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Youngsters make beautiful music at Disney

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Tuesday, 240 of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified's best elementary school musicians traveled to Anaheim to do what people their age only dream of — play at the Disneyland Resort.

Of course, for these students, "playing" can be work, too.

Members of the honor band, orchestra and choir — and nearly 50 parental chaperones — piled onto four school buses to participate in a Disney-led educational workshop, where professional conductors guide the children

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New law: A service animal can be dog or a mini-horse

BY SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Dani Moore uses a rat perched on her shoulder as a service animal to alert her to spasms from a disabling condition. Daniel Greene's service animal is a snake wrapped around his neck to help him predict epileptic seizures.

But these creatures and many others are no longer acceptable as service animals under new federal guidelines issued March 15 by the U.S. Department of Justice for the Americans with Disabilities Act. The new recommendations limit service animals to dogs and housebroken miniature horses.

The new guidelines are not binding to states, municipalities and other agencies, which are free to adopt the policy or to make their own. But individuals who rely on other types of animals to help them manage physical disabilities and condi-

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Boys and a few girls line up along the 400 block of Broadway to be the first to enter the fourth location of the street clothing store The Hundreds on Broadway and Fourth Street Friday morning. The first 50 shoppers spending over $30 received a free, limited-edition T-shirt. Some were in line since Thursday night.

Police open up about open container law

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE If you get your jollies sneaking sips out of Jim Bean bottles in public parks, your time is up.

On April 12, the City Council will hear a second reading of a new ordinance that would prohibit people from carrying open alcoholic beverages on public property, which has Santa Monica Police Department officers breathing a sigh of relief.

The ordinance will close a long-standing loophole in city codes, which makes it illegal to drink alcohol in public spaces but says nothing against having an open can or bottle in hand.

That gap between enforcement and practice has been the source of major frustration for the police department, said Neighborhood Resource Officer Scott McGee.

McGee patrols Beat 5, which encompasses the area from Montana Avenue up to the northern city limits, and describes open containers as a "daily occurrence."

"Even if they're holding it in their hand, but we don't see them drinking it, there's not much we can do at the moment," McGee said. "For us, that's undesirable, because it leads to public intoxication, which endangers the public at large, the health and safety of the intoxicated person as well as the city resources to care for that person."

Officers actually have to catch a person with the can or bottle to their lips to make contact with them and enforce the standing rule against drinking in public.

Since repeat offenders know the rules, that can be a difficult task, particularly if there are other calls or incidents that police, fire or other emergency personnel have to respond to in the course of their shift.

If officers have time to wait until a person slips, they will, McGee acknowledged, but it's not often that they can devote their resources to it.

Having an open container is already illegal under state law, explained City Attorney Marsha Moutrie at the March 22 City

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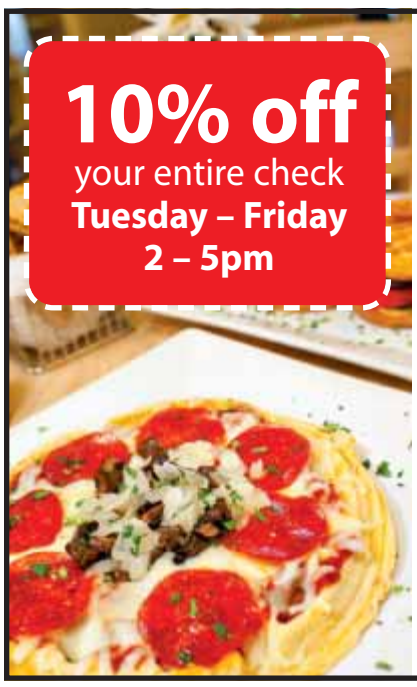
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Saturday, April 2, 2011

Book worms unite
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Join the Ocean Park Library Book Club for a discussion on "The Help" by Kathyrn Stockett. Free to all.

Don't miss Miss Nelson
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.
As part of the Y.E.S. (Youth Education/Entertainment Series) the Morgan-Wixson will be hosting the theater production of "Miss Nelson is Back" based on a book of the same name by Harry Allard and James Marshall. Saturdays and Sundays through April 10. Reserved seats are $8 ($6 for children 12 and under). For more information go to http://www.morgan-wixson.org or call (310) 828-7519.

A night at the opera
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
The opera "Cavalleria Rusticana," a story of powerful passion and deadly consequences, will be featured at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club Saturday (8 p.m.) and Sunday (2 p.m.). Produced by the Vineyard Touring Opera Co., "Cavalleria Rusticana" features great music, beautiful voices and passionate, operatic storytelling. All performances will have Super Titles — English translations of the Italian lyrics — projected overhead to help the audience follow the story. Price: $25; $15 for students and seniors. For more information go to www.vtopera.org or call (855) 575-0005.

Jazz duo
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Branford Marsalis isn't just a three-time Grammy Award-winning saxophonist. He's a composer, a producer and has played with a who's who of jazz giants including Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Herbie Hancock and Sonny Rollins. He will be performing along with fellow Grammy Award-winner Terence Blanchard. Prices range from $57 to $120. For more information go to http://thebroadstage.com/BMarsalis.

Sunday, April 3, 2011

Jazz on tap at SMC
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 4 p.m.
Master musician Clay Jenkins joins up with conductor Keith Fiddmont and the SMC Jazz Band for "Tribute," a performance of arrangements featuring the trumpet as the focal sound. Tickets are $10. The concert is sponsored by the Santa Monica College Music Department.

Life lessons
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m.
A Tony nominee for best play in 2002 "Metamorphoses" by Mary Zimmerman is an adaptation of Ovid's poem that brings to the stage messages from classical tales. Characters learn life lessons including Narcissus, who fell in love with his reflection and perished; Midas, who learned that all that glitters is not gold; and Orpheus, who lost his love because he would not follow orders. Cost: $15 general admission; $12 for students and seniors; $10 for SMC AS students, faculty and staff with valid ID. For more information, go to www.smc.edu/theatre/

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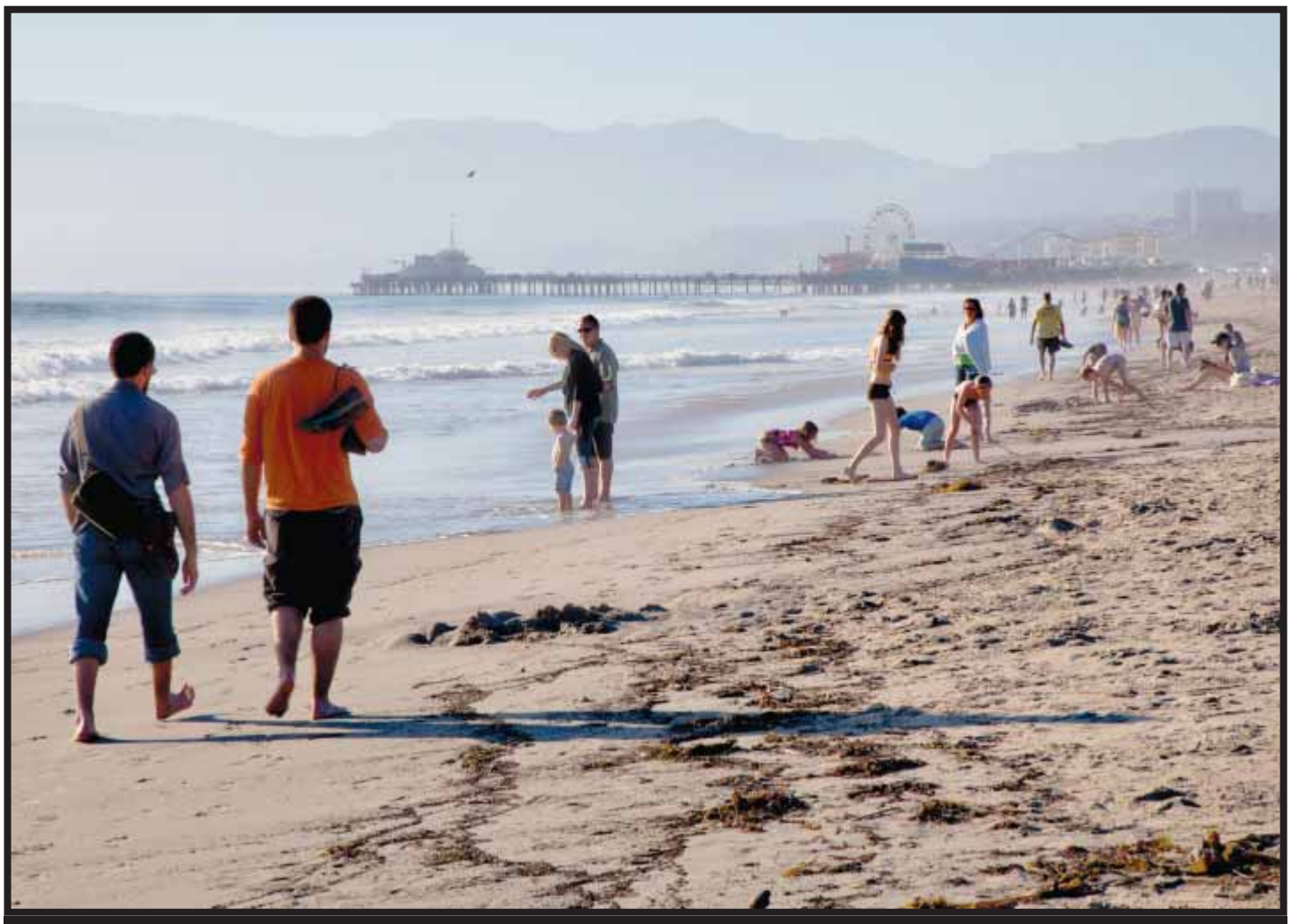

FEELS LIKE SUMMER

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People enjoy the warm weather as they walk, play and lay out on the sand at the Santa Monica Beach on Friday afternoon.

175 tons of dead sardines finally scooped from marina

BY NOAKI SCHWARTZ
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Three weeks after a huge fish die-off in Southern California, officials said Thursday they have a body count but still can't say what drove 175 tons of sardines into the marina where they died.

As many as 2.5 million sardines created a silvery blanket on the surface and floor of King Harbor Marina on March 8, said Dave Caron, professor of biological sciences at the University of Southern California.

Several theories have been offered about the unusual behavior. Some said the sardines were lost. Others suggested the fish had been chased by marine predators or ingested toxins that confused them.

Redondo Beach City Manager Bill Workman said he even heard from people who believed the sardines may have sensed the coming earthquake in Japan and fled.

Once in the marina, the sardines used up all the oxygen and died. Residents who live on boats reported hearing what sounded like hail but was really fish coming to the surface gasping for oxygen.

Boats were temporarily trapped by the fish carcasses in the south Santa Monica Bay harbor that shelters about 1,400 boats.

Hundreds of volunteers and city workers scrambled to remove the remains to ease the pungent smell and the potential threat to other sea life.

They may have gotten some unexpected help from the tsunami in Japan, which caused tidal surges and helped to flush fish out of rocks and crevices, Workman said.

Oxygen levels were slowly returning to normal in the harbor in large part because the city was able to clean up the mess in less than a week. Officials estimated the effort cost between $300,000 and $500,000.

"If you go around the banks you can still see some of the fish," said councilman Bill Brand. "The water is still murky and smells, but I bet you won't be able to tell anything happened in a month."

Kathi Lefebvre, a biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, who tested samples of the dead fish, determined the toxin domoic acid was not a factor.

"There were low levels of an algal bloom toxin detected in fish," she said. "Toxin levels were lower than we've seen in many other events, and in those events fish were not behaviorally impacted."

That left scientist struggling to explain the strange behavior in other ways.

"The only question that remains is why the fish jammed themselves into such a little spot?" Caron said.

LA mayor to be fined for free tickets

BY DON THOMPSON & MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California's campaign finance watchdog on Friday recommended the largest combined fine in the agency's history — more than $40,000 — against Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa for failing to report free tickets to dozens of sporting and entertainment events, ranging from the finals of "American Idol" to Los Angeles Lakers games.

The action was published Friday by the California Fair Political Practices Commission, which will consider the matter at its April 11 board meeting.

The recommendation is a result of a joint investigation by the state agency and the Los Angeles Ethics Commission. Each agency is recommending fines of roughly an equal amount — $21,000 by the Fair Political Practices Commission for 21 counts for ethics violations, and $20,849 for the remaining 12 counts by the Los Angeles Ethics Commission.

"If approved, the proposed joint stipulation entered into by Mayor Villaraigosa and the Fair Political Practices Commission and the LA Ethics Commission would be the largest ethics fine in the history of the FPPC," said Roman Porter, the state agency's executive director.

He said the mayor has agreed to the fine. In a statement, Villaraigosa said the violations were unintentional and that he did not consider the tickets as gifts. Rather, the mayor said he attended the events in his official capacity as mayor.

In 2010, the city commission voted to prohibit all elected officials from accepting free tickets to events if the donor has business before the city. That action came after Villaraigosa acknowledged he had accepted tickets to events such as the Academy Awards, "American Idol" finals, and Los Angeles Lakers and Dodgers games.

The 21 counts of violating California's Fair Political Practices Act could have carried a maximum penalty of $105,000. But the staff recommended a lesser fine, citing Villaraigosa's "lack of prior enforcement history ... his full cooperation and candor during the investigation of this matter, and his willingness to admit liability and be held accountable for his violations."



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What about the freeways?

Editor:

I hope Susan Hartley ("Another call to close the airport," Letters to the Editor, March 31, page 4) never tries to teach logic somewhere.

On the one hand she says that, "The deleterious effects of Santa Monica Airport cannot continue to be shoved off on our L.A. neighbors." But then, amazingly, at the end of the letter, her solution to what she perceives to be a safety hazard can only be eliminated " ... by closing the airport [SMO]."

I suspect that others also were as amazed and amused as I was by this solution. Even if what she says about the airport were true, then the closing of our airport would only result in moving the jet traffic, fixed-wing and helicopter traffic as well as all these supposed health hazards over to the neighborhood around LAX. Where else would much of that traffic go? She apparently doesn't care that her solution would just put what she sees as the problem in someone else's backyard.

But that sort of result wouldn't matter to folks like Hartley. Those folks just want to close the airport in any case, and for any reason, notwithstanding the deleterious effect it might have on greater Santa Monica. There are many, many Santa Monicans who support the airport, who see it as a valuable asset for our community. They see the jobs that it produces, the money that comes into Santa Monica via SMO, the taxes, etc. It is a vital part of the local, Southern California airport system. SMO, like Van Nuys Airport, Long Beach Airport, Torrance and others are airports that spread out the traffic around the area and provide the local areas with access to airplane travel.

Of course there's some noise around the airport as well as some pollution. It comes with living near a travel hub. One wonders why Hartley has ignored the "deleterious effects" of the local freeway system? She is apparently giving it a free pass. Perhaps she would like to start a movement to close down the freeways near her house, too?

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Not transparent

Editor:

When I first read Robert Seldon's letter in your paper, and because it was so close to April 1, I had to check and make sure I did not have your excellent and always anticipated April Fools' Day edition of the paper because his comments were just so ludicrous ("Holbrook is too harsh," Letters to the Editor, March 30, page 4).

Seldon, and this transparency group he writes about, don't seem to be very transparent themselves. Although transparency group members did testify at a recent City Council meeting that their morals are so corrupt they could be bought for money.

However, the transparency group, along with its main proponent and seeming benefactor, Councilman Kevin McKeown, fail to mention that Councilman McKeown benefited from considerable financial support in the last election from another group they contend is funded by people Councilman McKeown and his supporters claim not to like. Not very transparent of them, but of course it's something they like to take others to task about, but deflect away from Councilman McKeown.

When I think of Councilman McKeown and his associates in the transparency group I am reminded of a quote from William Shakespeare: "O, what a goodly outside falsehood hath."

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On the Beat

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Parking with a handicap placard

Q: I OFTEN SEE VEHICLES WITH DISABLED placards hanging from the rear view mirror parked at expired parking meters. Someone told me that if you display a disabled placard, you do not have to pay the meter. Is this true? Are there other places where a person can use a disabled placard and not worry about getting a parking ticket?

Also, sometimes I see people park, hang the placard on the rearview mirror and walk down the block with no apparent physical difficulties. Is there a penalty for using someone else's placard?

A: These are questions that are frequently asked by many citizens. First I would like to address your concern about not seeing any physical disabilities. Placards are issued by physicians for a variety of reasons that may not be visible — one example would be for cardiac disease.

If you were issued a Disabled Person Placard (permanent or temporary), Disabled Person License Plate (DP) or Disabled Veteran License Plate (DV), then you are entitled to the following parking privileges:

• May park in parking spaces with the International Symbol of Access (wheelchair symbol) either posted on sign or painted on the ground.

• May park next to a blue curb authorized for handicap parking.

• May park next to a green curb beyond the indicated time limit.

• May park in any parking zone restricted as to the length of time parking is permitted indicated by the sign.

• May park in any metered parking space at no charge and beyond the posted time limit. Make sure to read all posted signs and obey all "No Parking" signs, as disabled placards, DP, and DV plates are not exempt.

• May park on streets where preferential parking privileges are given to residents.

• May park in long-term beach parking lots owned and maintained by the city of Santa Monica during day time hours at no charge.

There are limitations to where people who have DP placards/plates and DV plates can park. For example, you cannot park:

• In spaces marked with a crosshatched pattern next to a parking space with the International Symbol of Access symbol. These spaces are for wheelchair and wheelchair lift access.

• Next to red curbs, which indicate no parking, stopping or standing.

• Next to yellow curbs, which are for commercial vehicles to load and unload passengers or freight.

• Next to white curbs, which are for loading and unloading passengers or depositing mail in an adjacent mailbox.

• At a parking meter that becomes a valet zone after a posted time (please read the posted signs).

• On the street during posted days and times for street sweeping.

People who are not entitled to the privileges often abuse the disabled parking spaces. The Traffic Services Office of the Santa Monica Police Department conducts citywide enforcement of disabled parking placard abuse. People who abuse the disabled placard run the risk of being cited for the offense, which carries a fine that can range anywhere between $250 to $3,500 or a jail sentence of up to six months. Placard abuse can also result in the cancellation and revocation of the placard and loss of the privileges it provides.

It is illegal to:

• Lend your placard to another.

• Use someone else's placard.

• Possess or display a counterfeit placard.

• Alter a placard or placard identification card.

• Display a canceled or revoked placard.

There is an exception.

A person to whom a disabled placard has been issued may permit another person to use the placard only while in the presence or reasonable proximity of the disabled person for the purpose of transporting the disabled person.

For example, you have a disabled relative that has trouble walking and you are going out to a restaurant for dinner. You park at a parking meter that is close by and hang the disabled placard from the rearview mirror without paying the meter. This is legal and you don't have to pay the meter because the person whom the placard has been issued to is in the car with you.

Another example, your grandmother (who has a placard) has just finished her physical therapy and you are going to pick her up. When you arrive you cannot park at the front door of the building because the curb in front of the location is painted red. You look around and find an open parking meter space on the street next to the no stopping zone (red curb). You park your vehicle, hang the disabled placard from the rearview mirror and walk into the building to pick up your grandmother — without paying the meter. Again this is legal because the person to whom the placard has been issued is in reasonable proximity to where you parked and you used the privilege (parking without paying the meter) for the purpose of transporting the disabled person.

Now let's change it a little.

You have just dropped off your grandmother (who has been issued a placard) for her physical therapy and now you are going to do some shopping for the next couple of hours until her therapy is finished. After dropping her off, you drive about a mile to the closest mall and park at an on-street parking meter. You hang the disabled placard from the rearview mirror and walk away without paying the meter and go shopping. This is illegal because the person whom the placard has been issued is not in reasonable proximity of where you parked and your use of the placard was not for the purpose of transporting the disabled person.

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The Q Line

Community Input

City officials have been holding community meetings asking residents what they would like to see developed on a lot at Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue in Downtown. Open space and a market have been some of the ideas tossed around.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What do you want done with the site?
Here are your responses:

"WHATEVER THEY PUT THERE WILL bring traffic, bums, and be a problem while it is being built. They should put a Target store, at least it will be something locals can actually use, unlike all the overpriced stores the city seems to prefer."

"HERE'S AN IDEA FOR THE OPEN SPACE – leave it alone! Let's wait at least five years or until all the hundreds of apartments and empty storefront/retail spaces in Downtown are filled, and a waiting list is formed. Why is everyone so hell bent on building on every square inch of unused dirt? Or borrowing to do so? Just set up a tent city, as a beacon and incentive for the continuance of lifetime support for all our career bums. That way we keep them and increase their numbers. We can bring in more and make it easier for them to harass tourists and residents, and the urine and feces they leave will be centrally located so the taxpayers can continue to pay for the cleanup. They would get out of the parks so our kids can play, the bums can be fed, watered and offered more free services with Santa Monica's open checkbook. And, the best part of it all is that they won't need parking."

"PLEASE BUILD SOMETHING LIKE TARGET if they're still interested on the lot at Fifth and Arizona, something the normal people can shop at."

"REGARDING THE PLANS FOR FIFTH Street and Arizona, no more construction. I think it should be open space, preferably a park or just fill it with trees. If you're scared of the homeless, put a fence around it. We need the trees to balance all that construction and smog pollution from the cars."

"I THINK A NICE LITTLE PARK WITH mature, shade trees, a small koi pond, innovative seating and flowing shrubs, plus a lawn area would be nice. Why not ask local Santa Monica city union gardeners for a design. Ultimately they will be the ones taking care of it. You know what will happen to this property, a six-story multi-use building. City Hall is salivating to add to yet more congestion to an already Manhattan-esque Downtown. Two stories of low-income housing for radical losers who didn't get an education or had too many spawn. Two stories for parking. Big income condo ownership for more angry progressive voters, and one story for condo ownership with big city taxes. All overlooking the Post Office, that pillar of progressive pride."

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"HOW ABOUT ON FIFTH STREET WE can put a food court like we used to have on the promenade before they threw out all those great little food stands like the pizza place, the French fry place and the Chinese place? How about little stands like that? Or maybe a place to put the food trucks that everybody is complaining about parking on the street. We couldn't do it on Santa Monica Boulevard and 14th Street at that empty lot. How about putting them over there? Or the other thing might be a permanent ice skating rink. The one in the winter does such a great job, why not a permanent ice skating rink?"

"WHAT WE NEED ON FIFTH AND ARIZONA is a Target, anywhere in Santa Monica, but there is not much space left. Trader Joe's wouldn't be bad, but Target would be better."

"I BELIEVE THAT ONE USE FOR THE FIFTH and Arizona property might be an experimental use as a parking lot for stationary Greyhound buses to be used as emergency, temporary and possibly very low-cost housing. It could house possibly 1,000 people, maybe 2,000. It's something to look into."

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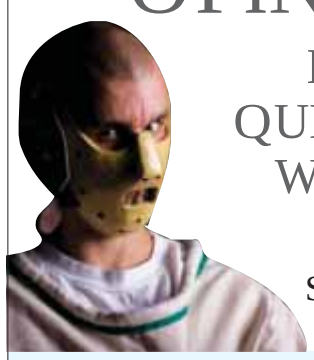
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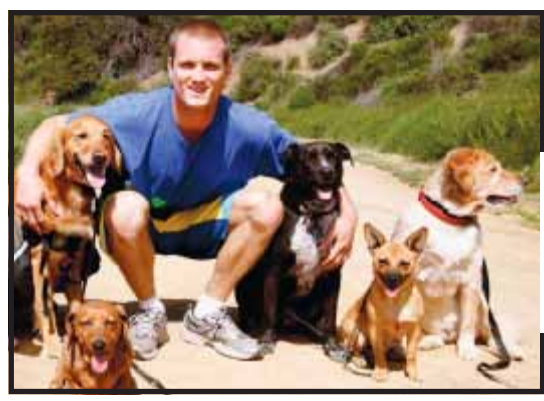
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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Shoplifting, drugs and scissors keep Santa Monica cops on their toes

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, AT 12:07 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the Von's market located on the 1300 block of Wilshire Boulevard regarding a shoplifter in custody. When officers arrived, they spoke with store security who said the suspect and another man entered the grocery store. The suspect then placed a 30-pack of beer in a shopping cart and left without paying. Security placed the suspect under arrest, while the other man fled on foot. Officers took custody of the suspect, who was later booked at the Santa Monica Jail for burglary and a probation violation. He was identified as Frank Ashby, 48, of Santa Monica. He was not eligible for bail.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, AT 3:44 P.M.,
Officers responded to Nordstrom at Santa Monica Place regarding a shoplifter in custody. When officers arrived, security at the mall told them that they saw the suspect enter the store, walk to the watch department, remove three watches and place them in his jacket pocket. The suspect then left the store without paying for the watches. Security tried to stop him, but he allegedly ran off. A passerby assisted security as the suspect ran down an alley. Security brought him back to the store and held him until police arrived. The suspect was booked for burglary and a probation violation. He was identified as Timmie Foreman, 51, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, AT 6:21 P.M.,
Officers responded to the Sears on Colorado Avenue regarding another shoplifter in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said the suspect entered the business, removed some perfume and walked to the jewelry department. There, the suspect grabbed a pair of earrings and walked to the women's clothing area, police said. The suspect placed the earrings in her pants pocket, went upstairs and removed the perfume from its packaging. She allegedly placed the perfume in her jacket pocket and left the box on the display. She then left the store without paying for the items. Security stopped her and placed her under citizen's arrest for theft. The suspect was booked for theft. She was identified as Florida Martinez, 29, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at $1,000.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, AT 7:35 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2500 block of Kansas Street regarding a report of a man with a knife. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who told them that he and the suspect started arguing while making dinner. The suspect allegedly became more aggressive and grabbed two butcher knives and threatened the victim. The victim, who was letting the suspect stay at the apartment until he got back on his feet, asked the suspect to leave. When he tried to take the suspect's belongings outside, the suspect chased him. The officers were outside as the two ran out of the apartment. Police arrested the suspect for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Matthew Claggett, 32, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $30,000.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, AT 9:08 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 2500 block of Pearl Street regarding a suspect chasing a Southern California Edison meter reader with a paid of scissors. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim, who told them he was walking in the alley checking meters when he walked by the suspect, who was rummaging through trash cans. The SoCal Edison employee said, "Good morning," and that's when the suspect allegedly started cursing at him. He displayed a large pair of scissors and started walking towards the employee, who, fearing for his safety, pulled out his dog repellent and sprayed the suspect directly in the face. The suspect chased the victim for about 30 feet before stopping. He was found a short distance away by officers, who placed him under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and a probation violation. Officers recovered the scissors. The suspect was identified as Hae Lee, 57, a transient. He was not eligible for bail.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, AT 9 A.M.,
Officers served a search warrant at a home in Inglewood. During the search, officers said they found 12.73 grams of cocaine, 4.6 ounces of marijuana and a digital scale and packaging equipment. Officers located the work address of the suspect in Santa Monica. Officers contacted the suspect, David Huerta, 24, of Inglewood, who was in possession of 1.69 grams of pot and some cash, police said. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for possession of narcotics for sale and possession of marijuana for sale. His bail was set at $30,000.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, AT 12:08 P.M.,
Officers responded to the area of 20th Street and Wilshire Boulevard regarding a suspect possibly exposing his penis. When officers arrived, they saw a man hiding behind a tree who matched the description of the suspect. As officers approached him, the suspect told officers he had not taken his psych meds. As other officers arrived, the suspect told the officers, "You're not taking me anywhere." Officers said they could smell alcohol on his breath. When officers tried to calm the suspect down, he allegedly struck one of the cops in the chest with a closed fist. Officers were able to handcuff the suspect, who was arrested for battery on a peace officer, resisting arrest, public intoxication and a parole violation. He was identified as Robert Farlow, 40, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

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

Editor's note: Crime Watch did not appear in the Friday, April 1 issue of the Daily Press because of the paper's special April Fools' issue.

ALCOHOL
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Council meeting.

"But we can't use it unless we adopt it," she said.

Activist Jerry Rubin, who commented on the proposal, said it was a "no brainer."

"Carrying an open container and saying you won't drink out of it is like carrying a lit cigarette somewhere and saying you're not smoking," Rubin said. "This will tighten it up, it's a good thing."

The City Council heard the first reading of the ordinance at the meeting, and passed it without discussion or debate. The second reading, and likely adoption, of the ordinance will take place at the April 12 meeting.

The SMPD officers are happy for that day to come, McGee said.

"Without that section as a tool, it inhibits us from being able to enforce the possession of an open container," he said. "There's a snowball effect … It snowballs and police get involved when we could be assisting with other priority calls, and the same with fire and paramedics."

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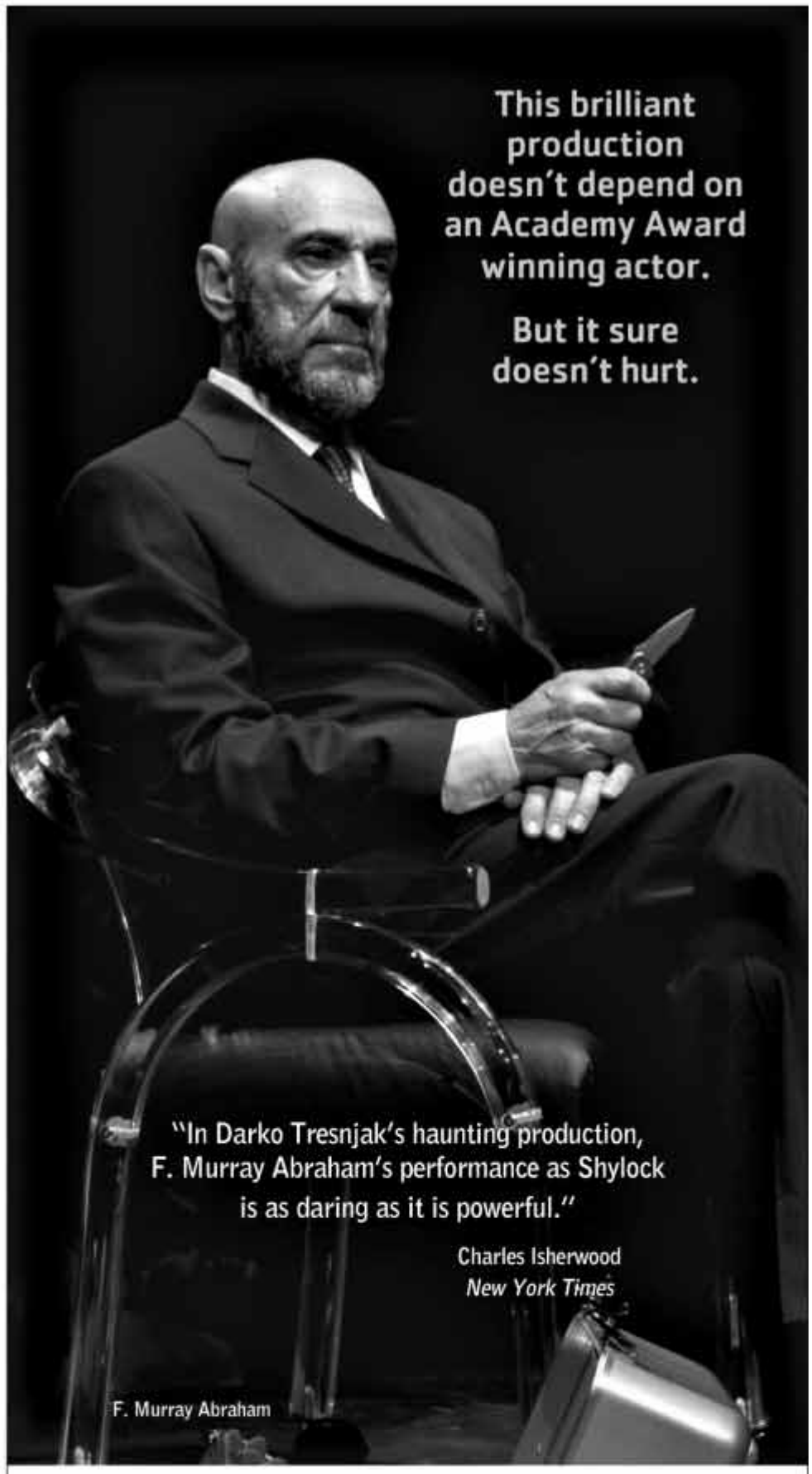

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Have you ever applied for a job, professional license, and/or school application where they asked if you have ever been convicted of a crime? If so, did you get nervous and distraught at the thought of having to circle "yes" and then explaining the circumstances of what happened years and years ago with your minor run in with the law? If this is a likely scenario for you or someone you know, help make those skeletons in the closet disappear by filing an expungement/dismissal motion. California Penal Code Sections 1203.3 and 1203.4 set forth the basic rules for expungements. This article focuses on some need to know legal rules and consequences with regard to expunging your record in California. Please note that this article examines the basic elements and procedures of expungements. If you or someone you know is filling out an application or reporting a past conviction to anyone in an official capacity it is advisable to speak with a criminal attorney about whether you must report the past conviction, even after the expungement process.

In terms of filing an expungement and clearing up your record, there are a couple preliminary questions that must be answered. First, was your past conviction for a felony or misdemeanor crime? Second, was probation granted and if so have you successfully completed probation? And lastly, once you have determined that you are eligible for expungement, what do you do?

If the answer to the first question is a misdemeanor, then you're on the right path! If the answer to the first question is felony, then there is another step that must be completed prior to filing an expungement. In order to expunge a felony conviction or have it dismissed from your record, a motion must be made pursuant to Penal Code Section 17(b) to first have the conviction reduced to a misdemeanor. Certain felony crimes, however, are never capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor and can never be expunged. Convictions that cannot be expunged or dismissed by law include any misdemeanor listed in Vehicle Code section 42001(b), any violation of P.C. 286(c), 288, 288a(c), 288.5, or 289(j), a felony under P.C. 261.5(d), and any infraction. Moreover, if you were never granted probation and instead went to State Prison, although there are options for clearing your record, the basics of expungements as explained in this article will not apply to your given scenario.

Once you have determined that your past conviction was a misdemeanor or capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor, move on to question number two: Was probation granted and have you successfully completed all the terms and orders of your probation? Typically, in misdemeanor cases, courts order that a defendant be placed on 1-3 years of probation and to follow all rules and regulations. If the court does not order probation, you're ready to file the motion! If probation was granted, the time period is over and done with, and you have fulfilled all the terms of the probation (including completing any classes, service work, and/or paid all fines) then you are also ready to file the motion! If probation is still open and has not been completed, a separate motion for early termination of probation must first be filed. If granted, and probation terminated early, then you are ready to file the motion! In sum, before a motion for expungement/dismissal is filed, probation must typically be successfully completed either by the passage of time or by early termination from the court.

Now that the motion is ready for filing, what do you do and how do you do it? California courts vary in terms of requirements for expungement/dismissal motions. For instance, some courts require a filing fee (usually around $60) and attached declaration (preferably by an attorney). All courts, however, require that a P.C. 1203.4/1203.4(a) Petition For Dismissal be completed and filed. In order to fill out this form correctly, a petitioner needs to obtain the case number, date of conviction, conviction charges, date of birth, driver's license number, last four digits of social security, and if possible the Criminal Identification and Information (CII) number. After entering the requisite information simply check the applicable boxes and sign/date the form. Additionally, along with the Petition, you should also attach a Court Order. The same information must be filled out on the Court Order; however, this form is for the judge to review and then sign/date. The signed Court Order is then stamped and recorded by the clerk certifying that a judge has ordered the case dismissed/expunged. Expungement/Dismissal Petitions typically take anywhere from one to three months for the court to review and complete.

Avoid the headaches and problems associated with explaining away your past minor run-ins with the law and get rid of skeletons in your closet today by filing an expungement! Call the Legal Grind to schedule an appointment to meet with a skilled and experienced attorney to help you navigate through this tricky process and answer any questions that you might have.

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MUSIC

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through music used in Disney films.

The students get to sit down in a professional studio, equipped with headphones, music stands and sheet music they've never seen before.

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"It really is the same music recorded for the film," said Ben Goodner, manager of Disney's guest talent program. "You wouldn't hear a difference, other than it's a different group playing it."

Schools have to audition for the opportunity to participate in the program, which makes the presence of the SMMUSD bands even more special — they are the only elementary school students that use the program.

"It's designed for middle and high school bands," said Tom Whaley, SMMUSD's visual and performing arts coordinator. "Our district is the only elementary group that does these workshops. It's a testament to the quality of our music program."

A music program perpetually on the chopping block given school funding cuts, he noted.

The workshop takes place over three rounds — first the band, then orchestra and finally the choir.

Each session takes approximately an hour and a half. While one group is playing, the others get to explore the park.

Students come in, sit down and are presented with closed folders on music stands or chairs. The guest conductor — always a leading professional in the field that has worked with Disney's professional bands — talks the kids through the music before recording.

"You get three minutes to look at it, and then we're going to record, go," Goodner mimicked.

The musicians play through the first take immediately, then listen back and receive constructive feedback on their performance.

Depending on the level, students will play two or three pieces which increase in difficulty as they go.

"We pull things out they didn't know they had in them," Goodner said. "It sounds great with the film."

The professionalism of the atmosphere at Disney really makes the experience special for the kids, Whaley said.

"I worked as a professional for films for years, and it's exactly the same procedure used for the pros," Whaley said.

Maria Dastur and Dariush Sayson are both fifth graders that made the trip down to Disneyland.

Their band took on two pieces, "Simba Ascending Pride Rock," from the Lion King and "A Check to the Village," from the more recent Emperor's New Groove.

"The conductor made comments that helped us in music in general," Dastur said. "It was challenging to sight read."

Sayson, a bass clarinet player, preferred the Lion King tune, while Dastur, a flutist, enjoyed the more difficult "A Check to the Village."

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tions are worried.

The law used to say a service animal could be any animal trained to do a task for an individual, said Don Brandon, director of the Northwest Americans with Disabilities Act Center in Seattle. The new policy allowing only dogs and the miniature horses "excludes automatically yard animals, rodents, spiders, snakes, monkeys and cats," Brandon said.

Service animals also exclude animals that provide emotional support or comfort, he said.

The DOJ decided to revise its service animal regulation because of comments from businesses, state and local governments and individuals with disabilities, including several who use service animals, department spokesman Xochitl Hinojosa said.

People were putting vests on pocket pets and calling them service animals, Brandon said. "Changes were needed."

When Moore, 55, heard about the new law, she went to the City Council in Hesperia, Calif., where she lives, and asked lawmakers to enact an ordinance that would allow her to continue using rats to alert her to spasms she can't feel because of spinal nerve injuries, fibromyalgia and osteoporosis of the spine. When her rat feels Moore shaking, he starts licking her neck, she explained, so she can take medication and stop the spasms before they start.

She uses pudding to train her rats, she said.

Despite opposition from one councilman who cited health concerns and the risk of litigation, the council adopted an ordinance keeping the old definition and allowing Moore to continue using her rats as service animals. It goes into effect in this high desert community 90 miles northeast of Los Angeles on April 14.

Greene, 47, went to Olympia, Wash., to testify against a proposed revision of that state's law so it would match the ADA change.

He wears his 10-pound red tail boa, Red Rock, draped around his neck. Red Rock will alert Greene, who stands 6-foot-6, to an epileptic seizure so he can sit down and reduce the chance of injury. Once down, he said he uses meditation to try to control his body and eliminate the seizure.

He doesn't know how or why his snake knows what to do, he said. "He's not a miracle cure, he's an early warning system," he said. Greene spent about a year getting the snake used to people, he said.

The Legislature hasn't ruled yet and he hopes the measure to adopt the new policy dies without a vote.

Federal agencies are not in sync on animals. The U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allow service animals of all types as well as emotional support animals, Brandon said, although some airlines may require advance notice, a doctor's note and some other documentation.

TriMet, Oregon's largest transit agency, quickly voted to adopt the new ADA definition. But the state Department of Transportation asked the agency to withhold implementation to allow time for public outreach, TriMet communications director Mary Fetsch said.

"We are maintaining our current service animal definition, which is any guide dog, signal dog or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability," she said.

"The disability community is one in five people and the vast majority have hidden disabilities. You don't know that they have a chronic illness or a heart problem or a lung problem or an orthopedic problem or epilepsy or a psychiatric disability. There is a huge amount of ignorance about the ways people cope so they can be functioning members of society," said Susan Mizner, director of the San Francisco Mayor's Office on Disability.

The Department of Justice posted its proposed rules in 2008 and the adopted version was not much different, so people have had time to react, said Marilyn Golden, a policy analyst for the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF).

"A number of people with disabilities are concerned about it. Our organization did support a more expansive approach, which is not what the Department of Justice chose to take," she added.

Moore has been using rats for 10 years. She keeps a pair, alternating them every 90 minutes. While one is working, the other is kept in a cloth and mesh cage. While working, they wear a soft leather harness and leash, which she clips to her clothing. The leash bears a tag that advises they are working, so please don't touch.

Moore says service dogs are not an option because they're too heavy and restless to sit on her shoulder. She says the rats are non-threatening, are bathed twice a week and never touch the ground. "Some people don't even notice them," Moore said. But she understands that some people have rat phobias, and she is happy to explain their purpose to anyone who will listen. A 20-minute mall trip often turns into a three-hour excursion, she said.

Mizner, who has been working with the disabled for 19 years, said some nontraditional animals do what no others can.

A person might be allergic to fur or feathers, so a nonpoisonous snake would be a reasonable alternative, she said. "Chimps are being trained to do fairly significant motor skills. Birds are intelligent, stay on your shoulder and if you drop something, they can fly down, pick it up and hand it back."

A trained rat probably would have had a good case in California, Mizner said, because the state Department of Fair Employment and Housing abides by the Unruh Act, which protects controlled service and support animals helping a disabled person in places where the public is allowed.



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The Re-View

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Marina cafe offers plenty of flavor

WE USED TO SAIL OUT OF MARINA DEL REY. After a cold, rough sail, with Spencer seasick and Bonnie bored, we would return to the marina looking for a good dinner. About the best food around was a pizza at Hank Vendetti's. But Hank is no longer there, and some modern, high-end watering hole is there in its place.

Folks still might not consider the marina a destination for high end dining, yet nowadays a number of good places have emerged. The best of these that I've found so far is Café del Rey. With their new chef Daniel Roberts, and their high-energy manager, this is now a fine dining destination "worth the voyage."

I love boats, so the open, airy design of the restaurant overlooking boats in the marina is a treat for me. And the new décor takes advantage of the waterside views.

At a recent lunch I was promptly brought soft bread baked on the premises, still warm, with a garlic and red pepper infused oil for dipping. My wife said not to eat bread before lunch, but when she went to the ladies room I sampled it, while looking innocently at the lovely orchid on the table.

The cauliflower apple soup was A-plus. But the real apple of my eye was the pappardelle with squid ink, cubed cuttlefish, beans and shrimp, with a touch of spice. That's something I don't make at home, and rarely see on menus and the part I took home was wonderful at breakfast.

We had yellowfin tuna "nicoise" style, which was beautifully presented, with grated egg, olives, and green beans for a variety of flavors.

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Next was one of the best dishes I've eaten in a long time, an agnolotti of wild mushrooms in brown butter sauce with black truffles — perfect in texture so that it melted in my mouth.

The Moroccan lamb burger was a surprise. You might not expect such a big lamb taste, with harissa fries on the side. The only dish I found disappointing was the "traditional bouillabaisse," and it was anything but traditional. First of all, no shellfish is added to a traditional bouillabaisse. But that aside (it could be Cioppino) unfortunately this one was a bit too sweet and lacked fish flavor.

I don't usually eat salmon in restaurants because I make it at home so often, but Bonnie ordered it and it was very nicely prepared, with wonderful sliced potatoes on the side. We also shared the excellent lamb duo, with lamb prepared two ways as the name suggests.

One afternoon I had the box lunch which is a nice sampling of six dishes.

There's a very good wine list 16 pages long, including a number of half bottles which I very much appreciate. Prices are reasonable. At my last dinner there I had a glass of Portuguese white wine with my appetizer, and Portuguese red wine with my main course, and both were well selected and enjoyable. I passed up the beautiful dessert list, even though it featured Turkish coffee ice cream, and settled for a glass of Chateau de Pellehaut reserve Armagnac for $15 — very enjoyable.

This is now a first class act, a picturesque setting, great innovative food, a comprehensive wine list, a full bar, and perfect service. See you there.

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Do it now or bake it later: An easy Easter biscuit

BY ALISON LADMAN
For The Associated Press

With all the other things that need to get on the table, sometimes worrying about a yeasted dinner roll is just too much. So these biscuits come together fairly quickly and can be chilled until it's time to bake them. Just drop the mixture onto a baking sheet, throw in the fridge, then bake when you're ready.

Alternatively, bake them off ahead of time and warm them just before dinner. When making the biscuits, be sure that the butter and the milk are cold for the best texture and shape.

Onion-parmesan drop biscuits

Start to finish: 45 minutes
Servings: 12

1 tablespoon olive oil
2 small yellow onions, finely chopped
2 shallots, minced
3 cups all-purpose flour
5 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) cold unsalted butter, cut into small cubes
1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese, divided
1 cup milk, cold

Heat the oven to 400 F. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray.

In a medium saute pan over medium, heat the olive oil. Add the onions and the shallots and saute until very soft and caramelized, about 10 to 12 minutes. Transfer to a shallow dish and chill for 10 minutes.

In the bowl of a food processor, pulse together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add the cold butter and pulse until the butter is the size of peas. Add the chilled onions and 1 cup of the parmesan cheese and pulse to distribute. Add the milk and pulse just until the dough comes together.

Drop the dough in 1/2 cup mounds onto the prepared baking sheet, then sprinkle each mound of dough with a bit of the remaining 1/2 cup of Parmesan cheese. Chill or bake immediately. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown and cooked through.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 311 calories; 153 calories from fat (49 percent of total calories); 17 g fat (10 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 42 mg cholesterol; 29 g carbohydrate; 11 g protein; 1 g fiber; 573 mg sodium.

Turn boring peas into a bread salad

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

The goal here was simple — give peas substance and interest.

Because face it, nothing is a dinner downer like a bowl of peas. Sure, the flavor can be fine, but they are dreadfully boring. I wanted them to have heft, to have flavor that makes them stand up and get noticed.

So I borrowed an idea from a classic Italian salad — panzanella. This bread-based salad elevates the simple fresh tomato to a hearty meal by adding tons of fresh herbs and chunks of bread, the latter of which often is soaked in a delicious vinaigrette.

For this version, I started with fresh peas that are briefly blanched. They get tossed with cubes of sourdough that are pan-fried in olive oil with garlic. Then everything gets tossed with a basic vinaigrette.

To keep the salad on the lighter side — it is intended for spring, after all — I added fresh mint. The result was delicious, hearty and still light enough to be a spring or Easter side.

Pea and mint bread salad

Start to finish: 30 minutes

Servings: 6
Two 8-ounce packages fresh peas
3 tablespoons olive oil
1-pound loaf rustic sourdough bread, cut into small cubes
3 cloves garlic, minced
3 tablespoons avocado oil (olive oil can be substituted)
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
Salt and ground black pepper
Dash of hot sauce
1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
1/2 teaspoon lemon zest
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Bring a medium saucepan of water to a boil. Set a medium bowl of ice water nearby. Spread a kitchen towel on the counter nearby.

When the water is at a boil, add the peas and blanch just until bright green, about 2 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the peas to the ice water to cool. Once cooled, use the slotted spoon to transfer the peas to the kitchen towel. Roll the peas gently to dry, then set aside.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the olive oil. Add the bread and saute until lightly browned. Stir in the garlic and cook for another minute, then transfer the bread to a large bowl. Add the peas, then toss well. Set aside.

In a small bowl, whisk together the avocado oil, vinegar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon black pepper and the hot sauce. Drizzle the dressing over the bread and pea mixture, then toss well to coat. Add the mint, lemon zest and Parmesan, then toss again. Adjust the salt and pepper as needed.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 386 calories; 145 calories from fat (38 percent of total calories); 16 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 3 mg cholesterol; 47 g carbohydrate; 13 g protein; 5 g fiber; 654 mg sodium.

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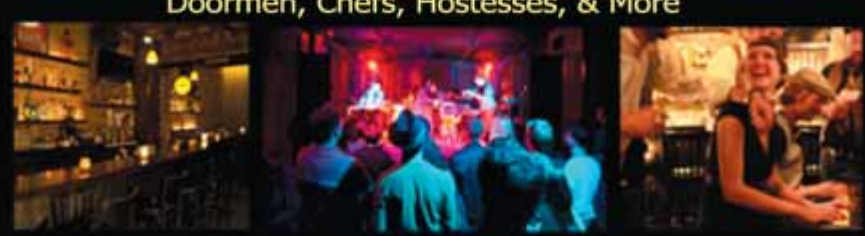
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Man gets life sentences in 'Westside Rapist' case

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A former state insurance adjuster dubbed the "Westside Rapist" by police was sentenced to life in prison Friday for murdering seven women in sexual attacks that terrified Los Angeles in the 1970s and 1980s.

John Floyd Thomas, 74, pleaded guilty to seven counts of first-degree murder and was sentenced to seven life terms, including one without the possibility of parole in the attacks, Los Angeles County district attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said.

Some of the murders included special allegations that the crimes were committed during the commission of burglary or rape.

A call to Thomas' court-appointed public defender, Alan Gelfand, was not immediately returned.

Based on cold-case DNA testing, Thomas was arrested in March 2009 and charged in the "Westside Rapist" case in which a man entered the homes of middle-aged and elderly women who lived alone, raped them and choked them until they passed out or died.

Although he was charged with seven murders, investigators have said they believe he may have killed as many as 30 women and raped many more.

The attacks stopped in 1978 — the year Thomas went to prison for the rape of a Pasadena woman — but authorities say they resumed a decade later in the eastern county.

Thomas' extensive criminal record also included serving a six-year state prison sentence, beginning in 1957, for burglary and attempted burglary. Two parole violations kept him locked up until 1966.

Thomas initially was charged with the 1972 murder of Ethel Sokoloff, 68, at her home in the Mid-Wilshire area of Los Angeles and the 1976 murder of Elizabeth McKeown, 67, in the Westchester area.

Sokoloff, a retired school administrator, was found semi-nude and dead inside the trunk of her car two blocks from her apartment.

Thomas later was charged with killing Cora Perry, 79, in the unincorporated Lennox area in 1975 and with the 1976 Inglewood killings of Maybelle Hudson, 80, Miriam McKinley, 65, and Evalyn Bunner, 56.

He also was charged with killing 56-year-old Adrienne Askew in 1986 in Claremont, about 40 miles east of Los Angeles. At the time of that killing, Thomas was living in Chino, a community only a few miles away.

The killings again appeared to stop in 1989, when Thomas took a job with the state workers compensation insurance agency in the Los Angeles suburb of Glendale.

As a registered sex offender, he was required to check in annually with police. During one visit in the fall of 2008, officers took a saliva swab to collect his DNA, which is a requirement for all sex offenders.

Cold-case investigators later used the swab to link Thomas to the killings.

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Auto sales up with economy, but buyers are downsizing

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN & TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writers

DETROIT Americans slipped into smaller cars and SUVs in March, as higher gas prices made fuel efficiency a top priority and rising employment meant more first-time buyers bought a vehicle.

The trends lifted U.S. sales of new vehicles by 17 percent from a year earlier to 1.25 million, a healthy rate that shows the auto industry's slow and steady recovery remains on track. The monthly sales pace, adjusted for seasonal differences and projected out for the year, came in at 13.1 million. During recent boom years, car sales hit 16 million a year.

General Motors, Ford, Honda and Nissan all saw double-digit increases in sales. Of major automakers, only Toyota reported a decline of 6 percent, but that was expected since Toyota's sales last March were boosted by big incentives.

As gas prices rose, sales of more efficient cars and crossovers took off. The national average for a gallon of gas hit $3.58 this week, the highest price ever for this time of year. Gas prices have jumped 25.1 cents per gallon in the past month.

"This is a new normal we're going to experience going into spring this year unless gas prices ease off dramatically," said Jesse Toprak, vice president for industry trends at auto pricing site TrueCar.com.

Sales of the Nissan Sentra compact car doubled over last year, for example, while sales of the Hyundai Sonata and Elantra small cars were up a combined 55 percent. Fuel-efficient crossovers did well, too. Ford Escape sales climbed 25 percent.

But Toprak said gas prices weren't the whole story. Buyers always respond to new products, and it just happens that many of those products — like the Ford Fiesta subcompact and Chevrolet Cruze small car — are also the most fuel-efficient.

A healthier economy also gave buyers more confidence to walk into showrooms and walk out with a new ride. The economy added 216,000 new jobs in March, bringing the unemployment rate to a two-year low of 8.8 percent. Many of those workers are young people who were looking for work during the recession but now have jobs and are looking to buy a car. And the cars they want are under $20,000 and fuel-efficient, Toprak said.

Larger cars, crossovers and SUVs are most hurt by the trend. Buyers seem to be moving down one vehicle size when they make a new purchase. Sales of the Chevrolet Traverse, a large crossover, fell 4.7 percent in March, while sales of the mid-size Chevrolet Equinox crossover were up 17 percent. Sales of the Ford Taurus large sedan were down 15 percent, but the Ford Fusion midsize sedan saw its best sales month ever.

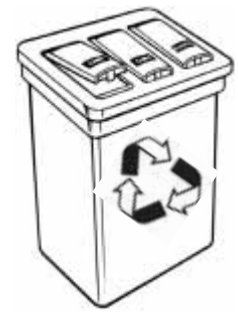
Pickup sales were down slightly, and pickup buyers seemed to be looking for more efficiency. Ford said 37 percent of F-150 buyers opted for Ford's new V-6 engine in March instead of the traditional V-8.

In the past, that might have been a concern for automakers, who get heftier profit margins on larger vehicles. But Alan Batey, vice president of GM's Chevrolet division, said buyers are equipping their small cars with more expensive options like leather seats, which drives up the prices. Just 20 percent of buyers are opting for a base model Cruze, he said.

GM said its overall sales increase of 11 percent was propelled by the new Cruze, its first high-quality small car in years. The vehicle posted an 80 percent sales gain over its lackluster predecessor, the Cobalt. The increase was by far the largest for any GM vehicle last month.

But GM ended two months of sweet deals and its overall sales growth lagged rivals. After raising discounts by about $400 per vehicle in January and extended them into February, GM then cut them in March.

Ford Motor Co.'s sales were up 16 percent on the strength of new vehicles including the new Explorer crossover, which saw sales double from last March.



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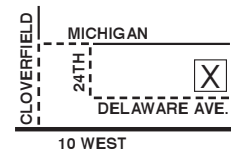

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

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 30, 2011**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 15
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 23
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 14 / 19

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	D
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	B	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	C	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	B
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	C
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	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+	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.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B

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

LEGEND

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

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

Heal the Bay

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

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MLB

New system tries to measure a pitcher's command

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Figuring out which pitchers have the best control has been relatively easy. Look at the number of strikes and balls each one throws.

Command is a more elusive, yet equally important, measurement. That's because hitting the catcher's target can often be the difference between an effective waste pitch just outside the strike zone and a fastball that catches too much of the plate and becomes a home run.

Teams will now have data on how close a pitcher comes to hitting his target on each pitch.

"We're always asking teams, what's the one bit of data you wish you had," said Ryan Zandler, the general manager of baseball products at Sportvision — the company behind football's yellow first-down marker, hockey's glowing puck and baseball's Pitch F/X system. "Consistently over the last year or so it has been to track the catcher's glove."

So Sportvision is using the same three cameras that record the velocity, trajectory and location of every major league pitch to determine how closely each pitcher comes to hitting the catcher's target in the new Command F/X system.

The information is most useful on fastballs and can help measure command and show whether pitchers tend to lose it after a certain number of pitchers or in specific situations.

"It definitely gives you a better sense when evaluating your own players on whether they need to take their fastball command up a notch," Oakland assistant general manager David Forst said. "If you look at a guy who doesn't grade out well on that, but is having a lot of success, it's always nice to project what he could do if the command and ability to hit the glove improves."

Sportvision has crunched only the numbers from last June and they mostly reinforce perception. Control specialist Roy Halladay had the second best mark to former Philadelphia teammate Jamie Moyer, missing his target on fastballs by an average of 9.6 inches, compared with the league average of 12.9.

Current teammate Cliff Lee was slightly behind at an average of 11.2 inches, with Cole Hamels hitting exactly the league average and Roy Oswalt being slightly worse.

Some players are skeptical.

"None of the information they're going to be rendering is going to be applicable to my preparation nor (catcher) Kurt Suzuki's preparation," Oakland starter Dallas Braden said. "While it might produce some numbers and some other form of sabermetrics, it will not be applied in our every day preparation to go compete."

Baltimore catcher Matt Wieters said he thought it might be helpful in bullpen sessions but didn't see how it would work in games when he is sometimes trying to hide his target from potential sign stealers.Δ

City of Santa Monica

Notice Of Availability Of A Draft Environmental Impact Report For 1803-1807 16th Street Condominiums

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given on the completion and availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed 10-unit condominium project located at 1803-1807 16th Street.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed 10-unit condominium development would consist of the construction of two, three-story buildings, approximately 30 feet in height. The buildings would contain approximately 15,795 square feet. The complex would have 10 one-bedroom units with lofts. Garages for each unit would be provided at grade and would be accessed via a driveway from the alley (Sixteenth Court) located in the central portion of the site, between the two buildings. A total of 20 parking spaces would be provided in the attached garages. The project also includes demolition of two, single-family homes on the site and removal of existing landscaping.

The applicant has applied for the following discretionary permits: Design Compatibility Permit (03DCP013) for a condominium project and a Vesting Tentative Tract Map (03TM014) for a subdivision for condominium purposes.

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS: The Draft EIR determined that implementation of the project will result in the following significant and unavoidable impacts: Transportation/Circulation and Neighborhood Effects (Traffic)

The Draft EIR also analyzed global climate change and determined that impacts will be less than significant.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 30-day public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. **The comment period will start on April 4, 2011 and end on May 4, 2011.** Written comments should be sent to:

Lily Yegazu, Associate Planner
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401
Fax: (310) 458-3380
Lily.Yegazu@smgov.net

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft EIR and background materials may be viewed at the following locations:

City Planning Division Public Counter, 1685 Main Street, Room 111, Santa Monica, CA
Santa Monica Main Library Reference Desk, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA
Santa Monica Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA

MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, April 2
Young Frankenstein (PG) 1hr 46min
7:30pm

Even the Rain (Tambien la lluvia) (NR) 1hr 43min
4:30pm

Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1hr 59min
12:00pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm, 9:00pm

Insidious (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

Kill the Irishman (R) 1hr 46min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:25pm, 10:10pm

An Affirmative Act (NR) 1hr 40min
11:25am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:25pm, 7:05pm, 9:50pm

Sucker Punch (R) 2hrs 00min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:25pm, 8:10pm, 10:55pm

Paul (R) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 46min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) 1hr 36min
10:55am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Source Code (PG-13) 1hr 34min
11:50am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:05pm

Hop (PG) 1hr 30min
10:00am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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

Desert of Forbidden Art (NR) 1hr 20min
11:00am

Barney's Version (NR) 2hrs 12min
3:20pm, 8:30pm

Bag It (NR) 1hr 14min
11:00am

Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives (Loong Boonmee raleuk chat) (NR) 1hr 54min
11:00am

Win Win (R) 1hr 46min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Super (NR) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

I Am (NR) 1hr 16min
1:10pm, 6:20pm

Coppelia (National Opera of Paris Ballet) (NR)
10:30am

King's Speech (PG-13) 1hr 51min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1hr 56min
11:10am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:55pm, 10:45pm

Limitless (PG-13) 1hr 45min
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Jane Eyre (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
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Trust (R) 1hr 44min
11:40am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1hr 59min
10:15am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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

Treat yourself tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You perk up considerably. Someone reveals his or her true feelings. To some, you are unpredictable, like a lightning bolt. Avoid a run-in with a friend or older relative. This person has a lot of clout and won't hesitate to use it. Tonight: As you like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Need some time off from the daily grind? If you had all the time in the world, what would you like to do? Pretend today is just such a day. If you need to, move plans to another day. Tonight: Know that more news is forthcoming.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Join some friends who are going to a game, concert or movie. You might be surprised by what is going on around them. Their news could be unusually volatile and exciting. Tonight: Where you are the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ If you want to gain a different perspective, make an effort to do just that. Sometimes you are so light and easy about the status quo, you don't even question what is going on. You will when a close loved one balks at what is happening. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ If you still are hearing that little whisper about taking off but you can't, try a day trip to someplace you love or that you have never been to. You will discover just how much you need this change. Don't let a person in your day-to-day life cause a ripple today. Tonight: Continue the adventure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating is always more satisfying to you. Take time for that someone who is instrumental in your life, who really makes a difference. Some of your choices could be different as a result of today. Tonight: Let someone throw a tantrum. Sometimes appeasing a person only makes their behavior worse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Someone might try to lure you into his or her plans. You could be amazed by what goes on. The message is clear -- you must not be alone, nor will you be. A family member could cause some upset. Is this new? Tonight: Happily out with friends or a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Though you might have thought you wanted a very social weekend, you seem to get into a rewarding pastime -- so much so that you don't even bother to answer the phone. You will hear about this lack of concern later. For now, relax. Tonight: Put your feet up, read or watch TV.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You naturally take the lead in whatever you do. Organize friends for a spontaneous dinner, or perhaps entertain the kids with a surprise outing. Realize the importance of changing the pace and doing something totally different. Tonight: Having a ball.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Though you like to go out, right now, spend some quiet time at home. Close family members or roommates will enjoy this extra time. Don't get into a power play. It could ruin a close-to-perfect day. Tonight: A favorite dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Make phone calls to friends you never get time to share with. Before you know it, you also might be meeting up with someone you hadn't expected to see. If you are tired, cancel plans, as you could be overly cranky. Tonight: Hanging out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Perhaps you need to indulge a little. Is it time to spruce up your wardrobe or get a haircut? You might want to do something just for you but wind up doing some gift buying. A loved one will like a token of affection. Tonight: Treat yourself again.

Happy birthday

This year, you feel energized, though sometimes you wear yourself down and spread yourself too thin. Do maintain good health habits. Use care with strong feelings. You might judge your way of releasing your emotions, especially anger, to be inappropriate. Suppressing your anger could lead to a big backfire. If you are single, you could meet someone delightful, though you might not want to make a commitment too quickly. If you are attached, the two of you could become much closer if you express your vulnerabilities. A fellow ARIES can push your buttons.

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



MYSTERY PHOTO

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

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By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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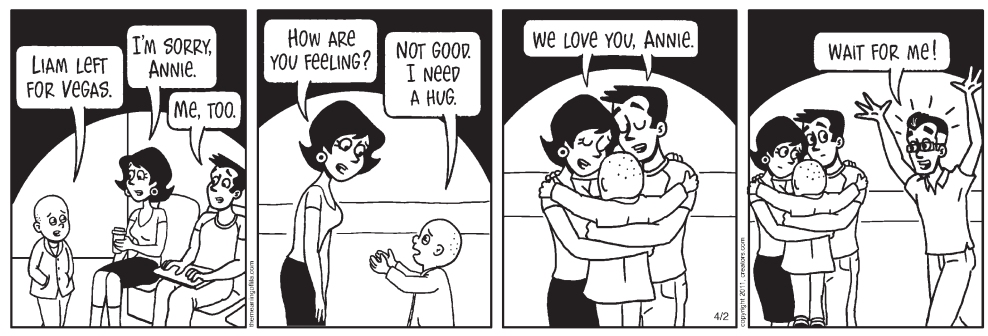
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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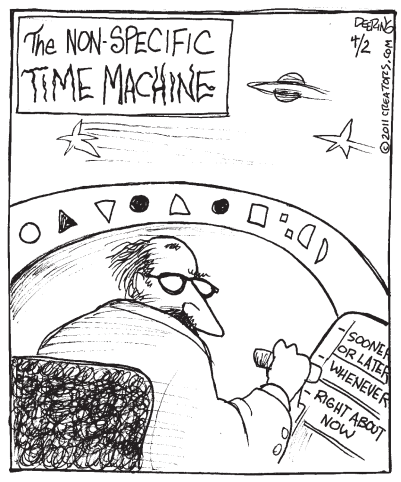

Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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



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14 Old warship
16 In need of a doc
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18 Fast sailing ship
20 Norway neighbor
22 Lord's wife
23 "Frasier" pooch
25 "Fernando" group
28 "Hold on ..."
32 Armada ship
34 One of Frank's wives
35 Equal: Prefix
36 Fishing boat
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Yesterday's answer

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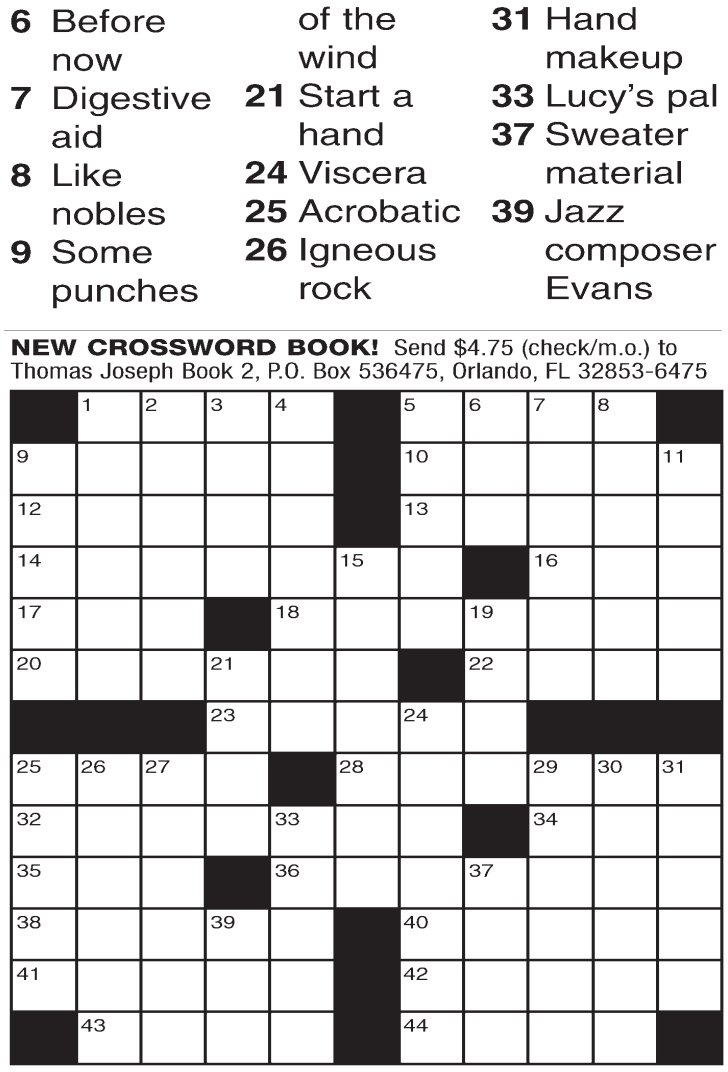

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DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 6 15 23 34 38 Meganumber: 43 Jackpot: $19M
SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 18 20 22 26 41 Meganumber: 19 Jackpot: $7M
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DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 6 7 1 EVENING: 6 4 6
DAILY DERBY: 1st: 01 Gold Rush 2nd: 09 Winning Spirit 3rd: 10 Solid Gold RACE TIME: 1:48.13

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Elusive Perps: (1) Armed-robbery convict Edward Nathan Jr. escaped from a Florida work-release center in 1983 and, as "Claude Brooks" and other identities, managed to avoid police for the next 27 years, until he slipped up in December in Atlanta -- arrested after being caught urinating in public. He was returned to Florida and charged with escape. (2) Accused thief Anthony Darwin, 30, who had successfully eluded authorities in Wisconsin since 2004, turned himself in to Sheriff Bob Spoden in Janesville in January, apparently only because he needs treatment for cancer. However, not wanting to pay for the expensive surgery, Spoden asked a judge to dismiss the arrest warrant and put Darwin back on the street. (Judge Alan Bates released Darwin for treatment, which will surely be paid for by the taxpayer, although perhaps not on the sheriff's account.)

■ The Country Afraid of Its Own Shadow: (1) Britain's Oxfordshire County Council, which oversees youth swimming classes, banned goggles from the pools in February because of the fear that kids might snap the elastic bands and hurt their eyes. (2) Malvern Primary School in Huyton, Merseyside, recently banned play with regulation soccer balls because they are made of leather. "Football," it ruled, must be played with less-dangerous sponge balls.

■ The German news agency Deutsche Presse Agentur reported in November (1992) on Japanese inventor Kenji Kawakami's "New Idea Academy," which features his own innovations and counts among his most successful products a portable washing machine that straps onto the user's leg (swirling the clothes with each step); a travel necktie with room for writing utensils and a calculator; padded booties for cats so they can dust the floor while walking around; and a "solar flashlight" that provides a strong beam of light as long as the sun is shining.

WORD UP!

gravitas
\ GRAV-uh-tahs \ , noun;
1. High seriousness (as in a person's bearing or in the treatment of a subject).

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- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
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- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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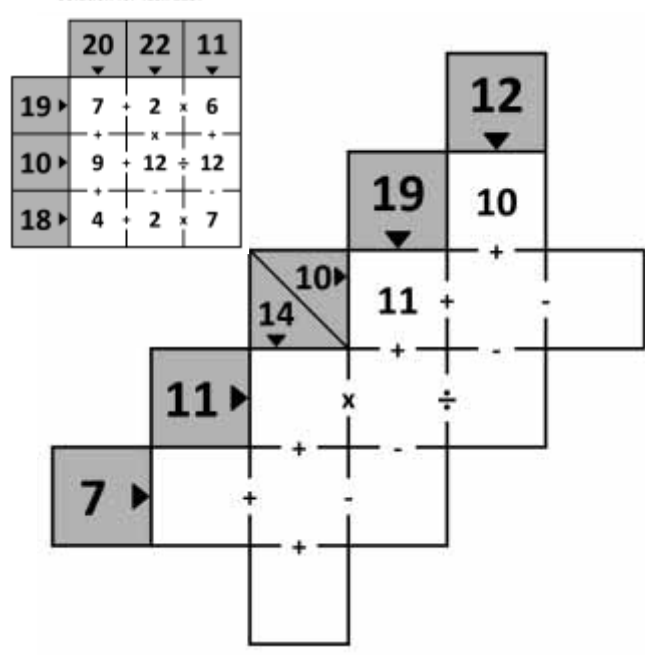
1, 3, 4, 9, 9, 9, 11, 11, 12

Solution for Task 1237



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