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FOR THE PLANET

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Santa Monica Fire Chief Jim Hone joined city staff from the Public Landscape Division and students and faculty from the Art Institute in planting a pine tree along Ocean Park Boulevard to recognize Earth Day and National Arbor Day on Wednesday.

Skaggs to make home debut

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Home fans will finally get a chance to see the much-heralded Tyler Skaggs take the mound today against Ocean League rival Inglewood.

The tall lefty, coming off a no-hitter against Lompoc last week, is looking to collect his second victory of the season and keep his team in the hunt for a league title.

The cadre of pro scouts who have followed Skaggs' progress all season are expected to be in attendance. Many mock Major League Baseball drafts have Skaggs going as high as the first round in June's selection process.

But before Skaggs (1-2, 2.15 ERA, 54 strikeouts, 32 innings) can even think of playing pro ball he will have to face an Inglewood team that is likely smarting from a 3-14 loss against Samohi on Tuesday.

"(Inglewood) never stopped playing [the other day]," Head Coach Rob Duron said before practice on Tuesday. "Can't ask for anything more than that from a ball club."

Inglewood may be sporting a disappointing 1-12 record this season, but Duron expects them to come to the diamond ready to play.

Tuesday's victory snapped a three-game losing streak dating back to Skaggs' gem last week against Lompoc. Included in the losses was a 4-11 defeat to nearby Palisades High School on April 18.

Junior lefty Alonzo Gonzalez got the start in the Palisades game and was credited with five earned runs in four-and-two-thirds innings. Although the Vikings lost the game, senior Vince Lawrence went two for three with a run batted in. Phillip Dove, a player Duron is high on, went two for four with an RBI.

The Vikings head into today's 3 p.m. game at Samohi with a 10-10 overall

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Researchers, animal activists demonstrate in Westwood

LORINDA TOLEDO
Associated Press Writer

WESTWOOD Hundreds of supporters and opponents of animal research held rallies Wednesday at the University of California, Los Angeles, where authorities say scientists have been the targets of stalking, threats and arson attacks.

Advocates of animal research wore T-shirts with the slogan "Stand up for science" while foes across a street chanted and held signs such as "End the animal holocaust." Each group then moved to separate areas under police watch.

Proponents of animal testing cheered David Jentsch, a UCLA psychologist and neuroscientist whose parked car was targeted in a March 7 firebombing for which a group called the Animal Liberation Brigade claimed responsibility.

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Right price for anti-smoking kits

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN While they'll still have to spend time enforcing the law, restaurant owners will not have to spend a dime on materials meant to help keep their patios and dining areas free of cigarette smoke.

That's because City Hall is distributing hundreds of "tool kits" to business owners — with a focus on restaurants — that include window clings, patio signs, tip cards in five languages and posters reminding customers of the city's strict anti-smoking laws, which prohibit smoking in outdoor dining areas as

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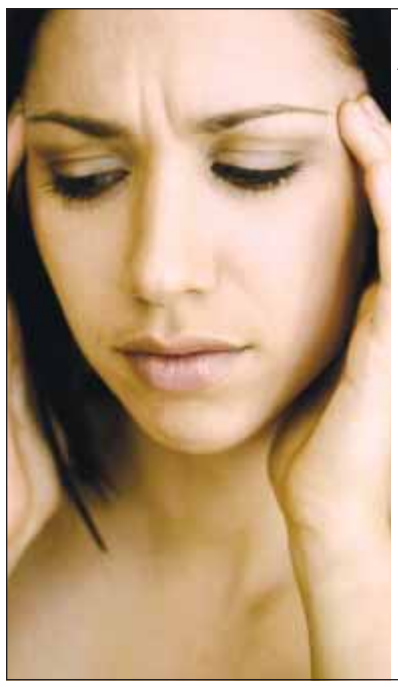
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Truck stop at the beach
Main on Main
2941 Main St., 9 p.m. — 2 a.m.
If white trash is your idea of a good party, look no further than Main on Main's Thursday night offering Truck Stop at the Beach. Strip-teasing dancers and a beer/shot/chicken wing combo that costs only $8. DJs will provide music. Admission is $5. Call (310) 396-6678 for more information.

Music contest
Best Western Gateway Hotel
1920 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
This is the premiere opening night of the Independent Social Music Club by Kelda Muzik Singers will have the opportunity to showcase their music and win $500 for best performance. Admission is $10. Contact Char Lovelady at (563) 508-5076 for more information.

Friday, April 24, 2009

'Jumping the Median'
The Other Space at Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Steve Connell's five new plays run the gamut from sexy and outrageous to moving and provocative. Above all, they're unabashedly fun. The evening explores love, loss and life as we know it, accompanied by live music under the direction of Josh Foy and Sekou Andrews. "Jumping the Median" also runs on Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20. Call (562) 547-6207 for more information.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

Young artists leave mark on waste center

BY WILL WEISS
Special to the Daily Press

CITY YARDS Education through art, constructive collaboration and balance are uncommon priorities for a public works organization, but the Santa Monica Household Hazardous Waste Center makes a point of investing in each.

The center, which will be celebrating its 20th year of service on Thursday, has commissioned the assistance of some of Santa Monica's youngest artists to help visually impart the importance of appropriate waste management.

Seven students from the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center, along with artists in residence Juan Carlos Munoz Hernandez and Alex Kizu, designed and executed a mural on an exterior wall of the recently renovated waste center.

"A lot of the kids have had a year or more to work with the brush," Hernandez said, explaining that the young but not inexperienced painters contributed heartily to both the planning and consummation of the project. "All of the kids put their minds and effort into the planning. There was a lot of thinking beforehand with them, trying to figure out what would be the best way to strike a chord in people's minds and to save the Earth from what's going on now."

Inspired by the theme of waste management and eco-friendly action in general, the mural is titled "Seven Generations," pertaining to the projected length of time during which the effects of today's environmental decisions will be noticeable.

"We're trying to work ourselves out of a job," said James Conway, senior environmental analyst with the hazardous waste center. "Our primary goal is to reduce the amount of existing hazardous waste, and the second is to reduce the quantity of hazardous materials that people are purchasing. Projects like the mural encourage people to find less toxic alternatives."

Conway elaborated on the impact the waste center has had on the Santa Monica community, explaining that some 160,000 pounds of hazardous waste are collected on site annually. He said that although the center's goal as of 2000 was to reach 50 percent cumulative participation in proper waste disposal by 2010, the center is currently operating at 52 percent participation.

To celebrate and in many ways epitomize the triumphs of the waste management center, a new structure was erected to replace an old modular facility. The new building was constructed out of old shipping containers and boasts a number of eco-friendly features including denim insulation, state-of-the-art windows for natural lighting and ventilation, and a "green roof" that facilitates nesting for wildlife. The construction project opened up the wall on which the mural was painted.

"We're always trying to educate people," Conway said. "We've wanted to do some

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PRESSURE CHECK

Byron Kennerly *news@smdp.com*

Members of Edmunds.com's 'Green Team' checks the tire pressure of customers at the Shell gas station on Cloverfield Boulevard Wednesday, Earth Day. More than 25 service and gas stations teamed up with Edmunds and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce to check tire pressure so that drivers can get the best gas mileage possible, saving money and the environment.

A museum in Venice is born

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Special to the Daily Press

VENICE The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approved a recommendation from the Venice Heritage Foundation to support a proposed museum that would showcase Venice's unique cultural history.

The council approved the location of the museum, next to the Centennial Library, during its March meeting, said Marc Saltzberg, the council's outreach officer.

"It's been something that we've been considering as a Neighborhood Council since last summer. It's taken a while for the various groups who are backing the idea to agree to move forward," Saltzberg said.

The museum would be housed in a restored Pacific Electric Red Trolley Car, a piece of history in and of itself, and in an adjoining facility to be modeled after the old Tokio Station pagoda-style complex. It will display pieces of classic Venice memorabilia, borrowed from local collectors.

The idea, said Todd von Hoffman, president of the Venice Heritage Foundation, is to create rotating displays that tell the story of Abbot Kinney's efforts in developing the "Coney Island of the Pacific," emphasizing film developments, social history and the vibrant arts community.

And, of course, the invention of paddle

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Enough with the trees

Editor:

I just read with gastralgia Melody Hanatani's [April 18] page 1 story, "Hard feelings take root over controversial trees," and I am amazed how out of touch some people are with reality. Holy Mother of Nonsense! Are we still talking about these trees? On page 1? For crying out loud, is there still really a coalition of tree saving activists that think it's OK to waste the Santa Monica City Council's time and tax dollars fighting for these overgrown plants?

Does anyone really believe that the ficus trees on Fourth Street are a natural stand that lined the old Indian trail that existed there back when this was Mexico? Hey "Treesavers," get a clue: those trees were planted there as a landscaping project; and the tiny screws that attach the pretty city lights are not "injuring the trees" except in your mind.

What's next? Do I have to worry that Jerry Rubin will one day stop selling bumper stickers on the Promenade and marching for "trees" and chain himself to my bougainvillea when I decide to spruce up the front yard? Unreal.

I think the best way to make use of the old, overgrown ficus trees that have served their purpose is to make firewood out of them so people can stay warm and cozy in the winter by their fireplace instead of burning heating oil. It isn't funny anymore. The "Treesavers" ought to find a realistic hobby (or a job) and stop embarrassing the rest of us Santa Monica residents who realize that the uprooting of those 23 ficus trees is not going to defoliate the Earth. It will only maintain the beauty of the Downtown area and create jobs for landscapers who will plant a row of nice, shady ginkgo trees that don't uproot the sidewalk. If the "Treesavers" really want to save something, they can save us from any more of their nonsensical rhetoric.

Carlos Pineiro
Santa Monica

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Mencia offensive and Klein evasive

I WAS RECENTLY STANDING ON MY OLD corner of Cloverfield Boulevard and Virginia Avenue. I remember being a youngster and running out to stand on the small hill after we heard accidents. In the early 1980s the city finally put a crosslight there.

This intersection, for me, is symbolic of the many people who travel into Santa Monica — to work, drop their kids off at school — and fail to look around, to acknowledge the community of people there, historically black, brown, white, Asian and working class; and that we have particular rights that we are willing to defend and fight for.

This is one issue Michael Klein ("Mencia cancellation raises questions about free speech," April 9, 2009) conveniently overlooks when defending comedian Carlos Mencia's free speech rights.

To the non-critical reader, Klein's evasion of the Latino community — particularly the Association of Mexican American Educators (AMAE) which initiated the dialogue on Mencia's material — is a small mistake (few at the panel discussion on the Mencia event missed AMAE's absence). To Latino activists close to the issue, and those truly concerned with freedom and fairness, it is the arrogant and empty jargon of a dishonest pedant selfishly arguing for his own (and his hidden constituents') case.

Klein's evasion is also the district's: no one from Superintendent Cuneo's office bothered to notify AMAE leadership of the event, much less invite us to be on the panel. Many AMAE members were busy organizing Cesar Chavez school activities. Only Darryl Goode of the Venice Westside NAACP captured the concerns of AMAE; namely, that the Mencia controversy was about the comedian's selective use of racist slurs (especially against his own race) and the irony that a bilingual program's PTA would be so uncritical as to not find offense in his material.

Another aspect of Klein's glaring dishonesty is his conflict of interest. While he addresses readers in his patronizing tone as an objective and professional interpreter of the law (ACLU lawyer), not once does he mention that he is a member of Edison PTA with vested interests in their fundraising. While he presents himself as a "know-it-all-Anglo," he also reveals PTA self-centeredness and manipulation. Threatening to sue the district (for an inflated estimate) in a time of fiscal crisis is shameless and greedy. He conveniently ignores that the district clearly and repeatedly explained that Mencia's routine would be violation of Building Code 415.5 which states that use of offensive language that could incite violence in public buildings is a violation.

Klein also fails to address hate speech, race, Latinos and AMAE's official position. He refers to AMAE indirectly as "some people," "those demonstrators," "those dissidents;" objectifying and equivocating AMAE to a mob that the Santa Monica Police "would be fully capable of handling" (AMAE happens to have a fine relationship with Chief Jackman who has bothered to introduce himself to community members and organizations). This demonization of Latino activism is racist, whether intentional or not. Institutionalized racism, felt daily by people of color and often unseen by whites, has also been called "have a nice day racism" by UC Riverside professor Tiffany Lopez.

Klein ignores AMAE's right to protest, that we exercised that right, and won. It has also been disclosed that Mencia cancelled when he heard there would be a protest, and PTA miscommunication and disorganization was the actual cause of him canceling his flight to Los Angeles.

If Klein is as concerned with racism as he is with freedom of speech (and fundraising), he must update his "expertise" by reading "Critical Race Theory" coming from leading law professors. For starters he should pick up Ian Lopez' "Racism On Trial" for an introduction to the history of how law has treated Chicanos/Latinos since 1848, and Chicanos' particular experience with legal racism.

He can then graduate to more complex readings by Derrick Bell, Kimberly Crenshaw and Richard Delgado, especially their claims that the law despite its essentialist nature, continues to have its limits and imperfections especially with regard to race. People of color only know too well the racially discriminating aspects of courts, prisons and police officers. The law, and lawyers, are not infallible, not always fair, nor above critique, as Klein would have us believe.

Klein's article teaches us that throwing around titles doesn't make anything more true or lawful. As long as you're avoiding issues (race) and groups of people (Latinos, AMAE) you are condoning Mencia's ideological attacks and normalizing hate speech.

Although some may take issue with AMAE making this an issue of law, education and race, I find this crossroads a good place to take a stand. It is, after all, the crossroads at which Klein's argument ends. Edison PTA leaders continue to slander AMAE, avoid addressing racism (and Mencia's hate speech in particular) and only talking about money (see Lorenza Munoz blog in the Los Angeles Times).

It is important to meet people before you demonize them or attack them. As we learned as kids, you should stop at the intersections and look both ways.

Maybe even stop and study the corner. Failure to understand this can get you blindsided.

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A black car ban?

WHEN A PROPOSAL IN CALIFORNIA TO ban black painted cars was revealed in March 2009, the blogosphere and talk radio buzzed with cries of "outrageous." The state legislature, under the auspices of the California Air Resource Board, pushed to reduce auto emissions by controlling the color of vehicles. Because black paint encourages heat absorption, any reflective material painted over dark-hued cars would likely fail to stop reflective heat, violating the 2006 California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32). And since black is the second most popular color for cars, the opposition was intense. In the face of angry voters, the eco-bureaucrats naturally back-pedaled on this unpopular provision.

But one wonders what is so awful about outlawing dark-colored vehicles? Why complain about the lack of individual choice?

In recent years, America's policies have taken a sharp turn down the road of "banamania." Some West Coast cities have already banned plastic shopping bags, certain dishwashing detergents, and Styrofoam containers. The U.S. Congress outlawed the broadcasting of analog TV signals as well as sale of incandescent light bulbs. At least with the incandescent light bulb ban, which goes into effect in 2014, the government still lets people buy the more energy-saving compact fluorescent bulbs even though they are laced with highly toxic mercury. American lawmakers seems to be on an outlawing-everything spree.

The California Energy Commission is exploring regulations to outlaw energy-sucking big-screen televisions for the noble cause of the environment, denying charges that it wants to simply control people and do a little social engineering. In 2004, the California legislature banned teenagers from artificial tanning booths, citing increases in skin cancer as the reason. Some suggested that the lawmakers should have also outlawed tanning on the beach, but the sun refused to comply. In another case, local authorities have banned water bottles, mostly at universities and government buildings. In New Jersey, lawmakers nearly outlawed "Brazilian" bikini waxes.

So the question becomes, why all the fuss over the color of a car? We've become a society hell-bent on banning whatever the political elite or some lobbying group doesn't like. Get used to it. So what if the state's gone wild? The legislature has been doing it for decades. We even criminalize particular vegetation. In fact, federal and state governments spend billions of dollars annually to eradicate a common variety of weed.

Since much of the banning is done in the name of the environment, you can expect more where that came from. Now that CO? has been classified as a greenhouse pollutant considered harmful because of its supposed climate change properties, it is only a matter of time before the biggest greenhouse gas is criminalized. Water vapor makes up over 95 percent of greenhouse gas, so it must be considered far more dangerous than the CO? and thus must be labeled as a harmful gas, outlawed and forced out of the atmosphere. How about gravity? People have been saying for years that gravity sucks! Why not liberate people from its heavy effect? We could all get around better without that annoying limitation of weight, and save all that money from expensive dieting, exercise, and weight-loss programs.

Why not let the political system ban all sorts of inanimate objects, for whatever reason? Other democratic nations do it all the time. The Australian government recently banned child pornography on the Internet. Unfortunately, the ban was soon extended to include many other types of sites. But nobody was supposed to know.

But the Australian censorship regulators had to do something to stop porn, so they imposed stiff penalties for violators. Any Aussie caught informing the public about the secret list can be jailed for up to 10 years. And if a Web site or blogger unknowingly links to one to the secretly outlawed Websites, that person's site can be secretly listed on the secret list as well! The penalty for linking to secret banned sites can be as high as $11,000 per day, an amount that recently was levied on an anti-abortion site. After being taken offline, Wikileaks only terse comment was: "The first rule of censorship is that you cannot talk about censorship."

But banning inanimate objects wouldn't harm free speech in the United States. Or would it? Actually, a federal judge in San Francisco issued a 2008 injunction to ban and shut down the U.S. Wikileaks site after it posted embarrassing documents (the injunction was lifted two weeks later). Maybe banning things could lead to unwanted consequences. Maybe banning black cars is also a free-speech issue. Maybe outlawing things could lead to censorship of ... [CENSORED].

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The Q Line

Being kind to Mother Earth

With Earth Day taking place this week, this is a great time to look at the world around you and consider making changes to help the environment.

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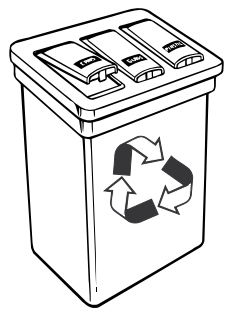
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BAGHDAD "Breakfast time ... Lots of helicopters ... Met the president of Iraq ... Amazing palace."

Tweet by tweet, the trip to Baghdad by Jack Dorsey unfolded on the Twitter microblogging network he co-founded.

One of his stops Wednesday: A discussion at the U.S. Embassy with executives from other Web powerhouses such as YouTube and Google on the possible high-tech horizons in a place that still can't guarantee round-the-clock electricity and whose Internet service is lumbering at best.

Their trip to Iraq's capital, sponsored by the State Department, was billed as a way to assess the faint stirrings of Iraq's online culture and possibly inspire future Iraqi Web entrepreneurs.

"There's no question that there are a lot of challenges here ... but there are also a lot of opportunities," said Jason Liebman, chief executive officer of the how-to video site Howcast.

Also on the trip were executives from AT&T, the networking site Meetup and Blue State Digital, which had a role in the online outreach of President Barack Obama's campaign.

The nine executives wore boardroom garb — suits and ties — at the U.S. Embassy, where they are staying. Outside the protected Green Zone, it was flak jackets and helmets.

Before leaving Thursday, they will have met with government representatives including President Jalal Talabani, university students and representatives of private companies. They also got a tour of the newly reopened National Museum.

They said they found Iraqis more concerned about unemployment than security following a drastic drop in violence. And they were surprised by the scenes of everyday life — such as people buying kebabs — which they said contrasted with the past images of bombings.

The Iraqi government has launched a campaign to attract foreign investment, but the executives said it needs to improve its services and do a better job explaining why companies should come.

"I think it's proven that the demand will be there once the connectivity and infrastructure pieces come together," said Raanan Bar-Cohen of Automattic, best known for the blog-publishing application WordPress.

Experts estimate just 5 percent of Iraqis have Web access at home and the connection speed can harken back to the dial-up days of the 1980s. However, users can get faster connections at Internet cafes and the Web access on their cell phones.

Zain, one of Iraq's mobile phone providers, has 700,000 subscribers with Internet-capable cell phones, the executives said. This was the avenue the visitors found most promising for Iraqis to someday embrace social networking: through their beloved mobile phones.

Many Iraqis — especially the young — depend on mobile service as a more reliable alternative to outdated landlines. Text messages are hugely popular.

"While there are many challenges — and there is definitely a long way to go for Internet access — we were very impressed at how many Iraqis, there is near ubiquity, use mobile phones," said Richard Robbins, director for social innovation at AT&T.





Simple Real Food

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A taste of Vietnam

I HAD AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE on Easter Sunday in Canoga Park. I signed through Slow Food L.A. to take a Vietnamese cooking class at a private home. Since Vietnamese food is one of my all-time favorites I jumped at the chance to learn from home cooks.

There were about 15 people attending and we walked into a home with three Vietnamese women at the stove, all ready and willing to show us a few of the classic dishes of this flavorful and fresh cuisine.

The first course was a spring roll that was filled with cooked shrimp, pork and rice noodles.

We had all the ingredients in front of us and were instructed as to how to make a roll by our hostess. The rolls are a standard offering in Vietnamese and Thai restaurants and I have included them in my cookbook, "Simple Real Food," as I serve them often at catering events and dinner parties.

What contributes to the rolls' wonderful flavor are the fresh herbs used; basil, mint and cilantro are traditional but in this case we were also using shiso leaf which was an interesting addition.

The rice paper wrappers are briefly soaked in warm water and then you fill your roll with shrimp or pork, red leaf lettuce, cooked rice noodles and the fresh herbs. Then it is dipped in a sauce that is usually made with fish sauce, chili peppers, and sugar and lime juice.

In this class we used a homemade hoisin sauce with ground peanuts that was delicious. I must have had four of the rolls before realizing it was time to save room for the other dishes.

The second course was another classic Vietnamese dish called pho; there are numerous places to experience this main dish soup around Los Angeles but none compare to the homemade version. It is basically a highly-flavored beef stock made with ginger and shallots.

They added thin slices of bison meat that was briefly cooked in simmering broth before being added to each bowl.

The bowl was filled with cooked rice noodles, the beef broth, meat and mung bean sprouts then topped with the cilantro, basil and lime juice.

You can add the chili pepper sauce that was being passed around that was basically chilies, garlic, sugar and a little vinegar. What a delicious soup, very easy to prepare and healthy.

Our last course was a Vietnamese crepe that was made in a large wok filled with cooked pork, shrimp and julienne jicama and then folded over into a huge omelet. This was cut into four pieces and served with the same herbs and a fish sauce concoction. The batter was flavored with coconut milk and scallions and even though I was quite full at that point it was very yummy.

I enjoyed being around traditional authentic cooks and re-connected with this wonderful cuisine. If you would like to try your hand at my version of Vietnamese recipes have at it and Enjoy!

Summer Rolls with Spicy Lime Dipping Sauce
Makes 10

Ingredients
3/4 pound large shrimp, peeled, de-veined, cooked (or ground pork, cooked all the way through in 1 Tb. canola oil with 1 Tb. fish sauce)
8 leaves red leaf lettuce
1 package small spring roll skins, eight inch rounds- also called rice paper wrappers
1 cup packed cilantro, rinsed, dried
1 cup packed mint, rinsed, dried
1 cup packed basil leaves, rinsed, dried
1/2 English cucumber, seeded, julienne
1 red pepper, julienne
2 ripe avocados, cut into thin slices
Lime Dipping Sauce
1 tsp. red pepper flakes
Juice of 3 limes
1/4 cup fish sauce
3 Tb. sugar
1 Tb. minced garlic

Procedure
1. Slice the shrimp in half lengthwise. Set aside.
2. Pull the leaves off the lettuce and break into large chunks. Set aside.
3. Soak a few wrappers at a time in warm water until pliable.
4. Fill the summer rolls as demonstrated.
5. Place seam side down on a baking sheet until they are all finished. Cut on the diagonal and serve with dipping sauce.
6. Combine all the ingredients in a small saucepan and simmer for 3 or 4 minutes to dissolve the sugar. You can store it in the fridge for up to 4 days.

* You can substitute the tofu for the shrimp, drained and finely diced.

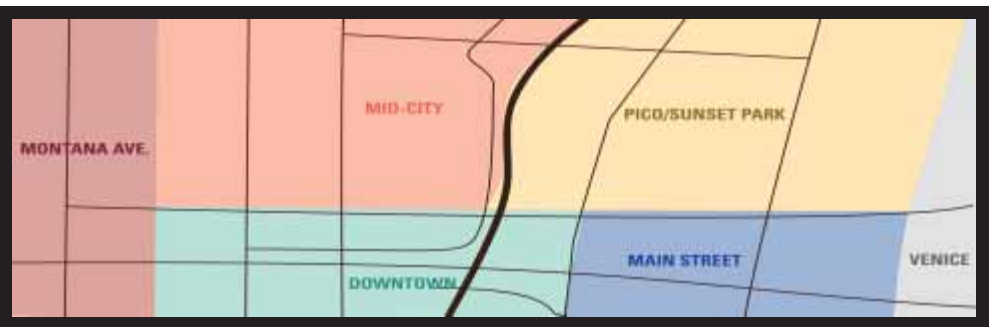
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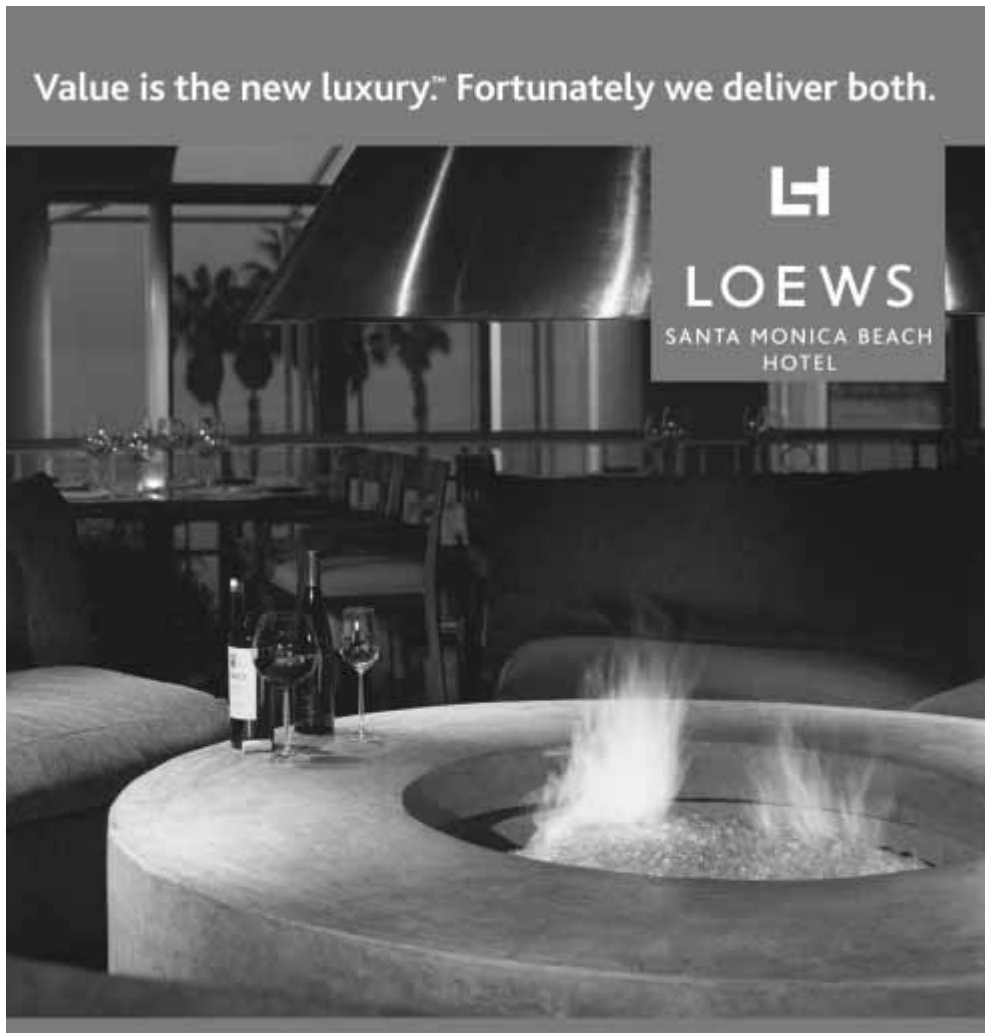


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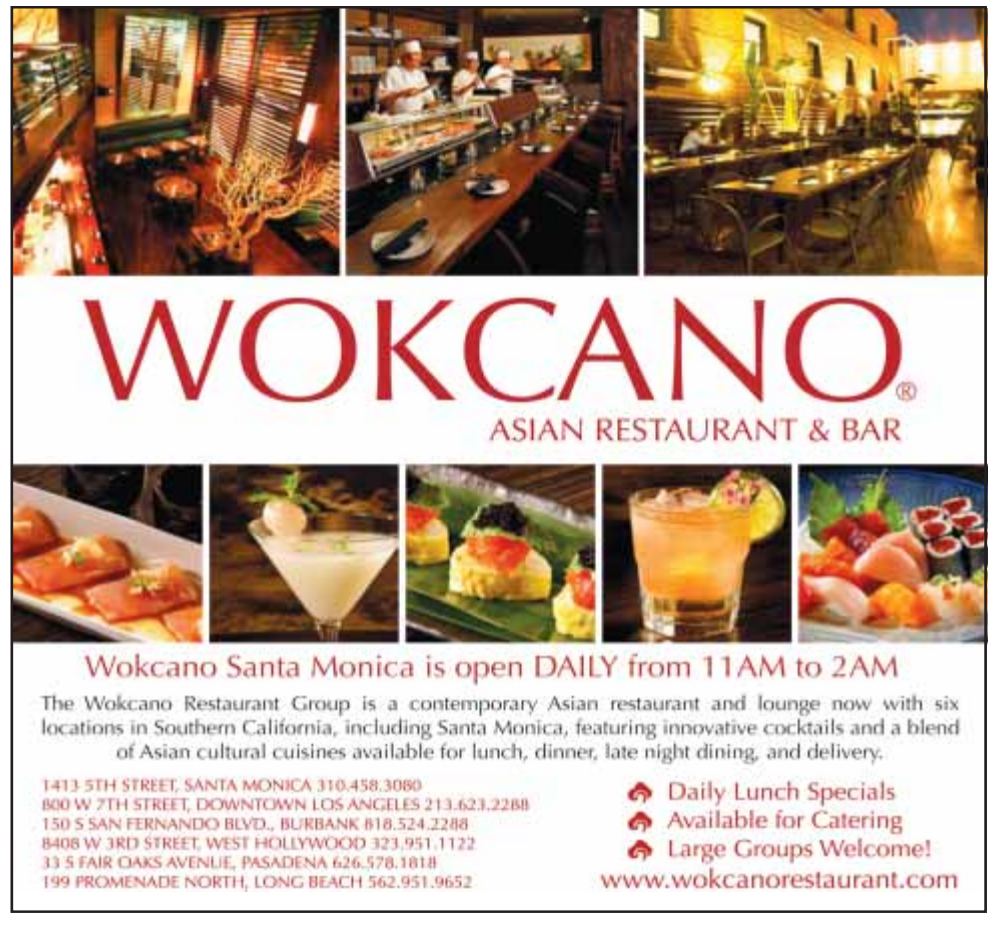
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Making the grade

Teachers and administrators at Lincoln Middle School and Malibu High School were honored this week for their work in closing the achievement gap that exists between students who are white and students of color, as well as with English learners, students in poverty, and students with disabilities.

The schools are two of 261 secondary schools to be named 2009 California Distinguished Schools, an annual award that recognizes schools that improve student achievement for all, district officials said.

"I am pleased that Lincoln Middle School and Malibu High School are being recognized for their hard work in closing the achievement gap," said Superintendent Tim Cuneo. "It takes a team of committed teachers, support staff, and administrators to achieve such distinguished recognition. The Board of Education and I are most appreciative of each school's dedication and commitment to the success of all children."

The list of 136 middle schools and 125 high schools may be viewed at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/cs/disting2009.asp.

This year, the selection process required schools to provide an in-depth description of two "signature" practices implemented at the schools that are replicable, and directly related to the success of their students.

During an intensive site visitation by a trained team of external educators, additional evidence about the effectiveness of the "signature" practices was gathered and analyzed.

The selected middle and high schools represent about 10.9 percent of California's nearly 2,400 middle and high schools. Of those, only 341 schools met the eligibility criteria based on their student achievement and were chosen from 170 school districts in 46 counties. An awards ceremony honoring the distinguished schools will be held Friday, May 29 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim.

"These extraordinary middle and high schools have shown they are able to increase the achievement of all their students and have provided evidence that they are closing the achievement gaps that, unfortunately, exist at many schools," said State Superintendent of Schools Jack O'Connell.

"The Distinguished Schools program always identified schools that are leaders in academic achievement.

It now also recognizes schools that are leaders in helping all students succeed, and highlights the best practices that are effective in closing the gap." DAILY PRESS

DOWNTOWN

The Fred Segal Show

Bravo, the cable entertainment network responsible for such shows as "Kathy Griffin: My life on the D-List," "Inside the Actors Studio" and "Project Runway," is adding to its list of docu-series with a new reality show based on the high-end store Fred Segal in Santa Monica.

Retail will become the new reality with the series, which will focus on the often-stressed and competitive sales team as they cater to well-to-do customers who demand the latest in clothes, shoes, accessories and beauty products.

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"Fred Segal is a legendary retail haven synonymous with high fashion and style, and the fashionistas who work, shop and gossip at the store promise to have arresting, entertaining, colorful personalities and lives," Frances Berwick, executive vice president and general manager at Bravo, told Reuters.

Last week, Bravo unveiled four new reality shows set in the worlds of fashion, design, cuisine and real estate, and announced that it is venturing into scripted programing for the first time.

While the Fred Segal show hasn't aired, there are already critics posting their thoughts on blogs.

"My first impression, besides the nagging sense that Bravo is scrambling to find the next 'Project Runway,' was: Who on earth wants to watch this?" wrote Aly Semigran for Entertainment Weekly. "I visited the store last year, and while I did get a very cute necklace there, I didn't leave thinking, I wish that experience could have lasted 22 more minutes."

Michael Segal, president and chief executive officer of Fred Segal, refused to comment on the show.

"There's nothing to talk about," he said, leaving one to wonder if Bravo is really in tune with reality. DP

Samohi heads into league play

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record and 2-1 league mark. The team trails first-place Culver City by half a game. The two teams will not face each other until the final two games of the regular season in mid May.

With all but two non-league games to go, the Vikings find themselves immersed in the league portion of their schedule. Last season, Samohi went a perfect 10-0 in league play, but Duron expects the competition to be a notch tougher this season.

He feels that his squad is ready for the challenge, having played a number of tough opponents during non-league games. Games against powerhouses Crespi and Royal, while not winning efforts for the Vikings, served as preparation for the league schedule and perhaps the post season.

"That is what we were doing all season," Duron said. "We were getting ready for now.

"That's what we talked about as a team all year."

Duron can only hope that the approach has paid off, but only results on the ball field will tell if the team is truly ready for what's to come.

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Scientists targeted

FROM **PROTEST** PAGE 1

"Six weeks ago when I looked out the front window of my living room, I saw what I believed was truly one of the worst faces of humanity looking back at me," Jentsch told the crowd. "But now as I look out and see your faces I see what I believe is the best face of humanity looking back at me."

The rallies came just days after the unsealing of an indictment charging two animal rights activists with conspiracy, stalking and other crimes against researchers at UCLA and a juice company. Federal and other agencies also announced Wednesday a reward of up to $75,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the firebombing of Jentsch's car.

Jentsch, 37, said in an interview that despite having his car incinerated and a continuing series of obscene e-mails he is "particularly emboldened" by the advancements law enforcement has made in recent weeks.

"I'm not going to move, change my life or quit my research. I am going to persist," he said.

He said the rally provided the campus with a sense of relief that people do not have to fear for their lives.

Jentsch does research on rodents and primates to study the impact of drug addiction on the brain.

"Someday there may be alternatives to animal research, but how do you get alternatives? Through research," he said.

Among supporters was a researcher who works for Jentsch. She spoke with a reporter on condition that only her first name, Stephanie, be used because she fears being attacked or having her car firebombed.

"I owe science a debt of gratitude for saving my parents' lives," she said, explaining that one had survived leukemia and the other cancer because they were treated with chemotherapy developed through research on animals.

The animal rights protesters brought signs showing research animals and slogans such as "Animal experiments scientific fraud" and "I am not a research tool." One protester wore a gorilla suit; another dressed as an orangutan set up a cage and sat in it.

Jill Ryther, who is on the board of the Animal Law Society at UCLA, said she wanted discussion, not violence.

"I think that I would like to see nothing more than an organized debate where doctors are debating both sides. ... I think the more violent acts are unfortunate. It's distracting from the more important issues. Those kinds of tactics have no place here," she said.

Michael Budkie, executive director of Stop Animal Exploitation Now, said he was trained in animal research and was turned off by what he witnessed.

"I've seen what happens to these animals when the testing drives them insane and causes them to rip out their own flesh. That only confirms my belief. Animals are not objects," he said.

Asked if he condones aggressive tactics to intimidate people from doing animal research, he said that as long as people were acting within their constitutional rights he was in favor of it.

The $75,000 reward in the March 7 firebombing was offered by the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, UCLA and the city of Los Angeles.

That reward brings the total offered to $475,000 for information on six separate incidents, including two attempts to set fire to researchers' homes, four vehicle fires and vandalism caused by putting a garden hose in a broken window to flood a home.

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Laying the tracks for Venice museum

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tennis.

The museum is still in its beginning stages, said von Hoffmann. The project has not yet been approved by the Los Angeles City Council, he said, and the foundation is in the process of requesting letters of feasibility from the agencies affected such as the police and fire departments.

Although the foundation is seeking a beautification grant, as it did to restore the historic Venice sign, it has not yet been approved. The Pacific Electric car has been donated from the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Paris, Calif., but it requires expensive restoration that will take several years.

"We're in dream stage of something that Venice very much deserves and we're not worrying about how all the practical questions are going to be answered," von Hoffmann said.

There is also an excited team working for the completion of the project. Venice historian Elayne Alexander is a founding member of the project and Jon Smatlak of the Orange Empire Railway Museum will have a hand in the car's restoration. Members of the Venice Heritage Foundation will donate items for displays.

It is a project that, to be successful, will require the whole community's involvement, von Hoffmann said.

"You have to get a lot of great enthusiasm from the community involved," von Hoffmann said. "This is definitely a project where you want to get as many people as possible. The museum is for all collections in Venice to have a venue. So many of us have these [memorabilia] and the joy is bringing them back to Venice."

The Venice Heritage Foundation will use its lee time before approval to drum up support using its greatest resource: the historic collections of its members.

"It's part of the great joy of living in a community like Venice which is very much a village. It's going to take us some years to accomplish, so we'll take every opportunity to bring our collections out to help promote the museum idea."

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City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Numbers 2287 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following is a summary, prepared by the City Attorney's Office, of Ordinance Number 2287, which was adopted by the Council on April 14, 2009.

Ordinance Number 2287 (CCS) is an interim, emergency ordinance that extends existing interim Ordinances 2238 (CCS) and 2242 (CCS). Ordinance 2287 continues in place the development standards established by interim Ordinances 2238 (CCS) and 2242 (CCS) in the City's Light Manufacturing Studio District (LMSD) and the Industrial Conservation (M1) Zoning Districts. The Ordinance only authorizes development that does not exceed seventy-five hundred square feet or fifteen units in the LMSD, or five units in the M1 Zoning Districts, unless the development is undertaken pursuant to a Development Agreement approved by the City Council, or is a City project. The Ordinance requires a Development Agreement for changes in use that are greater than seventy-five hundred square feet in floor area on parcels in the LMSD that exceed 32,000 square feet, and on parcels in the M1 that exceed 15,000 square feet. The Ordinance also establishes certain exceptions. The Ordinance was adopted as an Emergency Ordinance.

As an Emergency Ordinance the Ordinance becomes effective upon adoption. The full text is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, phone (310) 458-8211.

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NICE WORK: **A mural adorns the Santa Monica Household Hazardous Waste Center.**

Young artists gain valuable experience

FROM **MURAL** PAGE 3

education with the youth and teens for some time; I was looking for ways to educate the next generation, and when we approached the youth center, they were interested."

Students who worked on the mural said they found it to be a gratifying experience, saying they were pleased to contribute to the cause and grateful for the opportunity to paint.

"I'm hoping that this will be a regular thing for us," said Marc Garcia, a student who worked on the mural. "I learned a lot of new things about what you can and can't throw away and already I've started to be more aware of things like my recycling habits."

Organizers said that they expect the mural to be an ongoing project, although specific plans for future installments have not been finalized.

Hernandez was brimming with praise for the students who worked on the project.

"There's a lot of balance to the mural; they did a really good job on it," he said. "The kids came down and worked on Saturday mornings; I have to give them credit for that. They could have been doing something else, but they worked on the mural. They were there every morning for a few months and it was really great working with them."

While he said that the students learned a lot about the importance of sustainable living by working with the themes of the mural, Hernandez said that for some, the importance of the work may not have yet made an impression.

"If it hasn't come to them by now, I'm sure it will eventually," he said. "It's the kind of thing where you'll work on it, and two or three years down the road you'll look back on it and the impact will finally hit you. You realize how important it was, and when that sinks in it's with you forever."

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Smoking tool kits available for free

FROM **SMOKING** PAGE 1

well as within 20 feet of business entryways.

Smoking is also prohibited on the Third Street Promenade, Farmers' Markets, the beach and public parks.

City Hall, with the help of marketing consultant Southard Communications, created 500 kits featuring the "Smoking Doesn't Belong Here," campaign and are passing them out to business owners. The kits are also available at the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, located on Sixth Street.

Restaurant owners and others can also order aluminum patio signs by contacting (310) 453-5701.

"We want to do everything we can to make things easier for our businesses to make the law clear and to help them enforce the law," said Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky of the Consumer Protection Unit, which drafted the smoking bans.

"These kits will be very helpful for giving out information to customers," he added.

Restaurant owners can be held liable if they knowingly allow customers to smoke while dining. The fine is $100 for a first offense, however, that can jump to roughly $300 with court costs factored in.

While the liability provision was approved by the City Council last year, it has not been enforced, Radinsky said.

"{We've] been holding off until the publicity materials were ready to be distributed," he said.

The 500 kits were printed at Green Printing Inc. on Pico Boulevard on 100 percent recycled paper at a cost of $4,500. The 9-by-12-inch aluminum patio signs were created at a cost of $2,000. Buying fonts and the images for the materials cost $2,500 and developing the marketing campaign cost $25,000, according to Southard Communications.

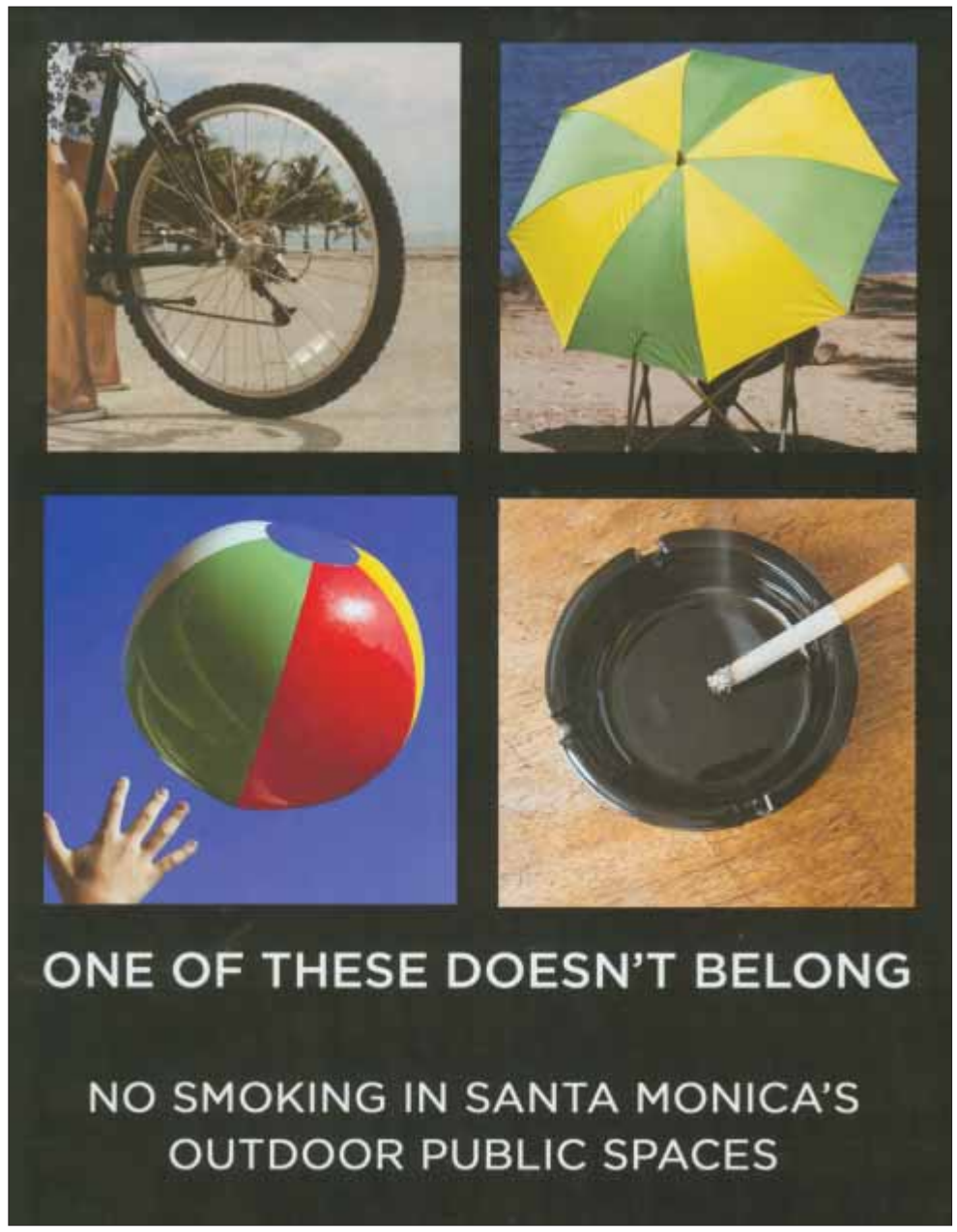
The kits and materials are being offered free of charge. Business owners can go to www.smokingdoesntbelonghere.com to print additional copies of materials in the tool kits.

Businesses originally called for a comprehensive marketing campaign to help spread the word about the smoking laws, particularly since Santa Monica is a popular tourist destination. Restaurateurs were especially concerned given that they could be held liable.

"It's important that the message has been conversational in nature and doesn't make smokers feel unwelcome," said Brian Chase, the governmental affairs director for the chamber. "We were very vocal in the development of the campaign.

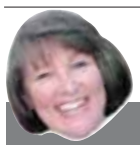
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Play Time

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No way to treat a theater-lover

AS QUEEN VICTORIA USED TO SAY, "WE are not amused." Heaven knows, we wanted to be, but there is something just a little off-putting about the musical "No Way to Treat a Lady," currently having its Los Angeles premiere at The Colony Theatre in Burbank.

Too much music, maybe? Too much plot?

Originally, William Goldman's 1964 novel was adapted for the screen and starred Lee Remick, George Segal, and a very spooky Rod Steiger. Some 23 years later it became a musical comedy that played off-Broadway, with book, music, and lyrics by Douglas J. Cohen. That's the version that's playing at the Colony. After an off-Broadway revival in 1996, however, the show was relegated to regional theater status and hasn't been seen very much since. "Cats" it isn't.

"No Way to Treat a Lady" has two plots going simultaneously. The first involves a schnooky Jewish police detective who still lives with his mother in their New York apartment. Kevin Symons is an appealing schnook named Moe Brummel who comes to investigate a mysterious murder and immediately falls in love with one of the victim's neighbors, a sexy lady named Sarah Stone (Erica Piccininni). (In the movie, the heroine was named Kate Palmer and part of the plot revolved around the fact that she wasn't Jewish. So why in this production have they changed her name to Sarah Stone?)

The other plot deals with a serial killer named Christopher Gill (Jack Noseworthy) who, like Moe, has a mother fixation. His mother, who recently died, was a huge theater megastar, while Christopher is a would-be actor who can't get a callback. So he launches his killing spree by donning various disguises and accents to gain entry to the apartments of older women and strangling them. His goal is to have his exploits covered by the New York Times. That'll show his mother, right?

While Noseworthy has a strong voice and does a good job with his various disguises, there is something not very funny about the repetitive murders and the cavalier, remorseless way he deals with his victims. Piccininni, too, has a lovely voice, but she is not terribly convincing as Moe's ladylove and there is not a whole lot of heat generated by their relationship.

The fourth member of the cast is Heather Lee, who plays all the murder victims, plus Moe's Jewish mother (sample of her guilt shtick: berating Moe for some infraction with a reproachful, "Eighteen hours! Eighteen hours I spent in labor ...") and the ghost of

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Christopher's mother, who, in her venomous way is just as emotionally destructive as Moe's mother is. Heather Lee changes costumes and personas as readily as the killer does, but she isn't as good at it as he. Her various accents are mostly unintelligible, and she delivers her lines in a pitch so shrill as to set dogs barking for miles around.

Perhaps the fact that there are two directors credited for this production, West Hyler and Shelley Butler, explains the unevenness of the performances. And Sibyl Wickersheimer doesn't help much with the tacky set design. The really weird collection of furniture doesn't tell you anything about the people who live there, and the way the stage is divided into its various components is awkward and unattractive. The only interesting part is the corner occupied by the killer, a room filled with costume changes and a stage mirror surrounded by lights. The lighting design by Jeremy Pivnick dramatically highlights the action.

The music is good, if sometimes a bit too operatic for the plotline, and it, too, like the plot, is overly repetitive.

Unfortunately, and sad to say, Queen Victoria got this one right.

"No Way to Treat a Lady" will continue at The Colony Theatre, 555 N. Third St., in Burbank Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. through May 17. There are also additional performances during the run, so call (818) 558-7000 ext. 15 for more information and reservations.

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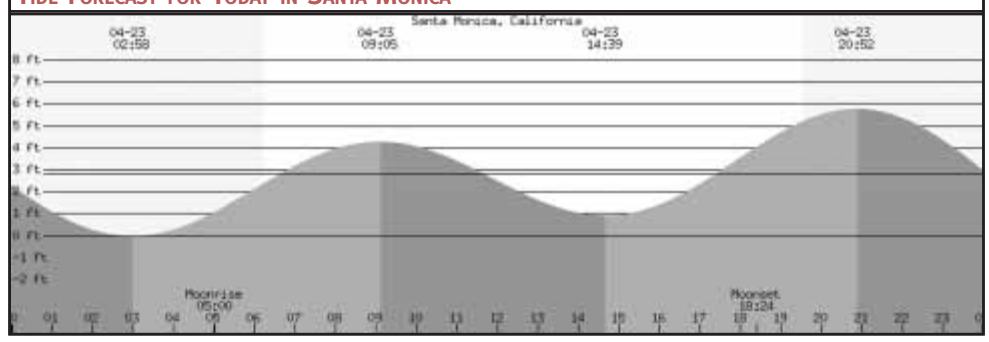
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Southern hemi swell will increase in SoCal. This should first hit SD and OC by early morning, LA by early to mid morning, and shortly thereafter for spots farther north.

Long Range Synopsis

Friday the 24th this swell should come to its peak. Most south facing breaks are looking at head high sets. Standouts may see sets running 1-2 feet overhead, but for the most part, head high max is the call for breaks able to work a 190.

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 four weeks up to the ending date of **April 14, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / ns

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

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

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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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Red Dawn (PG-13) 1hr 25min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Dragonball: Evolution (PG) 1hr 25min
1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:45, 9:55

Fast & Furious (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:00, 3:30, 6:15, 9:00

Sleep Dealer (PG-13) 1hr 30min
12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:00, 9:15

Sunshine Cleaning (R) 1hr 42min
12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Duplicity (PG-13)
CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video
1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) 1hr 42min
1:30, 4:00, 6:40, 9:30

Observe and Report (R) 1hr 46min
1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:00, 10:20

Earth (G) 1hr 30min
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) 1hr 34min
12:55, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

Crank High Voltage (R) 1hr 25min
2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Fast & Furious (PG-13) 1hr 46min
1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Adventureland (R) 1hr 46min
1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

Enlighten Up! (NR) 1hr 22min
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00

Sin Nombre (R) 1hr 36min
1:45, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

Sugar (R) 1hr 54min
1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

I Love You, Man (R) 1hr 50min
1:20, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

Knowing (PG-13)
12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50

State of Play (PG-13) 1hr 58min
1:10, 3:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:10, 10:10

17 Again (PG-13) 1hr 42min
12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 10:00

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) 1hr 34min
1:30, 4:00, 6:40, 9:00

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All smiles, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Know when you are on top of your game. At the moment, you could be overwhelmed by all of your work, errands and must-dos. Just get going rather than fret. What you accomplish could surprise even you. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Recognize when you need to step back or take a personal day. Don't push so hard, and keep your centering a high priority. As you are feeling tired or just blah, you might be best off not taking anything on. A boss could be indulgent. Tonight: Decide what would be best (for you).

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ If you thought you could have anything you want in the world, what would that be? Proceed accordingly. Dig down to the bottom of a problem. Your sense of fun comes out with friends. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Take a stand. You finally get the audience you want. A partner encourages more talk or a better arrangement. Be visible. Ask for what you want most. A comment might sound different than it was intended. Don't get hung up here. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Pioneer bohemian and dynamic thinking. You might try to be more observant and eye others' actions. You will learn a lot very quickly. Be careful about compromising a financial situation. You will see that a lot goes on. Tonight: Try a new restaurant or a different type of movie.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You can count on those around you. Someone does demand some private time. You might want more details before consenting. Of course, you ultimately make the choice. Honor discomfort. Tonight: Togetherness works.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Allow others to ask the questions. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is happening. You can only control yourself and your responses. Take a hard look at the circus around you. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Clear out as much as you can. A meeting or get-together looms on the horizon. Do focus. Many of you could decide to work from home or screen your calls. Good news comes from a close source. You might be surprised! Tonight: Chill out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Ideas seem to surge right through you. Often, you might wonder what you need to do in order to see past the obvious. Right now, just work with a tenuous situation. Your creativity soars when facing problems. Discussions invigorate you. Tonight: Let your hair down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You are more anchored than you realize. Consider an investment with care that revolves around home or real estate. Evaluate many options before making a decision. Much comes out in a discussion. Tonight: Keep it simple.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your feedback is deeply appreciated. Even if an associate or friend is negative, others will respond differently. Understand this person's agenda, and don't play into it. Keep communication flowing. Tonight: Get into weekend mode. Go out!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your possessive side emerges with a financial question. Don't make a decision without all the facts, even if you feel lucky. Tossing caution to the wind could be a problem. Others could let you down or be touchy. Tonight: Just don't go overboard!

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

This year, you make a difference in your immediate circle. Others treat you with a newfound respect. Be careful with projects and responsibilities, as a loved one or child could need extra time. You are resourceful and have strong instincts. Make time just for you in order to stay refreshed and renewed. Honor a desire to be more exclusive or connected to a key person this year. You will meet a lot of people, though Mr. or Ms. Right isn't likely to appear until close to your next birthday. If you are attached, the two of you can bond even more closely if you share and don't get too much into your ego. ARIES reads you cold.

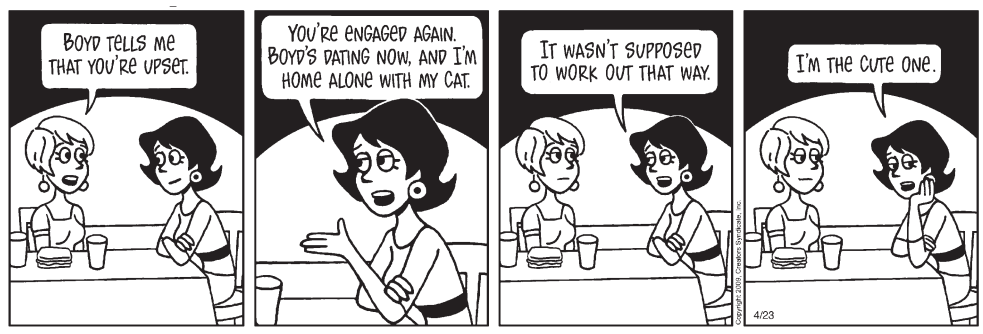
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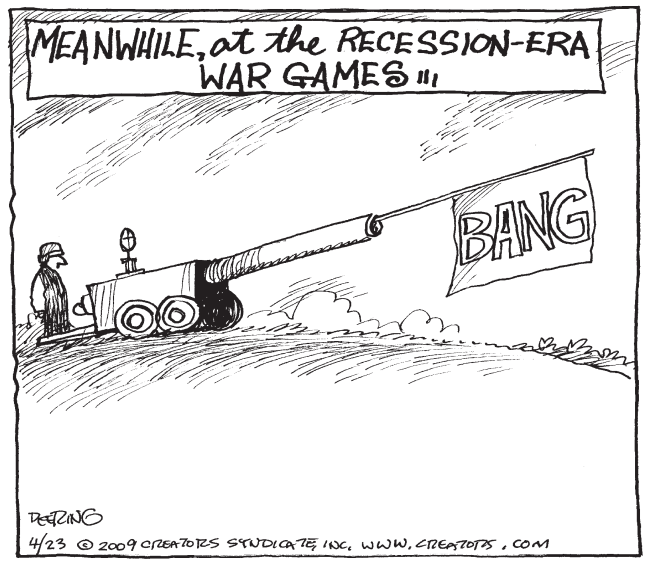
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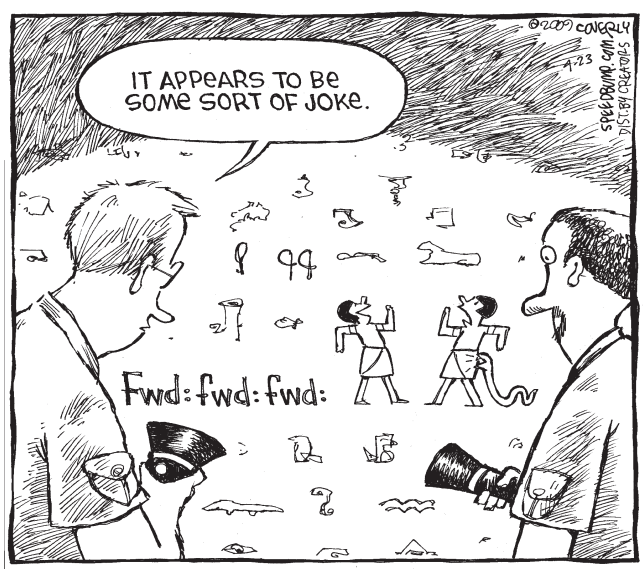
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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work.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

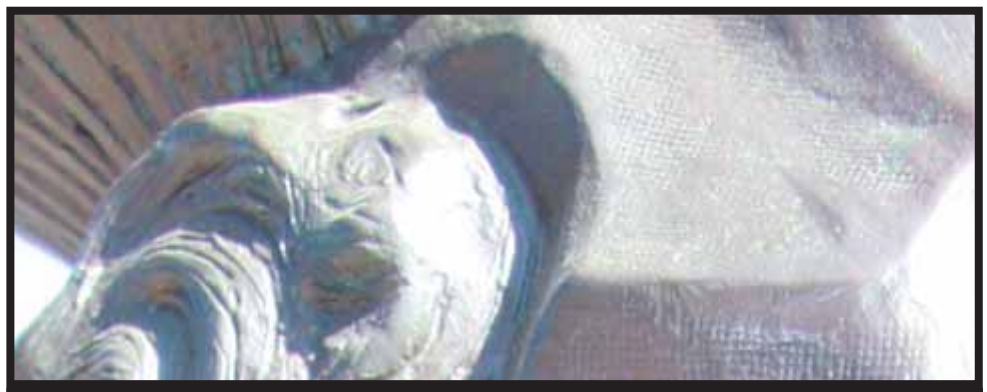
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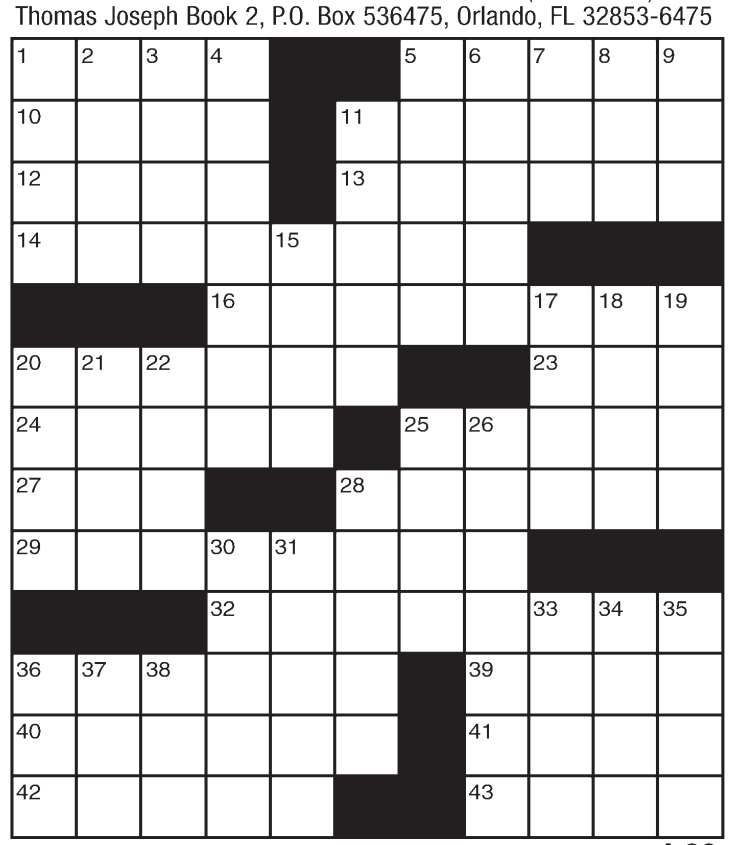
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Roetta grew up in Cedar City, Utah. She married Austin Lunt Merryweather in 1938. They moved to Santa Monica, California where they raised their four children. She was active in the L.D.S. church and served in many callings including as the Los Angeles Regional sports and camp director for 16 years. She loved tennis, music, poetry, upholstering and was an avid gardener. She spent the last several years in Cedar City, the town of her youth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six siblings, her husband, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren. She is survived by four of her siblings: Georgeanna Carpenter of Cedar City, Utah, Mary Barbour of Sandy, Utah, Betty Trujillo of Lodi, California and Cherazade Clark of Idaho. She is also survived by her four children: Clair (Pam) Merryweather of Redlands, CA, Evelyn (Willard,dec.) Isham of Toquerville, UT, Donna (Russell) Stewart of Coalinga, CA, Charles (Wilma) Merryweather of Enoch, UT, 27 grandchildren and 73 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the Cedar 1st Ward (Rock Church), 75 East Center St. Cedar City, Utah. Viewing will be held in the same chapel, Saturday morning from 11:30am to 12:30 pm. Interment, Cedar City Cemetery. Funeral services are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences may be sent at southernutahmortuary.com.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/10/2009. 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 4/9/2009, 4/16/2009, 4/23/2009, 4/30/2009

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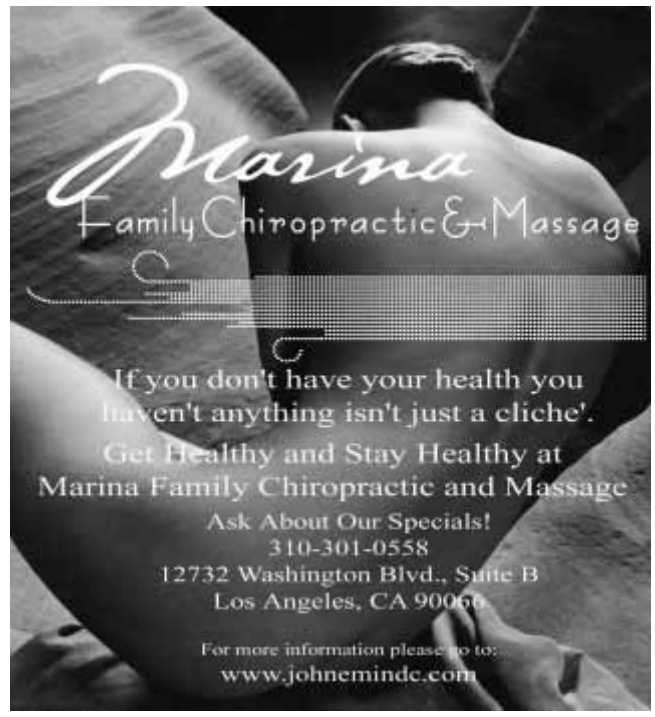
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