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Rent increases threaten local tenants

Housing Division, City Hall fight to keep low-income residents in place

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Since the beginning of the year, City Hall has intervened behind-the-scenes to keep approximately 50 low and extremely-low income individuals in their apartments after rents increased beyond the threshold of their government subsidies and ability to pay.

Individuals with federally-subsidized housing vouchers and those on other forms of assistance living in seven Santa Monica apartment complexes owned by NMS Properties received notices in January informing them that their rents would increase by $300 a month. If they couldn't pay they would have to move.

Those affected held Section 8 vouchers, federal subsidies that pay a significant portion of rent, or other forms of assistance and were placed in the apartments several years

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THE BIRD: **A parrot poses for a portrait Thursday at Omar's Exotic Birds on Wilshire Boulevard, the site of a cage exchange event to take place Sunday.**

Parrot care event offers new cages, education

BY SAMANTHA MASUNAGA
Special to the Daily Press

WILSHIRE BLVD After a hate-hate relationship with a boyfriend's pet parrot, Mira Tweti didn't feel any particular affinity toward the exotic birds.

That changed when she picked up a rainbow lorikeet at an Echo Park lotus festival in 1995.

Though she knew little about parrot care, Tweti kept the bird, named him Mango and began a close friendship that lasted 10 years.

"It's like adopting a child," said the author and journalist from Playa del Rey. "They're so smart, it's dumbfounding."

He asked for juice when he was thirsty, greeted Tweti each day with a "Good morning! I love you" and apologized before doing wrong deeds.

"When you have that with a bird, there's nothing that compares," Tweti said.

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Home in a home as families live together longer

BY AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES It's a home within a home — and it could be coming soon to a home near you.

Builders across the country are revamping home designs to meet the needs of a growing number of Americans who are now living with extended family.

The number of so-called multi-generational households — where adults are living with their elderly parents or grown children — has jumped since the Great Recession forced Americans to rethink living on their own. Demographic experts say it's poised to rise further as baby boomers age, so-called "boomerang kids" walloped by the weak job market stay home longer and ethnic groups such as Asians and Hispanics, who are more likely to live with extended family, continue to grow.

The housing industry is trying to keep up with the changes by adding self-contained suites to single-family homes from North Carolina to California to enable families to stay close while retaining a greater degree of independence.

"It's not the nuclear family, the American dream family that we see all the time," said Jerry Messman, a partner in national design firm BSB Design. "The builders are starting to respond to it."

After World War II, Americans were encouraged to move out of their parents'

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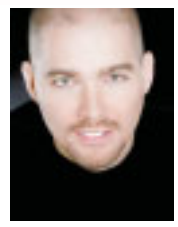

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Saturday, April 28, 2012

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Santa Monica High School, Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
Catch a duo of silent films to raise money for Samohi bands. Buster Keaton's "One Week" leads things off. "Their Purple Moment," starring Laurel and Hardy, rounds out the bill. Organist Donnie Rankin will accompany the films on Samohi's classic Wurlitzer organ. Cost: $10. For more information, call (310) 396-0666.

Healthy community
Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center
1250 16th St., 8 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Body, Mind, Spirit: Maximizing Your Potential is the title of a free community health seminar hosted by UCLA Health Systems in partnership with the YWCA. Interactive sessions will cover topics ranging from resilience to mindful awareness. For more information, call (800) 516-5323.

Flocking to food trucks
Cock 'n Bull British Pub
2947 Lincoln Blvd., 5 p.m. — 10 p.m.
GRUB N' PUB charity event is coming to Santa Monica on Saturday with the first annual food truck gathering. Some of the most popular mobile eateries, including Trailer Park Truck, Coolhaus and Steel City Sandwiches, will be there, in addition to handmade wares from Los Angeles area artists. A portion of the proceeds will go toward School on Wheels, a local charity that provides homeless students with tutoring, school supplies and financial scholarships. Attendees bringing new school supplies will receive prizes, including raffle tickets and food. For more information, call (310) 399-9696.

Puccini comes to town
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
855 Third St., 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Puccini's "Tosca," a meaty stew for opera lovers, will be presented by the Vineyard Touring Opera Company. For more information, call (855) 575-0005.

Sunday, April 29, 2012

Drug disposal
Santa Monica Police Station
333 Olympic Dr., 10 a.m., — 2 p.m.
Drop off your expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs this Sunday to help prevent pill abuse and theft. According to the Santa Monica Police Department, rates of prescription drug abuse are high, along with the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. The service is free, anonymous and no questions will be asked. An officer will be available at the curb for drive up drop offs.

Talking about religion
Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica
1260 18th St., 7:30 p.m.
UC Riverside professor and author Reza Aslan will speak about religion and Islam in the 21st century at this free public lecture. Copies of Aslan's book, "No god but God: The Origins, Evolution and Future of Islam," will be on hand for sale and signing. For more information, including parking tips, visit www.uusm.org

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Letters from the heart

New program helps elderly get closure, catharsis

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Some things are better left unsaid, but others can feel impossible to get out.

A new program offered at WISE & Healthy Aging is designed to get the elderly to write letters to people who will never see them as a way to work out and examine complex emotions that they so far have not been able to express.

Over the course of six weeks, participants will put pen to paper and create "Letters From the Heart," which Sheila Segal, director of WISE & Healthy Aging's peer counseling program, believes will help people open up, even if the subject of their discourse is beyond their reach.

"It's an opportunity for people who have unfinished business or emotional difficulties that they want to express, but not necessarily send the letter," Segal said. "They can identify unfinished business."

The concept is guided to a degree, giving participants the latitude to write what they wish or conform to certain topics if they need more structure.

"It's about evaluating your life," said Marsha Hirsch, a trained peer counselor and one of the facilitators of the group. "You reach a point in your life that you're looking back more than you're looking forward."

The concept appealed to Hirsch, who identifies as a writer.

Hirsch had an opportunity to use letters to see into her own past several years ago while helping to wrap up matters after her mother's death.

In the process of going through her belongings, Hirsch found a stack of letters she had written to her mother over the course of 40 years.

"It was like looking at my life in a diary," Hirsch said. "She kept every single letter."

Although many of the emotions may be painful, or difficult to share, the facilitators believe that there's more that seniors can examine.

Barbara Siegman, the second facilitator, was too young to think to ask her grandmothers about their experiences with the suffrage movement before they died.

Both would have been about 40 years old in 1920 when they won the right to go to the ballot box for the first time.

"There's 1,000 places you could go to explore thoughts about relationships," Siegman said.

The writing will take place during the week, and mostly by hand. The letters will be no more than two pages, which forces the writers to concentrate on emotions rather than life stories.

The weekly 90-minute sessions will begin with small groups, even pairs, reading the letters to one another and getting feedback, Hirsch said.

"Maybe they had a different slant on what you wrote than what you thought you were writing," she said.

If time allows, the writers will then get a chance to share their work with the larger group.

Interest in the group is already building, Segal said, but not from the usual suspects.

"I imagined this would be mainly women, but the calls I've been getting, it's a little more half and half. There's a whole generation of men coming here for help," she said.



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PEN TO PAPER: **Santa Monica seniors are being encouraged to write down their thoughts.**

Both the facilitators and Segal hope that the program will serve as a launching point to another group activity called the self-guided autobiography.

It's a much longer project that requires more structure, thought and focus on fact rather than just raw emotion, Segal said, but also comes with a great deal of therapeutic power.

"Letter writing is a great way for someone who hasn't done any writing to get their toes wet, so to speak," Segal said.

"Letters From the Heart" costs participants $25, or $5 for every session. Call WISE & Healthy Aging at (310) 394-9871 for more information.

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RENTS

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ago despite the fact that rents rose far faster than the dollar amount of their assistance.

According to Jim Andersen, president of NMS Properties, it made sense to rent to Section 8 voucher holders for a time, but eventually the difference between what the vouchers could pay and what the apartments were worth was too much.

"The gap between Section 8 and moderate-income housing has grown. We were OK with that for a period of time," Andersen said.

Once NMS had enough low-income apartments in its portfolio to house those on vouchers and other assistance that were in higher-priced units, they sent out the rent increase notices, Andersen said.

That raised alarms amongst renters who reached out to the Housing Authority for help. Over the course of the intervening weeks, housing officials, in concert with the City Attorney's Office, invoked other housing restrictions and hammered out deals to keep all residents in place.

NMS backed off.

"We looked at it as a solution," Andersen said. "We were happy to honor Section 8 housing if you want to move. It was $300 under the rent that we could charge under the deed restrictions. The gap was growing and we wanted to address it."

THE LAY OF THE LAND

How a person on limited income could get into an apartment worth so much more is a complicated question, but Santa Monica housing prices and who can get access to them is governed by far more than the so-called invisible hand of the market.

Most new developments have affordable housing built as part of the project. Some developers choose to build units off-site or contribute cash to an affordable housing fund.

The housing built can come in a variety of income ranges. Each designation depends on how much the individual or family earns compared to the median income in the area.

In Los Angeles County, that number is $64,800 for a family of four.

A single person can qualify as "moderate income" under federal housing program standards if they make $54,450 per year.

Section 8 housing vouchers allow recipients to go out and select their own apartments rather than forcing them to live in specific rentals.

Because the vouchers are not meant to place low-income individuals in luxury condominiums, they do come with restrictions. The vouchers only cover rents to a certain "maximum" dollar amount, which varies based on location.

In addition, those with vouchers may not spend more than 30 or 40 percent of their income on rent, further restricting the cost of the apartment they choose to acquire.

As private business people, landlords can always choose to accept Section 8 vouchers regardless of the price of the apartment.

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A sign of weakness

Editor:

In response to Jack Neworth's rambling, disjointed, rant about Mitt Romney ("Who didn't let the dogs out?" Laughing Matters, April 27), I am reminded of a phrase John Wayne used in one of his movies: "Never apologize – it's a sign of weakness."

Don Wagner
Santa Monica

Monopoly on free speech

Editor:

While reading the paper, I was amused to come across Mr. Holden's disgruntled missive regarding atheists in the local community ("Do not displace," Letters to the Editor, April 24). He makes the claim that local non-believers are attempting to restrict free speech, and that City Hall is complicit in religious persecution by allowing atheist citizens the same self-expression rights as their religious neighbors. Perhaps someone should inform Mr. Holden that religious organizations do not hold a monopoly on free speech; the rest of us are well within our rights to exercise our own non-sectarian version of it.

He also mentions that our city's name has religious origins, as if this were an Earth-shattering argument that somehow voids the free expression rights of the non-believing local. If the religious name "Santa Monica" matters as much as he seems to imply, one would wonder how he could possibly accuse it of religious persecution. It is true, as Mr. Holden sardonically quips, there are other townships with religiously inspired titles; perhaps he'd be better off expatriating himself to one of them.

Jonathan Rogers
Santa Monica

Benefiting seniors

Editor:

I have to add my sentiment to those who are appalled that the Senior Center on Ocean Avenue is being taken away from people who don't make enough campaign contributions. Visit the Senior Center around lunch time. It isn't just getting some food. It is a social place where seniors get together and visit and play cards. There is a very nice atmosphere. Seniors are not relegated to some room with just four walls resembling a large closet.

We may not be in an up economy, but with all the money the city and most of the council members are raking in from the developers, surely we don't have to push grandma into a back room. Developers who are making millions by choking our streets with traffic, blocking views and sunlight and displacing working people are supposed to come up with community benefits. If it is really a money issue, let the developers step up and show some humanity for a change. While the developers are cruising around on their yachts, they can at least let the seniors see some daylight.

Are you listening Mr. Dell? You certainly tried doing a sell job at the City Council meeting about how charitable you are in Santa Monica. You got a full-page ad in the Daily Press advertising all your supporters. Since it is the developers who truly own and control Santa Monica, at least contribute some actual community benefits.

Jeanne Laurie
Santa Monica

Backing Barack

Editor:

The president and Michelle Obama are the best thing that's happened to this country for a very long time. Their forward thinking views on education, healthcare, the economy and the environment are slowly, but surely bringing our country back from the disaster that was so heavily fueled by the George W. Bush league. We need a president that understands that clean air and water should be a right of the people and is willing to work towards that goal. Our country needs President Obama.

Joseph & Christine Hardin
Santa Monica

On the Beat

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Sorry, wrong number

Q: I WAS TRYING TO MAKE AN international phone call the other day and I ended up calling 911 by mistake. I hung up and dialed the correct number but I think an operator from the police department was trying to call me while I was on the phone. I continued my international call and about five minutes later, I had two Santa Monica police officers standing at my front door. The officers said they were at my home to make sure no one had an emergency. I told them I called 911 by mistake, but I hung up before I spoke to anyone. I made a simple mistake, but did the police really have to come and check on me?

A: The Santa Monica Police Department receives thousands of 911 calls every year. These calls range from medical emergencies to crimes in progress, and in some cases, we even receive 911 calls when phone equipment malfunctions during periods of severe weather (rain, wind, etc.). When a call is received by 911 and there is no one speaking to the operator, we don't know what is going on or what the reason for the call may be.

I have been a police officer for 17 years and have responded to thousands of 911 calls during my career. More than half of those responses were to locations (homes and offices) where the caller either hung up or didn't speak to the 911 operator. I have also responded to locations where people have had a medical emergency and passed out before they were able to speak to the 911 operator. There were times where an individual tried to call 911 for help but an assailant prevented the caller from speaking to an operator. I have also responded to homes where a young child was able to get to the phone and pushed the emergency button (which automatically calls 911) and the parents had no idea the child had the phone.

When we receive 911 calls and are unable to speak to someone on the other end of the line, we respond to the location to make sure there is not an emergency. If you are calling from a land line or pay phone, the address from where the call was made will appear on the operator's computer screen when the call is answered by an operator. The operator will then call the number and try to speak with someone to see if there is an emergency. If the operator cannot reach anyone, they will then dispatch police officers to the location to make sure there isn't an emergency.

If you call 911 by mistake and you are aware of it, don't hang up. Please stay on the line and speak with the operator. Tell the operator you dialed 911 by mistake and don't have an emergency.

Q: I have never had to call 911 for anything before, and lately I have noticed some suspicious activity in my neighborhood. Can I call 911 for this, or is there another number I can call when I see this type of activity?

A: Let's differentiate between 911 and the Santa Monica Police Department's non-emergency number. First, let's talk about 911. A person should typically call 911 for the following situations:

- A fire
- A medical emergency, such as choking, drowning, electrocution, severe injury/burn/bleeding, etc.
- A situation where serious personal injury has occurred or may occur
- A life-threatening situation such as a fight, a person with a weapon, etc.
- Any crime in progress where you are a victim or witness, whether or not a life is threatened
- Any crime that has just been committed for which you are a victim or witness and can provide suspect and/or vehicle description that can help the police make an apprehension
- A traffic accident with serious injuries
- Other dangerous occurrences, such as a gas leak or downed power lines

When you call 911, here's what you need to do:

- Remain calm (I know this can be tough in certain situations) and speak clearly and slowly
- Describe the emergency to the operator
- Give the address (or intersection) where help is needed
- The operator will ask you questions about what you have seen. Please be brief and responsive. The operator will ask you questions like what happened, where it happened, if there are injuries and the number of suspects involved. Operators may also ask if vehicles are involved (and how many) and direction of travel for the vehicles. The operator will ask the caller all these questions because he or she is trying to get as much information as possible to pass on to responding officers. Responding officers use this information to assess the situation and decide on the appropriate action to take
- Remain on the line until the operator advises you it is OK to hang up

There may be times when you need an officer to respond to your location but it may not be an emergency and calling 911 would be inappropriate. The SMPD's non–emergency number — (310) 458-8491 — should be utilized for these types of situations. Non-emergency incidents include (but are not limited to):

- Vehicle break-ins, thefts and burglaries where the crime has already occurred and the victim/witness cannot provide information that would assist in the apprehension of the suspect(s)
- Vandalism
- Disturbances that are not violent or life threatening
- Nuisances such as barking dogs, loud music or other excessive noise
- Suspicious activity where a crime is not being committed but the citizen feels a crime may be committed due to time of day, location and recent crime activity in the area.

Those are just a few incidents that will hopefully provide a guide to citizens on what number to call when they need assistance from the Santa Monica Police Department. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me. My information, as well as the other neighborhood resource officers, can be found at www.santamonicapd.org.

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Bang bang, you're dressed

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE WORRIED that the fashion industry is ignoring America's gun owners, stop worrying.

According to a recent article in the New York Times, Woolrich, the long-established clothing company, is now making clothes that come with a place to hide handguns and other weapons. So the next time you're doing your holiday shopping, you might hear the customer in front of you saying, "I'd like to buy a pair of pants with cuffs, a low rise and a gun holster waistband. And please wrap that as a Christmas gift."

Woolrich makes it clear that this clothing is not for self-styled commandos. Instead, it is for the "fashion aware gun owner." I guess that means soon there will be fashion shows with models walking down the runway wearing Glock-concealing thongs.

Several other clothing manufacturers now make clothes for people who carry concealed handguns and have been annoyed by that pesky gun bulge in traditional clothes. What's the point of carrying a concealed weapon if your clothes don't allow it to be concealed?

Sales of this kind of clothing have increased dramatically over the past few years as more and more states allow people to carry concealed weapons. I've never understood the point of carrying a concealed weapon for protection. If you really want to deter someone from attacking you or robbing your house, wouldn't they be more discouraged if they saw you were carrying a gun? You know, as in, "I'm not going to mess with that guy. He's got a gun." I'm sure I'll become enlightened on this when I receive explanations from those readers who carry concealed weapons. I just hope they are wearing clothes that allow them to e-mail comfortably while carrying.

Under Armour is another company that will soon be weapons-fashionable. Under Armour is known for its athletic wear. Soon, fans will be able to wear their weapon-hiding Under Armour clothes while attending high school, college and pro sports games. This is great, because there's not enough fan violence at sporting events.

Fans? Wait a minute. Why limit weapon-hiding clothes to the fans at games? How about the players? Wouldn't they be perfect for athletes who want a little extra protection? I can hear the slogan now: "Sometimes a helmet and shoulder pads just aren't enough." Crowds won't be limited to shouting, "defense, defense" during games. Soon they'll be crying out, "Self defense, self defense."

"SEVERAL OTHER CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS NOW MAKE CLOTHES FOR PEOPLE WHO CARRY CONCEALED HANDGUNS WHO HAVE BEEN ANNOYED BY THAT PESKY GUN BULGE IN TRADITIONAL CLOTHES."

I'm sure aggressive manufacturers will not forget another important demographic — babies. The National Rifle Association's website talks about safety and how important it is to educate young children about firearms. They even have suggestions for a school program for kids in pre-kindergarten. So, if parents hide their guns in their babies' special diapers, they'll be accomplishing two things. First, they'll get their tots to feel more comfortable around guns. Second, they'll be prepared to ward off any violent parents who cut in front of them at Babies "R" Us.

There is bound to be a bit of a transition time. So don't be surprised if you see someone turn to a cop and say, "I swear — I didn't know the diaper was loaded."

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Asian technique meets Hispanic ingredients

BY ELEANOR HOH
For The Associated Press

Stir-fry and salsa aren't traditional companions on the plate, but that doesn't mean there can't be a little common ground.

As a wok cooking teacher, I'm constantly looking for new ways to use my wok, including with cuisines other than Asian. And it turns out the Hispanic world has a wealth of ingredients and classic recipes perfectly suited to this cooking style.

Though I grew up in Hong Kong — where I watched local cooks use huge cast-iron woks to prepare classic street foods such as choutofu (stinky tofu), stuffed peppers, curried octopus and roasted chestnuts — I now live in Miami, a city rich with Cuban culture. I've noticed many similarities in cooking techniques, ingredients and seasonings between the cultures.

Cuban-style paella, for example, is similar to Asian fried rice. Even the paella pan resembles a wok.

Look more broadly across Hispanic cuisines and examples are plentiful. Churros and Chinese crullers are both crispy deep-fried dough sticks. Fillings for quesadillas, fajitas and tacos are basically stir-fried beef, chicken or pork.

In Peru, which has a sizable population of Chinese immigrants, there is even an Asian-Peruvian fusion dish known as chifa, a mash-up of the term "chow fan," which refers to Chinese fried rice. Chifa — basically fried rice with native Peruvian ingredients, often leftovers, and soy sauce — has become an integral part of Peruvian cuisine.

One of the most common ways to cook in a wok is to do so briefly at very high heat. This is why ingredients often are cooked in batches according to how long they should take. For example, vegetables go in until just tender, but still lightly crisp, then are removed from the pan. Next, the meat is cooked until nicely seared, then everything is combined.

This same approach works with Hispanic ingredients. It can be as simple as stir-frying some onion, peppers and other vegetables, then setting those aside. Add some thinly sliced beef, pork or chicken with Hispanic seasonings and cook that. When the meat is ready, combine everything and use as a filling for tacos.

But woks can do more than stir-fry, and that versatility is what makes them so useful for other cuisines. Because of their shape and wide opening, woks are great for deep frying, steaming, stewing, toasting spices and nuts, even baking.

For example, a wok can fry up churros as easily as wonton-wrapped dumplings or spring rolls. It also can be used to fry plantains. And in both cases, the attachable wire rack that clips to the side of the wok is excellent for draining excess oil from the fried foods.

Don't have a paella pan? Use a large wok. It also does a fine job with arroz con pollo — brown the chicken, cook the sofrito and tomato sauce, then add the rice and other ingredients. I've even made tortilla omelets in my wok. Start by stir-frying the vegetables in the wok, then add the mixture of egg and cheese. Set the entire thing in the oven (set on a wok ring) and bake.

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Wok picadillo

A cast-iron wok over gas heat is the best choice. But in a pinch, a large cast-iron skillet can be substituted. A stainless or carbon steel wok also can be used, though you may find you need to use more oil to prevent sticking. Never use nonstick woks for high-heat frying; they aren't made to tolerate extreme heat.

Because speed is essential when cooking at high heat in a wok, it's important to have all ingredients prepped ahead. If you are using a small wok or a skillet, you may need to cook the meat in two batches. Avoid crowding the pan, as this cools it. The meat also should be cooked in two batches if your stove is electric, which does not maintain temperature as well as gas.

Stainless steel spatulas with a wooden handle and curved edge work best with steel or cast-iron woks. This dish is best served with rice, especially red or brown. Start the rice cooking as you prep your ingredients so everything is ready at the same time.

Start to finish: 30 minutes

Servings: 4

1 tablespoon tamari or good (MSG-free) soy sauce
1 teaspoon medium drinking sherry
2 teaspoons of cornstarch
2 pinches white pepper
1 pound 90 percent lean ground beef
1 tablespoon canola or other high-heat oil, divided
1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped

1/2 medium green bell pepper, cored and finely chopped
1/2 medium red bell pepper, cored and finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, diced
2 plum tomatoes, finely chopped
1/4 cup diced green olives with pimentos
1/4 cup raisins
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon paprika
Juice of 1 lime
Sprigs of fresh cilantro, mint or parsley, to serve

In a medium bowl, whisk together the tamari, sherry, cornstarch and white pepper. Add the ground beef and mix until thoroughly incorporated. Set aside.

Set your wok over high and let heat for 1 minute. Add 1/2 tablespoon of the oil and heat until it shimmers. Add the onion and both bell peppers. As soon as they hit the wok, immediately stir them around the pan. Cook for 5 minutes, or until the onions and peppers are just barely cooked and still firm and colorful.

Transfer the vegetables to a plate. Use paper towels to dry the wok, then return it to the heat.

When the wok is hot again, add the remaining 1/2 tablespoon of oil and heat until it shimmers. Add the garlic first, then immediately add the ground beef.

Use the back of the spatula to spread the beef across the wok as if frying a wide burger. Let the meat sear on one side until golden brown. This gives your meat a crispy exterior with juicy interior. You can test for doneness by flipping beef in the center of your wok where the heat is the hottest. If it is golden brown, flip all the beef and start breaking it up with your spatula.

Once the beef is just cooked (when you don't see any red, about 7 minutes), return the onion-pepper mixture to the pan. Add the tomatoes, olives, raisins, cumin, oregano and paprika. Mix well, then reduce heat to medium and fry for 5 minutes. Stir in the lime juice.

Serve spooned over rice and topped with fresh cilantro, mint or parsley.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 340 calories; 160 calories from fat (47 percent of total calories); 17 g fat (5 g saturated; 0.5 g trans fats); 75 mg cholesterol; 19 g carbohydrate; 25 g protein; 3 g fiber; 670 mg sodium.





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WHAT A PAIR: **West 4th and Jane owner Steve Lieberman with his new chef, Ryan Turner. The public is invited to check out Turner's new menu May 9 at the Downtown gastropub.**

West 4th welcomes new chef

FROM MAIN STREET TO MONTANA Avenue, places to wet your whistle come a dime a dozen.

However, some of the better places that offer a wider beer selection are more than likely to also hold tastings, dinners, and events showcasing a certain brewery's goods. It's a great way to differentiate yourself and to create a rep.

After recent success with a beer dinner featuring Firestone-Walker Brewing Co. from Paso Robles, Calif., West 4th and Jane gave it another go around, but this time with Ommegang Brewery from Cooperstown, N.Y. It was fitting to feature Ommegang since the gastropub was founded by Steve Lieberman and Keith O'Brien, two high school chums from the city that never sleeps.

The evening was set with the usual cast of characters — press, PR people, beer reps, but with a large showing of regulars as well. The general consensus from my table, which consisted of a lawyer, an account exec, an art director, amongst others, was they liked the bar, they liked the food, so adding copious amounts of beer was a no brainer.

It was a five course affair paired with five different types of beers. Ommegang specializes in Belgium style-beer, which by definition runs the gamut from blonde ales to lambics, saisons to trappist Beers, and everything in between. The beers at the tasting had a similar spectrum of variety, but were paired very nicely with their corresponding dish and vice versa.

A great example was the first course, which consisted of an exquisite piece of hamachi paired with Ommegang's Witte, the lightest of the beers in color, flavor, and alcohol content described as flavorful, soft and hazy. Soft and hazy was the general tone as the courses continued to arrive — along with the pitchers.

Each time a new beer would come to the table, someone would declare "this is my new favorite." Perhaps the people at Ommegang knew to save the best for last. It must also be noted that the alcohol level in each new pitcher seemed to be higher too.

A standard beer dinner for myself usually consists of beer, pretzels, more beer, more pretzels, even more beer, shots, and then Taco Bell. This beer dinner was quite the opposite. Chef Ryan Turner did an exemplary job sizing up each beer, and pairing them with what was becoming an increasingly more inebriated group. Not to undermine the himachi, or roasted baby beets, but when the chicken fried quail and waffle arrived, followed by a plate of crispy pig ear, braised pork cheek, and nori rubbed pork loin, it's safe to say that it brought out the fat kid in all of us.

Ommegang delivered with a great lineup from the Witte, to a farmhouse saison, dubbel, amber, and topped off by their 3 Philosophers, which was described as a dessert beer; dark, sweet, and at 9.7 percent abv, a perfect night cap.

From Firestone to Ommegang, 4th and Jane has aligned itself with quality beer makers. The establishment also lucked out with a chef who delivered an outstanding meal in plating, creativity, and taste (the three judging categories for "Iron Chef"). All because their last chef quit during the organizing of this beer dinner, and Ryan had to step in on short notice. That's a story for a different day, probably for their re-launch party on May 9.

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In these tough economic times many people are finding themselves out of work, sometimes for the first time in their lives. More than three million Americans are fired each year. After the initial shock of being fired has worn off, the practicalities of having to navigate the unemployment insurance system come into sharp focus.

Generally, you are entitled to unemployment benefits if you are unemployed through no fault of your own, for example, if you were laid off, fired for a reason other than misconduct, or quit your job for good reason. Once the Employment Development Department (EDD) has received your application for benefits, it usually conducts a telephone interview with you, and also with your employer, to find out why you were fired.

Unfortunately, some unscrupulous employers challenge their former employee's application for benefits even when that employee was fired through no fault of his or her own. In this case, the employer usually claims that the employee was fired for misconduct.

If your application for benefits is denied, you have 20 days to file an appeal. If you believe that your benefits were unfairly denied, it is very important that you file a timely appeal. You will receive a hearing date about 4-6 weeks later. Sometimes, the employer does not even bother to show up to the appeal hearing; they were counting on the fact that you wouldn't fight the denial of your benefits.

The hearing is your chance to explain your side of the story to an Administrative Law Judge. It is natural to feel nervous before the hearing, but you will feel better if you are properly prepared to present your case. You should ask to review the EDD's file on your case, which will include the interview notes with your employer. This means you will get a chance to see what your employer said about why you were fired. You can also send a written request to your employer asking to inspect your personnel file pursuant to Labor Code Section 1198.5. You can ask witnesses who can corroborate your version of events to come with you to the hearing. If they can't come, you can ask them to give you a written statement to take along with you. You can also ask the EDD to subpoena witnesses for you. Finally, you should familiarize yourself with the law that applies to your case. A good starting place is the "Benefit Determination Guide" on the EDD website: http://www.edd.ca.gov/UIBDG/default.htm.

You don't have to bring an attorney with you to the hearing, although you may feel more confident with the support of an attorney experienced in this area. The Legal Grind can put you in touch with an attorney who can help you through the process, from advice on preparation to representation at your appeal hearing.

Depending on the circumstances of your termination, you may also wish to seek legal advice to determine whether you have any legal claims arising out of your discharge. Although most workers in California are "at will" employees, which means they can be fired for any reason or for no reason at all, even "at will" employees cannot be fired in certain circumstances. For example, an employer cannot fire its employee for a discriminatory reason; or because s/he made a health and safety complaint; or because she took time off to perform jury duty. This is a complex area of the law, and an attorney can advise you on whether you may have grounds for a wrongful discharge suit.

Upon investigation of the circumstances of your termination, an attorney may also identify violations which took place during your employment. For example, you may have an overtime claim if your employer did not pay overtime pay (time and a half) for all hours over eight in a day, and forty in a week, or a claim for meal period premium pay if you were unable to take an uninterrupted 30 minute meal break per five hours worked. Exploring potential claims with an attorney may help to give you some peace of mind in this difficult time.

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Holstein with mad cow disease was lame, lying down

BY TRACIE CONE
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FRESNO, Calif. The California dairy cow found to have mad cow disease was very old for a milk producer and had been euthanized after it became lame and started lying down, federal officials revealed in their latest update on the discovery.

The 10-year-old dairy cow, only the fourth ever discovered in the United States, was found as part of an Agriculture Department program that tests about 40,000 cows a year for the fatal brain disease. It was unable to stand before it was killed and sent to a rendering plant's Hanford, Calif. transfer station.

It was one of dozens that underwent random testing at the transfer site, and the positive results have set off a federal investigation into the source of the disease.

U.S. health officials say there is no risk to the food supply. The California cow was never destined for the meat market, and it developed "atypical" BSE from a random mutation, something that scientists know happens occasionally. Somehow, a protein the body normally harbors folds into an abnormal shape called a prion, setting off a chain reaction of misfolds that eventually kills brain cells.

A USDA spokesman says they do not yet know what causes this strain of the disease. Agriculture officials are investigating, among other things, whether feed sources might have played a role in the animal contracting the fatal illness.

The strain of bovine spongiform encephalopathy that appeared in the UK in the 1990s and set off a worldwide beef scare was a form caused by cattle eating rendered protein supplements derived from slaughtered cattle, including brains and spinal columns, where the disease is harbored. Scientists know less about the "atypical" strain.

It "may or may not be related to feed or forage type," said Larry Hawkins, spokesman for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in California.

The dairy in question is one of 381 in Tulare County, the No. 1 dairy county in the nation. Most mega-dairies have computerized records which would allow investigators to easily track any offspring the cow had in order to keep up her milk production.

However, USDA spokesman Matt Herrick said investigators are laboring through paper records. That fact, combined with the fact that the cow was more than twice as old as most milk cows in the system, could indicate one of the region's smaller dairies is the target of the probe.

The World Organization for Animal Health has established protocol for investigations into cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy that includes finding other cows that the Holstein in question was raised with, tracking down all progeny and determining what she ate.

After the UK crisis, federal regulations changed to keep brains and spinal columns in cattle over 30 from being rendered into protein products for human consumption. In addition, bovine protein is not supposed to be fed to other bovines.

However, bovine protein is routinely fed to egg-laying chickens, and the "litter" from those chickens — chicken excrement and the feed that spills onto the floor — is collected and rendered back into cattle feed. Neurodegenerative researchers such as UC San Francisco's Dr. Stanley Prusiner, who received the 1997 Nobel Prize in Medicine for discovering prions — the protein associated with BSE — has warned that the US should ban poultry waste in cattle feed.

Most dairy cows typically experience declining milk production by age 5 and are sent to slaughterhouses to be ground into hamburger. The FDA tests 40,000 of the nation's 35 million slaughtered dairy and beef cattle annually for BSE, targeting animals older than 30 months, when the disease is more likely to appear. However, there are cases of BSE that have been detected in cattle as young as 20 months.

"We are testing .12 percent of the cattle slaughtered," Michael Hansen, senior scientist at the Consumers Union and a longtime critic of the US policy regarding mad cow disease. "In Japan they test all cattle over 20 months, in Europe it's all cattle over 24 or 30 months, depending on the country. They've been able to find sick animals that look healthy but could have ended up in the food supply."

A move by a Kansas beef packer in 2006 to voluntarily test all of its beef so it could label the packages "BSE free," was thwarted by the USDA, which argued that it would create instability in the market. Creekstone Farms Premium Beef had challenged the USDA's position that it held legal authority to control access to the test kits.

In the current case, the USDA didn't elaborate on the cow's symptoms other than to say it was "humanely euthanized after it developed lameness and became recumbent." Outward symptoms of the disease can include unsteadiness and incoordination.

The unidentified Tulare County dairy where the cow died was not under obligation to report its suspicious behavior, according to state and federal agriculture officials, because the symptoms mimic other neurological diseases that can afflict cattle, said Dr. Richard Breitmeyer, director of the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory at UC Davis.

"In reality (mad cow disease) is so rare in this country and there are just very little in the way of clinical signs specific to BSE alone," said Breitmeyer, who spent 17 years as California's state veterinarian.

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Mango eventually died of a fungal infection, but Tweti's new awareness of parrot care and the prevalence of parrots in substandard conditions spurred her to push for better owner education for 17 years.

This Sunday, Tweti's nonprofit organization Parrot Care Project is kicking off the Cage xChange Campaign by hosting a bird cage exchange at Omar's Exotic Birds on Wilshire Boulevard on the east side of town. The event runs from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will allow bird owners to turn in their too-small cages for larger ones at below wholesale prices. The store will also have rescued and pre-owned parrots to adopt.

A few hundred people are expected to attend, said Omar Gonzales, owner of the store.

Though parrots are seen as beautiful, exotic and highly conscious birds, Tweti said many owners are unaware of the amount of time necessary to keep them healthy. According to her research, the vast majority of birds are in cages that are too small for them, leading to conditions like feather picking and biting.

"People really don't know how to care for them," Tweti said. "It has to change."

In Santa Monica, there are few calls about parrot abuse or mistreatment, said Jessica Davenport, animal control officer at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter. Any parrot concerns usually fall into the category of occasional noise complaints, she said.

Yet, adequate parrot care is something that has surfaced in Irene Pepperberg's research. As a research assistant at Harvard University and an adjunct associate professor at Brandeis University, Pepperberg studies animal cognition and specializes in parrots.

In the wild, parrots are highly social and live in huge flocks, frequently foraging for food across long distances. These conditions cannot translate into captivity, when birds sometimes sit alone in a cage for hours, she said.

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>
> **Mira Tweti,**
> founder of the Parrot Care Project and Cage xChange Campaign

Though she said parrots can be good pets, she emphasized that the specificity of their needs do not always fit into every owner's lifestyle.

"(Owners) don't realize how intelligent and incredible these birds are," Pepperberg said. "It's an incredible responsibility."

This is what Tweti said she is hoping to change.

"That event should start a domino effect of people changing the way they treat their parrots," she said. "Right now, parrots are really seen as fish in a cage — they're decorative ... and the majority of people don't take their parrots out of the cage. This is the beginning of this re-education."

Omar's Exotic Birds is located at 3301 Wilshire Blvd. For more information about the Cage xChange event, visit www.cagexchange.com.

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house when they reached adulthood and achieve independence at an earlier age. Over the next few decades, young families ventured out to live on their own, separately from their parents, in traditional single-family homes.

Since 1980, however, the number of families living in multi-generational households has steadily climbed, buoyed by a wave of immigration and delayed marriages. After the onset of the Great Recession, the number jumped even higher — rising 10.5 percent in a two-year period so that nearly 17 percent of Americans lived in multi-generational households by 2009, according to a report by the Pew Research Center.

During the last year, builders and home designers have started to respond to the trend by rolling out layouts for single-family houses that include a semi-independent suite with a separate entry, bathroom and kitchenette. Some suites even include their own laundry areas and outdoor patios for additional privacy, though they maintain a connection to the main house through an inside door.

Reanna Cox, 33, bought a new home earlier this year in San Bernardino with a suite that connects to her kitchen through a hallway. Initially, Cox and her husband planned to have his aging parents live there. But when her sister lost her job, Cox invited her to move into the suite with her young daughter.

"It's somewhere they can live to get themselves back on their feet," said Cox, who moved to the tan, five bedroom house with caramel-colored shutters to shorten her daily commute.

Lennar Corp., based in Miami, is offering 3,400 square-foot homes that include a roughly 700 square-foot suite in Las Vegas. Standard Pacific Homes of Irvine is offering a self-contained "casita" attached to the main house as an option on its new designs.

Both companies say the plans have been popular since they were rolled out last year.

But it isn't clear what share of homebuyers will buy these homes — especially since immigrant families from Asia and Latin America who have traditionally lived together have long found ways to do so without this option, said Gary Painter, research director at the University of Southern California's Lusk Center for Real Estate.

"There certainly is a demand to be close," Painter said. "We just don't have enough in the market to make a definitive statement about whether this sort of kitchenette living or guest house nearby will become a next wave."

But in higher-end markets, Painter said it's more likely such plans could prosper, including among well-to-do immigrant families.

New home sales have struggled as builders face competition from foreclosures and short sales. While sales of previously occupied homes have risen more than 13 percent since July, sales of U.S. new homes fell in February for the second straight month and remain well below levels that economists consider healthy.

Lennar is offering its so-called "Next Gen" designs in states ranging from California to Texas to Florida. Sales of these multi-generational homes account for a very small percentage of the company's sales but are growing quickly, said Jeff Roos, Lennar's western regional president.

Multi-generational homes are expected to account for roughly 30 to 40 percent of new homes in communities where the floor plans are being offered, Roos said.

The Aliso Viejo-based New Home Company is rolling out a range of options for multi-generational living in the affluent Orange County suburb of Irvine, where the Asian population has nearly doubled in the last decade.

The company's floor plans include a self-contained suite attached to a main house or separate homes that share a common yard and pool. The company has reached out to Asian buyers by offering touches such as specially designed wok kitchens and dedicated music rooms, but the homes are also drawing buyers from other ethnic backgrounds, said Joan Marcus-Colvin, the company's vice president of sales, marketing and design.

"Although extremely popular within the Asian culture, (multi-generational living) is also something a lot of other people are having to deal with," she said.

Jim Park, vice chair of the Asian Real Estate Association of America, said he thinks multi-generational designs are a smart move, especially in light of Asian Americans' preference for new construction and the community's rising purchasing power.

"In my experience, people do move toward home products that are going to meet their needs better," said Park, who owns a real estate firm in San Diego.

Builders say the tendency to live together longer comes down to a matter of economics as families of varied ethnic backgrounds cope with the wake of the recession and the needs of aging parents, who may have seen their retirement savings depleted in the downturn.

"We see so many families that are living like this," said Jeremy Parness, Lennar's division president in Las Vegas. "There's so many different reasons, all driven mostly by economics."

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It might even make sense to do so, depending on the rental climate at the time, given that most of the payment is covered by the federal government.

According to a City Council presentation given by Housing and Economic Development Director Andy Agle in February, landlords can get more money from renting moderate income apartments with zero to one bedrooms to those with vouchers than they would be renting the apartment to someone who does not because of thresholds set by the feds.

It's only when apartments hit the two or three-bedroom range that income restrictions attached to the apartments bring rents below market-rate.

According to the report, a one-bedroom moderate income apartment goes for $1,708 a month, but a Section 8 housing voucher only covers $1,352 of that.

And, according to the rules of the program, the voucher holder is not allowed to pay more than $580 each month on top of that for the remainder of the rent and utilities.

That's the situation that led to the $300 gap that NMS started to see between what its apartments were worth and how much it was getting out of its tenants.

THE LANDLORDS

If it sounds complicated, it is.

Some landlords, either through inexperience or recent acquisition of properties, might not even know what rules apply to which units, be it Section 8 or inherited income restrictions.

That can work against them if, as in the case of NMS, they decided that rents were being held artificially low without reason.

Arnie Corlin, a Los Angeles landlord, follows affordable housing, and Section 8 requirements in particular, as part of his work with the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles.

"I follow all of it, and I have difficulty," he said. "It's extremely challenging to learn it or understand it."

Corlin accepts the vouchers, but the added inspections required by the public housing authority and other red tape adds another $200 to each unit, he said.

Groups like NMS Properties have their own in-house professionals to manage Section 8 requirements and keep track of income restrictions on units in their portfolio, but most landlords don't, Corlin said.

"Three-quarters of rental units are mom and pops of four units or less," Corlin said. "Rarely do they have more than 10."

NMS does have specialists on staff that deal specifically with affordable housing, however, and, unlike landlords with smaller holdings and fewer staff, knew exactly who was in what apartment and what could be charged.

On Jan. 10, 2012, some tenants received 90-day notices that their rents would be increased.

INTERVENTION

The Housing Division, City Attorney's Office and Legal Aid came together to work to find ways to keep the residents in place.

In large part, it was Santa Monica's complicated hodge podge of rental restrictions that saved the homes.

Beyond income requirements, some of the units had restrictions still on them from agreements made with City Hall after the 1994 Northridge earthquake. Landlords whose buildings had been damaged in the earthquake received low interest loans from City Hall in return for affordable housing guarantees.

"We paid the money back, but the restrictions stay on for life," Andersen said.

Other units fell under Santa Monica's rent control laws, which govern 71.7 percent of units in the city, according to a 2011 Rent Control Board report.

After "innumerable hours" of work and a great deal of stress on the part of older tenants who feared that their units might be taken from them, NMS agreed to rescind the increase notices.

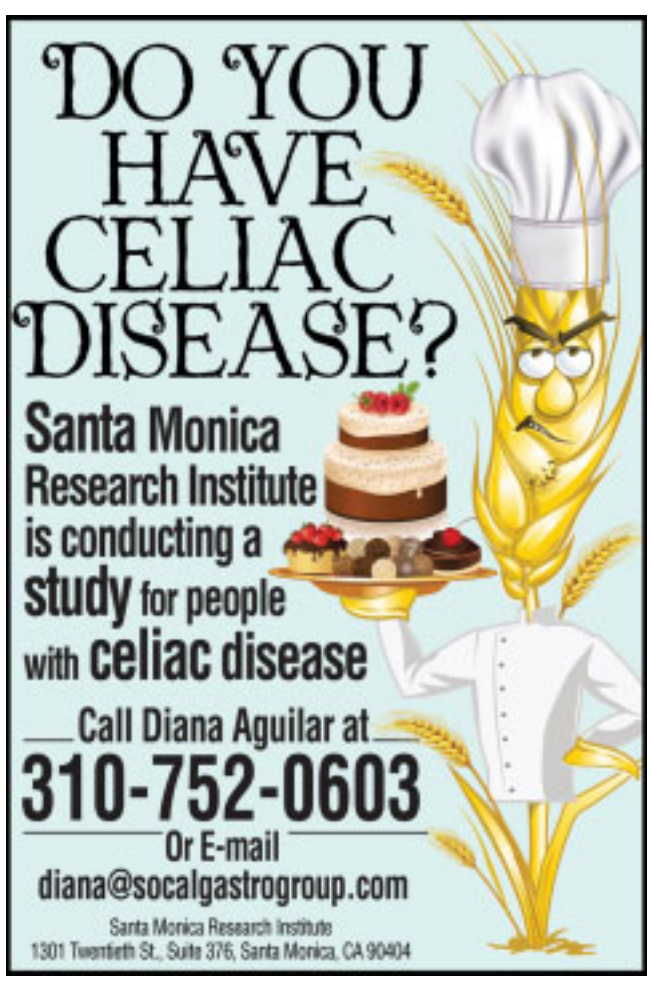
The company still feels that it had the right to raise the rents, but "wanted to do the right thing by people in our buildings," Andersen said.

"We think we followed the rules," he said. "It's complicated, interpretational stuff. There's room for debate about what the right process was to go through with all these things."

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The Q Line

To rent or not to rent?

There's a movement afoot to ease City Hall's restrictions on allowing residences to be rented out as vacation homes. City officials are actively trying to shut the practice down, but plenty of owners would like the chance to make some extra money.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think homeowners should be allowed to rent their properties out or should the practice remain illegal?

Here are your responses:

"I LIKE THE IDEA OF LAND OWNERS making money on their own property. What I don't like is being subjected to the debris of carefree renters subtracting from the neighborhood calm. Real progress does not mean more taxes — it means more wisdom from the stupidity of City Hall."

"YES, JUST BECAUSE THE CITY OF San Malicious has one of the more restrictive rent control laws in the country, last I checked, we're still living in a free nation. So as a former landlord and believer in private property, I definitely think that it is totally out of line to forbid people form renting out their homes. People have taxes to pay on their homes. For a little extra income, I don't think it's anyone's business."

"IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT homeowners own their homes, so if they choose to rent them out it's their property and their choice. Tenants who create a nuisance should be treated as any other renter and get a warning, and if that is ignored, eviction. These measures take awhile to enact in the case of residents, but could be speeded up in terms of over-vacationers. It would be well for prospective renters to be notified of their responsibility in this regard and of the consequences of eviction. In terms of parking and traffic, the problem is with overdevelopers who build more and more with inadequate parking for renters, tourist trappers and the so-called hospitality industry, which contributes to this trashification of the city, gridlock and waste of precious resources for fun and profit."

"HOMEOWNERS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO rent out their properties for vacationers, so long as the properties are not used as a saloon, dance hall or a house of prostitution. The fossilized minds of too-long-serving council members need to mind their own business and stay out of our property owners' business. Mind the store and not our sovereign rights please, or go home!"

"FOR 31 MISERABLE YEARS, SANTA Monicans for Renters' Rights has run everything in our once nice town. They don't believe in property rights or freedom at all, unless they can get a piece of the action. They micromanage everything and tax anything they can. They tax gas, electric, phone and someday they will tax our farts since don't they cause global warming? What these crooks really want is to control and tax the rentals. When will politicians learn the old proverb that 'He who governs least governs the best.'"

"I DO THINK HOMEOWNERS SHOULD BE allowed to rent their properties. They own the property — it's their right to make whatever choice to rent it for any amount of time, to co-swap it to get extra income. I've been in the position myself, where renting it out enabled me to keep my property and ultimately, that should be the priority — to let homeowners make the decision for themselves."

"I REALLY LIKE THAT WHEN I GO ON vacation in other cities I can rent a condo, which does a much better job of meeting my needs than staying at a hotel. The condo owner charges me hotel tax, which gets forwarded to the city. Usually there is a big management company that handles that marketing and paperwork for the owner. What's the big deal?"

"I THINK THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO RENT. After all, they're paying for the home and taxes, and this is a free country. What's wrong with renting to make a little extra money? Look what they're doing to everyone else in this city — like what they're doing to the seniors. There's no protection."

"I THINK IT'S FINE IF HOME OWNERS rent out their homes, provided they have business licenses, and also if the city makes some rules about what is allowed so that if temporary tenants are a nuisance in the neighborhood they can be evicted in 24 hours. Also, I don't think that they're causing the parking problem in Santa Monica. I think it's the alliance, we could call it, between City Hall and the developers and the hotel owners."

"OF COURSE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE ABLE to rent all or part of their own house to visitors for short-term vacation or business use, as long as the use conforms to local zoning laws. Home exchanges also fall into the same area of use, exchanging with folks who live out of state who want to enjoy our beautiful coast for a few weeks. Where does government control stop?"

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A weaker first quarter doesn't mean a weak year

BY CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER & PAUL WISEMAN
AP Economics Writers

WASHINGTON The U.S. economy grew more slowly in the first three months of this year. Governments spent less, and businesses cut back on investment. But consumers spent at the fastest pace in more than a year.

The result suggests that the economy will continue to expand, slowly but steadily.

The Commerce Department estimated Friday that the economy grew at an annual rate of 2.2 percent in the January-March quarter, compared with a 3 percent rate in the final quarter of 2011. But growth is expected to rebound to around 3 percent for all of 2012 as stronger job growth spurs more consumer spending.

Consumer spending accelerated to an annual rate of 2.9 percent in the first quarter. The strength came from a second robust quarter of growth in auto purchases.

Here's what The Associated Press' reporters are finding:

A GLASS HALF-FULL

Is the weaker first-quarter growth worth worrying about?

Not according to Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at the Smith School of Business at California State University. He thinks the economy will be boosted this year by a more confident consumer as hiring grows and business investment strengthens.

Sohn expects growth this year of 2.5 percent, better than last year's 1.7 percent.

"The economy is firmly on a growth trajectory," Sohn says. "The first-quarter slowdown will be temporary."

SPENDING WARMS UP...

A warm winter probably pulled some consumer spending into the January-March quarter that would normally have occurred this quarter. Auto sales, for example, accounted for nearly 30 percent of growth last quarter. Many car buyers probably came out earlier than usual.

Without autos, growth would have been about 1.5 percent.

"The second quarter won't have the advantage of unseasonably warm weather that likely goosed auto sales," says Beata Caranci, deputy chief economist at TD Economics.

... ON THE OTHER HAND

The warmer weather also sapped strength from the economy: Americans spent less on utilities from January through March for a second straight quarter.

That reduced growth.

Perhaps a hot summer will add to growth later this year as Americans crank up their air conditioners.

WEAK GROWTH, WEAK HIRING

How weak was the economy's 2.2 percent growth rate from January through March? It depends.

A growth rate of 2.5 percent or higher is good when the economy is healthy. But not at a time of high unemployment.

With 12.7 million people unemployed, today's economy needs much faster growth to boost hiring. Growth would have to be roughly 4 percent for a full year to lower the unemployment rate, now 8.2 percent, by 1 percentage point.

U.S. ECONOMY STILL TOPS

Even when growth is tepid, as it was last quarter, the dollar figure for the U.S. economy exceeds that of any other country's.

Adjusted for inflation and seasonal factors, first-quarter output weighed in at an annual rate of $13.5 trillion.

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As Restroom Facilities are accessible to the Public daily from sunrise to sunset, no pre-bid job walk is planned.

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ECONOMY

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At its lowest point during the Great Recession, the figure was $12.6 trillion.

The size of the world's second-largest economy, China's, is roughly $11.3 trillion.

A DIFFERENT GAUGE OF GROWTH

The drop from a 3 percent growth rate in the October-December quarter to 2.2 percent last quarter partly reflected a slower pace of restocking by businesses.

Such inventory building had contributed more than half the growth in the final three months of 2011. But last quarter, it contributed less than one-third.

Many economists exclude inventories to better gauge the economy's underlying strength. By that measure, the output of goods and services grew at an annual rate of 1.6 percent last quarter — up from a 1.1 percent increase in the fourth quarter.

PRESSURE ON CONGRESS

There may be a bright side to the weaker-than-expected growth in the January-March quarter: It could push Congress to reach a budget deal before the end of the year.

Otherwise, automatic tax increases and spending cuts scheduled to start Jan. 1 would send the nation over a "fiscal cliff" and drastically weaken economic growth, according to Bank of America.

"Lawmakers need a reminder that they must reduce the fiscal drag," says Ryan Sweet, senior economist at Moody's Analytics.

SAVING LESS OF WHAT WE EARN

The increase in consumer spending comes with a caveat: People spent more in part because they socked away less.

After-tax income grew at an annual rate of 2.8 percent from January through March. That was about the same pace as in the final three months of last year.

But over the same period, the savings rate fell to 3.9 percent of after-tax income, down from 4.5 percent.

Economists worry that people won't keep spending more unless their income grows.

HOUSING PERKING UP

One surprising bright spot in the first quarter's data: housing.

Spending on home construction and renovations rose by the most in nearly two years. Some of that gain was likely fueled by the warm winter. Many construction projects are usually put on hold when building sites are covered with snow and ice. That didn't happen so much this winter.

Housing is expected to contribute to growth this year for the first time since 2005.

FIRST DRAFT OF HISTORY

Friday's GDP report is just the initial estimate for first-quarter economic output. As is customary, the government will update its estimate in May and June.

And then in July, the first-quarter numbers will be tweaked yet again. That's when the government will revise its estimates of growth from 2009 through the first quarter of this year.

Last year, figures on incomes and saving were revised to show that Americans earned and saved more than previously estimated. Some economists think the current numbers on savings and income will also be revised higher later this year.

BETTER THAN OVERSEAS

As disappointing as the first-quarter numbers were, the U.S. economy still looks a lot stronger than most of the rest of the developed world. It's expected to grow at least 2.5 percent for the full year.

By contrast, Britain's economy will only grow 0.8 percent and Japan's about 2 percent, according to forecasts from the International Monetary Fund. Things are even worse in Europe. The 17 countries that use the euro as their currency are expected to see growth shrink 0.3 percent.

"Growth is an increasingly rare commodity in the global economy, but the US has got it," says Jason Conibear of Cambridge Mercantile, which specializes in trading currencies.

NOT FAST ENOUGH

This was the 11th quarter since the Great Recession offi-

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cially ended in June 2009. The fastest rate of economic growth has been 3.9 percent in the first quarter of 2010. Normally, a much bigger bounce would follow a deep recession like the one the United States sank into in December 2007.

When the economy emerged from the recession of 1981-1982, for instance, growth hit an 8 percent annual pace for four straight quarters in 1983 and 1984.

THE WEIGHT OF GOVERNMENT

Government spending cuts are weighing on the U.S. economy in a way that hasn't been seen in generations. Those cuts have reduced growth for six straight quarters — the longest stretch since 1955.

Reduced government spending subtracted 0.6 percentage point from the first quarter's growth.

That drag may ease the rest of this year. Defense spending fell sharply in the past two quarters, which isn't likely to continue. And state tax revenue is recovering, closing budget gaps.

"It's hard for the economy to accelerate when the government has its foot on the brake," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors.

WILL FED INTERVENE?

The Federal Reserve might have to rethink its forecasts and its policies, economists say. One economist thinks the Fed is now more likely to pursue a third round of bond purchases to try to push down long-term interest rates to stimulate the economy.

It's "back on the table," says Bernard Baumohl of the Economic Outlook Group.

BOOST TO STOCKS?

The possibility that the Fed might intervene helps explains why stocks rose slightly on news of a slowing economy. When the Fed tries to lower interest rates and boost the economy, investors tend to shift money out of lower-yielding investments and into stocks.

"(Fed Chairman) Ben Bernanke has created the impression that if the economy stumbles, he'll be there to hold your hand," says David Rosenberg, chief economist of money manager Gluskin Sheff.

Lifted also by corporate profit gains, the Dow Jones industrial average was up about 37 points in late-afternoon trading Friday.

WHY IT MATTERS

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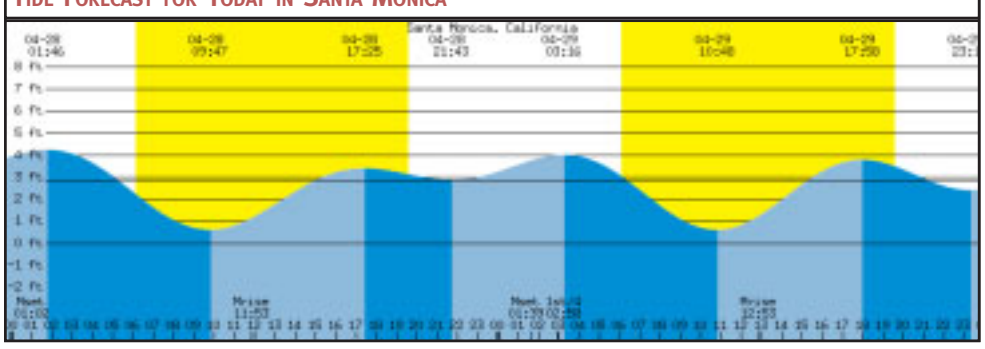
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Long Range Synopsis

Looking to be chest high most everywhere.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	B
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	B
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	C
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	B	B
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	D	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	C	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	D
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	F	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	D
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B

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

LEGEND

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

Nuggets vs. Lakers is speed vs. power

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Sports Writer

DENVER The Denver Nuggets desperately wanted to make the playoffs to get their new young roster some experience under pressure. In coach George Karl's mind, they got a jump-start on that.

Karl had his team treat the last seven regular season games as a playoff series, suggesting Denver had to win at least four to reach the postseason for a ninth straight season.

They won six, moving up the Western Conference ladder to the No. 6 seed and a first-round date with the Los Angeles Lakers instead of the resurgent San Antonio Spurs or the powerful Oklahoma City Thunder.

"I think it's very impressive because if you consider all the injuries we had, all the trade stuff, a lot of things happened this year but we're still here in the playoffs," Danilo Gallinari said. "I thought we played a great season."

Despite making the playoffs every season since 2003-04, the Nuggets have advanced out of the first round just once in that span, and many fans figure they're first-round fodder again with a roster still getting used to JaVale McGee, who came over from Washington in the Nene trade, and several players still working their way back into shape after getting knocked out by injuries.

"I'm as disappointed as anybody that we haven't had a better playoff record, but I'm also as proud as anybody to be one of three teams in this league that have gone to the playoffs" nine straight years, Karl said.

Karl said that against the Lakers, he wouldn't shy away from playing two big men whose minutes have diminished of late: Timofey Mozgov, one of the players bothered by injuries, and Chris "Birdman" Andersen, who gave way to youngsters who needed more minutes down the stretch.

"I'm not afraid to play Bird or Timo at any time," Karl said. "They've done great hanging in. Bird's been dealt a bad hand. Timo, since his injury, Kosta (Koufos) has gotten the minutes to the point where I don't want to take them away from Kosta."

The Nuggets lost a lot of talented players from last year's team, including Kenyon Martin and J.R. Smith, and when training camp opened after the labor impasse was settled, Denver looked like a hodgepodge of YMCA players. But they jelled quickly and jumped out to a 14-6 record.

Then, the injuries struck, most notably to Gallinari, whose leg and thumb ailments kept him on the sideline for long stretches while the Nuggets languished before finishing strong.

"I don't remember anybody really anxiously saying that we were going to be a playoff team before the season started," Karl said. "Most people had dismissed us as probably we weren't. I never backed away from the playoffs. I always thought we were going to be a playoff team and I think we can still have a chance to be a good playoff team."

The Nuggets' win over Minnesota on Thursday night ensured they wouldn't face the Thunder again in the first round as they did last year, when they were eliminated by Kevin Durant & Co. in five games.

The Kobe Bryant-led Lakers are formidable even without Metta World Peace, who has to sit out L.A.'s first six playoff games for the elbow he delivered to James Harden's head in a game against Oklahoma City on Sunday.

"The champion is yet to be determined," Karl said. "It's going to be determined in the first couple rounds of the playoffs. Someone is going to find their strut, find their confidence and they're going to snowball some momentum into a championship."

With rookie Kenneth Faried coming on strong, Arron Afflalo hitting his stride, Al Harrington coming through in the clutch and speedsters Ty Lawson and Corey Brewer altering the pace, the Nuggets finished 38-28 and on the upswing.

"I just have to do what I have been doing: basically, run the floor and rebound the ball," Faried said. "I need to focus and continue to grind. We have to use our speed versus their size."

Denver enters the playoffs Sunday at Los Angeles riding a four-game winning streak.

"We've been playing well," Lawson said. "Everybody's getting acclimated. Gallo's getting his rhythm back. I think we're playing at a high level right now. JaVale's been dunking and playing well, too. We're ready to go."

The question is, how far?

City of Santa Monica

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Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Saturday, April 28
Children Of Paradise (NR) 3hr 10min
7:30pm
Presented in collaboration with the French Film and TV Office in Los Angeles, French Embassy.

Sunday, April 29
Clint Eastwood double feature.
High Plains Drifter (R) 1hr 45min
Joe Kidd (PG) 1hr 28min
7:30pm

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

Three Stooges (PG) 1hr 32min
11:00am, 1:25pm, 3:45pm, 6:00pm, 8:20pm, 10:30pm

Mirror Mirror (PG) 1hr 46min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

American Reunion (R) 1hr 53min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:45pm

Titanic 3D (PG-13) 3hrs 14min
11:45am, 4:05pm, 8:20pm

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

Chimpanzee (G) 1hr 18min
10:45am, 12:45pm, 2:45pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm

Cabin in the Woods (R) 1hr 35min
11:40am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 11:00pm

21 Jump Street (R) 1hr 49min
11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) 1hr 28min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 3:50pm, 6:00pm, 8:20pm, 9:30pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
11:45am, 3:05pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
6:15pm, 9:40pm

Think Like a Man (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
11:00am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm

Five-Year Engagement (R) 2hrs 04min
11:15am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm, 11:15pm

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

Restless City (R) 1hr 20min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Jesus Henry Christ (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:00am

We Have a Pope (Habemus Papam) (NR) 1hr 40min
11:00am

Footnote (Hearat Shulayim) (PG) 1hr 43min
11:00am

Kid With a Bike (Le Gamin au Velo) (PG-13) 1hr 27min
3:30pm, 5:40pm, 7:50pm

Damsels in Distress (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Deep Blue Sea (R) 1hr 38min
1:10pm, 9:55pm

Highest Pass (NR) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

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

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:40pm

Bully (R) 1hr 34min
11:30am, 1:55pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Safe (R) 1hr 35min
11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Raven (R) 1hr 43min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Lucky One (PG-13) 1hr 41min
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Let the good times roll, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ It's as if someone is stoking your Arian fires, as you take off in pursuit of something for which you have a passionate desire. Living life in a spontaneous fashion suits you in many ways. Romance inevitably will get a notch or two more intense. If you are single, you're like the pied piper -- everyone follows you and wants to be with you. Tonight: Choose your companion with care, unless you like fireworks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are happy at home and do not want to go anywhere. Others must sense this energy as they come toward you. Expect an element of excitement to enter your peaceful abode. Before you know it, you could become a host or hostess. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Whatever set you ablaze makes no difference, but you'll display a lot of enthusiasm and energy as a result. Whatever your plans might be, they could change at a moment's notice. Suddenly, you desire a lot more adventure. Tonight: Go off and do something physical and fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Even with the best of intentions, indulgence could take over. Someone you look up to could stun you with his or her comments. You might stop and try to see where this person is coming from. Still, you are on a roll. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You are in your element. Tap into news that might be the initial plans for a trip. You can only gain, as you tend to be a little down as of late. Let spontaneity and a sense of urgency come into play. Tonight: Be around like minds and great music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ The wise person within you will choose to keep opinions to him- or herself. You will go along with someone you care about if you can deal with his or her erratic behavior. Tonight: Enjoy the company of a special someone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Get out and enjoy yourself with your friends. Indulge in a mutual pastime, or make a point of bringing others together. A loved one could act in unexpected ways. Listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Enjoy yourself, but be aware of someone's actions. Words are nice, but actions count.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Others look for you. You suddenly are tossed into the limelight. Though you like the attention, it carries with it a certain amount of responsibility. Think before you leap. Tonight: You are the natural leader.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Try to take an overview of a situation, rather than making a quick statement indicating that you have everything under control. You don't! Exciting ideas pop up when you relax or brainstorm. Others cannot help but respond. Tonight: Paint the town red.

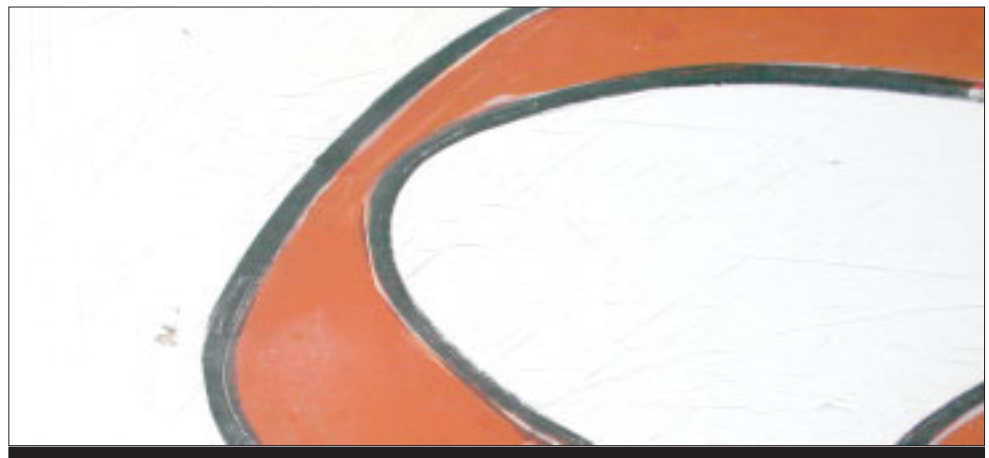
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You would prefer to be one-on-one with a loved one or dear friend. You might feel relieved by not having to relate to all the people in your immediate circle. Stay close to home, yet be willing to accept a spontaneous invitation. Tonight: Just be natural.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others seem quirkier than usual. You might find their energy to be fun and a little more exciting than in the past. Open up to changing plans, especially if you see that a more exciting opportunity arises. Tonight: Feelings pop up from out of nowhere.

Happy birthday

This year you often say what you want, only to discover later that you might be conflicted by that same desire. Be aware of wanting one thing emotionally yet intellectually desiring something else. See how you can make both of these desires happen. If you are single, relating to others could be difficult. A potential suitor could receive mixed messages. If you are attached, the two of you could find yourself in a spat as a result of poor communication. Explain to your sweetie what is happening. Do not offend proud LEO.

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



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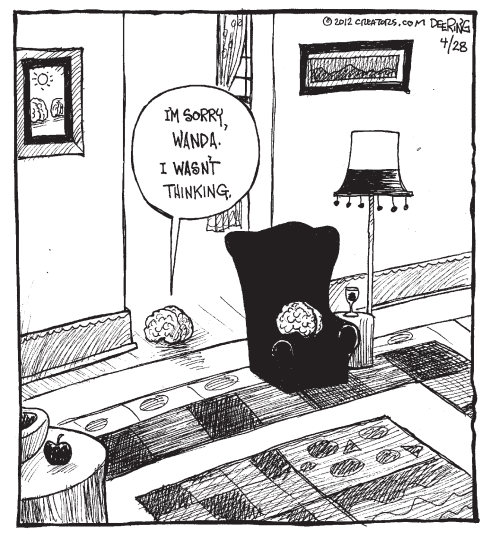
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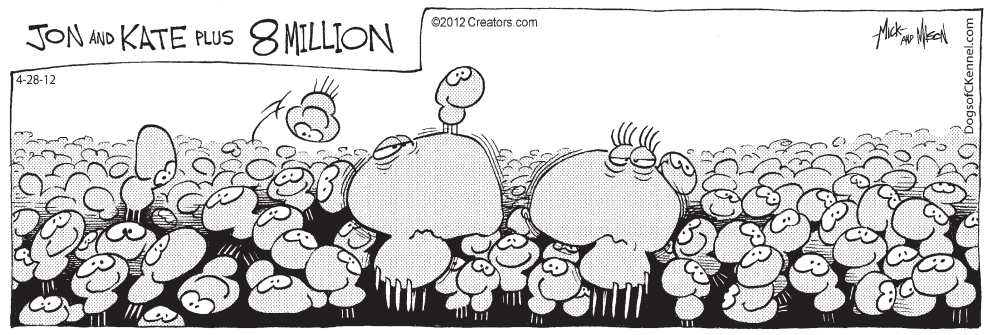
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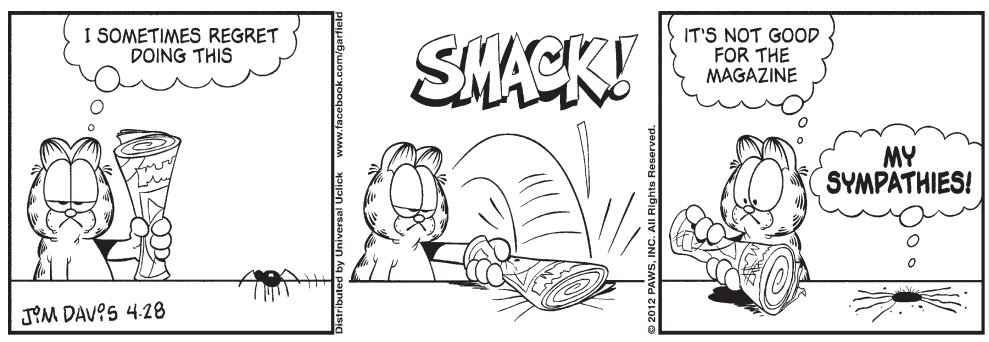
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Sudoku

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

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1 Dad, in slang
5 Recreation area
9 Writer Levi
10 Winter weather
12 "The Tempest" sprite
13 Pond growth
14 Zoologist Jane
16 Had something
17 Wing
18 Director Jane
20 "The Matrix" star
22 Travel stops
23 Rework
25 Greek group
28 Despise
32 Bombshell Jane
34 "Moulin Rouge!" director Luhrmann
35 Leaf lifter
36 Emmy winner Jane
38 Grammatical objects
40 "— Fly Now" ("Rocky" song)
41 Doll
42 "Golden Boy" playwright
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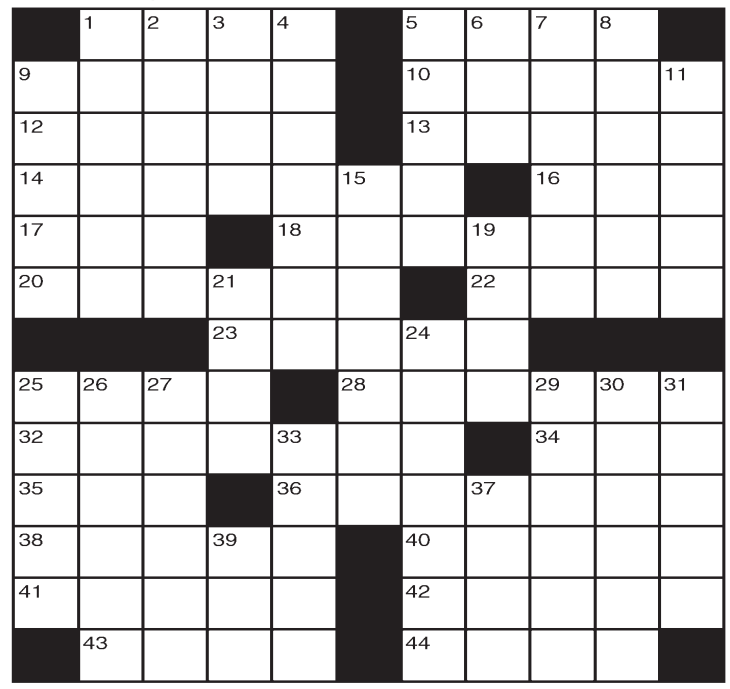
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1 Con quest?
2 Colorful bird
3 Begged
4 Comforted
5 Sacred song
6 Totality
7 Win back
8 Buster of comedy
9 Court player
11 Prom crowd
15 Louisiana explorer
19 Falafel holder
21 Dyeing sites
24 Rhombus, for one
25 Currency replaced by the euro
26 Expire
27 Shrewd
29 Some steaks
30 Frequents
31 Pound and others
33 German steel city
37 Style
39 Writer Anaïs

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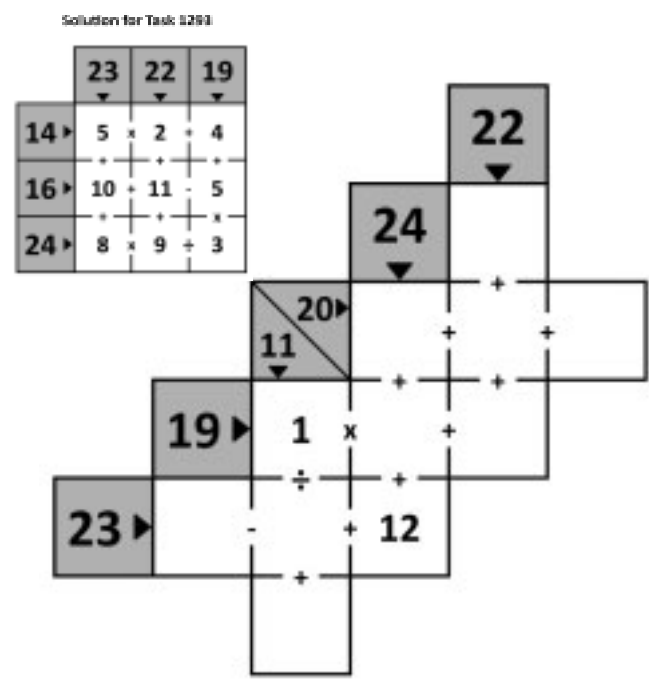
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Bill Dillon, released from a Florida prison in 2009 after 27 years' wrongful incarceration, received a public apology in March from Gov. Rick Scott (and will get $50,000 from the state for each year of lockup). Dillon is one of the first inmates to have received justice among as many as an estimated 60 who were convicted with the help of the now-deceased dog trainer John Preston, whose supposedly heroic-nosed German shepherds could somehow track smells through water and pick out lone scents among highly contaminated crime scenes -- thus magically confirming speculative parts of prosecutors' cases when no other evidence was available. Pushover judges allowed Preston a free hand until one thought to subject the dog to a simple courtroom smell test, which the dog totally failed. Though satisfied with his own outcome, Dillon begged authorities to open other cases involving Preston's dogs.

■ In March, authorities in Davis, Okla., after viewing surveillance video, charged Jimmy "Hawkeye" Jeter, 77, with a "detestable and abominable crime against nature" for "violating" a show pig at a barn on the property of the local school system. According to a KFOR-TV report, Jeter told investigators (in farm language, apparently) that he "poured corn out to hold the gilt still" and then "stuck my finger up her private." Nonetheless, he assured them that he was "not trying to poison the gilt" and that he had done this "in the early '70s." Later, he acknowledged that he was acting for sexual gratification.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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