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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

WATER QUALITY: **A woman rides her bike past the Pico-Kenter storm drain south of the Santa Monica Municipal Pier on Wednesday. Improving the storm drain is just one of several projects to be paid for by a parcel tax passed by voters in 2006, generating $2.35 million so far, with another $2.5 million expected by the end of the next fiscal year. The release of Heal the Bay's 18th annual Beach Report Card, which rated the water under the pier as the second worst in the state, raised some questions about the inactivity with the clean water projects, concerns of why construction has yet to commence.**

Clean beaches project to go forward

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Millions in parcel tax revenues idling in city coffers could soon be expended to pay for storm drain replacement projects, an announced timeline this week coming nearly two years after voters approved to clean some of the dirtiest beaches in the state.

Approximately 67 percent of Santa Monica voters approved Measure V — the Clean Beaches and Oceans Parcel Tax — in November 2006, authorizing City Hall to levy a property tax to fund projects listed in the Watershed Management Plan, which seeks to reduce urban runoff pollution and increase water reuse and conservation.

The measure has generated more than $2.35 million and is expected to pull in another $2.5 million by the end of the next fiscal cycle.

Since the measure's passage, City Hall has begun initiating the sale of municipal bonds, hoping to gain more than $25 million to pay for the design and construction of the highest priority projects, which include upgrades of the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility (SMURRF) and the replacement of the Santa Monica Pier storm drain.

But the recent release of Heal the Bay's 18th annual Beach Report Card, which rated the water under the pier as the second worst in the state, raised some questions about the inactivity with the Measure V projects, concerns of why construction has yet to commence.

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State Senate race heating up for next month's election

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO In an otherwise quiet state primary election next month, one of the tightly contested races shaping up has two termed-out democratic assemblymembers vying to represent Santa Monica.

Lloyd Levine, a current Woodland Hills state assemblyman who represents parts of the San Fernando Valley, and Fran Pavley, a former state assemblywoman and school teacher from Agoura Hills, are both fighting for the democratic ticket in the June 3 primary election, hoping to win a seat that will be vacated by eight-year senate veteran Sheila Kuehl.



LEVINE



PAVLEY

The race is considered one of the more interesting in the state primary election, pitting a former Kuehl protégé and public education proponent in Pavley against one of the most outspoken environmentalists in the assembly, both advocating for issues close at heart in Santa Monica.

While it is only a primary, political pundits are confident that the winner will take the seat come November given the district's overwhelming number of registered Democrats.

Levine, 38, faced some scrutiny early in the race when it was revealed that he had

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Move to the beat

SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd., 11:15 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
The Santa Monica College Percussion Ensemble, led by conductor Matthew Altmire, will present a creative, unique performance of percussion music, covering a variety of styles. Admission is free. For more information contact SMC at (310) 434-4452.

Sing it loud

Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m.
SMC Emeritus' Lyric Chorus presents its seasonal mixture of Broadway and Hollywood songs including "April in Paris" and "Lyrically Yours." The concert will take place in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information contact Judith Graham at (310) 458-8600 or at judith.graham@smgov.net

Can I see your tongue?

1807 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 200, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
As part of the Quarterly Lecture Series at Emperor's College of Traditional Oriental Medicine, this is a free lecture to educate curious members of the community about Oriental Medicine. Faculty member Mark Franco Lac will discuss the techniques used to diagnose patients and the important information derived from those methods. No previous knowledge of Oriental Medicine is required. For more information contact the college at (310) 453-8300, ext. 127.

Friday, May 30, 2008

Salsa with Isabelle and Reiko

1334 Lincoln Blvd., 7:15 p.m. — 10 p.m.
If you've ever wanted to learn how to Salsa dance then this is your event. Every Friday at Isabelle Pampillo's Dance Academy dancers come together in a fun and relaxed environment to learn sensual and sexy Salsa moves. There are two classes, one for beginners and another for the intermediates. Then after class, enjoy drinks, try out your new moves with others while dancing to great music. The cost is $20, which includes a 90-minute class and free drinks. For more information contact Isabelle at (310) 392-3493.

Strutting their stuff

1900 Pico Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Santa Monica College's World Dance Company presents repertory and new works in world dance styles that include Indonesian, West African, ballet, East Indian, Spanish Flamenco, belly dance, Brazilian, American hip-hop, Aztec, lyrical American jazz, Latin American salsa, and Mexican choreography. Highlights include the "Deer Dance" from Sonora Mexico and belly dance of the migrating gypsies. This concert will show audiences the excitement of world dance. Performances are scheduled for Friday, May 30; Saturday, May 31; and Sunday, June 1. Tickets are $15 general admission, $12 for students and senior citizens. For more information contact SMC at (310) 434-4452.

Explorations in emptiness

6512 Arizona Ave., Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
What does emptiness, the Mahayana Buddhist name for ultimate reality, mean and how can understanding it transform our lives? Using a text by one of the greatest philosophers on emptiness —Arya Nagarjuna — Lama Marut returns to present the fourth in his series of teachings on the way things do and do not exist, in a manner sure to help guests penetrate this complex material and provoke great discussion. The event will be held at The Mahasukha Center. For more information contact Lauren Benjamin at lauren.benjamin@aci-la.org.

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.



Alice Ollstein *news@smdp.com*

CLUTTER: **The California Supreme Court ruled recently to end a decade-long legal battle against Santa Monica landlord Guillermo Gonzalez, whose multi-unit apartment building, pictured here, is slated to be demolished due to severe health and safety code violations.**

A house divided, a court unanimous

BY ALICE OLLSTEIN
Special to the Daily Press

OCEAN PARK The California Supreme Court ruled recently to end a decade-long legal battle against Santa Monica landlord Guillermo Gonzalez, whose multi-unit apartment building is slated to be demolished due to severe health and safety code violations.

The case will now be sent back to the lower trial court in Beverly Hills sometime in the near future to work out the details of the case.

Gonzalez, who owns the three-unit property at 2438 Ocean Park Boulevard, has been hounded by the City of Santa Monica since 1989, when City Hall filed a civil nuisance lawsuit alleging violations of building, fire, mechanical, plumbing and electrical codes. In 1991, City Hall demolished sections of the building that had been constructed without permits to the tune of $21,900, which Gonzalez was forced to pay by refinancing his mortgage.

"They've been robbing me since I moved here," said Gonzalez. "I'm lucky I'm still here now, because I've got no place else to go."

Later, in 1997, City Hall filed an 85-count misdemeanor criminal complaint against Gonzalez for further code violations. He pled guilty to 15 counts and served 280 days in jail.

Between 2001 and 2004, the property failed repeated city inspections, and on Dec. 6, 2004, City Hall filed to appoint a receiver for the building. The inspectors found that a single bedroom on the second floor contained seven bunk beds being individually rented by the week. Further complaints included an exterior overrun with flammable garbage, a lack of heating in all units, extension cords used in place of proper electrical wiring and, most notably, reports from neighbors of chronic criminal activity.

While Adam Radinsky, the head of the Consumer Production Unit for City Hall, would not characterize the property as a slum, he did refer to it as "a place that had a lot of serious problems for many years and an owner who refused to correct them."

As a final measure, City Hall appointed Century City attorney David Pasternak as the receiver for the facility.

"We are glad that California cities will keep this important tool for dealing with the most problematic properties, although it is a tool of last resort," Radinsky said. "When you have building owners who refuse to build up to code, you have to protect right of tenants to live in safe and sanitary conditions."

In 2005, Pasternak requested permission to demolish the building, noting that a vacant lot would be easier and more profitable to sell than an unsafe structure. In fact, he estimated that demolition would yield $59,000 more in revenue.

According to his attorney Stanley Stern, Gonzalez submitted a petition to the Supreme Court claiming that his right to due process of law and his property rights guaranteed under the California Constitution had been violated. According

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Healing the homeless

County gives OPCC $1M to treat, house down and out

BY ALEXANDRA BISSONNETTE
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Los Angeles County officials have awarded homeless services provider OPCC with a roughly $1million grant in an effort to prevent patient dumping and provide medical care as a gateway into permanent housing.

The grant from the county's Homeless and Housing Program Fund will finance OPCC's Project HEARTH (Healthcare for Empowerment to Access Respite, Treatment and Housing) over a three-year period, which is expected to begin at the end of July.

The $1.080 million grant is part of the 2006 Homeless Prevention Initiative that allocated $32 million for specific city and community programs aiming to increase permanent housing for the homeless in the Los Angeles area.

"Homeless individuals have a lot of untreated physical health issues," said John Maceri, executive director of OPCC, which is based in Santa Monica. "And we aim to meet their basic needs."

The project entails a partnership between OPCC, the Venice Family Clinic, St. John's Health Center and Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center.

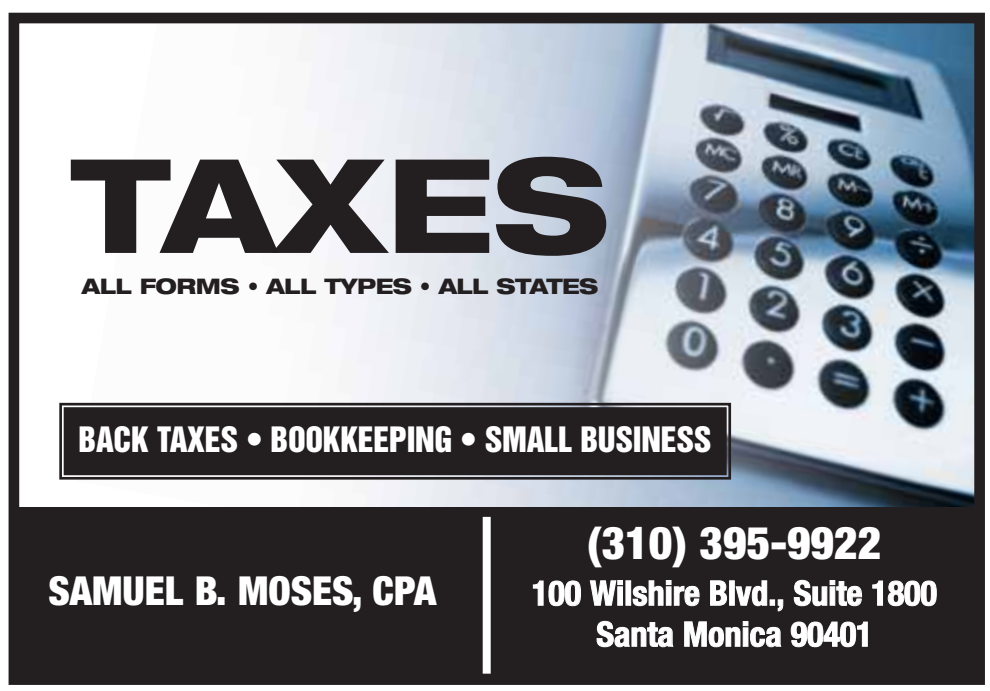
Project HEARTH was created based on the demonstrated success of the 2007 Street Medicine pilot project, a joint effort between Venice Family Clinic and OPCC's outreach team, which sent a physician with medical supplies into the streets to treat chronically ill homeless and to encourage involvement in the support services available to them.

Project HEARTH expands the concept behind "street medicine" by providing medical care in two fully equipped medical exam rooms at the OPCC Annenberg Access Center on Cloverfield Boulevard. Medical treatment will be provided five days a week and there will be a doctor and nurse on staff.

By combining the two services, the project will combat the challenges associated with "patient dumping" in which homeless individuals are released from hospitals and dropped off at shelters or other locations

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Who are you to talk?

Editor:

What gives anyone the right to tell someone to drop out as a candidate for president, whether it is Hillary Clinton, Ron Paul, or Ralph Nader?

Some people will do anything to get on T.V. I saw Jerry "Peace Activist" Rubin on YouTube challenging Ralph Nader to a debate, which is less likely than Nader appearing in the presidential debates, or Obama debating Clinton one more time.

Nader did not spoil the 2000 election for Al Gore. The Supreme Court did, and Ralph was not the only third party candidate to run in Florida (but he did have the best platform).

I thought this was a free country, yet Rubin wants to stifle the voice of anyone who does not follow his lead, whether he is having a melt down at the Ken Edwards Center because he was cut off, or censoring dissenting voices within the Treesavers.

There is no win/win solution for the trees, and no amount of whining, or sucking up to city administrators will change that reality, which is that the judge ruled the Treesavers did not file their suit within the required time period.

The only way to prevent that from happening in the future is to monitor everything the city attempts behind the backs of its residents.

Jon Mann
Santa Monica

In defense of the movement

Editor:

In response to [criticism of Santa Monica Treesavers], to set the record straight, the Treesavers were not defeated. There were originally over 100 ficus and palm trees scheduled for removal on Second and Fourth streets.

It's true, we did lose our lawsuit on a technicality. The statute of limitations – they decided – had run out. The city's case was never clear. We want to thank the community for all of their support, it has really meant a lot to us.

Although it's very flattering you think that we could solve the city's problems if we put our minds to it. Sadly, we cannot. If you feel so strongly about the plight of the homeless, maybe you should get involved. We have suggested to the City Council that better uses for this public money exist, especially the homeless situation. Only one council member agrees with us, Mr. Kevin McKeown.

Ask the City Council why they spent enormous amounts of money to remove perfectly healthy trees. There are arborists reports to prove it.

They are spending even more of this money to plant new ones, not to mention what it will cost to move seven trees down the street. We do not think these trees should be moved.

The police will handle the murders, not our area of expertise. We are Treesavers and we are environmentally concerned.

Get your own cause, be part of the solution. Or get some rest.

Christen MacDonald
Santa Monica



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Meredith C. Carroll — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Georgia on her mind

MY BEST FRIEND IN COLLEGE WAS AN ART history major. While she had a deep respect for Botticelli's command of supple figures, sinuous lines and pagan undertones when studying "The Birth of Venus," all I could see was a naked lady standing precariously in a giant clamshell, trying halfheartedly not to freeze.

As such, there have been times when I've felt a few pangs of regret at never having taken an art appreciation class.

Like earlier this month, when my husband Rick and I spent a few days in Santa Fe, and we were reading about how it was a haven for artists of several different genres.

Still, I held out some hope that years spent living blocks away from some of the greatest museums on the planet had given me a little culture through osmosis.

It rained the first day we were in Santa Fe, so we decided to take the scenic drive to Taos. Besides the lovely views, the little towns we passed through were dotted with all kinds of interesting-looking studios and galleries nestled into dusty, windy roads. Rick told me repeatedly to speak up if there was anywhere I wanted to check out.

So we made three stops. Two were for the bathroom. The third was because I was hungry and wanted to get a snack in a general store that looked like it was fresh out of a John Wayne Western.

The lights were off when we went inside. The only sign of life came from a guy huddled in a corner, engrossed in a phone conversation, his hand covering his mouth over the receiver.

He didn't acknowledge us as we browsed through the selection of warm Coke bottles, Lay's Chile Limón potato chips and Dinty Moore beef stew cans.

I brought some Doritos to the front counter and had my wallet ready when he begrudgingly came over and, without consulting the bag of chips or the cash register, asked me for a buck. When I asked if there was a bathroom, he shook his head and stared at the front door until we walked out of it.

Rick asked again if I wanted to poke around in any of the neighborhood art studios, but I was way more interested in theorizing if the Coen brothers might have possibly based any of their psychopathic murderous characters on the clerk who had just taken our dollar.

The next day we tried to broaden our artistic horizons a bit more and check out the Georgia O'Keeffe museum in Santa Fe, but as it turns out, it was closed for the week. The person at the museum's front desk let us know, though, that they had two spaces left on the private tour of the O'Keeffe research library across the street — something only offered to the public a few times a year, when the museum closes.

As we stood for close to 90 minutes while the docent opened drawer after drawer filled with O'Keeffe's pastels, oil paints and rock and skeleton collection, as well as other personal effects, the pangs of regret returned. While I had a working familiarity of her portraits of orchids and other assorted flowers, it wasn't enough to really treasure getting an up-close view of her assortment of blouses.

Then the docent told everyone to gather around while she pointed to a piece of white notebook paper with a single line drawn on it in pencil at a soft 90-degree angle.

"This sketch is the basis for many of the shapes you see in O'Keeffe's work," she said.

Delighted gasps, oohs and ahhs could be heard rippling through the group.

I raised my hand. "Um, how do you really know that? It looks like it's just a line drawn on a piece of paper. How do you even know which end is up?"

The docent peered down over her glasses and looked me up and down. She explained the extensive research done by the curator and other scholars over the years. Specific works of art were cited.

Everyone else stared at me like they could smell the bathrooms at my office this week after a sewer pipe burst.

When it was over, Rick and I browsed through the museum shop filled with pretty note cards and sophisticated, artsy gifts. I got a bottle of Georgia O'Keeffe water, and we left for the town's five-and-dime store so I could buy a dead scorpion ensconced in a little plastic dome filled with red glitter and adorned with a "Santa Fe, New Mexico," sticker to add to our tacky souvenir collection at home.

Too bad I didn't take a college class on culture, either. But at least I have some of that under my fingernails.

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Weldon Berger

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Be cost effective when it comes to homelessness

I'M HOMELESS. IN EFFECT, THE CONDITION means I'm breaking some law or another simply by existing: I loiter days, and at night I trespass or camp illegally, or both. There are times when nature, like an iconic telemarketer, calls at the most inconvenient moments. Unlike with telemarketers, though, one can't hang up or join a no-call list. The result is illegal.

Sorry about that. Dignity is often an early casualty of life on the streets.

Like many homeless people, I'm dealing with some relatively serious mental health issues.

Like the overwhelming majority of homeless people, I'm not violent or dangerous to anyone other than my sad self. Like most of us, I don't panhandle (some of us lack the capacity; I lack the disposition). To this point I've been relatively successful at navigating the maze of organizations and programs offering services to people like me, but it's an exhausting and very nearly full-time job to do so.

When you see homeless people who are hopelessly grimy and smell bad, there's a fair chance that they've simply been ground down too far to continue making the effort to find and keep decent clothes, and to shower and do laundry.

I'm not trying to paint a noble savage portrait, although there are those among us who would qualify.

I do, however, wish that those SMDP readers who purely hate people in my situation would give a little thought, actually a lot of thought, to the other side of the equation. Very, very few people are homeless by choice. Mental illness, substance abuse and sometimes a native incapacity to function play large roles in funneling people to the street.

The demand for services, including psychiatric, medical and a universe of counseling specialties, is very high and the supply is low.

The odds of getting off the street decrease the longer one is on it.

There is, of course, a glaringly obvious solution to the problem of homelessness: Give us homes, and give us the help we need to stay in them.

Oh, I know it goes against the grain; after all, why should someone like me get an apartment for little or no money when everyone else has to pay?

Well, setting aside any moral dimension, how sick are you of seeing me and my legion of companions sleeping in the park or at bus stops, or panhandling on the promenade? Wouldn't you just once like to be able to walk down an alley without smelling urine? I know I would.

Wouldn't you feel safer knowing that the transparently lunatic fellow you've been shrinking from, or just cordially despising, is neatly tucked away somewhere other than a hideously expensive public institution, and getting treatment that might make him less of a burden upon society?

Wouldn't it be nice if the grimiest among us only had to drag themselves a few feet from bed to take a shower, and a few more feet down to the laundry room to wash their clothes?

You're actually paying for us already anyway, and several studies have shown that you're paying more to chase us around the streets than you would to plant us in apartments.

You're paying for a considerable amount of police time, and you're paying for court time when we show up to deal with homelessness-related tickets that are either dismissed or result in jail time, the latter of which is also expensive.

You're paying for the property management teams zipping around downtown in pricey golf carts at all hours rousting homeless people from their concrete beds, and for the additional cleanup crews who mitigate the messes we make.

You're paying when we go to the emergency room instead of a physician because so many of us don't qualify for MediCal or Medicare, and are caught up in one or another social services purgatory.

In other words, you're paying a lot of money to keep us in your face. To me, that seems self-destructive; it's the kind of thinking, and poor decision-making, that ultimately leads to homelessness. For your own sake, act now.

Get us housed before we bankrupt your city and in the process drive you off your rocker and into the street.

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The Q Line

Stepping Down

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Superintendent Dianne Talarico is widely expected to leave her post at the end of the school year.

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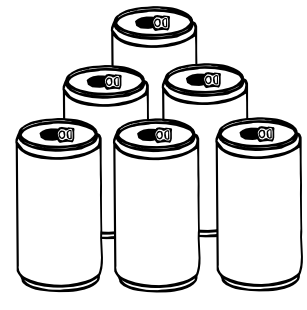
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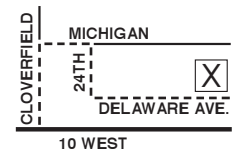
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Real Simple Food

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Making a healthy meal in 30 minutes

I THINK WITH THE BUSY LIVES WE ALL lead these days it is increasingly difficult to cook at the end of the day. This may be why one of the largest growing areas of the food business is prepared foods.

That said I am a dedicated "eat at home person" who cooks almost every night for two and even for one. Of course as a professional chef I find it easy to throw together a simple and delicious meal in 30 minutes, but I also teach this skill in cooking classes around the Los Angeles area as well as in private homes.

It is this easy; take a few fresh ingredients, add a few staple items and voila. You will have a meal in less than 30 minutes that is not only fabulous, healthy and mouth watering but worth making even if your are dining alone.

I encourage my students to take the extra time they save to shop on the way home or if you are really thinking on your feet, shop all at once on the weekend to insure you can enjoy your own home cooked meal.

Now why go to all that trouble if you are just cooking for yourself? Why not just hit the drive-thru window? I am invariably asked those questions by people that I teach and the answer I consistently give them is this. Why get take out or eat in a restaurant with semi-decent food that God only knows who preared it, and then find not only are you eating too much fat, but the portion is more than likely too large which means you eat it and before you know it you wonder why am I getting a little chunky around the middle? Then there's the whole health and bacteria issue, which I am reluctant to even start to comment on because believe it or not it is serious. So, that said, it is maybe more appealing to eat your own food than you thought, right?

The bare minimum of staples to have on hand are canned chicken and vegetable broth, pastas, canned tomatoes, rice, beans, tuna, olives, olive oil and a variety of vinegars. Make one stop to pick up a piece of chicken or fish and a vegetable and dinner can be on the table within half an hour of arriving home.

Or you can take a few cooking classes at a local culinary school (there are a number of them in the L.A. area) to learn a few skills and help motivate you to get in the cooking groove.

Here are a couple quick and easy recipes for everyday dinners. You'll be amazed at how fast you can prepare them and how better you'll feel after eating.

Bulghur and Chick Pea Salad
This recipe serves 8
Preparation time: 20 minutes

Ingredients
1 cup medium bulghur
3 shallots, minced
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 Tb. lemon juice
1/4 cup olive oil
1 1/2 cups chickpeas, rinsed and drained
1 cup chopped parsley
1/2 cup chopped toasted walnuts
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Procedure
1. Cover the bulghur with 3 cups of boiling water in a medium bowl, cover and let stand for about 15 to 20 minutes. Drain well and transfer back to the bowl.
2. Combine the shallots with the vinegar, garlic and salt to taste in a small bowl. Whisk in the lemon juice and olive oil. Pour over the bulghur and chickpeas. Add parsley, walnuts and salt and pepper. Toss well and taste for seasoning.
3. Serve at room temperature or chilled.
(This recipe can be made ahead and stored in the refrigerator for up to a week.)

Apricot-Glazed Chicken Breasts
Serves: 4
Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 15 minutes
Ingredients
2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, trimmed, halved
1/2 cup apricot jam
1 Tablespoon Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons minced ginger
2 Tablespoons sherry wine vinegar
1 Tablespoon olive oil
Salt and pepper, to taste

Procedure
1. Heat the oven to 400F.
2. Place the chicken breasts in a medium bowl.
3. Combine the jam, mustard, ginger, vinegar, oil, salt and pepper in a small bowl and whisk. Taste for seasoning.
4. Brush the breasts with the glaze and place on a rack in a roasting pan. Roast for 5 minutes. Turn the breasts over brush with the glaze and roast until golden and cooked through about 7 to 8 minutes.
5. Divide the chicken between 4 dinner plates and serve.
(This can be made ahead and stored in the refrigerator for up to two days.)

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Best of what the ocean has to offer

SOMETIMES PEOPLE ASK ME "WHAT'S your favorite restaurant?" I usually reply that it depends on what I feel like eating. But if you ask me what restaurant in Santa Monica I go to the most, the answer is without a doubt Ocean Avenue Seafood.

Above all I appreciate the service. There is always enough staff to provide diners with whatever they need. And the staff is really well trained: They even know the names of the oysters and where they come from. And if you ask a question about the cuisine, they can describe it well.

Next, I love oysters, but I'm afraid to eat them in some restaurants. At OAS they are always fresh and delicious. The tuna tartar ($15) is also a step above most establishments that serve this very popular dish. Here the pieces of tuna are small discrete cubes, slices of avocado and a crisp wafer on the bottom, served with a light touch of sesame dressing. The fried calamari, which seems to be served just about everywhere now, is crisp on the outside, but not overcooked on the inside.

The "cioppino" might be the best in town, although at $28 it's not the least expensive. The mix of fresh fish and shellfish makes for a fun, if slightly messy, meal. I never put on the lobster bib they offer, because I don't like its chemical smell.

The star dish is the fresh lobster, which I prefer steamed. The pound and a half at $40 is as good as it gets. The "drawn butter" is not to my taste, so I always ask for some of the butter that comes with the excellent bread (warm) and add some of that into the stuff they serve as melted butter, whatever it is.

Little recognized is the fact that they have prime steaks, from filet mignon to ribeye to New York cuts, all priced around $40. These are real prime steaks, so they are worth the price.

For dessert I like the macadamia nut tort with an espresso. But of course, I'm not supposed to eat desserts.

On the back of the large, daily menu you'll find one of the best wine lists in Southern California. That's not only because there are at least 200 different wines to choose from (who has time to read all that?) but also because of the careful thought that went into the selection. Jerry handles the wines, and his philosophy is to offer a wide selection of unusual wines that go well with the dishes on the menu. There are about two dozen wines by the glass, a nice selection of half bottles, and the balance is classified according to food pairing suggestions. There is Chardonnay for finfish, rosé for tuna, pinot noir for salmon, and so forth. I can strongly recommend "le Grand cros" rosé by the glass, a wine made from a vineyard close to my home in France.

Finally, a very special and unusual treat: If you choose to sit in the raised corner section to the left as you enter, there is an aquarium. Inside are two very beautiful eels, that slowly glide around in the water. It's better entertainment than you'll see on the television screens dotted around the bar.

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Helpful tips for making your vegetable garden beautiful

BY DEAN FOSDICK
Associated Press

Ornamental kitchen garden design has more than 450 years of tradition from which to draw, but virtually anything goes. Just be sure some color accompanies that culinary crunch.

Here are some tips to make your creative gardening endeavors more palatable:

• Follow the sun. Vegetables need their day in the sun, or at least six to eight hours worth, if they're to produce the best yields. But showier varieties deserve visibility, too. Place them near the kitchen door for convenience; yet also position them where they can be enjoyed from the windows.

• Plan small and then plant smaller. We're talking about using a heavy mix of perennials here, things like asparagus, rhubarb, horseradish, chives, strawberries, fruiting shrubs and trees. Find varieties that are at the same time attractive and flavorful.

"Start with a 10-foot by 10-foot section. You always can add to it later. Then grow just the things you enjoy or can't get at the farmer's market or grocery like luxury herbs and fancy, tender little greens," says Ellen Ogden, co-founder of "The Cook's Garden" seed catalog.

Skip the bigger plants, like sweet corn. They not only take up a lot of room but they rob the soil of nutrients. Salad greens or tomatoes provide more nutritional value for the space, Ogden says.

• Succession planting. Get a second crop into the ground immediately after harvesting the first. Depending upon your climate and the maturity dates of your plants, a compact ornamental kitchen garden can be good for as many as three crops per growing season. Speed things along by using seed sown in peat pots. That way, they'll be ready to drop into the ground after the cool weather plants (beets, cabbage, radishes, mustard and spinach) are done.

• Border plants. If you prefer a living barrier to stone walls, then choose a hardy ornamental shrub that will flower, fruit and produce a colorful background when viewed from within or without.

• Go easy with the chemicals if you intend to nibble on the blooms. You'll be washing them, of course, but gently if you want to deliver them intact to the table. Better that you grow such things organically to make them even more food-safe.

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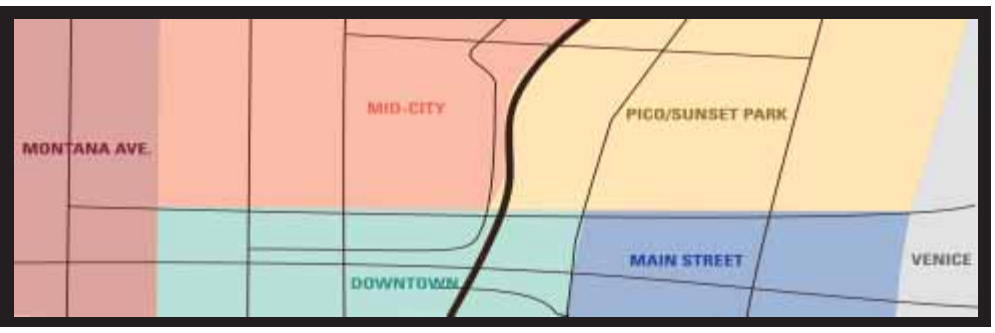
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Apartment building to be demolished

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to the court record, Gonzalez informed the court that he opposed demolition and that it was his "fervent wish" to be permitted to continue inhabiting the property with his family. Gonzalez stated on record that apart from the rents received from the property, he was unemployed and had no other income or assets. He also claims not to have received proper notification of the appointed receiver.

"The city misdirects the owners on purpose so that you lose your property," Gonzalez said. "One inspector said that everything was up to code in 1980, and 30 years later they tell me it's not up to code. They contradict each other. They have no social skills, no communication skills and they have no class. All they have is evil minds."

The court did not agree.

"This is an egregious case where [Gonzalez] has been involved in criminal matters and numerous civil matters regarding the conduct and condition of this property," the state Supreme Court ruled. "He certainly had more than ample notice of the building code violations and the other safety code violations that are existent on his property."

Gonzalez still contends that City Hall mistreated him.

This is the first Supreme Court to address the receivership law. Radinsky noted that while what he calls "the receivership remedy" is not used extensively, use has been increasing.

"We have talked with law enforcement officials and they say it's prevalent," he said. "It's a chronic problem."

He hopes that the ruling will send a message to property owners throughout California.

"We hope that property owners will keep their properties up to code so cities don't have to go this far," Radinsky said.

Gonzalez was born in Texas and raised on the U.S./Mexico border. Growing up, he crossed the border every day for work. After being homeless for several years in the late 1960s, he started making a name for himself in boxing, sometimes earning up to $15,000 a night, he said.

In 1973 he put his newfound fortune into buying the Ocean Park property.

"I wanted to help myself and help others," Gonzalez said. "I have a family and roommates here and they help me pay the bills. It's so hard to find a job right now, so we all share expenses. I would love to have everyone live in my house, but I can only help so many people."

In their final opinion, the court wrote: "Even if the property were rehabilitated and returned to Gonzalez's control, the uncontroverted facts presented an overwhelming inference that Gonzalez did not have the economic means and the moral resolve to function as a responsible property owner so as to avoid once again endangering the health and safety of his family, potential tenants and neighbors."

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Placing 200 in homes a HEARTH Project goal

FROM **GRANT** PAGE 3

without follow up care or the necessary means to recuperate, Maceri said.

Project HEARTH will provide housing during the recovery period and opportunities for further involvement with housing programs.

It "directly addresses the most critical barrier to permanent housing in Santa Monica: The shortage of affordable rental housing that results in property owners choosing not to participate in housing subsidy programs," Maceri said. "HEARTH will put a full-time housing coordinator in place to work with property owners to promote acceptance of subsidized tenants, and to support successful landlord/tenant relationships."

The partnership will allow OPCC, Venice Family Clinic, and the two local hospitals to design a discharge planning system to ensure that homeless individuals will not have to return to the street for recovery.

"Most people who are released from the hospital need follow-up care, medications management, good nutrition, and monitoring," said LaTisha Starbuck, vice president of Mission and Ethics at St. John's. "HEARTH will allow OPCC and Venice Family Clinic to help patients recover in housing rather than on the street, and give them the permanent housing opportunities that will benefit their health and welfare in the long term."

The project will also establish primary health care to prevent unnecessary hospitalizations of homeless patients that burden emergency room staff and needlessly fill hospital beds.

"OPCC's new program will help prevent hospital admissions and lengthy hospital stays for homeless people through early treatment at the Access Center and new resources for discharge planners," said Dr. Martin Chenevert, assistant director of the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center's emergency room. "If a person goes to a bed instead of the street, we are more confident that they will recuperate from their illness or injury, and be less likely to end up back in the emergency room."

While the OPCC's HEARTH project has been approved to receive the grant, negotiations are still underway to evaluate fiscal and program benchmarks.

"The goal is to get the money onto the streets as quickly as possible," said Leepi Shimkhada, project manager at the L.A. Community Development Commission.

The commission will monitor all programs receiving funding to evaluate performance and assess program accomplishments.

Some of the benchmarks already in place include serving 500 patients with primary health care per year, and over the course of three years placing 200 people in permanent housing, Maceri said.

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NASTY: **People ride their bikes past the Pico-Kenter storm drain just south of the Santa Monica Municipal Pier on Wednesday afternoon.**

Increased project costs slowed execution of bonds

FROM **CLEAN BEACHES** PAGE 1

Councilmember Bobby Shriver, who was one of the proponents of Measure V, said he found it unacceptable that a city which prides itself in environmental initiatives would have one of the dirtiest beaches in the state, second only to Avalon Beach, according to the report.

"(People) want to be able to not get sick when they swim," Shriver said during a City Council meeting on Tuesday. "We really need to hunker down."

City Hall is in the process of hiring a firm to design the pier storm drain replacement and a manager to oversee the project until a storm water engineer is retained early next year. Once the design of the project is finished, city officials will have a better idea as to when the storm drain will be completed, according to City Manager Lamont Ewell.

The storm water engineer, a recommendation of the city's Environmental Task Force, will be paid with Measure V funds. The pier storm drain project is estimated to cost $2 million.

The council also helped get the ball rolling when it established the Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee on Tuesday. The committee, which is mandated by the measure, will be responsible for auditing expenditures.

Ewell said the delay in moving the project forward can be attributed to two factors — the loss of Environmental and Public Works Director Craig Perkins earlier this year; and an unanticipated 500 percent increase in the amount of money City Hall will contribute for water clean-up projects with the city of L.A.

"This is the highest priority for the city," Ewell said about the pier storm drain project.

City Hall entered an agreement to contribute roughly $283,000 a year to fund several water quality improvement projects with Los Angeles. Deemed as insufficient by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the project expanded in scope and Santa Monica's annual contribution ballooned to more than $1.7 million a year as a result.

City officials only learned of the new figure about a month ago, Ewell said.

"We think we're back on track now," Ewell said.

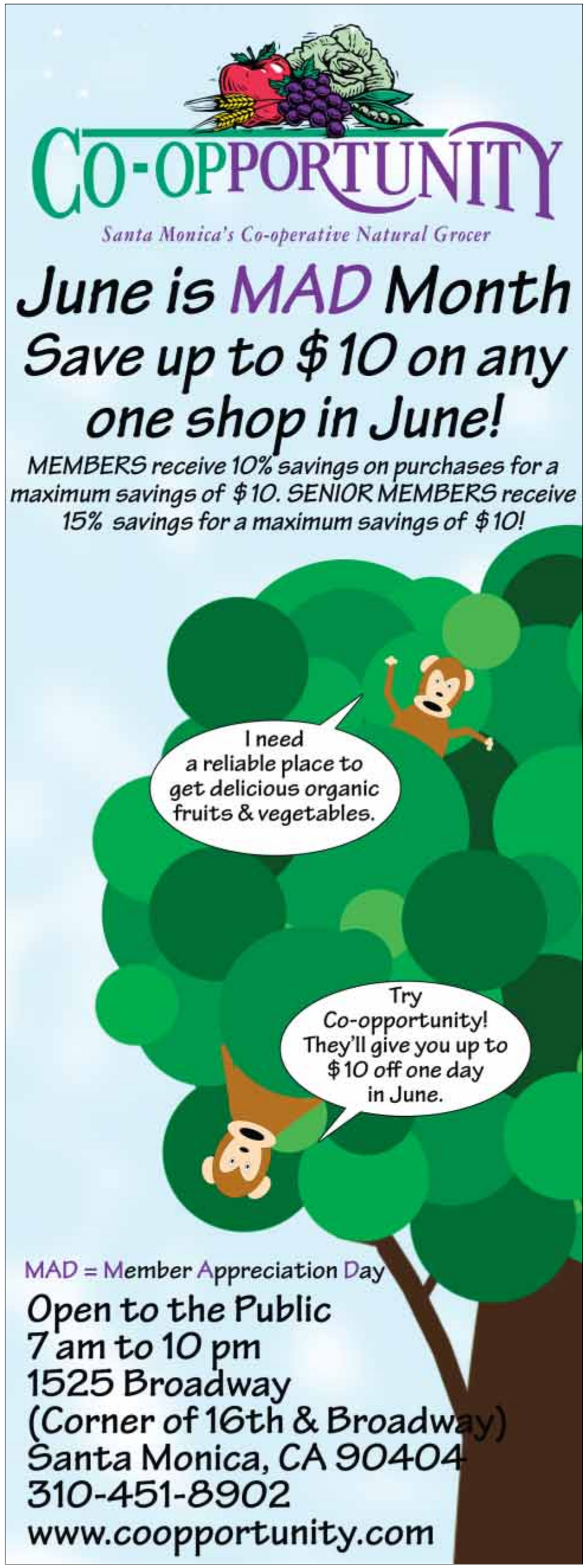
Among the priority projects listed in the Watershed Management Plan are the Pico-Kenter storm drain improvement, the Bicknell Green Street Project and future beach greening parking lot conversions.

The first beach green lot opened in Ocean Park earlier this month, combining open space with an infiltration system designed to stop pollutants from entering the Santa Monica Bay. The 83 parking spaces at the beach lot were removed and replaced with a special type of grass called Netlawn, which is designed to accommodate cars when necessary.

City councilmembers urged staff to expedite the projects.

"We need to move forward in an extremely aggressive way on this," Shriver said.

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Senate race pits two former colleagues against each other

FROM RACE PAGE 1

moved into the 23rd senate district — from Van Nuys to Woodland Hills — earlier this year. Sen. Alex Padilla, who was elected in 2006, represents the district in which Levine resided prior to the move.

Pavley, 59, who was termed out of the assembly two years ago, pointed out that the overlap of the 23rd senate district and Levine's own assembly territory constitutes less than 9 percent, adding that he had never represented a coastal area.

Levine defended the move, saying he has lived in the San Fernando Valley his entire life, including in Burbank where he grew up and North Hollywood.

"I don't know why it would hurt me more in Santa Monica than Fran in the valley or either one of us in West Hollywood," Levine said in an interview last week. "We're both running in new territory and old territory."

A product of Oakwood High School, Levine was inaugurated into the assembly in 2002, among his most championed issues being the environment, authoring several bills related to plastic bag regulations.

"I've been a leader on many issues, everything from renewable energy to recycling to childhood obesity … and I want to keep doing that," Levine said. "The only way to keep doing that is running for the state senate."

Levine authored a bill that created the country's first statewide plastic bag recycling program that requires grocery stores to display recycling bins. A supplemental bill that Levine is currently advocating would require stores to reduce plastic bag usage by 70 percent in three years or charge consumers a fee.

The Santa Monica City Council is currently considering an outright ban on plastic bags.

"I was actually running in my district and there were literally thousands of plastic grocery bags hanging from the trees in the L.A. River," Levine said. "It was so disgusting I said to my staff the next day that we need to do something about it."

Pavley has also been a known supporter of environmental initiatives, authoring a bill that allowed bond money to be funneled into city and non-profit organizations to reduce storm water runoff.

"Santa Monica has benefited from passages of those bonds in that legislation," Pavley said during an interview last week.

The first mayor of Agoura Hills and longtime school teacher, Pavley served on the assembly from 2001-2006, sitting on the budget and education committees during her tenure. Pavley has been endorsed by Kuehl.

Among the issues most advocated by Pavley is public education funding, a growing concern among educational stakeholders in the state.

"We are going in the wrong direction in our state," Pavley said. "We have to make sure our state budget is not balanced on the back of cities or schools."

Pavley said she would like the state government to provide more autonomy to the local governances as well as school districts, adding that micromanaging from Sacramento is never a good idea.

A bane of Westsiders, traffic has become an increasingly growing concerns, factions of public transportation advocates lobbying for projects including the Subway to the Sea and the Exposition Light Rail Project. Levine earlier this year said he intended to write a bill that would allow public agencies to team with private companies to fund transportation projects.

"Getting people to and from the Westside, and frankly from Oxnard through the San Fernando Valley, is a real challenge," Levine said.

Both the Expo and Subway to the Sea projects, the former closer to reality than the latter, have a growing list of supporters, among them being Pavley, who said she wants to make sure the Expo Line does not terminate at Culver City. The second phase of the Expo project, which is still in the environmental review phase, will take the line from Culver City to Santa Monica.

Among the bills that both candidates said they intend to author in the senate are legalizing physician-assisted suicide and establishing a school curriculum for "green" jobs.

Levine said he would like to make California the second state in the country — the first being Oregon — to legalize a patient's right to die, an issue that stirred national controversy after Terri Schiavo, a Florida woman who suffered brain damage, died in 2005 when her feeding tube was removed.

"I want to allow terminally-ill patients to have that kind of autonomy at the end of their life," Levine said.

With the eco-movement gaining steam, Pavley said she would like to provide funding for college courses that focus on jobs in the environmental sector, noting that Santa Monica College would be a good destination for such a program.

"I'm seeing an accelerated interest by solar companies in having a trained workforce," she said.

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Price of a good time at conventions: $500,000?

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LOS ANGELES Want a skybox perch to see John McCain speak at the Republican National Convention, passes to hot GOP parties that week, pampering from the concierge and private wheels to tool around town?

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Committees raising money for California delegations to the national conventions are asking wealthy donors to make six-figure donations in exchange for VIP-level treatment and seats to witness history. The top-price ticket package: $500,000, to be a "presidential host" at the GOP convention in St. Paul in September.

"We would be honored to have you and your clients participate," a fundraising pitch from the California Democratic Party says. It offers a "convention chair" position for $250,000 that includes dozens of tickets to convention parties and coveted floor passes to see speeches in person.

Sponsoring a breakfast or reception ($30,000 or $50,000, respectively) for the California Democratic delegation at the August convention provides an opportunity "to maximize the impact of your organization" and "reach out to the convention participants, elected officials and media alike."

Even for a quadrennial event known for attracting free-spending corporations and lobbyists, the price is eye-catching, particularly coming from state delegations rather than the fundraising groups that finance the national conventions.

Candidates are under strict fundraising rules in campaigns, but national political conventions present a virtual open door for giving. In 2004, for example, the Raytheon Co., Fidelity Investments and IBM each gave at least $1 million to the host committee for the Democratic National Convention in Boston.

The money raised by state-level delegations bankrolls such items as transportation, catering, and paychecks for an army of staffers to attend to delegates' needs, officials say.

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Government watchdogs have long bemoaned the corporate spending on national political conventions, where executives and lobbyists can get access to elected officials at several days of ritzy events. Those relationships, critics say, can lead to influence over policy and legislation.

"It's very rare where you have somebody making a $500,000 donation who doesn't want something in return," said Robert Stern, president of the Center for Governmental Studies in Los Angeles and former general counsel of the California Fair Political Practices Commission. "Anybody who does contribute at the $500,000 level will be feeling it's an investment."

In addition to donations raised by national host committees and state committees, the Democratic and Republican parties each get about $17 million for convention expenses from the federal fund that finances campaigns through voluntary $3 checkoffs by individual taxpayers.

The GOP's California Delegation Host Committee is tax-exempt, and there is no limit on donations to it or its spending. A solicitation letter from the committee chairman, venture capitalist and McCain fundraiser J. Gary Shansby, seeks donations from $50,000 to $500,000.

Each level of giving has its own array of convention perks and privileges. "Presidential host" donors, who give or raise the maximum, get private transportation at the convention, sky box access at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, hotel rooms, a private dinner with "special guest" at Shansby's California estate, "priority ticketing" at events and a promotional listing on the delegation's Web site.

At the low end, the $50,000 "chairman's club" doesn't even come with hotel rooms.

For a pledge of $400,000, California Democrats tell donors they can join a "trustee program" that promises access to events attended in previous years by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Hillary Rodham Clinton and celebrities like Beatty, according to an invitation. They get stacks of tickets for convention events, and advertising opportunities for their company.

A GOP host committee spokesman, Hector Barajas, said the California delegation could include as many as 1,000 people. The cost of ground transportation, food, drinks and entertainment, staff, a media office and other activities could hit $1.75 million for the four-day convention, according to one party estimate.

"You try to put forward a first-rate program and activities, and we need to make sure we provide for the various needs of our delegation," Barajas said.

Democratic Party spokesman Bob Mulholland said the donations cover expenses not shouldered by the national convention.

To finance convention activities four years ago, federal records show, the California Republican delegation got $129,000 from the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; $50,000 each from the California Nations Indian Gaming Association, health-care products maker Allergan Inc., and public relations giant Fleishman-Hillard Inc.; $25,000 from ChevronTexaco Corp., and $20,000 from the Gap Inc.

LA rail disaster defendant says he was a meth addict

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A man charged with 11 counts of murder for causing a commuter rail disaster testified Wednesday he was a methamphetamine addict in withdrawal when he decided to kill himself by driving his Jeep SUV onto train tracks.

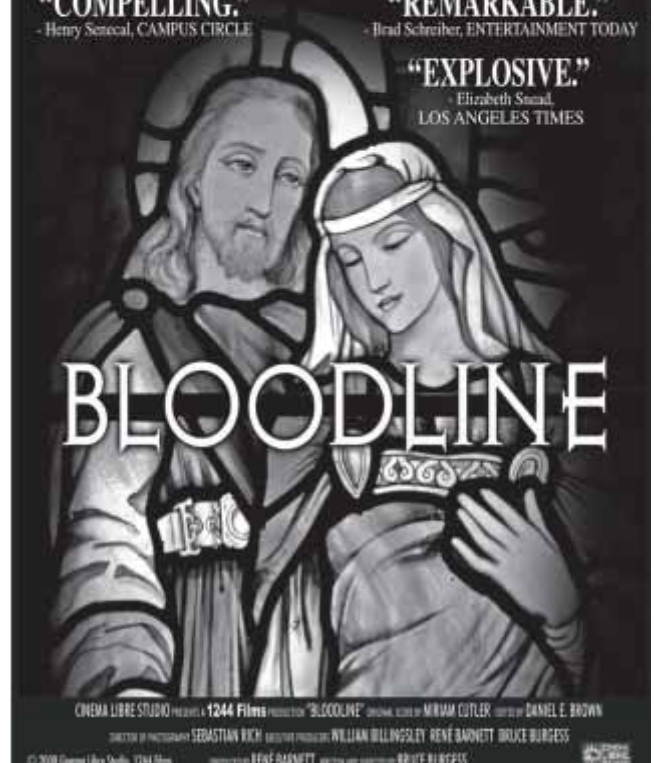
Juan Alvarez, 29, told jurors he felt unhappy and depressed whenever he stopped using the drug but had decided to go off of it after suffering ill effects.

"I had been trying to quit for a long time," said Alvarez. "I would say, 'I'm not going to do this. I'm going to better myself.'"

Alvarez's SUV caused the Jan. 26, 2005, derailment of a Metrolink train, which struck a parked freight and then was hit by another Metrolink train going the opposite direction. Eleven people were killed and 180 injured in the tangle of rail cars in suburban Glendale.

Alvarez, who could face the death penalty if convicted, testified earlier that he decided to kill himself that day but changed his mind at the last minute and then could not move his vehicle off the tracks.

Alvarez's lawyer ended his questioning by eliciting testimony that the defendant was an abused child who tried to commit suicide several times after being beaten by his father and sexually abused by an uncle.

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SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 60°**

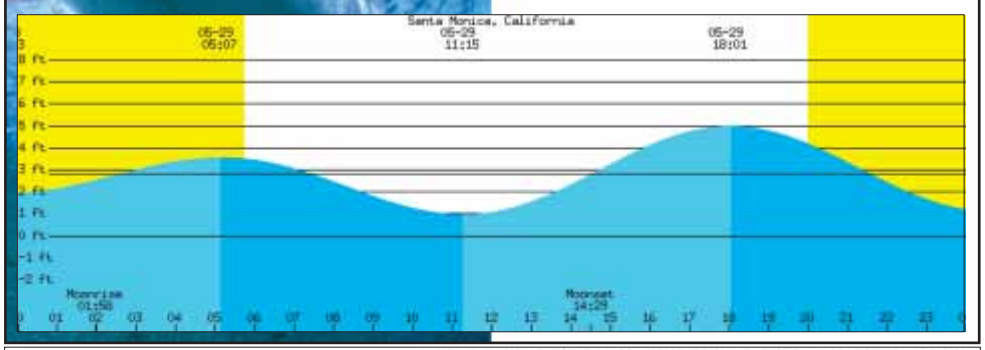
SWELL FORECAST (1-2 FT)

The swell looks similar with knee to waist high waves (at best) most everywhere. Winds should be light with an onshore trend early, although afternoon onshores could reach 20+. Tide on Thursday slowly recedes throughout the morning hours, and becomes rather high by evening.

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TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of: **May 20, 2008**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 2
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 3
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / as
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / as

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, The Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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

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

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

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
as -- no sample taken

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MLB

Selig finally admits Angels hosting 2010 All-Star game

BY KEN PETERS
Associated Press Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. Commissioner Bud Selig finally got around Wednesday to announcing what the rest of baseball has known for more than a year: The Los Angeles Angels will host the 2010 All-Star game.

The All-Stars will be at Anaheim for the first time since 1989, when Bo Jackson hit a 448-foot homer and was selected MVP. Nolan Ryan was the winning pitcher in the AL's 5-3 victory, and John Smoltz, the only player still active from that game, took the loss.

The only other All-Star game in Anaheim was in 1967, a 2-1 NL victory in 15 innings, the longest All-Star Game in history. Tony Perez hit the game-deciding home run off Catfish Hunter.

The 2010 game is scheduled for July 13.

This summer's All-Star contest is at Yankee Stadium, and St. Louis will host the 2009 game. Arizona is the expected host in 2011, Kansas City in 2012 and the New York Mets' Citi Field in 2013. Selig said some progress has been made with Arizona and Kansas City, but no decisions made.

"We're getting there. I want to get today done, then I'll start worrying about the next couple of years," he said after a news conference at Angel Stadium.

Fans at this year's game in New York will pay lofty prices for tickets, which will go for from $150-$725 for the July 15 contest. Tickets to last year's game in San Francisco ranged from $75-$285. Selig believes tickets for the game in Anaheim probably won't be as pricey as those in New York.

"I think each year will stand on its own, wherever you go and the area you go," he said. "It's a sensitive subject with me. You have to have flexibility in everything, and you deal with the local club and their prices. So we adjust to that."

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1:30 p.m., 6:45
Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay
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The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian
Digital Presentation (PG) 2 hrs 20 min
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Swap secrets, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Though you might be slow to get going, once you do, you feel renewed. Avoid a collision with a boss or someone you might need to answer to. Suddenly you feel better and are more than ready to challenge others. Tonight: What you want. Just ask.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Use the early part of the day for any task or situation that demands high energy. Remember, you are not the Energizer Bunny; you need timeouts. You'll slow down in the afternoon. Plan accordingly. Tonight: Secrets could be swapped.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Responsibilities continue to call. Don't evaluate how you could change this picture right now. Just do what you need to do. By midafternoon, you will see how much you have accomplished. A meeting could evolve into a fun get-together. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Do your best to explore behind the scenes and get answers. You might not be comfortable with what you hear or the big picture. If you feel that you can change what is happening, take action later on. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Work with others directly, and don't postpone a problem person or situation. Your ability to take in all the information and look at the big picture emerges. Seek out an expert or two if need be. Tonight: Togetherness works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others make a lot of effort. Why are you resisting the inevitable? Go for what you want with an eye to positive change and deeper interactions. Tonight: Dinner with a special friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might not always understand where people are coming from. Don't allow others to distract you from your present task. Defer meetings or calls until you are done. Let go and relax with those around you. Tonight: You decide who, what and where. Just don't be alone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ A brainstorming session is more important than you could possibly realize. Think positively about changes, even if you might wonder what your role is here. Apply yourself to clearing out must-do errands. Tonight: Easy does it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Handle a personal matter in the a.m., when you feel fresh and invigorated. A relationship could take a higher priority right now. You might want to change your priorities just for a day. If you are single, check out someone new. Tonight: Start your weekend early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Make key calls before midafternoon. Your vision of what might be workable could be tested. Be willing to go back to the drawing board. Experiment with new ideas, keeping your priorities in mind. Tonight: Mosey on home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Tackle funds head-on, knowing you can deal with whatever you need to. Return calls, schedule meetings and have an important discussion in the afternoon. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ This morning, you might feel great but could decide those around you are out of sorts. Loosen up when dealing with a financial matter. You might not be open to listening to the many different financial options. Tonight: Indulge a tad.

Happy birthday

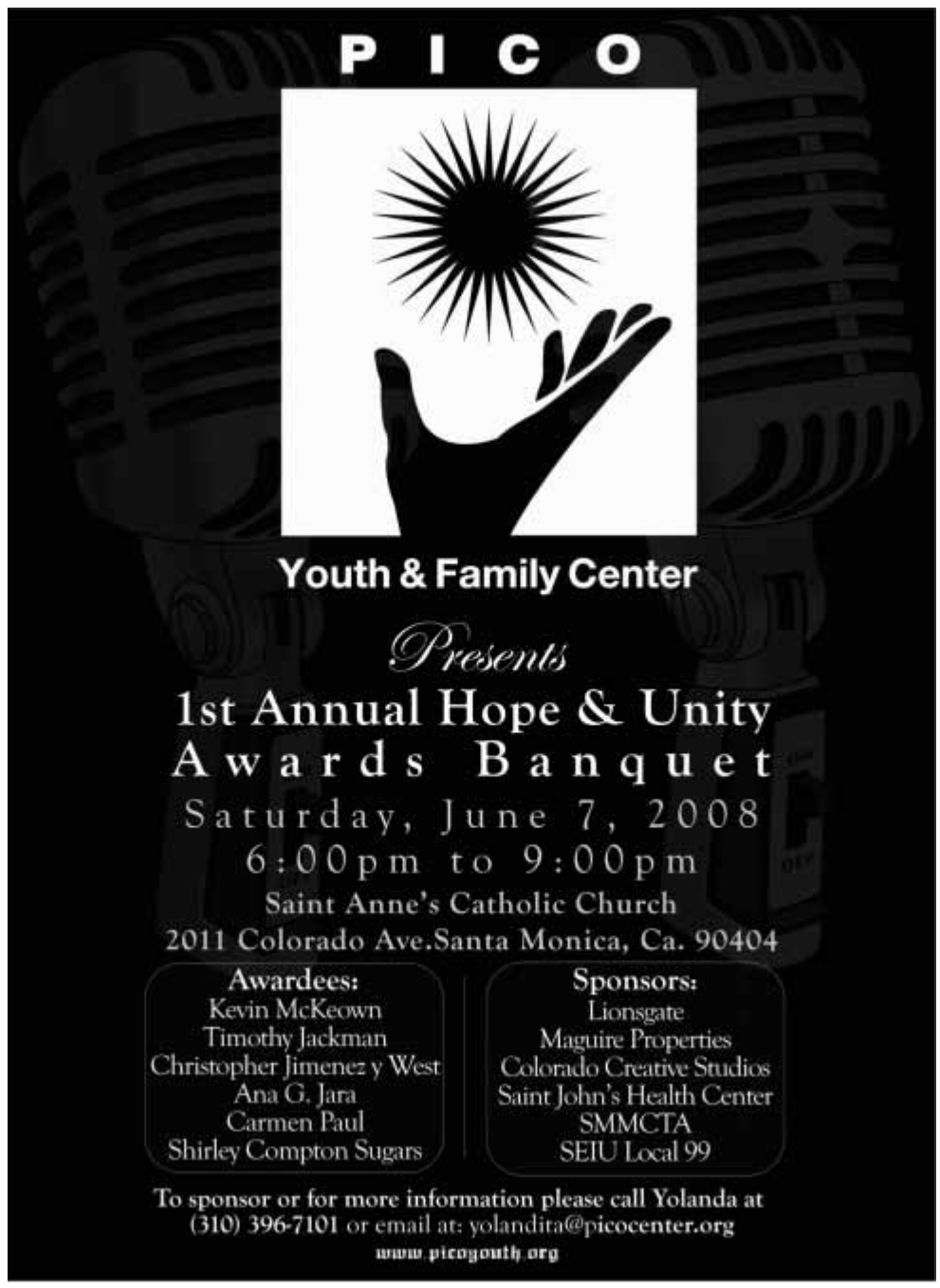
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

Open up to your full potential this year. Often you might need to deal with a hardship or problem before you are willing to risk and take the next step. Emphasize your goals, keeping them in mind. You have a lot of flair and get-up-and-go. A risk could be much easier as a result. Success comes through groups of people as opposed to by yourself. Network as much as you want or can. If you are single, you could meet that special person anytime from winter on. Stay open. If you are attached, the two of you need to become more of a team in pursuit of one mutual goal. Count on ARIES; they are your natural cheerleader.





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

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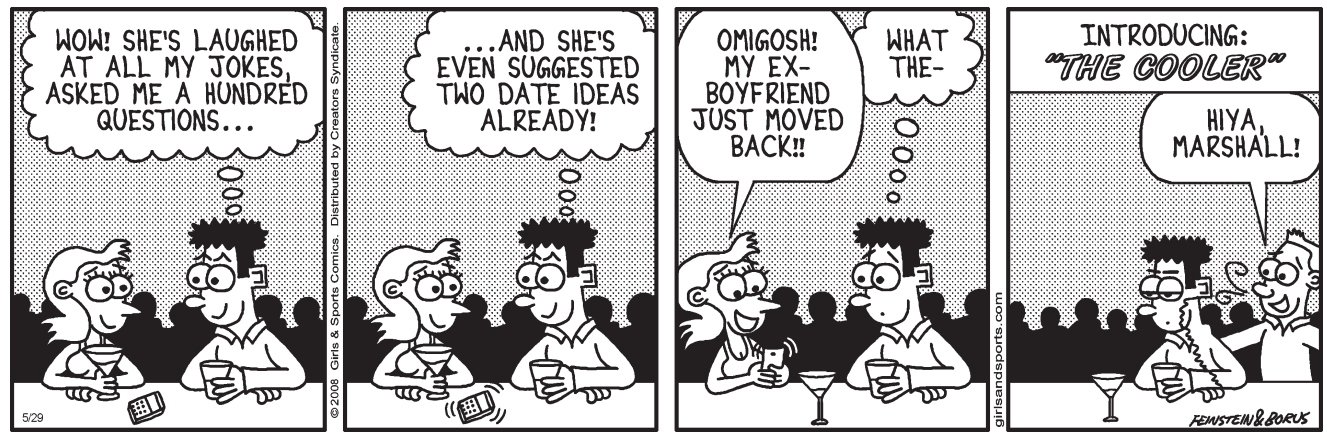
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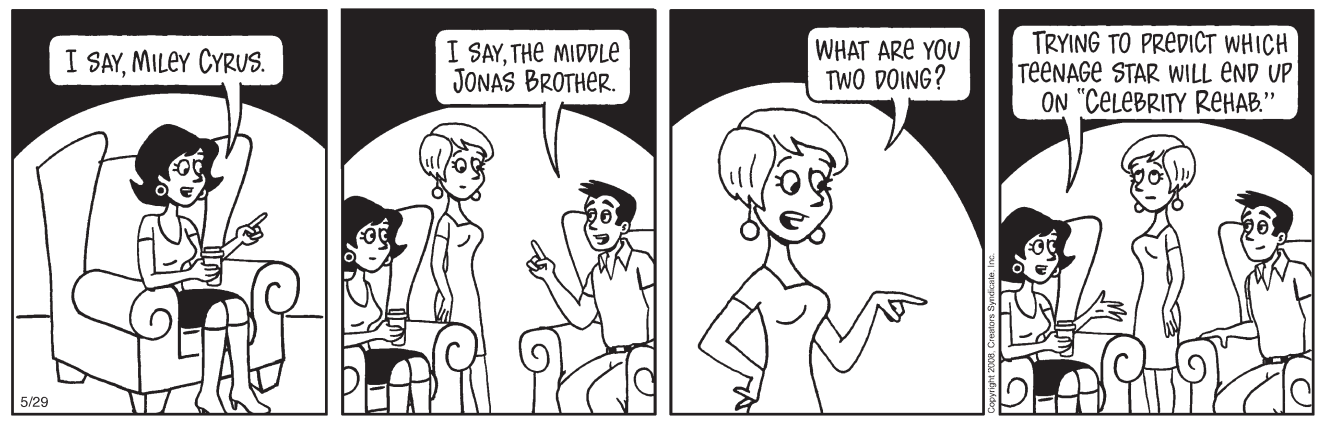
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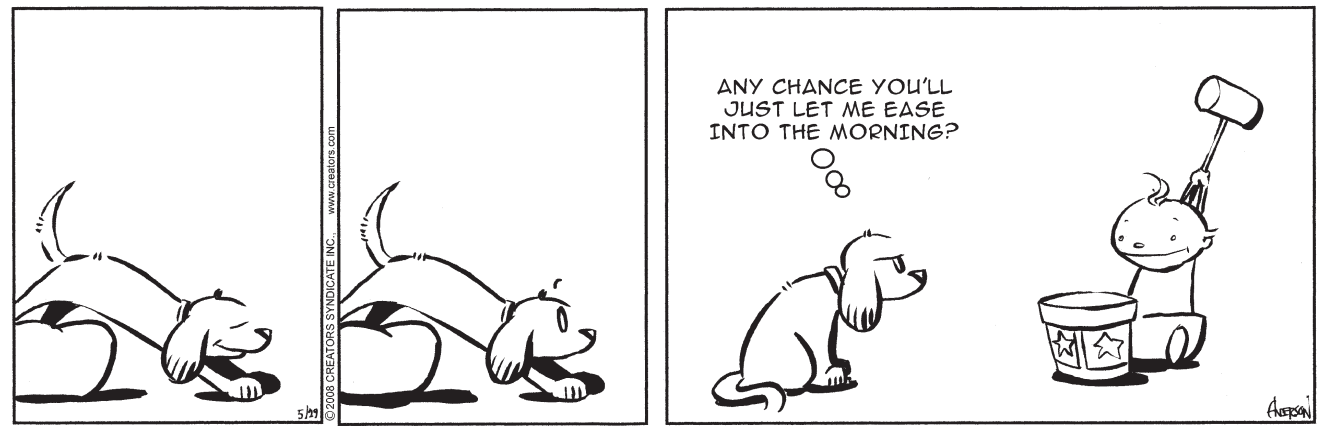
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10 "Seeya!"
12 "West Side Story" heroine
13 Complete, as business
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16 Being risked
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23 Cunning
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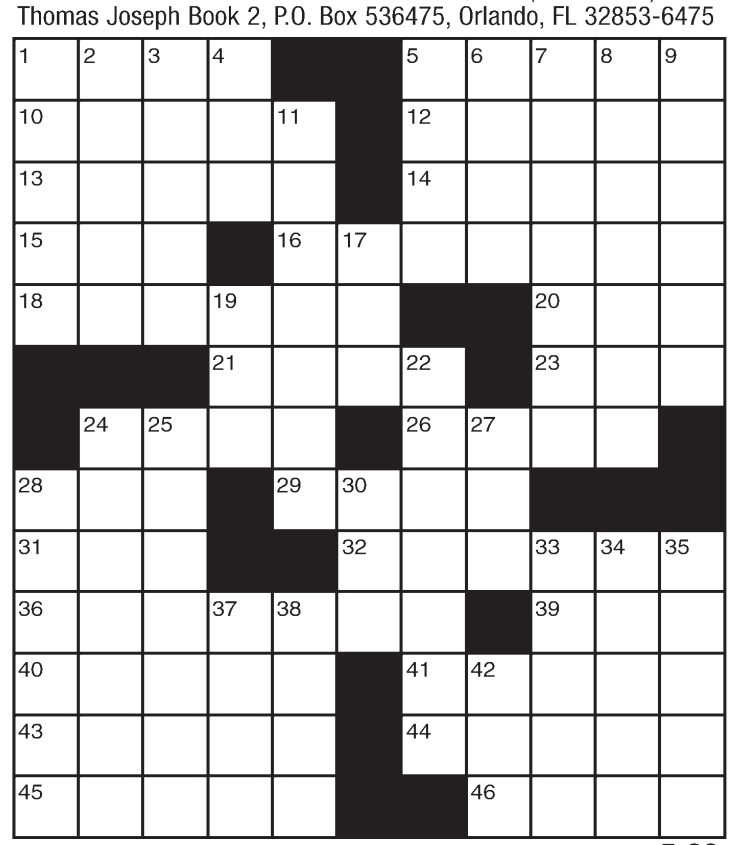
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11 Droopy-eared dog
17 Score half
19 Terminate
22 Stretched circle
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In April the Swiss watchmaker Romain Jerome (which last year created a watch made from remnants of the Titanic) introduced the "Day&Night" watch, which unfortunately does not provide a reading of the hour or the minute. Though it retails for about $300,000, it tells only whether it is "day" or "night" (using a complex measurement of the Earth's gravity). CEO Yvan Arpa said studies show that two-thirds of rich people "don't (use) their watch to tell what time it is" anyway. Anyone can buy a watch that tells time, he told a Reuters reporter, but only a "truly discerning customer" can buy one that doesn't.

■ Progressive Mullahs: The Iranian government, treating addicts as people who need help rather than as criminals, agreed in April to install vending machines offering inexpensive syringes (at about 5 cents each) in five city welfare shelters in order to keep addicts from sharing needles and spreading AIDS and hepatitis. Iran blames its festering drug problem on its common border with opium-producing Afghanistan.

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1848 Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

1903 comedian Bob Hope was born Leslie Townes Hope in Eltham, London.

1913 the ballet "The Rite of Spring," with music by Igor Stravinsky and choreography by Vaslav Nijinsky, had its chaotic world premiere in Paris.

1917 the 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was born in Brookline, Mass.

1932 World War I veterans began arriving in Washington to demand cash bonuses they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

1943 Norman Rockwell's portrait of "Rosie the Riveter" appeared on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post.

1953 Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

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