level at Prime Meats and Cafe Pedlar, both in Brooklyn, N.Y., where co-owner and co-chef Frank Castronovo says they use a family recipe from his wife's father. Cafe Pedlar offers pretzel braids, twists and knots. Diners can order a German white sausage served with a pretzel roll at Prime Meats.

"The recipe has gotten mass produced, manufactured and it came very far away from its true beginnings," Castronovo said. "We're doing them the way they were meant to be made."

Across the country in California, Hans Rockenwagner sells pretzel baguettes and rolls along with burgers and sandwiches made on pretzel breads at his bakeries and cafes in Los Angeles, Santa Monica and Venice.

"If it's something you can do with pretzel bread, we do it," Rockenwagner says.

Customers are familiar with pretzels, but pretzel bread can be exotic, Rockenwagner said. His bakeries sell pretzel bread sandwiches with ingredients like cranberry sauce and turkey breast, ham with provolone and salami with parmesan, tomato, arugula and mustard.

"It's the earthiness, the softness and the chewiness of the pretzel," Rockenwagner said. "It can hold up to all those flavors without getting lost or too soggy or overpowering."

National restaurant chains have taken notice, too.

Pretzel bread is featured on the menu at more than 1,000 Blimpie restaurants in the U.S. as part of a turkey, bacon and cheddar sandwich, but customers can request any sandwich on the pretzel bread.

"It has been a raving success," said Kate Unger, vice president of marketing for Blimpie. "We know once we get that product into our customers' hands we can win them over."

Corner Bakery Cafe, a restaurant chain based in Dallas, has had pretzel bread on the menu since the early 1990s and currently serves it as ham and turkey sandwiches, said Ric Scicchitano, the restaurant's senior vice president of food and beverage. He calls it a signature item.

"Anytime you want to grab a bun to make a sandwich, or a hoagie roll, pretzel bread nine times out of 10 is a great option," Scicchitano said.

Pretzel bread also has an appeal for diners looking for something different, said Vaccaro, with the Culinary Institute of America.

"This is one of those breads that has a great crumb and texture and a great flavor," he said. "It has all the great parts you're looking for when you're looking for a great bread."

On the Net:
Hannah's Bretzel: http://www.hannahsbretzel.com
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Orange County prosecutor sues Toyota over defects

GREG RISLING
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA The Orange County district attorney has filed a lawsuit against Toyota Motor Corp., accusing the automaker of knowingly selling hundreds of thousands of vehicles with acceleration defects.

District Attorney Tony Rackauckas said at a news conference Friday that his office has the right to bring consumer protective action on behalf of Orange County residents.

"We need to make sure that when Toyota says 'Oh, what a feeling' and 'Moving forward' that they are talking about great cars," Rackauckas said, referring to the company's slogans.

Toyota spokesman Mike Michels said he had no comment because the company hasn't been served with the lawsuit.

Orange County's lawsuit accuses Toyota of using deceptive business practices to become the world's top automaker. The suit seeks civil penalties of $2,500 per violation under the Unfair Business Practices Act, along with the recovery of attorney fees and investigative costs.

"We demand to know: Did Toyota, in their relentless pursuit to become the No. 1 carmaker in the United States, put profits over people?" Rackauckas asked.

The district attorney's office hired a private law firm with expertise in consumer safety liability cases to help with the case.

Toyota has recalled more than 6 million vehicles in the United States because of acceleration problems in multiple models and braking issues in the Prius hybrid. Regulators have linked 52 deaths to crashes allegedly caused by accelerator problems.

At least 89 class-action lawsuits have been filed against the Japanese automaker, which could cost the company $3 billion or more.

Toyota's U.S. shares fell 12 cents to $76.82 in Friday afternoon trading.



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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

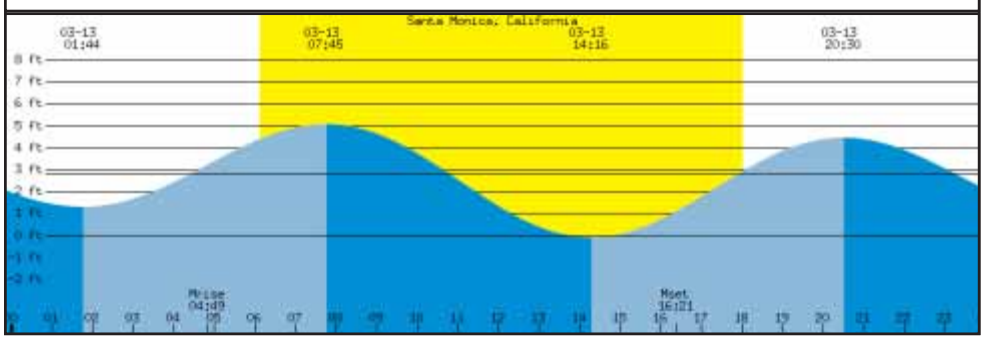
Swell Forecast

Steep angled NW swell should back down to around chest high max for west facing breaks. Winds should be lightly offshore for a good part of the day.

Long Range Synopsis

End of week looks very small as well.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 2, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 16
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 29
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 15

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

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

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

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

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MLB

Dodgers frustrated with Belisario's spring absence

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GLENDALE, Ariz. The Los Angeles Dodgers are looking into contingency plans for their opening-day bullpen while Ronald Belisario tries to report to camp.

Belisario has been unable to secure a visa for the 2010 season and remains in his native Venezuela. The right-hander went 4-3 with a 2.04 ERA in 69 games as a rookie last year, helping Los Angeles win the NL West.

Paul Kinzer, Belisario's agent, said Thursday that he didn't have an update on his client's status.

"I'm waiting to hear from him today," Kinzer said. "He's supposed to be at the consulate now."

Belisario had the same issue last year and missed two weeks of camp before being a surprise late addition to the major league roster.

The Dodgers are not frustrated enough to consider releasing the hard-throwing reliever, but anger is clearly growing.

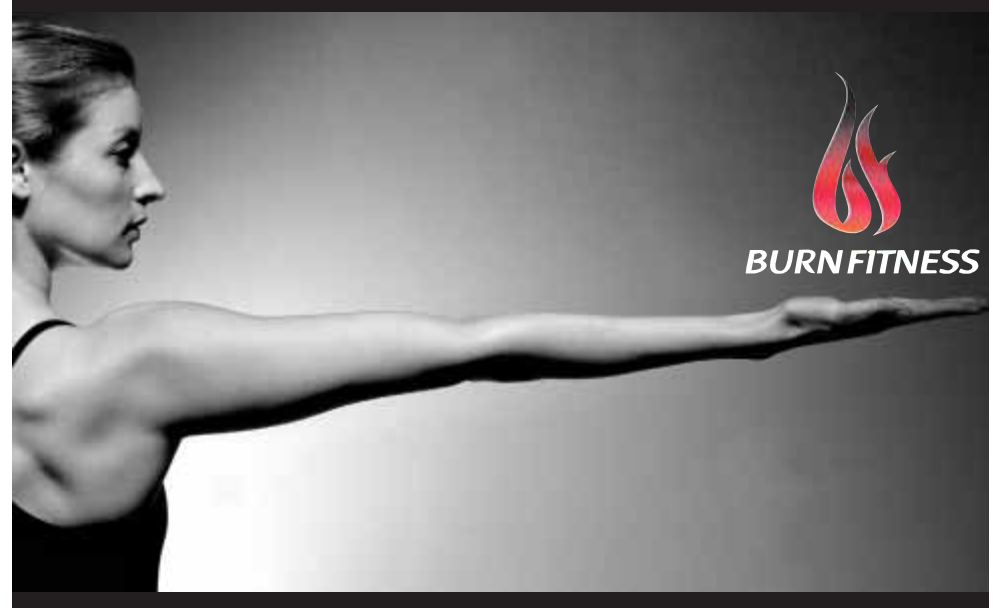
"You would think that the opportunity to make a living throwing a baseball, to pitch in the big leagues and support your family and build a career, you would pursue it to the fullest," general manager Ned Colletti said. "Whether he has or he hasn't, I don't know."

Former NL Cy Young Award winner Eric Gagne, in camp on a minor league deal, is one of the relievers that could benefit from Belisario's absence.

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Vertigo (NR) 2hrs 9min
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Our Family Wedding (PG-13) 1hr 30min
12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10

Valentine's Day (PG-13) 1hr 57min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55

Shutter Island (R) 2hrs 18min
11:30am, 2:40, 6:00, 9:15

Dear John (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:35am, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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Alice in Wonderland (in Disney Digital 3D) (PG) 1hr 49min
10:30am, 11:30am, 1:20, 2:20, 4:10, 5:10, 9:50

Cop Out (R) 1hr 50min
12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45

Shutter Island (R) 2hrs 18min
1:00, 4:30, 7:45, 10:55

She's Out of My League - Digital Presentation (R) 1hr 44min
10:45am, 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00

She's Out of My League (R) 1hr 44min
11:45am, 2:30, 5:15, 8:15, 11:00

The Crazies (R) 1hr 41min
11:15am, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

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The Yellow Handkerchief (PG-13) 1hr 57min
1:50, 7:30

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hrs 26min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

An Education (PG13) 1hr 55min
4:40, 10:00

Crazy Heart (R) 2hrs 07min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

The Ghost Writer (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Green Zone (R) 1hr 55min
11:00am, 12:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:45

Remember Me (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

Avatar 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 40min
1:00, 4:30, 8:15

Brooklyn's Finest (R) 2hrs 13min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:20

The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
12:50pm, 3:50pm, 6:50pm, 9:50pm

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To the movies, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ If you are focused and use the a.m., you are unlikely to hit a logjam. This afternoon could present an issue with a child or loved one. Do you feel like you are juggling different people and concerns? You are! Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A must appearance becomes a delightful happening. Simply loosen up and enjoy yourself. Before you realize it, you are in the center of a happening. Don't let a sense of being gawky get the best of you. Understanding draws greater closeness. Tonight: Don't take anyone's comments too seriously.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ If you have plans to take off, do so early. Otherwise, you could discover you never make it out of town or off on that excursion. Responsibilities could drop on you. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A discussion in the a.m. could set the tone for the remainder of the day. Make plans that pull you away from the here and now and help you relax, as you probably cannot relax generally. You could shy away from any more responsibility. Why not? You need time off. Tonight: Try a different spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others let you know where they are coming from. You might wonder if your actions will make any difference when dealing with those you care about. A close friend or loved one saunters in. This person really wants your attention. Tonight: Be a duo.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Slowing down takes effort. Others clearly want your time and attention. Understand more of what makes a child or loved one tick. Be sensitive to another person and his or her options. Socialize and let go of worry. Tonight: All smiles -- so many offers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your sense of mischief, no matter what your age, comes through. You cannot sit back and not pitch in when someone has a problem. Your efforts make all the difference. You could be uncomfortable with a display of affection. Tonight: Off to the movies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Deal with errands, especially involving your home and family. Finally, later on, you will feel free to get out and about and enjoy yourself. No one enjoys himself as much as you when you let down your hair. A friend is only too delighted to join in. Tonight: Fun times are here.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Communication happens, whether you initiate it or not. You could be quite delighted by what is going on. You might want to stay close to family. Understand what a friend wants. Understand that you might not be able to fulfill this person's needs. Tonight: Happy close to home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is going on. Return calls and make plans in the morning. Recognize that your energy is not endless. Pace yourself, even if it means going from one happy happening to the next! Tonight: At a favorite hangout.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Though quite evidently into the thick of things, you could be overwhelmed and tired. Know that if you need to, you can schedule some special time for yourself. Be aware of a tendency to over-indulge, no matter what your choices are. Tonight: Your treat.

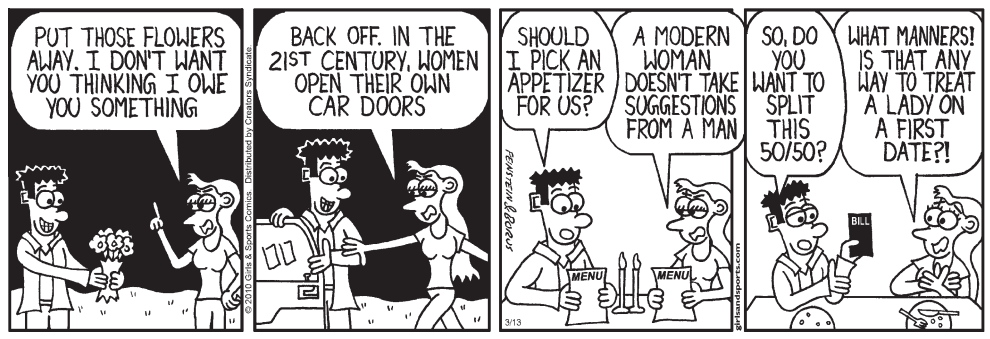
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will blossom and become a lot happier if you relax. Make it OK to make yourself a higher priority. Whether off to the movies or shopping, you seem to be in a most indulgent mood. Others are clearly drawn to you. Tonight: As you like.

Happy birthday

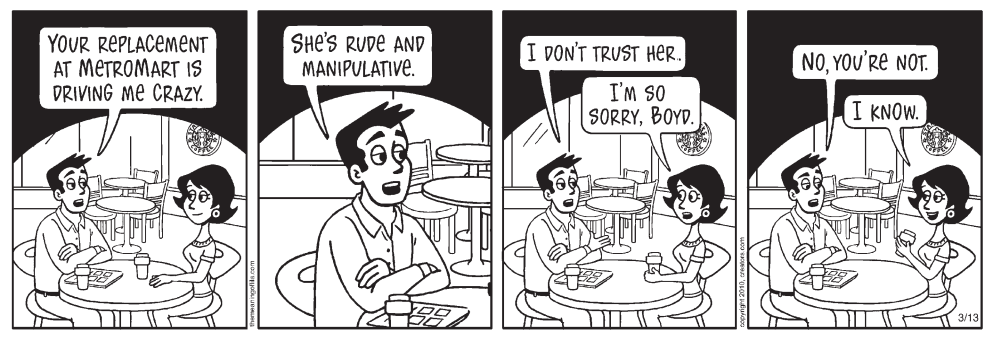
This year, you greet a new life cycle. Before you blow out your candles, know that your wishes are likely to become realities. You will enter this period in the next few months. If you experience a shake-up, the purpose is to create room for something better. If you are single, your sweetie could appear out of nowhere! If you are attached, the two of you benefit from your more upbeat style. Your smile warms up the bond. PISCES is a soul mate.

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

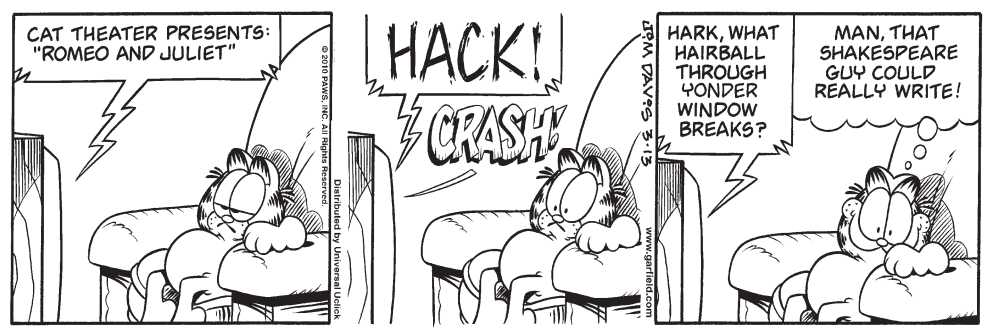
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The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



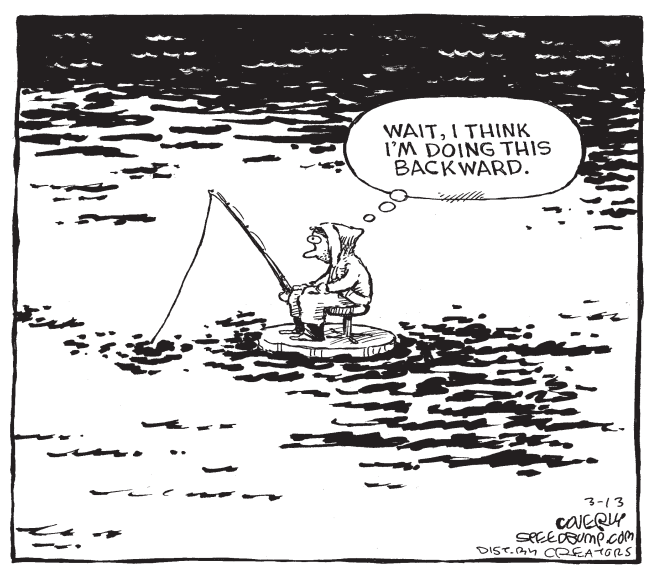
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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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.

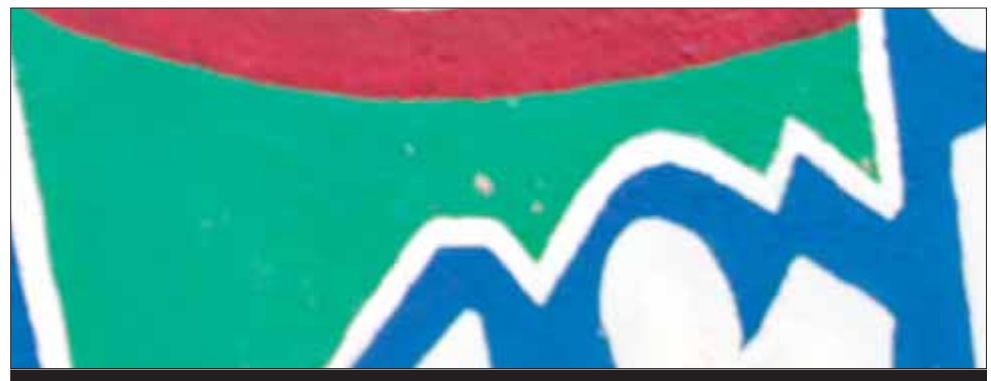
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Gets a run
7 Loaded
11 Easter event
12 Spot in the sea
13 Pulp source
14 Target
15 Parquet feature
16 Stood
17 For fear that
18 Ill-humored
19 Mil. sch.
21 For every
22 Online shows
25 (Not my spelling)
26 Be overly fond
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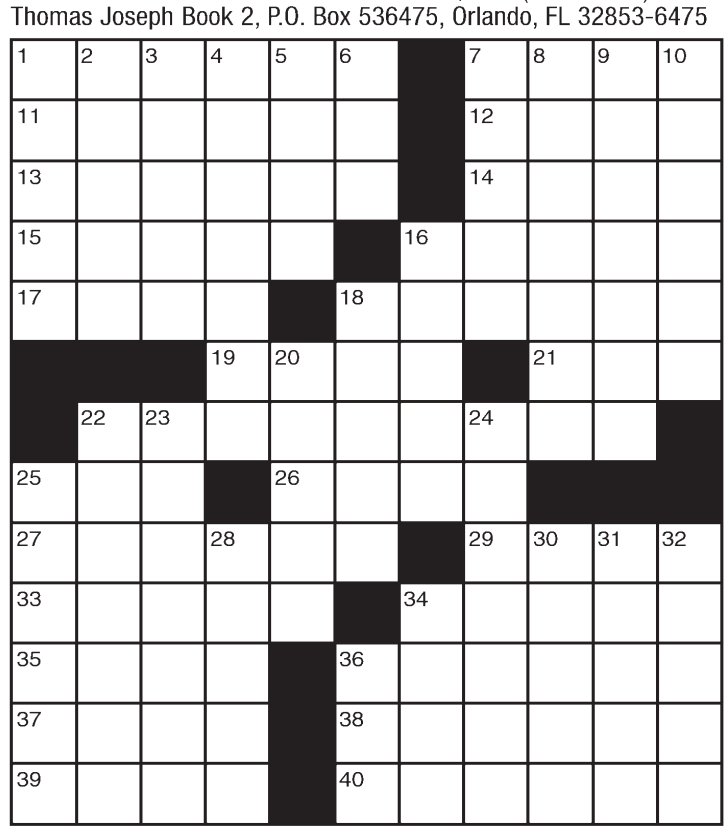
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2 Chili con —
3 Some exams
4 Put off paying
5 Nervous
6 Behold
7 Austerity
8 U-235, e.g.
9 Sentence parts
10 Aide
16 Dramatic no-show
18 Wall worker
20 Autumn quaff
22 Kansas city
23 Peru neighbor
24 Illinois city
25 Fragrant packet
28 Bearings
30 Acrobatic
31 Radio part
32 Giraffe features
34 Writer Janowitz
36 Pet perch

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Chutzpah: Former Stoughton, Mass., police sergeant David Cohen was convicted in 2007 of attempted extortion and witness-tampering and sentenced to 30 months in jail. In November 2009, he filed a formal demand for payment of at least $113,000 he said the department owes him for unused vacation, sick leave and comp time. He also claims extra pay because, while still on the job, he had to spend 481 hours in court and 280 hours preparing in order to defend himself against the criminal charges.

■ Arrested in January in Memphis, Tenn., and charged with having carnal knowledge of an underage girl: Mr. Knowledge Clark, 29. Arrested in January in Hellertown, Pa., and charged with cashing a stolen check: Richard Fluck, 47, and Bryan Flok, 47. Arrested in Denver in February and charged with using another person's driver's license as identification: Mr. Robin J. Hood, 34. Arrested in Kingston, Pa., in January and charged with cocaine trafficking: Carlos Laurel, 30, and Andre Hardy, 39. Arrested in February in DeFuniak Springs, Fla., and charged with possession of crystal meth: Crystal Beth Williams, 21.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1962 Lyman Lemnitzer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, delivers a proposal, called Operation Northwoods, regarding performing terrorist attacks upon Guantánamo Bay Naval Base, to Secretary of Defense Robert Mcnamara. The proposal is scrapped and President John F. Kennedy removes Lemnitzer from his position.

1969 Apollo program: Apollo 9 returns safely to Earth after testing the Lunar Module.

1979 The New Jewel Movement, headed by Maurice Bishop, ousts Prime Minister Eric Gairy in a nearly bloodless coup d'etat in Grenada.

1992 An earthquake registering 6.8 on the Richter scale kills over 500 in Erzincan, eastern Turkey.

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