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THE HAPPY EARTH DAY ISSUE

Sea lions rescued near SM Pier

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER Two sea lions washed onto the beach near the Santa Monica Pier Wednesday, victims of a deadly neurotoxin that has been wreaking havoc amongst the sea mammal population in Southern California.

The poison, called domoic acid, causes grand mal seizures, which lead to lesions in the victims' brains.

It's produced by algae blooms and siphoned out of the water by plankton-eating fish including sardines and anchovies, which are then eaten by the larger mammals.

The toxin then concentrates in the bodies of the larger animals until symptoms appear.

According to a release from Heal the Bay, it's unclear where and how large the bloom is.

This year's bloom is more intense than in previous years. Scientists don't know much about what causes the higher concentration of toxin, just that pollution from agricultural and industrial uses feeds the algae.

The result has been dramatic.

Eighty-two large animals — including

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Obama's visit grounds planes at SM Airport

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SMO Pilots wishing to use Santa Monica Airport have to wait until 9 a.m. Friday, with the Federal Aviation Administration putting temporary flight restrictions in place while President Barack Obama was in Los Angeles.

"Any pilot who violates the restrictions can face FAA sanctions as well as criminal charges," Ian Gregor of the FAA said.

Only airlines, law enforcement aircraft and approved ambulance aircraft were able to fly within a 10-mile radius of SMO between 2:30 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. Friday. During that time, private pilots were not able to fly into or out of Los Angeles International Airport, Santa Monica Airport and Hawthorne Municipal Airport.

Obama was scheduled to arrive at LAX at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. He attended a fundraiser at Sony Studios in Culver City and then a private fundraiser at the Tavern restaurant in Brentwood.

While the restrictions were in effect, private pilots were able to fly into and out of airports within 10-30 miles from Santa Monica Airport. Private pilots were able to travel through that airspace provided air traffic controllers could handle the workload. However, all pilots flying in this area have to have filed flight plans, must have talked to air traffic controllers and were required to use transponders, which provide controllers with data on the type of aircraft, its altitude, airspeed and destination. The transponders had to broadcast a code that is unique to each aircraft.

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PRICE PAIN: **Steve Abelar pumps gas at the Chevron station on 14th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard on Thursday afternoon.**

High gas prices rattle local businesses

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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CITYWIDE As the price of gas nears $5 a gallon, the pump has the same connotation as dentists' offices — you know you have to go, and you know it's going to hurt.

Nationwide, prices have begun to creep up in response to increased demand for petroleum from developing countries and unrest in the Middle East. The West Coast languishes under the highest prices — an average of $4.08 a gallon — while the Rocky Mountain region enjoys the lowest at $3.61 per gallon.

Living in Southern California isn't helping anything.

Of the 10 cities noted on the federal Department of Energy website, Los Angeles tops out with the highest average price at $4.23, beating even San Francisco by just over a tenth of a cent.

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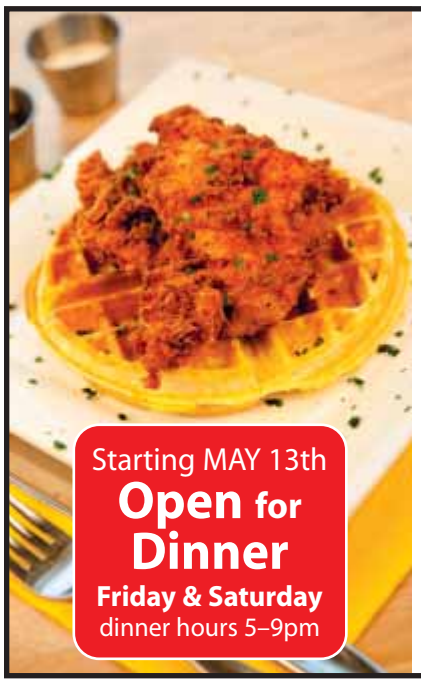

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Mad Rad in town
CENTRAL
1348 14th St., 7 p.m.
Electro hip-hop band Mad Rad plays this hip nightspot along with guests 87 Stick Up Kids and Mash Hall. For more information, call (310) 451-5040.

'Locked and Loaded'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
"Locked and Loaded," Todd Susman's first published play, stars stage and screen personalities Paul Linke, Andrew Parks, Tarina Pouncy, Terasa Sciortino and Sandra Thigpen and is helmed by award-winning director Chris DeCarlo. For more information, visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

Saturday, April 23, 2011

Peter Rabbit Day
Douglas Park
1155 Chelsea Ave., 9 a.m.
Come meet the Easter Bunny. Enjoy Easter egg coloring, games, face painting, Easter egg hunt and much more. Egg hunts are organized by age group and will continue while Peter Rabbit's supplies last. Arrive early and don't miss out. For more information, visit smjaycees.clubexpress.com.

'The Merchant of Venice'
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St.
Academy Award winner, F. Murray Abraham attacks the role of Shylock in this riveting update of the bard's darkest of comedies, where religion, race and sexuality collide with love, family and justice. The currency of society and humanity has never been so changeable in this Royal Shakespeare Company commissioned production, the first production by an American company to be invited to the RSC's Complete Works Festival. This production runs through April 24. For information and times, call (310) 434-3200.

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Revelers are invited to this happening watering hole for a midnight Easter egg hunt. The evening also includes live music from The Paul Chesne Band. For more information, call (310) 396-4725.

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UPON FURTHER REVIEW: **Crossroads' Michael Rosen appears to be tagged out by Montclair Prep's Myles Hager, but was called safe on Thursday at Clover Park. Rosen would eventually score Crossroads' lone run during a 9-1 Alpha League defeat.**

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Crossroads grounded by Montclair Prep

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CLOVER PARK Flights may have been grounded at nearby Santa Monica Airport for President Obama's visit to the Westside on Thursday, but the same can't be said for baseballs.

Montclair Prep hit three home runs off Crossroads starter Holden Miller to keep the Roadrunners winless in league during a 9-1 romp at Clover Park. Crossroads fell to 4-9 overall and 0-7 in defeat.

Making things even more daunting for Crossroads was the presence of Montclair starting pitcher Max Fried, considered a top prospect who has already committed to play for UCLA. The tall junior lefty pitched six innings, surrendering just one run in the process. He also recorded nine strikeouts.

"That's why he's one of the best pitchers in Southern California," Crossroads head coach Spencer Kirksey said of Fried. "He's a great pitcher."

Fried was successful in shutting down a Crossroads offense that has struggled during the Roadrunners' current eight-game losing streak. For Kirksey, who is in his first year as coach, he thinks that something has to give as the Roadrunners make their way down the final stretch of what has been a trying season.

"We just have to keep going after it," he said. "But, our bats have been quiet lately."

The lone Crossroads run came in the third inning. Sophomore Michael Rosen led off the inning with a single to left field. He would eventually score on a Andres Leyva sacrifice fly to right field, but that was all the offense the Roadrunners could muster against a dominant Fried.

"Max really kept his composure," Montclair head coach Rick Weber said. "He was on his game today."

The loss was the second in two days to Montclair for Crossroads. Wednesday's loss was also 9-1. Despite the lopsided final scores, Montclair's Weber is impressed by Crossroads, particularly shortstop Leyva.

"They battle hard," Weber said. "As a first-year coach, [Kirksey] is doing a good job."

Next for Crossroads is an Alpha League matchup with Campbell Hall next Tuesday at home.

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CDC foresees smoking bans across nation by 2020

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA By 2020, every state may have bans on smoking in restaurants, bars and the workplace, federal health officials predicted Thursday, based on the current pace of adopting anti-smoking laws.

The number of states with comprehensive indoor smoking bans went from zero in 2000 to 25 in 2010.

"It is by no means a foregone conclusion that we'll get there by 2020," said Dr. Tim McAfee, director of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health.

But the success of the smoking ban movement has been astounding, and seems to be accelerating, he added. "I'm relatively bullish we'll at least get close to that number."

Nearly half of U.S. residents are covered by comprehensive state or local indoor smoking bans, the CDC estimated, in a new report.

Another 10 states have laws than ban smoking in workplaces, bars or restaurants, but not in all three venues.

Some other states have less restrictive laws, like requiring smoking areas with separate ventilation.

Only seven states have no indoor smoking restrictions, although some of their cities do: Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming.

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Grocery workers agree to strike

ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Members of the largest union local representing Southern California grocery workers gave their negotiators the

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Protect the right

Editor:

From the early 1960s when I was just becoming aware of civil rights abrogations, I have done what I can to ensure equal rights for all. At that age was the first time I was shot at, by farmers unhappy with us kids working with the California Migrant Ministry, informing agricultural workers of their rights to get paid, have access to bathrooms while working, breaks and transportation to work, among others.

Later I learned that women could not easily get abortions when needed, including rape victims and incest victims. Why not? Who are making these laws? Oh, men! Finally with Roe v. Wade, the battle was won. I was thrilled; no more back-alley deaths for desperate teens and women. Planned Parenthood was a great organization, providing birth control to avoid unwanted pregnancy. Yeah! Now, for some reason, folks again want to be in control of other people's bodies and choices in a very invasive way. People who do not know these victims of crime or circumstance. Why? Please, please, please ensure civil rights for women and teens.

Dr. Nora Baladerian
Los Angeles

Reuse

Editor:

When serious engine trouble hits, repowering your vehicle rather than buying a new one is an environmentally sound decision that lets you keep more "green" in your wallet.

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I'd sooner believe in the Easter Bunny

LAST WEEK I POKED FUN AT DONALD Trump's possible run for president in 2012. The Donald says he's going to make his official announcement on "The Apprentice." How fittingly tacky. Trump, who declared corporate bankruptcy four times, the last in 2009, also said that he might not make his tax returns public until Obama shows his birth certificate. How juvenile.

Karl Rove commented that by focusing on Obama's birth certificate, Trump became "a joke candidate." Frankly, it's spooky when I find myself agreeing with Karl Rove.

Trump responded that he was no fan of Rove, Bush or Obama. News flash: the Donald is only a fan of the Donald.

On a brighter note, Sunday is Easter and today is Good Friday. Being Jewish, I never understood why it's "good." On the Internet I discovered that it may be peculiar to the English language. In German its Karfreitag, which loosely translates to Mourning Friday. (Clearly, I have too much free time.)

This Good Friday marks the seventh anniversary of Pat Tillman's death. I mention it because I recently watched the compelling documentary "The Tillman Story," a DVD narrated by Josh Brolin. In 2002, Tillman was an NFL star who gave up a multi-million dollar contract to enlist in the Army along with his brother, Kevin.

To his chagrin, Pat became the military's poster boy. He even received a personal letter from Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. (Whoopee.)

After becoming Army Rangers, the Tillman brothers were transferred to Iraq. Pat believed the Iraq war was unjust and illegal. He was also an avowed atheist. A few suspect that either might have factored into what subsequently happened.

Seven years ago today Pat and Kevin were part of a horribly ill-advised mission in Afghanistan. Their Ranger units were separated and Pat's came under enemy fire, albeit ineffective, i.e. there were no bullet holes in their Humvee. What is clear is that Pat was killed by his fellow soldiers.

And yet the Tillmans were told that Pat died in a firefight with the enemy and had demonstrated such valor that he would be awarded the Silver Star. With her whole family being patriotic, Mary Tillman had no reason to be suspicious. And yet she recalls, "The story sounded like a bad 'Rambo' script."

Pat always feared that, in the event of his death, the government might exploit it. Sure enough, his funeral was broadcast live on national TV.

It took five weeks before the Tillmans were told that Pat's death was from "friendly fire." But there are still no answers as to why his body armor was destroyed, his uniform was burned and his diary was missing.

Whereas other families might have been paralyzed with grief, the Tillmans devoted years searching for the truth. There were five Army investigations and two congressional hearings, but no one was held accountable, except for a lone scapegoat, a retired general who lost a star and thus some of his pension. (Big deal.)

In the news now is "Joining Forces," a national initiative headed by Michelle Obama and Vice-President Biden's wife, Dr. Jill Biden. The program involves all facets of society in helping servicemen and women and their families. It sounds like a very noble cause but there's a hitch that has drawn Mary's ire.

President Obama appointed retired Gen. Stanley McChrystal as a top advisor. It was McChrystal who reviewed Pat's Silver Star recommendation that included blatantly false information, including two altered witness statements.

Keep in mind that Pat was the most famous soldier in the entire military. And yet McChrystal's excuse was that he hadn't read the recommendation closely enough. (I'd sooner believe in the Easter Bunny.)

At his 2009 confirmation hearings to put McChrystal in charge of all forces in Afghanistan, the general conceded that the Tillman matter "looked like a cover-up" but he insisted it wasn't. As I watched, all I could think of was the expression "if it quacks like a duck … ."

Amir Bar-Lev, the director of "The Tillman Story" said, "Putting Stanley McChrystal in charge of a commission on military families is like putting Bernie Madoff in charge of a commission on pensions."

I voted for Obama and probably will again. But I'm so disgusted with politics that instead of the news I follow sports. Thankfully the Lakers evened their NBA first round playoff series with the Hornets. But in the meantime, Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig is appointing a trustee to oversee the once proud Dodgers. (Almost enough to make me return to the news.)

And yet, somehow I cling to the hope that Frank and Jamie McCourt will be forced to sell the team to Mark Cuban and the Dodgers will one day win another World Series. Evidently, when it comes to some things, I do believe in the Easter Bunny.

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Apple faces heat over iPhone, iPad location tracking

JORDAN ROBERTSON
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Privacy watchdogs are demanding answers from Apple Inc. about why iPhones and iPads are secretly collecting location data on users — records that cellular service providers routinely keep but require a court order to disgorge.

It's not clear if other smartphones and tablet computers are logging such information on their users. And this week's revelation that the Apple devices do wasn't even new — some security experts began warning about the issue a year ago.

But the worry prompted by a report from researchers Alasdair Allan and Pete Warden at a technology conference in Santa Clara, Calif., raises questions about how much privacy you implicitly surrender by carrying around a smartphone and the responsibility of the smartphone makers to protect sensitive data that flows through their devices.

Much of the concern about the iPhone and iPad tracking stems from the fact the computers are logging users' physical coordinates without users knowing it — and that that information is then stored in an unencrypted form that would be easy for a hacker or a suspicious spouse or a law enforcement officer to find without a warrant.

Researchers emphasize that there's no evidence that Apple itself has access to this data. The data apparently stays on the device itself, and computers the data is backed up to. Apple didn't immediately respond to a request for comment by The Associated Press.

Tracking is a normal part of owning a cellphone. What's done with that data, though, is where the controversy lies.

A central question in this controversy is whether a smartphone should act merely as a conduit of location data to service providers and approved applications — or as a more active participant by storing the data itself, to make location-based applications run more smoothly or help better target mobile ads or any number of other uses.

Location data is some of the most valuable information a mobile phone can provide, since it can tell advertisers not only where someone's been, but also where they might be going — and what they might be inclined to buy when they get there.

Allan and Warden said the location coordinates and time stamps in the devices aren't always exact, but appear in a file that typically contains about a year's worth of data.

Dry ice lake suggests Mars once had a 'Dust Bowl'

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES Think Mars today is a hostile place? It was worse 600,000 years ago, according to new research that suggests the planet had a dustier, stormier atmosphere.

"It was an unpleasant place to hang out," said lead researcher Roger Phillips of the Southwest Research Institute. He said Mars' climate was probably a lot like the American Dust Bowl of the 1930s — but a lot worse.

The evidence comes from the discovery of a huge underground reservoir of dry ice, or frozen carbon dioxide, at its south pole — much more than scientists realized. They suspect some of that store of carbon dioxide was once in Mars' atmosphere, making it denser.

In the recent geologic past, when Mars' axis tilted, sunlight reached the southern polar cap, melting some of the frozen carbon dioxide. This release would have made the atmosphere thicker and caused more dust to loft into the air, creating severe storms. Other times, carbon dioxide cycled back into the ground as part of a seasonal cycle.

There is an upside to that stormier climate: The thicker atmosphere back then meant there were more regions on the planet where liquid water probably existed. Water is considered an essential ingredient for life.

Still, "it was not the balmy, tropical Mars" that existed even billions of years earlier, Phillips said.

Mars today is frigid, arid and constantly bombarded by lethal radiation. Its atmosphere, made up mostly of carbon dioxide, is many times thinner than the top of Mount Everest on Earth. In fact, the Martian atmosphere is less than 1 percent of Earth's.

The red planet wasn't always this unforgiving. A maze of gullies, canyons and river channels on the surface points to a warmer and wetter past very early in the planet's history.

The underground dry ice deposit, roughly the size of Lake Superior, was discovered using ground-piercing radar aboard the NASA Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter designed to probe below the crust. Researchers estimate it represents 30 times more carbon dioxide than previously believed. Its presence may help explain how most of the Martian atmosphere disappeared.

"It really is a buried treasure," said Jeffrey Plaut of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory who was part of the discovery team reporting online Thursday in the journal Science. "We found something underground that no one else realized was there."

Though the newfound store sounds like a lot, it's only enough carbon dioxide to double the mass of the feeble Martian atmosphere if released — not enough to warm up the planet substantially or allow water to pool.

The Q Line

Bike friendly

A pair of recent workshops have explored what can be done to further the "no new trips" agenda laid out in City Hall's recently updated land use and circulation element. Making it easier for bike riders to navigate the city was a major concern during these meetings.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What can city officials do to make Santa Monica more bike friendly?

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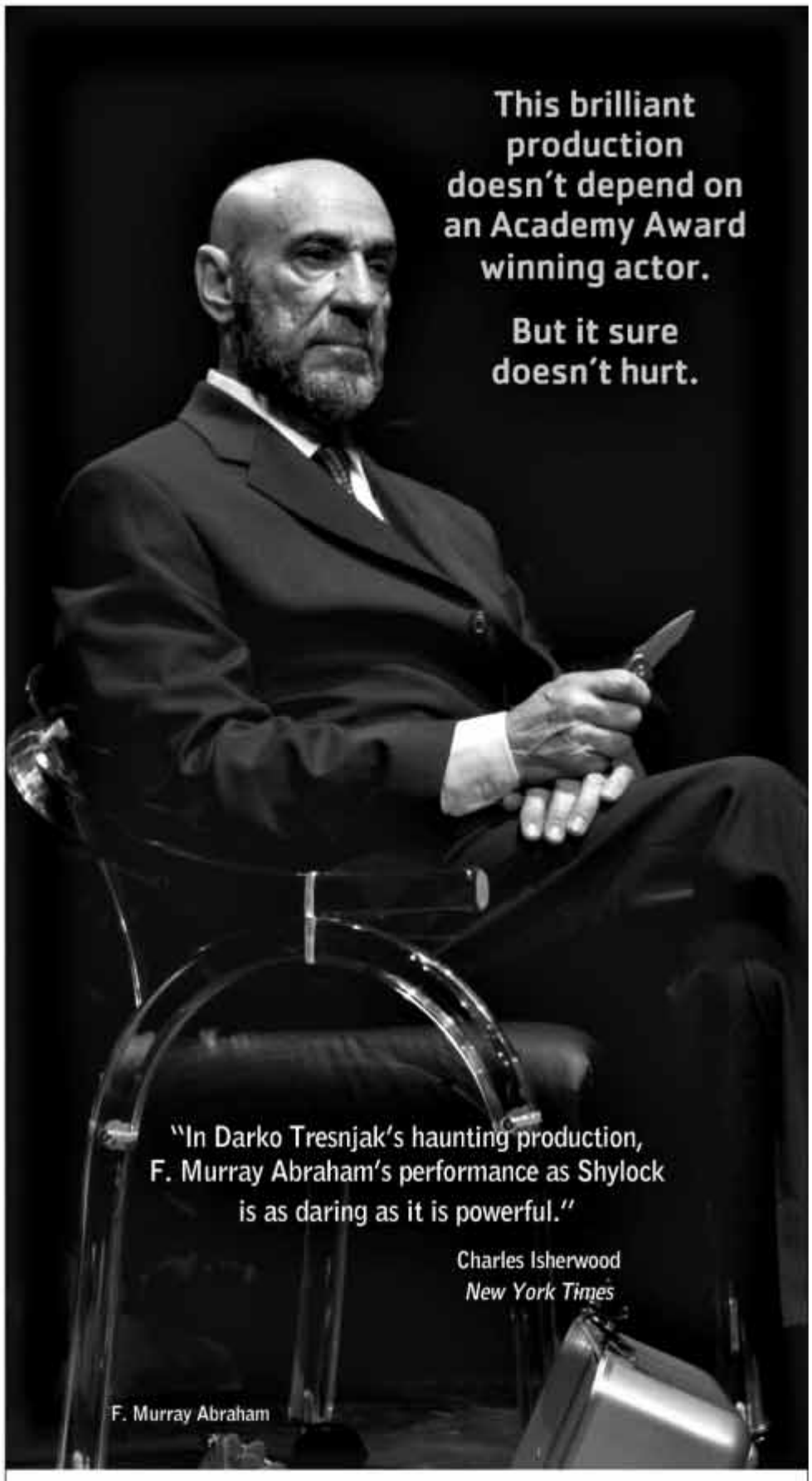
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Rock climber dies at popular park

Authorities say a rock climber was killed at Joshua Tree National Park when his rope snapped and he fell 150 feet.

Park spokesman Joe Zarki says 33-year-old David Pinegar of Loomis died Monday when he was climbing with a friend near Saddle Rock off of Ryan Mountain.

Zarki told the Riverside Press-Enterprise the men were rock climbing along a spiny ridge with a 600-foot vertical face.

They had reached the summit and were rappelling down around 1 p.m. Zarki says Pinegar's partner had already reached the ground when the accident happened.

Pinegar died on the Riverside County side of the park, which is located 160 miles east of Los Angeles.

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HACIENDA HEIGHTS

Fire at home leads to pot plants

Authorities say a marijuana growing business was found inside a Hacienda Heights home when firefighters were called to put out a blaze.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Ernie Barbosa says more than 200 plants were found inside the home after Wednesday's 6:30 p.m. fire.

No one was home when the fire was reported, so investigators are still trying to determine who is responsible for the plants.

Barbosa told the San Gabriel Valley Tribune the home's electrical system had bypassed the electric meter so the power was being stolen.

The fire caused about $10,000 damage.

Officials say the fire was apparently sparked by electrical equipment and lights used to grow the plants. Hacienda Heights is located about 20 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

AP

SAN JOSE

Woman pleads guilty in Social Security fraud case

A longtime employee of the Social Security Administration office in San Jose faces up to five years in prison after pleading guilty to creating and selling fake Social Security cards.

The U.S. Attorney's Office says 66-year-old Rachel Ochoa entered the plea to one count of unlawful production of an identification document on Monday as part of an agreement with prosecutors. She was facing an additional charge of theft of government property.

Ochoa — a 29-year employee of the administration — was accused of selling fake cards to more than 25 people from 2005 until her arrest on Nov 9. Authorities say the recipients were illegal immigrants who paid $2,500 to $5,000 each for the cards.

Ochoa also allegedly faked documents to support applications for the cards.

She is scheduled to be sentenced on July 18.

AP

SANTA ANA

Jury rejects Mattel's Bratz doll copyright claim

A federal court jury on Thursday rejected Mattel Inc.'s claims that it owns the copyright to the blockbuster, billion-dollar Bratz dolls and instead awarded upstart rival MGA Entertainment Inc. more than $88 million in damages for misappropriation of trade secrets.

The verdict came as a staggering blow to the toy giant, which has long claimed the smaller company stole the idea for the provocative, pouty-lipped toys.

The jury, which deliberated for nearly two weeks after a three-month trial, also found that Mattel acted willfully and maliciously in misappropriating MGA's trade secrets. MGA lawyers said that raised the possibility the judge could increase the damages by up to three times the jury's award.

The verdict will allow MGA to regain control of its flagship fashion doll that debuted in 2001 and to once again try to compete with Mattel's iconic Barbie doll to dominate the market.

"If Mattel had won this lawsuit, MGA would have been wiped out, and that's what Mattel wanted to do," MGA attorney Jennifer Keller said.

Mattel's Chief Executive Officer Bob Eckert, who was present for the verdict, said in a statement the company was disappointed.

"But we remain committed to protecting the intellectual property that is at the heart of business success," the statement said. "Mattel's first priority is, and always has been, to make and sell the best toys in the world."

Mattel first sued MGA more than six years ago, claiming Bratz designer Carter Bryant was working for Mattel when he designed the urban-inspired dolls.

Hundreds of millions of dollars in potential damages and the rights to a blockbuster toy were at stake in the case that cost each side millions in legal fees as it dragged on.

MGA Chief Executive Officer Isaac Larian openly cried while listening to the verdicts. Despite the verdict, he questioned whether Bratz dolls would be able to make a comeback in the aftermath of the suit.

"Mattel killed the Bratz brand. It is never going to be the same level as it was before," he said.

Still, he hoped the verdict would send a message to Mattel that it's not alright to bully small-time entrepreneurs trying to break into the industry.

"I think justice prevailed in the end," Larian said. "Hopefully this will be a major lesson for Mattel."

MGA has always denied Mattel's copyright claims and countersued the larger company for misappropriation of trade secrets and unfair business practices for engaging in corporate espionage at toy fairs and conspiring to keep Bratz products off retail shelves.

Mattel won a minor point in the case when the jury found MGA and Larian interfered with Mattel's contractual relations with doll designer Bryant and assigned $10,000 in damages, divided between the company and the CEO. But the damages will likely be nullified because the jury also found that Mattel should have discovered the interference and lost a window to make the claim.

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Senior arrested for allegedly possessing child porn

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, AT 7:20 A.M.,
Officers went to a home on the 3000 block of Main Street to check in on a registered sex offender. When officers arrived, they made contact with the resident and advised him that they were there to perform a compliance check. While there, officers said they found child pornography on the suspect's computer. Officers placed him under arrest for possession of child porn. He was identified as Peter Albee, 68, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $40,000.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, AT 11:04 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of 18th Street regarding a suspect violating a restraining order. When officers arrived, they saw the suspect sleeping in the front of a parking lot located on the 1200 block of 18th. The suspect was ordered to keep at least 100 yards between him and the location. Officers said he was 18.61 yards from the location, a violation. The owner of the lot said the suspect was ordered to stay away after being evicted from an adjacent apartment building. Officers confirmed there was a valid restraining order and placed the suspect under arrest for contempt of a court order. He was identified as Gerald Sultan, 61, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $5,000.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, AT 9:46 P.M.,
Officers at the Second Street substation spoke with a woman who told them that she had just witnessed a bicycle theft and could identify the vehicle driven by the suspect. Based on the description of the vehicle, officers monitoring the broadcast recognized it from previous bicycle thefts. Officers went to a home in Los Angeles where the vehicle was registered. At the location, officers found a bicycle believed to have been stolen in Santa Monica. Officers said they also found items belonging to someone living in Beverly Hills. Officers found bolt cutters inside of the suspect vehicle and arrested two people at the scene. They were identified as Jose Perez, 31, of Inglewood, and Carolina Roman, 21, of Santa Monica. They were booked for grand theft, conspiracy, receiving stolen property and possession of burglary tools. Bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, AT 5:11 P.M.,
Officers responded to the Georgian Hotel regarding a report of someone trying to get out of paying their bill. When officers arrived, they made contact with hotel staff who said that the suspect tried to pay for a room with a credit card that was declined. Staff forced her to pack up her things and leave the hotel. While waiting, the staff handed the suspect a bill for $778.82. The suspect told staff that she did not have another credit card nor cash. Staff detained her until police arrived. The suspect was booked for defrauding an innkeeper. She was identified as Linda Sequeira, 41, of Temecula, Calif. Her bail was set at $500.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, AT 9:14 A.M.,
A community service officer found a backpack in a women's restroom in Parking Structure 1 in Downtown. Officers responded and searched the pack and said they found cocaine and drug paraphernalia inside. As officers walked back to their vehicle to take the pack to the police station, the owner walked up and said the "stuff" in the pack belonged to her niece. Officers arrested her for possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia. She was identified as Marcia Woodall, 55, of Inglewood. Her bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, AT 12:50 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 700 block of San Vicente Boulevard regarding a traffic accident. When officers arrived, they made contact with one of the people involved who said they saw the other driver place something behind a tree. She went to investigate and told officers she found a baggy containing hypodermic needles and a metal spoon. The second driver went back to the tree, grabbed the items and put them back in her car. Officers found the baggy and asked the suspect if they belonged to her. She allegedly said yes and she was placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of hypodermic needles and a probation violation. Officers said the baggy contained not only needles and a spoon, but also rubber gloves, a tin cap, Band-Aids and antibiotic cream. Officers said these items are commonly used to shoot heroin. The suspect was identified as Sabrina Bernstein, 34, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at $10,000.

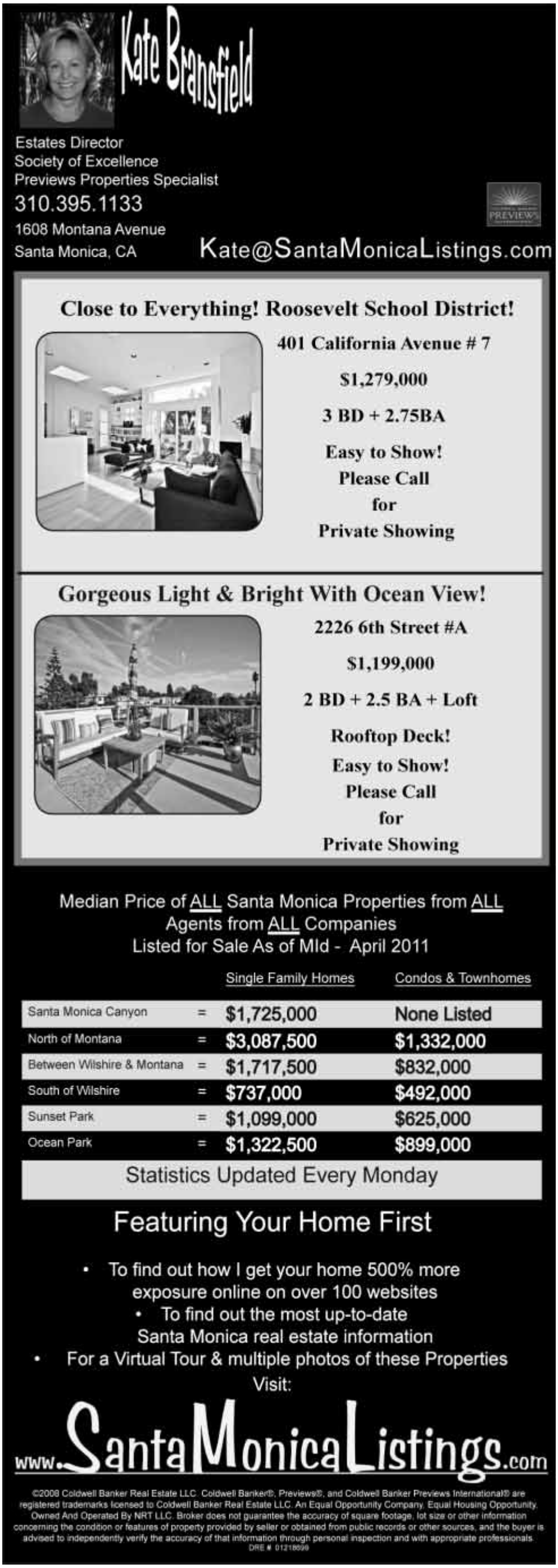
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, AT 11:18 P.M.,
Officers responded to the LAPD's 77th Division station regarding a suspect arrested for a warrant issued by the SMPD. The warrant was for false imprisonment. Officers took the suspect into custody. She was identified as Renee Flowers, 47, a transient. She was not eligible for bail.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, AT 7:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to the Rite-Aid located on the 1300 block of Wilshire Boulevard regarding shoplifters in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said that the suspects entered the business, went to two different aisles and removed items. The suspects placed the items in two bags they were carrying and left the store without paying, police said. Security detained them outside the store and recovered gum and candy bars valued at $110.29. The suspects were booked for burglary. They were identified as Glenn Martin, 37, and Michael Neal, 29; both of Los Angeles. Their bail was set at $20,000.

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SEA LIONS

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sea lions, dolphins and sea birds — have washed ashore in April alone, putting a major strain on rescue organizations striving to reach the creatures before their symptoms turn deadly.

Not only has the number of impacted animals gone up, the severity of their condition is worse than in previous years.

"It's hard, we're going 24-7 to rescue a lot of animals," said Peter Wallerstein of the Marine Animal Rescue. The organization partners with Harbor Patrol, L.A. County lifeguards and local animal control agencies to help get the stricken animals off the beaches and into rehabilitation facilities.

Rescuers arrive on scene, evaluate the animals' conditions and then try to get them into vehicles to transport to a center in San Pedro, where they can stay for several months.

"We get them in a safe environment and hydrate them to help flush the toxin out," Wallerstein said. "With domoic, they aren't even thinking about eating. You have to pump them with fluids."

There's no data on how successful these treatments are, or if the animals can go on to live good lives in the wild.

Heal the Bay volunteers reported the first of Wednesday's two sea lions at approximately 9 a.m.

"There was a 150-pound female sea lion that was off into the shore area on the south side of the pier exhibiting different behavior," said Vicki Wawerchak, director of the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium.

Staff called the Marine Animal Rescue, and kept an eye on the sea lion until they arrived.

"They had four of them already in the truck, and they were picking up one more," Wawerchak recalled.

The second sea lion floated up under the bridge near the pier later that afternoon.

Anna Corral, a psychic and tarot card reader on the pier, saw the animal and called Harbor Patrol at 2:50 p.m.

"It was young, but not a child," Corral said. "It was already dead."

Aside from the sick animals, the biggest problem in conducting rescues is the onlookers that flock to them.

"People are surrounding the dolphins, putting their children next to sea lions for photo opportunities because they think they're friendly," Wallerstein said. "They're totally disoriented, wild animals, capable of inflicting a very serious bite. People must stay away."

People sometimes believe that they are helping the animals by pushing them back into the ocean, Wallerstein said.

In reality, dry land is the only chance the animals have to survive, because a grand mal seizure in the water would lead to drowning.

That's why it's a $10,000 fine and up to a year in prison to push an animal back into the water, Wallerstein said.

Anyone that sees a stranded animal should call (800) 39-WHALE to reach the Marine Animal Rescue, or the local Harbor Patrol or lifeguards.

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That's over $1 higher than this time last year.

The big jumps in fuel costs have both an economic and psychological effect said Dr. Lars Perner, an assistant professor of clinical marketing at the USC Marshall School of Business.

"It's a very emotional subject for Americans. When people find they can drive less, it poses a considerable psychological threat, particularly here in the L.A. area where there's less public transport," Perner said. "It's better in Santa Monica, but outside that immediate area, it's more difficult."

Higher gas prices tend to change the way people drive, because they have a large impact on the budgets of those in the lower third of the population in terms of income, Perner said, with that $5 price tag representing the mental tipping point for many drivers.

"People above that resent paying extra for gas, but it's not necessarily going to be a huge problem," he said.

Santa Monica resident Trevor Dicarlo was filling his boss' car up with gas late Thursday morning.

Although he is a dedicated bicyclist — he only takes his van out once every two weeks or so — he definitely noticed gas had reached $4.99 on a recent trip to San Diego.

Julio Matos, part owner of the Thrifty Tree Service, was also filling up. His truck, fully loaded with gear he needs to complete jobs, only gets 12 miles to the gallon on a good day.

"The street is what kills me," Matos said. "Driving through the city, and to residential jobs, is the roughest part."

To make up for the increases, Matos is more selective about which gas stations he frequents, and tries to make a more concerted effort to conserve gas.

Local businesses that rely on delivery to meet their customers' needs are also being forced to re-evaluate the way they serve their clients.

Emily Denver owns and runs the Language of Flowers florist on the 700 block of Montana Avenue with her husband Cliff Foerster. The couple has offered free local delivery since they opened two years ago, but they recently decided that they'd need to start charging for those trips.

"Our monthly expense on gas has almost doubled," Denver said. "It has to do with getting more orders as well, but gas prices have definitely made a difference. We use electric vehicles to try to keep our footprint as small as possible, but even utilizing all that, it's still a problem."

Workers in some industries find it impossible to raise rates to cover costs.

Sandy Clair, a driver for Taxi! Taxi!, finds himself spending between $55 and $60 a day on gas alone for the van he uses to ferry people around the city.

"It's brutal," he said.

Not only has it changed the way Clair drives — gone are the days of cruising for fares or idling in front of a client's home — he also has to work longer to make up the difference.

"I work an extra hour at night," Clair said. "I used to stop at 5 or 6 p.m. Tonight, I have a 3:15 p.m. pickup, I'll go home for an hour, and Tivo 'American Idol.' It's tough to go back out and work for an extra hour."

Price increases have made themselves apparent in other businesses as well, partly because transportation costs have gone up

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and mostly because petroleum is used in a variety of other industries, including agriculture.

"As prices go up, it's more attractive to produce ethanol, so you have a lot of farmers that would grow other types of food, rotate their crops and produce a great deal of soy, diverting to corn," Perner said.

Beyond that, food is bulky, and costs a great deal to transport.

Restaurants are seeing the impact in a big way, said Steve Trager, owner of Wildflour Pizza on the 2800 block of Main Street.

His suppliers' prices have gone up nearly 18 percent in the last year, Trager estimated, and at some point he was forced to pass some of those increases onto his customers. He's received complaints.

"It's a rat race, and the rats are winning," Trager said.

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SMOKING
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Gary Nolan, director of a smokers' rights group, said he wouldn't be surprised if the CDC's prediction came true. Public health officials and others have been putting tremendous pressure on bars and businesses to bar smoking, he added.

"It wouldn't surprise me if they prevailed," said Nolan, of the Smoker's Club. "It's just a little bit more liberty slipping away at the hands of big government."

Tobacco smoke is an established cause of lung cancer, heart disease and other maladies, and smoking has been called one of the nation's leading causes of death.

The science on the impact of smoking bans is younger. Because it takes years or even decades for cancers to develop, there's little information on the impact of bans on cancer rates. But studies have already charted declines in adult heart attack rates and in childhood asthma attacks after smoking bans were adopted in some communities.

The American Heart Association's chief executive, Nancy Brown, said the CDC report brings good news. But she said advocates have a lot of work ahead.

STRIKE
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power to call for a strike if contract talks with major store chains break down, it was announced Thursday.

Members of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 770 approved the strike authorization in a vote Wednesday. The local, which has about 20,000 members, didn't immediately release the vote tally.

Local President Richard Icaza also declined to say how many members voted, but he said about 90 percent approved the strike authorization.

"It's a mandate," he said, predicting similar approval would come from six other locals.

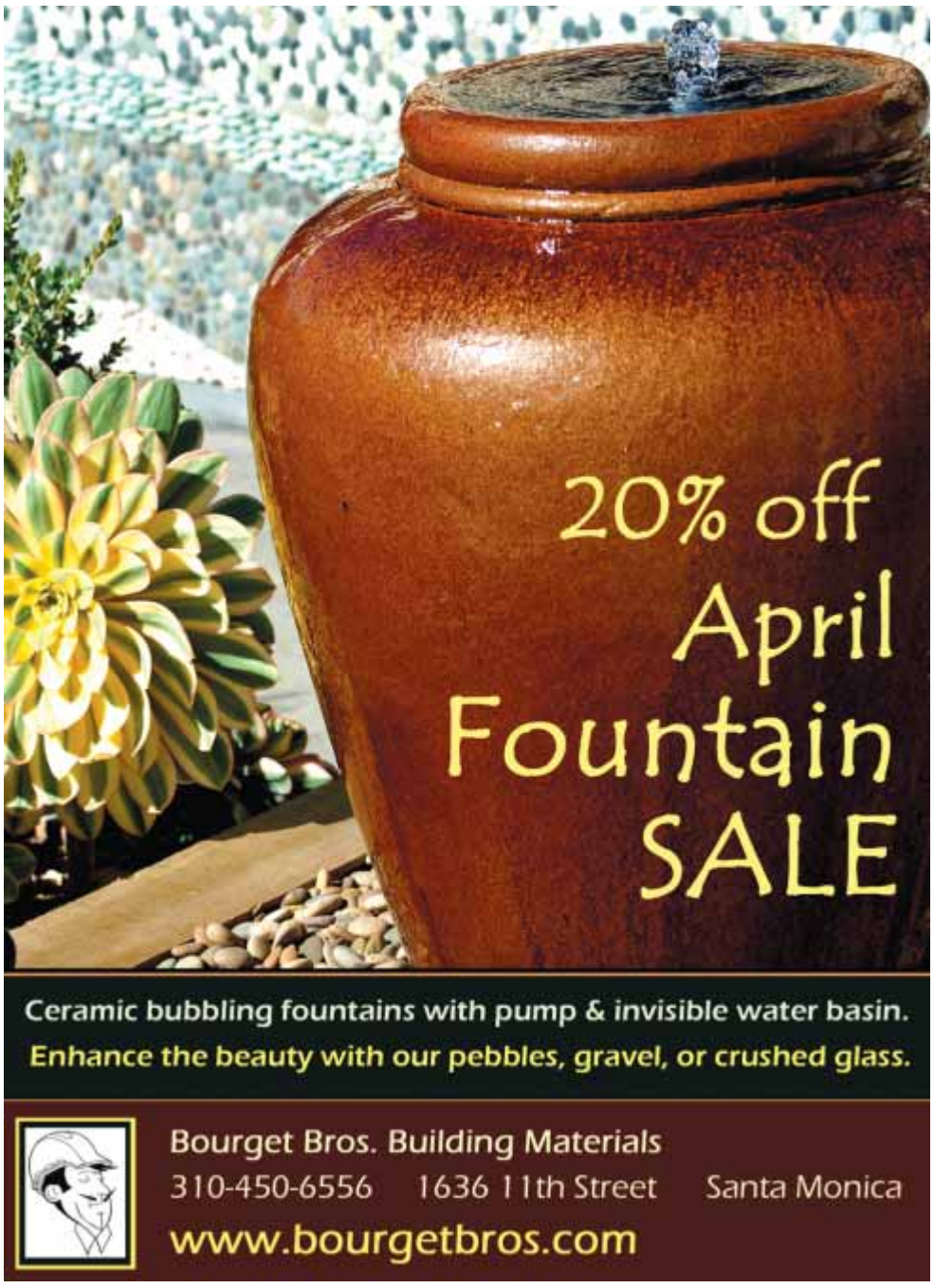
Results for the other locals were not immediately available Thursday. Some were still voting and messages left for officials of others were not immediately returned.

Local 770 represents about a third of the 62,000 grocery workers from the Central Coast to the Mexican border whose votes were requested. A two-thirds majority of voters must approve the strike authorization.

Passage would not necessarily mean a strike is imminent. Contract talks that began in February are set to resume next week with negotiators for The Vons Cos. Inc.; Ralphs Grocery Co., a subsidiary of The Kroger Co.; and Albertsons, owned by Supervalu Inc.

The companies have said the strike authorization vote was premature while talks continued.

"Getting sidetracked by these tactics will only delay our ability to reach an agreement on a fair contract for our associates," the companies said in a joint statement.













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Gas prices put crimp on vacations for many Americans

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With gas prices above $4 in some states, Americans are canceling spring break plans and rethinking summer vacation, and some tourist destinations are offering gas vouchers of as much as $50 to talk people out of giving up and staying home.

At Mount Rushmore, only about 37,000 people decided in March that seeing the four granite-etched presidential sculptures was worth the trip, down from about 43,000 a year before.

At the Grand Canyon, a marketing executive for one company that offers sweeping helicopter vistas says 10 percent fewer people than last year are driving up and booking tours. The company is counting on international tourists to make up the rest.

And along the Rhode Island coast, where 800,000 people a year show up to gawk at the opulence of Gilded Age mansions, it's even worse — business is off 30 percent just since the beginning of March.

Memorial Day is still five weeks away, and summer doesn't officially start for two months. This year, anxiety over high gas prices — and whether the family vacation will bust the family budget — has come early.

"I can't go anywhere because I can't afford it," said Greg Sensing, who works in admissions for the University of Maryland. "It's kind of nice to take a road trip, to get in the car, you see the country, and now why bother doing it?"

The gas jitters have much broader implications than how many people show up to take pictures of Bryce Canyon, Mount Rainier or the Everglades. Gas prices are closely tied to the health of the overall economy.

A gallon of gas costs an average of $3.84 in the United States, almost a full dollar more than a year ago. The average is above $4 in six states: $4.52 in Hawaii, $4.21 in California, $4.18 in Alaska, $4.11 in Connecticut, $4.08 in Illinois and $4.05 in Illinois.

It's too early to tell how much of a toll gas prices will take on the summer travel season. The jitters have come so early that AAA hasn't even put out its summer travel forecast yet.

But there are already signs that the eye-popping prices at the pump are changing Americans' behavior. In Oklahoma, where gas is a relatively cheap $3.69 per gallon, AAA says it's getting a lot more calls from people who are out of gas on the highway. National demand for gasoline, which should be rising this time of year, is falling instead.

Some tourist destinations are worried people won't bother piling the family into the car at all.

Branson, Mo., the Ozark Mountains hotspot that draws people from hundreds of miles away to tour caverns, frolic in amusement parks and see live entertainment, is offering a discount card worth $50 in gas starting in June.

The Preservation Society of Newport County, R.I., which runs several of the Rhode Island mansions, is offering $5 back to anyone who buys two $24.50 tickets to two mansions and shows their car registration.

Lake George, a resort village in the New York Adirondacks, hopes to capitalize on being an easy drive away from New York and Montreal. "We're in a good position for a 'staycation' when people don't want to drive farther," said Luisa Craige-Sherman, head of the visitors bureau.

Among the deals available there: A "Spring Gas Buster" package at the Fort William Henry Hotel, which includes a $20 gas card and buy-one-get-one dinner.

Bill Pott, owner of Jellystone Park Camp Resort in Cave City, Ky., near Mammoth Cave National Park, says he's had a strong spring season so far, but he's offering an informal discount to help folks cover their travel costs: Stay three nights in a $70-a-night cabin, and he'll discount your bill $40 to pay

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"Most people are driving three or four hours to get here, and I can't do a thing about national fuel prices or the economy, but I can help the kids have a good spring break," he said.

All that still may not be enough, especially if — as analysts fear — the price of gas keeps climbing.

"In my mind, if gas goes to $5 a gallon here, all bets are off," said Linda Schmitt, executive director of the Kansas Underground Salt Museum, which offers a 650-foot descent to see a vintage locomotive, train tracks and ore carts.

Already, economists say, most of this year's two-percentage-point cut in the Social Security payroll tax, which should bring in an extra $1,000 to $2,000 per household this year, is going straight into the gas tank.

If gas were to go to $5 a gallon and stay there, some analysts believe, it could erase the steady gains the economy is making and tip the nation back into recession because Americans would sharply curtail their spending elsewhere.

For now, though, destinations hope offering gas rebates will be enough to calm would-be travelers. Kalahari Resorts, in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., is bringing back a promotion from last year that offered customers a $40 gas card.

Sarah McPeek is going a step further. She made reservations at Kalahari two months ago, when the average price of gas was about 70 cents lower than it is today. She had planned to drive to the park with her 13-year-old son and meet friends there. Instead, the group of seven will carpool.

"It's going to be pretty tight," she said.

And in Fairmont, Minn., Jennifer Brookens is parking the minivan she calls the Mom-Mobile. She, her husband and their two children had hoped to drive the eight hours to visit family in the Black Hills of South Dakota for Easter weekend.

Flying is out of the question — after all, airlines have to buy fuel, too, and fares are going up fast. And Brookens has fresh memories of 2008, during the last gas spike, when filling up the minivan cost $100.

"At this rate," Brookens said, "there's no way."

City of Santa Monica

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Who: Both members and prospective members welcome
Cost: $10 for members, $25 for prospective members

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Employment tough to come by for uneducated teens

CONNIE CASS &
STACY A. ANDERSON
Associated Press

Christopher Cadaret's been fixing TVs and stereos for fun since he was 10 years old and thinks he'd like to work in electronics or auto repair. But four months after he dropped out of high school, he can't find a job of any kind.

He's tried a local electronics company, the hardware store, the dollar store, the minimart. Nothing.

"I'm seeking work, anything that is put in front of me," said Cadaret, 18, who lives with his father in Burkesville, Ky., a small town amid the hills and farmland along the Tennessee border. He started looking for a job at 16. Without that first toehold on work, his dream of earning enough to save up for technical training seems far away.

The nation's economic upheaval has been especially hard on young people trying to start their working lives with a high school education or less. In a new Associated Press-Viacom survey, only about a third of the 18- to 24-year-olds who aren't in school said they have full-time jobs.

Less than a quarter of them work part-time, leaving 4 in 10 unemployed.

Young adults who skipped higher education are willing to work and have some experience; the vast majority have held a paying job at some point. About two-thirds have a high school diploma. But a majority — almost 6 in 10 — say the high school they attended did only a fair to poor job in helping them prepare for work.

About three-fourths worry at least a little about just having enough money to get by from week to week. Almost 4 in 10 still lean on their parents or relatives for financial support. And most feel that their family's financial situation has held them back, especially those whose families earn less than $50,000 per year, according to the survey conducted in partnership with Stanford University.

Three-fourths of those who bypassed college cite cost as a reason. More than half — 56 percent — say money was "very" or "extremely" important to their decision.

They still believe in the power of higher education. Nearly three-fourths say they aspire to return to the classroom someday, either for trade school or college.

"I just feel like I've got enough drive and I'm not going to quit," said high school senior Jonathan McDaniel, who's made plans to join the Navy when he graduates from high school in Pittsburg, Okla., this spring. "If you work hard enough, you will get where you want to be."

McDaniel, 18, is interested in pursuing a college degree and maybe a career as a police officer or airplane mechanic. He figures starting out serving on an aircraft carrier "will give me a solid foundation to build my life on."

Almost half say getting real-world experience before going through more school was a key factor in their decision not to start college. And almost as many said they were influenced by their ability to find a job right after high school.

"I kind of always knew college wasn't for me," said Ayla Godfrey, 19, of Charlotte, N.C. "I was ready to get out and work, and I really didn't want to go back to school anymore."

Godfrey said it took her months and more than 100 applications to find work in a clothing store after she graduated from high school in 2009. She later worked as a hostess at an assisted living facility but quit that job after becoming pregnant. Godfrey, who lives with her boyfriend's family and relies on his paycheck, says she feels confident she'll find job happiness after her baby is born.

"I have to make a life for my little baby girl and I'm willing to do whatever I have to do," she said.

Young people whose education stopped at high school don't report as much certainty about the future as those in college, but they're still strikingly optimistic — 8 in 10 are at least somewhat confident they'll find a career that will make them happy.

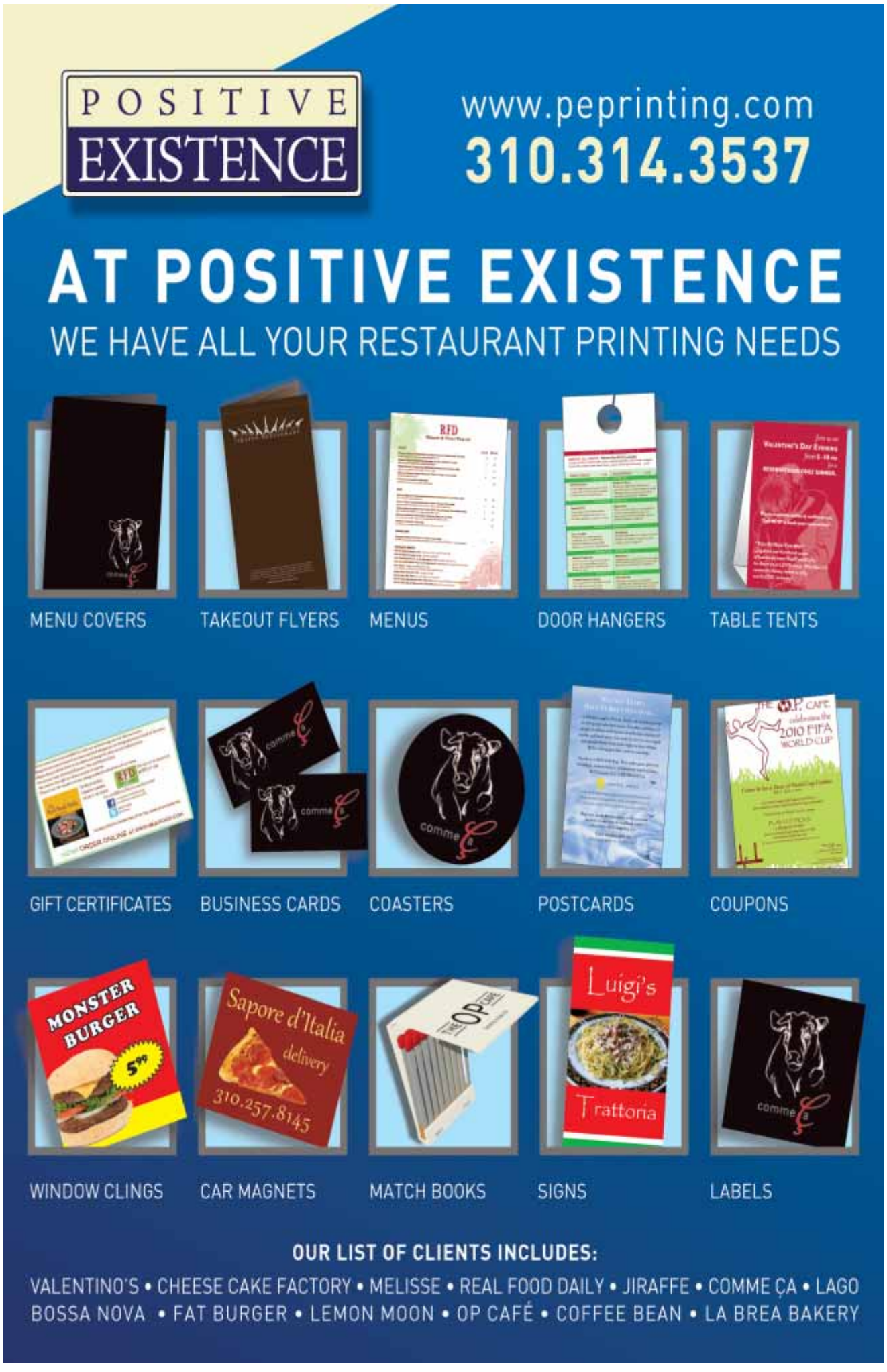
Most of those with jobs don't feel they've found their calling, however. Six in 10 say their job is just something to get them by, not a career or a stepping stone to one.

And the dismal job market leaves many feeling shut out. The Labor Department's overall unemployment rate for the youngest workers — 16- to 19-year-olds — is 24.5 percent, and that counts only those considered to be actively looking for jobs.

"It's going to take time for the economy to work itself back up for people to find jobs," said Cadaret, who keeps looking. Meanwhile, he said, "I'm worried about money all the time."

The AP-Viacom telephone survey of 1,104 adults ages 18-24 was conducted Feb. 18-March 6 by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

Stanford University's participation in this project was made possible by a grant from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.





Movement on to make online dating safer

SUSAN HAIGH
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. Something just didn't seem right when Ilana Angel met her Internet date at a bar. He furtively looked around the room and immediately suggested they go someplace else in his car, leaving hers behind at the bar.

Aware of the risks of that come with looking for love online, Angel thought better of the suggestion and said no.

"People are shady," said Angel, who writes a blog in Los Angeles about dating and being over 40. "You just have to be aware and you have to be careful."

Amid accounts of sex offenders using matchmaking sites to find victims, lawmakers in several states are trying to pass legislation to help make online daters more aware of the potential pitfalls of the process. Bills are pending this year in Connecticut and Texas to provide users with more information to protect themselves.

Connecticut's bill, mirroring a law in New York, requires Internet dating services to provide a safety awareness notice during registration that offers advice such as never including your last name, email address, place of work, phone numbers or identifying information in an Internet profile. Similar laws are already on the books in Florida and New Jersey.

A Pennsylvania man, Jeffrey Marsalis, was sentenced in 2009 to life in prison in Idaho for sexually assaulting a woman in 2005. He was already serving a 21-year sentence in Pennsylvania for two other sexual assault convictions. Authorities in Philadelphia portrayed Marsalis as a smooth talker who would meet women on the popular dating website Match.com, telling them he was an astronaut, doctor or a spy and then slip something into their drinks to incapacitate them.

"I've heard a lot of stories, not only people who had their physical safety endangered, but also financial safety," said Connecticut state Rep. Mae Flexer, a Democrat who authored the bill. "I've heard from a number of people who unfortunately met someone online, they gave them too much information and were damaged financially as well."

The Texas legislation requires online dating services to clearly disclose to customers whether they conduct criminal background checks on each member before allowing them to contact other members on the site. The same bill requires the sites to remind customers that background checks are not a perfect safety solution and they can be circumvented by criminals.

New York lawmakers are considering a similar bill that would supplement last year's law. It would also require the companies to clearly notify users whether they conduct criminal background screenings.

Match.com said Sunday that it will begin screening its users against the national sex offender registry. The announcement came after a California woman sued the site, saying she was sexually assaulted while on a second date by a man she met on Match.com. She has claimed the assault could have been prevented with a proper background check.

A spokesman for Match.com said the company was already considering screening its users before the woman's lawsuit was filed. He said the timing of the decision was accelerated by the attention brought by the suit.

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Highs and Lows of the Criminal Justice System – Drug Offenses

One of my clients recently commented to me that she was very thankful that our criminal justice system afforded her an opportunity to help her kick her nasty drug habit. Her comments got me thinking about how often the criminal justice system is denigrated and maligned by a large majority of the population (and a large majority of those who go through the system) for the inability to rehabilitate and treat offenders in order to prevent a reoccurrence or repeat offense. Despite this widely held sentiment, there is a much better track record of success when it comes to the system's approach to drug offenses. California law makers and prosecutorial agencies decided long ago that it is far better to treat drug offenders than to punish them. This is a precarious and often delicate relationship because while no one wants to condone drug use, virtually everyone realizes that harsh punishments more often than not simply breed recidivism. This article will focus on two ways to combat drug use through the criminal justice system: DEJ and Prop 36.

California's drug laws maintain a close relationship with the electorate of California. That is to say that as popular feelings and opinions on drugs softens, so too do the laws criminalizing drug possession. For example, California Penal Code Section 1000, more commonly known as DEJ (Deferred Entry of Judgment), and the passage of Proposition 36, reflects California citizens' collective sentiment that drug offenders should be given every available option to seek treatment and stop using drugs before a court imposes jail or prison.

DEJ is covered by Penal Code Section 1000 and applies to cases where a person is caught in possession of a controlled substance, smoking device, or even alcohol. The basic principle behind DEJ is that is an offender in possession of a controlled substance (i.e. cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy or a pipe, etc.) may enter a guilty plea, stay clean, take drug treatment classes, and then have the guilty plea withdrawn and the case dismissed after an 18 month period. Note that even if the underlying offense is dismissed some employers and licensing agencies may still pursue administrative action. DEJ only applies to cases where the controlled substance is for personal use (meaning not a sales case) and where the offender is first determined to be eligible. Moreover, if an offender violates DEJ and defies a court's orders the judge may enter the guilty plea and sentence the offender accordingly.

In order to be found eligible for the DEJ program it must be demonstrated that: 1) There are no prior convictions for any offense involving controlled substances, 2) The offense charged did not involve a crime of violence or threatened violence, 3) There is no evidence of a violation relating to narcotics or restricted dangerous drugs, 4) The defendant's has not previously violated probation or parole, 5) The defendant has not been placed on DEJ within 5 years of the offense date, and 6) The defendant has no prior felony conviction within five years. If all of these requirements are satisfied, then a person is eligible for DEJ and has the opportunity to earn a dismissal.

Similar to DEJ, Proposition 36 was passed by California voters in November 2000 as a legislative means to allow drug offenders to receive probation with treatment rather than incarceration. For practical purposes, Prop. 36 is a secondary option to get addicts and users treatment when DEJ and/or other programs have failed to get people the help that they so desperately need. A user is ineligable for probation under Prop. 36 if they have a prior felony "strike" within five years, if in the same case they have been convicted of a non-drug related felony or misdemeanor, if they were in possession of a firearm while under the influence, and/or if they have twice failed Prop. 36 or continuously refuses treatment.

A person sentenced to Prop. 36 will complete drug treatment classes, counseling, and whatever other courses are deemed appropriate by the court. The offender will also submit to urine or blood testing as well. Upon successful completion of the Prop. 36 program the case is not automatically dismissed as is the case with DEJ; however, one can petition to the court to dismiss the action with a showing that they have successfully completed the program and gone above and beyond what was required.

The DEJ and Prop. 36 programs can work wonders for drug users and offenders. It is often quite refreshing to see someone enter the program as a downtrodden, distraught, and disheveled drug addict and exit the program clean, sober, and enlightened about the many dangers of drug use. I will never forget the look of happiness, joy and relief that filled my client's face when the judge congratulated her on her progress and then dismissed her case. There was applause from the small audience in the courtroom, and my client felt as though she had accomplished something positive rather than felt the shame of having committed a crime. It was refreshing to both of us that the criminal justice system actually helped and truly served the interests of justice.

If you or anyone you know has been arrested for a drug related offense or any other misdemeanor or felony offense contact criminal defense attorney and former prosecutor Jacob Glucksman through The Legal Grind immediately to preserve your rights!

THIS COLUMN WAS PREPARED BY JACOB GLUCKSMAN, A CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY. HE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THE LEGAL GRIND AT 310-452-8160 OR REFERRAL@LEGALGRIND.COM

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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) Small Business-startups, Non-profit law, Green & Sustainable Business Practices, Corporations, Contract Drafting, Business Litigation and Employment Law with Attorney Becki Kammerling
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
5:00–6:00pm	(2nd & 4th Monday/Month) Landlord/Tenant Rights & Obligations, Small Claims, Restraining Orders/Domestic Violence & General Practice Law with Attorney John Wittig
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
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
THURSDAY	
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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)
FRIDAY	
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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

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

Swell Forecast

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

Long Range Synopsis

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

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **April 6, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 10
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 12
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 32

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

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

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

LEGEND

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

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UCLA hires Cori Close as head coach

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES UCLA has hired Cori Close as its new women's basketball coach, giving the former Bruins assistant her first head coaching job.

Close's hiring was announced at a campus news conference on Thursday.

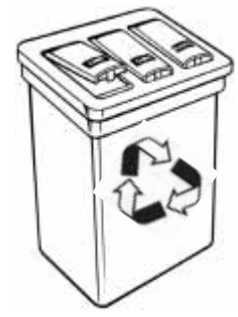
She spent the last seven seasons as an assistant at Florida State. Close was a Bruins assistant in 1994 and '95.

Before moving to Florida State, Close was an assistant from 1995-04 at UC Santa Barbara, where she played college basketball before graduating in 1993.

Close succeeds Nikki Caldwell, who resigned to take the LSU job earlier this month.

Under Caldwell, UCLA went 72-26, reaching the NCAA tournament twice. She was the Pac-10 coach of the year in 2010, when the Bruins reached the second round of the NCAA tournament and finished 25-9.

Santa Monica High School's Moriah Faulk has committed to play for UCLA next season. Former Samohi star Thea Lemberger is a freshman on the team.

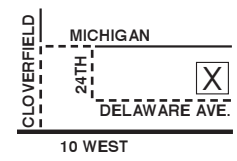


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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Extension of Interim Ordinance 2345 (CCS) establishing interim development procedures pending implementation of the LUCE

APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica
LOCATION: Citywide

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following proposed emergency interim ordinance:

An emergency interim ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Monica extending Interim Ordinance 2345 (CCS) establishing interim development procedures pending implementation of the LUCE.

On January 25, 2011, the City Council adopted Interim Ordinance Number 2345 that established interim development procedures pending implementation of the LUCE. The Council will consider an emergency ordinance to extend these provisions until April 26, 2012.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011, AT 6:45 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: LUCE Emergency Interim Ordinance Extension
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Jing Yeo, Special Projects Manager at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at jing.yeo@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 2, 3, Rapid 3, and 9 serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Peter James en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
2:15pm

Scream 4 (R) 1hr 43min
12:45pm, 3:35pm, 6:35pm, 9:25pm

Arthur (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:00pm, 3:40pm, 6:20pm, 9:00pm

Insidious (PG-13) 1hr 42min
5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1hr 59min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

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1310 Third St.
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Hop (PG) 1hr 30min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm

Scream 4 (R) 1hr 43min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Your Highness (R) 1hr 42min
9:30pm

African Cats (G) 1hr 29min
10:00am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Hanna (PG-13) 1hr 51min
10:40am, 1:35pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Source Code (PG-13) 1hr 34min
10:15am, 12:45pm, 3:15pm, 5:45pm, 8:15pm, 10:45pm

Soul Surfer (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:25pm

Rio 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
11:25am, 2:05pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

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In a Better World (Haevnen) (R) 1hr 59min
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Meek's Cutoff (PG) 1hr 44min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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

I Am (NR) 1hr 16min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:50pm

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Rio (PG) 1hr 36min
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Limitless (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Conspirator (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
10:35am, 1:35pm, 4:35pm, 7:35pm, 10:35pm

Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (NR) 2 hrs 33 min
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10:30am, 11:10am, 1:30pm, 2:05pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm, 11:00pm

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TGIF, Sag!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Step up to the plate. Your community, immediate circle or associates want and need your attention. Evaluate what is happening within your immediate circle. Think in terms of taking the lead on weekend plans. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your mind travels to other lands and different people. Others keep reaching out to you with different ideas, unique feedback and perhaps a special invitation or two. Your instincts remain on target. Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You get another person's endorsement, allowing greater give-and-take. Question new possibilities with more openness. You might need to let go of some rigid ideas. Tonight: See life from a renewed perspective.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your way of approaching a situation could be challenged by others. If you feel as if you are the only person fighting for your idea, the smart move is to let it go. Let others discover the validity of their suggestions. Tonight: So many invitations to choose from.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Give a 100 percent effort to get the job done. You are on top of a situation, though you might prefer to get it completed than to continue. You want more of the good times to emerge. Tonight: Put your best foot forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Allow an exchange that might make you uncomfortable. That characteristic in itself might not be bad. What it says is that you are breaking into unchartered territory. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ If you can take a day off or start your weekend early, do. You might enjoy the change of pace, even if you need to work a little from home. Everyone needs time off. You are no different. Tonight: Favorite spot to relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your ability to have a conversation or get past a grudge marks you and separates you from many. Renew a relationship, if you both have this ability. You don't want to get into the same old stuff. Tonight: Talking up a storm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You could be more demanding and possessive than you realize. Though a new friendship could be flowering right in front of you, know that longevity is a very important quality. There is no quick way to achieve that! Tonight: TGIF.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Finally, you are beaming, and others certainly enjoy seeing you so upbeat and positive. It could be difficult to realize how important your attitude is. The door opens up between you and another. Tonight: Make it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Sometimes being withdrawn is OK for the friendly Aquarius. Right now, you might feel as if there is a lot to handle and get past. Honor your needs, and you will gain. Move forward when an unexpected opportunity appears. Tonight: Follow your sixth sense.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Others seem to want to be coaxed into thinking like you. You really want authentic agreements, not games. You recognize that you are on the other side of a power play. Let go, and all will fall into place. Tonight: Where friends are.

Happy birthday

This year, you let go of many long-cherished but irrelevant ideas. You will opt for only those that have a logical basis, removing many filters and rigidity. You also seem to rejuvenate not only your mental processes but also your body. You enter a dynamic luck cycle in June that will continue through this year. If you are single, meeting people comes easily. Determine the type of relationship you want, and choosing the right person becomes easier. If you are attached, contain your ego, and a sense of direction and health will emanate from your relationship, making all parties happy. CAPRICORN helps you see past the obvious.

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



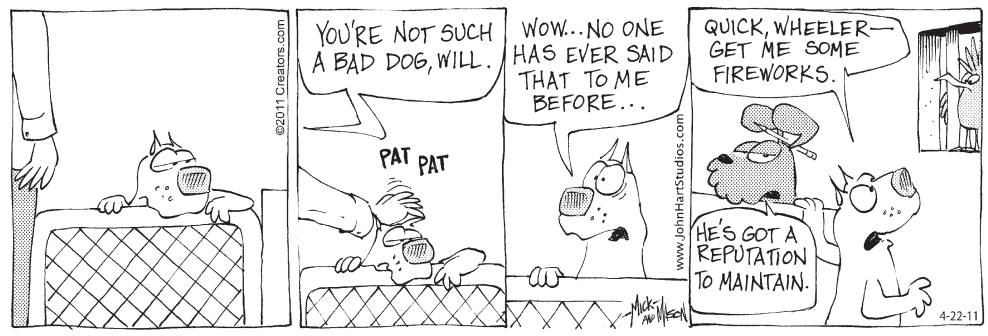
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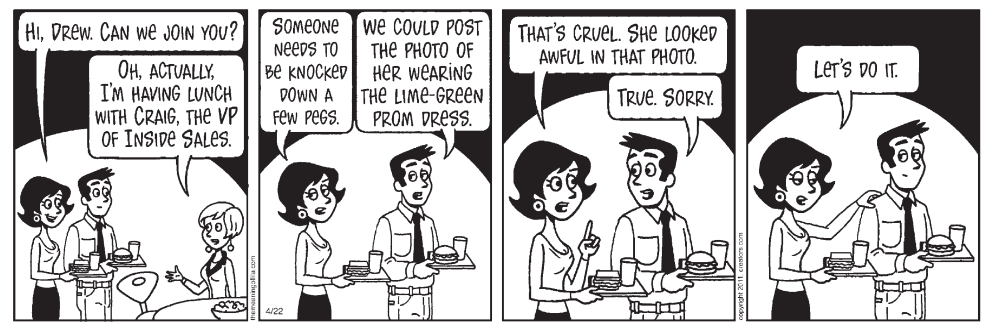
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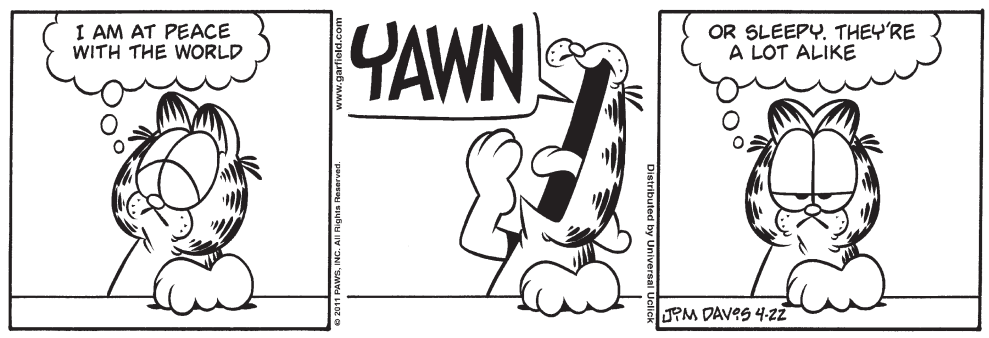
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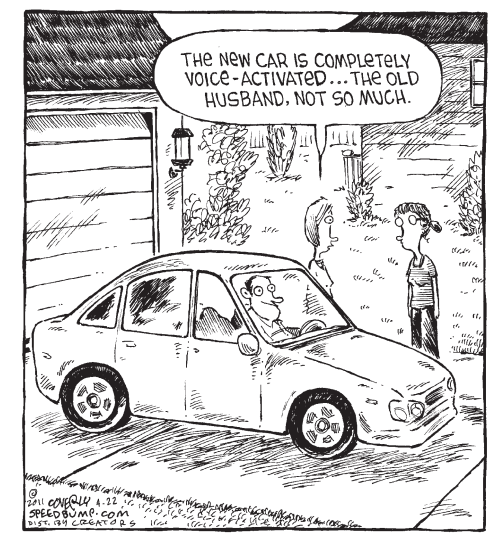
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

9	1	5	8	6	2	4	7	3
4	8	3	7	5	1	2	9	6
2	6	7	4	3	9	8	1	5
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3	4	2	9	7	6	1	5	8
6	7	8	5	1	4	3	2	9
8	2	4	6	9	7	5	3	1
5	9	1	2	8	3	7	6	4
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Czech playwright
6 Complete, as business
11 Honshu port
12 Clear
13 Shoe part
14 Come to a point
15 Cobbler's cousin
16 Eternal
18 Three-time NHL MVP
19 Eastern "way"
20 Deplore
21 Close to
23 Category
25 Charged bit
27 Total
28 Intense fear
30 Skeptic's comment
33 With 44-Across, bargain for leniency
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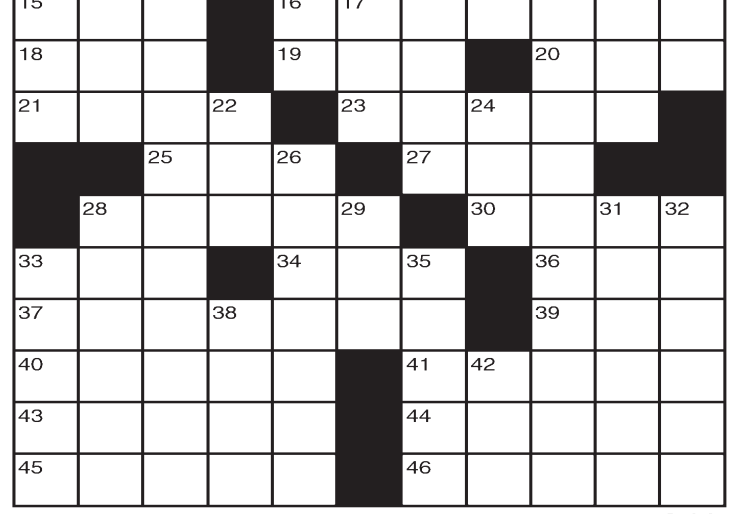
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1 Clipped item
2 Have hopes
3 Folded flier
4 — out (scrape by)
5 Gold measure
6 Sky streaks
7 Spoken
8 Drink decoration
9 Depletes
10 In itself
17 Comic bit
22 Caviar
24 Arles answer
26 Least worldly
28 Made fancy
29 Conk out
31 Canine coat
32 Ankle bone
33 Scots and Irish
35 Cuzco people
38 Court star Lendl
42 Gifted

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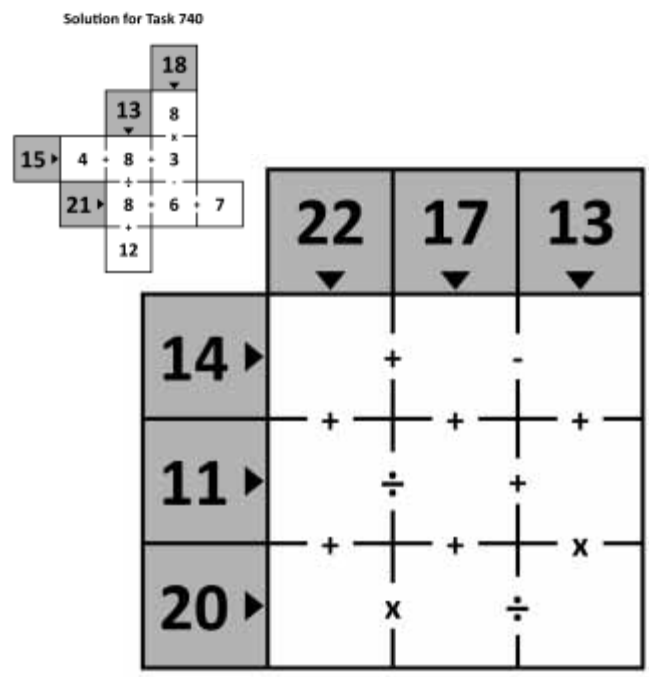
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Solution for Task 740



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The family of the late Roger Kreutz filed a lawsuit in St. Louis in March over the fatal head injuries he received when a car knocked him down in a Starbucks parking lot in 2008. The driver was Aaron Poisson, who was trying to get away from Kreutz, but Poisson was not sued. According to the lawsuit, the cause of the fatal injury was negligence by Starbucks -- because it had mindlessly placed its tip jar in full view on a counter, thus (according to the theory of the lawsuit) goading Poisson into snatching up the money and running out the door, and inspiring Kreutz, as a good Samaritan, to chase Poisson and try to retrieve the employees' tips.

■ News of the Weird reported in November on the studly senior Shigeo Tokuda, 76, the still-reigning star of Japanese "elder porn" that features older men performing with women young enough to be their granddaughters. In April 2011, "Dave Cummings," 71, the best-known older American porn actor, was scheduled for induction into the X-Rated Critics Organization's Hall of Fame (along with eight younger stars). Like Tokuda, Cummings, a former U.S. Army officer who changed careers at age 54, claims almost never to need Viagra for his movies (except, he says, for back-to-back scenes or when working with a difficult director). Said one industry insider (describing Cummings' style), "He bridges the gap between 'creepy uncle' and the person the creepy uncle wanted to be."

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