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UNSAFE CONSTRUCTION SEE PAGE 3

Commission nominates bungalows for landmark

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

HILL STREET Three bungalows slated for demolition were nominated by the Landmarks Commission for protection, last week.

The houses on the 500 block of Hill Street in the Ocean Park neighborhood were built in 1912.

The grouping of three single-family Craftsman-style bungalows with a high level of physical integrity has become a rare occurrence in the neighborhood, consultants said in a report to the commission.

Over the first half of the last century, clerks, cooks, laundrymen, barbers, and photographers occupied the homes.

Construction picked-up in the area in the early 1920s, the consultants said.

"The full-court, half-court, duplex, and properties with granny flats became the prominent multi-family building types in the area,"

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Ellis evictions way up in 2014

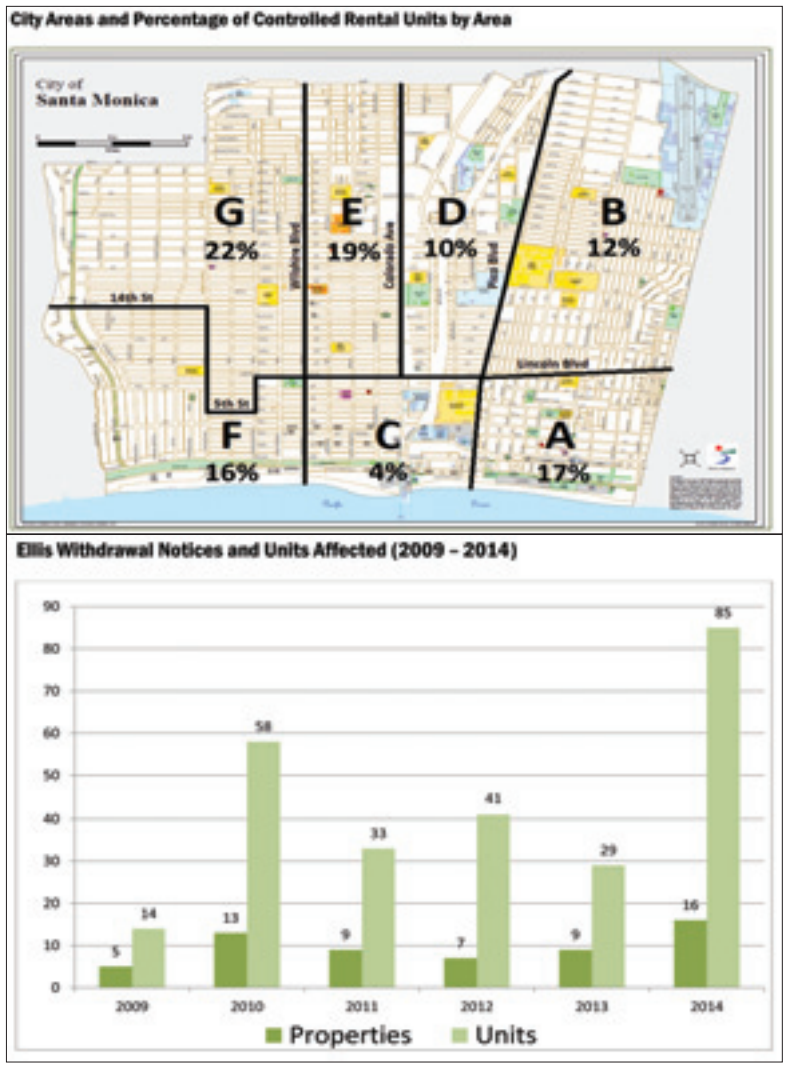
BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

CITYWIDE Rent control continues to be a boon for those who have it, but every year fewer residents have access to rent protections, according to an annual report presented to the Rent Control Board last week.

The annual report is a merger of what used to be three separate reports on the status of rent control in the city, the impact of market-rate rents and the impact of Ellis Act evictions. Accepting the report and forwarding it to the City Council fulfills a legal obligation on the part of the Rent Control Board to update Council on its annual activities.

STATUS

According to the report, there were 28,069 units subject to Santa



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RENT CONTROL: The report showed unit location and eviction activity.

Solar power expansion talks heat up at Samohi

Rooftop panels saved school district $50K last year

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI Momentum is picking up for more solar panels to be installed at Santa Monica High School, which the local school board recently designated to receive $180 million in bond money for facility improvements.

District officials said as the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District increases spending on technology infrastructure, it sees solar power as an attractive option that can provide long-term savings.

All buildings that are under construction or part of modernization plans will be solar-ready, according to district spokeswoman Gail Pinsker.

"SMMUSD is always looking to use resources efficiently, contribute toward sustainability initiatives in the communities we serve and set a good example for the next generation to follow," Pinsker said.

It seems especially likely that some of Samohi's $180-million allocation — part of the $385 mil-

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COUNCIL PREVIEW:

Audits, nominations, and taxis

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Aside from discussing taxis and a potential appointment to the Planning Commission, which the Daily Press wrote about last week, City Council is going to review an audit and its policies for reviewing audits.

The audit, which covers last fiscal year, came back clean, according to city officials, as it has for more than three decades.

"Overall, the City's operations show signs of stability, a result of the prudent and sound management practices and efforts of the City of Santa Monica," city officials said in a report to council.

Back in January, council asked city officials to review its auditing process.

Several financial oversight groups recommend that City Councils adopt individual audit committees but city officials sent council a report, explaining why they believe the current practice of a public hearing provides the same, or a better, level of transparency.

"Council has continued to have an open hearing where all Council members participate essentially as audit committee members," they said in the report. "Staff recommends that Council approve the

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Local youth soccer teams advance in AYSO playoffs

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Tears were flowing. Santa Monica's under-12 American Youth Soccer Organization girls soccer team had just lost a postseason game after a nail-biting penalty-kick shootout, and the players thought their season was over.

But an AYSO official informed coach Richard Pye that his squad would advance to the tri-sectional playoffs with a wild card bid, a fact he then relayed to his players.

"I got every last one to give me

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

March 17

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group

Join organizers as they discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the third Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. Discussion title: "The Cairo Affair" by Olen Steinhauer. All are welcome. No registration required. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 7 p.m.

Santa Monica Reads movie: 'Bride & Prejudice'

Pride & Prejudice goes Bollywood in this contemporary spin on Jane Austen's classic novel, with Aishwarya Rai as a young bride-to-be and Martin Henderson as the wealthy and proud businessman who steals her affections. (122 min). Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

City Council meeting

Santa Monica City Council Special Meeting. For more information, visit http://www.smgov.net/departments/council. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.

Build your own website

Learn about free website building tools for non-techies that make it surprisingly easy to create your own personal website. Seating is on a first-arrival basis. Advanced level. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4 p.m.

Cardio Salsa + Back Rehabilitation

Come experience an exhilarating cardio workout. Get energized with Salsa, Merengue, and Cha Cha, then switch to Pilates for core and balance. Cool down with yoga stretches for flexibility. All levels welcome. Drop in participation available, $20. Register for classes at http://ow.ly/oZGSg. 1450 Ocean, 12:30 - 2 p.m.

St. Paddy's Day at the Craftsman

For a hideaway from the amateur drinking night madness that is also known as St. Paddy's day, look no further than "Diesisiete de marzo." Live music featuring their house band, The Old Fashioned at 9 p.m. The Craftsman Bar, 119 Broadway, 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day Bar Crawl

Join organizers this St. Patrick's Day at 5 p.m. to partake in the fun and enjoy the best drink specials at the top bars. No cover at any participating venue. Register between 5 and 10 p.m. to get your BarCrawls.com wristband, cup, and map. Registration point: The Britannia, 318 Santa Monica Blvd. Admission: $10-15.

March 18

Women's History Month screening: 'ANITA: Speaking Truth to Power'

Directed by Academy Award-winning filmmaker Freida Mock, the film is both a celebration of Anita Hill's legacy and a rare glimpse into her private life with friends and family, many of whom were by her side that fateful day 24 years ago. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Planning Commission meeting

Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission. For more information, For more information visit www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 5:30 p.m.

Green living workshop

Learn ways to save money, positively impact your family, community, and ultimately the planet. Topics include: water, energy, waste, chemicals, transportation, and shopping and food.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Colorado Blvd.

Building owner convicted of unsafe construction

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office has successfully concluded the criminal prosecution of the owner of a commercial office building, located at 2105 Colorado Boulevard, for Fire and Building Code violations.

The owner was charged with rendering fire protection equipment inoperable (such as fire sprinklers and fire alarms) and engaging in significant construction work without permit.

The City of Santa Monica's Building Official, Ron Takiguchi and Fire Marshal, Eric Binder, jointly referred the case to the City Attorney's Office, after a routine fire inspection revealed that the fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems had been compromised or disabled throughout the building and substantial construction had occurred without any permits. The Fire Marshal and Building Official concluded that these conditions seriously jeopardized the life and safety of the building's many occupants and the City's Fire Fighters.

On March 9, 2015, the owner pled "no contest" in the criminal case. He was placed on 12 months of probation and ordered to perform 30 days of court approved community service, pay $10,000 in restitution to the City to cover City investigative costs, pay an additional $10,000 to the Building and Safety and Fire Prevention Training Fund to train and educate California Fire and Building & Safety personnel, pay hundreds more in mandatory court fines, costs and fees, comply with all other applicable laws and permit conditions.

"This is a positive and fair result," said Building Official Takiguchi. "All businesses, including commercial property owners, must operate within state and local building and fire protection laws. These laws exist to protect the life and safety of the building occupants and first responders. Disregard of such laws puts every occupant of the building at serious risk."

Fire Marshal Eric Binder said fire protection equipment, especially in multi-tenant buildings such as 2105 Colorado Boulevard, is critical to timely evacuation of building occupants and to the Fire Department's ability to timely suppress urban fires

"Time is truly of the utmost essence in fire suppression," he said. A disabled fire alarm means that occupants and fire fighters would not be promptly notified of an ongoing fire in the building. A disabled or malfunctioning sprinkler system cause fires to spread within a building, unchecked, and could place fire fighters and occupants at great jeopardy. The owner has now committed to prompt and strict compliance with all applicable building and fire protection laws. We are very happy with this commitment and we look forward to working with the owner, and any other business that needs our assistance, to ensure that they can operate successfully in Santa Monica and within the bounds of the law."

Anyone in the City that notices any disabled or defective fire protection equipment should immediately contact the Fire Department at (310) 458-8915.

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Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Montana Branch Book Group: 'The Graves Are Walking'

This compelling new look at one of the worst disasters to strike humankind - the Great Potato Famine - provides fresh material and analysis on the role that religion and politics played in trying to reshape Irish society. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

March 19

Intermediate and beginner salsa lessons

Learn patterns, ways to better your partnering technique and bring your dancing to the next level to get you ready for the dance floor. Bring a partner, or come alone, but get ready to dance and have fun. Drop ins $20. Beginner from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Intermediate from 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. 1450 Ocean. Call (310) 458-2239 or visit http://ow.ly/oZGSg to register.

Women in Sports screening: 'Let Them Wear Towels'

To celebrate the anniversary of Title IX, ESPN commissioned the acclaimed "Nine for IX" documentary film series that "focused on captivating stories of women in sports told through the lens of female filmmakers." Join the Montana Avenue Branch Library as they screen a selection of these inspiring films. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Ave. 7 - 8 p.m.

Inside the PSAT, SAT and ACT

The PSAT/NMSQT will change in October 2015 followed by a new SAT in March 2016. The ACT essay will change in September 2015. Attend this seminar to learn more about these changes. Grades 9-11. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.

Santa Monica Reads movie: 'Sense & Sensibility' (1995)

When the wealthy Mr. Dashwood dies, he leaves the daughters from his second marriage, including wise Elinor (Emma Thompson) and romantic Marianne (Kate Winselt), in financial difficulties. Will the young women find sensible husbands to help them prevail? (136 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Housing Commission meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. For more information, visit http://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4:30 p.m.

'Chasing Rivers'

Experience images from a WWII-vintage biplane and under and iceberg with photographer and filmmaker Pete McBride. See his work photographing and filming the great rivers of the world by National Geographic's "freshwater hero." The Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m. Call (310) 434-3200 for more information.

Shorties

Green Light Productions presents SHORTIES, a production of five new, short, comedic plays written and directed by women to celebrate women in comedy. Selected from hundreds of submissions, SHORTIES, written by talented local female writers, show just how creative, honest, brave and funny women creating theatre can be. The Miles Memorial Playhouse, 1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m. $20 at door $15 in advance $10 student/senior. Call (215) 681-0211 for more information.

Spring cleanse

Join Dr. Jessica Marier for a free health talk on how to safely do a cleanse to jump start your weight-loss/wellness program, how to properly break a cleanse and how to stay clean. There will also be a food demo and tasting with Healing Thru Food nutrition educator Dori Lancaster. Lotus East West Medical Center, 2222 Santa Monica Blvd. 6 - 7 p.m. Call (310) 828-8258 for more information.

Neuropathy forum

Shamsha Velani, MD, UCLA neurologist, will give an overview of neuropahty, including causes, diagnosis and treatment options. Sponsored by the UCLA Health 50 Plus Program. Santa Monica Family YMCA, 1332 6th St. 12 - 1:30 p.m.

SHINE: 'Looking for Love'

"Looking for Love" in all the right - and wrong - places will be the theme as storytellers take the stage at YWCA Westside/Santa Monica. SHINE is a storytelling series highlighting experienced and new storytellers coming together on the third Thursday of each month to share inspiring true stories. YWCA Westside, 2019 14th Street, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. $10 suggested donation at door.

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What's the Point?

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Brock bids birdies bye-bye

I HATE WHAT PHIL BROCK HAS WROUGHT.

The current controversy, eliminating exotic animals from the pier entrance, is another step in the continued walk to blandness that I think will be the death of this city. As we gentrify, corporatize and sterilize everything for "safety reasons," we lose our soul, and I hate it.

Santa Monica has a history of being cool and casual, fun and funky, weird and wild. Each time we lose a small store to a corporate firm that only looks like a small business, we eat at our soul.

I spoke to Phil and he gave very cogent reasons on why we needed to regulate the exotic animals, blah, blah, blah, Venice already did it, blah, blah, blah, whatever. We don't have to do something just because our neighbors to the south do. In fact, historically we've taken the off road and been better for it.

Having a reputation for being different is what makes us unique — and a tourist draw. As we approach the boring blandness of beige corporateness, we will lose our most precious asset. Oh, I know we'll always have the ocean and the beaches, but, seriously, so does Miami, and all things considered, I'd rather be here.

The City Council is wrestling this week with another problem — the taxi situation has again reared its ugly head. Years ago, when they put the small operators out of business in favor of large, corporately owned and managed entities, I was against it. Yes, I represented a taxi company, and yes, they went out of business, so this is personal in that it cost me money. But it also put drivers out of business - drivers with families to support.

Presently the issue is what curb space to allot to small business people who are doing the Uber and Lyft thing. In a free market we wouldn't have this problem, but we're not in a free market — no matter what the politicians like to spout. We're in a regulated market, and those who regulate the market decide who will live and die in the business world. The council could make it significantly easier to use Uber and Lyft, or much harder.

For those drivers who are making their high rents with a few extra hours of driving people around town, the access to curbs could be a huge boon. For the existing taxis — the ones that the City Council has shown such favor for historically — it could just be more unwelcome competition. I'm not making any bets on where the council will come down, but it's historically not in favor of the little guy — little guys don't line pockets at re-election time.

Speaking of politicians on the campaign trail, Phil Brock's web show did an episode in which Brock gets very cozy with Liam Cronin, the Senior Creative Content Producer for PETA — the people who want to ban exotic animals in people's homes, as he said during the episode. Brock's getting into bed with PETA on this exotics issue makes me wonder: Who is he really after? Is it really about public safety? Supposedly he was doing this to protect the residents and tourists of Santa Monica who have been "attacked" by the exhibitors who have "almost permanent encampments" in Palisades Park and who thrust their birds and snakes in people's faces. But he also claims that he wants to protect the animals in a humane way.

One of Brock's guests, Kirsten Laage, was saddened when there was a monkey performing on the Promenade, and she thinks we "should be consistent since we banned the ponies at the Farmers Market."

Humans have been using animals for entertainment, sustenance and labor for millennia — so let's just cut the political posturing. If we need to regulate how the animals are displayed and used, that's one thing; but to ban them is just over regulation simply to appeal to voters that eventually leads to the fascist state Santa Monica rebelled against in its former hippy days.

My opinion is that these performing animals are all being well taken care of. A 10-foot albino python or boa is not going to last long in the wild, but having a human who provides it food, warmth and vet care allows it to grow to a ripe old age. Without a human protector, he'd have been bird bait in the first few hours of his life. Ponies are fed, watered, exercised and cared for.

Whether it's animals on the pier or taxis at curbs, I suppose we can expect to see Phil Brock wading into the discussion somehow. I believe we're going to hear from him a lot over the next two years as he makes his next run at a seat on the council so that he can make some changes that he thinks are in the best interest of the city.

If there's a city left after we get rid of all the fun reasons to be here …

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Wider streets would only make things worse

IN THE SMA.R.T. GROUP'S RECENT column, "Yesterday's streets tomorrow," Mario Fonda-Bonardi said that to fight traffic in Santa Monica, we should have been widening our streets into highways rather than making them safer for people who walk and ride bikes.

While we can all agree that traffic is a problem, Mario's assumptions about the causes of congestion and solutions to it are wrong. This is mid-20th century thinking that has been disproven over and over.

Santa Monica has widened streets and increased road capacity over the years, but it hasn't fixed traffic. Widening streets would claim old-growth trees, front yards and sidewalks and reduce livability without speeding up traffic because we'd simply be encouraging more driving and by doing so be adding more cars to already congested streets.

For instance, the City in the '50s widened Ocean Park Boulevard and Fourth Street into four-lane roads (including putting in a highway-type overpass), ripping out front and side yards. Thirty years later, in response to community activism, the City returned those streets to one lane in each direction, but the damage to the community was done.

When the Interstate 10 freeway was built a decade later, it was a huge increase in the capacity of Santa Monica's roads. People complained about traffic back then, too, so much so that they were willing to destroy whole neighborhoods for increased roadway capacity. But did it fix traffic? No.

The freeway promised unimpeded car travel to Santa Monica, but now the worst traffic congestion is on streets leading to and from the freeway and on boulevards that parallel the freeway.

Similarly, the recent $1.1-billion 405 widening project hasn't improved flow on that freeway, but it now dumps even more cars on Westside surface streets each day.

Fortunately, in Santa Monica, we have learned from the mistakes of our past. The successes of the projects to widen downtown sidewalks and replace car lanes with bike lanes on Main Street and Montana Avenue show how shared streets create livable places for people. Meanwhile, they work on expanding convenient alternatives to driving. The fact is that like everywhere in the region, traffic is bad in Santa Monica, but residents here on average drive less than people who live in more car-dependent areas.

To solve today's problems, let's not look to failed strategies of the past, which have literally destroyed neighborhoods and left us with many of the traffic problems we face today. If we plan our streets primarily for more vehicles at the expense of people who are willing to get out of their cars, then we all lose.

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Zoning Disgrace

Editor:

The purpose of a new zoning ordinance and amendments to the City's General Plan (LUCE) is to provide for a more orderly and better functioning community by making rules that govern the kinds of development that are allowed. Zoning ordinance revisions recently approved by the Planning Commission and a proposed LUCE Amendment fail this basic criterion and should be rejected by the City Council. The poster child for this failure would be the rezoning of a 2-acre area in Wilmont at 18th and Wilshire. The rezoning essentially relocates the discredited 14th Street Activity Center and its community damaging horrors to 18th Street. Recommendations to the draft zoning ordinance and revisions to the LUCE that were researched and proposed by our City's engaged neighborhood organizations seem to have been largely ignored by city staff and the Planning Commission. As a former Planning Commissioner in other California jurisdictions, I find it particularly disturbing to see knowledgeable public input finessed and camouflaged by City officials in apparent deference to development special interests. Santa Monica can do much better than that.

Dan O'Grady
Santa Monica

RENT

FROM PAGE 1

Monica's Rent Control Law at the end of 2014, down 33 units from 2013.

Rent-controlled units are located throughout Santa Monica but the City's northeast corner holds the most units, containing 22 percent of the total supply. Downtown holds the fewest units, about 4 percent of the total supply. Staff said Downtown didn't represent the City's housing stock as the area's small supply of units included two large luxury apartment projects that distorted the rental market.

"When area lines were drawn, two buildings in the area constituted 35 percent of the total units in the area," the report reads. "One of these buildings, 1221 Ocean Ave., is entirely luxury rentals, and rent levels are substantially higher than the rest of the city. Since then, a substantial number of units in Area C were removed from rent control. Over the years, 92 units were removed through Ellis Act withdrawals; 268 newly constructed units, including 148 rent-controlled units have replaced them."

MARKET RATE

Of the units covered by rent control, about a third of tenants have lived in their units since at least 1999 and are considered "long-term residents" by the report. The remaining two-thirds moved into their units after implementation of the Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act and live in units that were set to market rate when they moved in.

"Before Costa-Hawkins was implemented in 1999, rents of controlled units had been based on 1978 rents plus annual increases implemented to ensure owners a fair return," the report reads. "The allowed rent for a unit was not permitted to change even when units were vacated and re-rented. Once Costa-Hawkins was fully implemented, rents for most tenancies begun January 1, 1999 or after were no longer tied to 1978 rents. Instead, through 'vacancy decontrol,' they could be renegotiated with each new tenancy at whatever amount the market would bear — so called 'market-rate' rents. Those newly set rents remain subject to Rent Control's annual adjustment limits."

According to the report, the "market rate" tenants can pay almost twice the rate of "long-term" tenants.

"That doesn't mean there isn't a great value in a rent-controlled unit because the Rent Control Board limits the annual increases once the rent has been set," said Dan Costello, an Information Analyst with the Rent Control Board.

Of the 18,776 units that have been re-rented since 1999, 65 percent of units were most recently rented in the past six years.

Median rents, defined by recording all amounts paid for newly rented units of a given size and then taking the middle figure show that "market-rate" units are renting for $1,450 for a studio, $1,895 for a one-bedroom apartment, $2,500 for a two-bedroom place and $3,196 for three bedrooms.

Based on the cost of units, the average family of four needs to make 26 percent more than the area median income ($64,800) to afford one bedroom and 49 percent more for a two-bedroom place.

The report identified a lack of middle-class housing as a significant problem in the local housing market.

According to the report, there are plenty of housing options for high-earning households and while there have been recent challenges to affordable housing, Santa Monica has provided help to low-income residents.

"Squeezed between prohibitively expensive market-rate units and affordable units for which they do not income-qualify, middle-income households have extremely limited housing options in Santa Monica," the report reads. "Only a small percentage of units being created here can be considered affordable to the middle class."

ELLIS ACT

The Ellis Act allows a landlord to evict tenants if they plan to take the building out of the rental market. Of the units taken off the market, about 23 percent are no longer used as a residence, 19 percent are now single-family dwellings, 29 percent are condos, 5 percent are mixed-use buildings and 4 percent are apartments. The remaining are occupied by owners or are empty.

Ellis notifications increased in 2014. According to the report, landlords filed notices regarding 16 buildings containing a total of 85 units. In 2013 landlords filed nine notices impacting 29 units. Santa Monica has lost about 6.5 percent (1,973 units) of its rent-controlled stock to Ellis Act withdrawals since 1986.

"This has resulted in a serious depletion of affordable units, depriving many tenants of a chance to live in Santa Monica," the report reads.

MEASURE FS

Staff said the most significant rent control story of 2014 was the passage of Measure FS. The voter-approved law limits the fee paid to the Rent Control Board to a maximum of $288 per unit and caps the tenant portion of the payment at 50 percent. The fee is currently $175 and staff said they didn't expect the fee to hit the cap for another 10 years.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Rotary Club of Santa Monica invites applications for Community and Youth Grants

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica is currently accepting applications for its Community and Youth Grants program from non-profit organizations that serve the Santa Monica area and address the needs of those less fortunate in our community.

Grant applications are due by April 1, 2015 for the next funding cycle. Grants offered by the Community and Youth Grants program range from $500 to $3,500. Funds may be requested for capital, equipment or new program development. Funds are not available for annual operating needs or special events.

Non-profit organizations may apply annually for funding. Applications and instructions can be obtained by contacting the Rotary Club of Santa Monica at (310) 917-3313, by e-mailing RotaryClubofSantaMonica@Verizon.net, or from the Rotary Club website at http://bit.ly/RotaryCYG. Organizations must provide proof of non-profit 501(c)(3) status and be able to verify that the funds benefit the community of Santa Monica or address the needs of the less fortunate in Santa Monica.

– SUBMITTED BY MITCHELL KRAUS

UCLA

David Geffen School of Medicine celebrates naming of UCLA Agi Hirshberg Center for Pancreatic Diseases

UCLA celebrated the naming of the UCLA Agi Hirshberg Center for Pancreatic Diseases last month at a gathering of Hirshberg's family and friends. The naming was made possible by $10 million in gifts from Hirshberg to UCLA.

"Agi Hirshberg's 18-year commitment to finding a cure has placed UCLA at the forefront of cutting-edge research on pancreatic cancer," said UCLA Chancellor Gene Block. "In recognition of her visionary support and a generous new $5 million gift, we are pleased to name the UCLA Agi Hirshberg Center for Pancreatic Diseases."

The campus event also was attended by UCLA faculty and staff as well as members of Women and Philanthropy - of which Hirshberg is president - and the board of visitors of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Hirshberg established the Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research in 1997 in memory of her late husband, Ronald S. Hirshberg, who died of pancreatic cancer at age 54. The innovative research supported by the foundation has changed the face of pancreatic cancer treatment. As the first beneficiary of the foundation's giving, UCLA established the Ronald S. Hirshberg Translational Pancreatic Cancer Research Laboratory in 1998 and the Ronald S. Hirshberg Chair in Translational Pancreatic Cancer Research in 2000.

Officials said funding from the Hirshberg Foundation has elevated the UCLA center to one of the nation's premier comprehensive programs for pancreatic cancer and diseases, and it has laid the groundwork for a model in which the needs of people with pancreatic cancer are met in one location with the most advanced treatment options available.

"I strongly believe that the cure for pancreatic cancer is right around the corner. I feel it," Hirshberg said. "This new commitment ensures continuous research results and allows us to continue on our path toward a cancer-free life."

Hirshberg's most recent gift will fund seed grants as well as the center's highest-priority needs. The Hirshberg Foundation's Seed Grant Program has helped propel pancreatic cancer research, serving as a springboard for multiple investigations at UCLA and other prestigious institutions and leading to additional investments from the National Institutes of Health and other organizations. Since the program's inception in 2000, it has generated more than $65 million in additional support for research involving the molecular mechanisms of pancreatic cancer, early diagnosis, surgical and chemotherapeutic treatments, psychosocial approaches to disease management and prevention strategies.

"Agi Hirshberg raised the visibility of this devastating disease and has been instrumental in advancing pancreatic cancer research, not only at UCLA but across the nation," said Dr. Vay Liang Go, director of the UCLA Center for Excellence in Pancreatic Diseases. "Her ongoing support of the multiple areas focused on pancreatic cancer at UCLA has led to pioneering investigations that have given many patients a chance to survive one of the most deadly forms of cancer."

According to Dr. Howard Reber, distinguished professor of surgery emeritus, chief of gastrointestinal and pancreatic surgery, and director emeritus of the newly renamed center, "Agi Hirshberg has had a major role in the growth and development of one of the country's busiest and most successful clinical programs for the multidisciplinary treatment of pancreatic cancer."

Kathryn Carrico, UCLA's assistant vice chancellor for health sciences development, said, "We applaud not only Agi's vision, dedication and leadership, but also the power of her philanthropy."

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PRE-SEASON

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The St. Monica High School girls softball played Venice High School in a pre-season tournament game and lost on March 13. Pictured are Bianca Silva from Venice High School attempting to pick off Annie Donaldson from St. Monica High's and Katie Kaufman from St. Monica High School running the softball to first for the out.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PROPOSED BIG BLUE BUS/EXPO SERVICE INTEGRATION STUDY

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Santa Monica City Council at the Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 for patrons of the Big Blue Bus. The hearing will be held as an agendized part of the City Council meeting, which starts at 5:30 p.m.

The City Council will consider the Expo Integration Plan (available at **bigbluebus.com/expo**) which seeks to capitalize on the opening of seven new rail stations in the Big Blue Bus service area. This is a significant change of conditions for a system that has served rail only at the periphery until now. Alterations of bus routes to attract new rail-to-bus transfers have the potential to increase ridership, make more efficient use of transit resources, and reduce overall levels of congestion. The Expo Integration Study includes extensive public outreach, a survey of existing conditions, and a recommended plan of action.

The primary objectives of the Plan are: creating first-and-last mile connectivity; more north-south corridor service to serve the stations; reducing redundancy with other transit providers; eliminating inefficient routing; improving speed and reliability; and maximizing resources; while acknowledging that current BBB service must continue to serve markets and customers that do not interface with Expo.

The revised plan includes an increase of approximately 9% in revenue service hours and associated costs.

Interested parties may comment in person at the hearing, or may submit written comments prior to the hearing: Big Blue Bus, 1660 7th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Attn: Community Relations, or by email at bus-info@bigbluebus.com. For additional information contact Suja Lowenthal, Government and Community Relations Manager, at 310-451-5444.

City Hall is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-451-5444 at least three (3) days prior to the hearing. All written materials are available in alternate formats upon request. Big Blue Bus Routes 2, 3, Rapid 3, 3M, 4, 7, Rapid 7, 8 and 9 service City Hall and the Civic Center. Visit BigBlueBus.com for schedule information.

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PREVIEW

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continuation of the current practice, in which all Council members approve the selection and scope of work of the external and internal auditors, and participate in the review and discussion of financial audits and internal audit reviews in an open hearing that is transparent to the public, and in which both Council members and the public have the opportunity to ask questions."

PARKING AND BOOZE APPEAL PUSHED

Unite Here, Local 11, a hospitality union, is appealing variances granted to the Georgian Hotel by the Planning Commission. The variances amend existing rules about alcohol and parking at the hotel. The appeal was slated to go before council on Tuesday. The union, however, has asked to delay the decision to May and the Georgian agreed.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Councilmember Ted Winterer is asking his colleagues to agree give the Ocean Park Association $5,000 to hire a coordinator to organize the annual Fourth of July Parade on Main Street.

WOMEN'S COMMISSION NOMINATIONS

A council deadlock over a nomination to the Commission on the Status of Women could be broken on Tuesday. Last month, when Councilmember Gleam Davis was absent, nominees Madeleine Brand and Elena Christopoulos got three votes apiece with no council members willing to change sides. Brand is the host of a radio show on KCRW and Christopoulos is an environmental and political advisor.

Council will accept Jessica Lall's resignation from the same commission, leaving two vacancies on the nine-member body.

SAFE STREETS CHALLENGE

Mayor Kevin McKeown and Councilmember Pam O'Connor, who are often framed as political rivals, joined forces to add an item to the agenda calling for pedestrian and bicycle mobility and safety through the U.S. Department of Transportation's "Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets."

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LANDMARK

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they said. "The subject property and its neighbor at 240 Hill Street appear to be so-to-speak trailblazers as they were built prior to this popular multi-family trend."

For this reason, the properties warranted consideration as a designated City Landmark, the consultant's report says.

The commission largely agreed, voting 5 to 1 to nominate the buildings. Chair Margaret Bach was the lone dissenting vote — she preferred it be nominated for Structure of Merit status.

Robert Chattel, a preservation architect, spoke on behalf of the landowners during the public input portion of the meeting.

"There are prominent features and I would say limited really to the nested gable of the porch," he said. "The two properties that face the street are mirror images and there's a narrow walkway in between them. There are multiple, which I think is probably why we're here tonight."

Commissioner Dolores Sloan, who lived in the neighborhood, said that the symmetry of the two street-facing bungalows always arrested her.

"I would walk sometimes two and three times a day past those two buildings in the front and to me they were always a significant part of my walk," she told the commission.

Commissioner Barbara Kaplan expressed interest in the fact that all three houses were built on the 42-foot by 161-foot property in the same year.

"I thought it was pretty unusual when I first saw it," she said. "There are other cluster courts like this in the neighborhood but not as ... pristine or as symmetrical."

Some commissioners expressed less interest in the third, non-front facing home but they decided to nominate the trio, giving them the greatest flexibility at a later date.

The three properties will come back for consideration as landmarks later this year. If approved, the building owner will have an opportunity to appeal the decision. If that happens, City Council would make the final call.

Landmarked buildings, or those designated Structures of Merit, are harder to demolish or replace. Changes need to be approved by the commission although there are exemptions, like financial hardship, which can be claimed by the owners of landmarked buildings.

At least 114 structures have been designated as City Landmarks since landmarking began in 1975. At least three of those were demolished. Another seven building have been designated as Structures of Merit, with one designation nullified months later.

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JOSEPH PHILIP CLEARY (JOE)

March 8, 1921 - March 10, 2015

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden passing of Joe Cleary, two days after his 94th birthday.

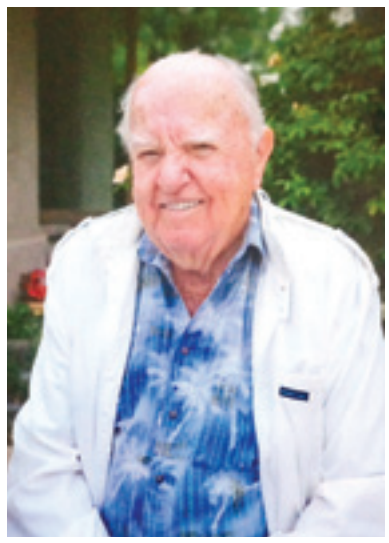
Joe was born in Los Angeles and graduated from Loyola High School in 1939. After graduation, Joe enrolled in the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo in preparation for his military service.

A second world war Veteran, Joe commanded several liberty class ships in the Pacific Theatre. After Joe's time at sea, he and his new bride, Mary Ann DeCoursey, settled in Santa Monica and Pacific Palisades where they raised two sons, Tim and Philip.

Joe and his business partner found success in the lumber and hardware business in Santa Monica, Malibu and the Palisades and sold the business after 30 years.

Joe's wife Mary Ann sadly passed before him after 43 years of marriage and Joe later married Barbara Brethauer of Oakland and they resided in Palm Desert. They enjoyed 25 years of a loving marriage by traveling, visiting their kids and grandkids and golfing. Barbara passed away in 2013.

Joe is survived by his son Tim, his wife Barbara along with her daugher and son Julie Frago and Todd Borman. He is also survived by son, Philip, his wife Kimberly and their children Joe, Shea, Conway and Mary Ann.



Joe will be dearly missed by all who knew him. He was "One Hell of a Guy."

Services are to be held at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Culver City at 12:30 pm Friday, March 20, 2015. Chapel of the Risen Christ.

In lieu of flowers or donations, please perform a random act of kindness for some really deserving individual and please mention this kind act is in memory of "Good Ol' Joe Cleary

Courtesy photo

U12 BOYS: The local boys team has advanced to tournament play on March 22.

Courtesy Photo

U12 GIRLS: The girls great season will conclude with a tournament on March 21 in Irvine.

SOCCER

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a smile," said Pye, an England native who has lived in Santa Monica for about 25 years and coached soccer for 17 years. "The kids went absolutely mental. It was a real touching thing."

Pye's team will play March 21 in Irvine in a tournament featuring some of the best U12 girls squads in the region. Santa Monica is slated to meet North Valley in one semifinal, while Palos Verdes and Garden Grove will duke it out in the other. The winners will battle for top honors later in the day.

Santa Monica, which has compiled a 29-3-1 record while outscoring opponents 81-15, will be vying for its second tri-sectional title in three seasons. The local U12 girls also won the championship two years ago under then-coach Gary Berry.

This weekend's event builds on what has already been a fantastic campaign for Pye's team, which won its league title with a 12-1 record.

Santa Monica won Camarillo and Upland tournaments and also took first place in its division at the 21st annual Locomotion tournament Feb. 13-16 in Riverside, where it finished ahead of runner-up Culver City, third-place Beaumont and fourth-place South Torrance.

Santa Monica recently returned to Riverside for its sectional tournament and defeated La Verne, which Pye said had not dropped a game all season. The local girls then secured a spot in Saturday's tri-sectional semifinal in Irvine despite their heartbreaking finish in the shootout loss.

And regardless of how the U12 girls fare in the upcoming tournament in Irvine, their season will continue this summer with a highly anticipated trip to Sweden, where they will represent Santa Monica and the United States in the youth World Cup.

U12 BOYS MOVE AHEAD

Meanwhile, a local U12 boys soccer team will also compete in the tri-sectional playoffs.

Terry Maher's 11-member squad has advanced to play March 22 in Irvine in a one-day tournament that also features teams from Camarillo, Valencia and Long Beach.

Santa Monica currently has a 27-4-3 record and has outscored opponents by a combined tally of 131-43.

"It's been a very good year," Maher said. "It started rough, but they fine-tuned things. We've been through regionals and sectionals and tournaments, and we've been dominating. They've really peaked at the perfect moment, and they're on a roll."

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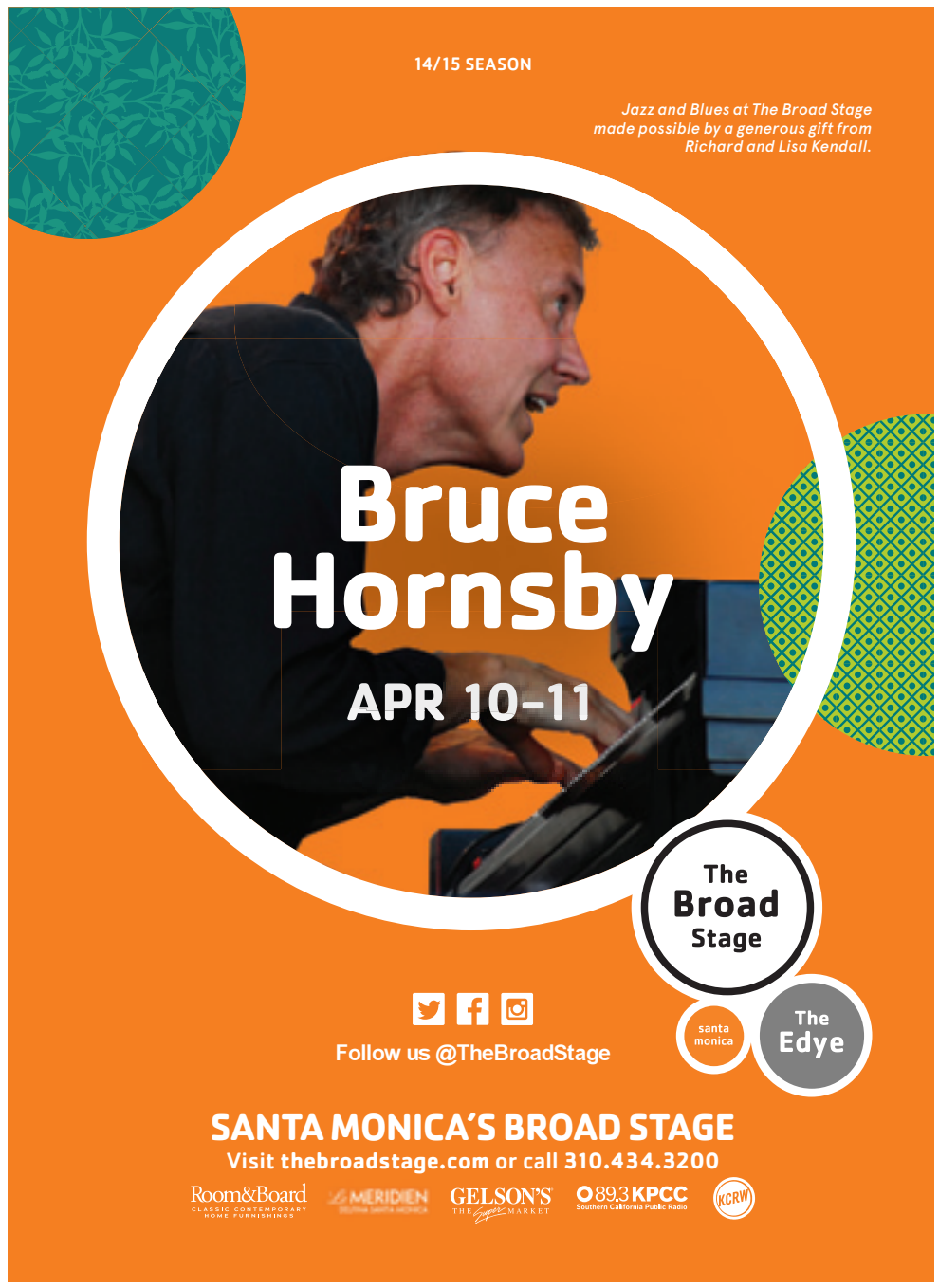

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Santa Monica Rent Control Board

At its regular meeting on March 12, 2015, the Santa Monica Rent Control Board adopted regulation 9011 which requires owners to provide written notice of tenants' rights when buyout offers are made.

The regulation will become effective the day after publication of this notice in the newspaper. Copies of the new regulation will be made available at the Rent Control Agency at City Hall and at www.smgov.net/rentcontrol.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Main Library

Santa Monica Public Library presents screening of Anita: Speaking Truth to Power

The Santa Monica Public Library celebrates Women's History Month with a screening of the documentary Anita: Speaking Truth to Power on Wednesday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library's MLK, Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard.

In October 1991 an entire country watched transfixed as a woman in a blue dress sat before a Senate committee of 14 white men and with a clear, unwavering voice recounted the repeated acts of sexual harassment she endured while working with U.S. Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas.

Against a backdrop of sex, politics, and race, Anita reveals the intimate story of a woman who spoke truth to power. Directed by Academy Award-winning filmmaker Freida Mock, the film is both a celebration of Anita Hill's legacy and a rare glimpse into her private life with friends and family, many of whom were by her side that fateful day 23 years ago. Anita Hill speaks openly and intimately for the first time about her experiences that led her to testify before the Senate and the obstacles she faced in simply telling the truth.

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to event. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

– SUBMITTED BY NANCY BENDER

SOLAR

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lion for major school upgrades that voters approved in 2012 through Measure ES — will be spent on solar power.

The rooftop panels, which convert sunlight into electricity through a few different methods, have become increasingly popular in recent years. The amount of solar power installed in the United States has increased from 1.2 gigawatts in 2008 to an estimated 17.5 gigawatts last year — enough to power 3.5 million average American homes, according to the federal Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy.

Solar panels are already in place at several SMMUSD campuses, including Franklin, Grant, McKinley, Muir, Roosevelt, Rogers and Webster elementary schools as well as the Santa Monica Alternative School House. There are also solar panels at Cabrillo and Point Dume Marine Science elementary schools in Malibu.

The district saved $50,236 by using the alternative energy source in 2013-14, the first year of its solar program, Pinsker said.

The potential addition of solar panels at Santa Monica High would build on the school's efforts to use renewable power.

About a decade ago, with the support of students in the Samohi Solar Alliance, a solar thermal unit was installed to heat Drake Pool. It was not functioning for a while but was recently rejuvenated and is now in use, Pinsker said, although savings figures were not immediately available.

The solar alliance, which was involved in the restoration of the thermal unit, works on a variety of environmental issues and projects each year.

The club's current president, Claire Goldberg, said she wants to extend Samohi's progressive energy legacy. She urged school board members at a recent meeting to consider setting aside Measure ES funds to cover the installation of solar panels on the school's science and technology building.

"It's not just important to students, but to parents and community members and hopefully all of you on the board," she said. "This would make our school environmentally friendly and save our school money. I can't think of any reason why you wouldn't want to do this."

Club co-president Michael Lappen said the district could save on electricity costs while reducing Samohi's carbon footprint.

"We've got one Earth," he said. "Every little thing counts. We can set an example for other schools. They will eventually pay for themselves."

Board member Ralph Mechur voiced support for the projects. He said solar panels should be installed not only at the flagship campus but also at other sites in the district.

"It's something that's innovative," said Mechur, an architect who has served on the city Planning Commission. "We'll be thinking globally and acting locally, and we'll be inspiring our students."

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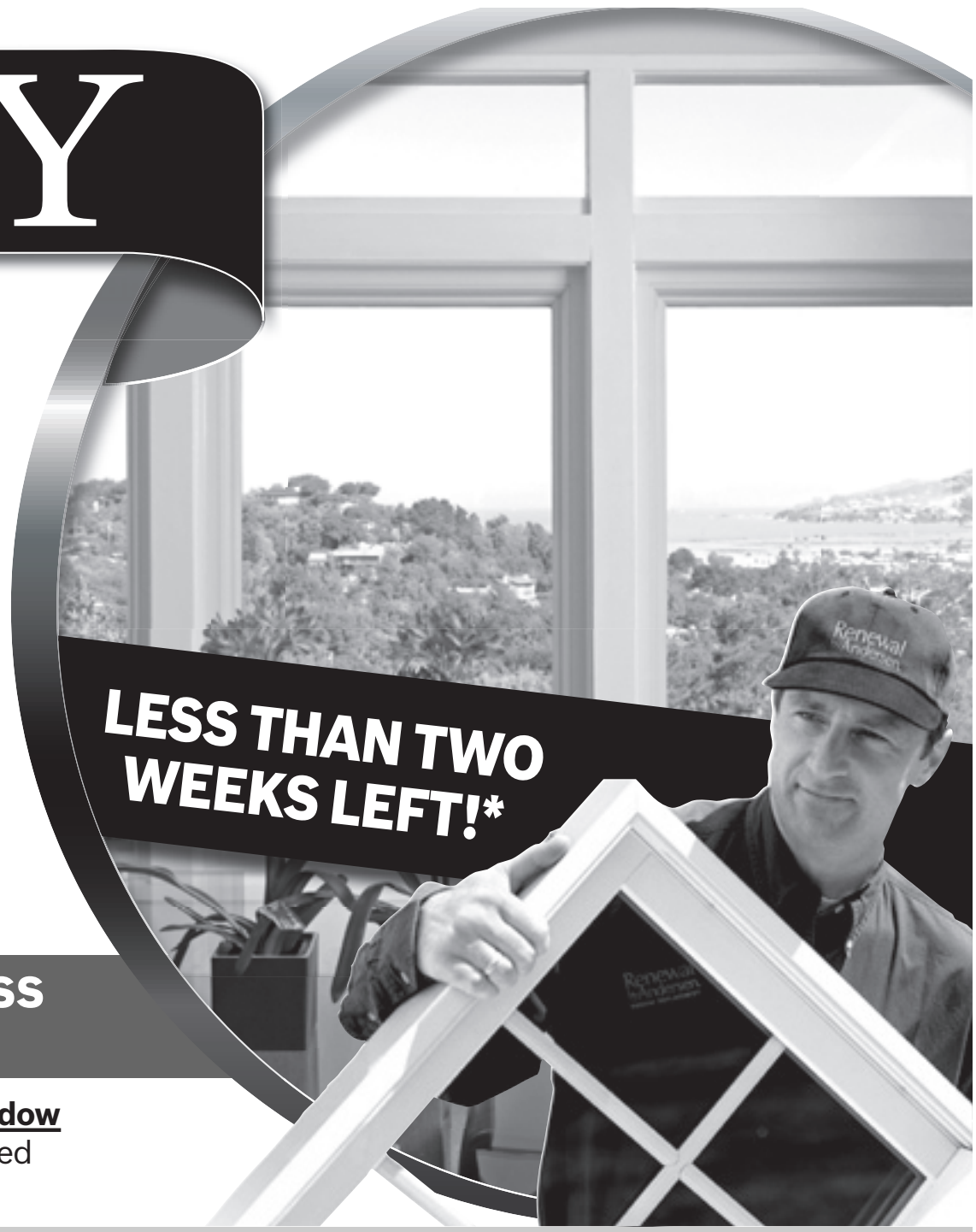

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SURF REPORT

SURF FORECASTS

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TUESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
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WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
New South swell starts to slowly build in. Deep high tide in the early AM will hinder most spots; Watch for larger South sets to rise up over the PM.

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high occ. 4ft
New/primary South swell tops out. New/secondary WNW-NW swell moves in and tops out as well. Unfortunately the deep high tide in the AM will hinder most spots.

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Holding/easing mix of primary South swell and secondary WNW-NW swell. Deep high tide in the AM will hinder most spots.

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 **January 12, 2015**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
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+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	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	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
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+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
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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Angels starting second base competition will come down to defense

BY TONY CAPOBIANCO
Contributing writer

TEMPE, Ariz. When the Los Angeles Angels traded longtime second baseman Howie Kendrick to the cross-town Dodgers for top pitching prospect Andrew Heaney, they quickly traded for young and unheralded second basemen Josh Rutledge from the Colorado Rockies to go with fellow recently acquired infielder Johnny Giavotella and compete for a chance to fill the void in Spring Training.

"I wasn't really expecting a trade," Rutledge said. "After it was all played out, I was excited to come over here. Especially the seasons they've been having and just winning. That's different."

"I was excited for the opportunity," Giavotella said. "I didn't have much of an opportunity with Kansas City with them signing Omar Infante to a long term deal. So I'm excited for a new fresh start over here."

The competition for the starting spot at second base is one of the more compelling storylines in Angels camp this spring. Manager Mike Scioscia stated recently that his criteria for the lead role in second base is who fits the best on defense and in the lineup.

Grant Green has the hitting advantage over both Rutledge and Giavotellla, but defense is what would seal the deal for him, which is the area where he's behind right now.

"I think offensively he's definitely ready for the challenge of helping us in the major leagues, but he's going to go out there and win a position defensively," Mike Scioscia said on Green.

The belief behind spring position battles is that those who have the best spring, statistically speaking, wins the job. However, none of the Angels infielders see stats as a deciding factor.

"Honestly, I'm not trying to look at stats," Giavotella said. "I'm not trying to compare myself to other people but to be the best that I can be."

"I don't think stats hold any weight," Rutledge said. I really don't consider that part of winning a job. Obviously, the closer it gets to games, yeah. In the beginning, it's about getting those at bats and seeing live pitching."

One stat that is telling between the two young infielders is plate appearance. While Giavotella has played in one more game and has the better offensive numbers, Rutledge has more than twice as many plate appearances (36-17) prior to Monday. Rutledge has been given every opportunity to come away as the starter so batting averages, on-base and slugging percentages don't really stand as much of a factor, given the lopsided sample sizes between the two.

Another strong possibility that Scioscia offered up was a platoon in second base, allowing Rutledge to take on left-handed starting pitching and Giavotella going against righties. Should the two be equal standouts on the field and have ways to complement each other in the batter's box, the competition for the starting spot may just end in a tie.

In the end, expect Rutledge being the main guy in second base come opening day, but also get ready for some Giavotella action there as well.

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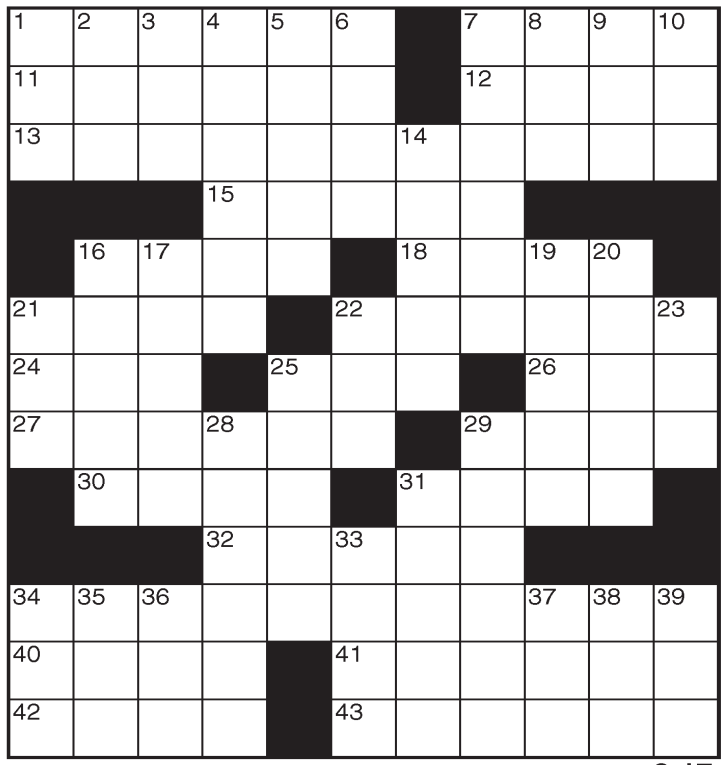

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Difficulty Level ★★

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4	5	2	9	7	3	8	6	1
3	1	6	4	8	2	9	7	5
1	3	8	6	9	5	7	4	2
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Draw Date: 3/14
8 14 39 46 47
Power#: 18
Jackpot: 40M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/13
8 22 30 42 45
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 42M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 3/14
13 17 18 22 37
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 17M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/15
1 8 13 14 22

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Draw Date: 3/16
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Draw Date: 3/15
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DAILY DERBY
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2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
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1. Informal. a feeling of fear, apprehension, or nervousness.
2. Informal. intestinal cramps or other intestinal disturbances.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1947 – First flight of the B-45 Tornado strategic bomber.

1948 – The Benelux, France, and the United Kingdom sign the Treaty of Brussels, a precursor to the North Atlantic Treaty establishing NATO.

1950 – Researchers at the University of California, Berkeley announce the creation of element 98, which they name "californium".

1957 – A plane crash in Cebu, Philippines kills Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay and 24 others.

1958 – The United States launches the Vanguard 1 satellite.

1959 – Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, flees Tibet for India.

1960 – U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs the National Security Council directive on the anti-Cuban covert action program that will ultimately lead to the Bay of Pigs Invasion.

1963 – Mount Agung erupted on Bali killing more than 1,100 people.

1966 – Off the coast of Spain in the Mediterranean, the DSV Alvin submarine finds a missing American hydrogen bomb.

1968 – As a result of nerve gas testing in Skull Valley, Utah, over 6,000 sheep are found dead.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Least Industrious Criminals: (1) Deputies in Santa Rosa County, Florida, arrested Kevin Barbour, 37, after he fled, on foot, from a recent traffic stop. Deputies chased him awhile, then called for K-9 backup, and by the time the dogs arrived, a sound resembling a "snorting wild boar" saturated the area. A snoring Barbour was found asleep under a tree and arrested. (2) Michael Cassano, 38, was arrested in Lodi, New Jersey, in February, after allegedly robbing the Hudson City Savings Bank of about $4,000. He was spotted minutes later, a block away at a Dunkin Donuts, sipping coffee.

■ News of the Weird has reported on joyous "fertility" festivals in South Korea and Japan in which uninhibited celebrants brandish artistic "penises" (from parade floats to souvenir phalluses as jewelry, flower pots, food, etc. -- serving adults and little kids alike). It turns out that Greece, too, has such an annual spectacle, "Bourani," in the town of Tirnavos, on the first day of Lent, with historic roots based on inspiring fertile crops as well as human fertility. Wrote Vice.com in its dispatch, "People keep kissing (the penises), taking selfies with them, and wearing them as earrings."

Live it up tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might decide to indulge yourself or a loved one. You will follow through with this behavior, even if you are trying to restrain yourself right now. Expect some surprises along the way. Try to get rid of any limiting thoughts. Tonight: Live it up!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Others look to you to take the lead. You probably are not even aware of what a commanding figure you are. You'll appreciate the sentiment, but you might want to do something else instead of being a role model. You don't have to make excuses. Tonight: Paint the town green.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You will be weighing the pros and cons of an idea. You might not be ready to share it with others yet. In any case, a friend will try to reel you in. Rather than being annoyed, join this person. Share some of your private thoughts. Tonight: Returns calls and emails.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ If you don't feel like joining your loved ones, know that that's OK. You usually are a people person, but perhaps you have better plans. You don't need to share everything that is on your mind. Deal with a touchy person carefully. Tonight: With a favorite person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You could be rethinking a relationship. You might want to test out some of your thoughts or at least discuss them. You will find that others have surprising reactions to what you say. Don't worry so much; everything will work out. Tonight: Sort through the possibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might want to go out at some point, but a sudden introverted streak could take over. You don't need to explain why; just gracefully duck out and do what you want. Sometimes you need to cancel plans in order to go down your own path. Tonight: Not to be found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might have a serious meeting on your schedule, but you still will make time to visit your Irish friends. You can get quite intense if you feel a lack of control. Realize that the only person you can control is you. Others surprise you with their choices. Tonight: Go for naughty.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might be in the mood to stay home, yet St. Patrick's Day happenings will lure you out the door. You might discover that a child or loved one seems to be acting quite spontaneous. Enjoy this sudden change, as it won't last forever. Tonight: Go green.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You generally are full of fun, yet you seem to be more serious right now. A friend will try to tease you out of your mood. Just be true to yourself. You could be surprised by what happens as a result. Communication will flourish if you are willing to talk. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Listen to news with an ear to the financial implications involved. Understand that this situation is in a state of flux, so avoid making decisions right now. You might be short several facts, or perhaps you just can't see the whole picture yet. Tonight: Treat an Irish friend to a drink.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You'll see a new beginning as others seem to reveal much more. You have the ability to add excitement wherever you are. You might get a little too assertive in a conversation. Try to make fewer judgments. Tonight: You might not be Irish, but you can act like you are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Don't expect a project to go exactly the way you would like it to. Part of the problem is that you want your ideas to be accepted by others. Share your views, and allow others to express their free will. The results will be better in the long run. Tonight: A vanishing act.

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

This year you will be more open to others. You will focus on your work and on integrating a new element into your life. At times, you will want to retreat. Make that OK. It would be wise to develop a stress-reducing hobby, like yoga. If you are single, look to fall 2015 to meet someone special. You could meet Mr. or Ms. Right! Remain available until this person arrives on the scene. If you are attached, the two of you love your downtime together as a couple. Make a point of going on more dates as well as taking off for the weekend. AQUARIUS helps you through your problems.

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

Speed Bump
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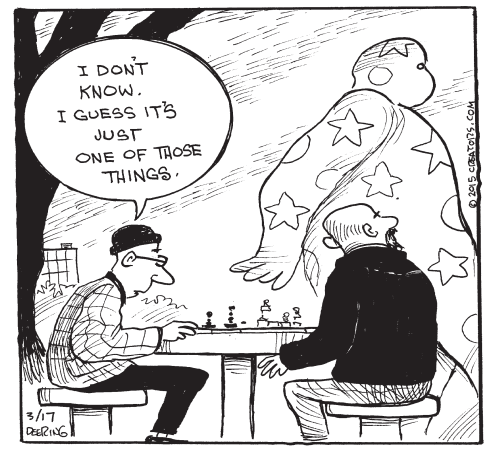

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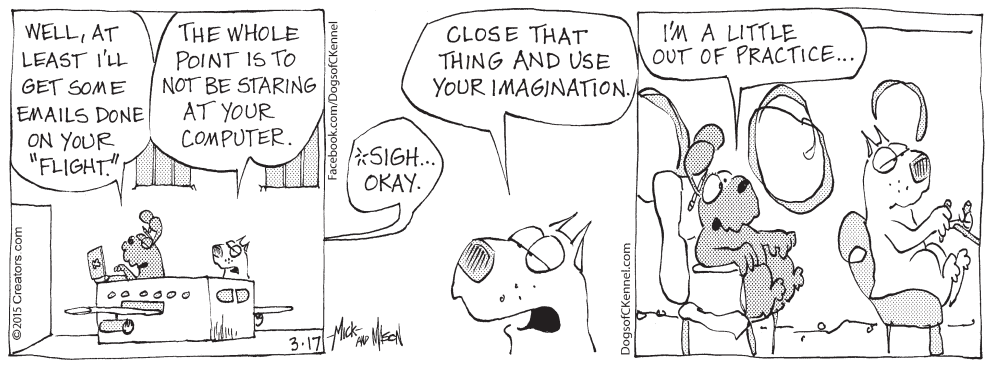

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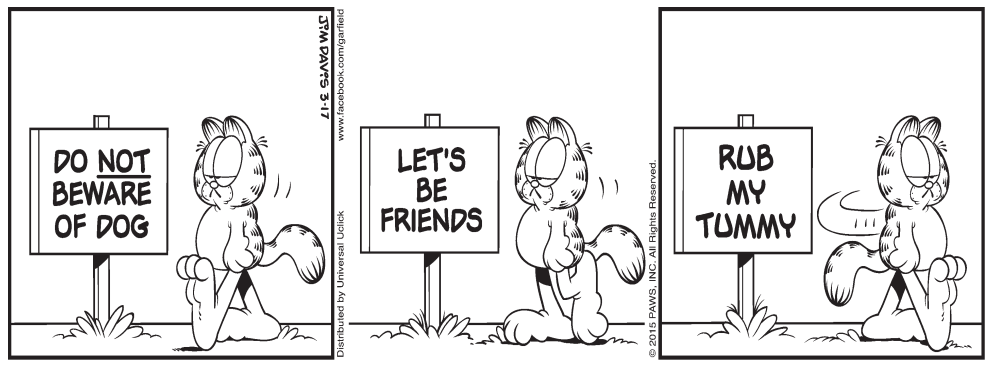

The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON MARCH 5 AT APPROXIMATELY 3:45 P.M.
Maintenance workers at an apartment building at the 1400 block of 5th St. saw the suspect enter the subterranean garage there and recognized him from surveillance videos that were recorded during previous burglaries at the same location. One of the workers kept an eye on the suspect as he walked down to a lower level of the garage. The suspect then tried to cut a lock off one of the tenant's bikes that was parked there. After notifying his co-workers, the maintenance workers walked down to the lower level as well to look for the suspect. When the suspect saw them, he ran away and eventually left the building through a stairwell. The workers followed the suspect for a short distance, then flagged down a K-9 officer who was headed to the location. The suspect was detained and found to be in possession a pair of wire cutters and a meth pipe. He also had a No Bail warrant for his arrest. Ernest Brass, 54 of Santa Monica, was held without bail.

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The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 392 calls for service on March 15.

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Assault, 2600 block Main, 12:22 a.m.
Petty theft, 700 block Broadway, 12:53 a.m.
Vandalism, 1400 block Ocean, 1:25 a.m.
Petty theft, 20th/Delaware, 1:34 a.m.
Battery, 2900 block Main, 1:37 a.m.
Trespassing, 1300 block 4th, 2:07 a.m.
Fight, Main/Ashland, 2:32 a.m.
Drunk driving, Centinela/I-10, 2:45 a.m.
Auto burglary, 1200 block 2nd, 6:08 a.m.
Person with gun, 300 block Colorado, 6:13 a.m.
Burglary, 2600 block Cloverfield, 7:24 a.m.
Battery, 1300 block 3rd, 8:01 a.m.
Hit and run, 7th/Hill, 9:48 a.m.
Medical emergency, 2nd/Santa Monica, 11:48 a.m.
Medical emergency, Ocean/Arizona, 12:04 p.m.
Medical emergency, Ocean/Palisades, 12:56 p.m.
Domestic violence, 5th/Santa Monica, 1:11 p.m.
Medical emergency, 1300 block Ocean, 1:33 p.m.
Car crash, 11th/Wilshire, 2:13 p.m.
Hit and run, 1100 block PCH, 2:41 p.m.
Fight, 1200 block Harvard, 2:44 p.m.
Hit and run, 1600 block 12th, 3:07 p.m.
Vandalism, 1300 block Harvard, 3:20 p.m.
Medical emergency, 400 block SM Pier, 3:55 p.m.
Car crash, 200 block PCH, 4:16 p.m.
Battery, 2500 block 28th, 4:43 p.m.
Domestic violence, 4th/Santa Monica, 5:31 p.m.
Burglary, 2900 block 31st, 6:48 p.m.
Vandalism, 600 block Broadway, 7:09 p.m.
Child endangerment, 2nd/Santa Monica, 7:28 p.m.
Vandalism, 800 block 19th, 8:22 p.m.
Drunk driving, Cloverfield/I-10, 8:35 p.m.

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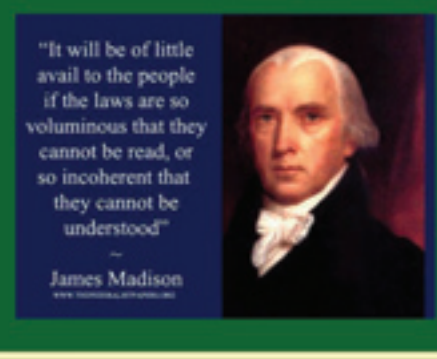

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