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THE SCENE: **Melissa Tarsky stands in her Hill Street vacation rental home on Monday.**

SM homeowner wants to legalize vacation rentals

Oft-violated ordinance may now come with fines, prosecution

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK Thirty-one weeks out of the year, Melissa Tarsky welcomes total strangers into her home.

Well, her spare guest house, and they pay for the privilege.

Tarsky runs one of what may be hundreds of illegal vacation rentals spread throughout Santa Monica, which open their doors to tourists from near and far who prefer a home-based experience to the close quarters of a hotel room.

Her 900-square-foot guest home, neatly appointed and full of summer sunlight, brings in almost $40,000 in a given year, without the added burden of a 14 percent tax tacked on to hotel room bills.

And, while a moratorium on the practice has been ongoing since 2000, and an ordinance banning vacation rentals went on the books in 2004, city officials publicly stated in the past that they weren't going out of their way to find violators.

That's no longer the case.

After nearly four years in the business, Tarsky received a $650 citation from the building and safety division of City Hall for three violations: Operating without a proper business license, running a hotel use in a residential zone and not collecting the 14 percent tax placed on hotel rooms.

Although she knew it wasn't legal to rent

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Local hospitals prepared for 'Carmageddon'

BY SERLI POLATOGLU
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN With the impending closure of Interstate 405 just days away, local hospitals are preparing to keep things swift and smooth this weekend.

Sarah Phelan, spokeswoman for Saint John's Health Center, said the hospital's departments have modified their weekend schedules to maximize the use of local staff so commuters won't have to brave the traffic.

Elective procedures have also been moved to clear the hospital's schedule from Friday afternoon to Monday morning.

"We will still have a full, on-call staff to perform emergency procedures, but anything that can wait until after (the freeway reopens) will," she said.

Preparation will be key as hospitals cope with what is expected to be epic gridlock.

A 10-mile stretch of freeway between Interstate 10 and the U.S. Route 101 will shut down from July 16-17. State officials will be closing this portion of the 405 North along with a 4-mile slice of the 405 South, from the 101 to the Getty Center exit, because of a scheduled demolition of the Mulholland Drive bridge.

Officials at the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital are also looking into rescheduling elective procedures,

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BOOKS GALORE: **A man reads at the Main Library on Monday. The City Council is expected to approve a contact for janitorial services today.**

Library janitorial services top consent agenda

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL After several City Council agendas sporting consent sections valued in the tens of millions of dollars, Tuesday's expenditures will seem quite tame.

The big ticket item on the $582,851 consent calendar is a not-to-exceed $204,592 contract with Goodwill Southern California for custodial services at Santa Monica's four municipal libraries.

Twenty-one groups bid on the three-year contract, but Goodwill had an advantage because, as a nonprofit, it is exempt from the Living Wage Ordinance, which brought its bid in 65 percent lower than the next lowest bidder, according to the staff report.

If city staff tried to provide the same services, it would cost $556,693.93, or 172

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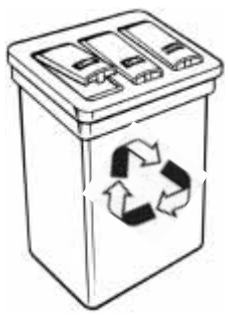
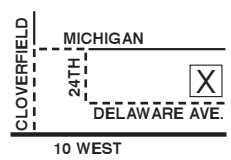


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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Poetry at the beach
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 6:30 p.m.
Red Hen Press is celebrating poetry at the beach. In this second of four readings this summer, three poets will read from their acclaimed works. NEA fellow Camille T. Dungy is joined by Cave Canem Fellow Timothy Black and managing editor of the WSC Press, Cynthia Black. For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

Weigh less, live more
Santa Monica Family YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 6:30 p.m.
Learn the secrets to living a healthier lifestyle. Discover becoming a food detective, deconstructing cravings and the truth about soy and other controversial foods. For more information, call (310) 393-2721, ext. 129.

Calling all writers
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m.
Meet with other aspiring writers for inspiration, guidance and support during this regular meeting. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

Royal reading
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 7 p.m.
Queen Laura will enchant with fairy tale stories, pretending with magical wands and lots of grand fun. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

City Council meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
Elected officials will vote on a potential development agreement for a mixed-use project on Colorado Avenue. They will also discuss the Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act — known to opponents as The Dirty Water Act of 2011.

Learn to calculate your rent
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:15 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.
Property owners will learn how to calculate rent increases and adjustments. Individuals may sign up for one-on-one assistance. To register, call (310) 458-8751.

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Pee Wee on the big screen
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.
The Main Library will be screening "Pee-wee's Big Adventure," in which the actor embarks on a journey to retrieve his beloved bicycle. Early scenes of the film were shot at the Third Street Promenade in the 1980s. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Work it, seniors!
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave.,
10 a.m. — 11:15 a.m.
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FBI agent says Bulger's girlfriend a willing companion

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON An FBI agent on Monday portrayed the longtime girlfriend of former Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger as a willing companion who changed her identity, made clandestine phone calls and moved from place to place during their years on the run together.

The testimony came during a bail hearing for Catherine Greig, who was apprehended with Bulger last month in Santa Monica more than 16 years after Bulger fled Boston. Greig's lawyer has asked that she be released on bail while awaiting trial, but prosecutors want her to remain behind bars.

Bulger, now 81, the former leader of the notorious Winter Hill Gang, was one of the FBI's most-wanted fugitives. He is charged in a racketeering indictment with participating in 19 murders. Greig is charged with harboring a fugitive.

During detailed testimony Monday, FBI Special Agent Michael Carazza portrayed Greig, now 60, as a woman who fled Boston willingly with Bulger and then became an active participant in his quest to elude authorities.

Responding to questions from Assistant U.S. Attorney James Herbert, Carazza said Greig used fake identities to purchase prescription drugs for both Bulger and herself, and was seen handing him prepaid phone cards while he made secret calls from a pay phone at a Walmart store in Louisiana.

Carazza said Bulger's former top lieutenant, Kevin Weeks, told authorities that Bulger initially fled Boston in late 1994 with another longtime girlfriend, Teresa Stanley, but returned in early 1995 to drop her off and pick up Greig. Carazza said Greig's twin sister, Margaret McCusker, drove Greig to a park in South Boston, where she was picked up by Weeks, who brought her to another park, where Bulger was waiting. McCusker has offered to help get her sister released on bail by putting up her Boston home as collateral.

Carazza said Bulger and Greig used various false identities as fugitives. When the couple was captured in California, authorities found more than a dozen fake IDs.

From early 1995 through late 1996, the couple spent time in Selden and Holtsville,

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Assembly bans caffeine-laced beer drinks

ADAM WEINTRAUB
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO The California Assembly has approved a bill to prohibit beer laced with caffeine, joining other states that have banned beverages that critics say are aimed at young drinkers and make it easy to drink too much.

The ban was approved Monday on a 43-24 vote. The state Senate approved it in April but must approve changes made by the Assembly before the bill is sent to the governor.

The bill, SB39, would ban the import, production, distribution or retail sale of beer and related alcoholic beverages that have caffeine added.

The measure by Sen. Alex Padilla, a Los Angeles Democrat, targets beverages that have been banned on some college campuses after cases of alcohol poisoning and blackouts among students.



NO MORE FREE STUFF

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

People looking for a free Slurpee Monday were out of luck at the 7-Eleven on Wilshire Boulevard and Seventh Street. Store employees had to put 'out of service' signs on the beverage machine because the promotion was so popular the device wasn't keeping the treat frozen.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

New football mercy rule receives lukewarm reception

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI The California Interscholastic Federation recently approved a rule change for high school football that is aimed at stopping blowouts before they get even uglier.

The rule change calls for the clock to continue running during the fourth quarter of games if one team is up 35 points or more.

The rule is well intended, but at least one local coach said that he had no problem with the old method.

"If I could put up the points, I would," said Travis Clark, Santa Monica High School's head coach. "I don't mind it when opponents do it, it's not Pop Warner."

He said that the old system allowed opposing coaches to agree to a running clock late in blowouts, so this latest rule change is just putting something into stone that was previously a gentlemen's agreement.

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Reviewing the reviewer

Editor:

After reading the report outlining the "findings" and "recommendations" in the Office of Independent Review's (OIR) report, I was thoroughly offended. I have been a police officer since 1995. I am a proponent of the review, whether civilian, or otherwise of police procedures, and, or, perceived police misconduct, but only when the review is warranted and not just as a result of a tantrum by the subject of the criminal investigation, as in this case. The review must also be conducted by a group of individuals, who either have personal knowledge of police procedures, or have done research into those procedures.

It is very apparent the OIR group either do not have any knowledge of a police officer's training and procedures, or did not properly research them. Did the OIR group inquire with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office as to why Oscar de la Torre's child endangerment case was not filed? Is it possible it had nothing to do with Sgt. Dave Thomas' investigative or report writing techniques? The fact remains that after reviewing some of Sgt. Thomas' criminal investigation reports and viewing the cell phone video evidence from de la Torre's case, a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge determined there was sufficient probable cause that existed to believe a crime had been committed, i.e. child endangerment.

It is obvious the OIR group has absolutely no knowledge as it relates to the training of police recruits in the police academy. This lack of knowledge is evident when the OIR group makes the false statement, "At too many police academies, report writing classes are reserved only for times when bad weather does not allow time on the shooting range or practicing defensive tactics (page 20 of the OIR report)." Police academies in the state of California are regulated and closely monitored by the California Peace Officer's Standards in Training (POST). Investigative report writing is an important element of a police recruit's curriculum. A police recruit must pass a written examination on the "Learning Domain" (LD) on this subject in order to meet the POST requirements of the police academy. Additionally, once a recruit graduates from the police academy, they must demonstrate proficient report writing skills during their training period. The lack of proper report writing skills is among the leading causes of the separation of employment for police officer trainees by most law enforcement agencies.

The OIR group's attempt to minimize and trivialize the report writing instruction received in "too many police academies" to simply bolster their "findings" is irresponsible, and an insult to all peace officers, who have graduated from a police academy in California. I believe city officials should question the validity and credibility of the entire OIR report, based on the OIR group's false statement. The recommendations set forth in the OIR report should also be closely scrutinized, if implemented at all. Furthermore, I believe no implication of de la Torre's innocence should be drawn from the DA's office decision not to file his case, and especially not from the OIR group's "findings."

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Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

405 freeway closure is much ado about nothing

THE SKY IS FALLING — AGAIN. THE END of the world is near — if not today, or this week, maybe this century.

Do you remember Y2K when the computers were all going to fail at midnight on Jan. 1, 2000 and there was supposed to be a giant calamity where society as we knew it would cease to exist?

This week's "end of the world" notice is that a 10-mile section of Interstate 405 is being shut down for an entire 54 hours. It's being dubbed "Carmageddon" and tales of the expected nightmare of traffic, the decimation of businesses large and small, and the ensuing horrors are being communicated to us at a frantic rate.

From the overhead signs on the freeways warning us of the closure of a piece of asphalt for a few hours, to the gnashing of teeth and wailing about how our society is falling apart and there shall be an end to life as we know it, there has been a sustained effort to alert the public that a road is closed.

I am reminded of the many warnings that preceded the date change in 2000. We were warned to stockpile cash because the ATMs were not going to be able to service us for days, or weeks. We were warned that our electricity would be cut off as the grid that provides the life-sustaining force was going to come crashing down in some cataclysmic fashion that would render our world back to the days of the founding fathers.

Just two months ago we were warned that the end of days had arrived because some preacher decided that May 21 was going to be Judgment Day. Personally, I packed a bag.

For as long as we've been roaming the Earth, there have been these "end of the world" doomsday predictors. They have a horrible track record.

We are warned that come midnight on Friday, the freeway will be closed until Monday morning. In the immortal words of Linda Richman of "Coffee Talk" fame, "No big woop."

The stories that have been written showcasing people who are scared about the horrendous impact the closure will have on businesses, people's work schedules, the damage that it will do to our economy and the drastic steps that workers are taking to combat the breakdown of our society, are all over blown. For a weekend we will not have the easiest route to go from Westwood to Van Nuys.

Big. Freakin'. Deal.

There are routes around the closure. The Pacific Coast Highway is still open and you can cross the mountain at Topanga. The downtown corridor is going to be open and you can stop off and have some dim sum or a French dip. The canyons are going to be open for those who want to tour through Beverly Hills, pick up a Nate 'n Al's pastrami and head to Universal City Walk.

For my part, I'm hoping that all of these warnings and scare tactics means that Santa Monica will look like it does during the holidays when everyone is out of town skiing in Aspen or has gone home to New York to shop at Macy's. I want to see our little Beauty by the Bay become the peaceful, sleepy little town it was 40 years ago.

When I was in the Fourth of July parade this year, I noticed there was an old style police cruiser, and it made me think of the "Andy Griffith Show." The town of Mayberry was a sleepy little town where everyone knew everyone, and kids could roam the streets because there were enough actual adults around to make sure they didn't do too many stupid things. It was a fictional town, and idealized as a consequence, and in many ways we love to fictionalize and idealize today. Sometimes for the better, often for the worse, like with the coming traffic nightmares.

FOR MY PART, I'M HOPING THAT ALL OF THESE WARNINGS AND SCARE TACTICS MEANS THAT SANTA MONICA WILL LOOK LIKE IT DOES DURING THE HOLIDAYS WHEN EVERYONE IS OUT OF TOWN SKIING IN ASPEN OR HAS GONE HOME TO NEW YORK TO SHOP AT MACY'S.

We have an opportunity this coming weekend to enjoy a peaceful time at home, and have an excellent excuse to just stay in town. Maybe host a barbecue, invite the neighbors over and we can all claim that we are doing out part to minimize the traffic snarl and horrors that are coming.

Those businesses that depend on tourists and weekend traffic are preparing for the worst as they have been warned that no one will be able to get around thanks to the traffic. Which actually makes no sense. If there's traffic, it's because people are moving and trying to get somewhere. I'm thinking that most people are so bathed in the warnings, that traffic might actually be a breeze with most people staying home.

Personally, I'm going to be breaking out the bicycle, stay within the city limits and laugh at the warnings that tell me the end of the world is coming over a 54-hour shutdown of a freeway.

I hope you'll join me.

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Court oversteps its bounds on DADT

HOW SAD THAT JUST TWO DAYS AFTER our nation celebrated another Independence Day, a major U.S. court decided to ignore the Constitution. I refer to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision on July 6 to allow open homosexuality in the military ranks, thus immediately ending the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) policy which has been in effect for 18 years.

Article I, Section 8, of the Constitution empowers Congress "To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces…" Article II, Section 2, empowers the president to be "Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States…"

Article III delineates the responsibilities of the judiciary, yet it is conspicuously silent about the courts' role in military matters. For this, we should all be grateful. Micromanaging military policies by judicial fiat ignores the authority of our military leadership and circumvents the military's own Uniform Code of Military Justice.

By allowing judges to institute military policy, we diminish the roles of the secretary of defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Congress and the constitutionally-mandated role of the nation's commander-in-chief. Simply put, the military's role is to fight and win our nation's wars. Judges lack the expertise and, in my opinion, the authority on how to best do this.

A three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit vacated their earlier stay of the lower court's ruling that DADT was unconstitutional. The Wall Street Journal pointed out that the latest decision "creates the possibility that recruiting rules could shift back and forth for weeks to come."

This lack of consistency and expertise by the courts makes it very difficult to operate a first-rate military, much less fight two wars. It underscores the rationale (that many courts respected over the years) to give great leeway for the military to decide these issues, hopefully in an environment devoid of political and social considerations.

It is no secret that The American Legion would prefer that DADT remain in place. Our concern is not based on prejudice or discrimination but solely on unit cohesion and combat readiness.

When a lame duck Congress rushed through legislation last year that would likely repeal DADT, it included a requirement that Department of Defense (DoD) officials first certify that the new policy would not have an adverse effect on combat readiness. That certification has not yet happened.

Moreover, last year's legislation passed after Congress was presented with a report that some have called into question. It contained what was supposed to be an honest survey of how those who matter most — the men and women in uniform — feel about the issue. It was later revealed that the numbers were manipulated in media reports that falsely indicated that 70 percent of the military members surveyed had no concern about the repeal.

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates was so bothered by the unauthorized and premature leaks of the report that he ordered an investigation by DoD's inspector general. The U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps have been bearing the brunt of the combat, yet last year both of their service chiefs ignored political winds and bravely testified in favor of keeping DADT.

Then-Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey told lawmakers, "Implementation of the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell would be a major cultural and policy change in the middle of a war. It would be implemented by a force and leaders that are already stretched by the cumulative effects of almost a decade of war."

Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Amos was even more forceful in an interview last year with newspaper reporters. He noted that a large percentage of Marine combat veterans that were surveyed are opposed to the change.

"So the Marines came back and they said, 'Look, anything that's going to break or potentially break that focus and cause any kind of distraction may have an effect on cohesion,'" Amos said. "I don't want to permit that opportunity to happen. And I'll tell you why. If you go up to Bethesda [Naval] Hospital . . . Marines are up there with no legs, none. We've got Marines at Walter Reed [Army Medical Center] with no limbs."

The Obama administration should defend the president's constitutional role as commander-in-chief by directing the Justice Department to immediately appeal the Ninth Circuit's ruling. Moreover, the military brass and civilian leadership at DoD should withhold certification until the issues of military readiness and unit cohesion are studied more honestly and thoroughly.

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The Q Line

To drive or not to drive?

The pending closure of the I-405 Freeway early Saturday morning stands to create a situation on the roads that some have termed "Carmageddon."

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What will you do to avoid dealing with the epic traffic expected for the Westside and beyond?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **(310) 458-7737 ext. 102.**



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according to a statement released Monday.

Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center staff are working to lodge commuter staff in nearby facilities to be prepared for an emergency response.

"On our Santa Monica campus, we plan to house staff members in the vacant North Wing of our new hospital, which is scheduled to open in January," said Posie Carpenter, chief administrative officer for Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, in the statement.

Saint John's also plans to house 50 hospital staffers who do not live in the immediate Santa Monica area. Commuter staff will be staying at local hotels or the homes of local hospital staffers.

"Everyone's stepping up," Phelan said. "We are doing everything to make sure we have normal patient care."

The Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center echoed those sentiments as it pledged to collaborate with local hospitals, EMS providers and other emergency management personnel to ensure patient safety.

WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE NORMAL PATIENT CARE."

Sarah Phelan,
spokeswoman, Saint John's Medical Center

Both hospitals urge individuals to call 911 in the event of a medical emergency during "Carmageddon" weekend. Those who attempt to drive to the hospital will likely be met with severe traffic delays.

Residents can check the status of the traffic around the 405 area on www.uclahealth.org/405 and www.metro.net/405.

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CONSENT
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percent of Goodwill's bid.

Staff also considered vendor interviews, customer references and ability to actually perform the work when choosing the winning bid.

FUEL STATION MAINTENANCE

Staff recommend that the City Council approve a $150,000, three-year contract with Natural Gas Systems for maintenance and repair of a fueling station at the City Yards.

The station doles out 225,000 gallons of compressed natural gas per year to 265 City Hall vehicles, up from 97 when the station opened in 2000.

The Fleet Management Division doesn't have the specialized staff it needs to do maintenance and repair work on the fueling station, city officials said.

Three companies responded to a notice of bids. Natural Gas Systems charged slightly over half of its next lowest competitor for monthly maintenance. It has serviced the station for the last six years.

THIS IS JUST A TEST ...

To ensure emergency communications equipment stays fully operational, City Hall will likely enter into a $123,259 maintenance and repair contract with Motorola, Inc.

Motorola makes all of the radios, base station equipment and mobile data computers used by the police and fire departments, and has been fixing them since the 1980s.

City Hall didn't have a lot of flexibility in the choice. The systems use proprietary technology developed by Motorola, and available only from that company.

The contract is for one year, valued at $123,259. Three one-year optional extensions put the cost at $369,777, but have not been budgeted.

BIG BLUE BUS LOBBYING

Everyone needs a voice on Capitol Hill, and the Big Blue Bus system buys it for a cool $105,000.

That's the cost of City Hall's share of lobbying services bought by the Municipal Transit Operators Coalition, a seven-city organization that gets its representation in Washington D.C. from the Ferguson Group, LLC.

So far, the cost has more than paid for itself, according to the staff report.

BBB got a $3.1 million earmark from one piece of legislation alone.

Ferguson Group also has a separate agreement with City Hall to monitor executive proposals, legislation, administrative regulation, Congressional appropriations and other developments.

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VACATION
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out the guest house, so many others were doing it out in the open on vacation rental websites like vrbo.com and homeaway.com that it didn't seem like a big deal.

"It's like so many other things, like we all drive 70 (miles per hour) when the speed limit said 65," Tarsky said. "The city really didn't care as long as you weren't making too much noise."

A year ago, that was true.

In a May 2010 Daily Press article entitled "Vacation rental ban not actively enforced," a city official was quoted as saying that the division had been instructed to be reactive to neighbor complaints rather than pursue violators.

Now, with summer in full swing, the numbers of complaints is up, way up, and city officials are seeking out people that rent to travelers, said Ron Takiguchi, a building official for Santa Monica.

Officials investigate complaints from neighbors and also check out listings on rental sites that seem like they might be violating the ordinance.

There are currently 40 open cases against violators.

A great deal of confusion surrounds the 2004 ordinance. Many believe that if the owner rents out the spare room for more than 30 days, they skirt the provision against short-term housing, and the rental — and profit — is legal.

Actually, short-term housing is any rental for more than 30 days that comes with certain amenities including furniture or a pool, Takiguchi said.

Anything less than 30 days qualifies as a "hotel use." Both are banned by the ordinance in most city zones.

For instance, if a family were to go away for the summer, and rented their home to another family or individual for the months that they were gone, that would still be considered "short-term housing," and a violation of the ordinance, Takiguchi said.

Length of stay doesn't validate it either. If a renter was there for a year with the intent to leave, and the home came with any kind of amenity, it's a violation.

When the City Council passed the ordinance in 2004, they stated that short-term housing affected the character of neighborhoods by creating transitory populations and increasing noise.

If people are constantly moving in and out every few months, it brings down the quality of the neighborhood and the level of civic engagement, Takiguchi said.

His division uses three levels of enforcement.

The first, and least severe, is a warning. Because so few are familiar with the ins and outs of the short-term housing prohibition, officials often find that just letting residents know that the rental is illegal puts a stop to the practice.

If that doesn't work, the landlord receives a citation. In Tarksy's case, that was worth $650, or about the cost of a two-day stay in her guest house.

Finally, if the violator persists, the City Attorney's Office can get involved to pursue prosecution.

"They have to weigh the cost of the business versus city enforcement," Takiguchi said. "Our intent is to enforce the law as intended by the City Council and the citizens."

That line of reasoning doesn't sit well with Tarsky, who finds the rule to be out of line not only with what's already going on in Santa Monica's city limits, but outside of them.

Both Venice and Malibu allow vacation rentals, with minimal regulation beyond the implementation of the 14 percent hotel tax, she pointed out, and likely profit from the use.

Tarsky, who was a businesswoman before she left the professional world to be a stay-at-home mom, decided to prove her point.

After about 10 hours cruising the top three vacation rental sites — homeaway.com, vrbo.com and flipkey.com — Tarsky found over 200 vacation rentals spread throughout Santa Monica's 8.3 square miles.

Using the assumption that those rooms were booked 20 weeks out of the year and applying the 14 percent tax, Tarsky estimated that City Hall is missing out on $1.8 million in lost revenue by not taxing and regulating vacation rentals.

Additionally, Tarsky took figures available on the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau website that track the spending habits of tourists and extrapolated that the people who rent from homeowners like herself pump another $1.8 million into the local economy.

"It's just about the numbers," she said.

Armed with those figures, Tarsky hopes to convince City Council members that the ordinance is hurting more than it helps.

"These taxes would mean teachers we don't have to lay off," she said.

At least one is adamantly opposed to the concept. Councilmember Kevin McKeown opposes vacation rentals, believing that they undermine communities and shove out long-term tenants.

"The conversion of rental housing stock to vacation mini-hotels is an erosion of our community, and a displacement of local households in favor of visitors who have no affinity for our city other than as a pleasant place to spend a week or two," he wrote in an e-mail.

The extra tax money doesn't outweigh the cost to the community, he wrote.

Although the CVB board of directors does not have an official position, the idea of vacation rentals does raise legitimate concerns, said Misti Kerns, president and CEO of the CVB.

Health and safety regulations may or may not be followed, and the insurance the homeowners carry may not cover that kind of use.

"We would respectfully encourage all homeowners to adhere to the laws and to work with city staff and the public process in order to express opinions and or change," Kerns wrote in an e-mail.

Although her rental was shut down by City Hall, Tarsky is not done with this fight.

"I'm not angry," she said. "They're just wrong."

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BULGER
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N.Y., and Chicago, and also spent months in Grand Isles, La.

During their time on the run, Carazza said, both Bulger and Greig made phone calls to friends and relatives. He said Greig called McCusker at least three times, after apparently making arrangements for McCusker to take the calls at a friend's or neighbor's house rather than on her home phone.

McCusker, who sat in the front row of the courtroom listening to the testimony, shook her head several times as if to disagree with Carazza's descriptions. She was swarmed by reporters as she left the courthouse, but declined to comment.

Magistrate Judge Jennifer Boal recessed the hearing until Wednesday, when Greig's attorney, Kevin Reddington, is expected to argue for Greig's release. Boal said family members of some of Bulger's alleged victims may also testify.

Carazza said the FBI found that Bulger was well-prepared for a life on the run. He said Bulger had a safe deposit box in Dublin and another in London, where a phone number for his brother, former Massachusetts Senate President William Bulger, was listed as a contact.

Carazza said authorities seized more than $800,000 in cash from the apartment in Santa Monica, where Bulger and Greig had been living for much of the last 16 years. He said they also found about 30 weapons and more than a dozen sets of documents for false identifications, including social security cards and birth certificates.

Greig's lawyer has argued in court papers that prosecutors will have a difficult time proving that Greig aided Bulger, which is necessary to prove a charge of harboring a fugitive.

ROUNDUP
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On the field, Samohi is schedule to play a non-contact passing game against Marina del Rey's St. Bernard's today. It's the first action Samohi will see against an opponent.

Samohi opens the season Sept. 9 against Leuzinger at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field.

FORMER SAMOHI STAR SHINES

Tyler Skaggs, who played his high school baseball at Samohi, started the 13th annual XM All-Star Futures Game on Sunday in Phoenix.

Skaggs, a highly-touted pitcher in the Arizona Diamondbacks organization, started for the U.S. team against the World squad. He pitched a scoreless inning.

Skaggs' rise to baseball notoriety has been swift. Since being drafted by the Los Angeles Angels with the 40th pick in the Major League Baseball Draft in 2009, Skaggs has already been a part of a major trade involving fellow hurler Dan Haren and, for a time this season, led all minor leaguers in strikeouts.

The appearance in the exhibition held in the days before the MLB All-Star game was Skaggs' second all-star selection this season. He represented single-A Visalia in the California League game last month.

Baseball America has ranked him 19th in its midseason list of the top 50 prospects in the sport.

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BEACH REPORT CARD

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / 28
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 4

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

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

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

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4:45pm

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Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) 2hrs 34min
10:45am, 2:25pm, 6:00pm, 9:35pm

Super 8 (PG-13) 1hr 52min
10:30am, 1:20pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

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11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
1:15pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Cars 2 (G) 1hr 53min
10:15am, 4:30pm, 10:00pm

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10:30am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm

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11:45am, 3:25pm, 7:00pm, 10:30pm

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Head home tonight, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. You could be taken aback by a situation that, at best, feels awkward. Avoid a difficult conversation that you are nearly sure would cause an argument or problem. Make an adjustment that is long overdue. Tonight: Break past the obvious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Build a better relationship between you and an important person in your life. Your first few gestures could feel awkward or strange. This will pass. Ask yourself what you do when you suppress your anger. Tonight: Clear out some errands.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ How you want to handle a personal matter could change because of clearing out some very strong and possibly hurtful feelings. Push comes to shove over a money matter. You might have stronger opinions than you realize. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your easy pace makes a distinct difference. Someone at work could demand more than you can give. Is this a boundary issue, or something else? Get feedback from someone in the know. Understand your limits. Tonight: Just don't make anything more difficult than need be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your creativity cannot be denied. Wherever you direct your attention, it streams out. A feeling of being a little out of kilter could affect you. Stay secure, knowing this is but a phase. Listen to a suggestion. Tonight: Let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Anchor in, knowing what you need to do. A domestic or personal matter keeps floating through. Know what works for you, but also try to understand where another person is coming from. A friend could be filtering information and distorting it. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Don't let someone color your impressions. You respect this person, but it doesn't make him or her right. News from a distance could be irritating or force quick action. Keep communication open if you want a happy end result. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Listen to forthcoming news from an associate or partner. Your ability to identify with others and sort through confusion emerges. Others' interpretations could be quite different from your own. Reflect on other possibilities. Tonight: Buy a friend a treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You are energized and full of ideas. If someone is reactive, don't be surprised. You have a lot to add to nearly any situation. This person could feel a little intimidated or insecure, but that isn't your issue. Tonight: Do only what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Step back and try not to get involved in the inevitable. Listen to feedback with care. You could be taken aback by others and their reactions. Try to move swiftly through work and/or your to-dos. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could find yourself between a rock and a hard place. There could be a problem concerning a friendship and a loved one. You would like to avoid the confrontation, but you might not succeed. Remain positive. Tonight: Fun and games.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Take charge and follow through. Others will follow your lead because they trust your judgment. Let your creativity open up. Allow more give-and-take between you and others. You don't need to judge; just listen, for now. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

Happy birthday

This year you will work to get past an innate shyness or awkwardness. Sometimes you will experience anger rather than feel your vulnerability. Get past that uneasiness and learn to deal with your emotions. Once you do, you will feel empowered and much more capable. If you are single, you might want to establish a relationship. Yet what works today might not work later. Please keep that in mind. If you are attached, the two of you will transform many of your interactions for the better. Be open to the process. You can count on SAGITTARIUS.

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

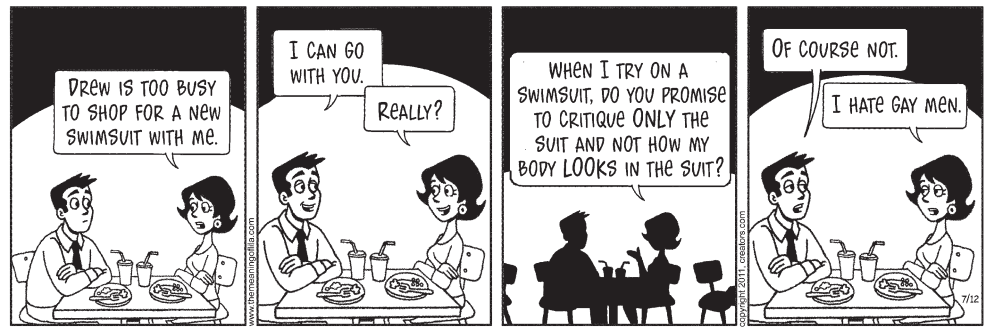
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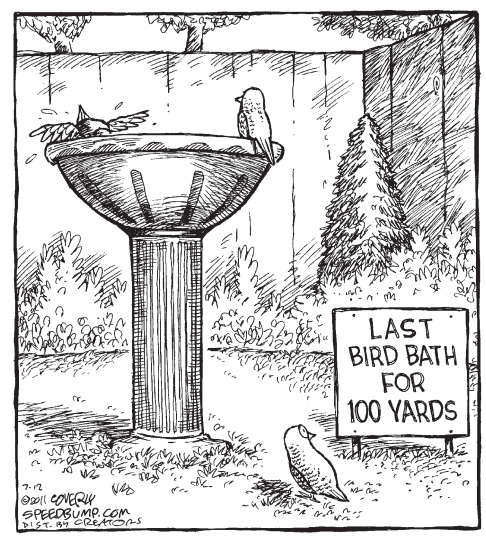
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Sudoku

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 ★★

5		9				1		2
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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Canal setting
7 Formerly
11 Serving as a symbol
12 Astronaut Armstrong
13 Music genre
15 Lewd looks
16 Penniless
18 Disarray
21 Crooned
22 Clinic worker
24 1040 org.
25 Engine part
26 Mine rock
27 "Schindler's List" star
29 Wrong
30 Question from Caesar
31 Dreary shade (Var.)
32 Protractor's measure
34 Music genre
40 Skating spot
41 Early calculator
42 Cincinnati team
43 Plagues

DOWN

1 Peach center
2 German cry
3 Also not
4 Counterpart
5 Skinflint
6 Sore spot
7 "Just a moment"
8 Badminton need
9 Langley org.
10 Building wing
14 Michael Keaton film
16 Blender button
17 Start
19 Vermont resort
20 Apologetic word
21 Major no-no
22 Dapper fellow
23 Spanish king
25 Enumerate
28 Library area
29 Stadiums
31 Geography class aid
33 Seize
34 Go astray
35 Whopper
36 Finale
37 Drink cooler
38 Edit out
39 Cart puller

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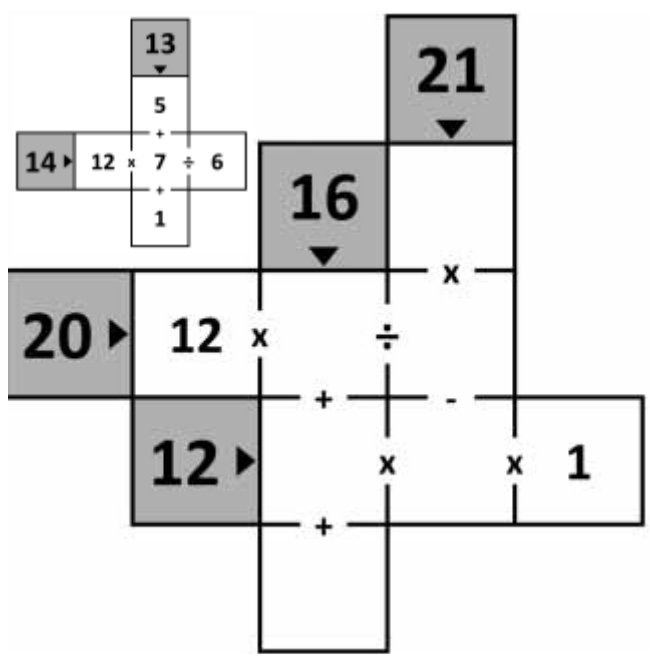
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Top Gun: Todd Whitehurst may be the "father" of from 42 to 60 children, based on statistical probability that recognizes his virtuosity as a sperm donor, according to a June New York Post profile (though one website, Donor Sibling Registry, claims to have documented 129 children sired by an unnamed seed demon, who is one of 92 highly productive men with 10 or more). Whitehurst, who like the others, was selected based on his sperm's profile and speed, donated weekly for about three years in the late 1980s (for $50 a session), and has been contacted so far by nine teenagers who sent him their photos after piecing together evidence identifying him (despite sperm banks' promises of confidentiality). Whitehurst, acknowledging the resemblances to his "offspring," seems to find the relationships fulfilling, however limited they are. Said he, "I love Father's Day."

■ New York scent artist Christopher Brosius had made his name with fragrances recalling childhood (such as Clean Baby Butt, Green Bean and Baseball Glove), but felt it was time, according to an April report in New York magazine, to approach the next frontier -- to make a perfume so exclusive that no one could smell it. By Brosius' reasoning, the scent's chemicals would provoke whatever reactions scents provoke in those exposed to it, but the actual scent would be undetectable to the nose; hence, no one would know why they were reacting as they were. By trial and error, he combined jasmine, sandalwood and natural amber, and scaled them down in power, yielding what he calls Where We Are There Is No Here. Said Brosius, "The question, 'What perfume are you wearing?' should never arise."

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