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Cyclists circulating petition to strip award



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TAKING IT BACK: **A couple rides its tandem bike along the beach bike path on Monday. A handful of bicyclists are circulating a petition to strip City Hall of a bike-friendly award, saying Santa Monica is not as accommodating as the award suggests.**

BY CATHERINE CAIN
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE This past May, Santa Monica received an award for being bike-friendly, and some cyclists aren't pleased.

Co-founder of BikeRoWave, a local not-for-profit bike repair shop, and writer of the Cyclists' Bill of Rights, Alex Thompson has created a petition demanding a revision of the bronze award given to Santa Monica by the League of American Bicyclists, an organization centered in Washington, D.C. with a goal of promoting safe bicycle riding.

"I don't think it's deserved," Thompson said of the award. "I feel the requirements for the bronze award are insanely weak."

Thompson's argument is that Santa Monica is actually a rather hostile place to ride bikes, especially concerning motorists. He feels the police and lawmakers are not concerned enough with cyclists' safety and don't take the bikers seriously enough.

"They claim to have discussed this, or that they communicate with local cyclists about the conditions, and they certainly didn't communicate with anyone I know," Thompson said of the league.

He has two goals in mind for the petition.

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CRIME

Two more cars set on fire in the eastside

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN It looks like there's an arsonist on the loose.

The Santa Monica Arson Task Force is asking for the public's help with the investigation of a series of car fires believed to have been intentionally set by a vandal, the latest two fires occurring Monday in the 1700 block of Franklin Street.

All five fires were set blocks apart near the city's eastern border. Police have no suspects in custody. The task force, comprised of Santa Monica fire fighters and police officers, is conducting a comprehensive investigation, said SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler.

The fires have occurred on the following dates, vehicles and locations:

JUNE 30 1989 Toyota van, 1600 block of Stanford Street

JULY 1 2001 Suzuki Sidekick, 1600 Stanford Street, 1989 Volvo sedan, 1500 Yale Street

JULY 6 2005 Mercedes station wagon, 1700 Franklin Street, 1990 Mercedes, 1700 Franklin Street

Investigators said last week that they did not believe the fires were set by their owners, at least one of whom had no insurance to cover the damages. Some of the vehicles were damaged beyond repair, fire officials said.

The task force is called in when fire department officials believe the cause of the fire was of an incendiary nature, said Santa Monica Fire Marshall Jim Glew. Detectives follow up on the criminal element of the case, such as interviewing witnesses and apprehending suspects.

"The task force approach that we use to investigate fire incidents has been very successful," Glew wrote in an e-mail. "Our clearance rate for arson cases has been 30 to 33 percent for several years. That is approximately double the national clearance rate of 12 to 17 percent."

Those with information regarding the fires or any other arson are encouraged to contact the SMPD at (310) 458-8426. Those who wish to remain anonymous can contact WeTip at (800) 47-ARSON. Those who call may be eligible for a reward if the information given leads to an arrest or conviction.

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Jackson memorial a somber, spiritual celebration

JESSE WASHINGTON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES It was not spectacular, extravagant or bizarre. There were songs and tears but little dancing. Instead, Michael Jackson's memorial was a somber, spiritual ceremony that reached back for the essence of the man.

Singer, dancer, superstar, humanitarian: That was how the some 20,000 people gathered inside the Staples Center arena on Monday, and untold millions watching around the world, remembered Jackson,

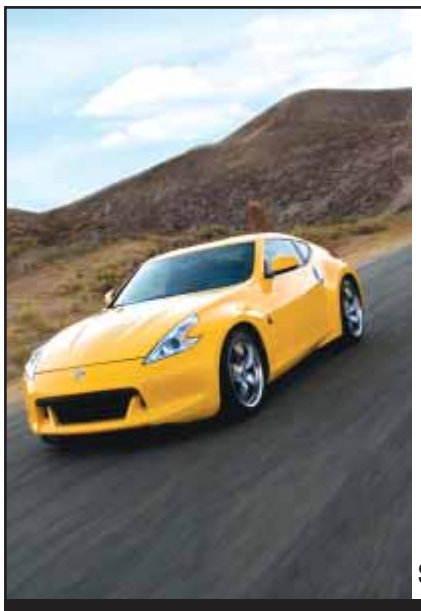
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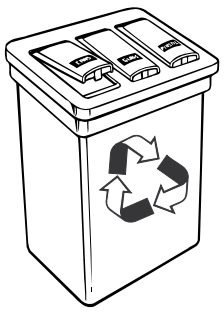
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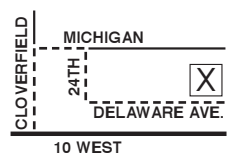
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Running is fun

Top to Top
2621 Wilshire Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
Whether you're training for a marathon or just starting the running thing, join Top to Top for a fun way to stay in shape. Runners meet in front of the Santa Monica store every Wednesday for announcements and special guests before the run. Participants choose between 5k, 5 miles or 10k loops. Food and water are provided. Call (310) 829-7030 for more information.

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Comedy central

Westside Electric
1323-A Third Street Promenade, 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Visit the first day of the Westside Standup Comedy Festival, which runs through July 11. Tickets are $10 per show or $35 for a festival pass. Call (310) 451-0850 for more information.

Prose and poetry

Novel Cafe
212 Pier Ave., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Come read, listen and enjoy free open prose and poetry readings every Thursday. Everyone and all genres are welcome, including poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as long as there is a 1,000 word limit per reader. Call (310) 396-8566 for more information.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.





MOVER AND SHAKER

Fabian Lewkowicz FabianLewkowicz.com

Bollywood actress Survi Chatterjee dances while being filmed for a music video at the Santa Monica Pier on Monday.

Federal grant to help LA County handle DNA backlog

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A federal grant will help the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department resume clearing a backlog of DNA evidence from thousands of rape and sexual assault cases.

California State University, Los Angeles said Tuesday it will get $1 million to help the sheriff's office and Los Angeles Police Department process the cases.

Sheriff Lee Baca last month blamed funding shortages for his department suspending efforts to reduce the decades-long backlog of DNA evidence. Police say their backlog could be cleared by next summer.

University spokesman Sean Kearns says the grant will fund a program for graduate students to provide administrative support to the agencies, identify up to 250 cases for private testing and pay for courses in advanced forensic training.

After one-year absence, Hanks returns to Academy Awards board

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Tom Hanks is rejoining the board that oversees the Academy Awards.

After a one-year hiatus, Hanks was elected Tuesday to a new three-year term on the board of governors representing the actors branch of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Hanks was among nine incumbents and four new members elected to the board.

But a rare runoff vote is needed after two directors tied for a seat on the board.

Filmmaker Edward Zwick, who directed "Blood Diamond" and "Glory," and frequent Oscar ceremony producer and director Gil Cates tied for a seat representing the directors branch.

Runoff ballots are being mailed this week and are due back July 29.

Academy Executive Director Bruce Davis says he believes it's the first time a runoff election is needed for the board.

Redevelopment Agency enjoys better bond rating

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL While the recession has led to the downgrading of bond ratings for agencies across the state, two local redevelopment project zones in Santa Monica are enjoying a rare pat on the back.

Fitch Ratings recently upgraded the bond status for the Ocean Park Redevelopment Agency, which in the past was involved in the Sea Colony and The Shores projects, from a BBB+ to an A-.

The agency also reaffirmed the A+ rating for the Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment area bonds, which the City Council just last month voted to appropriate for housing, park expansion and Civic Center improvement projects.

City officials said the positive ratings means lower interest rates when it comes time to borrow money for projects in the future.

"Particularly in this environment and particularly given what is happening with the state bond rating, I think investors are more cautious with California's debt so having a stronger rating means there's likely going to be a stronger preference for Santa Monica bonds as opposed to an agency that is rated lower," Carol Swindell, the finance director for City Hall, said.

The ratings promotion is expected to offset the impact from the recent demotion of the state's general obligation debt to BBB, which is about two levels above what is known as "junk status," which is when agencies believe the risk of default is higher.

"Ultimately the state's rating will affect Santa Monica," City Manager Lamont Ewell said.

Fitch is one of three groups that rate existing bonds in Santa Monica, the other two being Moody's and Standard & Poor's. Moody's ratings for the earthquake and Ocean Park zones are an A3 and BAA1, respectively, which is comparable to an A- and BBB+ on Fitch's scale. Standard & Poor's gives an A rating for both zones.

Andy Agle, the director of Housing and Economic Development, said that many agencies are seeing their bonds being downgraded because of the economic climate.

"In these times when so many bond ratings are dropping, I think it's very positive

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Next in line

Editor:

With Sarah Palin stepping down as governor of Alaska, I would like to suggest an obvious replacement. My recommendation would be Tina Fey of Saturday Night Live.

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica

Bad Broad

Editor:

I am a life long Santa Monica resident and a patron of the arts. I was very excited about the Santa Monica College Broad Stage thinking that I could experience great music, dance and drama without driving the 10 Freeway to the Music Center in downtown L.A. I was stunned to receive, in the mail, a brochure for concerts that cost $1,000! The cheaper tickets were not much less. Is this a project to enrich and entertain the few? Is this a city that prides itself on serving the citizens of Santa Monica? The property would never have been financed if the voters had not approved, over and over again, bond measures to build the school and projects like the Broad Stage. I, for one, will vote "no" the next time a college bond hits our ballots. I received a phone call from a salesman for the Broad program. I took the opportunity to register my ire and I was promptly hung up on! Count me furious with Santa Monica College and the Broad Foundation.

Bill Nissley
Santa Monica

Walking down memory lane

Editor:

Ah memories! The Community Profile on Joan Baez on Monday, June 22, 2009 brought them back. Back in the 1960s Ms. Baez stayed at the Monica Hotel, now called the SeaCastle, – the replica of the original building, which had to be demolished after the 1994 earthquake. She and her then husband occupied a few units there. I recall she and friends played volleyball on the beach in front of the hotel. A temporary net was placed there at that time. Ms. Baez often wore a purple bikini while playing. She had an interesting butterfly tattoo on her hip at the time. Although the article on Ms. Baez says she moved there in the 1970s, it also mentions her 49 years in the music business. Her mention of staying with friends in the merry-go-round apartment is interesting also. In 1977 I began a CETA Program city job on the pier. There were two young women artists living there also, and shortly after that they had to move out as they were not paying rent and, anyway, no one was supposed to be living in the structure. One artist was named Golden (last name). The other name I forget. They did many murals around Santa Monica. Later when Ms. Golden's partner left the area, her sign-making artists name was painted out on the signed murals.

Henry L. Duval
Santa Monica

In need of a roommate

Editor:

I am a single male senior, almost 70 years of age. For the past four years I have been renting a two bedroom, two bath apartment in Santa Monica. Due to the steep downturn in the economy, my income related to the real estate industry has suffered greatly! I am currently working two jobs in order to pay my $1,700-a-month rent. My current lease prevents me from getting a roommate. The new San Francisco law strengthens protection for renters and allows tenants to take in roommates. Santa Monica needs to do the same!

Stuart Lautman
Santa Monica







Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A problem with the language

I RESPECT GOOD USE OF THE WRITTEN or spoken word, and I admire people who effectively utilize both. So I have nothing but contempt for people like pollster Frank Luntz who manipulate words to produce a desired emotion in targeted voters — and why I loathe Newsweek and Washington Post columnist Michael Gerson, to the point where there's no guarantee I won't pull a Sprewell if I see him.

Gerson was the Bush speechwriter who gave us the "Axis of Evil" in the 2002 State Of The Union address (making three countries who never attacked us our mortal enemies) and the "16 words" in the 2003 SOTU that falsely connected Saddam Hussein and nuclear weapons. The invasion of Iraq — and the misery and death that followed — was based on that lie, and Gerson is the man who finessed the language to get the C.I.A. to approve President Bush to represent it as fact. The worst part is Michael Gerson is either too proud or too cowardly to admit he (and the administration he served) was wrong.

Post-White House Gerson had the task of analyzing the impact of his work as a speechwriter on Friday's "Newshour with Jim Lehrer" in a segment that usually features conservative David Brooks' and liberal Mark Shields' take on the week's events. Brooks was off, Gerson filled in and, coincidentally, the big story last week was directly related to his immaculate deception because last Wednesday was the deadline for U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraqi cities.

It was our former president who agreed to this timetable — very much against his will. In the Bush/Gerson White House (where speechwriters explained policy because nobody spoke to the press), the word "withdrawal" had been replaced by "surrender." If the Republicans hung on to Congress in '06 and John "I will never surrender" McCain won in '08, we'd be staying in Iraq forever, and it would only be a matter of time before we approached the tragic number, 58,000 dead, that brings the word "Vietnam" into any conversation about war.

Shields' analysis was, "Six-and-a-half years ago the United States went to war against a nation that had never threatened us on the fraudulent charge that that nation had weapons of mass destruction and was going to represent a threat to the United States. It was neither a just or a justified war and the country violated one of its great principles in that war — and that is that war demands equality of sacrifice. In this war, all the sacrifice has been borne by less than 1 percent of Americans: those who wear the uniform and their loved ones. The rest of us pay no price, bear no burden … the one we've been asked is to take a tax cut so we didn't have to pay for the war."

Gerson tried a bait-and-switch. "One of the comparisons you can make is not necessarily to six-and-a-half years ago, but to two-to-three years ago when it looked like the strategy of standing up Iraqi forces as we stand down was doomed. It looked like a total failure," he said. "Barack Obama had proposed … an almost immediate withdrawal … If we had withdrawn at that point, it would have been a failure of American military and American will. Now we're withdrawing, two-to-three years later, and it's no longer a failure of American military … it's no longer a failure of American will. They have a decent chance at success and that's a genuine accomplishment."

Shields recalled the original lie saying, "That is not why we went to war. Six years ago, the president of the United States said 'mission accomplished.' Five years ago, we said Iraq is a sovereign country — we've remained there as an occupying power. Four years ago, the VP … said we're in the last throes of the insurgency." Gerson should have dropped it, but childishly wanted credit for the "surge" tactic that finally put enough troops into Iraq to secure the country — something Gen. Eric Shinseki and Army Sec. Thomas White were fired for suggesting pre-invasion.

My Fourth of July was book-ended by Michael Gerson's unapologetic cowardice and the passing of Robert McNamara, secretary of defense during the Vietnam War. Like Gerson, he advanced policies that resulted in our dropping hot death on innocent brown people based on a lie. But at least McNamara had the decency to admit he was wrong. His 11 lessons learned from the war he called a "mistake" should have been required reading in the Bush/Gerson White House. Luckily, people are much better informed now than they were in the McNamara '60s. When this generation realized there was no military victory to be had, we voted the warmongers out. We learned the lesson of Vietnam, even if Gerson and the rest of the best and the brightest in the Bush White House didn't.

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Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The anesthesia of hope

Editor's Note: This is part one of a two part series.

WELL, FOLKS, WE'VE REACHED THE summer legislative recess for the Sesame Street Democrat Congress (brought to you by the letter's I.O.U.) while they lumber onto the short bus to lick the windows over the future destruction of the American healthcare industry until it resembles an empty GM factory plant in Detroit.

Folks, if the CEO of ObamaMotors can carve off the Hummer division to create automotive jobs in China, then just wait until he outsources your liver transplant under ObamaCare to Nairobi. ObamaCare doctors will then shake beads, rattle bones and mutter incantations over your ailment-du-jour from a teleprompter. You then pay for your "treatment" with three goats, a chicken and a severed finger from your first-born male child. It's rumored that Obama based it on the Canadian healthcare system.

Over the last six months there has been some equivocal frottage from the local liberal celebutard punditocracy slipping from their soap boxes that the current administration's maladies are the colloquially mechanical "it's all Bush's fault. We inherited this from Bush." Or some other monotone zombie-matic character defect of excuse-ladened Obamaholism. These are not laughing matters, folks, as there are meetings for this condition. There are even free ACORN cookies and lattes while fellow Obamaholics smoke the same brand of cancer sticks as the president.

Let me get this straight. A universal healthcare president that smokes, yet claims to be "95 percent cured?"

Our local ObamAlinsky trolls of hopey-changitude who employ the predictable methodology of blaming "the other" suffer from Bush Derangement Syndrome. Symptomatic denigration of "the other" is so much easier than positively asserting one's own president's accomplishments (or lack thereof) especially when faced with his rapidly declining numbers from the recent "Most-Popular-Girl-in-School" polls at Gallup and Rasmussen.

Isn't it an inconvenient truth that most of the "popular girls" at school were usually the easiest to go to bed with? Usually they were the cheerleaders. Wasn't Bush a cheerleader at Yale? Anyway, Democrats paid $670 million to elect their Cheeleader-in-Chief but unfortunately he's been infected with some Bush-era afflictions that even penicillin can't seem to fix, but I'm sure we'll find a cure in 2012. The outward symptoms of Bush Derangement Syndrome are, however, commensurate with the overall manifestations of low self-esteem, male menopausal uro-genital decrepitude and OCD or Obsessed over Conservatives Disorder.

The singular reason why these local lickspittles of liberalism so vociferously berate the latent record of George W. Bush (and conservatives in general) is that their own Dr. MacDaddy Squealgood's current record of accomplishment is nothing more than a botched boob job of political expediency while offering nothing more substantial than a Michael Jackson-styled rhinoplasty of "change." Meanwhile the American public is anesthetized by Obama's image consultants at the All Barack Channel formerly known as ABC.

If, according to the left, Dubya is allegedly the dumbest guy on the planet, could someone from the left please explain how the dumbest guy on the planet overtly and covertly duped the press and the Democrat-led Congress while systematically subverting several cabinet-level agencies of the federal government that employs over 2.7 million Americans to aid, abet and facilitate in spooky-go-boo "Truther"-style conspiracies?

Are Democrats getting a second opinion from Ron Paul?

According to my neighborhood critic, these conspiracies include " … transferring wealth to corporate criminals, ignoring the Geneva conventions, suspending Habeas Corpus, enabling atrocities like Abu Gharib, extraordinary rendition, water boarding, Gitmo, union busting, covering up the CIA leaks, domestic wire tapping and destroying the world economy."

And yet somehow, someway, the "dumbest guy on the planet" was smart enough to get elected twice while allegedly committing this gargantuan array of shenanigans simultaneously? Not a bad day's work for a guy who can't pronounce nuclear. So how smart can the left truly claim to be if they, as a class, were fooled and then bested by the dumbest bunny in the politcal hutch? Doesn't that make the red diaper babies of hopey-changiness therefore dumber than Dubya or more incompetent?

The huffin' and puffin' pilgrims of post-partisanship obviously missed the oxygen tent but isn't there a new doctor on call in the White House? Of course, he's "all smock and no stethoscope" but he's incubated some great remedies that he learned from George's in-vitro research at the Oval Office ER. And we're not talking about Clooney either, folks.

STEVE BREEN is riding in a red state ambulance trying to keep Uncle Sam from flatlining. He can be reached at dulcamarax@yahoo.com

The Q Line

Why so grim?

A recent Daily Press article discovered that suicides are on the rise across the city. Since the beginning of the year, there have been 20 suicide attempts, 10 of which have been fatal, according to records released by the Santa Monica Police Department.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

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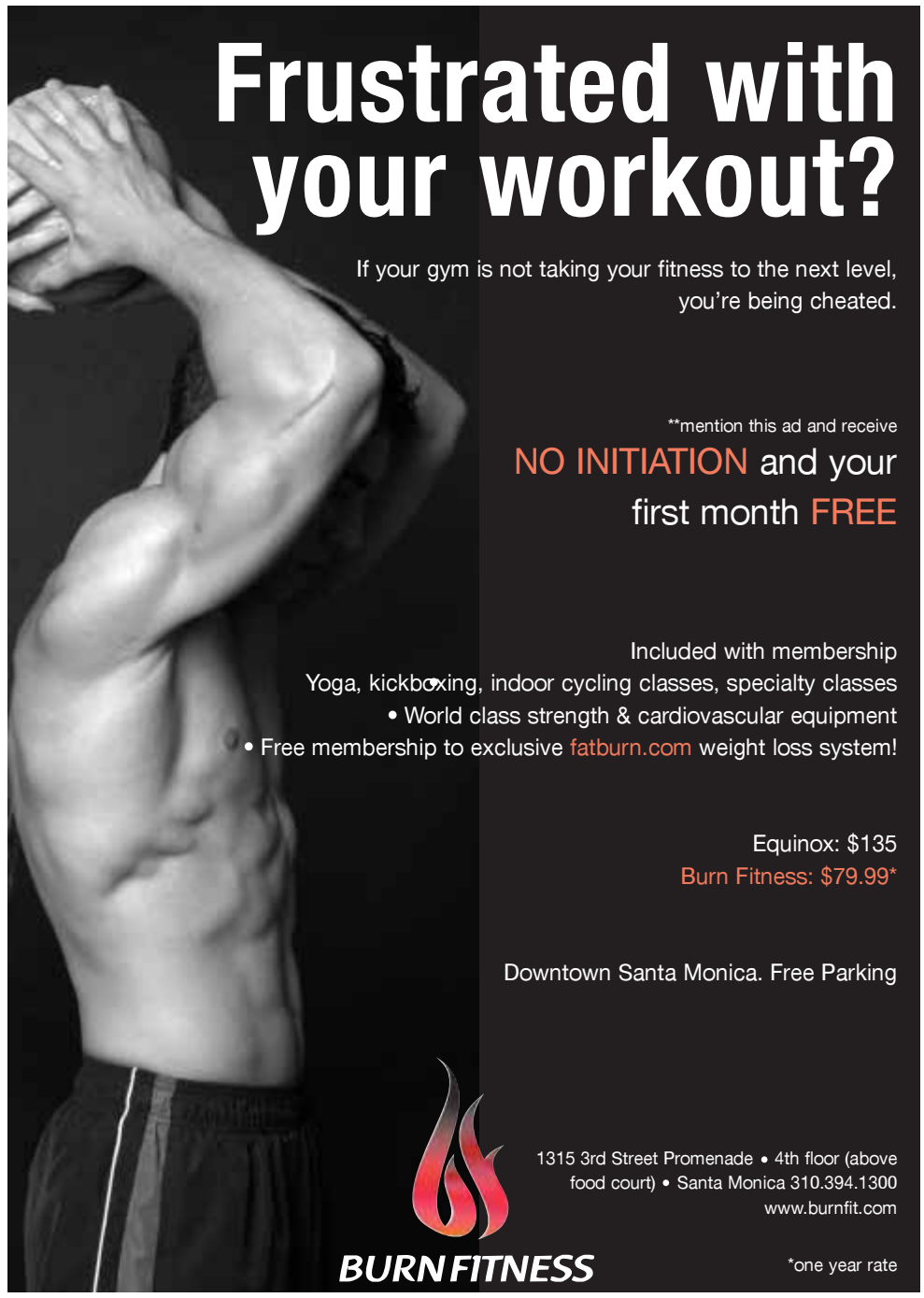
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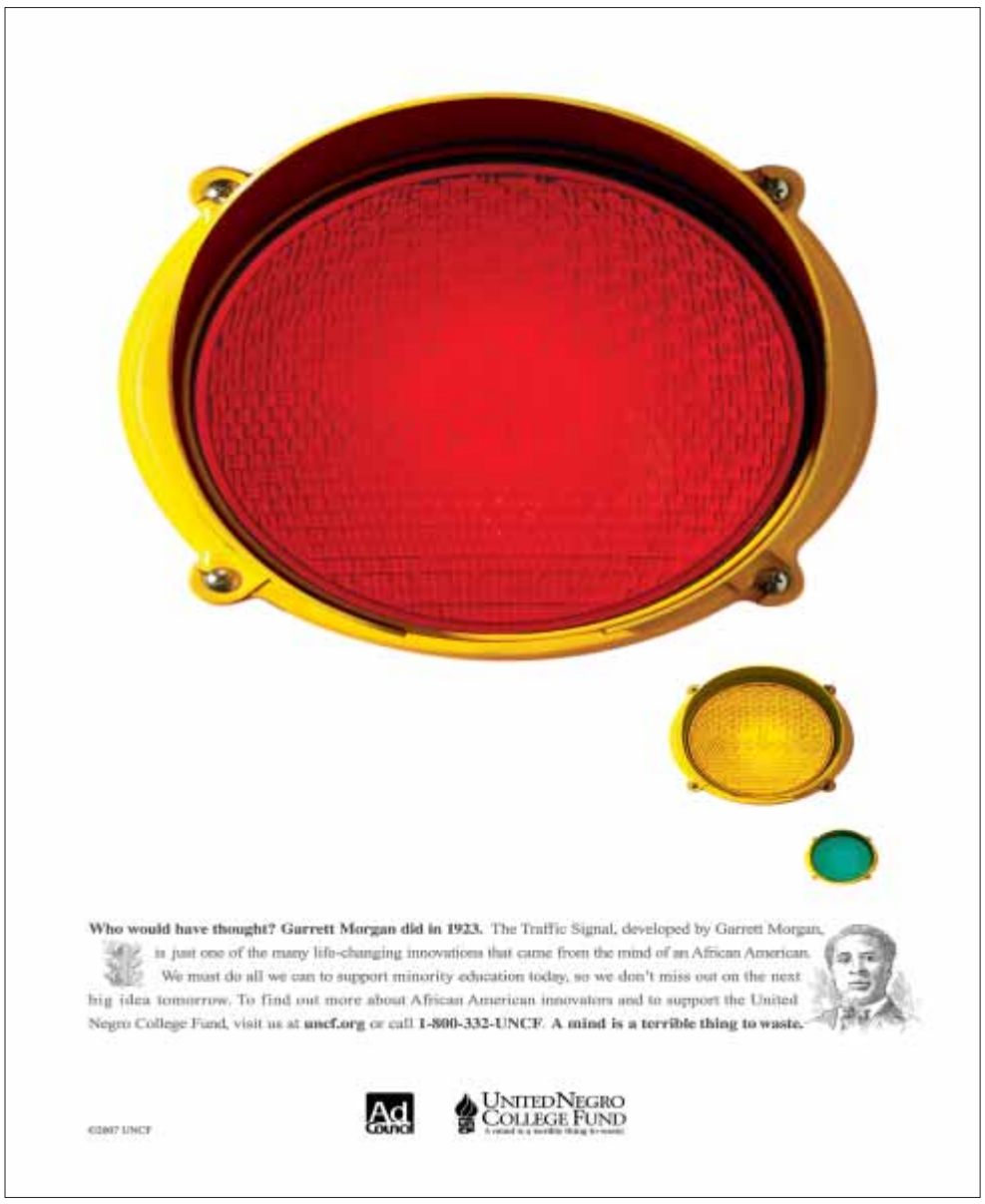


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Real Estate 101

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Rules to rent by

WHEN RENTING AN APARTMENT, YOU AS the building owner must first want to make sure you are not discriminating against anyone or you could find yourself in court. It is important to have criteria that you stick with such as credit score, income and liquidity that are used for everyone who submits a rental application.

If a renter has a low credit score, but no late payments, look at the report for a bankruptcy, high balances, tax liens or judgments. The high balances could be a problem because the renter could be carrying a lot of revolving debt of which a portion — possibly a large portion — of their income is going to service (pay for the bills).

As an owner, you want to make sure the tenant can pay rent in full each month. At the end of the day, the owner is providing a service that the renter is paying for each month. If the tenant has an explanation that makes sense, and meets all the other criteria, you will have to make the final decision. Keep in mind that credit reports are delayed and do not show current information. Meaning a renter may have paid off large amounts of debt before moving that are not reflected on their credit report. Furthermore, a tenant may have had the debt for a purpose with a plan to pay it off on "x" date, that is why it is important to ask the tenant about the situation if they are truly someone that has met the criteria for renting.

Unfortunately, there are no hard and fast "FICO" scores to go by. Generally, anything above 650 is fine if the tenant does not have any other issues, the idea being a higher score is better than a lower score. However, for me, personally, I would sooner take a person with a 650 FICO and perfect credit over a person with a 680 FICO and late payments if all other factors were exactly the same. Late payments show that a person may feel that they can pay rent whenever they want. However, as many owners know, it is better to get the rent on time since there are expenses on the property that must be paid in a timely fashion.

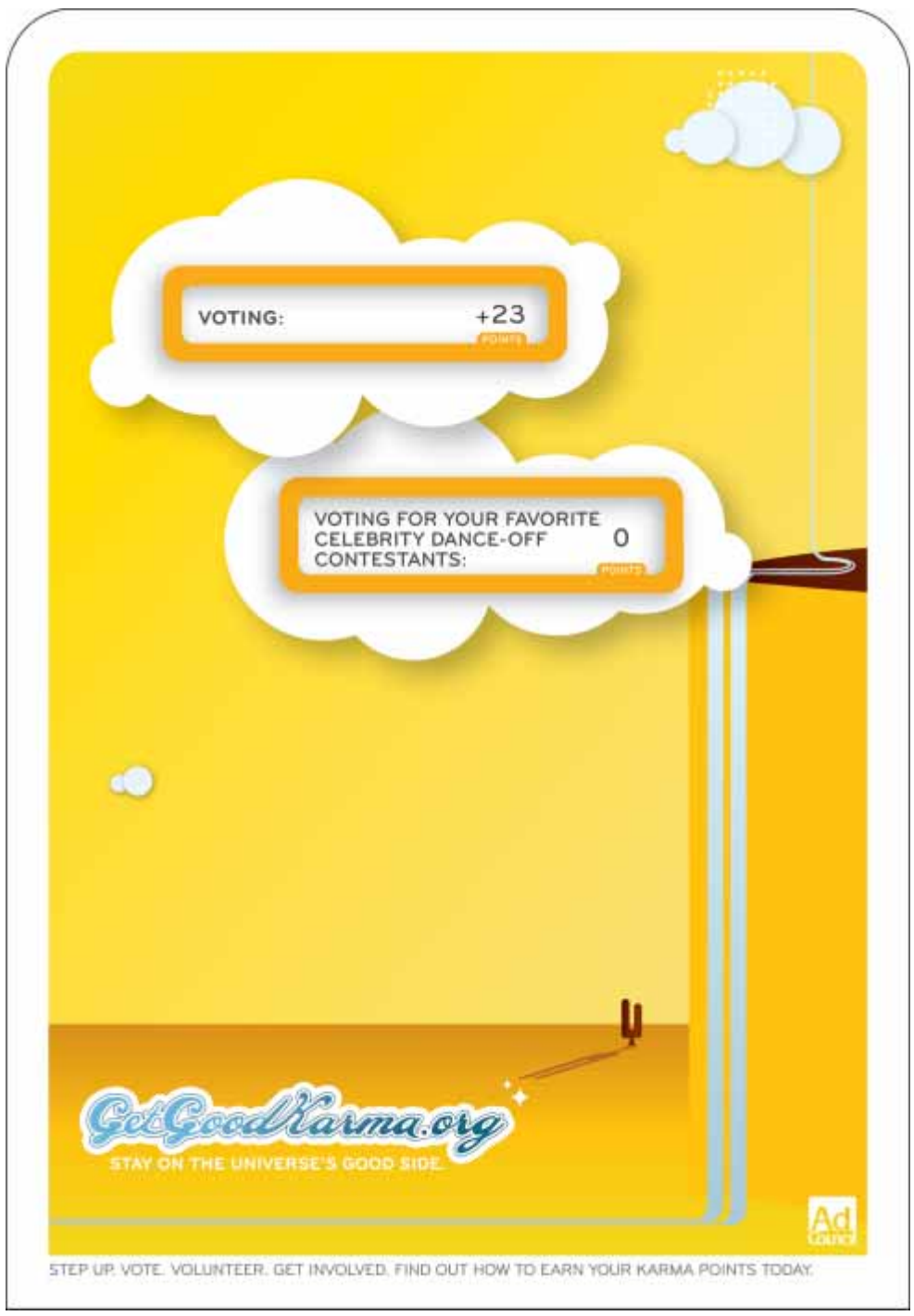
A tenant's income is obviously important, but in Los Angeles, there are many people who show little income or have erratic income. The former case usually describes individuals who work in restaurants or other cash businesses and do not report their income. The latter explains many people who do creative work and are paid per job. If the renter deals in a cash industry, you are going to have to request bank statements to show deposits that prove income. However, attaining bank statements to prove income can be unreliable as that person may choose to keep the majority of their money in cash on hand. If the individual does creative work and is paid sporadically, you can simply average their income over the last year. Ask for checking and savings accounts statements as well. Keep in mind, many people will pay rent first and make it a priority, as they will have no place to go if they are evicted.

Of course, you need to figure out what your requirements for income are going to be in relation to rent. This is a number you are going to have to become comfortable with when renting a unit. However, many investors use the 30 percent number. If you were renting a one bedroom for $1,000 a month, using the 30 percent number, the individual's gross income needs to be $3,333 per month or $40,000/yr ($1000/.30 = $3,333). Just back into the number and use the gross income from all people living in the unit. For example, if you were renting a three-bedroom unit for $3,000, the total income per month from all parties would have to be $10,000 or $120,000 per year. In the latter example, make sure you take the gross income from all individuals living in the unit. If the tenant does not meet the income requirement, you can ask them to get a cosigner. Most of the time a cosigner will be a parent or relative, but in theory, it is anyone who is willing to shoulder the responsibly of the liability over the unit while the renter lives in it.

As far as liquidity, I touched upon it above. Liquidity is defined as any liquid assets such as cash, stocks or bonds. You can count a 401k as liquidity, but do not count the entire amount, as there is a penalty for withdrawing early. Decide what you want the liquidity requirement to be, if you even decide to have one. I have noticed that many renters do not have much cash savings, if any at all, but that does not mean they will be bad tenants, it usually just means they make just enough money to make ends meet. If you decide to count liquidity, be reasonable, as a month or two of rent is probably sufficient. Remember, the tenant is putting up a deposit as collateral.

As an owner, you want to get the best tenant you can in the unit, but keep in mind that there are laws that protect tenants from discrimination. Keep your renting criteria the same for everyone. If a person meets all your criteria, but you are concerned about one or two issues, speak with the individual. A conversation usually clears up any concerns. Remember, having a good tenant is a win/win situation because they have a place to live and you have an occupied unit.

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Boeing to pay $580M for 787 parts plant in SC

BY DANIEL LOVERING
Associated Press Writer

Boeing Co. will pay $580 million for a plant that makes large sections of its 787 jetliner, an apparent effort to reign in supplier problems that have led to costly delays of the next-generation aircraft and hurt the company's credibility.

The plant, owned by Vought Aircraft Industries, makes barrel-like sections of the 787's fuselage that fit between its wings and tail and are composed primarily of lightweight materials.

Deliveries of the 787 have been postponed by nearly two years partly because of problems with components made by suppliers and work that suppliers didn't complete. Those hang-ups are expected to cost the airplane maker billions of dollars in added expenses and penalties.

Boeing took a new approach to building airplanes when it announced its 787 program in 2004. Instead of building the plane's parts in the U.S., it used suppliers around the world to build huge sections of the plane that are later assembled at the company's commercial aircraft plant near Seattle. Ill-fitting parts and other problems have hamstrung production ever since.

Vought, owned by private equity firm The Carlyle Group, claims financial problems, not production glitches, prompted the sale, which is expected to close in the third quarter. Under Tuesday's deal, Boeing will release Vought from obligations to repay money advanced earlier by Boeing.

Vought President and CEO Elmer Doty said his company's investment in 787 parts was far greater than expected, and that the financial demands of the program "are clearly growing beyond what a company our size can support."

But Richard Aboulafia, an analyst at the Teal Group, an aerospace consultancy in Fairfax, Va., said, "this clearly is more about securing the supply chain and undoing numerous mistakes."

"It's a good move, it's a proactive move, it undoes some damage," he said. "But on the other hand, it shows this program still has more than a few challenges to overcome. ... I don't think Carlyle quite knows what to do with this asset, and they might not have been prepared to give it the necessary resources."

Despite those problems, Boeing spokesman Jim Proulx said Tuesday the company has no plans to change its 787 production plan.

"We remain committed to the business model and the global strategy for the 787," he said.

The mid-sized, long-haul 787 will be able to carry between 210 to 330 passengers. Its design includes wider seats and aisles, larger windows and a ventilation system that will allow for higher humidity, all of which Boeing says will make the cabin feel more comfortable.

It's Boeing's first all-new aircraft since the 777 and the first commercial jet made mostly of carbon-fiber composites instead of more traditional aluminum. Boeing says it will be about 20 percent more fuel efficient than planes of comparable size.

Chicago-based Boeing has booked orders for a record 850 of the planes, but some 60 have been canceled so far this year, including the cancellation of 15 and the delayed delivery of another 15 by Qantas Airways last month.

Boeing said the acquisition of Vought's North Charleston, S.C., plant will boost its capacity to develop and build large plane sections made from carbon-fiber composites, the lightweight material expected to make the 787 more fuel efficient than other planes.

Adam Pilarski, an aviation economist with Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm Avitas, said Boeing may want the Vought plant as part of a plan to start a second 787 production line. The added capacity is in response to strong demand for the plane.

"Boeing made it very clear that they need a second line," he said. "They need it more now than they did before because they are behind."

It remains unclear when Chicago-based Boeing will conduct the first test flight of the 787, previously scheduled for the second quarter of this year.

Vought will continue to run other plants that work on different 787 components as well as parts for Boeing's 737s, 747, 767, 777, C-17 and V-22 aircraft.

Shares of Boeing slid $1.54, or nearly 3.8 percent, to $39.02 in late trading.

Crude prices fall below $63

BY ERNEST SCHEYDER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Oil prices fell for the fifth straight day Tuesday and a barrel costs $10 less than it did just one week ago, when crude hit a new high for the year.

Benchmark crude for August delivery fell $1.21 to $62.84 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Oil prices had already begun to slide after peaking last Tuesday and dismal jobs numbers to end the week from both the U.S. and Europe have accelerated the fall.

The unemployment data dampened optimism about a quick economic recovery, and raised new doubts about the global appetite for energy.

For months a weak dollar has brought more investment money into the market even though storage levels for everything from crude to gasoline are very high.

Stockpiles of gasoline have increased steadily for the past four weeks even though the country is in the midst of the heavy driving season, which includes the July Fourth holiday weekend. That trend is expected to continue Wednesday, when the Department of Energy releases storage levels for the past week.

Americans are driving billions fewer miles this year and the price for retail gasoline, after rising steadily for two months, has finally begun to fall.

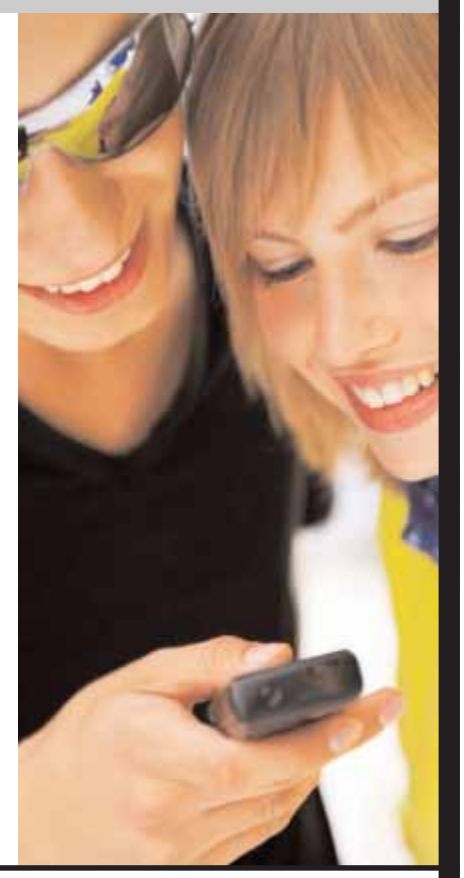
The price at the pump fell again overnight to a new national average of $2.604 a gallon, according to the Oil Price Information Service and AAA. That's about a penny less than gas cost last month at this time and much cheaper than last year, when gasoline cost around $4.10 per gallon.

The Energy Department will publish its short-term demand outlook later on Tuesday.

Last month, the department projected that consumption of liquid petroleum products would contract by about 3 percent this year.

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Bill would let IOUs pay taxes, fees

BY THE ASSOICATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO State vendors and contractors could use their government-issued IOUs to pay state taxes, fees and liens under a bill approved by an Assembly committee.

The Business and Professions Committee unanimously passed the bill by Assemblyman Joel Anderson during its first legislative hearing Tuesday. The bill requires the state to accept its own IOUs as payment for money owed to the government.

Anderson, a Republican from La Mesa, says the measure would help businesses and others being paid with IOUs. The state began issuing the warrants last week as lawmakers struggle to close a $26.3 billion deficit.

The Assembly speakers' office has not decided if the bill needs a second committee hearing before it can be considered by the full Assembly.

San Rafael cutting back on city services

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN RAFAEL San Rafael is joining a long list of cities cutting back on services.

In a move to slash $3.2 million to try to balance the city's budget, the San Rafael City Council on Monday unanimously agreed to close most city facilities on the second Monday of every month from July 13 to June of 2010.

With the closures, maintenance work throughout the city will be scaled back.

Police, fire, child care and parking services will remain open.

The reduced workdays come after San Rafael reduced the city's workforce by 30 positions through vacancies, retirements and outsourcing.

The mayor, members of the City Council and other city officials have also taken 5 percent pay cuts.

San Diego police investigate pedicab driver after rider dies

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO San Diego police are investigating a pedicab driver for possible misdemeanor manslaughter charges after an Illinois tourist became brain dead after a fall from his pedal-powered vehicle.

Police spokeswoman Monica Munoz says the pedicab's 23-year-old driver, whose name was not released, was riding in an erratic manner when 60-year-old Sharon Miller slipped from the pedicab and struck her head on the ground on Saturday.

She was taken to a hospital and declared brain dead Sunday, though her family was keeping her on life support pending organ donation.

Munoz says the driver was riding in an area marked for pedestrians only and was steering in a "serpentine pattern."

The pedicab did not have seat belts.

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Few problems reported during Jackson memorial

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whose immense talents almost drowned beneath the spectacle of his life and fame.

If there was a shocking moment, it came in the form of Jackson's daughter, Paris-Michael, who made the first public statement of her 11 years. "Ever since I was born, Daddy has been the best father I could imagine," she said, dissolving into tears and turning to lean on her aunt Janet. "I just want to say I love him so much."

Outside the arena, the celebrity-industrial complex that Jackson helped create ground on. More than 3,000 police officers massed downtown to keep the ticketless at bay. Helicopters followed the golden casket as it was driven over blocked-off freeways from Forest Lawn cemetery to Staples Center. A bazaar of T-shirts, buttons, photos and other memorabilia sprouted in the blocks around the memorial. Movie theaters played the service live and people paused around the world to watch.

Inside, however, the atmosphere was churchlike, assisted by the enormous video image of a stained glass window, with red-gold clouds blowing past, that was projected behind the stage.

The ceremony began with Smokey Robinson reading statements from Jackson's close friend Diana Ross — "Michael was part of the fabric of my life" — and then Nelson Mandela — "Be strong."

A lengthy silence of several minutes followed, punctuated only by a steady twinkle of camera flashes. The thousands of mourners spoke softly to those in neighboring seats or contemplated their private thoughts.

Celebrities made their way to their seats in front of the stage: Kobe Bryant, Spike Lee, Wesley Snipes, Lou Ferrigno, Don King, the Kardashian sisters, Magic Johnson, Brooke Shields, Larry King. While Jackson was among the most famous faces in the world, today's megastars were largely absent. Those present mostly reflected some connection to Jackson's life or work.

Among those conspicuously not in attendance were Elizabeth Taylor, Ross and Debbie Rowe, Jackson's ex-wife and the mother of Jackson's two oldest children.

The fans, clutching tickets that 1.6 million people had sought, were a visual representation of Jackson's life: white, black and everything in between; from Mexico, Japan, Italy or America; wearing fedoras, African headdresses, sequins or surgical masks. Actor Corey Feldman showed up fully costumed as Michael Jackson.

"Words can't express how I feel," said Dani Harris, a 35-year-old stay-at-home mom from Los Angeles.

"You think about one person, larger than presidents and kings and queens," Harris said. "People in countries you can't even see on the map know his face, his music."

The pre-ceremony stillness was broken by the organ strains of an African-American spiritual. "Hallelujah, hallelujah, going to see the King," a choir sang. The crowd cheered and rose to its feet.

The Rev. Lucious W. Smith of the Friendship Baptist Church in Pasadena gave the greeting, standing on the same stage where Jackson had been rehearsing for a comeback concert before his death on June 25 at age 50. Then Mariah Carey sang the opening performance with a sweet rendition of the Jackson 5 ballad "I'll Be There," a duet with Trey Lorenz.

Queen Latifah read a special poem composed by Maya Angelou. Lionel Richie sang gospel, "Jesus Is Love." Berry Gordy remembered the prodigy of young Michael, drawing a standing ovation when he said the title King of Pop would no longer suffice: "He is simply the greatest entertainer who ever lived."

Emotions peaked when the Rev. Al Sharpton delivered a fiery eulogy highlighting all the barriers Jackson broke and the troubles he faced. "Every time he got knocked down, he got back up," Sharpton said, and the applauding crowd again jumped to its feet.

Sharpton rode the moment, building to a crescendo. "There wasn't nothing strange about your daddy," he said later, addressing Jackson's three children in the front row. "It was strange what your daddy had to deal with!"

Jubilation erupted, with the longest standing ovation of the day. It seemed as if Sharpton broke through some sort of wall, freeing shouts from the crowd of "We love you Michael!" After he left the stage, chants of "Mi-chael! Mi-chael!" filled the arena.

The parade of famous names continued: Jennifer Hudson, Stevie Wonder, Usher, Martin Luther King III and his sister Bernice, U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee and Kobe Bryant.

For a performer who smashed the race barrier on MTV and did as much as anyone to make black music mainstream — not to mention was accused of trying to turn himself white through skin treatments and plastic surgery — the ceremony had a remarkably black cast. John Mayer and Brooke Sheields were the only white celebs with major roles.

Another unexpected aspect was the logistics. The mayhem and traffic snarls that had been feared by city officials never materialized. The thousands of ticketholders began filing in early and encountered few problems, and traffic was actually considered by police to be lighter than normal. An estimate of up to 700,000 gawkers turned out to be about 1,000.

The city of Los Angeles set up a Web site to allow fans to contribute money to help the city pay for the memorial, which was estimated to cost $1.5 million to $4 million.

It was not clear what will happen to Jackson's body. The Forest Lawn Memorial Park Hollywood Hills cemetery, where a private service was held, is the final resting place for such stars as Bette Davis, Andy Gibb, Freddie Prinze, Liberace and recently deceased David Carradine and Ed McMahon.

But Jackson's brother Jermaine has expressed a desire to have him buried someday at Neverland, his estate in Southern California.

The ceremony ended with Jackson's family on stage, amid a choir, singing "Heal the World."

"All around us are people of different cultures, different religions, different nationalities," Rev. Smith said as he closed the service. "And yet the music of Michael Jackson brings us together.

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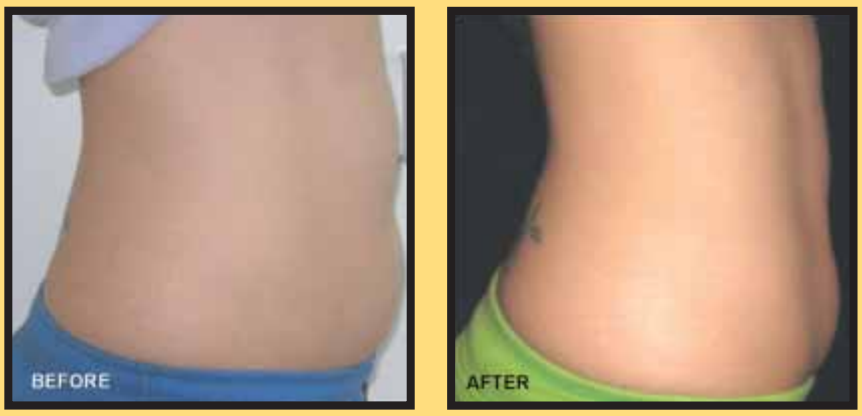
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Better bond rating means lower interest rates

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news to see that our bonds are maintaining their rating and in fact having the ratings increased," he said.

Karen Ribble, the spokeswoman for Fitch Ratings, said that the Ocean Park zone was upgraded because the property tax base is fairly stable. The last time the area was rated was in 2002.

The rating for the earthquake zone was maintained because it encompasses a large area and generates a significant amount of revenue compared to the debt service.

"Since the last review, they have matured and generated a lot more property tax revenue … since they were initially assigned their rating," she said. "Given the economic and property value climate, it's not that typical."

Ewell said that the bond rating was upgraded for other reasons that include the council's financial policy adopted with the budget, which articulates how City Hall will be prudent, and for a reserve level whose baseline is at 10 percent.

He adds that the bond rating was also a result of a strong track record where the agency used a "pay as you go" process.

"We keep a low debt ratio for a city of this size," Ewell said.

The bond rating is expected to yield lower interest rates when it comes time to borrow for a variety of projects through the earthquake zone. The council decided last month how to spend roughly $283 million in redevelopment agency money, appropriating $57 million for joint-use projects at Santa Monica High School, $25 million for shared parking, $2.3 million for the expansion of Memorial Park, $27 million for land acquisition as part of the Downtown parking plan, $2 million for freeway capping, $43.6 million for affordable housing, and $4.4 million for traffic signalization.

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"It pretty much means that instead of paying high interest rates and having that come out of the total amount of money we can borrow, we will pay lower interest rates and that will give us more debt capacity," Ewell said.

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LENDING A HELPING HAND: **The bike valet on Main Street is one of the services offered by City Hall which helped earn a bronze award from the League of American Cyclists.**

Local cyclists share mixed but strong feelings on a recent city award

FROM **PETITION** PAGE 1

One is to re-evaluate the award with local cyclists. The other is to withdraw the award completely.

Representatives from the league could not be reached for comment.

Thompson hopes the league will agree to the first option and feels it is a good option for everyone. That way, Santa Monica may keep the award, but will be brought up to higher standards of bike safety and accessibility.

"I've thought about it for quite a while because I'm on both sides of the story here," said Mihai Pepeu, a Santa Monica cyclist and employee at UCLA in favor of the petition. "I would like the cyclists to decide if Santa Monica deserves the award."

Pepeu added that putting the award under pending review would be the best solution — it would not be completely taken away from Santa Monica, but the city would have to change in some ways before it was granted in full.

While Thompson's main complaint is unpleasant and unyielding motorists, Pepeu is more concerned about the difficulty getting anywhere due to fairly disconnected bike lanes.

"I think a more active group of bike advocates show that they're not kidding around … would actually get some political pull," Pepeu said. "We don't want to keep getting pushed back to the bottom of the list. The residents want to get somewhere by car — I'm tired of hearing that."

Pepeu also laments a seeming lack of concern from the City Council, and said that if politicians there want to be forward thinking, they might have to sacrifice a few votes the next time around.

Not all serious cyclists feel the same way, however.

"I feel the city is doing whatever it possibly can do," said Luis Morris, transportation management specialist for City Hall and creator of the city's immensely popular bike valet system, which safely parks over 21,000 bikes a year for events such as the Twilight Dance Series in the summer and Sunday Farmers' Market.

Morris thinks the bronze award is very much deserved. Though he recognizes that Santa Monica is not as bike-friendly as cities such as Denver and Portland, Santa Monica's award must be taken in context.

"You've got to realize the congestion of the city in comparison to other cities," Morris said.

Morris explains that as opposed to big cities with far more space, Santa Monica's passing population, which can exceed one million on some days, is crammed in a far tighter place — just 8 square miles. As a result, traffic congestion is highly increased, causing issues for cyclists as well as vehicles.

Additionally, Morris feels City Hall is doing all it can with the current economic situation. He says there is more City Hall would like to do, but cannot as a result of cost constraints. While Morris understands the frustration many cyclists feel concerning the bike situation in Santa Monica, he disagrees with the way some handle it.

"They wanted to build an awareness of cycling, but what they did was went out there and broke the law," he said of bike events such as Critical Mass — a large gathering of cyclists in an effort to fill the streets with bikes to draw attention to traffic congestion and less-than-perfect bike laws.

"That's like taking a stick and hitting a beehive," he said.

Morris says events like Critical Mass only anger motorists and the police, and suggests that creating an outreach program to communicate with SMPD and City Hall would be more productive. The monthly rides drew media attention after dozens of cyclists were cited by officers. Cyclists said they were being harassed while officers said they were trying to keep the peace on the streets and protect cyclists and motorists.

Jennifer Klausner, executive director of the L.A. Bike Coalition, feels divided on the award given to Santa Monica.

"For our own safety, we have to be hyper vigilant," Klausner said. "Santa Monica is a different city on two wheels."

Klausner is very much aware of Santa Monica's shortcomings in the way of bike-friendliness, but she's not sure the award should be revoked, or that it was even undeserved.

"Santa Monica is a bikeable city," she said.

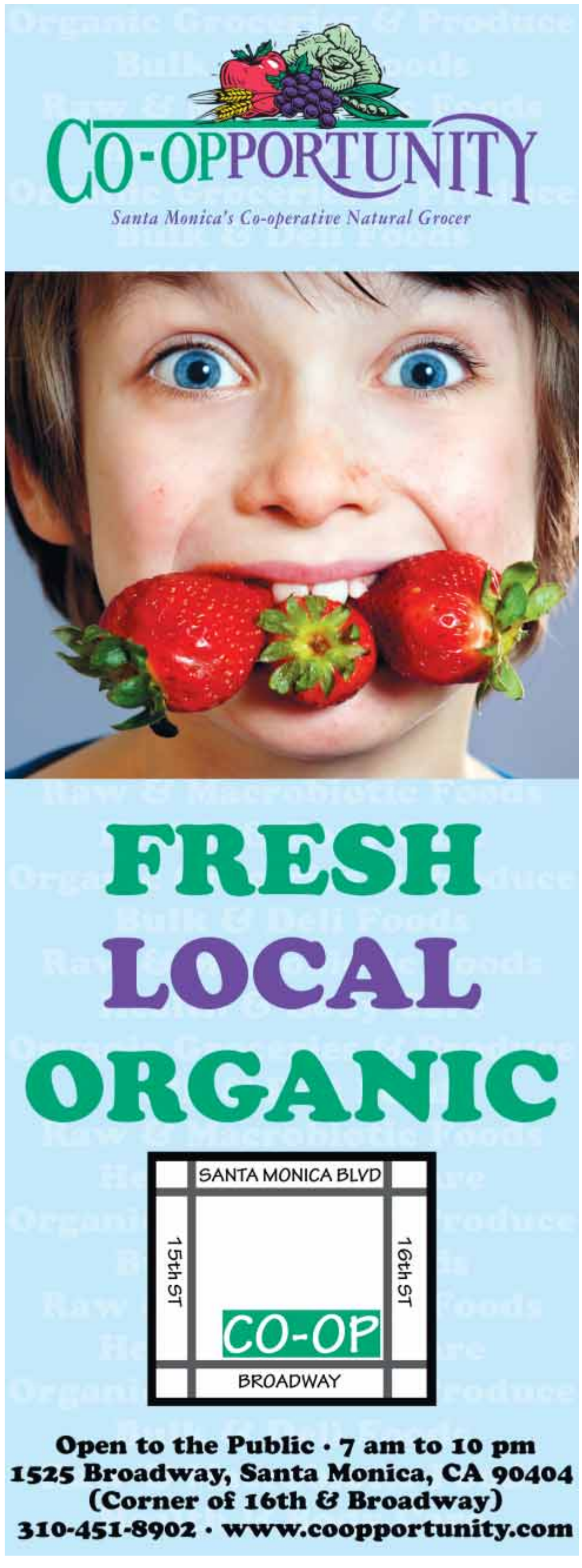
She acknowledges that many of the major boulevards in the city are hazardous, but maintains that if cyclists are knowledgeable about the city and their destination, biking along side streets is easier, more enjoyable and much safer.

Santa Monica's bike-friendliness depends very heavily on the way it is looked at, and changes, as Klausner says, depending on whether one is "looking at it in a vacuum or looking at Santa Monica relative to other cities in the U.S." In the end, she realizes it's only the decision of the league, and she highly doubts they will rescind the honor after their in-depth evaluation process.

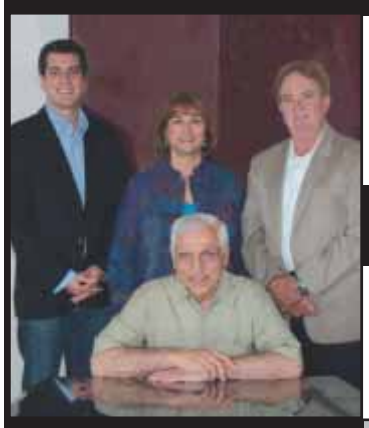
"The bronze will be a stimulus, a catalyst to get more people on board," Morris said. "I think they've got a good start. We're always thinking of new ideas all the time to improve cycling."

Thompson is planning to submit the petition to the League of American Bicyclists within the next two weeks after getting about 100 signatures. As of Monday he had collected roughly 50.

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New guidelines set for egg, poultry producers

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The White House is trying to make Americans' food safer after recent recalls of popular products like peanut butter and cookie dough.

A food safety working group established by President Barack Obama said Tuesday that the government will try and boost the safety of some of the nation's most popular foods, announcing stricter rules for the production of eggs, poultry, beef, leafy greens, melons and tomatoes. The new standards are an effort to reduce instances of salmonella and E. coli contamination.

The group, headed by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, is also directing the Food and Drug Administration to help the food industry establish better tracing systems in the event of an outbreak, so the origins of a disease can be quickly found, and is creating a new network so the many agencies that regulate food safety can better communicate.

Tougher standards, including stiffer penalties for bad actors and increased inspections, would be part of legislation approved by a House panel earlier this year.

The White House and Congress have turned their attention to the issue after a string of food safety breakdowns in recent years, from contaminated spinach in 2006 to salmonella in peppers and possibly tomatoes last year.

Earlier this year a massive salmonella outbreak in peanut products sickened hundreds, was suspected of causing nine deaths and led to one of the largest product recalls in U.S. history. In the past month, Nestle Toll House cookie dough and 380,000 pounds of beef produced by the JBS Swift Beef Co. of Greeley, Colo., have been recalled due to connections with outbreaks of E. coli.

In March, Obama said he would create a special advisory group to coordinate antiquated food safety laws and recommend ways to update them. The FDA does not have enough money or workers to conduct annual inspections at more than a fraction of the 150,000 food processing plants and warehouses in the country, Obama said.

UNDER THE NEW RULES:

- Egg and poultry producers will have to follow new standards designed to reduce salmonella contamination, including increased testing and refrigeration for eggs.
- The Food Safety Inspection Service, the Agriculture Department agency that inspects meat, will increase sampling of ground beef ingredients in an effort to better find E. coli contamination.
- The FDA will recommend ways that producers of leafy greens, melons and tomatoes can reduce disease strains, and require stricter standards in those industries within two years.
- The FDA and the Agriculture Department will create new positions to better oversee food safety.

Vice President Joe Biden joined Vilsack and Sebelius for the announcement.

"The focus on prevention is to have a completely different emphasis than we've had in the past," Biden said. "In the past we've focused on better reactions to food safety problems when they occur. We're putting a lot more focus now on the prevention side."

The Agriculture Department inspects meat and poultry, and shares inspections of eggs with the FDA. The FDA inspects most other foods, but at least 15 government agencies are a part of the food safety system

Palin says she is still planning to step down as governor

BY DAN JOLING
Associated Press Writer

KOTZEBUE, Alaska Sarah Palin has returned to work as Alaska governor following the abrupt announcement that she's resigning.

Palin appeared at a bill-signing ceremony in the remote western Alaska coastal community of Kotzebue (KAHT'-seh-byoo). She said afterward that she's absolutely sure Alaska will be better off with Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell at the head of Alaska government.

She says it would have been less productive to continue as a lame duck governor subject to the continuing ethics complaints filed since she was picked as the GOP vice presidential nominee last year.

Palin was in Kotzebue to sign a bill aimed at improving management of public safety officers in rural communities.

Md. doctor: Kidney transplant record achieved

BY AARON MORRISON
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE A transplant surgeon who completed an unprecedented eight-way kidney swap this week said Tuesday he believes such intricate, multistate exchanges can drastically reduce the number of patients waiting for eligible donors.

Dr. Robert Montgomery, chief transplant surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and doctors at four hospitals in four states transplanted eight kidneys over three weeks in what he called the largest chain of donations in history.

"We finally beat the 'Grey's Anatomy' record for domino transplants," Montgomery joked at a news conference hours after the last in a series of surgeries was completed Monday night. "We hope this creates a movement that encourages other transplant centers to adopt the model we used."

The donor pool in the United States could facilitate 1,500 transplants per year if transplant centers nationwide participated in computer modeling that matches donors with recipients, Montgomery said.

Multiple-kidney transplants occur when several people who need transplants have friends or relatives who are willing to donate kidneys but aren't compatible.

Colo. prof in 9/11 flap loses bid to reclaim job

BY IVAN MORENO
Associated Press Writer

DENVER A judge refused Tuesday to reinstate a University of Colorado professor who was fired on plagiarism charges after he likened some Sept. 11 terrorist attack victims to a Nazi leader.

If it stands, the ruling means Ward Churchill cannot return to the classroom even though he won a lawsuit in April arguing that his firing was politically motivated.

Churchill wrote an essay after the 2001 terrorist attacks calling the World Trade Center victims "little Eichmanns," a reference to Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi who helped orchestrate the Holocaust. University officials were pressured to fire Churchill after that essay gained wide attention in 2005, but they concluded they couldn't because of First Amendment protections.

However, they launched an investigation into the research behind his other writings, and in 2007 he was fired on the plagiarism charges and other research misconduct allegations.

Churchill sued, alleging his firing was improper and seeking his job back. A jury ruled Churchill shouldn't have been fired, but under Colorado law, the decision on whether to reinstate him was left up to the judge, Larry J. Naves of Denver District Court.

Naves ruled Tuesday that the decision by the university's governing Board of Regents "occurred with sufficient procedural protections." He also noted that jurors awarded Churchill only $1 in damages.

Churchill's attorney didn't immediately return a call.

University President Bruce Benson issued a statement saying the judge had "appropriately applied the law." "This ruling recognizes that the regents have to make important and difficult decisions. The threat of litigation should not be used to influence those decisions," he said.

The university vigorously opposed Churchill's reinstatement, saying his firing was justified and that if he did return, the relationship between him and the university "would not be an amicable one."

University officials also said they feared other teachers would leave if Churchill returned.

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Yahoo, NFL players union settle lawsuit

BY AMY FORLITI
Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS Yahoo Inc. and the NFL Players Association have reached a settlement over use of players' statistics, photos and other data in Yahoo's popular online fantasy football game, but details were not immediately available Tuesday.

Santa Clara, Calif.-based Yahoo sued the NFLPA last month in U.S. District Court in Minnesota, claiming Yahoo shouldn't have to pay royalties to use the data because the information is already publicly available.

Yahoo dropped the lawsuit Monday. Officials from both parties said a settlement was reached.

Yahoo Sports spokeswoman Nicol Addison said Yahoo doesn't discuss litigation and she wouldn't disclose details.

Andrew Feffer, the union's chief operating officer and executive vice president, also confirmed the settlement, adding that NFLPA and Yahoo "continue to explore additional opportunities to work together." He did not elaborate.

The last of Yahoo's licensing agreements with NFL Players Inc. expired March 1. But Yahoo claimed it didn't need authorization, due to a court decision in April in a similar dispute between NFL Players Inc. and CBS Interactive Inc.

Fantasy sports league participants create teams comprised of real players. As the season progresses, participants' track their players' statistics to judge how well their team is performing. According to the judge's decision in the CBS Interactive case, an estimated 13 million to 15 million people participate in fantasy football games that gross more than $1 billion a year.

The NFLPA is appealing the decision in the CBS Interactive case.

The Major League Baseball Players Association and Major League Baseball Advanced Media lost a similar case in 2007 when the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that fantasy baseball company CBC Distribution and Marketing Inc. didn't have to pay the players, even though it profited by using their names and statistics. The judge in the CBS Interactive case relied heavily on the 8th Circuit's ruling.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Probe of college football's title system suggested

BY FREDERIC J. FROMMER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. A lawyer for a college athletic conference told Congress on Tuesday that it would be in the public's interest if the government investigated the system that determines college football's No. 1 team.

Barry Brett, who represents the Mountain West Conference, raised the possibility of antitrust violations in the Bowl Championship Series before a Senate Judiciary Committee subcommittee.

In written testimony, Brett called the BCS "a naked restraint imposed by a self-appointed cartel."

He got a favorable reception from Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, the subcommittee's top Republican. Hatch noted that the Sherman Antitrust Act prohibits contracts, combinations or conspiracies designed to reduce competition.

"I don't believe a plainer description of the BCS exists," he said at the standing-room-only hearing. The BCS "brings to mind the major Supreme Court decisions prohibiting price-fixing and horizontal restrictions on output," added Hatch, who ran the hearing.

Utah, which is in the Mountain West, was bypassed for last year's national championship despite going undefeated in the regular season. The title game pitted Florida against Oklahoma — each with one loss.

Under the BCS, some conferences get automatic bids to participate, but the Mountain West and others do not. Critics argue that this system reduces competition and distributes money unequally.

But Harvey Perlman, chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the BCS simply recognizes that the public wants to watch powerhouse college football teams such as his. Perlman, the new chairman of the BCS Presidential Oversight Committee, said the five conferences that don't get automatic bids do not add any revenue to the BCS.





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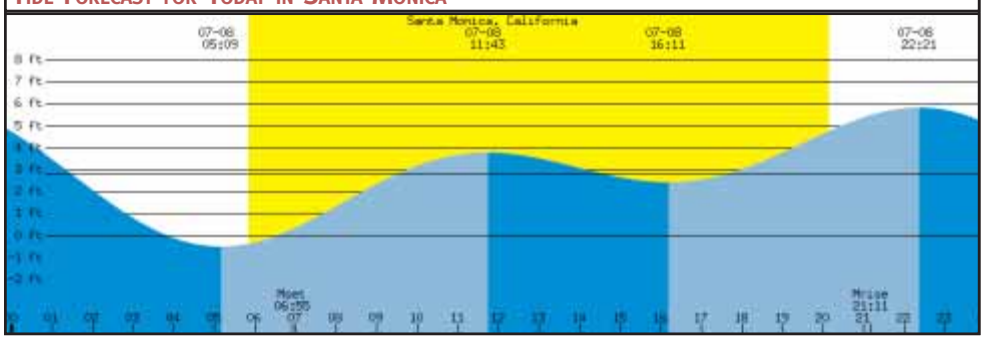
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We should also see chest high waves around south facing breaks. Standout south facing breaks may see some pluses as longer periods are expected to come ashore from 200 degrees.

Long Range Synopsis

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / ns

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

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

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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The Taking of Pelham 123 (R) 1hr 44min
3:00, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35

Irene In Time (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

Star Trek (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
12:05

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:20

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The Proposal (PG-13) 1hr 48 min
10:55 a.m., 1:45, 4:25, 7:20, 10:10

Up (Digital 3-D) (PG) 1hr 36min
10:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:15 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:00 a.m., 12:30, 2:30, 4:00, 6:00, 7:30, 9:30

Public Enemies (R) 2hrs 23min
11:30 a.m., 1:15, 2:45, 4:30, 6:30, 8:00, 9:45

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1332 Second St.
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Whatever Works (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

Moon (R) 1hr 52min
1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 9:55

The Beaches of Agnes (NR) 2hrs 5min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

The Girl From Monaco (R) 1hr 51min
1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Year One (PG-13) 1hr 40min
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Away We Go (R) 1hr 37min
11:40am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40

My Sister's Keeper (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:00, 10:00

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) 1hr 27min
11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) 1hr 27min
11:00 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 3:50, 5:30, 6:30, 8:00, 10:30

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Take a stand and get past an impending and difficult situation. Help others learn how to help themselves. You laugh, and someone responds. Tonight: Could go quite late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to cross boundaries and get past problems emerges. Intuitively, you know what is going on with others. Follow-through counts. Also, go within before deciding to make a big difference. Take time just for yourself. Tonight: Play a favorite piece of music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Relating on a one-on-one level remains very important if you are to achieve the type of bond you need. News could be more significant than you realize. Friends try to communicate -- listen. Their ideas could be valid. Tonight: In the thick of things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your sunny personality opens doors and makes anything possible. If you really think about it, you are going in a new direction. Others really respect your leadership, views and direction. Realize what is happening. Tonight: Sort through your invitations, and then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A boss might misinterpret your playfulness as you not caring. Stop and let others know how much you consider certain issues and exactly where you are going with them. Tonight: Squeeze in a stress-buster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to move forward and allow greater creativity. Someone who often opposes you could just as easily become your ally if approached in a different and perhaps more appropriate manner. Tonight: Think "change."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Try another approach with key people. Sometimes you get so into the goal, you forget about the people and the process. If you think you are pushing the boundaries, maybe the time to try something new is here. Tonight: Order in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Keep talking, and open up a problem or situation. Nurture. Listen to news with an eye to the future. If you wonder what is going on with an associate or someone in your daily life, stop and view life from this person's perspective. Tonight: Hanging out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A must-do situation can put pressure on nearly anyone, but especially you, as you seek answers and resolutions. You want to resolve problems rather than waddle in their wake. How you proceed is being observed by many. Tonight: A must show.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You'll want to listen to what is being tossed on your plate. You have the unique ability to take it on without even ruffling a feather! Postpone, and you could be in a great deal of trouble. If you want to open up to change, let a family member have his or her way! Tonight: All smiles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A discussion reveals more possibilities than you initially realized. A slight correction might be in order. You could be drawn to one direction and pushed in another. Tonight: As you like.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you make quite a difference, as you are more than willing to be creative and open and to transform. A key person in your life could be transforming in front of your very eyes. You'll want to continue relating to this person. As a result, you step forward. The results flow into other areas of your life. If you are single, you could meet many people. Your friends have a certain image of you, and they choose people they think will work with that image. You might need to go off and look for the right match yourself. 2010 proves to be a strong relationship year. If you are attached, the two of you need to value the friendship.

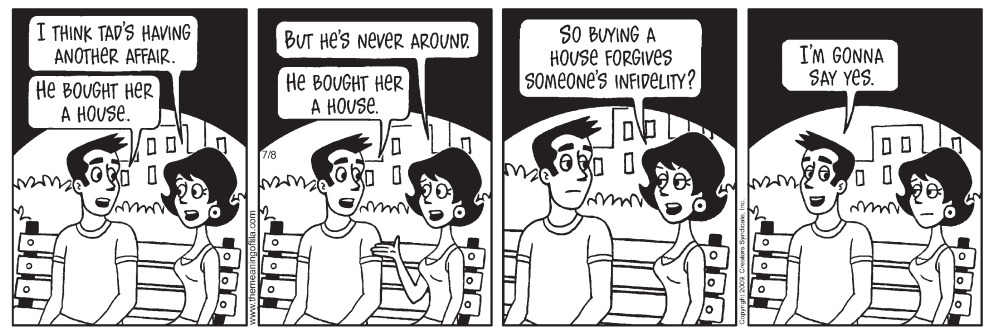
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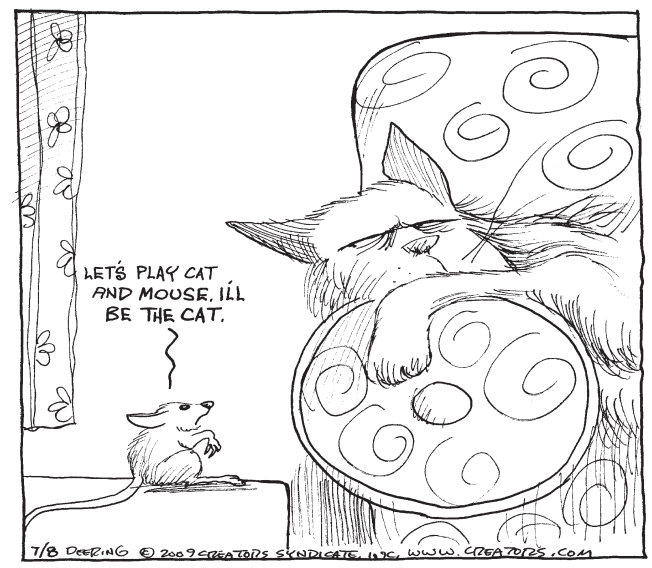
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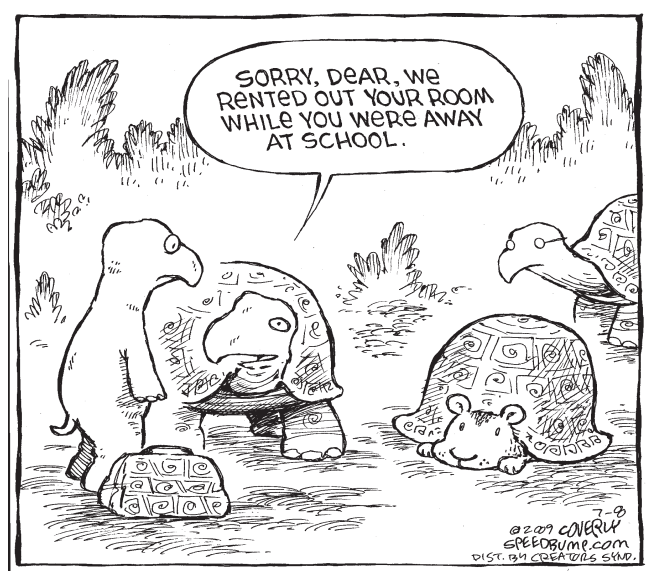
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

3	1	9	7	2	4	6	8	5
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Marsh hopper
5 Bubble shape
11 Nevada city
12 Bartlett's collection
13 Concerning
14 Opens, as a pill bottle
15 Utmost
16 Teller's place
17 Select group
19 Poem of praise
22 Grown girl
24 Sandy hills
26 Chopping tools
27 Dance unit
28 Lets off steam
30 Architect Frank
31 Finish
32 Rust, for example
34 Rotate
35 Capt.'s superior
38 Tourist's need
41 Goose egg
42 Bureau
43 Kitchen pests
44 Past and present
45 Impel

DOWN

1 Football's Tarkenton
2 Take a break
3 Getting better
4 Sticky stuff
5 Hunker down
6 Tried some wordplay
7 Pawn
8 Greek vowel
9 Workout unit
10 Twisty letter
16 Storage spot
18 Endure
19 Available at the café
20 Forest grazers
21 Spot
22 Surfer's ride
23 Farm team
25 Exploited
29 Origin
30 Tonic's partner
33 Clinic shots
34 Wallet bills
36 Newspaper section
37 Kid
38 Purr producer
39 Grow older
40 Fellows
41 Ray-gun sound

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Weirdo-American Community (1) Daniel Doster Jr., 42, was arrested in Yorktown, Ind., in March for masturbating while standing beside his mailbox (which he told police he was doing to show his neighbors "who was boss"). (2) Dean Mark, 53, was arrested at Whittell High School in Zephyr Cove, Nev., in June, for trespassing. Three students had reported encountering Mark a short distance from the school, nude, tied to a large rock, and asked if he wanted to be untied. According to the police report, Mark declined but then a few minutes later appeared fully clothed on the school grounds.

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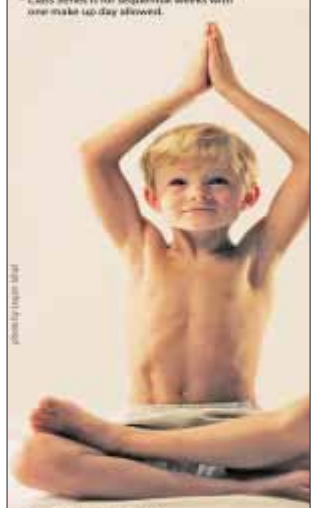
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First Six Months of 2008 compared to First Six Months of 2009

Santa Monica Single Family Homes

Santa Monica Canyon

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 6-30-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 6-30-09	% change
Number of Sales	3	5	67%
Average Days on the Market	94	46	-51%
Lowest Price	$1,487,000.00	$1,500,000.00	1%
Median Price	$2,050,000.00	$1,579,000.00	-23%
Highest Price	$2,350,000.00	$2,295,000.00	-2%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$715.00	$742.00	4%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	94.00%	97.00%	3%

North of Montana

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 6-30-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 6-30-09	% change
Number of Sales	29	17	-41%
Average Days on the Market	44	82	86%
Lowest Price	$1,575,000.00	$1,400,000.00	-11%
Median Price	$2,695,000.00	$2,050,000.00	-24%
Highest Price	$4,475,000.00	$4,000,000.00	-11%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$958.00	$801.00	-16%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	98.00%	94.00%	-4%

Between Wilshire and Montana

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 6-30-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 6-30-09	% change
Number of Sales	8	8	0%
Average Days on the Market	66	73	11%
Lowest Price	$1,508,000.00	$1,085,000.00	-28%
Median Price	$2,416,618.00	$2,075,000.00	-14%
Highest Price	$3,000,000.00	$2,800,000.00	-7%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$906.00	$685.00	-24%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	98.00%	93.00%	-5%

South of Wilshire

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 6-30-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 6-30-09	% change
Number of Sales	4	1	-75%
Average Days on the Market	19	18	-5%
Lowest Price	$816,000.00	$659,500.00	-19%
Median Price	$897,500.00	$659,500.00	-27%
Highest Price	$980,000.00	$659,500.00	-33%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$563.00	$859.00	53%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	98.00%	101.54%	4%

Sunset Park

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 6-30-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 6-30-09	% change
Number of Sales	26	17	-35%
Average Days on the Market	64	58	-9%
Lowest Price	$780,000.00	$610,000.00	-22%
Median Price	$1,074,000.00	$1,068,000.00	-1%
Highest Price	$2,200,000.00	$1,875,000.00	-15%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$669.00	$563.00	-16%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	95.00%	94.00%	-1%

Ocean park

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 6-30-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 6-30-09	% change
Number of Sales	10	6	-40%
Average Days on the Market	192	57	-70%
Lowest Price	$615,000.00	$1,080,000.00	76%
Median Price	$1,159,500.00	$1,495,000.00	29%
Highest Price	$2,225,000.00	$2,775,000.00	25%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$881.00	$750.00	-15%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	91.00%	98.00%	8%

Santa Monica Condo's & Townhomes

Santa Monica Canyon

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 6-30-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 6-30-09	% change
Number of Sales	1	2	100%
Average Days on the Market	330	63	-81%
Lowest Price	$1,200,000	$1,475,000	23%
Median Price	$1,200,000	$3,287,500	174%
Highest Price	$1,200,000	$5,100,000	325%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$824	$1,486	80%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	96%	92%	-4%

North of Montana

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 6-30-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 6-30-09	% change
Number of Sales	21	8	-62%
Average Days on the Market	66	109	65%
Lowest Price	$465,000	$575,000	24%
Median Price	$1,350,000	$1,225,000	-9%
Highest Price	$5,800,000	$3,175,000	-45%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$945	$864	-9%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	90%	92%	2%

Between Wilshire and Montana

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 6-30-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 6-30-09	% change
Number of Sales	56	62	11%
Average Days on the Market	62	48	-23%
Lowest Price	$394,000	$270,000	-31%
Median Price	$657,500	$707,500	8%
Highest Price	$4,170,000	$1,799,000	-57%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$664	$568	-14%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	97%	0%

South of Wilshire

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 6-30-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 6-30-09	% change
Number of Sales	43	43	0%
Average Days on the Market	88	85	-3%
Lowest Price	$100,000	$156,126	56%
Median Price	$620,000	$550,000	-11%
Highest Price	$1,040,000	$945,000	-9%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$501	$445	-11%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	95%	95%	0%

Sunset Park

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 6-30-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 6-30-09	% change
Number of Sales	15	8	-47%
Average Days on the Market	56	67	20%
Lowest Price	$345,000	$489,000	42%
Median Price	$770,000	$586,500	-24%
Highest Price	$1,199,000	$975,000	-19%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$486	$385	-21%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	98%	1%

Ocean Park

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 6-30-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 6-30-09	% change
Number of Sales	16	9	-44%
Average Days on the Market	143	78	-45%
Lowest Price	$375,000	$425,000	13%
Median Price	$640,500	$950,000	48%
Highest Price	$1,750,000	$1,200,000	-31%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$737	$617	-16%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	92%	-5%

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