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THE BUSY, BUSY ISSUE

Downtown hotel cold war heats up

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN AVENUE The ownership of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel unleashed a public assault Thursday on the owner of a neighboring establishment who the company says has been waging an undercover war on plans to redevelop the Miramar.

Ocean Avenue, LLC. sent out a flyer to homes throughout the city with a picture of Huntley Hotel owner Sohrab Sassounian on the front and a single question.

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Report finds fault with local taxi service

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Three of the five taxi companies that can pick up passengers in Santa Monica received failing grades in a recent Finance Department report that showed some cab companies did not meet the conditions of the franchise system.

Metro Cab, the Independent Taxi Owners Association and Yellow Cab ranked at the bottom of the pack, scoring between 25.83 and 37.9 percent of the available 120 points

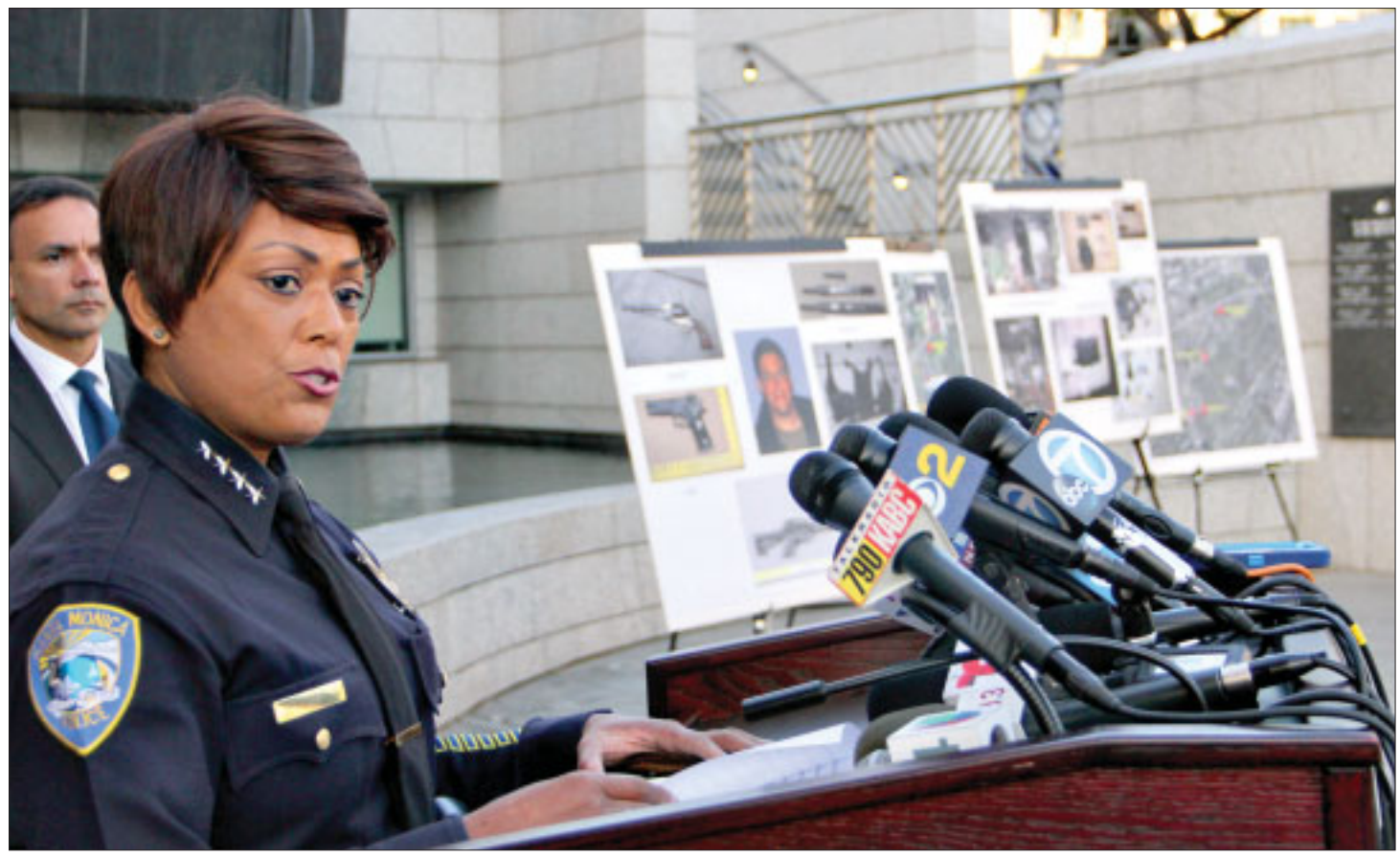
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James Mount: Architect, civic leader dies at 88

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

DOWNTOWN James Donald Mount, a local architect and longtime civic leader who believed in preserving and building affordable housing, died of natural causes at the age of 88 Tuesday at the home he designed on San Vicente Boulevard, family members

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

NEW: **Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks reveals details during a press conference Thursday regarding Friday's shooting spree.**

Shooter assembled rifle used in rampage; left 'farewell' note



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CLOSER LOOK: **Santa Monica police presented new photos during a press conference on Thursday depicting the home where John Zawahri killed his father and brother before setting off on a shooting spree last Friday. The display also shows some of the equipment he used.**

Letter states mother should be financially taken care of

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY The Santa Monica man who killed six people, including his father and brother, last week during a shooting rampage that terrorized the Pico Neighborhood fired off at least 100 rounds from an assault rifle that he most likely assembled himself using legal parts ordered from various states, law enforcement officials said Thursday.

Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks said during a news conference Thursday that gunman John Zawahri, 23, made a request to purchase a firearm in 2011 but was denied by the state

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, June 14, 2013

Time in a bottle
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to make a self-watering terrarium out of recycled glass bottles or jars. Ticketed event; space is limited. Free tickets available at 2 p.m. Ages 4 and up. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Safe online
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 p.m.
Protect yourself and your computer from threats such as viruses, spyware and scams. Beginner level. Seating is first come, first serve. For more information, visit the reference desk or call (310) 434-2608.

Willy abridged
Promenade Playhouse
1404 Third St., 8 p.m.
In "Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" from Santa Monica Rep, three guys in tights set out to perform all 37 of the Bard's plays in less than 100 minutes, with hilarious results. Shakespeare's classics undergo some changes, of course. Originally created by the Reduced Shakespeare Company and first performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the show ran for almost a decade in London and has since traveled all over the world before landing here in Santa Monica. For more information, call (213) 268-1454.

Hercules gone mad
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
Not Man Apart, the Los Angeles-based physical theatre ensemble since 2004, presents John Farmanesh-Bocca's adaptation of Roman philosopher and playwright Seneca the Younger's tragedy "Hercules Furens" (The Madness of Hercules). The production portrays one of the most bitter and grotesque legends of this half-mortal son of the God Jupiter: Hercules' maddened slaughter of his own innocent wife and children. Tickets: $25. For more information, visit www.NotManApart.com. The performance runs through June 23.

Saturday, June 15, 2013

Goal!!!!
1550 Beach Parking Lot
Pacific Coast Highway,
8 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Watch kids hit the sand for a little soccer during the Copa Cabana Beach Tournament. For more information, call (949) 294-2989.

A day with Huck
Douglas Park
2439 Wilshire Blvd., 9 a.m.
Join the Santa Monica Jaycees for the annual Huck Finn Day for children featuring live trout fishing, pie eating contests and other games and activities. For more information, visit www.smjaycees.org.

Meet the masters
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave.,
9:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Master Gardeners provide free tips, solutions to problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which offers intense training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers' Market on the third Saturday of each month.

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Rep. Waxman calls for vote on student loan rates

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON, D.C. U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica) on Thursday joined efforts to force a key vote on legislation that would stop the doubling of interest rates on subsidized Stafford student loans on July 1.

Waxman and fellow Democrats signed a discharge petition that would force House Republicans to bring up H.R. 1595, the Student Loan Relief Act of 2013.

The bill would freeze the interest rate on federally subsidized loans at 3.4 percent for the next two years, giving Congress time to

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Jurors in Bulger trial shown collection from weapons stash

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON Jurors in James "Whitey" Bulger's racketeering trial on Thursday were shown machine guns and other weapons from a massive arsenal that investigators say he and his gang owned, as prosecutors attempted to show that Bulger ran a criminal enterprise through violence, intimidation and fear.

Retired state police Col. Thomas Foley identified weapons hidden in several locations during a 2000 investigation, including in a shed behind a South Boston home owned by the mother of Bulger's partner, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi. When investigators searched the shed, they found just one handgun, but later, Flemmi's son led them to a house in Somerville and a storage facility in Florida where investigators say the guns had been moved.

Foley slowly and methodically identified dozens of guns through photographs. But prosecutor Fred Wyshak also pulled out six machine guns — one at a time — and asked Foley to identify them.

Foley said Bulger's gang collected fees known as "rent" or "tribute" from bookmakers, drug dealers and others to allow them to operate within their territory.

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Michael Yanow *editor@smdp.com*

OFF TO THE REAL WORLD: **Senior Conner Greene receives his diploma from Santa Monica High School during the school's graduation ceremony at the Memorial Greek Theater on Friday, June 7. Earlier in the day Greene was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays.**

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Samohi's Greene settles into pro ball

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

DUNEDIN, Fla. The first few days of professional baseball have been hectic for Conner Greene.

Since being drafted in the seventh round of last Friday's Major League Draft by the Toronto Blue Jays, Greene has graduated from Santa Monica High School, signed his first professional contract worth hundreds of thousands of dollars and has already been in Florida for rookie camp.

For a kid who was just on the mound at Samohi weeks ago, these are major developments in his young life.

"Everything is so exciting," Greene said. "I've just been here trying to get better."

If things go according to plan, he'll be on the mound of a pro ball park within weeks, a prospect the right-hander said he couldn't imagine just months ago.

Greene has been the subject of pre-draft scrutiny all season, but his rise to being a top prospect is somewhat of a recent occurrence.

His assistant coach at Samohi, Tony Todd, worked his connections and got Greene a tryout for the Area Codes team, an elite showcase for local talent.

Despite not being officially invited, Greene was given a shot to show what he could do. He wasn't picked for the team, but he opened the eyes of scouts from a number of big league clubs that wanted to see more of him.

He shined during his senior season at Samohi, posting a 1.68 earned run average with a 7-1 record. What really stood out was his impressive 76 strikeouts in just 50 innings.

Whatever he did at the Area Codes tryout and the regular season worked, ultimately earning him the 205th pick in he draft.

"I really could not have done it without Tony," Greene said. "He always put in a good name for me."

This isn't the first time Todd, a for-

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no longer protect – with actions misspent
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My car takes me away
but what of those ambushed that day?
Best wishes.

Elizabeth Scher
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

No drill can prepare you

I CAN STILL REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I got a laugh from an "audience." It was exhilarating, although I didn't know what the word meant at the time. You see, I was in the second grade and the audience was my classmates.

Back in those Cold War days, America lived in fear of a nuclear attack from the Soviet Union. In our classrooms we had a "drop drill," also known as "duck and cover." Whenever our teacher uttered the word "drop," we kids would instantly duck under our wooden desks. (As if a desk would protect us from a nuclear bomb.) Even at 7 I knew this was bogus.

One day our teacher, the elderly Mrs. Seitz, (probably younger than I am now) mistook the sound of a jet breaking the sound barrier for a Soviet nuclear attack. In between shrieks, she ordered us under our desks and frantically began closing the Venetian blinds. (First desks, now Venetian blinds were going to protect us from a nuclear meltdown?)

Thinking a little humor might calm the storm, I casually asked Mrs. Seitz if she had "seen the head doctor lately." It clearly wasn't the most diplomatic of observations, but it got a huge laugh from my classmates. I was immediately hooked on trying to be funny. I suppose I'm still doing it a mere 60 years later.

I didn't give the occurrence another thought until walking from school. When I turned the last corner to my home I was stunned to see my father's car parked in the driveway. At 3:30 p.m.? Trust me, this was definitely not a good sign.

After reading me the riot act, my parents drove me to school where I meekly apologized to Mrs. Seitz in front of the stern gaze of the principal, Dr. Elsa Peck. (Frankly, that I still remember these names is a little disturbing.) There was no mention that Mrs. Seitz had gone bananas to prompt my joke, only that I had learned my lesson.

For me, the Cold War was no fun. During a drop drill once I had gotten a nasty splinter from the wooden desk. And now I endured the shame of being labeled a smart aleck in front of my parents.

As awkward as this segue is, it brings me to the horrific shooting rampage that took place here last Friday. It was so depressing I didn't feel like confronting the event head on. Actually, the two subjects do connect in that in the 1950s we grew up with the madness of possible nuclear annihilation and today kids grow up with the madness of shooting rampages.

Curiously, I found out about the shootings last Friday from a reader of mine who lives out of state. When I turned on the news I was flooded with emotions at what I saw. The killings at Columbine, Phoenix, Aurora and Newtown, had all seemed like that could never happen here. And now my city, so beautiful and idyllic, made the national and even international news not for our bountiful attributes, but that we were home to another psycho armed with a semi-automatic assault rifle. (And 1,300 rounds of ammunition.)

Since last week there have been two other shootings here, one resulting in a murder that led to the arrest of three suspects. This brings the one week total of gun-related homicides in Santa Monica to six in five days. Those numbers rival Chicago or Detroit.

For some time I've been seething over how the gun lobby, the National Rifle Association's Wayne LaPierre and primarily GOP legislators, routinely ignore the will of the people. Despite the fact that 91 percent of the country and 74 percent of NRA members want universal background checks these merchants of death (gun manufacturers who bankroll the NRA) manage to keep bills from getting out of committee.

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The Second Amendment reads: "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." For the founding fathers every word had a reason. We don't have militias anymore, but it's as though nobody reads the first half of the amendment.

On Tuesday, Santa Monica College had a graduation ceremony that doubled as a somber memorial to the family and friends of those who died or were injured in last week's tragedy. Who could have thought that would happen in our city?

With a shooter who had 1,300 bullets, it's actually a miracle many more weren't killed. Kudos to the Santa Monica Police Department and the Santa Monica College Police Department, whose officers controlled the nightmare within 10 to 15 minutes.

Anytime I write about sensible gun regulation I unfailingly get nasty e-mails. Then again at least it's better than a lecture in front of your parents in the principal's office.

If you're interested in preventing gun violence, go to www.bradycampaign.org. **JACK** can be reached at jnsmdp@aol.com.

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LOANS
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develop a long-term solution to student loan debt, supporters said.

If Congress fails to act interest rates on subsidized student loans will double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent for more than 7 million students and their families.

"Interest rates are at historic lows," Waxman said in a press release. "This Democratic bill would freeze the current low 3.4 percent rate for the next two years. I represent more than 74,000 college and graduate school students and many of them have federal loans. Congress must act quickly to prevent rates from doubling on July 1."

In 2007, Congress arbitrarily lowered interest rates on subsidized Stafford Loans to undergraduate students from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent. However, this action was only temporary and was set to expire in 2012. Last year, Congress agreed to extend the 3.4 percent interest rate on these loans for one year while a long-term solution was worked out.

Democrats are launching a discharge petition to force action because the Republican leadership has refused to move forward on the H.R. 1595.

Republicans in the House have backed another measure, H.R. 1911, The Smarter Solutions for Students Act, which would move away from a system that allows politicians to "use student loan interest rates as bargaining chips, creating uncertainty and confusion for borrowers," said the office of Republican Congressman John Kline, chairman of the Education and the Workforce Committee.

H.R. 1911 would move all federal student loans (except Perkins loans) to a market-based interest rate using a formula based on the 10-year treasury note plus a certain percentage depending on the type of loan accepted. Student loan interest rates would reset once a year, allowing rates to move with the free market.

The bill would set caps for certain loans to protect against high interest rates, Kline's office said.

"By taking politicians out of the interest rate equation, the Smarter Solutions for Students Act will strengthen federal student loan programs and serve the best interests of both borrowers and taxpayers," read a statement on Kline's website.

Supporters say the bill is the long-term solution Democrats are calling for and would save the federal government $990 million during the next five years and $3.7 billion during the next 10 years.

The Student Loan Relief Act was introduced on April 17, and has more than 150 cosponsors, including Waxman. But Republicans have failed to schedule a hearing on the bill. A discharge petition requires the House to consider the legislation once a majority of members of Congress (218) have signed it.

"A majority of new jobs in the next decade will require a college degree," Waxman said. "It is an economic necessity that a higher education remains an opportunity for every student, not a perk for the privileged few."

Waxman's district includes UCLA, Pepperdine, Santa Monica College, and Mount St. Mary's College.

Nationally, total student debt currently stands at $1.1 trillion, greater than credit card debt, according to Waxman's office.

Under the Republican bill, students who borrow the maximum amount of subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans over five years would pay nearly $2,000 more in interest costs than if interest rates doubled, Waxman said.

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GREENE
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mer Samohi standout and college baseball player, has opened doors for a fellow Viking.

During the past few years, he's been instrumental in helping pitchers Tyler Skaggs and Alonzo Gonzalez draw the eyes of scouts.

Skaggs was taken in the first round by the Los Angeles Angels in 2009 and last year Gonzalez was selected in the 18th round, also by Toronto.

Talent is what got them to the pros, but Todd's deep ties in the baseball community didn't hurt.

Todd even has a little parting advice for Greene.

"I just want the kid to do well," Todd said. "But I tell him to trust no one. These other guys out there are trying to get to the same place you're trying to get."

For Greene, his current goal is making the Blue Jays' single-A ball club and let things fall into place from there. But getting to this point has been interesting.

With graduation and the draft both last Friday, Greene said it was a nerve-racking experience.

With the school on lockdown because of a mass deadly shooting that took place nearby that day, Greene and the rest of the senior class were held in one of the school's gyms waiting to see if the graduation would even take place.

During the wait Greene was monitoring the draft on his phone, eager to see where he would end up. At roughly 4 in the afternoon, he saw that he was going to be a Blue Jay, but he was trying to be low key and kept it to himself.

Apparently he wasn't the only one following the draft.

A fellow classmate was the one that spilled the beans.

"I was super excited," Greene said. "I got an ovation from the whole class."

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The Q Line

Tough on guns

Friday's shooting rampage through the streets of Santa Monica have us thinking about gun laws. California has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation, yet a tragedy like this can still take place.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think more needs to be done to control guns in the state and why?

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1731 20th Street

APPLICANT: Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences
PROPERTY OWNER: Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

The property owner is seeking a Development Agreement with the City to construct a new three-story science learning center and temporary modular classrooms at 1731 20th Street. As a part of the Development Agreement, the proposed project would provide certain negotiated community benefits, including but not limited to, use of an existing ten-foot wide easement for a future bike path, an enhanced Transportation Demand Management Plan, photovoltaic panels, and Pico Neighborhood outreach and prioritization for Summer Programs.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013, AT 6:45 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

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Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 12DEV013 (1731 20th Street)
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MORE INFORMATION
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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Knuckle sandwich with your order?

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from 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, JUNE 7, AT 5:50 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1800 block of Lincoln Boulevard regarding a report of an assault that just occurred. When officers arrived they spoke with a man who said he was walking back from getting a sandwich when another man started yelling at him and accusing him of being the police. The man with the sandwich said he wasn't, but the other didn't buy it and punched him in the face, police said. He also attacked the man with a wooden frame containing glass panels that he picked up in the alley. A woman who was with the suspect convinced him to stop the attack and flee the scene. Officers caught up with the suspect and his friend a short time later and said they found approximately .84 grams of a white crystalline substance in a cigarette box the male suspect had on him. The suspect was placed under arrest and later booked for assault with a deadly weapon, resisting arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia and violating his parole resulting from a grand theft and robbery conviction. He was identified as Eric Daniel Rodriguez, 26, of Los Angeles. No bail was set.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, AT 11:37 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 800 block of Santa Monica Boulevard regarding a report of a man screaming. When officers arrived they found a homeless man who was making incoherent and paranoid statements. As officers searched him they said they found two hypodermic needles in the man's pocket. He allegedly told officers that he had been smoking crack cocaine and the needles were going to be used for heroin later on. Based on that, officers took the suspect into custody and he was booked for possession of drug paraphernalia and a probation violation. He was identified as Raymond Mefford, 41, a transient. His bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, AT 6:55 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1900 block of Ocean Avenue regarding a man standing in the middle of a street screaming and staggering through traffic. As officers arrived, they saw a black Prius being driven by a woman who honked her horn at the man. The suspect walked up to the car and slammed his hand on the hood. He then approached the driver's side door and allegedly tried to open the door. At that moment an officer drove up. He got out of his patrol car and fearing that he would be assaulted he used his baton to drive the suspect back. The suspect complied and sat down on a nearby curb. Officers said they could smell the strong odor of alcohol on his breath. His eyes were also bloodshot and watery. His speech was very slurred, police said. After interviewing several witnesses, police placed the man under arrest for being drunk in public, resisting arrest and being a pedestrian in the roadway. He was identified as Torsten Hammel, 40. His bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, AT 4:45 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 2800 block of the beach regarding a report of a possible drowning. When officers arrived they spoke with a man who said that he and two other friends had been drinking earlier in the day and went to the beach for a swim. One of them was pulled into the current and dragged out to sea. He was later rescued by lifeguards. After interviewing the men, officers determined they were under the influence of alcohol and unable to care for themselves. All three were placed under arrest for being drunk in public. They were identified as Aaron Joseph Westbrook, 35, William Alberto Blanco, 23, and Anthony Cosenza, 23; all from Los Angeles. Bail was set at $80, 683.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, AT 2:35 P.M.,

Officers on patrol saw a known drug user on probation riding a bike along the 2100 block of Delaware Avenue. Officers made contact with the man, who said he had just come from the Santa Monica probation office. Officers searched the suspect and found no contraband. The officers decided to conduct a compliance check at his home and during the search found a glass pipe, which had white-burnt residue on the inside. Pipes like that are commonly used to smoke meth, police said. Officers photographed the scene and placed the suspect under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia and the probation violation. He was identified as Dennis Eldridge Scarberry, 32, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, AT 8 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue – Santa Monica Place – regarding a cashier at one of the stores who was being detained for allegedly stealing money from a register. When officers arrived they spoke with store security who said there were consistent cash shortages traced back to the employee's register. Security began monitoring the suspect's activity using a surveillance camera. A few days prior the suspect was seen removing money from the cash drawer and then put it into a green money bag. He then walked into a bathroom where there are no security cameras. A store manager told police that there was roughly $300 missing. When confronted, the employee admitted to stealing between $800 and $1,000 during the month of May. After allegedly confessing to officers, the employee was placed under arrest for grand theft. He was identified as Wesley Neal Barnett, 32, of Venice, Calif. His bail was set at $20,000.

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BULGER
FROM PAGE 3

"What were the consequences of not paying a fee?" Wyshak asked.

"Well, it could range from being put out of business to taking a beating, or actually at times, some people were killed," Foley said.

Bulger, the former leader of the Winter Hill Gang, is charged with a long list of crimes in a 32-count racketeering indictment, including participating in 19 killings in the 1970s and '80s. He was one of the FBI's most wanted fugitives after he fled Boston in 1994.

Bulger, now 83, was captured in Santa Monica, Calif., in 2011.

During cross-examination by Bulger's lawyer, Hank Brennan, Foley acknowledged that none of the weapons were found in Bulger's house and neither his fingerprints nor DNA were found on any of them.

But later, during questioning by Wyshak, Foley said "numerous" guns were found in Bulger's Santa Monica apartment when he was arrested two years ago. After Bulger's arrest, authorities said they found about $800,000 in cash and more than 30 guns in the apartment.

Brennan also tried, through Foley, to undermine the credibility of one of the prosecution's key witnesses: hitman John Martorano, who admitted to killing 20 people and has agreed to testify against Bulger.

Foley acknowledged that Martarano had insisted he would not testify against certain people, including his brother, before he agreed to cooperate with authorities. Martorano served 12 years in prison, a deal Bulger lawyer J.W. Carney Jr. called "extraordinary" in its leniency.

Carney acknowledged during opening statements Wednesday that Bulger corrupted FBI agents by paying them to tip him off to search warrants, bugs and indictment, but insisted that Bulger was never an FBI informant, as prosecutors contend.

Foley wrote a 2012 book about his investigations of Bulger entitled, "Most Wanted: Pursuing Whitey Bulger, the Murderous Mob Chief the FBI Secretly Protected."

Brennan questioned Foley about the extent of corruption within the FBI's Boston office, and suggested that the protection of Bulger extended to the U.S. attorney's office in Boston. Brennan repeatedly asked Foley if he had raised "issues" with the prosecutor's office.

"It was actually how they were handling the FBI's informant program, meaning particularly how they were dealing with Bulger and Flemmi while we were trying to investigate them," Foley said, in response to a question from Wyshak.

Foley's testimony came after another retired state police officer, Lt. Robert Long, identified Bulger on several surveillance videos from 1980. The videos showed Bulger meeting with members of his gang, as well as members of the Italian Mafia.

In opening statements to the jury Wednesday, prosecutor Brian Kelly said Bulger made millions through drugs, extortion and loan-sharking by instilling fear in drug dealers, bookies and others. Kelly said Bulger was a long-time FBI informant who provided information on the New England Mafia, his gang's rivals.

Carney, Bulger's lead attorney, agreed with the prosecutor's description of how Bulger made his money, but insisted he was never an FBI informant and denied that he killed two 26-year-old women he is accused of strangling or businessmen in Florida and Oklahoma.

Two bookmakers are expected to testify Friday about how Bulger allegedly extorted fees from them so they could continue to operate illegal gambling rackets.

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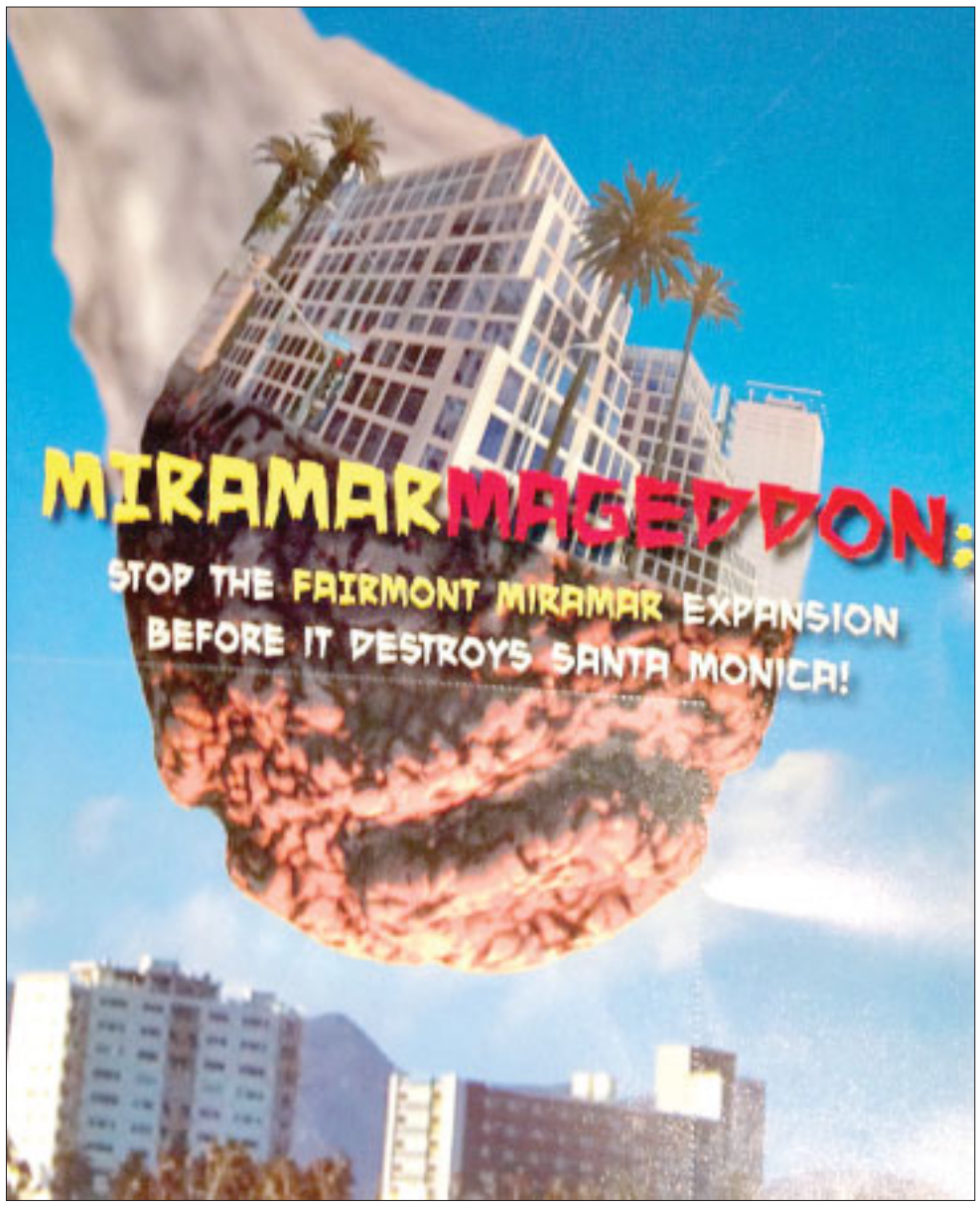
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NOT FANS: **Santa Monicans Against the Miramar Expansion released this flyer last year.**

HOTELS
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"Who is Sohrab Sassounian, and why is he spending millions to smear the Miramar?" the flyer reads.

It goes on to identify Sassounian as the owner of the competing hotel, which sits immediately next to the Fairmont Miramar, and accuse him of trying to shoot down redevelopment plans for the site, which is working its way through a public process.

That money went to hire law firm Latham & Watkins and make "questionable political contributions to try to buy the Santa Monica City Council" in the most recent election, the owners alleged.

The flyer comes accompanied by a website, www.huntleyfacts.com, which details several of the allegations listed on the flyer, including an alleged orchestration of the takeover of a local neighborhood group and creation of Santa Monicans for Responsible Growth (SMRG), a group that formed around the November 2012 election.

That group received funding directly from the Huntley during that campaign and also from two businesses — a Nevada-based computer firm and a pilates studio — that the Miramar leadership believes to be connected to the Huntley, according to the website.

Roughly 80 percent of SMRG's contributions came from sources with "provable, direct relations" to the Huntley, and the group was in part organized by Sue Burnside, a political consultant hired by the Huntley, according to the site.

The campaign is a response to a year of being "ruthlessly smeared" by the Huntley Hotel despite the company's efforts to resolve issues raised by Huntley representatives, said Alan Epstein, an executive at MSD Capital, the owner of the Fairmont Miramar.

"At the direction of the City Council, we have made meaningful changes to our plan, and in doing so have addressed the Huntley's concerns, but they have nonetheless chosen to spend millions of dollars in an effort to undermine the project before the city's environmental and economic analyses have even begun," Epstein said. "We ask simply that next time any Santa Monica resident sees an attack on the Miramar plan, they consider who is bankrolling it."

Huntley officials are concerned that the new, taller version of the Fairmont Miramar could potentially block valuable ocean views.

Huntley representatives called the attack "a cynical attempt to deflect attention away from the enormous groundswell of local opposition to their massive expansion plans," and that the personal attack on Sassounian was inappropriate.

"It's truly unfortunate that the Miramar would rather spend their time and money on attack pieces instead of working with residents to design a project that will fit the community and be a benefit to the entire city," said Shiva Aghaipour, the vice president of the Huntley, in a statement released Thursday.

"We hope that moving forward the Miramar will stop its attempts to avoid the real issues and will begin to work with the community on a reasonable development plan," Aghaipour continued.

Community members took to the Internet in response to the Fairmont Miramar's campaign, calling it "outrageous" and "defamatory."

Ivan Perkins, co-founder of SMRG, said that there were many inaccurate statements about the founding of his organization, which he formed with help from Susan

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Department of Justice, possibly because of mental health issues and a run-in with police seven years ago when bomb-making materials were found at his house during a search prompted by threats to students, teachers and campus police officers at Olympic High School, a school for students with academic and disciplinary issues.

Seabrooks also revealed that officers found a three-to-four-page, handwritten "farewell" note on Zawahri's body after he was killed by police on the main campus of Santa Monica College. In the note Zawahri expressed remorse for killing his family members, said goodbye to several friends and expressed hope that his mother would be taken care of financially.

"We know that he lived a troubled life and experienced mental health problems and we believe his mental health challenges likely played a role … ," Seabrooks told reporters.

In addition to the rifle, Zawahri made modifications to an antique black-powder .44 revolver so that it could fire .45-caliber bullets, Seabrooks said. That revolver was fully loaded and found in a duffle bag Zawahri carried with him onto the SMC campus. In that bag police also found roughly 1,300 rounds of ammunition in magazines capable of holding 30 rounds each.

Zawahri's 13-minute shooting spree on June 7 covered roughly 1.5 miles between his father's home on Yorkshire and Kansas avenues and SMC. Zawahri shot his father and brother to death in the home, set fire to it and then carjacked a woman and forced her to drive him to the college after shooting another driver in a passing car.

Along the way he fired at a Big Blue Bus and several vehicles, including an SUV driven by SMC groundskeeper Carlos Franco and his 26-year-old daughter Marcela, killing them both. While making his way to the SMC library, Zawahri also shot and killed 68-year-old Margarita Gomez, who was on campus that day collecting recyclables.

After firing roughly 70 rounds in the library, hitting no one, Zawahri was confronted by two officers with the Santa Monica Police Department and another with the SMC Police Department, who opened fired and killed him.

Once on the scene of the home, fire fighters found the bodies of Zawahri's father and brother in a back room uninvolved in the blaze. The house was found unkempt with files and papers scattered throughout, providing ample kindling.

In Zawahri's room, investigators found at least two zip guns capable of firing live ammunition, several replicas, knives and gun or ammo publications and brochures.

"That's what he was into," said Sgt. Richard Lewis, an SMPD spokesman.

Investigators also found a drill press among other materials that indicate he likely assembled the weapon.

The drill press is used to help finish building the rifle by drilling holes in the lower receiver. A lower receiver that is only 80 percent complete can easily be purchased, and because it is not complete, a person isn't required to go through a background check.

In California such weapons require a "bullet button" kit, which needs to be added to a lower parts kit to make it legal. The bullet button kit modifies the weapon so that a separate tool must be used to release an ammunition magazine and reload the gun; without such a modification a person can press a button to release the magazine.

The high-capacity ammo magazines Zawahri had are illegal to purchase, sell or transfer in California, police said.

Seabrooks said Zawahri's mother has cooperated with investigators, who are now in the process of interviewing those mentioned in Zawahri's letter.

Santa Monica police plan to work with the FBI to understand Zawahri's psychological makeup and motivation, Seabrooks said.

It is unclear why Zawahri wanted to be driven to SMC, where he was a student as recently as 2010.

Police said Zawahri was not employed or enrolled in school at the time of the shooting.

When Zawahri was held for a mental health evaluation seven years ago the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified Board of Education was briefed by school administrators after police found Zawahri was learning to make explosives by downloading instructions from YouTube, school board member Oscar de la Torre said.

Retired police officer Cristina Coria, who helped serve the search warrant, said Zawahri was hospitalized for psychiatric evaluation at the time. She didn't know the outcome of the evaluation.

Police declined to provide further details, saying Zawahri was a minor at the time. But once a person is held for such an exam, they cannot access or possess firearms for five years.

In the case of Zawahri, that prohibition would have expired in 2011.

Santa Monica police said they will work with the ATF to understand how he came to possess the components to assembly the AR 15-type rifle that shot a .223 caliber bullet.

Seabrooks commended the work of the officers who stopped Zawahri before he could take more victims and expressed appreciation for the support public safety officials have received from the community in the wake of the deadly rampage.

"That these officers were able to take direct action and stop a very real threat before more lives were lost is a testament to their bravery and to their attentiveness to the training, which is derived from the lessons learned from mass shootings, which have occurred across the country and about which we have become all too familiar."

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The Associated Press contributed to this report.









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VIEW OF THE POSSIBLE FUTURE: **Rendering of the proposed Fairmont Miramar Hotel.**

MIRAMAR

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Scarafia, a former Santa Monica resident with ties to the slow growth community.

"Under 'Huntley Facts' they're providing a lot of unsupported statements that are untrue," Perkins said. "I find that ironic."

Although SMRG and the Huntley did work together and the group received meeting space from the hotel, Perkins characterized it as a partnership, not a co-opting of the community group.

"In politics, there are alliances of convenience. That doesn't turn one party in an alliance into a vehicle of the other," Perkins said.

The current offensive against the Huntley does not come completely out of the blue, although previous attacks did not come directly from the competing hotel.

The Miramar has been the target of several flyers put out by a group called Santa Monicans Against the Miramar Expansion. The first dropped almost a year ago and showed a meteor capped with a large building rocketing toward Earth with the title "Miramarmageddon."

Another landed in 2013 just after the Los Angeles Times reported that Michael Dell, whose company owns the hotel, managed to avoid paying millions in property taxes using a loophole in Proposition 13, a 1978 measure that caps the rate at which property taxes can increase.

The recent Miramar campaign also points out that the Huntley pays less in property taxes than some Santa Monica homeowners. That's in large part because the hotel has not changed ownership in over 30 years, meaning the value of the property did not need to be reassessed for property tax purposes.

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said.

Mount, a graduate of the University of Southern California where he earned his degree in architecture following his service in the Marines during World War II, designed several buildings in Santa Monica, including the YWCA and Red Cross buildings, the Salvation Army Church and headquarters, Memorial Park Gymnasium, the former Fisher Lumber Co. building and several auto dealerships, according to the book "Santa Monica: 1950 — 2010" by local historian Louise B. Gabriel.

In addition to his architectural work, Mount was very active in the community, serving as president of the YMCA, the Chamber of Commerce, Sunrise Optimist Club and Community Chest (now known as the United Way). He served on the boards of the Red Cross and Community Corporation of Santa Monica, the city's leading provider of affordable housing. Mount also was a member of the city's Building and Safety Commission and Architectural Review Board, and on the General Advisory Board of Santa Monica College.

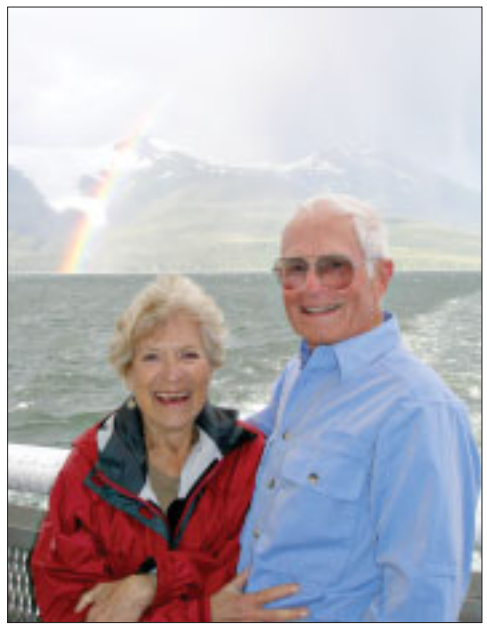
"He was an amazing father, a genuinely good man, purposeful and always enthusiastic," said Mount's daughter, Lisa Mount. "We feel we struck it rich in the parent lottery."

Lisa Mount said her father was dedicated to his craft, often working 12-hour days, including Saturdays, but he would always make it home for dinner with the family. He didn't retire until 2009, and only did so at the urging of his wife, Lisa Mount said.

A native of Portland, Ore., Mount was born on Aug. 11, 1924. He moved to Los Angeles as an adolescent and graduated from John Marshall High School. He met the love of his life, Ruth Daugherty Mount, and the two moved to Santa Monica in 1947 to start a family. The couple was married for 64 years and were fond of traveling the world, eating great food and spending time with their loved ones, family members said.

Ruth Mount passed away in 2011. Jim Mount would often remark that she had "won the prize by crossing the finish line first."

Aside from his love of architecture,



RUTH AND JAMES MOUNT

Mount also loved cars, having spent more than 20 years volunteering with the Pit Crew at the Peterson Automotive Museum. He could often be seen wearing a sweatshirt that said "still plays with cars." At the age of 87, he took a solo driving tour of the United States in his Mini Cooper convertible, visiting friends, family and automotive museums.

"He referred to cars as 'rolling architecture,'" Lisa Mount said. "He lived a rich, full life. He was at peace at the end, knowing that he'd done everything he set out to do."

His memory will live on in the form of his buildings, which still stand today.

Tara Pomposini, CEO of the YMCA, said Mount was always ready and willing to contribute his time and expertise to help make the Y's home better, snatching up plans at a moment's notice and rushing on site to address any building complications that arose at their facility on Sixth Street, where he took exercise classes.

"There's no way that you can walk into the building and not think of Jim," Pomposini said. "He was just so impactful."

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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alias creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	F	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	A+
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	B
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CMW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

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

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CABS
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and earning a "deficient" rank.

Taxi! Taxi! did better, but still received an "unsatisfactory" on its report card with a grade of 66.25 percent.

Only Bell Cab was considered "Excellent," with an overall score of 87.5 percent.

Even the report quibbled with that ranking, however, saying that Bell Cab's high score comes despite a relative lack of presence within the city.

Bell Cab received roughly 15,300 calls for service, and completed just under 13,800 of those, the lowest of any company in the city. Taxi! Taxi!, which ranked second highest in the scoring, received 212,845 orders, or 60 percent of the total market share.

The demand is so great that the company is seeking permission from the council to get extra cars.

Ayman Radwan, the CEO of Taxi! Taxi!, attributes his company's success to excellent service and easy-to-remember phone numbers that consist of a local area code followed by seven repetitions of a single digit.

The company is also working on a phone app, he said.

"We didn't just get the franchise to get the license, we did it to serve Santa Monica," Radwan said.

Bell Cab has shown its mettle both in Santa Monica and Los Angeles, where it snagged a top spot in that city's rankings 11 years running, said Michael Kalin, general manager with the company.

The numbers demonstrate that cab availability hasn't been a problem either, he said.

"If you look at our response times, obviously we have enough equipment out there," Kalin said.

If Bell cabs aren't making appearances at the taxi stands as often as other cars, it's more to do with other companies not following the rules of the stand, which dictate that no single outfit can dominate any particular stand at a given time, he said.

The companies received points based on service rendered within Santa Monica and their ability to stick to the rules of the taxi franchise system, a set of regulations adopted by the City Council in 2010 that allowed only those five companies to pick up passengers in Santa Monica and held the total number of cabs allowed in the city to 300.

In return, the companies must pay a franchise fee and adhere to strict guidelines about how much they charge for rides, driver behavior and documentation and undergo regular safety inspections.

Just over half of the points allotted rank the service that the companies provide, with the most weight going to how quickly the cabbie responded to the call and whether or not they participated in Dial-A-Ride, a program that provides rides to seniors and the disabled.

Lesser emphasis was put on how long customers spend on hold and how quickly an operator picks up when they call.

Yellow Cab was called out in the report for its lack of responsiveness. That company managed to get a car to a caller within 15 minutes, 55 percent of the time, far below the other companies which ranged between a low of 89.4 percent for Metro Cab and a high of 96.8 percent by Independent Taxi Owners Association.

Yellow Cab is the only company in which all of its cabs have permits to pick up customers in both Santa Monica and Los Angeles. That gives them the ability to hunt down the highest fares and avoid one-way trips without passengers, but cuts down on the time that those cabs are in Santa Monica, the report notes.

"By comparison, this same company responds to calls within 15 minutes for its three Los Angeles service areas between 81.35 percent to 84.83 percent of the time," the report notes.

Yellow Cab did not respond to a request for comment by presstime.

Compliance with franchise rules stung several of the companies, particularly the Independent Taxi Owners Association, which did not submit reports or payments on time and expired documents on 20 of its drivers.

Over 10 percent of the company's cars also failed inspection on the first try, landing it with the lowest compliance score.

While Yellow Cab and Independent Taxi Owners Association struggled, it was Metro Cab that came in dead last.

The company received negative points for its compliance score, and suffered a major setback at the beginning of the year when two of its employees got in a tussle during working hours, according to the report.

Those problems ended when the franchise was taken over by All Yellow Taxi, which continues to do business as Metro Cab.

"There was a whole change of ownership and a whole change of philosophy," said Don Burris, the attorney representing Metro Cab. "It's a completely different company in every respect."

The report itself notes that there have been no violations since July, when All Yellow Taxi took over for the original owners.

City Hall may be in the position to hand out grades, but the taxi companies have their own evaluations of the situation.

Taxi! Taxi! asked for another 37 cabs to keep up with demand — the company completes 60 percent of the trips dispatched in Santa Monica and believes that more cabs would help it keep up with the number of calls it receives.

Other companies get behind the concept to varying degrees, with Bell Cab holding the position that it would make it harder for cab drivers to make a living, while others are willing to try it out assuming new cars are distributed equitably.

One major concern remains competition of another kind.

The City Council approved regulations for pedicabs in April, which will provide more competition for the cabs on top of the presence of technology company Uber, which provides an electronic hailing service for private cars.

Unlike taxi cabs, that company is almost entirely unregulated by City Hall because it falls under the purview of the state.

"We have a contract with the city called a franchise agreement. We pay high franchise fees," Kalin said. "We obey all the rules, but the city is not doing anything to protect our exclusive rights, to protect the taxi cabs."

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7:30pm
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Epic (PG) 1hr 42min
11:45am, 2:35pm

After Earth (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:10am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Now You See Me (PG-13) 1hr 56min
11:00am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:45pm

Hangover Part III (R) 1hr 40min
5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

Purge (R) 1hr 25min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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Star Trek Into Darkness (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
5:20pm, 11:40pm

Iron Man 3 (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
10:25am, 1:40pm, 4:55pm, 8:15pm, 11:30pm

Man of Steel (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
10:30am, 1:45pm, 5:05pm, 8:30pm, 11:45pm

Fast & Furious 6 (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:20am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:55pm

Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
2:20pm, 8:30pm

This Is The End (R) 1hr 47min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Internship (PG-13) 1hr 59min
10:15am, 1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

Man of Steel 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
11:15am, 12:30pm, 4:05pm, 7:30pm, 11:00pm

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Mud (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

Frances Ha (R) 1hr 26min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Before Midnight (R) 1hr 48min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Kings of Summer (R) 1hr 33min
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Happy Birthday

Steve O: 'Jackass' star and recently sighted at Bubba Gump on the SM Pier.

BE AROUND MUSIC TONIGHT, CAPPY

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could get the lion's share of your work done if you prioritize. It might not be worth it, as many of you will be content just tidying up your desk and doing nothing more. Tonight: Happy close to home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Levity builds all day long. Handle what is serious or what cannot be put off any longer. Give up a need for control, and defer to others. An associate might be testy. A meeting could transform into a fun get-together. Tonight: Paint the town red.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Stay centered and know your priorities. Your family will take up any additional time you have, even though you might prefer to deal with other matters. Tonight: Do only what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind, but use your ability to soften the words. Others will respond better as a result. Reach out to someone at a distance in order to get some feedback. Tonight: Invite a friend or co-worker to join you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might be more concerned about security-related matters than you have been in a while. You also could discover some errors in your budgeting. Make an adjustment, then decide how to remedy the problem. Sometimes you refuse to see the obvious. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You hit one of your power days this month, and you finally will decide to deal with someone who is being difficult in your immediate environment. You might not get the response you desire, but at least you'll have said your piece. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might not be content with an unexpected change that could affect you financially. You can talk the issue out, but at this moment, you don't see eye to eye with anyone. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Zero in on what is important. Know that you sometimes push others away with your reticence. Be willing to discuss a problem. Have a discussion with a new friend or loved one. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Others exhibit a type of friendliness in the morning that you never thought you would see again. Seize the moment. If you wait until later, you might not have the same interactions, as people will be seeing situations in a different light. Timing counts. Tonight: Among the crowds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You seem capable of taking in a lot of changes. Information might be fluctuating, and new facts could continue to appear. A meeting could be uninspiring, as far as resources and ideas go. Tonight: Be around music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Allow greater flow between you and others. You have many good ideas. A key loved one relishes his or her one-on-one time with you. You offer up resolutions that are hard to resist. These interactions add to the dimension of a personal relationship. Tonight: At a favorite place.

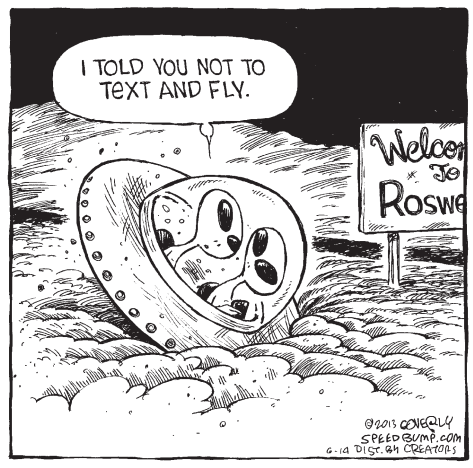
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You could have much to add to a discussion, but someone who is very practical and perhaps set in his or her ways might not see the beauty of a concept. Though it might be hard to converse with this person, you will make the effort to do so. Tonight: Happiest with a loved one.

Friday, June 14, 2013

This year you manifest an extremely idealistic side of your personality. People are not used to seeing you as a dreamer. The more you tap into your imagination, the easier it will be to bring concepts to life. If you are single, let a relationship evolve for a year before you decide it is the real deal. If you are attached, the two of you could fight because you view things differently. Try to accept your sweetie as he or she is, and learn to take the good with the bad. If you do, your relationship will become more dynamic. VIRGO is detail-oriented.

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

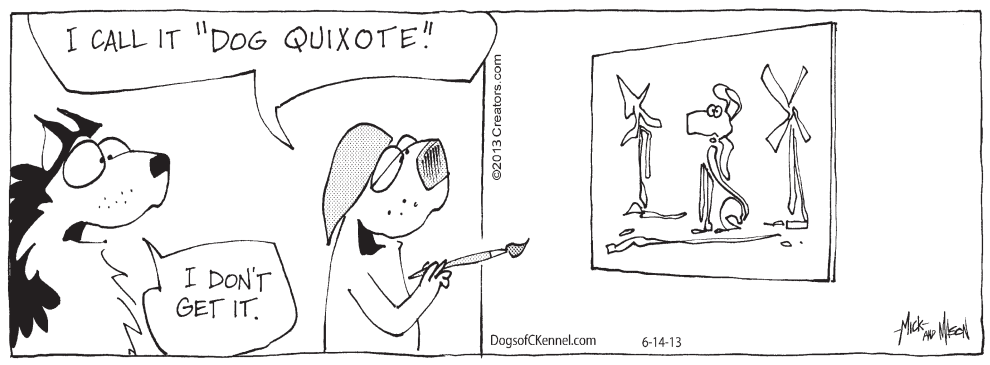
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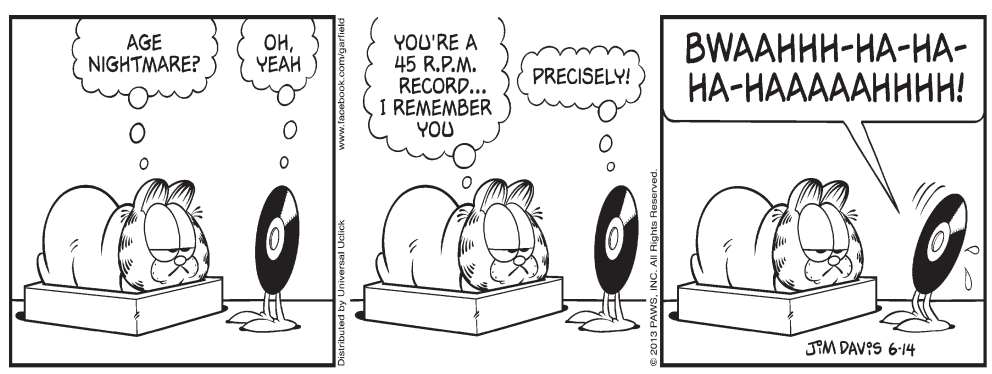
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Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 ★★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

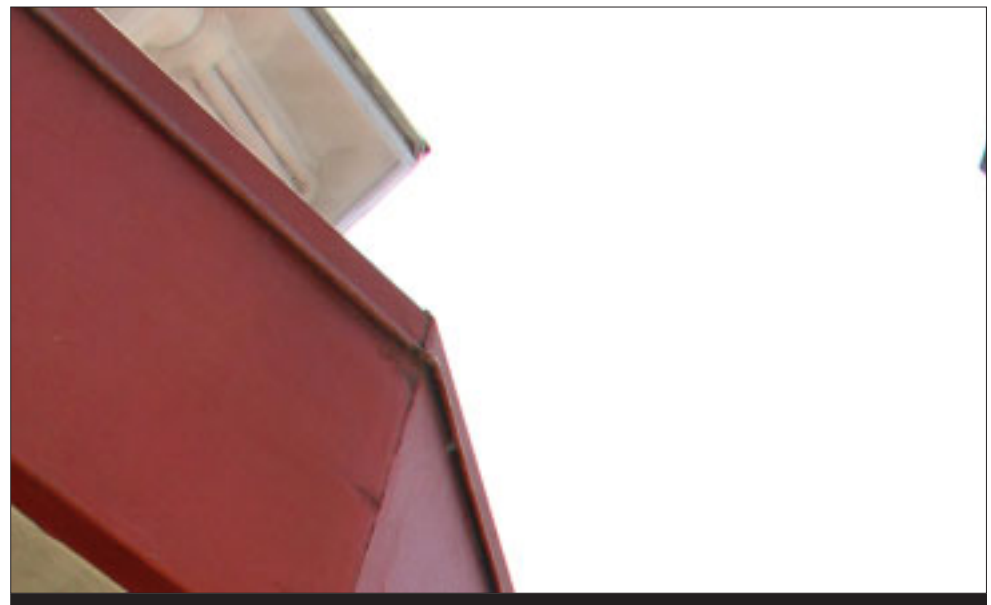
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Deck chiefs, for short
6 Grazing groups
11 "Yup"
12 Mindful
13 Flora and fauna
14 Home style
15 Greet the villain
16 Running out, as a subscription
18 Back muscle, for short
19 Capote-based play
20 Once known as
21 Writer Bagnold
23 Loses energy
25 Simple denials
27 Wt. units
28 Spurred
30 Make printing plates
33 Tour carrier
34 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
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43 Slip
44 Puccini work
45 Takes ten
46 Irritable

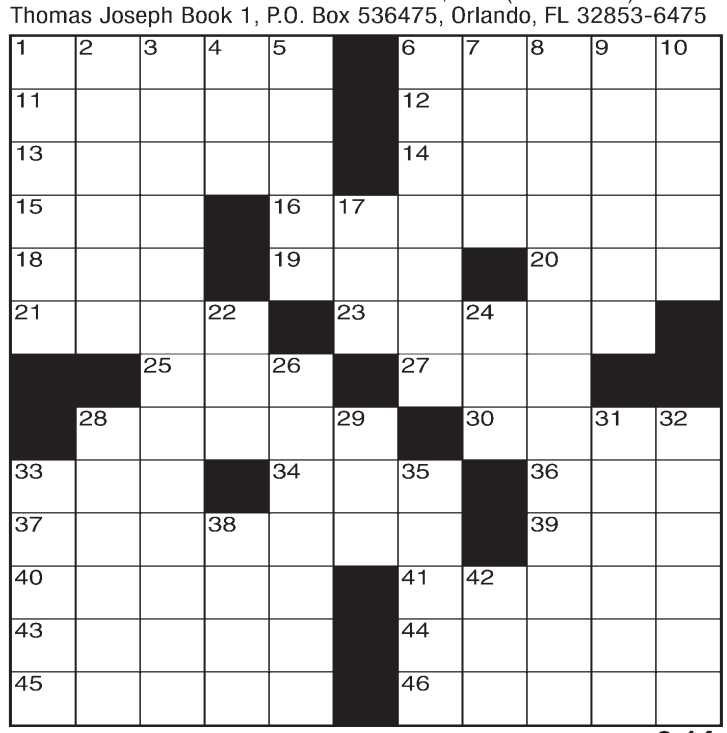
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1 Thin sphere
2 John Glenn, for one
3 Meteors
4 Squirrel snack
5 Commandments verb
6 Was influential
7 Flock females
8 Car lines
9 Unmanned planes
10 Suit fabric
17 Sandy's sound
22 Sandy, for one
24 Tad's dad
26 Internet computers
28 Trick-taking card game
29 Scottish river
31 Secret
32 Prime
33 Shady spot
35 Fancy tie
38 Heaps
42 Clumsy one

A	R	L	O	■	■	S	I	T	I	N
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/11
15 40 45 50 53
Mega#: 28
Jackpot: $29M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 6/12
30 38 41 42 43
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: $18M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/13
3 4 15 36 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 6/13
MIDDAY: 3 1 3
EVENING: 2 7 9

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 6/13
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:48.15

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Edward Kramer, co-founder of the annual Atlanta fantasy-character convention Dragon*Con, was arrested in 2000 for allegedly having sex with underage boys, but has yet to stand trial in Georgia because he has engineered a never-ending set of legal delays -- if not because of his version of Orthodox Judaism that limits his diet and activities, then it his allegedly poor health. ("As soon as he puts on an orange jumpsuit," said prosecutor Danny Porter, "he becomes an invalid," requiring a wheelchair and oxygen tank.) In 2011, after managing to get "house arrest," he violated it by being caught with an underage boy. Lately, according to a May Atlanta Journal-Constitution report, he files an average of three demands per day from his Gwinnett County, Ga., lockup, each requiring painstaking review before being rejected. Kramer still owns about one-third of Dragon*Con, whose current officials are mortified that they cannot expel a man they consider a child molester.

■ Timothy Adams, 24, was charged with home invasion in May in Gardner, Mass., but only after resident Michael Salame slammed him into the floor. Salame is 70 years old, has had eight heart stents, and is forced to wear special coverings on his arms at night because of nerve damage -- yet Adams apparently went down easily and at one point offered Salame "thousands of dollars" to let him up before police arrived. [WBZ-TV (Boston), 5-9-2013]

TODAY IN HISTORY

1967 – Mariner program: Mariner 5 is launched towards Venus.

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