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THE ROLLING ISSUE



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RIDING ALONG: The Santa Monica Free Ride offers residents and visitors lifts around popular tourist areas.

Getting around

Convention & Visitors Bureau shuttles a hit

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN With all of the complex transportation planning in the city — incoming Expo Light Rail, multi-million dollar Big Blue Bus system, a bike-sharing program in the works — who would have thought a fleet of fancy golf carts would be so popular?

Recently, the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) partnered with an existing shuttle service to provide free local rides to hotel guests and residents.

The Santa Monica Shuttle allows guests of Shutters, The Double Tree, and Loews to call for on-demand rides within the tourism-heavy parts of the city.

"Part of it was we weren't really fulfilling the promise to people that if you don't bring a car you'll be able to get around," said CVB President and CEO Misti Kerns.

Santa Monica Free Ride started as a four-shuttle fleet last summer. Now, they have eight shuttles, including three sponsored by the CVB. Each shuttle offers about 100 rides per day, said founder Jason Bagley.

The five non CVB-sponsored carts are available to anyone who flags them down. Anyone can also catch a free ride on one of the CVB shuttles when returning from a trip.

You might have seen carts topped with a bunch of plastic coconuts advertising Vita Coco coconut water.

"It's funny but understandable that we often get asked, 'what's the catch?'" Bagley said. "There is no catch. The sponsors, along with getting unique

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GOULD

SM City Council to evaluate Gould over rescinded job offer

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City Council will evaluate City Manager Rod Gould's job on Tuesday per request of Councilmember Kevin McKeown who has said Gould did not provide "fully satisfactory answers" to questions regarding a recent employment decision.

Elizabeth Riel was offered the position of Public Affairs and Communications Officer

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Santa Monican tapped to lead PLATO Society

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

CITYWIDE The PLATO Society of Los Angeles has chosen a longtime Santa Monica resident as the next president of the life-long learning organization.

Incoming president Marjane Frane is a 37-year Santa Monica resident and said she was looking forward to working with the 450 member organization to continue its traditions of peer-led and volunteer-organized classes.

The membership group organizes about 25 study/discussion groups per trimester, or

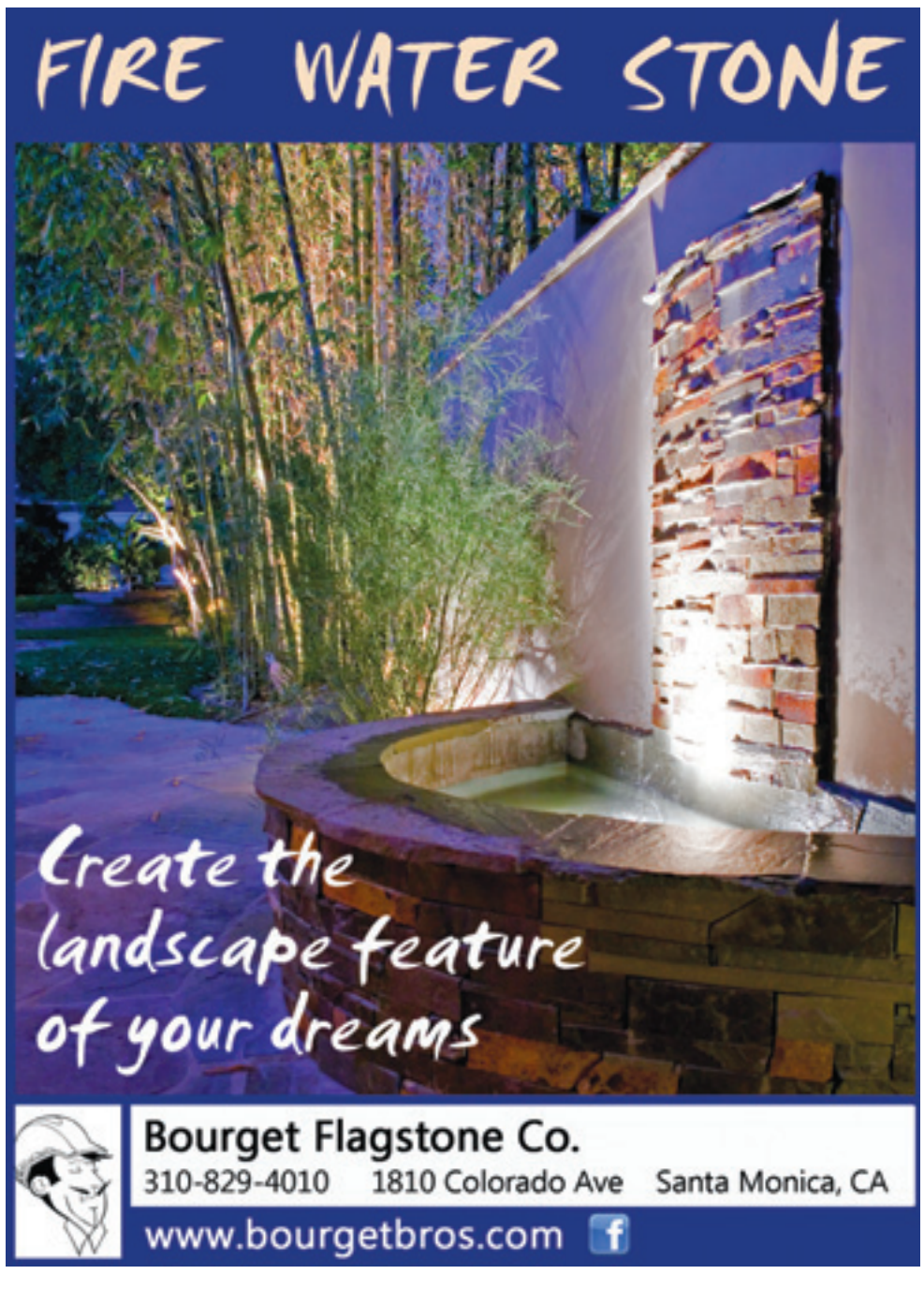
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Friday, June 6, 2014

SMC Opera Theatre & SMC Symphony: 'Luisa Fernanda'
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Directed by Janelle DeStefano and James Martin, SMC Opera and SMC Symphony Orchestra combine forces to present a fully costumed production of one of the 20th century's great zarzuelas (Spanish operas) — Federico Moreno Torroba's "Luisa Fernanda," a tale of love, rivalry, and politics in the revolutionary atmosphere of mid-19th century Spain. In Spanish with English supertitles. Tickets $20/$15.

See the moon and Saturn
John Drescher Planetarium, Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
The planetarium's June schedule offers the opportunity to see the moon and Saturn while also reprising a feature show originally presented in May. The telescope viewing session and the feature show — as well as our popular Night Sky Show — will be held on Friday evenings. The evening events are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by "The Night Sky Show" at 7 p.m., offering the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, a family-friendly tour of the constellations, and the chance to ask astronomy-related questions. Call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium for information. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Saturday, June 7, 2014

'What Remains'
dnj Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave., 6-8 p.m.
"What Remains" will run from June 7 through June 21, 2014. Students explore a multitude of directions in their digital, as well as analogue images. For additional information, contact (310) 315-3551 or office@dnjgallery.net.

Paddleboard race and ocean festival
Santa Monica Pier
7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
The 5th annual Santa Monica Pier Paddleboard Race & Ocean Festival presented by Tommy Bahama will draw hundreds of competitors and thousands of spectators. The newest event added this year is the Tommy Bahama SUP Cross, a high-speed sprint paddleboard race in and out through the surf. Only the fastest paddlers advance to the next round until one is named the winner. The event is free for spectators and fun for the whole family. Besides the races, there will be beach games and races for the kids, a lifeguard and surf history pop-up museum — plus live music and hula dancers performing throughout the day. On the pier you'll enjoy live hula dancing and music, food, games, family activities, a pop-up museum, and surf board making demos. On the sand, kids of all ages can play games, enjoy activities with Heal the Bay, and just have a great time for free. For additional information, visit www.pierpaddle.com.

For help submitting an event, contact Daniel Archuleta at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CIVIC CENTER

City recognized for architecture

The city of Santa Monica was celebrated at the 44th Annual Los Angeles Architectural Awards on May 4 at a gala luncheon hosted by the Los Angeles Business Council that drew hundreds of architects, designers and building professionals. More than 35 projects from across the architectural spectrum were recognized at the Beverly Hilton for design excellence and community impact.

Santa Monica was recognized for the recently-completed Tongva Park and Ken Genser Square. Designed by James Corner Field Operations, the parks feature a dramatic topography and series of braided paths to create a unique public space. Tongva Park and Ken Genser Square are part of a community-sourced vision to bring life, people, places, and economic vitality, back to Santa Monica's centrally-located Civic Center.

"The L.A. Architectural Awards celebrate truly outstanding projects that demonstrate an unyielding commitment to great design and meaningful sustainability," said Los Angeles Business Council President Mary Leslie. "Today's winners enhance our quality of life and prove that Los Angeles remains a global hub for world-class architecture."

The grand prize went to the new Emerson College Los Angeles facility in Hollywood. U.S Representative Xavier Becerra presented the Community Impact Award to the L.A. River, honoring the organizations that have supported the revitalization of the river. Other winners included the Ace Hotel in Downtown L.A. and the Forum in Inglewood.

"The opportunity to reclaim space and restore a natural environment for public use doesn't come along every day. We're thrilled with the results and appreciate the recognition from the Los Angeles Business Council. Tongva Park and Ken Genser Square truly are places for people," said Santa Monica Mayor Pam O'Connor.

Located in Santa Monica's Civic Center area at 1615 Ocean Ave., Tongva Park and Ken Genser Square opened to the public in October 2013. To learn more, visit smgov.net/TongvaPark.

– MATTHEW HALL

MID-CITY

Funeral service company names new Family Service Counselor

Gates, Kingsley & Gates Moeller Murphy Funeral Directors has announced the addition of Therese S. Jacobson as a Family Service Counselor. Jacobson will work directly with families and individuals to pre-plan their life celebration and alleviate the burden of making the difficult decisions about final arrangements for their survivors upon their passing.

"We are delighted to welcome Ms. Jacobson to our family. She is a talented professional whose experience and skills complement and elevate the quality and breadth of service we provide," said Jeffrey Baker, general manager, Gates, Kingsley & Gates Moeller Murphy Funeral Directors. "She will help families and individuals as they plan their own life celebrations or for their loved one."

Prior to joining Gates, Kingsley & Gates Moeller Murphy, Jacobson worked as a corporate account executive at Montrose Travel.

"I want families to understand that pre-need services are available for final arrangements and by having plans in place, they enable their loved ones to celebrate their life instead of having to mourn their loss," said Ms. Jacobson. "To me, there is no greater responsibility than honoring and preserving the story of one's life."

For more information visit gkgmm.com or call (310) 395-9988

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SAVING LIVES

Matthew Hall *editor@smdp.com*

The Santa Monica Fire Department participated in a day of hands-only CPR training on June 5. Experts offered brief instruction in the lifesaving technique that utilizes chest compressions to help save lives during heart attacks.

Experts warn that small beetle is destroying trees

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIVERSIDE, Calif. A glossy beetle that is smaller than a sesame seed is destroying huge elders, sycamores and coast live oak trees in Southern California.

The small, sluggish beetle is officially called a polyphagous (pah-LIFF'-ah-guss) shot hole borer. So far, conventional bug killers haven't worked on the beetle.

The bug has a big appetite and leaves behind bark pocked with one-millimeter holes and dried sap around them that resembles bloodstains.

The beetles haven't reached the alarm level of such pests as the Mediterranean fruit fly or Japanese beetle, but that is where it's headed if scientists don't get a handle on it soon, said Akif Eskalen, a plant pathologist with the University of California at Riverside.

"If we can't control them," Eskalen said, "they are going to wipe out all our trees."

The bug has already been found as far south as San Diego, as far west as Santa Monica and as far east as

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Not a good look for BBB

Editor:

As a Big Blue Bus transit rider I would like to express my displeasure with the new upgraded bus amenities/stops popping up around town. BBB has replaced benches that would accommodate at least three people with two seats jammed up against each other. These new seats are so uninviting that I guess it's all part of the plan to keep the homeless from using the benches, but we all must suffer now. And don't get me going on that round thing on the pillar that is supposed to protect you from what? I guess it wouldn't bother me except for the cost (even though it's from a grant, the money comes from my taxes somewhere) and the time each bus stop is out of service. Let's stop this now and rethink this whole project.

Andrew Goldstein
Santa Monica

Save the mural

Editor:

Thanks for the news article re: the growing campaign to save and restore award-winning artist Jane Golden's creative wall mural "Muir Woods" at the corner of Lincoln and Ocean Park boulevards. ("Activists rally around redwood mural," June 4).

But it wasn't me who launched the campaign to save this important mural. The person who actually started this pro-environment, pro-tree, pro-education, and pro-art community endeavor is your fine newspaper's very own creative Curious City columnist Charles Andrews.

Thanks to Mr. Andrews' timely column a few weeks ago, most people in the community are now just starting to find out that Ms. Golden's familiar and inspiring 1978 mural is in danger of being taken away. Deep appreciation to Mr. Andrews for alerting and educating the Santa Monica community, where many residents and visitors are now coming together to passionately speak out in support of the mural's full and respectful restoration.

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The Tea Party is over

AFTER TUESDAY'S PRIMARY ELECTION, WE now have five more months of campaigning until the November general election. Frankly, five weeks seems too long for me. What more do we need to know that we already don't?

I'm also reminded how fickle political fates can be. For example, in 1964, President Lyndon Johnson ran against Barry Goldwater and achieved the largest post-war landslide in history. This was during the early days of Vietnam and, ironically, Johnson ran as the peace candidate whereas Goldwater was portrayed as war-like.

Little did we know that LBJ had plans of escalating the war whereas Goldwater pledged that within one year of taking office the U.S. would be out of Vietnam, win or lose. The point is, only three years later LBJ was so unpopular he couldn't even seek a second term.

In 1972 Richard Nixon's landslide victory over George McGovern was even bigger than LBJ's. And yet in less than two years Nixon resigned in disgrace from the Watergate scandal. (Add Vice-President Agnew's resignation earlier and that was some classy administration.)

While there are many examples of presidential falls from grace, I'll end with George Bush who went from an 89% approval rating in 1991 to losing to Bill Clinton in 1992. On the subject of Bushes, Jr. had a final approval rating in 2008 of 22% or essentially the same that think Elvis is still alive.

This brings us to the Tea Party which, in 2008, came to "prominence" with Obama's election. Their loudest outrage was over his deficit spending which peaked in 2009 at 9.8% of the overall size of the economy. But it has fallen every year since and this year the Congressional Budget Office projects it will come in at 3.4% of GDP and drop to 2.1% by 2015.

And yet many Tea Partiers still revere Reagan who practically invented deficit spending. They also seem to have forgotten that Bush inherited from Clinton the greatest surplus and left Obama the greatest deficit in history. (Not to mention the Iraq War which might end up costing a mere $5 trillion.)

In 2010 the Tea Party came into its glory when it helped the GOP win the House. But in 2012, while the Tea Party Senate candidates in two states won the Republican primary, there were, shall we say, "hiccups."

Each Tea Party candidate was adamantly against a woman's right to an abortion even in the case of a pregnancy from rape. Like a complete fool (as opposed to an incomplete fool?) Missouri's Todd Aiken commented, "In the case of a legitimate rape I understand from doctors, that the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down." Good grief.

And then in Indiana, Richard Mourdock called a rape pregnancy "God's will." I would say, "Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the Tea Party" but there's more.

Less than two months ago we had the case of Clive Bundy the Tea Party cattle rancher in Nevada. In addition to owing the government $1 million in grazing fees Bundy also wondered if blacks weren't "better off during slavery."

Now I'm not saying that all Tea Partiers are ignorant, racist, nut jobs, but, then again, if you happen to be an ignorant, racist, nut job, and you're affiliated with a political party, the chances are real good you're a Tea Partier.

And who could forget Tea Party-backed Congressman Rep. Trey Radel (R-Fla) who vehemently supported a bill to allow states to require all recipients of welfare to be drug tested. Unfortunately Radel was busted in November, 2013, for cocaine possession and just recently resigned from Congress. Oops.

In Tuesday's primaries across the county the Tea Party got shut out except for Mississippi where six-term Senator, Thad Cochran, appears to be headed toward a June 24 runoff with Tea Party challenger Chris McDaniel.

But the race took a bizarre turn with the arrest of four McDaniel supporters who allegedly conspired to photograph 72-year-old Rose Cochran, Cochran's wife, who suffers from dementia, in her nursing home, all I suppose to embarrass Cochran. (If guilty I hope they get life.)

Sarah Palin campaigned for McDaniel and now she's in the news again. (Won't she ever go away?) She's apparently suggesting that Phil Robertson, the patriarch of the Duck Dynast family, made famous by an inane reality TV show (are there any other kind?) should run for President. Maybe Robertson could get Cliven Bundy as his running mate?

During the 1970's former quarterback Don Meredith was an announcer on Monday Night Football. When time was running out and the losing team had no chance, Meredith used to sing, "Turn out the lights, the party is over?" That's how I feel about the Tea Party. But the truth is, I hope I'm wrong. I need the material.

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RIDING: Driver James Ryan sits in one of the Santa Monica Free Ride shuttles on Thursday.

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exposure, are paying your way."

Tips, Bagley said, are always appreciated.

"They're electric, they're open air, and they're fun," Kerns said. "As that started to pick up and we started to hear good comments about it, we thought it might be a good option for some of the hotels."

CVB's research shows that nearly 80 percent of overnight visitors are walking, not driving, around the area.

"With the different construction projects going on around the city it can be a little daunting," Kerns said. "If you started to walk around Ocean Avenue a few months ago, depending what side of the street you're on, it's not as easy of a walk. When Free Ride came into the community it was really good timing because we were hearing comments from visitors and residents saying, 'I just don't know if I can walk from here to here anymore because of all the work that's going on.'"

Kerns said that, thanks to the popularity of the rides, other hotels are considering buying into the program.

Even taxi drivers are on-board with the shuttles.

"I personally don't have a problem with it," said Sandy Clare, a driver with Taxi Taxi. "Most cabbies, they don't want those rides. If you're sitting at a hotel for an hour and a cart comes and scoops those guys up — it's only going to be a $5 ride anyway. If you were waiting, you're kind of glad."

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BEETLE
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Eastvale in Riverside County. The number of tree species attacked by the beetle now stands at 286, Eskalen said.

The beetles drill circular tunnels toward the tree's center. As they head toward the core, the beetles plant the fungal spores they are carrying in their mouths like seeds. They harvest the fungus to feed their larvae

If the beetle goes unchecked, common city trees like American sweetgum and maple would develop droopy branches. Native trees like the California sycamore and coast live oak have already started to die, leaving dead tinder and the risk of fire.

There would be huge losses to avocados and other crops.

Eskalen is using DNA, and he is getting help from entomologist Richard Stouthamer to work on the problem.

The men don't know how the beetle got to California. Most invasive species are moved on human cargo, in clothing, on wooden shipping pallets and in boats' ballast water.

Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the city of Santa Monica for the purpose of submitting to the voters an initiative to impose strict regulations on medical marijuana businesses to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community. A statement of reasons of the proposed actions as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

It is the purpose and intent of this ordinance to have medicinal collectives operate with reasonable regulation that mirror those put forward by The League of California Cities and California Police Chiefs Association in order to regulate the distribution of medical marijuana, which if unregulated threatens the interests of local neighborhoods and dispensaries, as well as negatively impacting those seriously ill residents of Santa Monica.

There presently are no ordinances in the city of Santa Monica specifically limiting, regulating or monitoring the location, zoning standards, or other aspects of the locations of marijuana collectives.

By implementing this regulation, the City will strictly regulate the maximum number and operational standards of medicinal collectives in the City of Santa Monica, while increasing revenue to the City.

The City has a clear interest in regulating medicinal collectives in an orderly manner, and in protecting the public health, safety and welfare of its residents, its businesses, the neighborhoods in which medical marijuana businesses operate, while ensuring compliance with the law in the Compassionate Use Act and the Medical Marijuana Program Act.

We, the undersigned Proponents of the proposed Initiative and registered voters of the City of Santa Monica, do hereby submit the above Notice of Intent to Circulate petition:

Melina Madrigal Holly McKay

BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY
PREPARED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

AN INITIATIVE MEASURE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW TWO MEDICAL MARIJUANA COLLECTIVES TO OPERATE IN THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA, ESTABLISHING A PRIORITY FOR PROSPECTIVE OPERATORS WHO ALREADY POSSESS SPECIFIC TYPES OF BUSINESS LICENSES, AND IMPOSING OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON COLLECTIVES, INCLUDING RESTRICTIONS ON LOCATION AND HOURS OF OPERATION.

This measure would amend the Santa Monica Municipal code to provide that there could be two medical marijuana collective dispensaries in the City, but no more. The measure does this by prohibiting collectives within the City but establishing a "limited immunity" from that prohibition for up to two collectives that comply with the measure's "registration" and operational requirement. The measure gives priority to applicants for "registration" who had particular types of City business licenses prior to May 9, 2014.

The measure would also subject the immunized collectives to restrictions that include, but are not limited to, restrictions on location and hours of operation. Thus, a collective would be allowed in the Industrial Conservation Zone and non-residential areas in the health care district, but not within specified distances of any park, library, child care facility, school, residential property, or other collective. Operation would be prohibited between 10 p.m. and 10 a.m. Personnel working in collectives would be subject to background checks, and sites would be monitored for security purposes.

The measure provides civil remedies for violations but requires the City to provide notice and allow seven days to correct before seeking relief in court.

The Q Line

Slow your roll

There's been talk among the City Council, and even residents are sounding off, about cars speeding down local streets, especially near schools. There is talk of lowering speed limits in some places.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think something needs to be done about speeding and why?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **310-573-8354**.





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James Kohfeld



Santa Monica resident James Kohfeld passed away on Sunday, June 1, after attending a "Celebration" of his life on Saturday that included a review of his life and a musical program presented by family and friends. Heartfelt tributes were gathered in a "Collection of Memories."

Jim was a true Renaissance man. Not only did he possess musical gifts as a pianist, organist, choral conductor, violinist, violist, electric-bass guitarist, drummer, and tenor, but he won prizes for his artistic endeavors (oil painting, poetry), sports (mountain climbing, slalom skiing, tennis, and track), and home wine making. He enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

He earned a Master's Degree in Music Education from Columbia University where he studied piano pedagogy, choral conducting and composition. Simultaneously he studied piano at Juilliard and organ at Union Theological Seminary. Subsequently he taught advanced piano, organ, music history, harmony, and composition at the college level and established a private piano studio.

He gave many solo piano recitals and performed piano concertos with the Brentwood-Westwood Symphony (Rachmaninoff PC #2), Fresno Philharmonic (Grieg PC in a) and the Palisades Symphony (Ravel Concerto for Piano and Orchestra). He performed all 32 Beethoven piano sonatas, all 24 Chopin Etudes, most of Chopin's other compositions, and a multitude of works by other composers. He was a member of the WLA branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California and the Choral Conductors Guild.

His choral groups sang with local symphonies and were heard on radio. He also conducted a staged production of Bach's St. Matthew Passion with professional soloists, antiphonal choir, boys' choir, antiphonal orchestra, costumes, and lighting.

After earning a second degree in mathematics and physics, he worked for many years as a computer programmer analyst, first at Systems Development Corporation, then at Scientific Data Systems. He also became a registered member of the Piano Technicians Guild and serviced pianos for private clients, churches, schools, and orchestras.

He is survived by his wife Virginia, daughter Dianna and her husband Jeff Pieper and their children Whitney and McKinley, and daughter Cheryl and her husband Jeff Gates and their children Gavin and Abby.

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last month. The job description includes, among other things, communicating with the media and carries a salary of $155,784. Earlier this week city officials announced that Riel's offer had been rescinded. Debbie Lee, current vice president of Downtown Santa Monica Inc., was then offered the position.

Gould would not elaborate with the Daily Press about why Riel's offer was rescinded, noting that it is an employment issue but City Hall released a statement regarding the situation.

"It is essential that members of my office and the department heads serve all residents, community groups and the City Councilmembers equally and fairly," Gould said in the statement. "We must park our political opinions at the door each day. We must be politically astute, but apolitical. We cannot be viewed as political players or politically aligned with any particular leaders or interest groups."

Riel has not responded to the Daily Press' request for comment.

Riel, who was once the head of the North of Montana Neighborhood Association, has made contributions to McKeown and the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC), which has challenged City Hall in the past, most recently its controversial agreement with the developer Hines. That agreement has since been overturned by council.

McKeown, said he was excited when first told that Riel had been offered the job and he specifically highlighted her political history to Gould.

"I immediately shared my enthusiasm (Elizabeth would be GREAT in that job), and just as immediately realized I should let Rod know that Elizabeth had in the past been a political supporter of mine and that, in fact, her image still remained on my website," he said in an e-mail. "He said past involvement should not be a problem. I even asked if he'd be more comfortable if I removed Elizabeth's image from my website, and said that would not be necessary."

He was "shocked" when he found out the offer was rescinded and spoke with Gould about the decision.

"I had several questions, and got fully satisfactory answers on none of them," McKeown said.

"He told me the information about Elizabeth was brought to him by someone, but declined to reveal to me who that someone is," he continued. "Who has that kind of political influence?"

McKeown found the conversation "insufficiently clarifying" and asked that Gould place a council evaluation of his own job on the next agenda.

Mayor Pam O'Connor, who was the subject the SMCLC attack campaign that Riel contributed to, said that she never asked Gould to rescind Riel's offer.

"I might have commented on my experience with her," O'Connor said. "But I can't tell the city manager what to do."

O'Connor said that she doesn't know Riel well.

"I didn't even remember that she had attacked me until after I had done some research but what I did remember is that my brain personally said, 'Don't trust her.' My brain probably thought that because she attacked me," she said. "I do let things go to a certain level, like that detail, but we humans, we want to protect ourselves."

She pointed to the International City/County Management Association "Code of Ethics with Guidelines" which includes one tenet: "Refrain from all political activities which undermine public confidence in professional administrators."

Gould noted in his statement that in most City Hall positions, political activity is not of concern.

"The duties of the Communications and Public Affairs Officer are different from most other positions in that this person must interact with all members of the City Council, various community leaders, the media, other legislators and serve as the official spokesperson for City government," he said. "To have the trust of all involved, this person must be free of all political alliances."

Deputy City Manager Kate Vernez, who recently retired from a similar role, "epitomized political neutrality," he said.

McKeown questioned the timing of the rescission.

"If political involvement was judged by the city manager to be a kill-the-deal issue, why did the City Manager not do further background research immediately after talking with me?" he said.

Councilmember Ted Winterer declined to comment given the possibility for litigation against City Hall.

SMCLC has filed a public records request, asking for information about the rescission.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DANIEL ARCHULETA



Where there's smoke ...

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

FRIDAY, MAY 30, AT 9:27 P.M.

Santa Monica patrol officers responded to the rear of 819 Ocean Park Blvd. regarding a homeless subject sleeping with a possible campfire in the alley. Upon arrival officers encountered the subject sitting by a fire placing newspapers in the fire. The fire was approximately three feet high and located near a wooden fence. Officers asked the subject to stop stoking the fire with newspapers. The subject then stood up and ran southbound on Ninth Street toward Ocean Park Boulevard. A foot pursuit by the officers ensued. In the 1000 block of Ocean Park Boulevard the suspect stopped and turned toward the officers clenching his fists and assuming a combative posture. Fearing that the suspect was about to charge them, an officer deployed a Taser and subdued the suspect. The suspect was transported to the Santa Monica Jail and booked for resisting arrest. The suspect was identified a Daniel Joseph Huneke, 41, a transient. Bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, AT 12:50 A.M.

A patrol unit's attention was drawn to the northwest corner of Second Street and Broadway to a male subject leaning against a light pole. The officers asked the subject if he was OK, he responded with profanities. The officers exited their vehicle to further interview the subject. They immediately smelled a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. They could also see that the subject was using the light pole as a prop to keep his balance and was unable to stand on his own due to his level of intoxication.

Due to the observed symptoms and the fact that the subject was in a public place, intoxicated, and unable to care for himself, the officers placed the subject under arrest and transported him to the Santa Monica Jail where he was booked for disorderly conduct and public intoxication. The subject was identified as Alexander Joseph Barret, 23, of Los Angeles. Bail was set at $250.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, AT 2:24 A.M.

Officers responded to a radio call regarding a reckless driver who was possibly driving under the influence in a public parking lot located at 1550 PCH. A Santa Monica harbor guard was able to see the vehicle and noticed the vehicle was being driven in circles at a high rate of speed. The harbor guard then saw the vehicle being parked in the north end of the parking lot facing northbound. He drove his city truck behind the suspect vehicle and immediately used his PA system to tell the driver to stay in his vehicle.

Shortly after, officers arrived and made contact with the driver. While interviewing the driver, officers smelled the odor of alcohol coming from the driver's breath. The driver was then asked to exit his vehicle After performing a series of field sobriety tests officers placed the suspect under arrest for driving under the influence. The suspect was then transported to the Santa Monica Police Jail for booking. The suspect was identified as Jose Santos Montes, 19, of Los Angeles. Bail was set at $5,000.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, AT 7:30 A.M.

A Santa Monica police officer saw a driver traveling southbound on Ocean Avenue and noticed one of his brake lights was out. The officer conducted a traffic stop at Colorado Avenue and noticed the odor of marijuana emitting from the car's interior. The driver claimed he smoked marijuana in the vehicle the night before, so the officer decided to search him and his vehicle for any contraband. During the search, the officer found a pipe used to smoke methamphetamine in the driver's jacket along with two small containers of marijuana inside the center console. The driver was then taken into custody and booked for possession of drug paraphernalia and vehicle code violations. The suspect was identified as Gabino Ayala, 31, of Panorama City. Bail was set at $250.

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2014

Santa Monica police officers from the Downtown Bike Patrol unit saw a man smoking a cigarette at the 1400 block of Palisades Park, in violation of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. After talking to the man and obtaining some of his identifying information, the officers did a standard computer check on him. The search revealed the man had an outstanding no bail warrant for his arrest. He was then taken into custody and booked at the Santa Monica Jail. The suspect was identified as Thomas Edward Meyer, 57, a transient. No bail was set.

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LEARNING UP: Members of the PLATO Society gather for weekly group discussions. The organization recently named a Santa Monica woman as its president.

PLATO

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up to 75 a year, on a variety of topics. Unlike traditional classes, PLATO groups focus on interaction, dialogue and questioning instead of lecturing. The organization is entirely peer-led and self-governing with members of the individual groups being held responsible for leading at least one of the discussions per course.

The groups meet once a week for about two hours. Organizers said the member leading that session would spend more time preparing than the average participant but that everyone in a session spends several hours reading and preparing in advance of the group session.

Discussions are focused on a single topic and organizers said the 14-week trimesters allow for a depth of discussion and understanding that goes beyond the normal academic environment.

The group draws its membership from a diverse pool of professional backgrounds with members who have worked as doctors, educators, business leaders, lawyers, scientists, artists, broadcasters, engineers and many others.

In addition to the weekly sessions, the organization organizes colloquiums with guest speakers and day-long seminars on specific topics. Both are open to the public in addition to members.

Frane said the group's volunteer nature was unique in the world of education and created an environment that fostered a sense of connection between members and their sessions.

"Everything we offer is a proposal by one of our members and then vetted by committees," said Frane.

She said there are 125 people actively running PLATO at any given moment

"You have to like the idea of being involved," she said

She said the organization is as much social as it is intellectual with many of the organization's 450 members forming friendships.

"We have something for everybody, and talking to the community is really what's wonderful"

She added that small groups often form as ad hoc study groups and evolve into play reading nights, dining clubs, hiking groups or current event discussions.

"As a senior, your social circle tends to diminish and you all of a sudden have 450 potential new friends and you know you have something in common," said PLATO member Peter Rothholz.

Frane, a trained biostatistician and neuropsychologist, said she has been deeply involved with PLATO but she still finds time to enjoy her other hobbies and spend time with family.

"For some people, PLATO becomes their life," she said. "It's certainly a big part of my life but it's not all."

She said the president's role is somewhat administrative. She helps facilitate the decision making of the Board of Directors and coordinate efforts between other volunteers. She said the group receives between 12-17 applications for membership per trimester and that individuals interested in the group are welcome to schedule a visit to their local headquarters and sit in on a class. For more information, visit www.theplatosociety.org.

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Stocks head higher after ECB takes new steps

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK New steps from the European Central Bank to revive the region's flagging economy gave markets a lift Thursday, pushing the Standard & Poor's 500 index to another record high.

In the U.S. market, the gains were broad but modest. All 10 industries in the S&P 500 crept higher, led by industrial companies and banks.

The ECB cut two key interest rates, pushing one of them below zero. The unusual move means that the ECB will charge banks to hold their money, instead of paying them interest. The goal is to arm-twist banks into lending money rather than stockpiling it.

Mario Draghi, the ECB's president, said the bank was willing to take more steps to support the region's economy if needed, including buying bonds.

"It's a big step by Draghi," said Jason Pride, director of investment strategy at Glenmede Trust. "I would say it's a big thing even though the markets may have expected it."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.58 points, or 0.7 percent, to close at 1,940.46.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 98.58 points, or 0.6 percent, to 16,836.11. The Nasdaq composite gained 44.58 points, or 1.1 percent, to 4,296.23. Both the S&P 500 and the Dow average are at record-high levels.

Germany's main stock index, the DAX, touched a record high before pulling back and ending the day with a gain of 0.2 percent. France's CAC 40 surged 1.1 percent.

"The world looks to be a safer place today," said Chris Rupkey, chief financial

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economist at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi in New York, in a note to clients. "If you lend money out, the ECB has money for you."

The U.S. and Europe are tightly connected through financial markets, the banking system and trade. Added together, the countries in the European Union make up the world's second-largest economy and buy roughly a fifth of all U.S. exports. Coca-Cola and other large corporations have blamed Europe's weak economy for hurting sales.

The ECB's move to support the region's economy came as welcome news, said Hank Smith, chief investment officer at Haverford Trust. But it wasn't a big surprise. In recent weeks, research teams at big banks and strategists on Wall Street have issued scores of reports predicting just such a move.

"It was on everyone's radar screen," Smith said.

Before the market opened, the Labor Department said the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits crept up last week to 312,000. The news heightened speculation that the government's monthly jobs report, due out Friday, could reveal a modest slowdown in hiring in May. It also followed a report from payroll processer ADP on Wednesday that showed private employers pulling back on hiring last month.

Economists estimate that U.S. employers added 220,000 jobs in May and that the unemployment rate inched up to 6.4 percent from 6.3 percent as more people hunt for work.

Among other companies making moves, PVH, the company behind the Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger brands, cut its profit forecast late Wednesday, blaming the global economy and a rough winter in the U.S. for weaker sales. The retailer put more clothes on sale, which pinched profit margins. PVH's stock sank $10.59, or 8 percent, to $120.09.

Joy Global, a maker of mining equipment, reported a big drop in quarterly profits and sales as coal miners scaled back operations. Joy Global's results were still better than analysts had expected. The company's stock gained $3.85, or 7 percent, to $61.70.

In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 2.58 percent from 2.60 percent late Wednesday. The price of oil slipped 16 cents to $102.48 a barrel.

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- **Submission Deadline is June 24, 2014 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

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- **Submission Deadline is June 20, 2014 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

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- **Submission Deadline is June 20, 2014 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission for the following:

Draft Zoning Ordinance Update. This is the fifteenth hearing on the Draft Zoning Ordinance.

This hearing will address A Off-street parking zoning overlay parcels, parcels converted from residential to commercial land use designations on the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) map, and Activity Centers. The A-lot parcels and parcels converted from residential to commercial land use designations are generally located adjacent to the following commercial boulevards: Montana Avenue, Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica Boulevard, Colorado Avenue, Ocean Park Boulevard, Pico Boulevard, Lincoln Boulevard, and Main Street. The Commission will review and comment on staff's preliminary analysis regarding (i) the parcels in the City that should continue to retain their existing 'A' overlay designation and (ii) the parcels in the City that were changed to a commercial land use designation in the LUCE which should revert to their prior residential land use designation. Staff further recommends that the Planning Commission review and comment on whether some or all of the Activity Center Overlay Districts should be eliminated from the LUCE. All of these changes would require formal Planning Commission review/recommendation and Council action. This process would be commenced by staff's preparation of and the Commission's action on a Notice of Intent to initiate the amendment process.

Previously, the Commission discussion Division III: General Regulations, with the exception of Community Benefits, which was heard on May 14, 2014, and has been continued to a date to be determined in July 2014. The Commission heard public testimony of this Division at its meetings on February 12, 2014, February 19, 2014, February 26, 2014, May 7, 2014, and June 4, 2014, and discussion covered the following topics: medical marijuana, auto dealers, auto repair, auto vehicle washing, demolition and relocation, nonconforming buildings and uses, childcare, large family daycare, restaurants, parking, loading, circulation, general site regulations, and Transportation Demand Management. Additionally, the Commission heard public testimony and held discussion on March 12, 2014, March 26, 2014, and April 2, 2014 on Chapter 9.28 of Division III, Parking, Loading, and Circulation. The Commission may also have further discussion relating to divisions of the draft document that were the subject of prior Commission public hearings – Divisions I, II, III, IV and V. The Commission will hear public comments and provide comments to staff on all of these topics.

A revised meeting schedule will be published on the City of Santa Monica's Draft Zoning Ordinance Update webpage. For further information, see www.smgov.net/pcd.

WHEN: **Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about Zoning Ordinance update, please contact the Project Planner Tony Kim at (310) 458-8341 or by e-mail at tony.kim@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Small overlapping blend of SW/S swells with minimal NW windswell mixing in

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / xx

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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	xx
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	xx
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	xx
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	xx
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	xx
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A	xx
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	xx
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	xx
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	xx
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	xx
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	xx
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	xx
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	xx
Tuna Canyon.	A+	xx
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	xx
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	xx	xx
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	xx
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	xx

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

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
xx -- no sample taken

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Astros draft California lefty Aiken at No. 1

DENNIS WASZAK JR.
AP Sports Writer

SECAUCUS, N.J. The Houston Astros had the No. 1 pick again, and this time, they took a pitcher polished beyond his years.

California high school left-hander Brady Aiken was the first selection in the Major League Baseball draft Thursday night. The 17-year-old from San Diego's Cathedral Catholic High School is just the third prep pitcher to be selected first overall, joining fellow lefties Brien Taylor (1991, Yankees) and David Clyde (1973, Rangers).

The Miami Marlins made it the first time high school pitchers were the top two picks in the draft when they selected Tyler Kolek, a hard-throwing right-hander Shepherd High School in Texas.

Aiken is "the most advanced high school pitcher I've ever seen in my entire career," Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow said. "He has command like I've never seen before of his stuff."

The Astros are the first team to select first in three consecutive drafts, having picked shortstop Carlos Correa in 2012 and right-hander Mark Appel last year.

"I'm just ready to move forward and see what the Astros have in store for me in the future," Aiken said in an interview on MLB Network. "I'm just really excited."

Aiken is also the first high school lefty to be drafted in the first five picks since Adam Loewen went fourth overall to Baltimore in 2002. The UCLA recruit has terrific control of a fastball that hits 96-97 mph, a knee-buckling curve and a tough changeup that sits in the low- to mid-80s. His draft stock rose late last year when he struck out 10 in a gold medal-winning performance against Japan in the 18-and-under World Cup.

The 6-foot-5, 230-pound Kolek has a fastball that sits in the high-90s and touched 100-102 mph several times, causing many to compare him to some fellow Texas flamethrowers such as Nolan Ryan, Kerry Wood and Josh Beckett.

"How do you pass up a guy throwing 100?" Marlins manager Mike Redmond said after Miami's 11-6 win at Tampa Bay. "So, I'm happy with the pick. It's a big, old country strong right-hander."

The Chicago White Sox selected North Carolina State left-hander Carlos Rodon with the third overall pick. The 6-3, 235-pound junior was widely regarded as the top college pitcher available in the draft and had been in the mix to go No. 1 overall.

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The Big Heat
and
Clash by Night
7:30pm

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X-Men: Days of Future Past (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
11:45am, 6:15pm

Godzilla (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:45pm

X-Men: Days of Future Past in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
3:00pm, 9:30pm

Chef (R) 1hr 55min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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10:30am, 5:15pm, 10:45pm

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10:40am, 4:20pm, 9:45pm

Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13) 1hr 53min
1:30pm, 10:30pm

X-Men: Days of Future Past in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
1:30pm, 8:15pm

Edge of Tomorrow 3D (PG-13) 1hr 53min
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1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

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Night Moves (R) 1hr 52min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Cold in July (NR) 1hr 49min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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Feel empowered tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Follow your sixth sense, and good results will arise. Your emotions might be the key to opening up a pal who has been withdrawn. The effect that you have on this person will make you smile.Tonight: Let someone else decide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ No one can deny your innate resourcefulness. Your smile suggests to a friend or an associate that you will come up with an appropriate response or solution. Others would be wise not to cross you right now. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Stay centered and maintain a sense of humor. You might feel as if you are driving through the twists and turns of life. You will emerge feeling successful and full of energy. Others admire your resilience and your creativity. Tonight: Nearly anything is possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Communication flourishes -- so much so that you might need to screen your calls. You will have a job to do or an errand to run. Dig your heels in, with the full expectation that you will enter the weekend feeling this task was done well. Tonight: Be naughty!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You'll observe others carefully. Hold up a mirror today, and look at what is happening in your own life from a detached point of view. Honestly assess your responses, especially if you feel as if others are not doing their share. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Gain strength by taking a walk, potting a plant or sitting outside. Though you might need to ground yourself at times, you are a powerhouse to deal with. An associate still might try to get you to join his or her way of thinking. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ If it weren't Friday, you probably would consider running away! The more nonreactive you become, the less a difficult situation will matter. Do not get involved with any power struggles. Tonight: Feel relieved and empowered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might prefer to pave your own path and go it alone. If you look over your shoulder, you'll see a group of friends behind you cheering you on. Recognize that the support of others means a lot to you, and be sure to acknowledge it. Tonight: All smiles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might zig and zag when trying to find the right path out of a problem. You have taken responsibility by looking for the solution, so be sure to check out all the different angles. Tonight: Celebrate the positives in life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You will be full of new ideas. As you illuminate your immediate surroundings with bright solutions, you will reinforce the positive attitudes of others. They believe you can handle it all. Tonight: On center stage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Your mind is not focused on the here-and-now. You could be distracted by an unexpected event, or you might be daydreaming about the weekend. Discipline yourself, and stop listening to the tom toms of faraway lands. Your presence counts. Tonight: Take a break from your routine.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Don't kid yourself into thinking that others should be at your beck and call. Separate your needs from your desires. Ask yourself whether you would prefer someone who needs you or someone who wants to be with you. Tonight: Have a long-overdue chat with a loved one.

Friday, June 6, 2014

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

This year you blaze a new path, and you're unwilling to give in to boredom and routine. Though you might have your critics, you empower many others simply by example. If you are single, this summer will provide you with many potential sweeties. You'll see someone who is very different from you as the right match. If you are attached, give your significant other time to catch up to you. You are transforming, and that will demand a response of growth. Give this person some space and time to move forward. LIBRA knows how to excite you.

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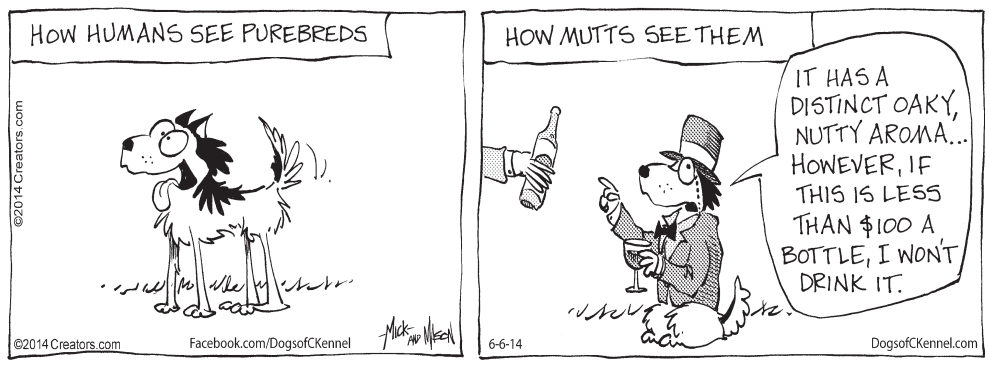
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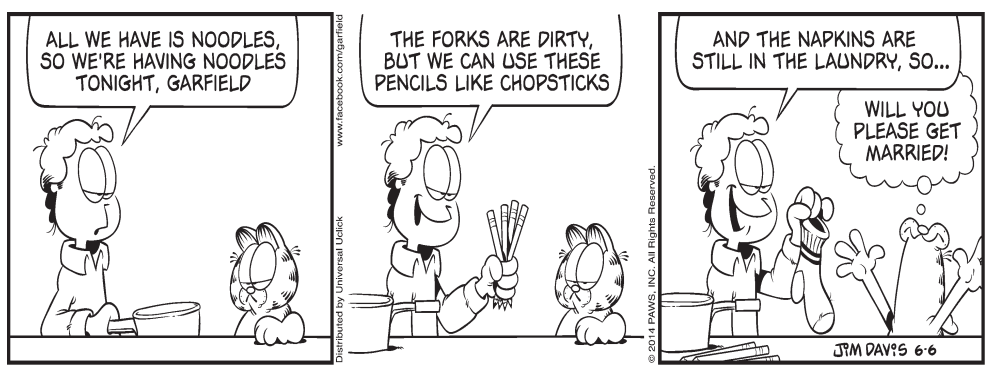
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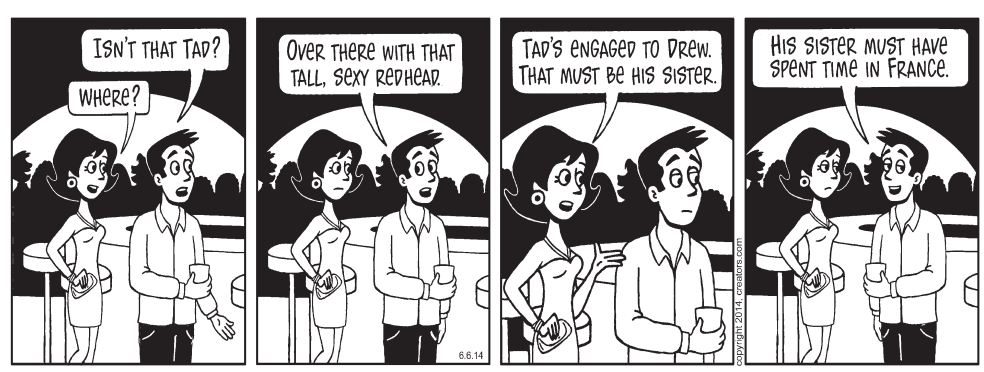
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 380 calls for service on June 4.

BELOW IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Drunk driving on Lincoln Blvd at 1:11 a.m.
Fight on 4th St. at 1:49 a.m.
Vandalism on Ocean Park Blvd. at 6:47 a.m.
Traffic accident on 19th St. at 6:50 a.m.
Fraud report on 16th St. at 7:57 a.m.
Traffic accident on Broadway at 8:02 a.m.
Identity theft on 19th St. at 8:12 a.m.
Fraud report on Wilshire Blvd. at 8:30 a.m.
Traffic accident on Wilshire Blvd. at 9:59 a.m.
Hit and run on Lincoln Blvd. at 10:12 a.m.
Auto burglary on Pacific Coast Hwy. at 10:21 a.m.
Auto burglary on Georgina Ave. at 10:51 a.m.
Traffic accident on 23rd St. at 11:47 a.m.
Grand theft on Ocean Ave. at 12 p.m.
Identity theft on Neilson Way at 12:50 p.m.
Hit and run on Santa Monica Blvd. at 12:53 p.m.
Petty theft on Colorado Ave., at 12:57 p.m.
Traffic accident on 6th St. at 1:05 p.m.
Sexual assault on Broadway at 1:18 p.m.
Battery on Broadway at 2:03 p.m.
Petty theft on Lincoln Blvd. at 2:46 p.m.
Hit and run on Santa Monica Blvd. at 3:13 p.m.
Hit and run on Lincoln Blvd. at 3:17 p.m.
Battery on Ocean Front Walk at 3:44 p.m.
Bike theft on Montana Ave. at 4:27 p.m.
Identity theft on 6th St. at 4:47 p.m.
Assault with a deadly weapon on Santa Monica Blvd at 4:50 p.m.
Fight on 2nd St. at 4:53 p.m.
Vandalism on 18th St. at 4:57 p.m.
Identity theft on Olympic Dr. at 5:31 p.m.
Hit and run on Ocean Ave. at 5:50 p.m.
Battery on Colorado Ave. at 6:18 p.m.
Petty theft on Lincoln Blvd. at 6:41 p.m.
Battery on Ocean Ave. at 6:51 p.m.
Battery on 4th St. at 8:13 p.m.
Traffic accident on 5th St. at 9:01 p.m.
Theft on Wilshire Blvd. at 9:15 p.m.



MYSTERY PHOTO

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Diving gear
6 Clue room
11 Comics unit
12 Bert's buddy
13 — Ababa
14 Kind of pool
15 They may clash
17 Secluded spot
18 Plot unit
20 Finished
22 Crude home
23 Column bases
26 Despise
28 One of the Kennedys
29 Paging gizmos
31 Pitching stat
32 Ordeal
33 Make ready
34 Deceitful sort
36 Pound of poems
38 City-based
40 Down source
43 "Blue Chips" star
44 Spook
45 Kicked, in a way
46 Towel material

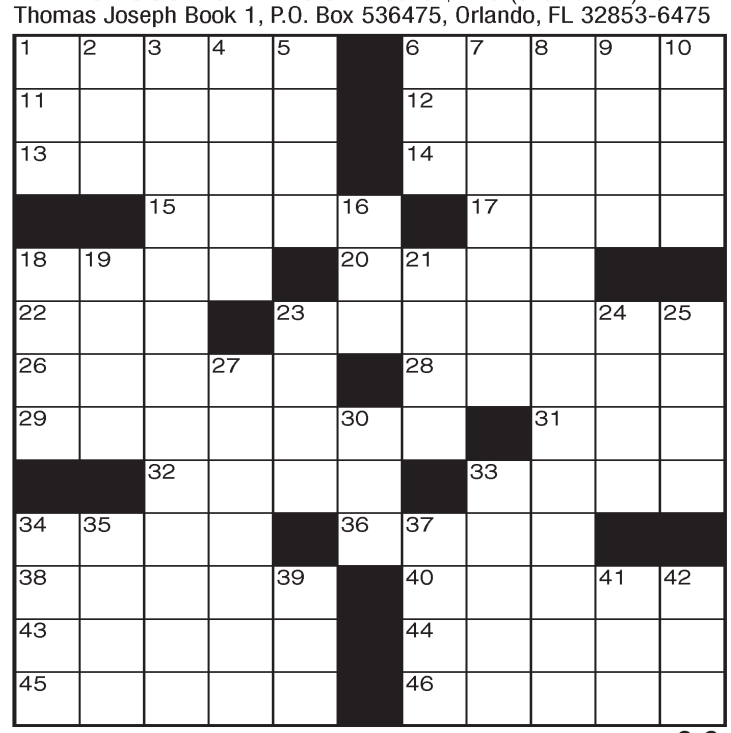
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1 Relaxation site
2 Heel
3 Covertly
4 Stocking shade
5 Not to mention
6 Filming site
7 Prop for Poseidon
8 Unnoticed
9 Watch part
10 Holler
16 Musical note
18 Obsessed captain
19 Die, e.g.
21 Competes
23 Veep's superior
24 On this spot
25 Strike
27 Run
30 Numbered rd.
33 Tag info
34 Slow-witted fellow
35 Pressing need
37 Bit of rind
39 Homer's neighbor
41 Mess up
42 Spanish king

P	U	B	S	■	A	L	T	A	R	S
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Draw Date: 6/3
19 28 62 66 74
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Jackpot: $45M

Draw Date: 6/4
7 11 24 37 47
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: $10M

Draw Date: 6/5
12 14 31 35 39

Draw Date: 6/5
MIDDAY: 6 9 5
EVENING: 9 0 5

Draw Date: 6/5
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:42.53

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In April, Anton Purisima filed a claim in Federal District Court in New York City that the Lowering The Bar blog calculated was for the largest monetary demand ever made in a lawsuit -- "$2,000 decillion" (or 2 followed by 36 zeroes, which of course is many times more money than exists on planet Earth). Purisima's lawsuit names Au Bon Pain, Carepoint Health, Kmart, the New York City Transit Authority and LaGuardia Airport among the parties allegedly causing him so much distress (by fraud, civil rights violations and even "attempted murder"). Lowering The Bar also noted that "$2,000 decillion" could also have been accurately nominated as "$2 undecillion" or even "two octillion gigadollars."

■ The U.S. Treasury Department's inspector general for tax administration, in his latest report on agency employee bonuses in April (covering late 2010 through 2012), disclosed that $2.8 million of the high-performance prizes went to employees with discipline problems -- including about 1,150 workers who owe about $1 million in back federal taxes. The inspector general acknowledged that the bonuses "appear to create a conflict" regarding the "integrity" of the program. (The Treasury Department pointed out somewhat proudly that the Department's rate of tax delinquencies is only about one-eighth the delinquency rate of the United States as a whole.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1919 – The Republic of Prekmurje ends.

1921 – Southwark Bridge in London is opened for traffic by King George V and Queen Mary.

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Environmental Sustainability



One of the goals of the Miramar Plan is to incorporate "green building" design features to achieve LEED Silver* certification or better for all the new buildings. The rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of the Landmark Palisades Building will include upgrading of obsolete building systems to increase environmental sustainability, while protecting its unique architectural features.

By replacing antiquated, energy inefficient buildings and systems (some as much as 85 years old) with new, energy-efficient buildings and systems, the Miramar's environmental footprint will be greatly improved.

The Miramar Plan incorporates significant sustainability measures that are designed to be consistent with the Santa Monica Downtown Specific Plan. To that end, more than 50% of the Miramar's 4.5 acres will be open space and will include sustainable gardens and water features designed by internationally acclaimed landscape architecture firm Gustafson Guthrie Nichol.

Environmental sustainability is a fundamental goal of the Miramar Plan. By incorporating the best practices in sustainable design, we will create a greener, environmentally-friendly hotel in keeping with Santa Monica's values.

More reasons why the Miramar Plan makes sense.

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