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THE MAKING DEALS ISSUE

Lawsuits focus on affordable housing issues

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Attorney's Office on Wednesday announced developments in two cases officials hope will serve as warnings to Santa Monica property owners who fail to honor affordable housing requirements.

In one case, City Hall lawyers said they had reached a deal to settle a lawsuit that centered on The Plaza at the Arboretum, a 350-unit apartment complex at 2200 Colorado Ave. whose owners had allegedly violated a contract requiring them to verify the income levels of prospective tenants before renting out 97 apartments designated as "affordable."

The units were supposed to be reserved for low- and moderate-income tenants, but in a complaint filed in February, City Hall said the owners were unable to prove the tenants in the affordable units met the income requirements.

The suit named Blackrock Realty Advisers, CSHV Arboretum, and Riverstone Residential CA.

Deputy City Attorney Gary Rhoades on Wednesday said the settlement is still being finalized and declined to disclose its terms. But he said the deal will involve revisions to the deed-restriction requirements at the Arboretum and to its 1998 development agreement with City Hall — the contract that put the affordable housing restrictions

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WORK ZONE
Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*
A crew from Martinez Concrete Inc. from Azusa, Calif., pours fresh cement for a new gutter plate on Lincoln Boulevard on Wednesday morning. The new gutter will improve drainage.

No decision on mayor

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Having gone mayor-less since the death of Ken Genser in January, Santa Monica will remain that way for at least two more weeks.

The City Council on Tuesday failed to select a replacement mayor after neither nominee for the post — Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor nor Bobby Shriver — received a majority vote from the field of seven council members.

The council deadlocked with three members voting for O'Connor (Richard Bloom, Gleam Davis and O'Connor) and three supporting Shriver (Bob Holbrook, Kevin McKeown and Shriver).

Councilman Terry O'Day, who was appointed to fill Genser's seat, abstained from the vote, saying he believed the decision should be postponed on procedural grounds.

Since only the selection of a mayor had been placed on the agenda, the council was not able to select a mayor pro tem, or vice mayor, on Tuesday. O'Day said he believed both positions should be filled at the same time and declined to participate in the vote.

But O'Day was also in a unique — and perhaps uncomfortable — spot on Tuesday, because casting the decisive vote would have meant voting against one of the people who helped appoint him to the council in February. (O'Connor and Shriver, along with Holbrook and Bloom, made up the majority that gave O'Day the vacant seat).

On Wednesday, O'Day said he's still undecided about whom to back for the mayoral slot and won't make up his mind until he consults with O'Connor and Shriver.

"I was not contacted by either of them before the meeting, so I need to talk with them to see just what they want to do and how they view the roll of the mayor," he said.

Choosing between O'Connor and Shriver, O'Day said, is not necessarily awkward but "may just add a requirement for more dialogue than normal," he said.

While the mayor's function is largely ceremonial, in an election year the position has

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Crossroads clinches league title with big victory

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CLOVER PARK For a guy not expected to be one of the team's aces coming into the season, Crossroads' Holden Miller has been a pleasant surprise for the Roadrunners.

His importance to the team was in full glory on Tuesday as he pitched a complete game, one-hitter against Pasadena's Marshall High School to clinch the Delphic League title during a 15-0 romp.

"Coach Pat [Armstrong] has a lot of confidence in me," Miller said. "He told me to do my thing and I almost had a no-hitter."

The junior finished the game with eight strikeouts and improved his season record to 9-3.

Miller was thrust into the starting rota-

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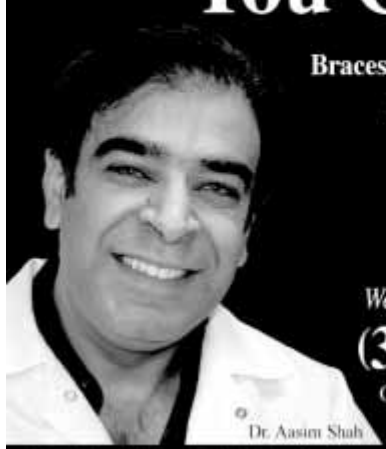
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Thursday, May 13, 2010

Buddhist Recovery

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1001 Colorado Ave. #A, 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
These meetings will focus on Buddhist teachings, traditions and practices that can be helpful to people recovering from all addictions. There will be an emphasis on meditation practice and waking up to the habitual patterns that drive us and our unskillful behaviors. For more information, call (323) 665-4300.

'This Lovely Life: A Memoir of Premature Motherhood'

Santa Monica College
HSS 165, 11:15 a.m.
Author Vicki Foreman discusses her book — winner of the Bread Loaf Writers Conference Bakeless Prize — about her intensely personal journey as the mother of a special needs child. Sponsored by the SMC Associates and the SMC English Department.

Friday, May 14, 2010

Night of one-act comedy

Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m
A spoof and a satire by acclaimed American playwright Christopher Durang: "The Actor's Nightmare" and "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You," two one-act comedies. This event also takes place on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

'A Living History of the Universe'

New Roads School
3131 Olympic Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Every minute of every day light from the remote past arrives at Earth, much of it originating before the Earth itself was born. Astronomers are uniquely privileged to have a look at history as it actually happened, but in practice gathering enough light from distant galaxies to learn something about them is not at all easy. Drawing connections from what we see in a younger universe to the one of our own time is also very challenging. A small history of this endeavor teaches us something about how science works and the persistence of human curiosity. For information, call (310) 495-7595.

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.



GOING VERTICAL

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

St. Monica's Danny White attempts to grab a fly ball against Cathedral on the road Wednesday. St. Monica won the game, 7-2, securing a spot in the playoffs. The team will find out who and where they play when playoff seedings are announced early next week.

Malibu teen busted for street surfing

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

MALIBU An 18-year-old Malibu man who made headlines for being the youngest person to climb the highest peak on all seven continents will be charged with an infraction for surfing up Pacific Coast Highway on top of a BMW sedan on the way to school Wednesday.

"I guess I was being stupid," Johnny Strange said as he was confronted by traffic officers in a hallway at Malibu High School Wednesday, said Los Angeles sheriff's Sgt. Phillip Brooks.

Strange made headlines last summer when he climbed Mt. Everest and then Australia's Mt. Kosciuszko, ending his quest for the seven-continent climbing record.

A passenger aboard a bus took photos of Strange standing atop a BMW crossover sedan cruising west on PCH through Malibu, Brooks said. The photos showed a teenager climbing out the passenger window and standing on the car as it moved with other traffic, in a 50 mile per hour zone.

One photo showed him kneeling on the roof of the moving car, his arms outstretched sideways. The bus passenger e-mailed them to the sheriff's department, which has a program of sending deputies to talk to youthful drivers who are observed driving unsafely, and their parents.

Deputies went to Malibu High School and spotted the BMW. As they were talking to school officials, the BMW's female driver and Strange walked up to them in a hallway, Brooks said.

Riding outside a car is an infraction, and the District Attorney's Office was being consulted by sheriff's deputies to see if any charges can be filed.

The girl is 17, and will probably be cited for reckless driving and violating her provisional drivers license, which does not allow her to carry a passenger — inside or outside her car, said Brooks.

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L.A. City Council votes to impose Arizona boycott

CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The City Council voted Wednesday to boycott Arizona businesses, making Los Angeles the largest city to take such action to protest the state's tough new law targeting illegal immigration.

The 13-1 vote, which came after emotional discussion in which several council members recounted their immigrant ancestors, was largely symbolic since only a small percentage of the city's business dealings are affected.

"An immigrant city, an international city, (Los Angeles) needs to have its voice heard," Councilman Ed Reyes said. "It is crucial this great city take a stand."

The resolution is expected to be signed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. It bars the nation's second-largest city from conducting business or reaching new contracts with Arizona businesses unless the immigration law is repealed, and also prohibits most city business trips to the state.

Los Angeles has investments and contracts in Arizona worth as much as $58 million, much of which involve airport, port and energy service that can't lawfully be affected by the boycott. That leaves about $7.7 million in city contracts that could possibly be affected, said Councilwoman Janice Hahn, who co-authored the resolution.

Some of those contracts include helicopter services, Taser guns, waste management, engineering and surveillance equipment.

"Maybe some of those jobs and businesses could come back to L.A. and California," Hahn said.

The resolution claims that Arizona's new law encourages racial profiling and is unconstitutional. The law, set to take effect July 29, requires police enforcing another law to question a person about his or her immigration status if there is "reasonable suspicion" that the person is in the United States illegally and makes it a state crime to be in the country illegally.

Several lawsuits seeking to block its implementation are pending in federal court.

Some polls have shown strong popular support for the Arizona law, and critics are concerned that other states may follow up

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A case for tough love

Editor:

Somebody please check hell. It may have frozen over by the time you read this. I actually agree with Bill Bauer (My Write, "Measure A just prolongs the agony," May 3, 2010).

Both of my daughters graduated from Santa Monica High School (classes 2000 and 2001) and every time a measure to help the schools was on the ballot I dutifully voted yes, thinking I was doing the right thing. As time passed what I learned about the school district's seemingly annual Beg-A-Thon was that the education never improved. There was not one ballot measure from 1998 to 2003 that I could point to and say it made my daughters' education better. Finally, in 2004, I said no more.

The citizens of Santa Monica and Malibu should not be duped into thinking their tax dollars for education are doing anything other than maintaining the status quo. What a yes vote does is simply slow the regression. Mr. Bauer has this one right. Only a no vote sends a message that SMMUSD must demonstrate a new way of thinking rather than the old way of draconian cuts if it doesn't get yet another bailout on the backs of its hard working community.

Ron Yukelson
San Luis Obispo

Stop big oil's ballot measure

Editor:

On May 3, the campaign representing big Texas oil companies, Valero and Tesoro, announced they have submitted enough signatures to put a deceptive proposition on the November 2010 ballot that would kill California's clean energy and air pollution control standards established by AB 32 – the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Californians must be wary of a proposition supported by dirty oil that would further permit polluting of our air and kill clean energy jobs. According to the California Air Resources Board, killing efforts to reduce air pollution will lead to drastic increases in premature deaths, asthma attacks and emergency trips to the hospital as a result of breathing dirty air.

Pollutant-filled air also disproportionately affects people of color and low income communities. Five of the smoggiest cities are also the locations with the highest densities of people of color and low-income residents, according to Minding the Climate Gap, a PERE publication.

These dirty Texas oil companies don't get it! They want to kill all investment in clean energy technology and job creation at a time when our economy needs it the most. Jobs advancing renewable energy like solar and wind have grown nearly 10 times as fast as the statewide average. Not to mention, the increase cost to all at the gas pump if we allow this dirty energy proposition to pass. According to a recent UC Berkeley study, these added costs will hurt our economy by more than $80 billion and cost over a half million jobs by 2020.

Californians must stand up against this deceptive proposition and refuse to permit dirty Texas oil companies to buy our votes. Reducing air pollution and advancing clean energy technology and jobs is good for our planet and our economy.

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Santa Monica



Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Starting the future off right

Dear New Shrink,

I will be graduating from college in a few weeks. I am confident about my career choice but want to be sure that I start off strong. Do you have any suggestions for what I can do to ensure that I have a successful career ahead of me?

Thank you,
Need to Succeed

Dear Succeed,

Congratulations! Completing college is a very important milestone in your professional and personal development. You are smart to consider the benefits of starting off on the right foot and creating a strong base for a successful future. A major part of achieving career success is knowing your strengths and your weaknesses. The more you know about yourself the more conscious action you can take to maximize your strengths, develop yourself, and turn weaknesses into strengths. Increasing your self-awareness is an important part of building a successful career and professional future.

As you prepare for graduation, this is the perfect time to consider all of your accomplishments. Start a list of your most memorable triumphs over your past four years. Consider your success in specific classes or projects, volunteer and community service work, extracurricular activities, part-time work and internships, and also with your friendships and professional relationships. Include the bigger things but also focus on your smaller victories, too.

Now consider your accomplishments and think about the qualities or strengths that led you to that success. Not only should you recognize when you've done well, but also how you got yourself to that point. Break down each accomplishment into two to three things that allowed you to be successful along with two to three qualities that you gained from the experience. This exercise will help you to start a list of strengths; these are the talents that will help you get through the more difficult times.

It is also important to know your weaknesses. Although it may be difficult to process, it can be enormously helpful to create a list of failures, too. Consider experiences, projects, events, and tasks where you were not successful and then consider what went wrong. Expand by thinking about what elements were involved, the timing of the event, your extra commitments, and other important factors. This list of deterring factors can help you to become aware of triggers or events that may keep you from being successful. While we cannot always control our environment, it is quite useful to know the factors that consistently appear before or during failure. The key to making the most of a failed experience is to learn from that experience. Assess your list of unsuccessful endeavors and consider what you might do differently next time.

In addition to knowing your strengths and weaknesses, it is also important to know where you're headed. While you may have a sense of your immediate career goals, this is not always enough to build a successful, long-term career. Consider creating a career timeline. Physically drawing out your future can provide a great visual to keep you motivated. Starting small, consider concrete goals you would like to meet over the next year. Then expand to the next three years, then five years. Consider your industry, company, position or rank, salary, and other important factors. Finally, add in broader career milestones for the next 10, 15, 20, and 25 years.

Once you have a rough idea of some of the positions you would like to hold in the future you can start to determine what skills and qualities are needed to attain those positions. Start by reviewing job boards and company websites for openings in those areas. The job description will give you a good sense of the required tasks and the current qualifications required for such positions. Knowing what is required will help you to focus your efforts on gaining the skills and qualities needed to succeed and achieve an advanced opportunity. Beyond knowing what is essential you should also consider the specific steps you will take to gain those special talents. Consider adding specific training, advanced education, and other related endeavors to your career timeline.

Finally, surround yourself with positive people who will help you reach your goals. Find a mentor who will encourage and motivate you while teaching you the basics of the industry. Later in your career find a young professional who you can mentor and support. Nurture the relationships you have with others and do not take anyone for granted. Having a strong support network is the key to success.

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Coming out of the linen closet

IT DAWNED ON ME RECENTLY THAT I'M turning into my mother. I was straightening up the linen closet when I realized, hey, I have a linen closet.

As a kid, I avoided the linen closet in my parents' house like the plague. I employed paper towels instead of regular ones to mop up spills and slept on caseless pillows if I couldn't wait for the sheets to come out of the dryer before retiring to bed. I learned early on that when anyone besides my mom penetrated the linen closet (being the dutiful spawn of Martha Stewart and Sherlock Holmes that she is), she felt it in her bones. Her "a-ha!" moment was always followed by an interrogation.

"What were you doing in the linen closet?" she'd ask.

"I needed a towel because Niki accidentally knocked over a glass of grape juice on the living room rug this afternoon," I'd answer, blood rushing to my face.

She'd sigh heavily. "Why did you have liquids in the living room?"

"Um, I don't know," was my deftly mumbled stock response.

"Why are you girls even drinking grape juice? There's so much sugar in it. You should really drink water instead. And haven't I told you that I don't want you hanging out with your friends in the living room? By the way, do I have to say again that the bath towels are not to be used to clean up that kind of a mess? Get a rag from the laundry room, for heaven's sake. Speaking of this afternoon, didn't you have a math test? How'd that go?"

The funny thing is, the linen closet is now my favorite part of my own house. And finally having a linen closet and a mortgage to call my very own, I understand the method to my mom's madness. (Well, mostly. I don't think I'll ever get why she occasionally puts ketchup and Parmesan cheese on spaghetti.) What a clever idea to have a closet for the sole purpose of storing clean sheets, towels and tablecloths. Sure, I haven't a clue how to properly fold a fitted sheet, but they — wrinkles and all — still deserve a pretty place to rest while not in use. It's a matter of respect, really.

With my exponentially expanded sense of purpose and pride in maintaining the linen closet, it seems like a natural progression to want the rest of the house to be equally as lovely and organized. So, like my mom, I have become increasingly particular about how all details and events under my roof should — and will — develop.

Much to my husband's dismay, I can walk through the front door and know instinctively if the couch has been moved a quarter of an inch or a lampshade is even slightly askew. And like me as a kid, he's forever looking guiltier than O.J., bloody knife in hand.

Rick took the initiative to clean the kitchen after breakfast last weekend. After washing the dishes he turned on the garbage disposal, which was clanking loudly.

He looked at me and I walked over and switched it off. "Something's in there that shouldn't be," I said.

"Really?" he gulped.

"You can't tell? What did you put in there?" I demanded.

"Um, just normal stuff, " he replied. I raised my eyebrows. "And some chicken bones."

"Chicken bones?" I asked incredulously. "From last night's dinner? You can't put bones in the garbage disposal!" Then I narrowed my eyes at him. "Why were the bones going in there this morning, anyway? You said last night when I went up to bed that you were going to clear the dinner plates and take out the garbage. You didn't let the dirty plates sit on the table all night, did you? You did take out the garbage, didn't you?"

He slunk off into a corner.

Fortunately, also like my mom, I married a man who tolerates my obsessive-compulsive control-freak behavior and happens to appreciate living in a well-cared-for home. Even though, like my dad, he could probably just as easily let it all go and reside in a smelly locker room just so long as the fridge is well stocked and the view of the TV from the couch is unimpeded.

Recently, I turned my focus to the closet in our bedroom and admonished Rick for the slipshod way in which his shirts were hanging. But as the words were coming out of my mouth I glanced at my side of the closet and realized I haven't totally morphed into my mom just yet. I take pride in a lot, but apparently feel little shame in having on the floor and corners of the closet mismatched heaps of my own balled-up dirty and clean clothes.

I still have a long way to go to before I've turned into my mom 100 percent, but with some luck and if I can ever figure out how to use the iron, I should get there eventually.

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The Q Line

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Local push helps Macy's back to profitability

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AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK Macy's intense focus on tailoring its merchandise to local markets helped push the department store chain to profitability in the first quarter.

More customers who had defected to rivals returning to its stores, the chain said, helping to drive better-than-expected sales.

However, the department store operator, which boosted its annual outlook last month, said it's too early to further raise its guidance for the year because of economic uncertainty. Shares rose 1 cent to $23.91 in morning trading.

"We are off to a great start this year, and we have every expectation that it will continue," Karen Hoguet, Macy's chief financial officer, told investors during a conference call.

But while Macy's continues to see strong sales, "we don't want to get ahead of ourselves," she added. "While the economy has been stronger than we anticipated, it is unclear how strong it really is," she said.

Macy's Inc., based in Cincinnati, said Wednesday that it posted net income of $23 million, or 5 cents per share, for the period ending May 1. That compares with a loss of $88 million, or 21 cents per share, in the year-ago period.

Revenue reached $5.57 billion in the quarter. That's up from $5.19 billion in the last year's first quarter. Revenue at stores open at least a year rose 5.5 percent. The measure is a key indicator of a retailer's health because it excludes the effects of expansion.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters were expecting 5 cents per share on revenue of $5.54 billion.

"With major changes now behind us, the Macy's organization has settled in and is hitting a stride in capitalizing on the advantages of (localization)," said Terry J. Lundgren, Macy's chairman, president and CEO, said in a statement.

Hoguet said that aside from its flagship store in New York, its smallest-volume stores — those in small markets or small in size — enjoyed the biggest sales increases, confirming that its plans to tailor its merchandise to local markets is working. In the past, those stores' business was overlooked and was the toughest to re-ignite, she noted.

Hoguet also noted that the company is seeing customers return but declined to specify which rivals Macy's was taking business from.

Macy's localization plan, dubbed My Macy's, concentrates on putting decisions on what merchandise to stock closer to customers. It seeks to focus Macy's top talent in local markets and stay on top of trends by grouping Macy's stores into districts of 10 to 12. That approach has allowed Macy's to react better to local needs by putting more experienced workers on its sales floors.

The department store chain is making plans to expand both the Macy's and Bloomingdale's brands including investments in integrating its online business with its stores.

Online sales surged 34 percent, helping to lift revenue at stores open at least a year by 0.9 percentage points during the first quarter.

Bloomingdale's plans to open a new, smaller store this fall in Santa Monica and to launch a Bloomingdale's outlet with four locations this fall. Such efforts follow Bloomingdale's opening its first international location in Dubai during the first quarter.

Macy's boosted its earnings outlook on April 27. Macy's predicts profit of between $1.75 and $1.80 per share for fiscal 2010, higher than previous guidance for earnings between $1.55 and $1.60 per share.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters still expect more — $1.87 per share.

Stocks recover on Wednesday from recent slide over debt fears

TIM PARADIS
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK A dose of good economic news sent stocks sharply higher Wednesday and erased the Dow Jones industrials' big plunge of last week.

The Dow rose about 149 points to return to where it stood before Thursday's tumble that briefly took the average down nearly 1,000 points. The technology-dominated Nasdaq composite index led major indexes with a 2.1 percent gain. Investors moved into tech stocks ahead of earnings from network gear maker Cisco Systems Inc. and following an upbeat forecast from IBM Corp.

Analysts say the rebound from last week's drop reflects investors' growing confidence that Europe's debt problems are contained for now. Fears that losses on debt would spill over to the U.S. fed the market's plunge.

Economic reports from the U.S. and Europe helped reassure the market that the global recovery is intact. The Commerce Department said exports rose in March to their highest levels since 2008. That was a welcome signal for the manufacturing industry, which has been getting stronger since last year. Increased demand could eventually lead to more hiring.

Most European markets posted big gains after the German government reported that the continent's largest economy grew faster than expected in the first quarter. A round of spending cuts in Spain bolstered hopes that debt-strapped countries in Europe would take steps to slash costs. Stocks surged around the world Monday after European leaders agreed to a nearly $1 trillion bailout to contain the debt crisis.

While stocks have rebounded, currency markets are still in flux. That signals that investors are still somewhat uneasy after last week's slide. The euro edged higher against the dollar Wednesday but is still hovering near a 14-month low.

Uncertainty over the long-term health of the euro helped lift gold to a record high. Investors worry that the euro could still lose value as European countries try to work though debt problems by taking on more debt. Investors have turned to gold as an alternative to holding currencies.

Gold settled up $22.80 at $1,243.10 an ounce after hitting a record high of $1,247.70.

There's a new chef in town

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

OCEAN AVE Saying that Chef Keith Roberts has a difficult job to do is quite the understatement.

Not only is he responsible for running a $10 million culinary operation for Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, catering to the sophisticated business traveler as well as the demanding bride to be, but he also has to please picky, pre-teen eaters and their parents, who may not necessarily be looking for an expensive, fine-dining experience but do appreciate quality cuisine.

That's why Roberts, a 30-year-veteran who studied under legendary French Chef Andre Moreau for more than seven years at The Rive Gauche in Palos Verdes where he mastered true Escoffier-style cooking, has created a menu that features accessible, fun dishes that are flavorful and fresh.

Roberts does this by relying on local farmers, including his own collection of exotic trees, incorporating fresh fruit into recipes either through mouth-watering dipping sauces (mango-habanero and pomegranate-red wine vinegar reduction) or finishing touches, such as the melon balls he served along with a honey-walnut shrimp dish that one would normally see in Asian restaurants.

That was one of the many dishes Roberts prepared for me and a friend last week during dinner at the hotel's seaside restaurant, Ocean & Vine. I had a chance to sample some of Roberts' dishes, chat with him about his plans for the restaurant, including his desire to add a California-fusion style sushi bar, and sip some fine California merlot.

"We have a commitment to using the freshest, top quality ingredients and try to have a lot of fun with them," said Roberts, a friendly, good-natured native of Manhattan Beach who as a child would visit hotels with his father so he could watch the cooks prepare meals. "As a hotel, we have to cater to the moms and dads, too. This will not be quite as exotic as some of the other places in town. It's simple food with an emphasis on freshness."

The restaurant and lounge feature warm earth tones and plush couches surrounding a modern, metallic fireplace, allowing guests of the hotel or those stopping by for a drink after work to soak in sensational views of the Santa Monica Bay and the world famous Santa Monica Pier.

The hostess and server were polite, attentive and knowledgeable about the menu, which is a must when dining with my guest, who is very inquisitive when it comes to her food, asking questions about where the fish was caught or if it was farmed, for example.

The wine list was extensive but leaned heavily toward California varieties (Sonoma, Napa and Russian River). There were some New Zealand vintages available by the glass, a German Riesling and French Champagnes.

Roberts characterized the menu as "understated, yet imaginative." His inventive approach celebrates a truly regional style that takes full use of California's skilled farmers, fishermen and artisans. The result is an approachable menu designed to still surprise and delight with unusual flavor combinations, including brulee scallop carpaccio, lobster lasagna, and mango apricot cobbler with chai tea ice cream and macadamia nut brittle.

Roberts started us off with an amuse-bouche of ceviche made with fresh, raw chunks of tuna topped with cilantro, pico de gallo and lime, resting on crunchy, fried tortilla. This definitely rocked the taste buds and started off the culinary adventure on the right foot.

I followed that up with one of the best dishes I've tasted while dining out in Santa Monica — the chili. A hold-over from the previous menu, the Santa Monica Chili, as it is labeled in the menu, is really more of a bouillabaisse that contained scallops, shrimp and crab meat in a savory broth with a dash of red chili flakes for spice. My date and I devoured this offering and pledged to come back on another occasion for seconds and thirds. This chili is truly a must-have for those who love gumbos, soups or stews. It really captures Santa Monica's beach vibe.

Speaking of capturing Santa Monica's vibe, in a city with four Farmers' Markets each week you would have to expect Roberts to have a green thumb. Aside from growing his own fruit in his backyard with his wife, Roberts intends on creating a mini-garden adjacent to the kitchen. The garden will feature traditional varieties, including lemon verbena, thyme, rosemary and oregano, as well as the more exotic miracle fruit, sugar-apple, dragon fruit and jaboticaba. The organic ingredients will be used to create savory cocktails, edible garnishes and signature jellies and jams, including cape gooseberry preserves and dragon fruit jelly.

For my main course, I ordered a full rack of lamb that came with some of the best prepared chard and spinach I've ever had. Usually, when I cook chard, I have to add a lot of butter and some pieces of bacon to cut down on the bitterness. Roberts keeps it simple, using lemon and a little salt and butter to create a truly tangy experience that had my tongue quivering. The lamb was perfectly prepared with a nice red coloring in the center and a thin crust on the outside that brought out the flavor of the meat. The pomegranate dipping sauce gave it a kick, but I didn't need it. I ate the whole rack pretty much without sauce because the meat tasted so good on its own.

To finish it off, we ordered the banana split, an adventurous dish in that the banana, flambayed with some sugar, was topped with what seemed like mountains of chocolate and vanilla ice cream and freshly-made whipped cream and berries. Describing the dessert wouldn't do it justice. You have to indulge personally. Let's just say that even though we were full, we still managed to eat every last bite.

The menu is comparable to other hotel offerings, around $15 for an appetizer and $30 on average for an entree with wine around $10 to $14 a glass.

It was a relaxing, fun evening and Roberts is a delightful person to share a meal with. He has the talent and the experience to carry out his vision and he is sure to please many picky eaters and their parents. Those looking for a little more sophistication, which I often find is more pretentiousness than anything, Ocean & Vine is not your spot. But for those of us who want to feel comfortable and relax with good company while we eat, it has everything you need for a fun evening out.

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Election year adds intrigue to council's mayoral vote

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some added significance, with the mayoral title perceived to provide a boost at the polls in a candidate's re-election bid.

O'Connor, along with four of her colleagues, is up for re-election in November, while Shriver and Richard Bloom won't have to defend their seats until 2012.

O'Day said the election factor will figure into his decision, but said that doesn't necessarily mean he'll back O'Connor.

"I certainly think Pam deserves to do it, I certainly think Bobby does, too," he said.

For City Council observers, another interesting twist in Tuesday's meeting came when McKeown, a three-term Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights-backed council member, broke party ranks to support Shriver, a non-SMRR member, over O'Connor, a fellow, longtime SMRR member.

"Bobby is in his sixth year on the council, top vote-getter with the public, and has never been mayor. Pam's been mayor three times already, keeping others from sharing the mostly ceremonial honor. For me, it was a vote of fairness," McKeown said on Wednesday.

McKeown is the longest serving current council person to never be selected mayor.

Shriver, meanwhile, downplayed his mayoral ambitions.

"The good news is that Pam will do a great job if by some underhanded chicanery she manages to get a fourth vote," he quipped.

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Lawsuits meant to send a message

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in place.

He said it was still unknown how many tenants at the building should have been barred from renting affordable apartments there, and added, "It's very possible that the Arboretum will be able to put together the documents showing that everybody is eligible."

Rhoades gives the Blackrock attorneys credit for immediately cooperating with the city and helping "us come up with a creative, first-of-its-kind agreement."

Reached on Wednesday, Councilman Terry O'Day declined to discuss specifics of the settlement, but said: "We feel very comfortable that we have something meaningful that meets our policy objective and maintains the enforceability of our affordable housing agreements."

On Tuesday, officials also announced they had filed a lawsuit alleging similar affordable housing violations against the owners of three apartment units at another residential building, The Dorchester, located at 1040 Fourth St.

The suit, filed on Monday in Superior Court in Santa Monica, named Novin "Kathy" Golshani and a realty company she is believed to be involved with, Bilet Properties LLC.

The complaint alleges Golshani and the company own three of the Dorchester's 15 first-floor units, all of which are deed-restricted to low- or moderate-income tenants.

Rhoades said his office has been attempting to obtain verification that the units were occupied by individuals who meet the requirements since last June. Golshani and Bilet Properties, he said, have not cooperated with City Hall.

The investigation into the Dorchester — a 42-condominium building constructed under a 1982 development agreement that designated the entire first floor as "affordable" — revealed other owners also were out of compliance with the building's deed restriction requirements, Rhoades said.

While he said every first-floor owner will have to comply with the deed restriction requirements, he added he doesn't expect to file lawsuits against other owners.

"Most of them are already trying to comply and others are going to work with us to get into compliance," he said.

Some tenants at the Dorchester could be evicted as a result of City Hall's decision to enforce the deed restrictions.

"If it turns out they have a tenant that is not eligible under this deed restriction, then that person is going to have to leave," Rhoades said.

The announcements about both lawsuits came the same day the City Council conducted a review of development agreement compliance and affirmed a commitment to holding developers accountable.

Rhoades said the lawsuits are the first of their kind in Santa Monica.

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Roadrunners wrap season against Marshall on road

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tion as Josh Flyer and last year's ace Max Robinson battled shoulder problems. Flyer has returned to the lineup as the league season began and has helped form a potent one-two punch for the Roadrunners. Robinson, who has continued to play third base, hasn't pitched of late, but may be ready for the playoffs, Co-Head Coach Armstrong said.

"He's right there, right on the cusp of being ready to go," Armstrong said. "We just can't rush it. We have to do the right thing."

He joked that he and Co-Head Coach Matt Amido have had situations where they would really like to put Robinson on the mound, but the two have resisted the temptation.

"This is just his junior season," Armstrong said. "It isn't the end of the line for him."

While Robinson may still see time on the mound, Armstrong said he's confident that he has the arms to compete for a California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 6 title.

"As far as pitching goes, it will be the same," Armstrong said. "Our two main dogs will be Holden and Flyer."

Despite not being a factor as a pitcher, Robinson has had a strong season at the plate. He has collected 20 runs batted in during the team's 22 games.

"He's still one of our top offensive producers," Armstrong said. "I can't complain. I always want more, more, more, but he's carried his weight."

Robinson has been clutch for the Roadrunners all year, but it's the play of junior shortstop Andres Leyva that has paced the offense. His .424 batting average leads the team and he's been a beast on the basepaths, swiping 16 bases. The team's leadoff man has also scored 24 runs, numbers Armstrong said have been key to the team's strong play.

While the Roadrunners have had their way offensively with league opponents en route to a 7-0 league record, both Miller and Armstrong say that pitching and fielding are the team's strengths. Both believe it's important to stick to that formula if the team is to have a successful playoff run.

"Going into the playoffs, we have to play our game," Robinson said. "Our game is keeping it simple — defense and pitching."

He added that the team's offense can be potent at times, but they shouldn't rely on that too much.

"If we don't play the other team's game," Robinson said, "we can make a run at CIF."

Before the Roadrunners can finalize plans for the postseason, the team will have a rematch with Marshall today on the road. The game, which doesn't have league implications, may factor into where Xrds is seeded in the playoffs. The team, currently ranked 10th in the current CIF-SS Division 6 poll, will most likely host a first-round game next week.

Armstrong said he will play some of the team's younger players, but isn't taking the game lightly.

"We always play to win," he said. "We always approach games the same way, regardless of who we play."

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L.A. joins other cities

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with their own versions.

Several cities have passed resolutions or urged boycotts to protest the law, including California cities such as Oakland and San Diego. A nonbinding resolution approved Tuesday by San Francisco city supervisors urges a boycott of Arizona-based businesses and asks sports leagues not to hold championship games or tournaments there.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer said the boycotts are unfortunate and misguided, primarily because the law mirrors a federal requirement that legal immigrants carry immigration papers.

"It's already the law in the United States, and I have a responsibility to stand up and protect the people of Arizona and we will do that," Brewer said Tuesday.

Charges that the law will lead to racial profiling are "just pure rhetoric," Brewer said.

"I find it really interesting that we have people out there that are attempting a boycott in favor of illegal actions in Arizona. That to me is just unbelievable."

Of the resolution in Los Angeles, Hahn said: "We want to stand back and say that we're against it. We're hoping that Arizona will be the last state to do this instead of just the first state to do it."

Gerry Miller, Los Angeles' chief legislative analyst, issued a report before the vote recommending the council suspend travel, cut contracts and refrain from making any new ones with Arizona-based firms. He said the city's airport, port and utility companies are run by semiautonomous city agencies and the council cannot compel them to follow the boycott.

The council asked the city's lawyers to report back in a week on which contracts could be terminated without incurring lawsuits.

Hahn also called for a review of the city's investments and divestiture of any pension funds and bonds proceeds invested in Arizona.

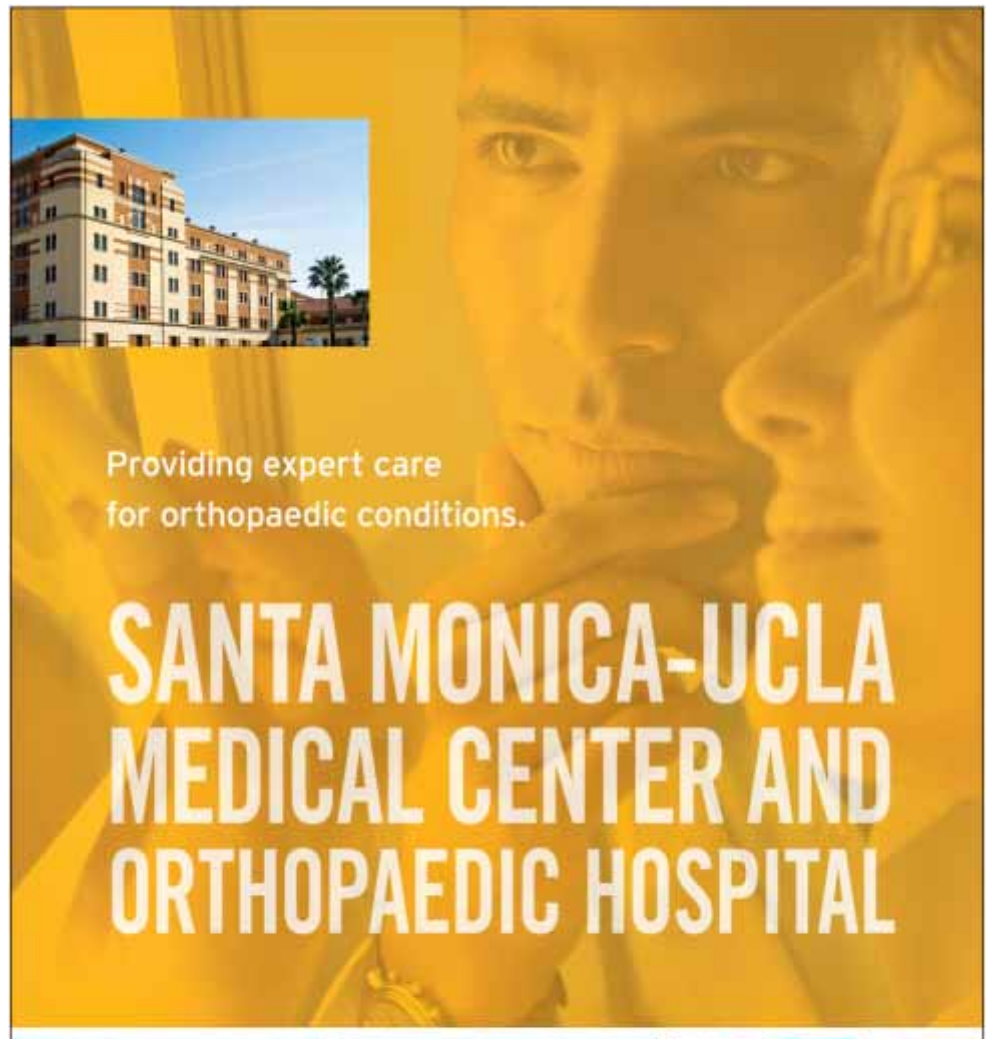
Councilwoman Jan Perry said the city should try to lure any organization considering holding a convention in Arizona to Los Angeles, while Councilman Richard Alarcon suggested offering Arizona businesses incentives to relocate to Los Angeles.

In a statement, Councilman Greig Smith, the lone dissenter, said he opposed the boycott because he did not believe taking action on another state's laws fell within the council's jurisdiction, and that the action didn't serve the city's economic interests.

"I have always opposed using the Los Angeles City Council to weigh in on non-related social issues that are not within the purview of Los Angeles," Smith said.

Los Angeles staged a similar ecoThe nomic boycott against South Africa during apartheid and against Colorado after voters in 1992 passed a state law repealing local ordinances that banned discrimination against homosexuals.

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Disney turns retail into a theme park

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM PLACE When the newly-renovated Santa Monica Place opens this summer, loyal followers of the Walt Disney Company will be treated to a trip to the amusement park in the form of an ambitious retail concept that uses the latest technology to entertain shoppers, encouraging them to stay longer and possibly spend more money.

Disney, with the help of the retailing team at Apple under the guidance of Steve Jobs, is rebooting 340 of its stores in the United States and Europe, as well as opening new ones, including a location in Santa Monica.

"We have infused Disney magic into all elements of this one-of-a-kind retail experience, and have selected prime retail centers to launch the Disney Store of the future," said Jim Fielding, president of Disney Stores Worldwide. "Special features like the iconic Disney Princess castle with magic mirror and the Disney Store Theater are just two of the amazing elements in the new store that will enrich every child and family's experience at the Disney Store."

The chain's traditional approach of displaying row after row of toys and apparel will be replaced by a high-tech makeover with interactive activities for kids.

Theaters will allow children to watch film clips of their own selection, participate in karaoke contests or chat live with Disney Channel stars via satellite. Computer chips embedded in packaging will activate hidden features. Walk by a "magic mirror" while holding a Princess tiara, for instance, and Cinderella might appear and say something to you.

The Santa Monica store is slated to open in August when the mall remodel is complete.

"The new Disney Store concept is fresh, exciting and experiential — just like the new Santa Monica Place," said Doug Roscoe, senior manager, property management for Santa Monica Place. "The Disney Store … will be one more exceptional retail experience at our new property."

The Disney Store chain, introduced in 1987, was initially so successful that the company overexpanded to more than 600 locations. Buffalo alone had five. But consumers overdosed on the animated-character merchandise and by 2002 the chain was losing about $100 million a year.

Judging the upkeep too burdensome and focusing on the safer licensing business, Disney sold the chain to Children's Place Retail Stores in 2004.

But Children's Place failed to meet contractual renovation obligations. In March 2008, Disney bought back part of the chain on undisclosed terms and the remaining stores, about 100 of them, were closed.

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Abdul-Jabbar says league entry age should be 21

ERIC OLSON
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar says the NBA should raise its minimum age for entry into the league to 21.

The NBA's career scoring leader and center on the Los Angeles Lakers' 1980s "Showtime" teams said Wednesday there's a disturbing sense of entitlement among many of today's young pros.

"They get precocious kids from high school who think they're rock stars — 'Where's my $30 million?' " said Abdul-Jabbar, who was in Omaha to speak at the B'nai B'rith sports banquet. "The attitudes have changed, and the game has suffered because of that, and it has certainly hurt the college game."

The 63-year-old Abdul-Jabbar and Magic Johnson led the Lakers to five NBA titles in the 1980s. Before Abdul-Jabbar retired in 1989, he set the NBA record for career points (38,387), MVP selections (six) and All-Star selections (19).

He now is a special assistant to the Lakers and a best-selling author.

Abdul-Jabbar met students Wednesday at Boys Town, the nationally acclaimed home for troubled youth. He told them about his time at UCLA, where he played on three national championship teams for John Wooden and graduated in four years with degrees in English and history.

"Coach John Wooden encouraged me to be more than just a jock," Abdul-Jabbar said. "He said if I let my intellectual life suffer because I was so into being an athlete that I would be less than I could be. I would tell all students to pursue your dreams but don't let your education suffer."

The NBA in 2005 changed its entry age to 19. Players who previously might have jumped from high school to the NBA now end up playing one year of college ball before declaring for the draft.

Those players are still too young, Abdul-Jabbar said, and many deprive themselves of the emotional and physical maturity necessary to meet on- and off-the-court challenges.

"When I played, the players had to go to college and earn their way onto the court, meaning that there were upperclassmen ahead of them," he said. "Players who had to go through that and had to go to class, when they got to be professional athletes, they were a lot better qualified."

Abdul-Jabbar said if college weren't the right place for a player, the player should, as an alternative, be required to play in a minor league or developmental league.

Kevin Garnett, Kobe Bryant and LaBron James became stars right out of high school. The day after James all but disappeared in Cleveland's playoff loss to Boston, Abdul-Jabbar said even "King James" would have benefited from college.

"He would have come into the professional ranks very polished, given his innate gifts," Abdul-Jabbar said. "Having to go through a college system would have made him a total gem as soon as he stepped out of the college ranks."

Abdul-Jabbar commented on other topics:

• He said his role as co-pilot "Roger Murdock" in the 1980 comedy movie "Airplane" changed his life.

"I think everybody in the airline industry is required to watch it," he said. "When I get on planes, every so often the stewardess or the pilot will come out and ask me, 'Do you want to fly the plane?' "

During a flight in Europe, a pilot escorted him from his seat to the cockpit for takeoff.

"I get a good laugh from it," he said. "It's been over 25 years since I made that movie and people still watch it all the time. I guess it's a classic."

• He said he has known about Boys Town and its founder, the Rev. Edward Flanagan, since he attended Catholic school in an Irish neighborhood in New York City. "The Irish were very proud of him and what he had achieved. It's really neat for me to come out here and see it in reality and seeing they're doing such fine work. That is so necessary. People have to care about our youth. They are our most precious resources. If we don't care, what's going to happen."

• He said his greatest athletic achievement was playing on the Lakers team that beat Boston for the NBA title in 1985.

"But seeing my kids graduate from college and knowing they have a firm basis in life, that is a lot more important to me, personally," he said.

• He said 6-11 center Nate Thurmond, who played for Golden State, Chicago and Cleveland, was his toughest matchup.

"A lot of guys beat on me and said they played good defense. Nate actually used skill and knowledge of the game to play against me and make my evenings more difficult when I had to play him," Abdul-Jabbar said. "He was everything a professional center should be."

• He said the "Showtime" Lakers would fare well in the current NBA.

"We had guys on the bench who were Hall-of-Famers," he said. "That doesn't happen now because there is such a dispersal of talent. We would do very well in this present climate."

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

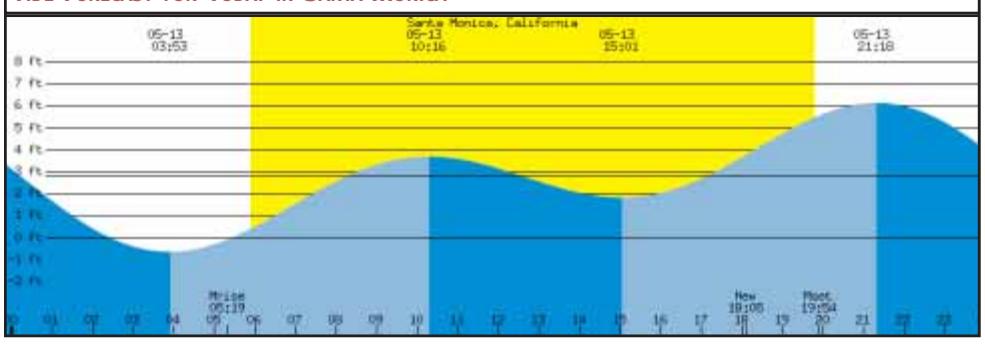
Swell Forecast

It's looking like a smaller surf day with wind swell backing off and no southerly energy to speak of. Most all breaks are likely to see just waist high waves.

Long Range Synopsis

Weekend we should see chest to head high sets around south facing breaks as well.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed bids for the:

Santa Monica Airport Pavement Rehabilitation Project
SP2123

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, not later than 2:30 p.m. on June 3, 2010, to be publicly opened and read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in City Hall. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents.

A pre-bid meeting and job walk has been scheduled for May 26, 2010 at 10:30 AM. The pre-bid meeting will be held at the Airport Administration Building located at 3223 Donald Douglas Loop South, Suite 3, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: $900,000
CONTRACT CALENDAR DAYS: 35
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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City of Santa Monica's online bidding website at: http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm. Bidding Documents may also be examined at the Civil Engineering and Architecture counter located at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica. Copies of the Bidding Documents are also available for a copying cost authorized by applicable law. Additional information may be obtained on the City's website at www.smgov.net/engineering/index.asp or by calling (310) 458-8721. The Contractor is required to have a Class **A** license at the time of bid submission.

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BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 22
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 24

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation; simplehuman; SIMA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Iron Man 2 (PG-13) 2hr 4min
12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15

Babies (PG) 1hr 20min
1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

Oceans (G) 1hr 43min
2:15, 7:30

Alice in Wonderland (PG) 1hr 49min
4:45, 9:50

A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010) (R) 1hr 37min
2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

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

Iron Man 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
11:15 am, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15

Iron Man 2 Digital Presentation (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15

Furry Vengeance (PG) 1hr 32min
2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30

A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010) Digital Presentation (R) 1hr 37min
2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

The Back-up Plan (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:50, 4:50, 7:35, 10:10

Date Night (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:45, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45

Kick-Ass (Digital Presentation) (R) 1hr 57min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

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

Multiple Sarcasms (R) 1hr 53min
1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40

Harry Brown (R) 1hr 58min
1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

My Name is Khan (PG-13) 2hrs 55min
1:00, 4:30, 8:00

City Island (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

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

Clash of the Titans (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:00, 6:30

Hot Tube Time Machine (R) 1hr 39min
3:40, 9:10

The Lightkeepers (PG) 1hr 40min
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Death at a Funeral (R) 1hr 30min
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

How to Train Your Dragon (PG) 1hr 38min
1:20, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50

How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

The Losers (PG-13) 1hr 38min
11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

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Just don't be alone tonight, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You decide to make a new resolution. Because of your energy and drive, everything falls into place. Remain centered and tap into your intuition. Realize what is happening in your life. Tonight: Act on a resolution.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You might want to try something very different and exciting. You can have a new beginning if you relax and simply go with the flow. A meeting could prove to be most instrumental. You get to see how many supporters you have. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Take your time finding answers. You understand a lot more than you might be willing to express. Open up to possibilities, and weigh the pros and cons. A boss or someone you look up to has strong ideas. Listen rather than share. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You have a strong vision of what needs to happen. Test out an idea or two on an expert or someone who has a different perspective from you. You can only gain by brainstorming before acting. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You get a new opportunity that appears out of the blue. This is not a situation to placed on hold, as it might not be there later. A partner lets you know what he or she thinks. After that conversation, you feel like you might not have a choice. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Reach out for others and touch base with them. Discuss an opportunity that might somehow impact them. Travel, education and a different perspective could play into the conversation. Others seem to be more positive. Tonight: Surf the Net.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Work as a team with each individual. You will get a stronger response. Others will feel more important and become more supportive. You have an unusual amount of energy and direction. Tap into these resources. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Others seem to understand where you are coming from. The opportunity to lead helps others identify with their bosses. If you have allowed others this chance, you will see the positive end results. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Emphasize what is important in your daily and professional life. Is there something you want to change, like improving your health or being nicer to associates? Use today's New Moon to make a dream a reality. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You cannot help it! You are moving into weekend mode. You might want to take off now, or at least make plans for the upcoming weekend. Allow greater give-and-take between you and a neighbor or sibling. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Pressure builds on the home front. You cannot cover all the bases, and need to ask for some help or support. You could make promises today and plan to meet them, but life's demands could be too much. Tonight: Mosey on home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Make a decision to change some part of your communication that impacts your life. Relax with a neighbor and catch up on his or her news. You could be surprised by what comes up. Tonight: Hang out with a family member or roommate.

Happy birthday

This year, many distractions head your way. You will have many choices, more than you ever thought possible. Creativity and detachment blend to give you an even better perspective. If you want to make an adjustment or change your path, you will be empowered to do so. You just need to know what you want. If you are single, others note a high level of charisma and magnetism.

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

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



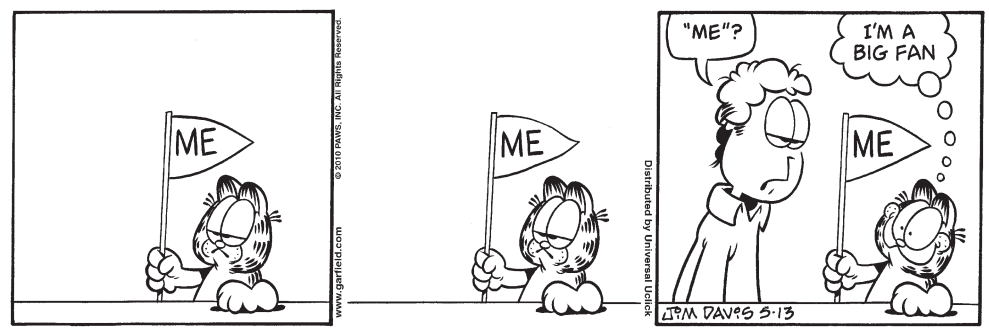
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



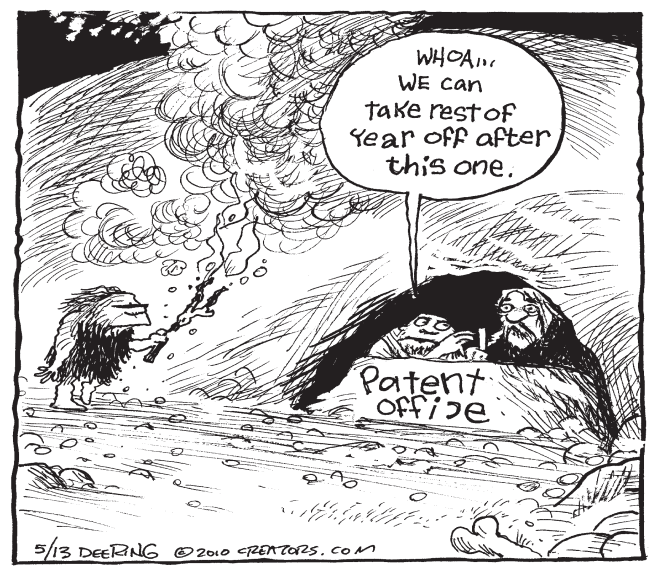
Garfield

By Jim Davis



Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly





Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Fancy do
5 Put to use
11 Shakespeare's river
12 Fermi of physics
13 Farm measure
14 Takes on
15 Enlarged
17 Summer sign
18 Whoop it up
22 Moves like a butterfly
24 Crumble
25 She played Cleo
26 Paint buy
27 Vigilant
30 Texas landmark
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33 "East of Eden" brother
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45 Track figures

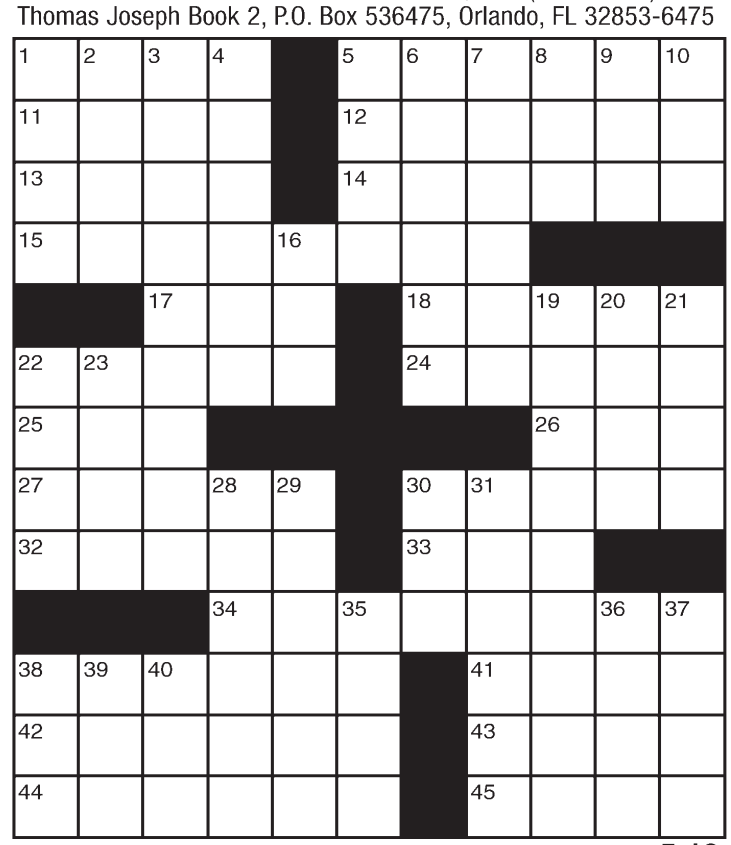
DOWN

1 Openings
2 Opposite of "sans"
3 Confined to one area
4 Short sock
5 Inoperative
6 Survive
7 Fitting
8 Gloss spot
9 Fall mo.
10 Casual greetings
16 Dawn goddess
19 Uttered
20 Wax-coated cheese
21 Late-night star
22 Defect
23 Leslie Caron film
28 Bridge do-over
29 Good hit
30 Drama division
31 Border city
35 Helper: Abbr.
36 Raised
37 Rabbit features
38 Lobster eater's need
39 Musical princess
40 Animation frame

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In March, leaders of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Baraboo, Wis., voted to fire the principal of its elementary and middle school because of his "question(ing) the church's teachings." The church had held a contentious meeting of members on March 21, but few spoke out for the principal, largely because female members were banned from speaking at all. (According to the Baraboo News Republic, women cannot vote on the church's business but generally are allowed to talk at meetings until now.)

Under Britain's Department of Health guidelines, prisoners about to be released, and who had previously taken drugs but cured their addiction while incarcerated, are being purposely re-addicted by wardens, using methadone. According to researchers, the former addicts will then be less likely to overdose when they get back on the street. Reportedly, more than 460 prisoners have thus been "retoxified" in the last five years.

In March, the European Union's Trade Marks and Designs Registration Office granted a trademark to two German entrepreneurs to market a beer called Fucking Hell. Under the office's reasoning, "hell" is simply German slang for "light ale," and the other word is the official name of a town in neighboring Austria. However, according to a March report in Der Spiegel, the applicants for the trademark have no connection to the town, and there is no brewery there, or even plans for a brewery.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1940 World War II: Germany's conquest of France begins as the German army crosses the Meuse River. Winston Churchill makes his "blood, toil, tears, and sweat" speech to the House of Commons.

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