Lotus
lotusinterworks.com
We Build Small Biz Apps!
Call 310.442.3330 Today!

Taxi! Taxi!
20th Anniversary
2010 Small Business of the Year Award
California Small Business Association (41st District)
310-444-4444
Hybrid • Mercedes-Benz
not valid from hotels or with other offers • SM residents only • Expires 12/31/12
SM to LAX $30
SantaMonicaTaxi.com

smdp.com
APRIL 14-15, 2012
Volume 11 Issue 132

Santa Monica Daily Press

We have you covered

CHECK OUT THE NEW TREND IN BEERS
SEE PAGE 7

THE BURN BEFORE READING ISSUE ISSUE



Ashley Archibald *ashley@smdp.com*

RESPONSE: **Residents are treated for minor injuries sustained in a fire that broke out Friday in their apartment building (background) on Second Street.**

Fire breaks out in Downtown apartments

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SECOND STREET The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to a call about multiple explosions coming from a low-income apartment building in the 1300 block of Second Street at 4:46 p.m. Friday.

A fire broke out in a first floor unit, and was visible from the street, according to officials.

Residents, mostly elderly, got out through first floor windows and a fire escape, although some had to be evacuated from the second floor, said SMFD Capt. Michael McElvaney.

Three people sustained minor injuries, including smoke inhalation and a bruised wrist. Nobody needed to be taken to the hospital.

The cause of the fire is unknown, McElvaney said.

Eight SMFD units, three Los Angeles City Fire units and four AmeriCare ambulances responded to the scene.

The fire department has conducted drills at the building in the past because its U-shape and "old school" fire escapes present unique challenges, said SMFD Capt. Judah Mitchell.

"We want to be on our A-game," Mitchell said.

Smoke detectors in the building had just been replaced, said resident Brian Helip.

"The Santa Monica Fire Department was right on time," Helip said.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. No word on the cost of the damage.

ashley@smdp.com

Study: Most gas pedal accidents involve women

BY JOAN LOWY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Accidents in which drivers mistakenly hit the gas instead of the brake tend to involve older female drivers in parking lots, a new government study has found.

One of the study's most striking and consistent findings was that nearly two-thirds of drivers who had such accidents were female. When looking at all crashes, the reverse is true — about 60 percent of drivers involved in crashes are male, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study noted.

SEE CRASH PAGE 9

No expiration date

Judge rules against City Hall in parking privilege dispute

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN Barry Silver purchased his Toyota Prius in November 2005 because he wanted to reduce his impact on the environment. An added bonus was that he could park for free at meters in Santa Monica thanks to a law passed by the City Council to entice people to purchase more fuel-efficient vehicles.

But when the Department of Motor Vehicles on July 1, 2011 phased out the yellow clean-air-vehicle stickers for hybrids that allowed Prius owners like Silver to drive in the car pool lane alone, that parking privilege also ended. The way the local law is written ties the privilege to whichever decals are still active and not to the make or model of the vehicle.

The problem is, Silver, 70, claims he didn't know that.

So when he went to the Co-Opportunity Market on Broadway in August of last year, the Culver City resident returned to his car to find a parking ticket for $54. Upset, Silver

SEE PARKING PAGE 9



Photo courtesy Mario Duran Ortiz

OLD SCHOOL: **Toyota Prius with old car-pool-access yellow decals.**


Andrew Thurm
COLDWELL BANKER
310.442.1651
AndrewThurm@aol.com

Now offering GLUTEN FREE BREAD, BAGELS AND MUFFINS!
Prepared in a non gluten free kitchen.
DELI TO THE STARS
IZZY'S
1433 Wilshire Boulevard, at 15th Street
310-394-1131 OPEN 24 HOURS


BUY WITH KRONOVET, AND START PACKING!
Contact: 2010 Realtor of the Year - ROBERT KRONOVET
Kronovet Realty
DRE # 01128992
310-829-9303
Info@Kronovet.com

Family Dentistry
General, Cosmetic, & Implant Dentistry
Modern, Comfortable and Relaxed Atmosphere
Gentle Dentistry | Sedation Available | Digital Technology | Smile Makeover | Flexible Financing
Santa Monica Tooth Doctor
Basic Cleaning, Exam and full Mouth Xrays
$65.00
Free Cosmetic Consultation
– Modern facilities, gentle dentistry, sedation
Ali Mogharei DDS
(310) 829-2224
2222 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 202, Santa Monica, CA 90404
Check our monthly promotions on our website www.santamonicatoothdr.com

FREE WEIGHT LOSS & FITNESS OPPORTUNITY!
Lose weight & get healthy with top fitness experts
• 6 month program • Men & Women 25-65 years old
• 1:1 consultation & free training • Workouts M-F in Santa Monica
• Must have between 30-100 lbs. to lose
• Must be committed & motivated
• Customized food plan

Contact KAREN today!
818-710-0910
karenreif@earthlink.net

Professional Counseling Support
WISE & HEALTHY LIVING
Counseling & Therapy Center
Services for older adults and their families
Licensed psychologists, psychology graduate interns and post-doctoral fellows.
Services are provided via Medicare and private pay/sliding scale.
Peer Counseling Support Groups
Ongoing Groups Meet Weekly in Santa Monica
Support Groups for People 55 and Older
Bereavement Group — Tuesdays, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
Women's Expanding Your Horizons — Mondays, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
Men's Support Groups — Mondays, 10:30 a.m. – Noon or Thursdays, 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Women's Circle — First Tuesdays, 10 a.m. – Noon
No drop-ins. Please call for location and information:
WISE & Healthy Aging
(310) 394-9871 ext. 465
www.wiseandhealthyaging.org
WISE & Healthy Aging is a nonprofit social services organization

Borrowing Against Your Home?
Reverse Mortgage Counseling
▪ HUD-authorized, third-party, independent counseling
▪ Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) counselor
▪ Member of HUD's National HECM Counseling Network
WISE & Healthy Aging
For Information:
(310) 394-9871 ext. 435
In conjunction with the National Council on Aging

What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Green thumb
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Attend this monthly workshop on sustainable gardening and landscaping. This month learn how to plant climate-appropriate plants from the Mediterranean plant palette that offer a variety of colors, textures and fragrance. Registration is not required. For more information, visit www.sustainablesm.org/landscape, or call (310) 458-8972.

Get educated
REI
402 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Santa Monica Spoke joins REI for a day of cycling education and fun. Get educated and inspired as you meet vendors, community bike clubs and non-profits. REI will help you maximize your ride, teach you how to plan your route, and let you test ride some of their newest bikes. Cost: Free. For more information, call (310) 458-4370.

Forum for the 50th
Santa Monica College, Main Stage
1900 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m.
Three Democrats and a Republican who are competing to represent portions of the Westside in the newly created 50th Assembly District will meet in a candidates' forum. The candidates are Assemblywoman Betsy Butler, political veteran Torie Osborn and Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom, all Democrats, and Republican Brad Torgan. The primary election is June 5. Free parking will be available in Parking Structure 3. Cost: Free. For more information, contact Francesca M. Vega, assistant director for UCLA State Government Relations at (310) 794-6826; fvega@support.ucla.edu.

Explore the arts
18th Street Arts Center
1639 18th St., 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Join the 18th Street Arts Center for its seasonal, campus-wide celebration featuring an opening reception for the Alliance of Artists Communities' "Visions from the New California" exhibition, two resident-artist exhibitions and open studios by local and international artists. Cost: Free. For more information, call (310) 453-3711.

Sunday, April 15, 2012

High flying
North of the Santa Monica Pier
12 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Create and fly kites with world-renowned kite makers and designers at the first annual Otis College Kite Festival. This free event will also feature sand castle building, face painting and caricature drawing. For more information, call (310) 846-2586.

Night at the symphony
Santa Monica High School, Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 4 p.m.
Conductor Marcelo Lehninger returns to lead the New West Symphony in their Masterpiece Series Concert No. 5. Titled "Variations." The concert will feature cellist Andrew Janss as a guest soloist and will include music from composers Haydn and Tchaikovsky. For tickets, call (866) 776-8400 or visit www.newwestsymphony.org. Prices range from $25 to $98.

To create your own listing, log on to smdp.com/submitevent

For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings





Photo courtesy The Shore Hotel

BURNING CALORIES: **Hop on board the Barcycle, Santa Monica's eco-friendly way to pub crawl where the driver is always designated.**

Barcycle rolls into Santa Monica

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET Santa Monica encourages bicycles for commuting, daily errands and fitness.

Why not barhopping?

That was Frank Congine's thought when he caught his first glimpse of what he would later call the Beach Barcycle rolling its way down the streets of Minneapolis.

The contraption had a row of seats on three sides of what appeared to be a bar counter. At every seat, riders operated foot pedals which pushed the vehicle along as a (presumably) sober driver steered and operated the brakes to each sudsy destination.

Congine thought of his sister, a radio producer who lives in Manhattan Beach, and an unlikely idea occurred.

"These things would be great in beach towns," he said. "I've been on bar crawls where everyone rides their bikes, talking and pedaling. It would tag in with the tourism here. Go slow along the ocean, check out stuff at a slower pace."

So Congine made a choice. He left his regular job as a forensic psychology expert for the courts in Minnesota, packed up and started exploring what, exactly, it would take to operate a barhopping pedicab in the beach towns of southern California.

Now, a year later, the Beach Barcycle operates in Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach. Unlike its northern inspiration, the bicycle is decorated with surf boards, electric lights and a radio so that guests can dig the beach vibe as they coast down local roads.

Only in the last month did it break new ground into Venice and Santa Monica with one route through the bar-heavy section of Main Street and another down the scenic Ocean Avenue.

Congine and his company got a second cycle from Bend, Ore. which was made up in orange and blue by Bodie Stroud, the man responsible for fabricating cars for Jay Leno and Adam Corolla.

"It's all Santa Monica'd up," Congine said.

Perhaps stranger than the idea itself is that it never took root in California's hospitable climes before.

Similar vehicles have popped up under a variety of themed names all across the country. In Michigan, it's known as the Pub Cruiser. A Cycle Tavern turned up in Ohio, and the Brewcycle cruises the streets of Portland, Ore.

According to reports, most faced what Congine found to be his most obvious obstacle.

"The biggest hurdle would be permitting," Congine said. "If I could get the permits, it was a great idea."

Unlike the larger cities, operating the Beach Barcycle presented a larger challenge because of the number of different municipalities he had to work with to set up appropriate routes.

In some states, the vehicles get a classifi-

SEE **CYCLE** PAGE 10

Finding the humor in a grocery store

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

BROADWAY What's so funny about a grocery store?

For most stores, nothing. There's fresh produce, hopefully a few sale items and plenty of canned goods, but not much humor.

At the Co-opportunity market on Broadway, one guy thinks there's funny to be made in an unlikely place.

Ben Wolfinsohn, the creator of "Co-op Stories," believes that laughs are found among the organic lemons and lentils.

A member of the market, Wolfinsohn

SEE **LAUGHS** PAGE 11

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Motorcycle watch

Santa Monica police officers will crack down on motorcycle-related traffic violations Sunday as part of their day-long Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation.

Extra patrols in areas frequented by motorcyclists or where crashes occur will also be in place.

The move comes after the recent turnaround of a 10-year trend of high motorcycle fatalities in California. In 2010, 352 motorcyclists were killed, in contrast to 560 deaths just two years before, police said.

"The terrible trend of rising motorcycle fatalities has been reversed, though there is more that everyone can do to save more lives," said Christopher J. Murphy, California Office of Traffic Safety director. "Riders and drivers need to respect each other and share the road."

Part of this reduction can be attributed to fewer improperly licensed riders. As a result, the Santa Monica Police Department encourages riders of all ages to be properly licensed and seek training and safety information.

Drivers are also reminded to be mindful of motorcyclists, especially when turning and changing lanes.

SAMANTHA MASUNAGA


Golda Savage
Stand [on] your [own] ground.
Helping sellers & buyers accomplish just that.
310.770.4490
golda@bulldogrealtors.com
BULLDOG REALTORS
1209 Abbot Kinney Boulevard, Venice

SMALL BUSINESS
STARTUP?
LET ME HELP YOU SUCCEED
TAXES • BOOKKEEPING • STARTUPS • CORPS. • LLCS
(310) 395-9922
SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800 Santa Monica 90401

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Concerns about safety

The following is a letter, dated April 12, that Rep. Henry A. Waxman sent to Arthur T. Leahy, chief executive officer of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, regarding the Westside subway extension.

Dear Mt. Leahy:

As a strong proponent of the Westside Subway Extension, I write to request the Metro Board's careful consideration of the Century City station location as it reviews the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report for the project.

As you know, subway safety has been a top priority of mine. I have heard a great deal of concern from the Beverly Hills community about the proposed Century City station at Constellation Boulevard, because of the possible safety risks involved with tunneling under Beverly Hills High School. The City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Unified School District have commissioned independent studies and made a strong case that the route poses safety risks and would be less desirable for cost, speed and ridership. These concerns must be weighed carefully alongside the study commissioned by Metro, which identifies serious seismic concerns for alternate station locations on Santa Monica Boulevard.

I appreciate your assurances that safety is Metro's number one consideration. Safety should remain the top concern as the Metro Board evaluates the EIS/EIR and the Century City station. I would urge the Metro Board to only chose a route that would require tunneling under the school if there is a definitive conclusion that it is the safest alternative.

With kind regards,
Sincerely,

Henry A. Waxman (D-30th)
Member of Congress

Serving no purpose

Editor:

Four streets cross Fourth Street between San Vicente Boulevard and Montana Avenue: Georgina, Marguerita, Alta and Palisades avenues. Each has stop signs at Fourth Street. Uniquely, however, there is also a stop sign along Fourth at Marguerita, (i.e. there are four-way stop signs at Fourth and Marguerita), and so each vehicle running along Fourth Street, in either direction, must make a stop at Marguerita. Yet the cross traffic on Marguerita is vanishingly insignificant, much as is the cross traffic on Georgina, Alta and Palisades.

There is no conceivable reason for vehicles to be forced to a stop at Marguerita, yet daily many hundreds of stops are coerced by the stop signs on Fourth Street at Marguerita, wasting time, fuel, wear and tear on vehicles, causing pollution.

Here is another such example, different than the one along Fourth Street, but, if anything, even more perverse. There are similarly four streets crossing 14th street between San Vicente and Montana (Brentwood ends at 14th) and at every single one of those streets there is a four-way stop sign, so that a vehicle traversing 14th must make fully four stops between San Vicente and Montana, for no apparent reason! There is hardly any cross traffic on the four crossing streets that might be reason for stopping traffic on 14th Street. Yet as the situation now stands, every vehicle taking 14th round trip must make eight needless stops each day, together totaling what must be many thousands of unnecessary stops each day!

These two situations are offered only as illustrations of a condition that is widespread on city streets, of stop signs, particularly four-way stop signs, that serve no useful purpose; I could cite many more such situations.

City Hall encourages residents to conserve fuel, to conserve water, to recycle waste, etc., and properly so. Here is a situation where City Hall might itself participate in conservation, at minimal cost and effort, by auditing the use of stop signs throughout the city, eliminating those that generate only inconvenience and waste and serve no useful purpose.

Melvyn Klein
Santa Monica

On the Beat

NRO Richard Verbeck — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Victims also have rights

Q: I CALLED THE POLICE BECAUSE OF a domestic violence incident I was involved in. They came to my house and arrested my now ex-boyfriend. The officer was extremely thoughtful and patient with me, even though I was a bit hysterical. When the officer left, he gave me a business card and explained that I have certain rights because I was a victim of a crime. The back of the business card said "The Victim's Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law." It's comforting to know I have rights, but I can't remember everything the officer told me. Can you explain what exactly Marsy's Law is?

A: Thank you for your question and I'm sorry to hear you were a victim of domestic violence. It is unfortunate that people still suffer at the hands of their loved ones. I'm more than happy to explain Marsy's Law. Before we get into what Marsy's Law is, let's first understand why it came about.

Dr. Henry T. Nicholas ultimately led the campaign to provide victims and their families certain rights that are guaranteed by law. Nicholas' sister, Marsalee (Marsy) Nicholas, was a beautiful and vibrant University of California Santa Barbara student, who was stalked and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983. Only a week after Marsy was murdered, Marsy's mother, Marcella Leach, walked into a grocery store after visiting her daughter's grave and was confronted by the accused murderer. She had no idea he had been released on bail.

She was not informed because the courts and law enforcement had no obligation to keep the family informed. Accused criminals have more than 20 individual rights spelled out in the U.S. Constitution, but the surviving family members of murder victims had none. Nicholas said:

"If any good can come of something this horrible — the loss of my sister and the losses of other families of crime victims — it is that these violent acts served as a catalyst for change. Marsy's Law will provide for a more compassionate justice system for crime victims in California and make that a constitutional guarantee. Now the momentum can be put behind a U.S. Constitutional amendment so that the rights of all crime victims, anywhere in America, can be protected."

Marsy's Law was approved by California voters on Nov. 4, 2008 under the name of Proposition 9. Although I could translate how the law reads into layman's terms for better understanding, I would rather sift through the pages of legal terminology and quote the 17 rights as it pertains to the victims of crime. California Constitution, Article 1, Section 28(b) states: In order to preserve and protect a victim's rights to justice and due process, a victim shall be entitled to the following rights:

• To be treated with fairness and respect for his or her privacy and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse, throughout the criminal or juvenile justice process.

• To be reasonably protected from the defendant and persons acting on behalf of the defendant.

• To have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in fixing the amount of bail and release conditions for the defendant.

• To prevent the disclosure of confidential information or records to the defendant, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, which could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family or which disclose confidential communications made in the course of medical or counseling treatment, or which are otherwise privileged or confidential by law.

• To refuse an interview, deposition, or discovery request by the defendant, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any such interview to which the victim consents.

• To reasonable notice of and to reasonably confer with the prosecuting agency, upon request, regarding, the arrest of the defendant if known by the prosecutor, the charges filed, the determination whether to extradite the defendant, and, upon request, to be notified of and informed before any pretrial disposition of the case.

• To reasonable notice of all public proceedings, including delinquency proceedings, upon request, at which the defendant and the prosecutor are entitled to be present and of all parole or other post-conviction release proceedings, and to be present at all such proceedings.

• To be heard, upon request, at any proceeding, including any delinquency proceeding, in which a right of the victim is at issue.

• To a speedy trial and a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related post-judgment proceedings.

• To provide information to a probation department official conducting a pre-sentence investigation concerning the impact of the offense on the victim and the victim's family and any sentencing recommendations before the sentencing of the defendant.

• To receive, upon request, the pre-sentence report when available to the defendant, except for those portions made confidential by law.

• To be informed, upon request, of the conviction, sentence, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the defendant, the scheduled release date of the defendant, and the release of or the escape by the defendant from custody.

• To restitution.

• To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.

• To be informed of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified, upon request, of the parole or other release of the offender.

• To have the safety of the victim, the victim's family, and the general public considered before any parole or other post-judgment release decision is made.

• To be informed of the rights enumerated in paragraphs 1-16.

I know this is a lot of information, but hopefully you now understand the long overdue rights provided to the victims of crimes. In conjunction with Marsy's Law you can also obtain assistance from Sojourn (assistance for battered women and children) at (310) 264-6644, Rape Treatment Center at (310) 319-4000 and the Department of Children and Family Services at (800) 540-4000. Remember if you are a victim of a crime and it is an emergency, please call 911. If it is a non-emergency please call our non-emergency line at (310)458-8491.

This column was prepared by Neighborhood Resource Officer **RICHARD "RICK" VERBECK**, Beat 4 (Montana Avenue to Interstate 10, 20th Street to Ocean Avenue, excluding Downtown). He can be reached at (424) 200-0684.

PUBLISHER
Ross Furukawa
ross@smdp.com

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Kevin Herrera
editor@smdp.com

MANAGING EDITOR
Daniel Archuleta
daniela@smdp.com

STAFF WRITER
Ashley Archibald
ashley@smdp.com

CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Brandon Wise
brandonw@smdp.com

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Morgan Genser
news@smdp.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Bill Bauer, David Pisarra, Meredith Carroll, Jack Neworth, Lloyd Garver, Ron Hooks, Taylor Van Arsdale, Merv Hecht, Cynthia Citron, Tom Viscount, Michael Ryan, JoAnne Barge, Katrina Davy

NEWS INTERN
Samantha Masunaga
news@smdp.com

PHOTOGRAPHY INTERN
Ray Solano
news@smdp.com

VICE PRESIDENT–BUSINESS OPERATIONS
Rob Schwenker
schwenker@smdp.com

JUNIOR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES
Chelsea Fujitaki
chelsea@smdp.com
Justin Harris
justin@smdp.com

OPERATIONS COORDINATOR
Michele Emch
michele.e@smdp.com

PRODUCTION MANAGER
Darren Ouellette
production@smdp.com

PRODUCTION DESIGNER
Alejandro Cantarero
production@smdp.com

CIRCULATION
Keith Wyatt
Osvaldo Paganini
circulation@smdp.com

Santa Monica Daily Press
We have you covered

1640 5th Street, Suite 218
Santa Monica, CA 90401
OFFICE (310) 458-PRESS (7737)
FAX (310) 576-9913

smdp.com

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

19,000 daily circulation, 46,450 daily readership. Circulation is audited and verified by Circulation Verification Council, 2012. Serving the City of Santa Monica, and the communities of Venice Beach, Brentwood, West LA. Members of CNPA, AFCP, CVC, Associated Press, IFPA, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

Published by Newlon Rouge, LLC

© 2012 Newlon Rouge, LLC, all rights reserved.

OPINIONS EXPRESSED are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff. Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters will be published on a space-available basis. It is our intention to publish all letters we receive, except those that are libelous or are unsigned. Preference will be given to those that are e-mailed to editor@smdp.com. All letters must include the author's name and telephone number for purposes of verification. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content.



Modern Times

Lloyd Garver
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

There's an allergy for that

CIVILIZATION AS WE KNOW IT IS JUST about to come to an end. I came across a new piece of evidence of this just last week. At the Passover seder I attended, guests actually had the option of regular or gluten-free matzos. Let me repeat that phrase: "gluten-free matzos."

For thousands of years, Jews have been able to eat regular matzos without there being a problem. I don't believe that any medical study has determined that the incidence of gluten related digestive problems spikes every Passover. However, now that it's 2012, there has to be gluten-free matzos. I guess soon we'll be reading in a new version of the Bible that Moses led his flock to the Red Sea and said, "OK, everybody stop. If you're gluten-sensitive, remove that unleavened bread from your backs and return to slavery in Egypt. For the rest of you, have I got a surprise about what I'm going to do with this sea."

In case you're wondering, yes, there was a person at the dinner who was lactose intolerant. We're used to that. On the other hand, gluten intolerance is relatively new to us. Awhile back, hypoglycemia was all the rage. What happened to that? Did all the hypoglycemiacs disappear?

Don't get me wrong. I have complete compassion for people with medical problems who require a special diet. I'm thrilled that a change in diet can be a lifesaver for them. Gluten is a protein in wheat and some other grains that certain people just can't tolerate. For them, it can be very dangerous to eat foods that contain gluten.

However, in addition to those who actually suffer from dietary conditions, I have a sneaky suspicion that there are a whole bunch of people who suffer from the condition that I'll call, "Hey, maybe I have that-itis."

So, there are two distinct groups of people. One group consists of those who have had medical tests and/or their doctors have told them that they have some food intolerance. The other group consists of people who think they have this condition because their cousin told them they do, or because they read about it in a book that was on a shelf next to a book like, "Eat Watermelon for a Month and Get Taller."

A particularly annoying feature of those in group two is that they talk loudly and incessantly about their alleged condition. I'm pretty sure that those who really have dietary problems don't shout about them in restaurants or monopolize the conversation by talking about them at dinner parties.

Those who would take umbrage from my saying that they might suffer from "Hey, maybe I have that-itis," may say that if they don't really have that condition, why do they feel better on their lactose-, gluten-, or whatever-free diets? The simple answer is that they are probably eating healthier now. Maybe they've eliminated a great deal of junk or fattening foods. Even if it is based on an illusion, eating better is a good thing. I'm happy that they're getting healthier. Just stop talking about it.

I'M REALLY TIRED OF HEARING A WAITER TELL ME A RESTAURANT'S SPECIALS AND HAVE HIM SAY THINGS LIKE THEIR CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP IS DAIRY FREE.

I'm really tired of hearing a waiter tell me a restaurant's specials and have him say things like their cream of mushroom soup is dairy free. In addition, I certainly don't want to know what artificial ingredient (that we'll soon learn is dangerous) has replaced milk in that soup.

It's gotten completely out of control. There is actually a website called testyourintoleranceusa.com. For a mere $85, they will test you for 600 food and non-food intolerances. Of course, they won't test you for an intolerance to all of these intolerances.

LLOYD GARVER has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Home Improvement" to "Frasier." He has also read many books, some of them in hardcover. He can be reached at lloydgarver@gmail.com. Check out his website at lloydgarver.com and his podcasts on iTunes.









LEGAL GRIND®

Justice Served Daily®

since 1996

People often ask me what to do if a landlord does not make repairs to a rental unit. Let me start with something a tenant should not do.

DO NOT WITHHOLD RENT

Under certain limited circumstances, a tenant may withhold rent. But, it is never a good idea to withhold rent. If a tenant does not pay the full rent, when due, the landlord would most likely serve the tenant with a three day notice to pay or quit. Once a three day notice to pay or quit expires, the landlord does not have to accept the money even if the tenant offers the full amount. The landlord can refuse the payment and proceed with an unlawful detainer action (eviction case).

An unlawful detainer action is very stressful. Also, the tenant would have the expense of litigation costs and probably attorney fees. A tenant does not have to retain an attorney to defend an unlawful detainer action, but it would be very wise to do so.

If a tenant loses an unlawful detainer case, the tenant would be evicted and owe all of the back rent and possibly the landlord's attorney fees and litigation costs. Further, the unlawful detainer judgment would probably appear on the tenant's credit reports as well as reports kept by landlord agencies which could make it difficult to rent a new home in the future.

For all of the above reasons, a tenant should never withhold any rent.

GIVE LANDLORD A LIST IN WRITING

The first thing a tenant should do is give the landlord a list in writing of items which need to be repaired. The list should be hand-delivered or mailed to the landlord. The tenant must keep a copy of that list and keep track of when and how the list was delivered to the landlord (the specific date when the list was mailed or hand-delivered).

A tenant must give the landlord a reasonable period to make repairs. What is a "reasonable period" is defined on a case by case basis. Usually, a tenant should give the landlord 30 days to make repairs. But, if the condition is serious (i.e.: no electricity, no hot water, hole in the roof), a reasonable time would be much shorter.

A tenant should list all items which need repair, in detail. Failure to notify the landlord of a specific problem may prevent a tenant from being compensated later for the defective condition.

CONTACT GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS

If the landlord does not make the repairs within a reasonable period, the tenant should contact appropriate government inspectors.

In Santa Monica, the first office to be contacted should be the Santa Monica Code Compliance Department: (310) 458-4984. The Code Compliance Department will not come to a rental unit to perform a general inspection. The tenant must have a specific list of items which need repair.

In addition to the Code Compliance Department, a tenant should call the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services. To arrange for an inspection, a Santa Monica tenant would call: (310) 665-8484.

The advantage of government inspectors is that the government agency may order the landlord to make repairs. Also, if the tenant is in trial with the landlord (or a hearing with the Santa Monica Rent Control Board), the government inspectors' reports may be admissible as evidence.

PETITION FOR RENT DECREASE

If the landlord does not make the required repairs, a tenant may file a petition for rent decrease. The petition is filed with the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, located in Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 202, Santa Monica, CA 90401; (310) 458-8751. The petition for rent decrease may be filed 30 to 180 days after service of the written notice to the landlord of items which need repair.

If the petition is granted, the rent will be reduced. But, the rent reduction is prospective (from that point forward). The Rent Control Board does not have the authority to award any money to compensate the tenant for past conditions or reduced services.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

If a tenant wishes to be compensated for the defective conditions or reduced services in the past, the tenant would have to file a lawsuit. A suit could be filed in superior court. Although an attorney is not required for superior court, it is likely that the landlord would retain an attorney. When one party has an attorney and the other does not, it is a big advantage. If the tenant retains an attorney, the expenses might make such a suit in superior court impractical.

Usually, the most economical way to proceed is to file a lawsuit in small claims court. A person can sue in small claims court for up to $7,500.00. And, there are no attorneys in small claims court. Thus, the expenses are greatly reduced.

CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY

Even if the tenant is not going to retain an attorney on a fulltime basis, it is usually a good idea to at least have a consultation with a tenants' rights attorney, especially before filing suit in small claims court or filing a petition for rent decrease.

THIS COLUMN WAS PREPARED BY MARK PALMER, A SANTA MONICA TENANTS' RIGHTS ATTORNEY.
HE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THE LEGAL GRIND AT 310-452-8160 OR REFERRAL@LEGALGRIND.COM

Disclaimer: this article does not constitute legal advice and does not create an attorney client relationship.

www.LegalGrind.com

$45 Coffee & Counsel® Schedule

@ THE NOVEL CAFÉ, located at 2127 Lincoln Blvd, Santa Monica

Although our doors are closed during construction, we're still open!

CALL 310.452.8160 TO CONFIRM TIMES

Info@legalgrind.com

MONDAY	
4:00–5:00pm	(1st & 3rd Monday/Month) Criminal, DMV & Traffic Law: Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes, with former Deputy D.A. and Attorney Jacob Glucksman
5:00–6:00pm	(1st & 3rd Monday/Month) Tenant Rights, Auto accidents, Products Liability, Insurance & Business Disputes, Personal Injury & Small Claims with Attorney Mark Palmer
TUESDAY	
9:00-12:00noon	Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law with Attorney Marcus Risso (By appointment only)
1:00-4:00pm	Employment Law: Wrongful Termination, Sexual harassment, Disability Accommodation, Leave Law, Discrimination, Retaliation, Whistle Blower, Wage & Hour disputes with Attorney Sara Eliot
4:00-5:00pm	(1st and 3rd Tuesday/Month): Civil and Criminal Law with former Deputy District Attorney Hart Levin. Hart has expertise in all criminal and traffic issues, and he also has extensive knowledge in many areas of civil law including business disputes, fraud, personal injury and employment law.
WEDNESDAY	
5:00-6:30pm	Divorce and Legal Separation; Domestic Partnerships; Child Custody, Support and Visitation; Spousal Support; Prenuptial Agreements & Mediation with Family Law Specialist Attorney Elizabeth Fields at the Novel Café located at 2901 Ocean Park Blvd. in Santa Monica, 90405.
THURSDAY	
12:00-2:00pm	Immigration and Family Law with Attorney Galorah Keshavarz (By appointment Only)
5:00-6:00pm	Chapter 7 and 13 Bankruptcy Filings, Debt Negotiation and Personal Injury cases with Attorneys Paul Mankin and/or Jeff Hughes (By appointment Only)
4:00–5:00pm	(2nd & 4th Thursday/Month) Landlord/Tenant Rights & Obligations, Small Claims, Restraining Orders/Domestic Violence & General Practice Law with Attorney John Wittig
FRIDAY	
4:00-5:00pm	(2nd & 4th Friday/Month) Criminal, DMV & Traffic Law: Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes with former Deputy D.A. and Attorney Jacob Glucksman
4:00–5:00pm	(2nd & 4th Friday/Month) Small business start-ups, Corporations, Contracts, Non-Profit Organizations, Green Law, Employment Law, Green and Sustainable Business Practices with Attorney Becki Kammerling.
SATURDAY	
10am-12noon	(1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday/Month) Estate Planning, Trust & Will Contests Probate, Elder Law, Business Litigation, Formation & Dissolution, Contracts, HOA & Personal Injury with Attorney Richard Ruman
10am-11:30am	(2nd & 4th Sat/Month) Employment/Labor Law including wrongful termination, sexual harassment, wage & hour claims, severance issues; and Family Law/Divorce including support, custody, & prenuptial agreements with Attorney Todd Smilovitz.

Legal Grind, Inc. is certified by the State Bar of CA as a Lawyer Referral & Information Service (#110), and was the recipient of the ABA's 2001 Legal Access Award. www.accesslegalgrind.com

Copyright © 2010-2011, Legal Grind, Inc.



The Re-View

Merv Hecht — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

I found my moo shoo



John Blanchette *news@smdp.com*

VARIETY: **Hop Li is the place to be for moo shoo. The menu is vast and includes (clockwise) clams in fish sauce, shredded pork with vegetables, sizzling beef, chicken with vegetables in ginger sauce and spicy salty shrimp.**

WHEN I FIRST MOVED TO THE SANTA Monica area in 1964, instead of Italian restaurants everywhere there were Chinese restaurants everywhere. And one great treat was Sunday lunch with Moo Shoo.

Now I'm sure that sophisticated readers of this column know what moo shoo is, but for those of you too young to know about these things, moo shoo is a plate of meat, usually chicken or pork, shredded or diced, and mixed with chopped Chinese vegetables in a light sauce and served with pancakes. It's a lot of fun to put some of the moo shoo into the pancake, add some hoisin sauce, and, if to your liking, some hot chili oil, roll it up, and chow down — with a Chinese beer on the side.

Traditionally moo shoo was made with pork and consisted of green cabbage along with scrambled eggs, carrots, day lily buds, wood ear mushrooms, scallions, and bean sprouts. Shiitake mushrooms, bok choy, snow pea pods, bell peppers, onions, and celery are sometimes also used, and dry sherry is often substituted for the huangjiu. The vegetables (except the day lily buds and bean sprouts) are generally sliced into long, thin strips before cooking.

At dinner recently with my friend Samuel Hoi, president of the Otis College of Art & Design, who is from Hong Kong, our discussions turned, naturally, to Chinese food. I was lamenting the disappearance of Chinese restaurants in our area, and particularly moo shoo. I asked Sammy, who seems to always know everything, where to find moo shoo around Santa Monica. To my surprise, he said he couldn't think of a place to recommend, but would be glad to join me if I found a good one!

I took this as a challenge. After having no success in asking friends — even Chinese friends, I resorted to Google. Surprisingly, there was not much information about moo shoo even on Google. But one restaurant stood out: Hop Li, on Santa Monica Boulevard near Bundy Drive. (Another site with the same name, of the same owner, is on Pico Boulevard in Westwood. Some of my Chinese friends say they much prefer the one on Pico. On the other hand, some say they prefer the one closer to Santa Monica.)

So on Sunday I hopped over there to try the moo shoo. I was pleasantly surprised at what I found. The restaurant was large, but broken up into sections so that it was quiet, perhaps because of the low acoustical tile ceilings and carpet. It was pretty full, almost all the tables loaded with Asian people, but they found a seat for me. As I sat down, the waiter came to the table.

I asked if they had moo shoo pork, but he said that the shredded pork was too juicy to use for moo shoo, and he suggested moo shoo chicken. I agreed, and within a minute or so a glass of water, a pot of tea and a cup of hot and sour soup arrived.

The hot and sour soup was really good. It had body, lots of flavor and delicious chunks of tofu in it. It was mildly spicy, just as I like it.

After a time, the moo shoo chicken arrived. I was a bit disappointed in that instead of a plate with the moo shoo and a separate plate of pancakes, these were already rolled up. So I unrolled the first (of four), spooned in a bit of hoisin sauce, added quite a bit of pepper oil and re-rolled it. As I slowly enjoyed the flavors, it bought back memories of those Sunday afternoons in the '60s.

It was different from what we used to eat. There were fewer ingredients, and I don't think it had the scrambled egg to hold it together. But the flavors were similar and the dish was very good in its own way.

I didn't expect to be able to eat all four rolls, but I did. While eating I engaged the manager in conversation. First I asked if they always served the moo shoo pre-rolled. "No" he said, "best to ask waiter at beginning not rolled, you roll yourself." So that was the secret solution to that problem. Then I asked what the most popular dishes were in the restaurant. "Each type dish different" he said. For seafood, the honey shrimp and salted fried shrimp are very popular. For chicken, the orange chicken was in first place. The whole steamed fish in black been sauce is well liked. I don't recall about the beef, but there is certainly plenty of choice on the menu. Then I asked if they have Peking duck. "Every day" he said.

So I went back a few days later and ordered the Peking duck and the steamed crab, two of the "high end" dishes on the menu. The crab was very good, although messy to eat and it required a lot of dexterity to extract the crab with the claw cracker and seafood fork. The Peking duck was a disappointment, and was not at all served as it should be. The duck was not properly sliced and was tough in texture. And the buns did not seem very fresh.

Most of the dishes at Hop Li are very reasonably priced. I paid $9 with tax and tip for my moo shoo, which really could have served two people. The crab and duck meal, on the other hand, was about $40 a person. The menu is amazingly extensive, with over 200 dishes listed.

I saw a lot of good food on the tables around me. A Chinese couple next to me ordered a steamed flounder, which was deboned at the table and carefully divided between them. A friendly couple on the other side of my table was having a vegetarian feast, with hot metal bowls of sliced eggplant in one and tofu in sauce in the other. Big plates of fried chicken whizzed by. Other plates of various vegetables were being served everywhere. And in the fish tank I saw

SEE **MOO SHOO** PAGE 7

If you go

Hop Li Seafood Restaurant
11901 Santa Monica Blvd.
Los Angeles
90025
(310) 268-2463
http://hoplirestaurant.com/wla.html



Photo courtesy Google Images *news@smdp.com*

WOODY: **Barrel-aged beers pack some serious flavors, bringing more complexity to your average draft.**

Something new brewing in (barrel) aged beers

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

Fine wine is said to improve with barrel aging. So why not fine beer?

That's the thinking behind the emerging craft beer trend of aging brews in the barrel to give them more complexity.

"There's something extra about the flavor," says Dougal Sharp, master brewer and owner of the Scotland-based company Innis & Gunn, which has just introduced its Irish Whiskey Cask Stout in the United States.

"Oak aging anything — a wine, a spirit or a beer — imparts enormous depth of flavor and mellowness and complexity. Just think about some of the best, the real premier cru oak-aged wines that you've had. You might not be able to point to exactly why you just love the wine, but you do because it has this enormous depth of flavor. That's what barrel-aging gives beer."

The Innis & Gunn beer was a bit of an accident that began about a decade ago when Sharp, working for his family's brewing company in Edinburgh, got an order from an Irish whiskey maker looking for a custom-brewed beer to season whiskey barrels for a special finish. The plan was to throw out the beer once the seasoning process was over, and that's what happened at first. But then some distillery employees who apparently had practiced a little initiative intervened.

"I got a call one day from the distillery to say, 'You're not going to believe this but the workers who are emptying these barrels out don't want to throw the beer down the drain because they say it's just too delicious.'"

Sharp investigated and later, after refining the process, set up Innis & Gunn with his brother, Neil. (Innis and Gunn are the brothers' middle names.) The company also makes beer aged in old rum casks, but for now the limited-edition whiskey cask stout is the only beer available here.

Aged for 60 days in a three-step maturation process, the beer is priced at $12.99 a four-pack and there are plans to introduce it in draft form.

Though it's still a niche in the overall industry, wood- and barrel-aged beers merited their own category in the 2011 Great American Beer Festival, with 40 entries. And they're just one of the many developments to arise from the fast-moving craft beer scene.

"The entire American beer scene has changed over the past three decades because of today's small U.S. craft producers," says Julia Herz, craft beer program direct at the Brewers Association, based in Boulder, Colo.

How big is craft beer? In March, the Brewers Association, which represents small and independent brewers, released preliminary 2011 data showing a 15 percent increase in craft brewers' retail sales from 2010 to 2011, representing a total barrel increase of 1.3 million.

At the Saxon + Parole restaurant in New York City, Innis & Gunn is served as well as a bourbon-barrel-aged beer, Curieux, from Allagash Brewing Co. in Portland, Me.

Both are "really delicious," especially for beer-lovers eager to try something different, says Naren Young, who overseas the beverage program at the restaurant. "For those people that want Bud Light, this is certainly not for them," he says. But the beers "are just home runs for those people who want to experiment."

He sees barrel-aged beer as another way craft beer producers are staking their claim as an alternative to mainstream offerings. And he likes the way it goes against the quick and fast trend that seems to apply just about everywhere else these days.

"Barrel-aging takes time and adds such a nice complexity," he says. "The craft movement has enlightened people to what small-batch beer can be."

MOO SHOO

FROM PAGE 6

big lobsters and crabs looking back at me. I imagined them looking as hungrily at me as I looked at them, but perhaps I was anthropomorphizing.

So I want back a third time, with some other friends from Hong Kong. We had a nice assortment of dishes: chicken with broccoli, clams in ginger sauce, beef tenderloin (the least interesting because the meat was tough), the salted shrimp (excellent), and shredded pork, with moo shoo pancakes on the side. The star dish was the shredded pork in the moo shoo pancakes. And for six of us with beers the check was under $90. What a bargain!

I've found my moo shoo now. I'll invite Sammy and six other friends for dinner there so we can share more of the offerings, especially steamed fish, and will reserve one of the big tables with the lazy Susan in the middle, which each time I've been there have been filled with regulars.

But on Sunday afternoons, it's moo shoo for me.

MERV HECHT, the food and wine critic for the Santa Monica Daily Press, is a wine buyer and consultant to a number of national and international food and wine companies. He can be reached at mervynhecht@yahoo.com.

Glitz. Glamour.
And a great way to support the American Red Cross.
The Red Tie Affair

Saturday, April 21, 2012
One incredible night of inspiration, entertainment and dinner prepared by world-renowned chef Nick Stellino. Help us raise funds for our next disaster relief effort and rub elbows with more stars than you can shake a red carpet at.
American Red Cross
EDISON INTERNATIONAL
EMERGENT MEDICAL ASSOCIATES
Electrolux
MATTEL
GH
GRAINGER
Santa Monica Daily Press
Contact Kelsey Howard at 424-203-1103 or howardk@arcla.org for information and reservations.

Community Workshop



Artist rendering of Nebraska Avenue

BERGAMOT
Designing the Districts

The City of Santa Monica invites you to the fifth Bergamot Area Plan to integrate previous community input into a framework for fulfilling the vision for an exciting, creative neighborhood with local commercial uses in this former industrial area.

WHEN: **MONDAY, APRIL 23RD**
Open House at 6PM, Workshop at 7PM

WHERE: **CIVIC AUDITORIUM, EAST WING**
1855 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA

Please join us at this meeting to discuss:

- **STREETS:** craft street design concepts that unify the area by incorporating new amenities for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles, as well as a variety of public open spaces.
- **URBAN FORM:** provide input on the shape and scale of the built environment. Define areas for conservation as well as reinvention to complement the district's unique character.
- **GROUND LEVEL EXPERIENCE:** weigh-in on urban design principles that create an engaging and successful pedestrian atmosphere.

Your input is needed for this important planning effort. Learn more at **www.bergamotplan.net.**

RSVP to ensure adequate staffing and equipment.
BergamotPlan@smgov.net

Big Blue Bus Lines 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, and 9 serve the workshop location. Bike and car parking available.

To request disability-related accommodations, please contact 310.458.8341.

Esto es una noticia sobre talleres para planear el futuro de Santa Monica. Para mas información llame a Peter James al numero 310.458.8341.

The Q Line

Was it the right call?

Santa Monica College officials voted last week to scrap a plan to create a two-tier class payment system. The vote came after a week that saw a student protest at a Board of Trustees meeting that ended with a pepper spraying incident. The chancellor of community colleges even got involved, saying he didn't agree with the plan.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think SMC made the right decision by ditching the plan, or do you think they caved to pressure?

Here are your responses:

"BEING AN SMCC ALUMNI, I AM SHOCKED that the campus police only pepper sprayed the riotous, free-lunch-thinking students and not the radically-imaginative trustees. Few people in education have large appendages that produce testosterone. Most educators are eunuchs. That's why the campus police acted decisively. They have the backbone to react to danger. Now that SMC President Chui-bacca Tsang has driven the bus over the campus police, expect more educational leadership groveling. Nothing in life is free, no matter what your Marxist professor says. If you want something there is a price to pay. That truth is no longer taught at SMC. If you are an educational leader, examine an issue and then make a decision and stand by it. The Board of Trustees educated in the belief of an always public financial support have become confused when forced to rely on themselves. Education is a business."

"I AM FORMER STUDENT OF SANTA MONICA College and I think ... [i]t should be a one-tier system, not two tiers. I know we need money, but it should be the same for everybody."

"WHEN I WAS ATTENDING IN THE 1970S and '80s it was called Santa Monica City College, and it mostly had students from Samohi and a few from the surrounding area like Venice and West L.A. Mr. Thayer was the head of the auto department and he helped design the building that held the trade classes. We had the best school for automotive, welding and metal work in L.A. As soon as the college got its newest president, the trade classes were all closed and the auto department was scrapped. They began promoting the new SMC as the largest transfer college and to hell with all the kids who didn't want to transfer to a university. They forgot the real needs of the local kids and the fact that it was meant to be mostly for people from Santa Monica. Now the priority is on college transfer classes and getting high paying foreign students. As with everything else in our Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights ruled city, everything is based on selling out to tourism, development and big bucks and then kicking apartment owners right before the election so they will get reelected. It is a shame what has become of our once wonderful and almost free city college. Dear Mr. Thayer, a genius in his field would turn over in his grave if he would see the mess and dismantling of all he had worked for."

"THE TRUSTEES SHOULD NEVER HAVE proposed this plan in the first plan. SMC is a community college – isn't a community college supposed to provide an education to the community (Santa Monica and West L.A.)? The trustees seem to have their own agenda, wanting to privatize a community college and sell classes to the highest bidder – out of state or out of country – and give priority to those who will pay the most. It's a disgrace to SMC how the students were treated when they merely wanted to speak to the trustees."

PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY



Kate Bransfield
Estates Director
Coldwell Banker - Montana Ave
310.395.1133
What is Your Home Worth?
Contact Me to Find Out.
for local, current real estate info...
SantaMonicaListings.com

"SMC PRESIDENT CHUI L. TSANG SAID Santa Monica College is turning away hundreds, if not thousands, of students because budget cuts have forced it to trim 1,100 course sections since 2008. If they don't have enough funding for classes and are 'turning away students,' why are they spending money constantly advertising for more students to come to Santa Monica College? Why are they going to open a $25 million dollar Malibu campus, if they don't even have enough funding for classes for their main campus, or are they assuming Malibu students can afford to and would be willing to pay any amount for their classes?"

"THE RIGHT DECISION WAS MADE BY ditching the plan. First the residents were betrayed by higher city taxes and then the students' turn came to what was financially untenable for them. But the students who were pepper sprayed showed remarkable resilience and stood their ground in the face of a new repression. Many residents were prepared to join their ranks; but the students prevailed while Mr. Tsang was in hiding. Kudos to the students and to The Daily Press for great clarity in reporting these events!"

"SOMEONE OUGHT TO TELL THE TRUSTEES that Santa Monica College is a public school. Are they going to start selling stocks next? This is not a corporation."

"SMC IS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND should primarily serve students from Santa Monica. Santa Monica property owners pay extra taxes for their local schools and their college. The college is located in the Pico Neighborhood which has the highest portion of low-income families. SMC should provide them with affordable classes. A two-tier system would take away access to classes many students could not afford. The Board of Trustees did the right thing by voting to not have the two-tier class payment system. The students had a right to protest against that plan and should have had a say in the first place. It is, after all, a community college and a two-tier paying plan does not serve the whole community."

PARKING
FROM PAGE 1

decided to fight it.

In February, a Santa Monica Superior Court judge ruled in his favor, and with the ruling called into question the wording of City Hall's law setting up the free parking privilege.

Now Silver wants City Hall to not only re-write the law to make it clearer just who is eligible to park for free, but he also wants refunds issued to all those who received parking tickets for an expired meter if they were driving a car with the yellow clean-air-vehicle sticker attached at the time the citation was issued.

"I never knew the ordinance was tied to the decals," said Silver, who sells non-fiction books to retailers. "All I knew was that it was tied to the type of car, which was wrong, but that's what I knew."

City officials are standing fast, saying the ordinance as written is clear enough to understand and that Silver should have been more diligent about knowing the rules, especially since he and other drivers with the old yellow stickers received form letters from the DMV informing them that they could no longer drive in a carpool lane alone, and therefore were not eligible for the parking privilege.

City officials also said they worked hard to inform drivers with the yellow decals that their parking privilege was coming to an end, going so far as to take out ads in local newspapers, post a notice on City Hall's website and have parking enforcement place flyers on cars with the decals.

"The city did extensive outreach probably two months immediately before and after the end of the program," said Don Patterson with City Hall's Finance Department.

The problem is that City Hall's ordinance and the language in the letter from the DMV don't mesh, at least according to Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Lawrence Cho.

Cho did not respond to requests for comment.

In his ruling, Cho pointed to the local law which includes the modifiers "valid and current" in front of "decal." Silver argued that the letter from the DMV never mentioned that the yellow sticker he had was no longer valid or current. It simply said his ability to drive in the carpool lane alone was revoked.

When the judge asked City Hall's hearing officer if there was any expiration date on the decals issued by the DMV, the hearing officer said they were issued without one, Silver said.

"Part of the theory of a law is that it's not something surreptitious," Silver said. "It should be clear. Otherwise, how can anyone follow it?"

Silver said that as a Culver City resident he did not see City Hall's notices printed in local newspapers and did not check the website. He believes he is not alone.

City officials feel the law is clear and will continue to issue tickets to those with yellow decals if they fail to feed the meter.

"A judge can make a decision, but with us, this is our enforcement policy," said Lt. Jay Trisler, who oversees traffic enforcement for the Santa Monica Police Department.

Perhaps it was just a case of a sympathetic judge. Silver admits he was lucky.

"I think the judge is a part of the establishment and the establishment tends to prefer to defend itself and various elements," Silver said. "I'm delighted by how he ruled. I didn't think I had much of a chance going in."

kevinh@smdp.com

CRASH
FROM PAGE 1

Another finding: Gas pedal accidents tend to occur more frequently among drivers over age 76 and under age 20. The age disparity showed up in both an analysis of more than 2,400 gas pedal accidents in a North Carolina state crash database and an analysis of nearly 900 news reports of such crashes. In the state database, accidents were almost equally likely to involve drivers under 20 as over 76, but in news reports about 40 percent of accidents involved elderly drivers — four times as many as young drivers.

Still, drivers under 20 were the most likely age group after elderly drivers to be involved in gas pedal accidents reported by the media.

There may be several reasons for the frequency of such accidents in those age groups, but it's possible that the areas of the brain that deal with driving aren't as robust in teenage and elderly drivers, researchers said. The areas of the brain that support executive functioning — mental processes such as planning, attention and organizing — are the last to develop and don't reach full maturity until early adulthood. On the other end of the age spectrum, older drivers were more likely to perform poorly on tests of executive functioning.

A majority of gas pedal accidents occurred in parking lots, parking garages and driveways rather than on roadways — 57 percent in the North Carolina database and 77 percent in news reports, the study said.

A panel of driver rehabilitation specialists interviewed by researchers theorized that there may be as many instances of misapplying the gas pedal on roadways, but drivers might have more room to recover on the road than in parking lots, given the proximity of other vehicles and objects.

Gas pedal accidents gained notoriety in 2003 when an 86-year-old male driver mistakenly stepped on the gas pedal of his car instead of the brake and then panicked, plowing into an open-air market in Santa Monica. Ten people were killed and 63 injured.

The study was conducted by TransAnalytics LLC of Quakertown, Pa., and the Highway Safety Research Center at the University of North Carolina under contract for NHTSA. Researchers drew on several sources of information: other studies of gas pedal accidents; several databases, including a national crash causation survey and a North Carolina state crash database; news reports; case studies of specific accidents; and interviews with driver rehabilitation specialists.

A New Year, A New Start
Don't carry your old baggage into the New Year
JoAnne Barge, Ph.D.
A Licensed Psychologist & MFT
310.472.2329
www.drbarge.com
PSY 14116 | MT 18182



Culver City VOLVO
YOUR WESTSIDE VOLVO DEALER
#1 Volvo Dealer*
*in the Western United States
4 Miles from Santa Monica • Open Saturdays • Hertz Rental Car on Property
Presidents Award Winner • 19 Bays, Largest Service Capacity on Westside
Abundance of Service Loaners • Large Part Inventory in Stock, Largest in LA
Family Owned and Operated • Complimentary Car Wash with Every Service
Shuttle Service 6 Days A Week • FREE WIFI and Starbucks Coffee Bar
4 Volvo Master Techs with 117 Years Experience • Vista Winning Expert Technician
Easy Access, Freeway Adjacent • 50 Years Westside Volvo Dealer





OIL & FILTER SPECIAL
• Install Volvo oil filter
• Add up to 7 qts. motor oil (Synthetic oil additional)
• Top off all fluids
• Check/adjust tire pressure
• Multi-point inspection
$15.00 + tax
Castrol
Valid only at Culver City Volvo. Present coupon when order is written. Volvo vehicles only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Void where prohibited by law. No cash value. Offer expires 4/30/12

COUPON SPECIAL
50% Off
Your Next Scheduled Maintenance
Valid only at Culver City Volvo. Present coupon when order is written. Volvo vehicles only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Void where prohibited by law. No cash value. Offer expires 4/30/12.

11201 W. Washington Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230 • (888) 420-8992 • culvercityvolvo.com

CYCLE
FROM PAGE 3

cation similar to that of a limousine. That allows patrons to bring alcohol onto the bicycle with them, rather than waiting to stop at a bar.

In California, bicycles are treated similarly to cars, and that's a no-go, Congine said.

Instead, the company provides a driver while the party of up to 16 pedals as steadily as possible. When the vehicle needs to stop, the driver rings a bell and calls out instructions to his tipsy crew.

"At no point do you get to drive it," Congine said.

After the tedium of public process came the real legwork.

"You have to do a lot of homework finding out what routes will work," Congine said. "You have to not impede traffic, keep safe and still have something fun at the same time that can be supported by people from the cities and all of the businesses around."

Businesses in Santa Monica are sweet on the idea because it brings in crowds of happy customers in the afternoon, when bars are usually quiet.

"It's a great innovation for Santa Monica, and it's good entertainment on weekends," said Eugene Ganley, the bartender at Finn McCool's on Main Street.

The bar makes sure that Beach Barcycle patrons feel welcome at their establishment, offering a variety of half-price appetizers, beers and well drinks.

On the Ocean Avenue route, the Shore Hotel jumped in on the action, seeing a way to up its eco-friendly image.

The lights and radio that bring the Beach Barcycle to life are all solar-powered, and of course the vehicle itself is run on people power rather than fossil fuels.

"The Beach Barcycle is a completely green form of transportation, which compliments Shore Hotel's eco-conscious amenities and procedures," said Steve Farzam, chief operations officer at the Shore Hotel. "We are thrilled to partner with a local organization that shares our strong commitment to the environment."

Congine does miss his former profession in psychology — there's a reason someone gets a master's degree — but he's chosen to devote himself fully to the new enterprise.

Beach Barcycle is looking to break into new territory on the Westside like West Hollywood and Beverly Hills and further south to Newport Beach and San Diego.

"The business model and potential of this really draw me," Congine said. "I do miss being able to turn things off at night. This is a lot more responsibility."

ashley@smdp.com







TELL SANTA MONICA WHAT YOU THINK!
WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Email to: editor@smdp.com or fax to (310) 576-9913

LAUGHS
FROM PAGE 3

thought there was something unique about his favorite place to stock up on food. Somewhere, there were slices of life that needed to be shared, needed to be laughed about.

So, he created a web series to reveal some of the lesser seen but humorous sides of the Santa Monica institution.

"I've been going to the Co-op for 15 years," Wolfinsohn said. "The people in there are interesting and funny."

Not all of the stories are true to life, but they all come from Wolfinsohn's experience perusing the rows of groceries, finding inspiration.

Everything from a customer trying to use his smart phone for checkout to a mother and daughter being forced into an uncomfortable conversation about sex, Wolfinsohn found something to laugh about.

The entertainment industry veteran thought there were the makings of a series within the Co-op's doors.

In short order, Wolfinsohn approached the market's managers, pitching his concept for what would become "Co-op Stories." In no time, all parities agreed that this was a project worth doing and the green light was on.

"It was fortuitous timing," said Ricardo Chavira, the marketing director of the Co-op. "We had been discussing doing more web video."

Chavira said that the idea of marketing the store online was heavy on the Co-op leadership's minds. Wolfinsohn just happened to come across their path at the right time.

The filmmaker was granted access to the market during early morning and late night hours to begin filming.

Shoots were scheduled and Wolfinsohn began searching for his cast. There are a few industry professionals like Zachary Ray Sherman, who is best known for his role on the revamped version of "90210," who he recruited. Still, he needed more bodies.

He didn't have to look further than the Co-op's own staff.

Among the rank and file there were a few gems ready for their spotlight. Wolfinsohn said that one in particular has stood out.

Timmy McHugh, who usually is bagging groceries, has emerged as one of the series' stars. He comes across like the amateur he is, but Wolfinsohn likes it that way. The series is shot in a mockumentary style, so the closer to reality the better.

"I try to have them play themselves," Wolfinsohn said. "They aren't actors, so I don't want them to do things they can't do."



Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

MAKE YOU FAMOUS: **Timmy McHugh, a clerk at the Co-opportunity market on Broadway, stars in a mockumentary web series focusing on strange interactions at the grocery store.**

Instead, he just wants them to react naturally to the situations they find themselves in. They aren't expected to stretch too far, but are still expected to do what they can to tell the story.

A perfect example of the series' realism comes during episode two. Actual Co-op employee Janet Lee Rodriguez spots Sherman shopping at the store and can't help but ask the young actor about the business. Herself an aspiring actress in real life, Rodriguez stalks Sherman as he tries to shop.

It isn't long before she irks Sherman, who in turn tells Rodriguez that he's been on a major show while she toils at a small neighborhood market. He basically just wanted her to leave him alone, but it doesn't detract her.

Rodriguez, with little pause, approaches a co-worker regaling him with a tale about the two actors being close friends.

It's subtle, but Wolfinsohn sees humor there.

To date, he's produced 11 episodes with thoughts of continuing the project as long as Co-op management allows him to have access to the building.

"We're just seeing how it's going to go," Wolfinsohn said. "Let me see how long I have ideas."

The series is available on YouTube and at www.co-op-stories.com.

daniela@smdp.com



DIVORCE/CUSTODY SOLUTIONS
Law Offices of Matthew Rich
Certified Family Law Specialist

Free Consultations
Affordable Costs
310-985-5556
Matthew@matthewrichlaw.com
STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA CERTIFIED CALIFORNIA BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION
100 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 950 Santa Monica, CA. 90401
Your specialist to help navigate the big changes in family law.
Call now to discuss how these changes affect your case!



LOCAL
TOWNCAR
SERVICE
"NO METER, NO DRAMA"
Santa Monica
to **LAX $35**
(add $10 for pickup from LAX)
• Beautiful Towncars and Vans
• Reservations required
• Charter/Party service • Call for value pricing

SkyCar LIMO
Towncars and Vans
(310) 828-3333
www.passengerswanted.net

Cops find charred body in Calif. home after standoff

BY TRACIE CONE
Associated Press

MODESTO, Calif. The body of a man suspected of gunning down a deputy and a locksmith when they tried to serve eviction papers was discovered Friday in the rubble of an apartment that was gutted by fire during a standoff with authorities.

Police said it could take weeks to identity the charred remains found after the blaze collapsed the second floor of the structure.

Property records show James Ferrario, 45, lived at the address in the Whispering Woods development.

Jonathon Mullinix, 20, a neighbor, said Ferrario was reserved and often kept to himself.

He had told Mullinix he worked for a private security company and had handguns, rifles and shotguns. Mullinix said Ferrario also had several security cameras in windows of his house.

"He seemed like someone who wanted to be left alone," Mullinix said.

The Modesto Bee newspaper said the Ferrario property had fallen behind on payments on a $15,000 Bank of America mortgage taken out in 2003. The property owner also appears to have defaulted on $13,406 owed to the Whispering Woods Community Association.

The association foreclosed on the condo last year, followed by a bank foreclosure in December, the newspaper reported.

R&T Financial Inc. is now the property's legal owner, according to county records. The Associated Press could not find a phone listing for the company.

After getting clearance from fire officials, federal firearms and explosives agents spent Friday afternoon searching the rubble for evidence in the case. Police spokesman Officer Chris Adams would not say if any weapons had been found.

The daylong standoff began Thursday morning after a man opened fire as authorities tried to serve the eviction notice.

At one point during the standoff, police broke the windows of the apartment with bean bag shots and fired flash-bang grenades and tear gas. Authorities evacuated nearby residents in the development of freestanding buildings, each divided into four apartments.

Around 9 p.m., six officers rushed toward the apartment, the Bee reported. Sharp bangs from concussive devices were heard for more than an hour, and officers used loudspeakers to communicate with the man to pick up the phone. No one came out.

As police shot the flash-bang grenades, they could see the apartment lights being turned on and off, confirming someone was inside, Adams said.

It was not clear how the fire began, but the Bee reported the sheriff has acknowledged flash-bang devices and tear gas could have been responsible. Four apartments were destroyed by the fire, and 100 units

SEE **EVICTION** PAGE 13

Get Cash For Your Gold & Jewelry!
California's Premier Jewelry Buyer Is Paying The Highest Prices For:

Diamonds

Gold

Watches
WE BUY: Rolex - Cartier - Patek Philippe - Tiffany - Chopard - Van Cleef - David Yurman
Broken & Unwanted Gold Jewelry - 10k - 14k - 18k - 24k - Silver - Coins and More!
LIMITED TIME SPECIAL OFFER!
$25 INSTANT BONUS
On Any Transaction Over $100
$50 INSTANT BONUS
On Any Transaction Over $500!
Offer Ends Soon!
(Bonus not valid on coin sales)
Lic. No. 19651221

DIAMOND & GOLD exchange
Santa Monica
2629 Wilshire Blvd.
Santa Monica 90403
(310) 829-9800
Hollywood
7280 Melrose Ave.
Los Angeles 90046
(323) 653-9009
Mon - Fri 10am to 6pm, Sat 11am to 5pm
www.DiamondAndGoldExchangeUSA.com
Santa Monica


Hollywood


EVICTION
FROM PAGE 12

were evacuated after the shooting.

Officials identified the deputy killed as Robert Paris, 53, and the civilian as Glendon David Engert, 35, a locksmith from Modesto.

Paris, a 16-year veteran of the department, is survived by his parents, a brother and two adult children.

Bob Wilson, 85, a neighbor who lives two doors down from Engert, said there had been a procession of people around the locksmith's house since the shooting.

"I've seen a lot of cars coming and going and a lot of people going in and out of the house," said Wilson, who has lived in the area for more than 60 years. "He was a good guy."

Engert was hired by the landlord to help deputies gain entry to the apartment to serve the eviction notice, Adams said.

"He was there to open the lock," he said.

Law enforcement experts said it's not unusual to have a civilian, such as a locksmith, brought along during the service of an eviction notice. They said it's important for police to know who they are dealing with before knocking on a door.

"To be prudent, make sure the person inside is going along with the program before bringing someone like a locksmith," said Gregory Lee, a retired supervisory special agent for the Drug Enforcement Administration, who runs a consulting firm in Central California.

"The deputy is the messenger; he doesn't have a dog in the fight. Sometimes people attack the uniform, not the person," Lee said.

William Flynn, a retired lieutenant with the West Covina Police Department in Southern California, believes little could have been done if there was no indication the suspect in the Modesto eviction was violent.

"The only edge we have is to be on alert," he said. "If we lose that edge, that's when officers get hurt."

Officers are routinely provided training about executing search warrants. In most cases, agents learn about a suspect's background and their propensity for violence prior to serving the warrant.

The officers also take added precautions by wearing protective gear such as bullet-proof vests and mull over scenarios if the person doesn't comply.

In Modesto, Rihanna Brookshire, who lives next door to the shooting scene, said her children had just gone outside to play when the shooting began. Just as they came back into the house and shut the door, they heard a loud bang.

"I thought it was a backfire. We looked outside. My daughter saw a police officer dead on the ground. She said, 'Mommy, there's blood everywhere,'" said Brookshire, who was among the residents evacuated.

Anderson
SURFBOARDS
310.578.5860
www.andersonsurfboards.com

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

Public Beach Restroom Replacement Gate Revisions
SP2066

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than 2:30 p.m. on **Thursday, May 10, 2012**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in the City Hall Council Chambers. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

PRE-BID JOB WALK:
As Beach Restroom Structures are Open to the Public Daily During Daylight Hours, No Pre-bid Job Walk is Planned.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $65,000.00
CONTRACT DAYS: 90
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $300.00 Per Day
COMPENSABLE DELAY: $300.00 Per Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's Finance website at: http://www01.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/. The Contractor is required to have a **B** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

Simply Roasted Whole Foods
Family dinner tonight – We've got you covered!
Beef 4 – 8 people
Turkey or Chicken 4 – 8 people
Includes 6oz carved meat & choice of 2 sides, 2 sauces, bread
"WHERE SLIDERS RULE"
147 South Barrington Ave, LA, CA 90049
Located near Sunset in the Brentwood Village
Phone (310) 476-1100 | Fax (310) 476-9400

Now Open!
ROAST
DELI & MARKET

Local, Secure, and Family run for over 30 years
SANTA MONICA MINI STORAGE
Established in 1978
(310) 450-1515
1620 14th st. Santa Monica, CA 90404
www.SantaMonicaMiniStorage.com

AC Construction
General Contractor | Residential & Commercial Construction
Remodeling & New Additions | Free Estimates
310.278.5380
LIC# 801884 • FULLY INSURED

NOW CALLING ALL DANCERS, SINGERS, & ACTORS TO BECOME...
A CHORUS LINE
SUMMER CAMP 2012
Sing, dance, create art projects, enjoy the summer sun, & put on a musical!
July 9th-Aug 3rd, 10a-3pm, Monday-Thursday
CAMP SHOW FRIDAY EVENING AUGUST 3rd
Campers ages 7-15 yrs old – $795/camper (includes camp t-shirt)
Pre-camp yoga available 9am-10am daily for an additional $230/4 weeks
The Pretenders Studios -
Register by May 1st - 310.450.1800
1635 16th Street, Santa Monica CA 90404


LUNCH SPECIALS
Chicken Teriyaki & Vegetable Tempura
Served with miso soup, rice and small salad. $6.75
Vegetable Yaki-Udon
(Stir fried Udon Noodle with vegetable)
Serve with Miso Soup $6.75
Sushi & Salmon Oyako Don
(Sushi: Tuna, White Fish, Shrimp and Egg, California Roll 3pcs.)
Served with miso soup, rice and small salad. $8.95
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
11:30a to 12:30p - Free Soft Drink
11670 W Gateway Blvd.
Los Angeles CA 90064
310.478.8991
www.oopssushi.com
oops!
SUSHI & SAKE BAR

Hybrid and electric cars see record sales in March

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN,
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT Americans are buying record numbers of hybrid and electric cars as gas prices climb and new models arrive in showrooms, giving the vehicles their greatest share yet of the U.S. auto market.

Consumers bought a record 52,000 gas-electric hybrids and all-electric cars in March, up from 34,000 during the same month last year.

The two categories combined made up 3.64 percent of total U.S. sales, their highest monthly market share ever, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank. The previous high was 3.56 percent in July 2009, when the Cash for Clunkers program encouraged people to trade in old gas guzzlers for more fuel-efficient cars.

And while their share of the market remains small, it's a big leap from the start of the year, when hybrids and electrics made up 2.38 percent of new car sales.

Buyers were drawn by new models like the Toyota Prius C subcompact, the Prius V wagon and Camry hybrid. Gas prices near or above $4 per gallon added to the cars' attraction.

David Martin, a Denver software engineer, estimates he'll save at least $150 per month on gas with his new Chevrolet Volt compared with the 2010 Acura TSX he replaced. Martin expects gas prices to stay high, a factor that heavily influenced his purchase.

"As the cost of gasoline rises, my future savings can only increase," he said.

Stronger sales of the Volt and the Nissan Leaf were a positive sign for electric car makers. The two vehicles have struggled to gain acceptance from buyers worried about how far they can drive on a battery charge.

Another concern: Volt maker General Motors Co. had to change the car's charging system because its batteries caught fire after government crash tests.

GM sold just 7,671 Volts last year, below its goal of 10,000. But in March, it set a new monthly record of 2,289 for the Volt, an electric car with a small backup gas engine. Sales of the all-electric Leaf nearly doubled to 579.

The Volt got a boost from California's decision to make it eligible for high-occupancy vehicle lanes. Starting March 1, buyers with a low-emissions Volt could use the HOV lane and get a $1,500 state tax credit on top of a $7,500 federal tax credit. GM said a quarter of the Volts it sold last month were sold in California.

Edward Ang, of Cupertino, Calif., has been planning to buy a Volt since GM first announced it would make the car, but he waited until it qualified for the HOV sticker. He bought a Volt last month and now makes his 10-mile commute without using any gas. He used to drive a 2004 Prius.

"I made a promise to myself that if they bring it to market, I will get one," said Ang, an engineering manager.

Gas prices helped sales. The nationwide average for a gallon of gas jumped 19 cents in March, from $3.73 to $3.92, and it crossed the $4 mark in California even earlier. The $4 mark was a significant psychological milestone for some buyers, said Paul Lacy, who forecasts sales trends for consulting firm IHS Automotive.

Lacy expects hybrids and electrics to make up about 4 percent of U.S. sales this year, although sales could drop if gas prices fall or if buyers get more accustomed to higher prices. Hybrid and electric sales also rose with high pump prices last spring, but fell after prices moderated and the Japanese earthquake disrupted Prius supplies.

Lacy predicts hybrids and electrics will double their market share to 8.5 percent by 2017, in part because there will be more options on the market. Last month, 35 hybrids and electrics were on sale, double the number from 2008.

The proliferation of models will also bring down costs. Hybrids cost around $2,000 to $4,000 more than their gas counterparts, which can make them less attractive to buyers. Automotive information site Edmunds.com estimates it takes 11 years' worth of gas savings to recoup the $4,595 premium on the Honda Civic hybrid, or 5.2 years to make back the $3,400 premium on the Toyota Camry hybrid.

But those gaps are narrowing, said Jessica Caldwell, senior director of pricing and industry analysis for the automotive information site Edmunds.com. The price difference between the Camry and Camry hybrid has fallen by $800 since the hybrid was first introduced.

Ang says the price premium is less important than feeling that he's doing something about climate change and dependence on overseas oil.

"We all make decisions not based on cost. We buy big houses, big SUVs, iPhones, iPads, not because they save us money. It's because they make us feel good," he said.

Toyota Motor Co.'s Prius hybrid cars were the runaway best-sellers last month. They made up 57 percent of all hybrids and electrics sold. The Prius C, an entry-level hybrid that is 19 inches shorter and $5,000 cheaper than the regular Prius, sold nearly 4,900 in March, its first month on the market.

"The success of the Prius C shows there is a strong appetite for a cheap, fuel-efficient hybrid vehicle," Caldwell said.

Toyota is selling two other versions of the Prius that it didn't have last March: the Prius V wagon and a plug-in version of the Prius that drives longer on battery power. Those added another 5,800 sales to Toyota's bottom line.

Mark Chasey, general manager of McEleney Toyota in Clinton, Iowa, said about half of the cars his dealership sells are hybrids. He could sell even more if they weren't in such tight supply. Toyota currently has a 17-day supply of Priuses, far less than the optimal 60 days.

Toyota also had the second best-selling hybrid last month, the Camry hybrid. After the Camry, the biggest selling hybrids were the Lexus CT and hybrid versions of the Chevrolet Malibu, Hyundai Sonata and Buick LaCrosse.



Titanic's sinking is being remembered near and far

BY ERIKA NIEDOWSKI
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. Two Titanic survivors who later became tennis pros are being honored at Rhode Island's International Tennis Hall of Fame and Museum. Nearby on Cape Cod, a wreath will be laid for a radio operator who relayed Morse code messages as the ill-fated ship went down. In Denver, a musical piece composed for famed passenger Molly Brown is getting its premiere.

With remembrances and exhibits planned from San Diego to Singapore, places with few or little-noted connections to the Titanic are showing the power the tragedy holds worldwide 100 years after the vessel sank April 15, 1912, and took more than 1,500 people to their deaths.

In Newport, R.I., visitors can stop by the tennis museum's "Tennis and the Titanic" exhibit as a tribute to Hall of Famers Richard Norris Williams II and Karl Howell Behr. They met in their 20s aboard the rescue vessel Carpathia and became friends, with both tennis and tragedy in common.

Williams, who grew up in Switzerland, was headed with his father to Massachusetts, where he would attend Harvard. As the ship went down, the two prepared to jump in the water, but one of the Titanic's smokestacks toppled, crushing Williams' father.

The 21-year-old jumped in nonetheless and found a lifeboat.

"He climbed aboard that and spent the next five hours waist deep, or occasionally deeper, in 28-degree water," said Williams' son, Quincy Williams, now 80, who was on hand for the exhibit's opening Thursday and participated in a public discussion with members of Behr's family.

Behr, an already successful tennis player who bought a ticket for the Titanic's maiden voyage in pursuit of a woman, became a member of the Carpathia's survivor committee, helping other passengers to safety. He proved himself to the woman's disapproving parents and later married her.

Williams and Behr faced each other several times on the court, most notably just two years after the sinking, in the quarterfinals of the U.S. National Championship, held that year in Newport. (Williams beat Behr in three sets.)

The most famous maritime disaster in history — occurring as the Titanic steamed from Britain toward New York — is being highlighted in other ways in places without direct links to it.

Venues in Las Vegas, San Diego, Houston and even Singapore are hosting Titanic exhibitions that include artifacts recovered from the site of the sinking. Among them: bottles of perfume, porcelain dishes, even a 17-foot piece of hull.

The University of Denver is holding a Titanic concert featuring the premiere of Lifeboat No. 6, in homage to hometown resident Margaret "Molly" Brown. The "unsinkable" Brown, portrayed in Hollywood by the likes of Debbie Reynolds and Kathy Bates, was one of its most famous passengers, organizing survivors and helping them once they landed in New York.

Tourist traps are taking advantage of the anniversary to draw crowds. The Titanic museums in landlocked Branson, Mo., and Pigeon Forge, Tenn., plan events including a musical tribute and a ham radio broadcast.

In Chatham, Mass., the family of Matt Tierney will commemorate his role as one of the "Marconi boys," the wireless radio operators who served as critical communication links during and after the disaster.

Tierney was working the night shift at a station on Nantucket on April 14, 1912, when he heard a faint distress signal — CQD, used before SOS — that he relayed to New York. For several days after the sinking, he transmitted messages containing information on who had survived, and who had been lost.

"We're extremely proud that he was able to help in his way," said Bill Upham, 64, Tierney's grandson, who recalls hearing his grandfather tell stories about that night.

Upham and other family members, including some of Tierney's great- and great-great-grandchildren, will lay a wreath at his grave Saturday.

Tierney's story is told in a documentary featured at the Chatham Marconi Maritime Center. The center, in conjunction with the National Park Service, is also gathering ham radio operators to relay commemorative messages to other wireless operators around the world during the anniversary weekend. The effort began Thursday and will continue around the clock until Sunday afternoon.

Said Frank Messina, the center's vice president: "We're focusing on the radio operator, and the fact that they were really the heroes of the day."

Bookkeeping by the Numbers
Peace of Mind for Small Businesses & Households
30 Years Experience | Free Consultations
www.bookkeeping-bythenumbers.com
Karen Wedge, PB | 310-614-0856

READ US ON THE GO
www.smdp.com/mobile
Santa Monica Daily Press

Event Photography
Engagement/Weddings
Maternity & Newborn
Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
Quinceanera
Graduations
Birthdays
Portraits
Fashion
Sports
Pet Portraits
Advertising - PR
FabianLewkowicz.com
310-399-7049
Internationally Published Photographer
Available To Cover Your Special Event

RECYCLE NOW!
Aluminum Cans
$1.80 per pound with this coupon expires 4-30-12
Aluminum Plastic Glass Bi-Metal Newspaper
CardboardWhite/Color/Computer Paper Copper & Brass
Santa Monica Recycling Center
2411 Delaware Avenue in Santa Monica
(310) 453-9677
CLOVERFIELD MICHIGAN 24TH DELAWARE AVE. 10 WEST

Celebrating 40 Years
NOW LEGAL SERVICE
24-HOUR ATTORNEY SERVICE
• Rush Messenger Service
• Rush Court Filings
• Licensed Process Servers
• Mobile Notaries
• Mobile Copy Service
• Drivers Equipped with a Handheld Radio for Immediate Contact
* Get a FREE Lunch with every 10 Deliveries
(213) 482-1567
nowlegalonline.com
*CALL US FOR DETAILS

resource recovery & recycling division
free compost
saturday, april 21st
7am - 2pm
or while supplies last
quantity limited per resident
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave.
residents may fill (5) large burlap sacks with compost
bags donated by LAMILL COFFEE
For more information:
(310) 458.2223
www.smgov.net/r3



Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 56.5°

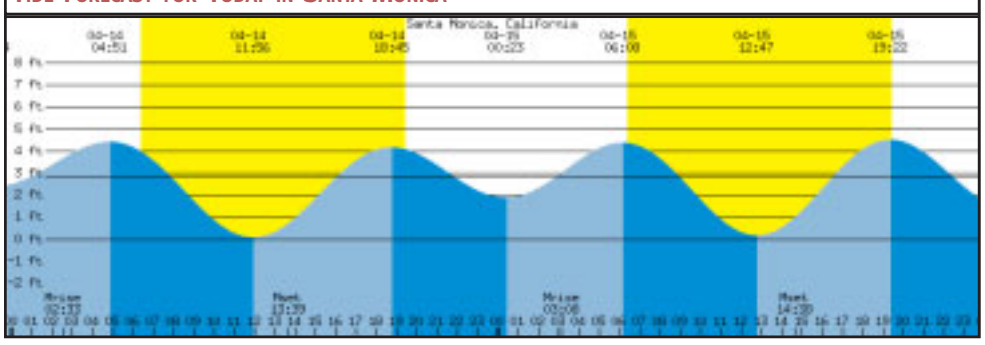
Swell Forecast

Hefty NW swell running at least head high at west facing breaks, upwards of 1-3' overhead at standouts on the better set waves. Rain should taper off, but onshore winds look problematic.

Long Range Synopsis

Head high for west facing breaks. Conditions should improve as winds wane, but Bacteria levels from run-off are a concern.

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 **April 4, 2012**

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 -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 24 / 14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	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.	A+	C
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	C
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	A
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	D	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	B
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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

© 2012 Copyright Heal the Bay. All rights reserved. Protected intellectual property (unless listed).

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

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

MLB

Pujols' contract ($240M) dwarfs average (.222)

BY RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK Albert Pujols is learning that hitting a baseball is tougher when the number attached to your name has a dollar sign.

After a weak opening week with the Los Angeles Angels, he has a contract ($240 million) more imposing than his batting average (.222). He has two RBIs.

Deuces wild, and not in a good way.

"I'm a human," he said. "Sometimes you want to press a little bit and try to do too much."

Pujols went 1 for 4 Friday with a strikeout and a double-play grounder as the Angels lost to the Yankees 5-0 in New York's home opener. He's 6 for 27 and his only RBIs have come on a groundout in a 7-3 loss to Kansas City and a single in a 6-5 defeat at Minnesota. For the first time since 2008, the three-time NL MVP is homerless in his first seven games.

After splurging to sign Pujols and pitcher C.J. Wilson for $317.5 million, the Angels are 2-5 and have dropped into last in the AL West with a three-game losing streak.

"If this was the 17th day or the 20th day, then I'd say, all right, maybe there's something going on," Torii Hunter said. "But with Pujols, I'm not worried. The dude works hard, tries to figure out things, and he will."

More than anyone else, Alex Rodriguez knows the weight of playing with a hefty paycheck. After agreeing to a record $252 million, 10-year contract with Texas, he began his Rangers career by hitting .242 with no homers and two RBIs in his first nine games in 2001. His first home run didn't come until his 11th game and 39th at-bat.

"You're coming into a new city, big market, big expectations, with a big contract, I think overall it's natural for you to try to do a little bit too much at first," Rodriguez said after homering for the Yankees and tying Ken Griffey Jr. for fifth on the career list at 630.

Being the biggest star isn't enough for some. A paycheck in the 1 percent brings along expectations of a performance in the top percentile. At all times.

"There are going to be critics that if he doesn't hit 1.000, he's a failure," then-Texas manager Johnny Oates said of A-Rod in 2001. "He's never allowed to make an error or fall down or stub his toe."

This is the life Pujols has chosen.

An imposing 6-foot-3 with a shaved head and broad shoulders, he subjected himself to the heightened scrutiny when he spurned the Cardinals in December for the riches and sunny lifestyle of Southern California. He grew up in St. Louis and became a latter-day Stan Musial, a nine-time All-Star and two-time World Series champion.

St. Louis wanted him back, just not for a guaranteed 10-year deal.

Now Pujols is trying to put that old life behind him.

"I'm way past that, man. Right now, I'm in a new uniform," he said.

Still, it has to weigh on his mind at least a bit. Even Pujols admits he can't avoid thinking about it.

"I'm not going to lie to you," he went on. "Yes, you miss that, because you never thought you were going to be in that situation. But you know what? I have a new family right now, new teammates, and that's where my focus is, in trying to do the best that I can to help this organization."

He led AL players in spring training with seven homers and an .850 slugging percentage. Of course, that means about as much as stats in MLB 2K12.

"It always seems like every time a player has a great spring, they start the season real slow. And when you struggle in spring training, you break out early in the year," Pujols said.

Los Angeles starters have a 5.02 ERA. Kendrys Morales, back from an ankle injury that caused him to miss last season, has two fewer RBIs than Pujols — which is to say, 0.

"This isn't about Albert," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "This about our team doing some things better on the mound and playing a little more fundamentally sound baseball in some areas. Albert is going to be there, but we have to be more than Albert, and we are."

This was Pujols' first time in new Yankee Stadium. He's more concerned about preparation and results than surroundings.

"To me, no disrespect, it's just a stadium. It's a ballpark," he said.

Against Hiroki Kuroda (1-1), he flied to left, singled up the middle and took a called third strike. He bounced into a 6-4-3 DP against David Robertson.

"I smoked that ball," he said of the double play. "That's probably the hardest ball I've hit this year."

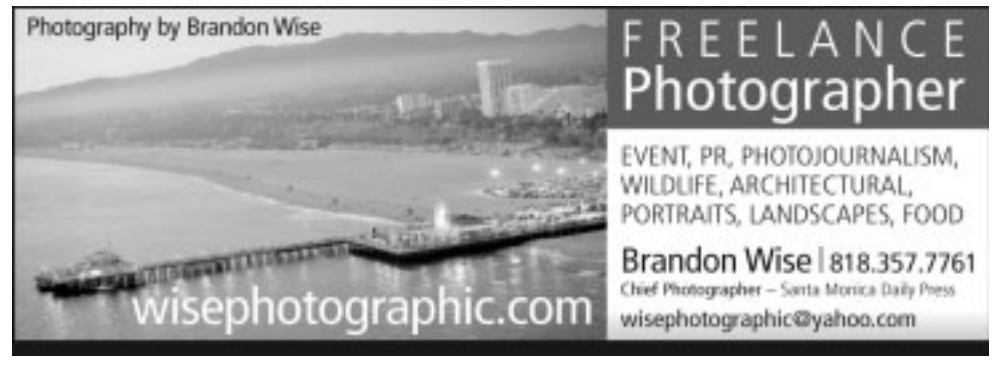
He just has to guard on the slump getting to his head.

"The wrong thing to do is to try to put the highest pressure on yourself and think that you have to carry everything, because it's not going to happen," he said. "Believe me. I've been in this league for 12 years, 13 years a professional, and when you try to do it by yourself, it's not working."

While many fans and media focus on the latest results, players take a longer-term view. It's about 162 games, making the playoffs and then winning 11 or 12 games in October.

Yankees captain Derek Jeter knows another dangerous hitter has migrated to the American League. A-Rod pretty much predicted the Angels and Yankees will meet in the playoffs.

"Yeah, our pitching staff is doing backflips in the clubhouse," Jeter said sarcastically before batting practice. "Arguably the best hitter in the game."



MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, April 14
Lea and Darija (NR) 1h 41 min
Will Not Stop There (NR) 1hr 40 min
7:30pm
Producer Branko Lustig will introduce the films.

Sunday, April 15
Koko and the Ghosts (NR) 1hr 30 min
5:00pm
A reception will follow the screening.

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

American Reunion (R) 1hr 53min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Titanic 3D (PG-13) 3hrs 14min
1:15pm, 5:30pm, 9:30pm

Life Happens (R) 1hr 41min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Blue Like Jazz (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

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

Cabin in the Woods (R) 1hr 35min
10:40am, 1:00pm, 3:25pm, 5:50pm, 8:15pm, 9:45pm, 10:50pm

Three Stooges (PG) 1hr 32min
10:30am, 12:55pm, 3:15pm, 5:35pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

21 Jump Street (R) 1hr 49min
10:50am, 1:35pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
11:55am, 3:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:25pm

American Reunion (R) 1hr 53min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:45pm

Titanic 3D (PG-13) 3hrs 14min
11:45am, 4:10pm, 8:30pm

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm

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

Lady (R) 2hrs 25min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Hunter (R) 1hr 40min
11:10pm, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Comic-Con: Episode IV - A Fan's Hope (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:30am, 4:40pm, 9:45pm

Delicacy (La delicatesse) (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:50pm, 7:10pm

All In (NR) 1hr 47min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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

Three Stooges (PG) 1hr 32min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Cabin in the Woods 3D (R) 1hr 35min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Lockout (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:14pm, 10:00pm

Woman Thou Art Loosed: On the 7th Day (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

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

Order in tonight, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have come to the point where you might even surprise yourself with your spontaneity. You can be diligent and responsible. To keep feeding those traits, you also need to let go more often. Your caring toward a friend emerges. Tonight: Surrounded by friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Take your time when answering someone's questions. Be aware that you might need to accept more responsibility. You might have a moment of clarity regarding a key person. Allow your feelings to flow. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might have plans to take off, or you could submit to a momentary impulse. Put yourself in a position to explore different places and lifestyles. If you are flying solo, you will not be alone for long. Tonight: Visualize, then create.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Be sensitive to what is going on with a loved one or your sweetie. He or she needs to make the judgment call as to when enough is enough. Relate directly to this person, and resist expressing your opinions through someone else. Tonight: Go for a cozy dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might be up for some fun and decide to join a friend who you know is adventuresome. The two of you will manage to take off somewhere exciting. The unexpected occurs when you are driving or traveling. You might be more distracted than you realize. Tonight: Go along with a friend's plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might have started with a free day, but by the afternoon you'll toss yourself into a project or hobby. Let yourself free up some time for nothing. A partner or loved one seeks you out and might surprise you. Tonight: Togetherness works.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be somewhat disappointed if a scenario does not play out like you expected. Let go and be less uptight. A little more caring will ease any tension between you and a child or loved one. Tonight: Do only what you consider enjoyable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Choose to stay close to home and invite others over. You could even have an unexpected person drop in. Go with the flow and refuse to get uptight. Swap fun jokes and/or stories. Tonight: Order in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Join a friend or go out with your family. You might be unusually busy catching up on people's news. If you are single, someone could unexpectedly enter your life. Expect the unexpected when dealing with a child or loved one. Tonight: Flow with the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might have incorporated some spring shopping into your budget. Indulge a loved one who really appreciates getting out and not being as concerned about his or her life. Tonight: Off at a favorite spot.

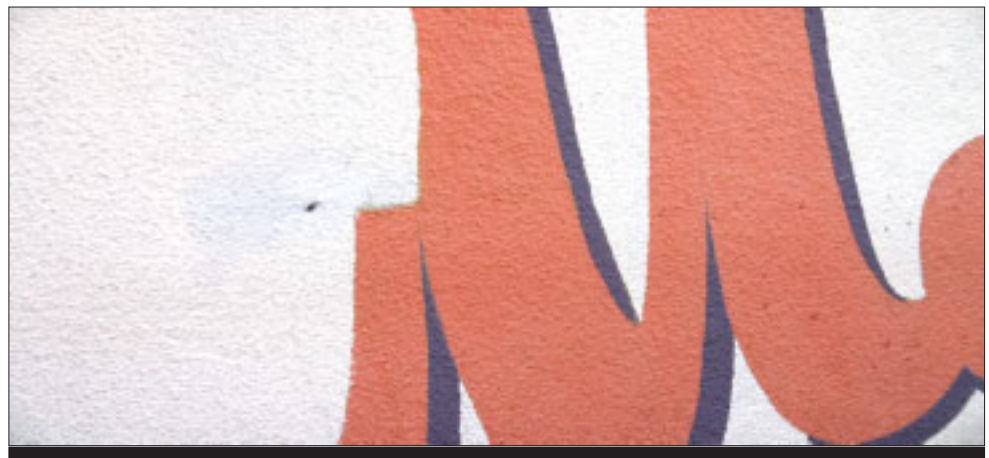
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others often find you to be unpredictable, but lately you find that your days are filled with others' acts of spontaneity. Let go of what is no longer needed, and choose a different path. A new venture presents more excitement. Tonight: Ruling the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Visualization is the first step in manifesting more of your desires. You could find yourself overwhelmed with errands, finishing up your taxes and/or handling other last-minute items. Take some much-needed time for these tasks. Tonight: Off doing your own thing.

Happy birthday

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

This year you will open doors if you are OK with the unexpected and not rigid about sticking to the status quo. You could experience a lot of excitement and increased vitality. Network, socialize and commit to key causes. Expand your immediate circle. If you are single, a friendship could transform into a loving relationship. Do not fight the inevitable. If you are attached, the two of you express a lot of mutual caring, which extends to your immediate circle. Many people around you feel cared about. AQUARIUS makes a great pal.

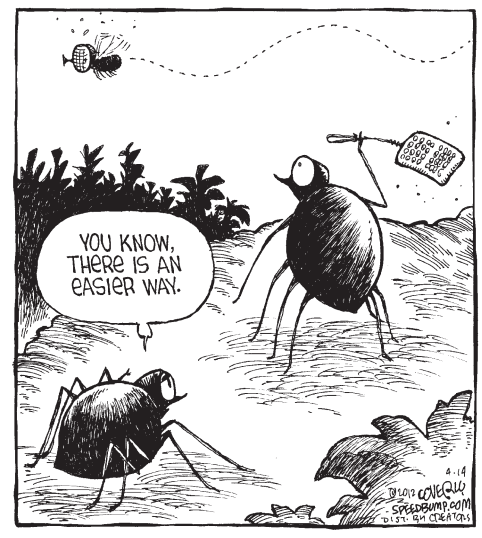


MYSTERY PHOTO

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

The first person who can correctly identify where this image was captured wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press. Send answers to *editor@smdp.com*. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

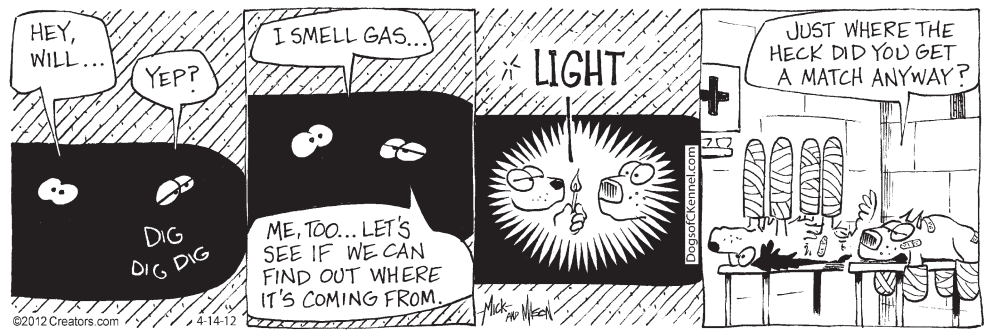
Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



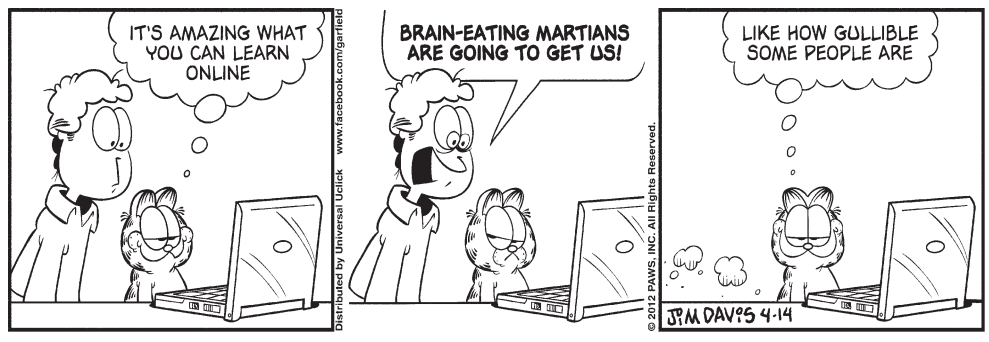
Strange Brew
By John Deering



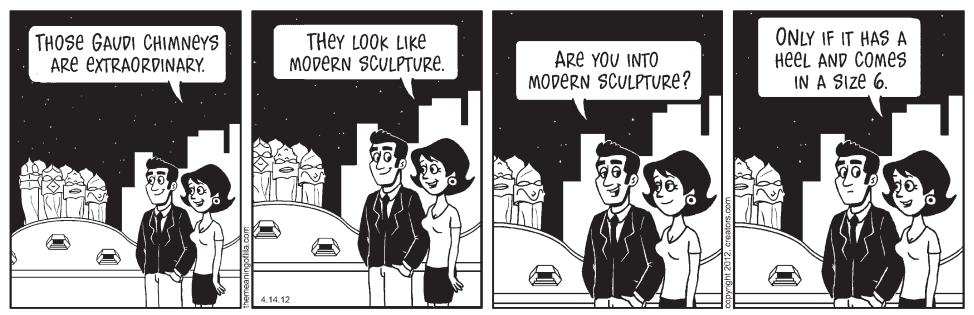
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



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 ★★★★

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

King Features Syndicate

GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

For every dollar you spend with a **local business**, as much as **70 cents** stays right here - supporting our schools, services and the community.

buy local santamonica.com ™

Buy Local
SANTA MONICA

It makes a difference!

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 April headache
6 Sharpens
11 Dish served with kraut
12 Severe
13 Give addresses
14 City on the Missouri
15 Florist's field
17 Person in a computer world
18 Hot blood
19 Coast Guard boats
22 Wee bit
23 Most frosty
24 Olympics symbol
25 Strike out
27 However, for short
30 Free of additives
31 Spell
32 Bat wood
33 Hugh's "Australia" costar
35 Nest sound
38 Amsterdam of TV
39 Anne of movies
40 Silly
41 Director Welles
42 Alamo setting

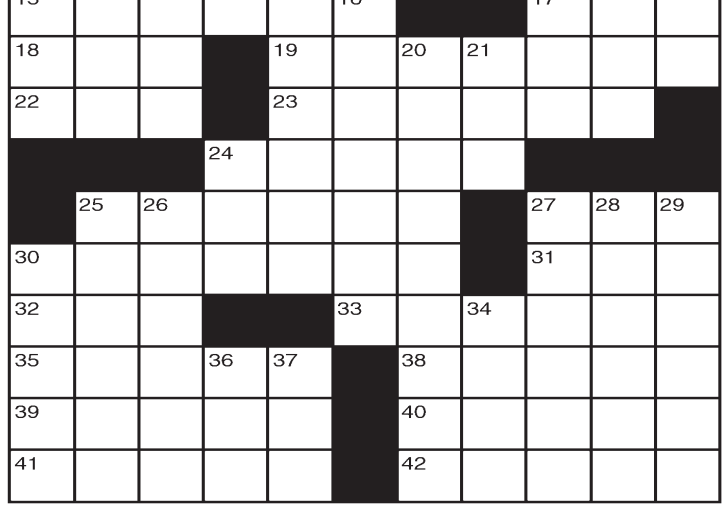
DOWN

1 Petty
2 Dawn goddess
3 Blue
4 "Cómo — usted"
5 Sign maker, perhaps
6 Question of identity
7 Deli choice
8 Clears
9 Casual top
10 Pillow covers
16 Belize setting
20 Exam constraint
21 Kicker's aid
24 Winter bug
25 One of Santa's team
26 Moral concern
27 Insect section
28 Western capital
29 Some daisies
30 Chip choice
34 Volcano shape
36 Letter after pi
37 Farm sight

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

Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 2, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



4-14

ARITHMO™ CrossMath + × − ÷

– Arithmo Crossmath – Reclaim Your Brain

• Insert the given numbers in the empty squares so when they are calculated in threes from left to right and top to bottom they satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes both horizontally and vertically.

• Each empty square dictates the math operation that must be performed to meet the demands.

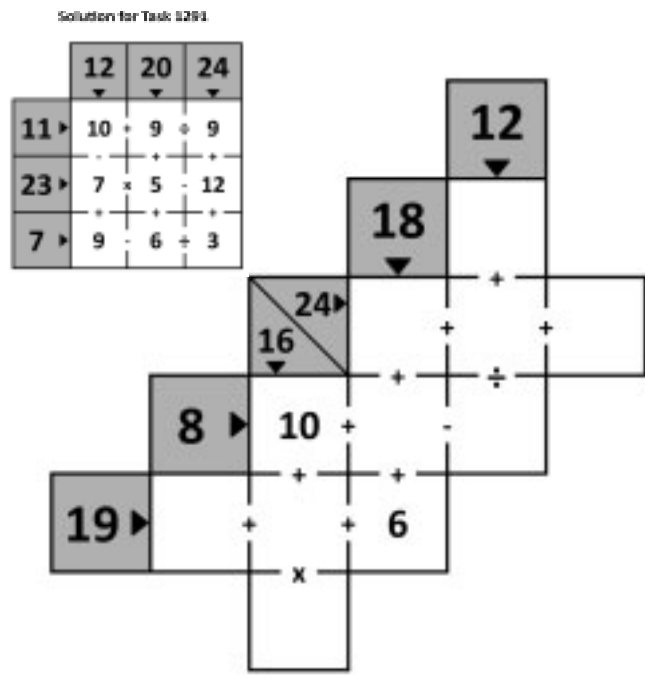
• Remember to multiply or divide before you add or subtract.

Go to www.zokigames.net for more fun and challenging games and links to our mobile phone apps.

Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

2, 3, 6, 6, 8, 8, 10, 10, 11

Solution for Task 1291



NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Fathers of Our Country: News of the Weird has reported on several prolific men who sell their sperm to sperm banks, to be selected from catalogs by multiple mothers-to-be seeking high-quality breeding (and also one case of a middle-aged physician who collected women's money to find donors but then decided to self-supply his clients). Fremont, Calif., computer-security worker Trent Arsenault, 36, is America's most notorious "rogue" donor, offering his output absolutely free to same-sex and low-income clients who have difficulty procuring through sperm banks. He is so far the father of at least 15 children. Since 2010, the federal Food and Drug Administration has been trying to shut him down as an unregistered "manufacturer" of body tissue who must therefore adhere to federal safety regulations. Arsenault, according to a profile in New York magazine in February, is the son of disapproving parents (father, a Pentecostal minister), and in addition, is a virgin.

■ Only the Lonely: Adrian Baltierra, 51, was charged with solicitation in February in Bradenton, Fla., after, according to police, he approached an undercover female officer, who was posing as a prostitute, and agreed to a transaction. In exchange for $15, Baltierra would be accorded the opportunity to take a whiff of the "prostitute's" genital aroma (although street slang was used in the negotiation).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1969 – At the U.S. Academy Awards there is a tie for the Academy Award for Best Actress between Katharine Hepburn and Barbra Streisand.

1978 – 1978 Tbilisi Demonstrations: Thousands of Georgians demonstrate against Soviet attempts to change the constitutional status of the Georgian language.

1981 – STS-1 – The first operational space shuttle, Columbia (OV-102) completes its first test flight.

1986 – In retaliation for the April 5 bombing in West Berlin that killed two U.S. servicemen, U.S. president Ronald Reagan orders major bombing raids against Libya, killing 60 people.

1986 – 1 kilogram (2.2 lb) hailstones fall on the Gopalganj district of Bangladesh, killing 92. These are the heaviest hailstones ever recorded.

1991 – The Republic of Georgia introduces the post of President after its declaration of independence from the Soviet Union.

WORD UP!

approbate
\ AP-ruh-beyt \ , verb;
1.
To approve officially.

Santa Monica Daily Press

Classifieds

$7.50 per day. Up to 15 words, 30 cents each additional word.

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

Miscellaneous

READERS & MUSIC LOVERS. 100 Greatest Novels (audio books) ONLY $99.00 (plus s h.) Includes MP3 Player & Accessories. BONUS: 50 Classical Music Works & Money Back Guarantee. Call Today! 1-866-979-4428. (Cal-SCAN)

Employment Wanted

NURSE ASSISTANT will take care of elderly, Live-in, or live-out. Saturday/Sunday. Experience/references in Santa Monica/Bev Hills area. Call Monica (323)295-2191, (323)445-4119

Employment

Assisted Living community is looking for PT caregivers and PT medication technicians to assist elderly residents. 2 yrs of experience preferred. Must have good attitude and a love for seniors. Schedule will include weekends. Pre employment drug screen and background check required. If interested, please come to 2107 Ocean Ave. SM, CA 90405 and fill out an application. EOE

COMMISSION SALES rep needed part time with internet marketing experience. Submit resume to bsberkowitz@aol.com

Retirement community is looking for PT dishwasher and PT cook to help out dining operation. Must have good attitude and love for seniors. Previous experience preferred. Schedule will include weekends. Pre-employment drug screen and background check required. If interested, please come to 2107 Ocean Ave. SM, 90405 and fill out and application. EOE.

Help Wanted

DRIVERS - Choose your hometime from Weekly, 7/ON-7/OFF, 14/ON-7/OFF, Full or Part-time. Daily Pay! Top Equipment! Requires 3 months recent experience. 800-414-9569. www.driveknight.com (Cal-SCAN)

DRIVERS: NO EXPERIENCE? Class A Driver Training. We train and employ! New pay increases coming soon. Experienced Drivers also Needed! Central Refrigerated. 1-877-369-7091. www.CentralTruckDrivingJobs.com (Cal-SCAN)

FREIGHT UP = MORE $. 2 Months CDL Class A Driving Experience. 8 7 7 - 2 5 8 - 8 7 8 2 www.meltontruck.com/drive (Cal-SCAN)

Business Opps

START NOW! Open Red Hot Dollar, Dollar Plus, Mailbox, Discount Party, Discount Clothing, Teen Store, Fitness Center from $51,900 worldwide! www.DRSS25.com. 1-800-518-3064. (Cal-SCAN)

Internet

SAVE on Cable TV-Internet-Digital Phone. Packages start at $89.99/mo (for 12 months.) Options from ALL major service providers. Call Acceller today to learn more! CALL 1-888-897-7650. (Cal-SCAN)

For Sale

100 Percent Guaranteed Omaha Steaks - SAVE 65 percent on the Family Value Collection. NOW ONLY $49.99 Plus 3 FREE GIFTS & right-to-the-door delivery in a reusable cooler. ORDER TODAY at 1-888-525-4620 or www.OmahaSteaks.com/family16, use code 45069TVH. (Cal-SCAN)

For Sale

MANTIS Deluxe Tiller. NEW! FastStart engine. Ships FREE. One-Year Money-Back Guarantee when you buy DIRECT. Call for the DVD and FREE Good Soil book! 888-815-5176. (Cal-SCAN)

Education

ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE from Home. *Medical, *Business, *Criminal Justice, *Hospitality. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. SCHEV certified. Call 888-210-5162 www.CenturaOnline.com (Cal-SCAN)

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA! Graduate in 4 weeks! FREE Brochure. Call Now! 1-866-562-3650 ext. 60 www.SouthEasternHS.com (Cal-SCAN)

Vacation Rentals

ADVERTISE Your VACATION PROPERTY in 240 California newspapers for one low cost of $600. Your 25 word classified ad reaches over 6 million+ Californians. Free brochure call Elizabeth (916)288-6019. (Cal-SCAN)
brochure call Elizabeth (916)288-6019. (Cal-SCAN)

For Rent

$625-$675. Very nice, efficiency unit.
1br, 1 bath, $1295. Best location, West LA. Partly furnished. 2606 S. Sepulveda.(310)666-8360.

HOWARD MANAGEMENT GROUP
(310)869-7901

3485 Sawtelle #17. 2 Bd + 1 Bth. Top floor corner w/ large balcony. Intercom, (1) gated parking, pool. $1675.

1214 Idaho Ave. #2. 1Bd + 1Bth. Pet friendly. N. of Wilshire Blvd. $1695

2436 Louella Ave. 3 Bd + 2 Bth house in Mar Vista. 2,081 sq ft, carpeted floors, 2 car detached garage, LARGE kitchen. $3950.

WE HAVE MORE VACANCIES ON THE WESTSIDE. PETS WELCOME

www.howardmanagement.com
rentals@howardmanagement.com

Malibu Single Semi One Bed Rooms: $1,300/mo. to $1,700 including beach key, shower, toilet, kitchen, parking, laundry, internet, all utility, golf range, hot spa, gazebos, etc. Available from 4-15. Contact the owner 90265mailbu@gmail.com

Commercial Lease

SANTA MONICA - two room office suite in garden bldg. Approx. 350 square feet. 30th near Ocean Park Boulevard. Includes utilities and parking. (310) 456-7031 X175.

Real Estate

20 Acres Near El Paso, TX. $0 Down, $99/mo. $12,900 Owner Financing, No Credit Checks. Beautiful Mountain Views. Money Back Guarantee. Free Map/Pictures. 1-800-343-9444. (Cal-SCAN)

Autos Wanted

I BUY ANY JUNK CAR - $350 Flat Rate *Includes Pick-Up. 1-888-366-7662 (Cal-SCAN)

Bookkeeping Services

Accounting & Bookkeeping Service
Call 310.828.5494

QUICKBOOKS BOOKKEEPING SERVICE
Call 310 977-7935

Services

Tax Prep & Bookkeeping
We'll set up your system or help you get up -to-date.
Small & home business specialist. At your office or ours.

Free Consultation
Doris @ 424-246-6006 or
Doris90272@gmail.com

Handyman

The Handy Hatts
Painting and Decorating Co.
SINCE 1967
RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL
SPECIALISTS IN ALL
DAMAGE REPAIR
"EXPERT IN GREEN CONCEPTS"
Free estimates, great referrals
FULL SERVICE HANDYMAN FROM A TO Z
Call Brian @
(310) 927-5120
(310) 915-7907
LIC# 888736

Legal Services

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS. Win or Pay Nothing! Start your Application In Under 60 Seconds. Call Today! Contact Disability Group, Inc. Licensed Attorneys & BBB Accredited. Call 877-490-6596. (Cal-SCAN)

Business Services

ADVERTISE a display BUSINESS CARD sized ad in 140 California newspapers for one low cost of $1,550. Your display 3.75x2" ad reaches over 3 million+ Californians. Free brochure call Elizabeth (916)288-6019. (Cal-SCAN)

ADVERTISE Your Truck DRIVER JOBS in 240 California newspapers for one low cost of $600. Your 25 word classified ad reaches over 6 million+ Californians. Free brochure call Elizabeth (916)288-6019. (Cal-SCAN)

REACH CALIFORNIANS WITH A CLASSIFIED IN ALMOST EVERY COUNTY! Experience the power of classifieds! Combo~California Daily and Weekly Networks. One order. One payment. Free Brochures. elizabeth@cnpa.com or (916)288-6019. (Cal-SCAN)

Computer Services

MY COMPUTER WORKS. Computer problems? Viruses, spyware, email, printer issues, bad internet connections - FIX IT NOW! Professional, U.S.-based technicians. $25 off service. Call for immediate help. 1-888-865-0271 (Cal-SCAN)

Financial

Ever Consider a Reverse Mortgage? At least 62 years old? Stay in your home & increase cash flow! Safe & Effective! Call Now for your FREE DVD! Call Now 888-698-3165. (Cal-SCAN)

ADVERTISE! CALL US **(310) 458-7737**

Medical

ATTENTION DIABETICS with Medicare. Get a FREE Talking Meter and diabetic testing supplies at No Cost, plus FREE home delivery! Best of all, this meter eliminates painful finger pricking! Call 888-781-9376. (Cal-SCAN)

Attention SLEEP APNEA SUFFERERS with Medicare. Get FREE CPAP Replacement Supplies at No Cost, plus FREE home delivery! Best of all, prevent red skin sores and bacterial infection! Call 888-699-7660. (Cal-SCAN)

Fitness

Attention Joint & Muscle Pain Sufferers: Clinically proven all-natural supplement helps reduce pain and enhance mobility. Call 877-217-7698 to try Hydraflexin RISK-FREE for 90 days. (Cal-SCAN)

Diabetes/Cholesterol/Weight Loss. Bergamonte, a Natural Product for Cholesterol, Blood Sugar and weight. Physician recommended, backed by Human Clinical Studies with amazing results. Call today and save 15% off your first bottle! 888-392-8780 (Cal-SCAN)

Feeling older? Men lose the ability to produce testosterone as they age. Call 888-904-2372 for a FREE trial of Progene- All Natural Testosterone Supplement. (Cal-SCAN)

TAI CHI CLASSES
IN BRENTWOOD
Starting Monday, Apr. 16
6:00-8:00 pm
Beginning & Advanced levels
Pat Akers has taught
Yang style tai chi for 22 yrs.
310-339-7463
p.akers@gmail.com

Massage

BLISSFUL RELAXATION! Experience Tranquility & Freedom from Stress through Nurturing & Caring touch in a total healing environment. Lynda, LMT: 310-749-0621

Personals

Meet singles right now! No paid operators, just real people like you. Browse greetings, exchange messages and connect live. Try it free. Call now: 888-962-3056. (Cal-SCAN)

DBAS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012029099 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GUNG HOE GARDEN GIRLS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: KATHARINE PINNEY 3900 BERENICE PLACE LOS ANGELES, CA 90031. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:KATHARINE PINNEY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012029100 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as OPTIC ARTS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MOODIE, PINCU AND ASSOCIATES, INC. 4200 W. BURBANK BLVD. BURBANK, CA 91505. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date). /s/: WARREN MAYS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/24/2012, 03/31/2012, 04/07/2012, 04/14/2012.

DBAS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012029101 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ECHOS PLUS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JOHN NOEL 2 CORSICA LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA 92677. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)02/15/2012. /s/: JOHN NOEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/24/2012, 03/31/2012, 04/07/2012, 04/14/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012029102 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RIFF RAFF PRODUCTIONS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SERGE HOELTSCHI STUDIOS INC. 2012 HYPERION AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90027. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)02/14/2012. /s/: SERGE HOELTSCHI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/24/2012, 03/31/2012, 04/07/2012, 04/14/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012028164 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PACIFIC COAST , STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: OCEAN STRUCTURE INC. 9919 CANOGA AVENUE CHATSWORTH, CA 91311. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:RODNEY ROSENSTEIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/21/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/24/2012, 03/31/2012, 04/07/2012, 04/14/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012029103 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PAY DAY RECYCLING. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: STEVE L. ROBINSON 1800 PORT SHEFFIELD PLACE NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:STEVE L. ROBINSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/24/2012, 03/31/2012, 04/07/2012, 04/14/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012028166 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNLIMITED, UNLIMITED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SAUL ENRIQUE MARINEZ M 137 W. IMPERIAL HWY LOS ANGELES, CA 90061. This Business is being conducted by: . The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:SAUL ENRIQUE MARINEZ M. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/21/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/24/2012, 03/31/2012, 04/07/2012, 04/14/2012.

DBAS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012028165 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CRAFTS BY ZIEHLER. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MARIA ZIEHLER 11948 WICKS STREET SUN VALEY, CA 91352. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)01/01/2012. /s/: MARIA ZIEHLER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/21/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/24/2012, 03/31/2012, 04/07/2012, 04/14/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012028160 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CARS TO THE STARS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MITCH MALPEDE 2929 190TH STREET SUITE 254 REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/3/2004. /s/: MITCH MALPEDE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/21/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/24/2012, 03/31/2012, 04/07/2012, 04/14/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012028161 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LIFT WITH CARE. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: TONY HONG 25900 NARBONNE AVE. #11 LOMITA, CA 90717. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)01/01/2012. /s/: TONY HONG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/21/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/24/2012, 03/31/2012, 04/07/2012, 04/14/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012028163 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as OASIS MARKETING GROUP. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SAHAR MILANI 2512 MATHEWS AVE. UNIT 2 REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)01/12/2012. /s/: SAHAR MILANI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/21/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/24/2012, 03/31/2012, 04/07/2012, 04/14/2012.

ADVERTISE YOUR AUCTION in 240 California newspapers for one low cost of $600. Your 25 word classified ad reaches over 6 million+ Californians. Free brochure call Elizabeth (916)288-6019. (Cal-SCAN)

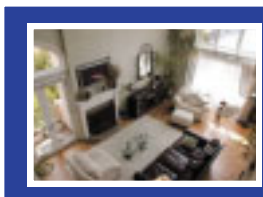
READ US ONLINE
smdp.com/**localnews**
smdp.com/**auto**
smdp.com/**briefs**
smdp.com/**columnists**
smdp.com/**cp**
smdp.com/**crimewatch**
smdp.com/**entertainment**
smdp.com/**food**
smdp.com/**green**
smdp.com/**health**
smdp.com/**letterstotheeditor**
smdp.com/**opinion**
smdp.com/**parenting**



Kate Bransfield

Estates Director
Society of Excellence
Previews Properties Specialist
Coldwell Banker - Montana Avenue
310.395.1133
SantaMonicaListings.com

COLDWELL BANKER PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL







Penthouse
1018 4th Street #304

$5,900 per month



- 2 Bedroom
- 2.5 Bath
- Almost 2000 sq ft
- Loft over Liv Rm & Mstr
- Fireplace
- Roof-top Deck
- Built in 2000
- Remodeled 2005

Fabulous Location
South-West Exposure

2202 Georgina Avenue

Just Sold

(I represented the Buyer)

List Price

$9,100,000



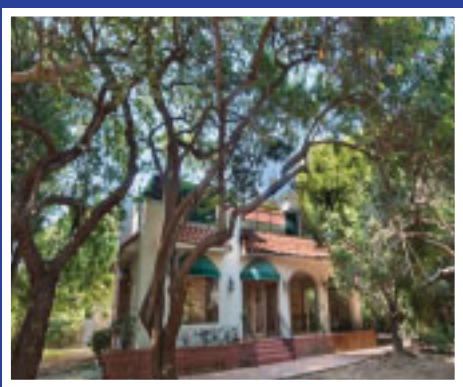
526 Palisades Avenue

In Escrow

17,250 +/- Square Foot Lot

$4,200,000

Open Sunday
April 15th
2:00 pm — 5:00 pm



619 Euclid Street

In Escrow

Great Square Footage

$2,899,000

Open Sunday
April 15th
2:00 pm -- 5:00 pm



Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica Single Family Homes
From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale As of Mid - April 2012

Santa Monica Canyon	=	$1,619,500
North of Montana	=	$3,499,000
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	$1,895,000
South of Wilshire	=	$850,000
Sunset Park	=	$979,000
Ocean Park	=	$1,649,000

Statistics updated every Monday

1424 Marguerita Avenue

Just Sold

$2,999,000

North of Montana
Wonderful, Corner Lot



Kate Bransfield
Proud Sponsor Of:

FRANKLIN Elementary School

Roosevelt Elementary School

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL SANTA MONICA, CA

Santa Monica LITTLE LEAGUE

What is Your Home Worth? Contact Me to Find Out!

This is not intended as a solicitation if you currently have a broker. The information has been retrieved from the Multiple Listing Service. Some of these properties have been sold or listed with other Real Estate Agents.