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THE CARS ON THE PROMENADE ISSUE



## TIPPY TOES

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**Instructor Katrina Killian (left) teaches kids aged 10 to 14 during a workshop by the School of American Ballet of New York at the Westside School of Ballet on Stewart Street Friday afternoon. The summer workshop gives ballet students first-rate classical ballet training. Students had to audition to sign up for the workshop.**

# Council considers alt-car showrooms on Promenade

**BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The Third Street Promenade, a central piece of the Downtown business district largely populated by clothing stores and restaurants, may see a new kind of tenant — alternative car dealerships.

The idea was brought before the City Council Tuesday by members Terry O'Day and Bob Holbrook on behalf of Toyota of Santa Monica.

O'Day and Holbrook argued that the northern end of the Downtown Santa Monica district, particularly the 1200 block of the promenade, has the space and foot traffic to carry off auto sales as long as the rules around the dealerships were well-crafted.

"We're looking to create something narrow, specific and within the long-standing interests of the city," O'Day said.

The proposed showrooms would only feature environmentally-friendly vehicles, and wouldn't allow disruptive activities like maintenance facilities or handling of the product on-site.

What, exactly, environmentally-friendly means — whether it include all-electric vehicles or the now ubiquitous gas-electric hybrids popularized by Toyota — is still up for debate.

Holbrook, one of the backers of the measure, told fellow council members in a special Tuesday meeting that he thought that putting a showroom on a pedestrian mall was one of those things that just wasn't done, at least until he re-watched the 1980 classic "The Blues Brothers," starring Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi.

In the film, a speeding car chase takes the cool-cat brothers careening through a shopping mall, in which they pass a car showroom.

"We should continue to look at creative ways to further our sustainability goals and improve local economy," said Councilman Kevin McKeown, sagaciously.

But the opportunity could not be missed.

"I'm astonished to hear that this was inspired by viewing of the 'Blues Brothers,'" he said, "and for the remainder of the evening I will refer to Bob and Terry as [Jake] and Elwood."

"We're on a mission from God," O'Day said, quoting the movie's most famous line.

While the divinity of the inspiration might be in question, the idea of highlighting Santa Monica's commitment to eco-friendly product alternatives while at the

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# Incoming freshmen set up to succeed

## 3-year-old program eases transition into high school

**BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
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SAMOHI Well-dressed youth traveled in groups of three in a circular pattern around the Santa Monica High School Library Thursday, peering at pieces of poster board depicting school groups extolling everything from the virtues of candy to working groups on racism.

This was not a high-powered Club Day for the discerning high schooler, but rather the culminating event of a seven-week course meant to help eighth graders who had difficulty in middle school transition into a successful freshman year.

The program, entitled Connect 4 Success, focuses on the core curriculum, but in a unique way.

Instead of sitting students down in a stuffy classroom and drilling information, they get to integrate the lessons into other activities, like field trips to the Wednesday Farmers' Market to learn about organic farming, nutrition and budgeting, or the Santa Monica Pier to explore the history of the iconic site and physics of its park-style rides.

What's more, the history, science and math lessons dovetail each other, creating a cohesive concept that is greater than the sum of its parts.

"They see that it's kind of fun," said Dr. Sally Chou, the chief academic officer for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, and designer of the Connect for Success program. "They're doing something, learning something and having fun, all at the same time."

SMMUSD established Connect 4 Success three years ago as an alternative to summer school that administrators and teachers alike hoped would engage students more successfully than the traditional reading, writing and arithmetic.

"We wrote the bulk of the curriculum during our first year," said Samohi physics teacher Marybeth Reardon. "We've been tweaking and editing since then."

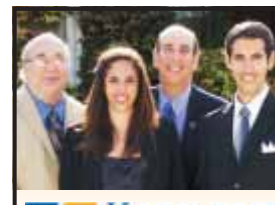
Those changes come out of yearly debriefings that identified where students were struggling, and how to bolster the program with fun activities that could improve

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### Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011

**Computer woes?**
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
10:30 a.m. — 11:30 p.m.
Learn computer basics such as navigating a web browser and evaluating online sources. Cost: free. Beginner level. For more information call, (310) 434-2608.

**Join the hunt**
Santa Monica Beach
Colorado Avenue at Ocean Avenue, 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Locals and tourists alike can see the Venice boardwalk in a different way — on a scavenger hunt. Come in teams and race to win by following clues and photo challenges on this Venice hunt. Cost: $25. Open to all. For more information, call (323) 799-1374 or e-mail info@outofthebox-events.com.

**Paws to read**
Montana Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
2 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Bring the kids to practice their reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog from Paws 4 Healing. Ages 5 to 10. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8682.

**Folk music from a milk carton**
McCabe's Guitar Shop
3101 Pico Blvd., 8 a.m.
Stop by to hear the folk sounds of The Milk Carton Kids at McCabe's Guitar Shop. Cost: $15. Open to all. For more information on The Milk Carton Kids, visit www.themilkcartonkids.com. For more information on the performance call (310) 828-4497 or visit www.mccabes.com.

### Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011

**Sharks rule the pier**
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk,
3:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Sharks are kings on land on Sunday at Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. Come watch sharks splash and eat and learn interesting facts about these rulers of the ocean in a tank-side shark exhibit. Free for all under 13. A $3 admission required for all other visitors. For more information, call (310) 393-6149.

**Do you have rhythm?**
Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street,
5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Grab some friends and a picnic blanket and check out the music at Jazz on the Lawn 2011. This Sunday features the stylings of The Tony Guerrero Quintet: Music from the Great American Songbook from the 1930s to '60s. Enjoy a cool dessert from Lake Street Creamery and A Rockin' Ice Hawaiian Shave Ice dessert trucks. Every Sunday until Aug. 28. Cost: free. Bike valet and free parking in the Civic Auditorium Parking Lot (after 4 p.m.). For more information, call (310) 458-8350.

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# Private donors help reactivate SETI's search for aliens

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. An array of 42 radio telescopes seeking signs of intelligent life in the universe will continue that work after private donors raised enough money to keep them going.

The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, or SETI, Institute received more than $200,000, including donations from actress Jodie Foster, to keep operating, The San Jose Mercury News reported (http://bit.ly/pM9vHo).

The array was originally a joint project between the SETI Institute and the UC Berkeley Astronomy Laboratory, which pulled out earlier this year because of the loss of National Science Foundation grants and state budget cuts.

Senior SETI Institute astronomer Seth Shostak said he was gratified the money could be raised during these tough economic times.

"But people still think this very fundamental question — is there somebody out there as intelligent or more so than us? — is important and worth doing," he said.

The telescopes will be turned back on in September, recalibrated and operated 24 hours a day for the rest of the year as more funds are sought.

The array costs $2.5 million a year to operate with a full staff of 10 people. As a whole, the SETI Institute has an $18 million budget and 140 employees. The funding which comes from donors, NASA and the National Science Foundation.

SETI Institute CEO Tom Pierson told supporters in a letter that his goal is to raise $5 million so that the radio dishes can be pointed at 1,235 new so-called "exoplanets" that were announced in February by NASA's Kepler mission.

The array is not only used to search for E.T.s, but is also contributing to research into black holes, pulsars and magnetic fields in the Milky Way.

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## SWING TIME

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**Couples dance Thursday on the Santa Monica Pier during an installment of the 27th annual Twilight Dancer Series. The free concert was a nod to the La Monica Ballroom's glory days. The ballroom was a hot spot for dancing on the pier before being razed in 1963.**

# Local investors divided over volatile stock market

**BY COLIN NEWTON**
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN The past week has been a roller coaster ride for the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones Average experienced a 513 point drop last Thursday, the furthest it had plunged since October 2008.

In the days following, the market continued to buckle back and forth, the most drastic change when the S&P downgraded the United States' credit rating on Monday and the Dow fell below 11,000 points. Thursday and Friday the market rose slowly, closing at 11,261.98 points on Friday.

In the face of the rapidly changing market local investment and financial advisors are mixed on strategies for their clientele.

Some feel that the stock market's behavior is too volatile, a clear indicator that investors should leave the market and stay put for a while.

Others say that it's a good time to stay pat, but it's no excuse to leave the market.

David Wright is managing director at Sierra Investment Management in Santa Monica, a group that handles money for retirees and other conservative investors across the country.

Sierra's cautious approach, designed to help investors make money without great risk, means that their strategy has remained constant for the past year, although the firm has reacted to the falling stock market in the past two weeks by investing more heavily in preferred stocks and AAA bonds.

"This is part of our defensive discipline that keeps our volatility low," Wright said.

This contrasts with a more aggressive strategy the company used in mid-2009, he added.

Some advisors think that a deflated market is the perfect time to get in because prices are low, allowing investors to find great deals on good companies.

"Stocks overreact to the news, and for patient investors, it's a good buy," said Michael Femino, portfolio manager for New Economy Capital on Broadway.

Femino knows that his position on investment is contrary to some strategies, but feels that dips in the market are good opportunities for smart investors.

"The last couple weeks, when you see a panic situation, it's usually the best time to put new cash to work," he added.

Femino said that local businesses will naturally react to the stock market. Retail businesses and restaurants in areas like the Third Street Promenade and Montana Avenue might have to offer more discounts as consumers become more selective about how they spend their money.

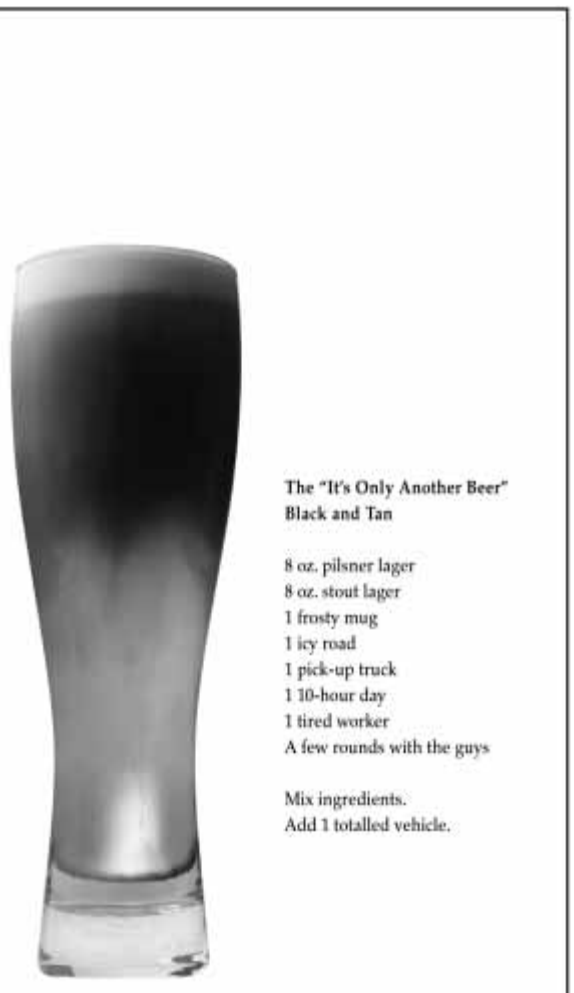
"They're not going to blow a hundred bucks on their lunch," he said.

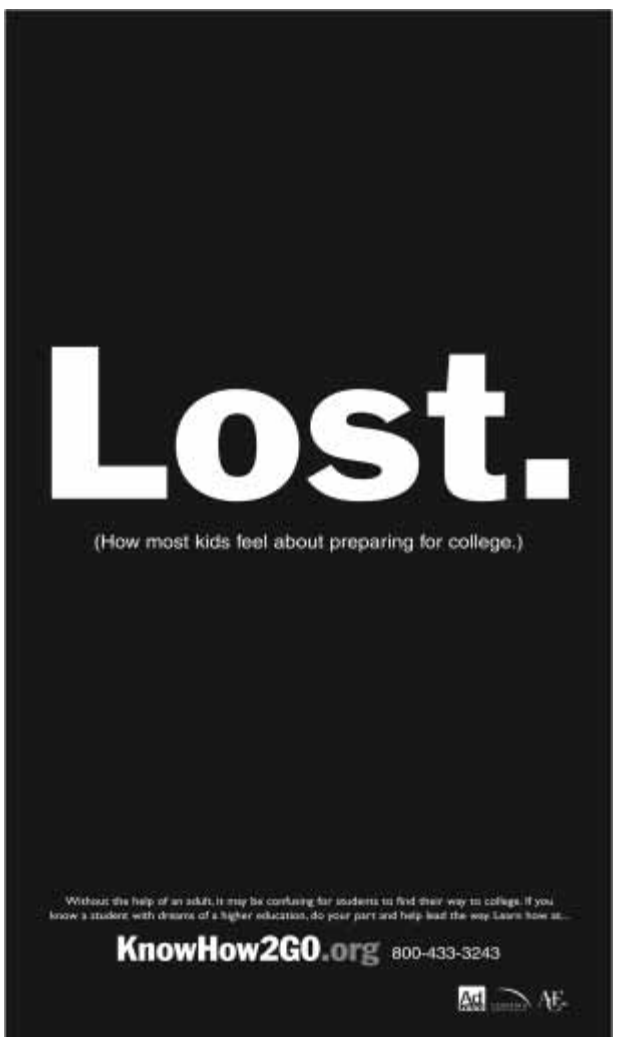
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# Being afraid is not an option

Q: AS A POLICE OFFICER, DO YOU EVER get scared during the course of your duties?

A: Your question is very interesting and can be answered in many different ways. The easy answer is yes, but it can also be explained in greater detail. I think all of us, at one time, have faced situations which caused us to be afraid or scared. When I sit back and think of those words, I don't think they are the best ones to describe the feelings we have in certain situations. There are times when I definitely have concern for my safety, but I wouldn't say I was scared.

As a police officer, you get too busy concentrating on the incident at hand to think about fear. Plus, we try our hardest to never show our fear. While our jobs can be dangerous, even life threatening, we are trained and equipped to deal with these situations. Our training begins in the police academy and continues throughout our career. Police officers are taught to maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others.

In the academy, recruits are expected to memorize the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics. It is a guide for conduct expected of police officers while on and off duty. It is a 24/7 commitment and one the police academy takes very seriously, as well as every police chief, sheriff, and police commissioner. Not everyone is willing or able to adhere to this code and some make the decision to resign before their career even begins.

Here is the first paragraph of the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics:

"As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice."

Before I started my career as a police officer, my thought process was a little different than it is now. For example, if I heard gunfire around the corner, I would turn and run for safety in the opposite direction. This is normal survival behavior. Now, as a police officer, if I hear gunfire, I run towards it. This behavior may not seem normal to most, but it is normal behavior as a police officer.

We have learned to manage fear so it doesn't interfere with our mission — to provide safety and service. Running towards danger, like the sound of gunfire, sounds heroic and courageous, but that isn't why we do it. We do it because innocent people could be trapped in an area with no escape. We do it because someone innocent may get killed or seriously hurt. We do it because it may be one of your loved ones in that situation. We do it because it is our job, and we are sworn to do it.

**WE HAVE LEARNED TO MANAGE FEAR SO IT DOESN'T INTERFERE WITH OUR MISSION – TO PROVIDE SAFETY AND SERVICE.**

It is up to us to uphold the values of the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics. To do that doesn't mean that we don't feel fear; it's that we go anyway. We have to trust ourselves, our training, equipment, and most importantly our partners. If we don't do what we can to defend the defenseless, then who will? We have a sense of selflessness sometimes that might not be in the best interest for our personal safety, but it is our job, duty, and nature to see the danger in front of us, and to go out and meet it without the option of failure.

Q: I get scared when a police officer pulls up behind me. Is that normal?

A: You are not alone. I have seen a lot of people react this way, and most of the time it is without reason. This is totally normal. I even get nervous myself! I think it has to do with the way we were raised and the powerful effect of an authority figure.

Do you think you would work differently if your boss was looking over your shoulder? The response you have to an officer pulling up behind you is similar. You believe you are doing everything right and suddenly you are unsure because you feel that someone is now watching you.

Hopefully if you are following the rules of the California Vehicle Code, it shouldn't bother you. If you are not, another reason could be because you know a citation will put a strain on your finances. We are in tough economic times and no one wants to pay a hefty fine for a traffic violation.

If a police car pulls in behind you, just relax and drive safely. In most cases, we are probably responding to a call for service and you just happen to be in front of us.

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The Q Line

# Hiring locally

City Hall is contemplating forcing new developments to hire local residents before considering people from outside of the area.

This past week, Q-line asked:

**So, this week's Q-Line question asks: Do you think the city should pursue this concept or let the open market prevail?**

Here are your responses:

"EVEN THOUGH I AM CURRENTLY unemployed and would likely benefit from a 'restricted' hiring rule by Santa Monica City Hall, I think in the long run this type of rule would hurt the community. Ultimately, an open market approach is best for the community."

"IT IS FINE TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL HIRING, but to mandate it would be disastrous. Santa Monica is already and expensive, difficult place to do business. We should do everything possible to promote employment and economic activity. If the city wants to give it a try, then the city should require its employees, including teachers, to live in the city, but it should not dictate who private sector employers are able to hire."

"YES. HIRE LOCAL, BUY LOCAL. IF THE City Council had done this with the taxi franchises we wouldn't have three of the five cab companies from Los Angeles and only two from Santa Monica, and closed down 41 of 43 cab companies."

"I'M A SANTA MONICA RESIDENT AND I believe that jobs should go to citizens of Santa Monica, and every city should do the same. That will avoid traffic on the freeways, and spending so much on gasoline and help people live better."

"I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO have some programs in place or guidelines of some sort in place so that employers would benefit from hiring those that already live in the city. People can come from outside of the city and get their children into the school district if they work here. Not that that's a bad thing, but I think it would be very advantageous to the population here so that those who may be a little bit older than others would then be a priority. We have many people who are very talented and have worked in the industries found in Santa Monica, and I think this is a good idea."

"LET THE OPEN MARKET PREVAIL. Enforcement of such well-meaning projects don't have a good track record. It would be an invitation to endless litigation. Reduce the number of developments instead."

"I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA BUT I THINK IT'S going to backfire because developers all have people they are used to working with. They know what their pay rate is, what their quality of work is and their past work experience. I just think that it will blow up in our faces and it might end up costing more than what the original quote was. So I think it should stay an open market."

"I'M NOT AT ALL SURPRISED THAT THE CITY of San Malicious would propose doing such a discriminatory thing. I'm a longtime resident of this city and a former landlord and I think the policies of this city are just absolutely wayward. It should not be done. Let equality rule. We're living in the 21st century, not some antiquated one."

"OTHER CITIES HAVE DONE THIS AND IT seems to have some benefits. I think that it couldn't hurt to try and give preference to local construction firms and hiring other locals for full-time gigs once the developments are completed. It would help solve the jobs-housing imbalance we have by employing more locals who don't have to drive, but could instead bike or take the bus. We could provide jobs, create more wealth in our community and help the environment all in one. I say it's worth a shot. Not sure how they would enforce it. That's the question."

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## Tour De Feast

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# A chili day biking in L.A.

BIKING AND DINING THE SANTA MONICA scene can be fun and diverse, but not necessarily ambitious. While the bounty of restaurants in this city could keep a food writer's plate full for years, the cycling dynamic falls flat in the process. There is only so much one can write about the Main Street bike lane, the hill on Ocean Park Boulevard or the pathway along the beach.

Venturing outside Santa Monica on two wheels opens up a brave new world into the culinary abyss. Biking Los Angeles can be daunting, and the summer heat indeed compounds matters further. Throw chili into the mix and that is when things start to get greasy. The assignment: three chili-featured restaurants, on two wheels, throughout the course of one day. A citywide, dusk till dawn, L.A. chili expose — yeehaw!

Embarking from the Santa Monica Pier and heading eastward bound, the ride is relatively smooth with a good portion of the commute paved with bike lanes. The road gets rough once you merge onto Beverly due to crumbling streets, congested intersections and zero bike lanes. But the light at the end of the tunnel is situated at the corner of Beverly and Rampart. There lays home to L.A.'s chili Mecca — The Original Tommy's.



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STIR IT UP: **Alec stirs the pot at Chili John's in Burbank, where diners can get spicy chili on a bed of spaghetti.**

Famous for the chili and infamous for its messiness, The Original Tommy's has been a favorite pig out to Angelenos for over 65 years. Tommy's serves up a condiment style chili, which has a smoother consistency and is intended to be slathered over burgers, dogs, and as of recent, their breakfast burritos.

The burrito is pretty standard on all accounts with the exception to a healthy injection of their time honored chili. To my surprise, upon presentation, the burrito was tidy and sealed tight like a capped oil well. Instead of being the star of the show, this chili played part to an ensemble cast, acting cohesively with the other breakfast innards. Despite the harmony, I would not endorse eating such a goodie before activities like karate practice, or yoga in the park. While the dance of meats, cheeses, and chili starts in burrito, the after party occurs in your stomach. It is a good special occasion burrito which was certainly warranted after the morning ride from the Santa Monica Pier. That being said, I devoured the burrito and set a course to my next chili destination in Burbank.

Trekking up Vermont Avenue through Los Feliz, then Griffith Park, will spit you out into the San Fernando Valley. The good news is there is flat land as far as the eye could see. The bad news is it is always 10 degrees hotter in the Valley than anywhere else in L.A. News to be determined good or bad: I have been, and will be eating more chili.

Despite all of my literal and figurative belly aching, Chili John's in Burbank proved to be a perfect chili oasis amid the summer heat. Like Tommy's, Chili John's has been around for 50 plus years. Unlike Tommy's, their chili is not condiment style but rather the main course. I ordered the bowl of the half-spicy half-mild and softened the blow by getting it on a bed of spaghetti. The chili was meaty, rich, garlicky, and rendered some serious grease. While some may consider grease a four letter word, Chili John's has no bones about making their chili with plenty of the shiny stuff. This is real stick to your ribs (and whatever else it comes in contact with) kind of chili.



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CHILI MECCA: **The Original Tommy's, serving up chili burgers and hot dogs for over 65 years.**

Fully chili-charged, I was geared up to head into West Hollywood for my last stop on the chili excursion. Just past Warner Bros. Studios heading up the Barham Pass some of my loose camera gear got stuck in the spokes of my bike vaulting me over the handle bars. Grimacing in pain but carrying on down the hill I suffered a series of flat tires, sending me to an impromptu stop to the bike shop for some repairs. As for my injuries, I found solace in chili. Battered and bruised, I limped through the doors of Chili Addiction on La Cienega Boulevard.

Unlike my previous stops, Chili Addiction is new on the restaurant scene. In a city where gourmet burgers have received recent popularity and acclaim in places like Umami, one may ask what about the high-end hot dog? Aside from over 70 varieties of chili, and some of the city's most underrated ice cream, Chili Addiction prides itself on making fine quality homemade sausages and frankfurters.

At first glance you may think that the price is steep for a chili dog ($4), but at first bite you will realize you get what you pay for. I went the way of the chipotle and cheddar sausage with chili, accompanied by truffle fries, homemade ketchup, and truffle aioli. The sausage was succulent, the chili was not overpowering yet exquisite, and the truffle aioli was pure luxury.

Biking across the city generates quite the appetite. Eating hungry tends to make food taste better, subsequently making myself susceptible to lax critiquing. However, hungry or not, it is easy to realize that Chili Addiction is something special.

The final ride home was not overtly harrowing, nor totally pleasant. I was just relieved to make it back to the friendly confines of Santa Monica intact. While chili may not necessarily be the breakfast, lunch, and dinner of champions, ultimately it was my driving force. When you add up three chili laden meals, deduct around 60 miles of biking through the city, it all balances out — give or take a few thousand calories. As always, I am just thankful to bike and eat another day in L.A.

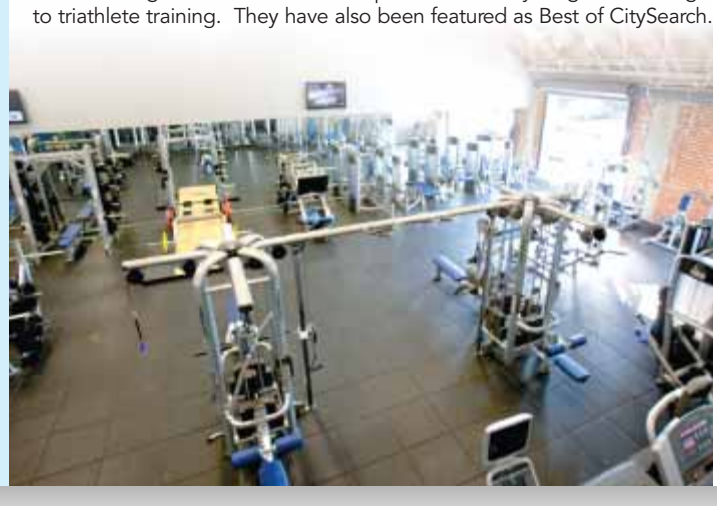
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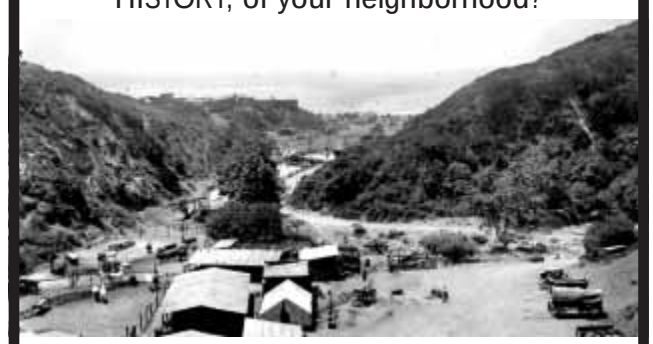
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# Sushi Central offers quality cuts without the attitude

CENTRALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF Overland Avenue and Palms Boulevard in a small, unassuming shopping center, Sushi Central is a real find for any true sushi lover.

The owner of this small, unpretentious BYOB (no alcohol sold on premises) establishment is Phillip Yee, a Korean-American who grew up both in Hawaii and Washington. Do not let this dissuade you from visiting his exceptional restaurant. Chef Yee, formerly the director of the California Sushi Academy, is extremely well-versed in the traditional Japanese art of sushi, and he demonstrated his superior knowledge of the subject at a recent visit for lunch.

We opted for the popular omakase, or "chef's special," due to Yee's formidable reputation and clear ability to choose the best fish for that given day.

We were not disappointed. Before deciding on the omakase, we had already ordered the premium blue crab rolls, which were absolutely fabulous with a generous helping of high-grade blue crab wrapped in a nori seaweed hand roll.

Next came one of the best pieces of saba mackerel I had ever eaten, and truth be told, I have had quite a few. Chef Yee mentioned that he had picked up a particularly fresh and delicious cut of saba at the market that day, and it truly was a superior and delicate treat.

Then came two delightful, small pieces of tai, or sea bream. The first was kurodai, or black sea bream, hailing from the waters off Greece, while the second was standard high-grade tai from Japan. The kurodai was very fresh and clean tasting, masterfully seasoned with a hint of yuzu citrus and soy sauce. The Japanese variety was similarly fresh and very delicious, clearly carefully chosen at the morning market by Chef Yee.

All pieces at the restaurant, it should be noted, are delectably seasoned by the chef himself, who astutely chooses not to use too much rice in his sushi preparation. This allows the sushi aficionado to enjoy the fish more, and also allows one to watch the calories. Chef Yee, it seems, believes in the "quality over quantity" approach, which I've always appreciated.

After this, we enjoyed botan amaebi, or large sweet shrimp, prepared in four stages. The first, rather unique stage, was a very small shot glass filled with the liver, heart and brain of the shrimp in a light sauce. To our surprise, it was really good! Next came the sushi itself; large, slightly crunchy and very lavish, this sweet shrimp from Santa Barbara was exceptional in quality. Then Chef Yee prepared a bracing miso soup, and flavored the broth with the lightly fried shrimp shells. Finally, he served the shrimp heads themselves, deep fried and deliciously extravagant.

After this, Chef Yee made a wonderful aburi ika, or flamed squid, that was also very good, followed by a nice piece of bigeye ahi tuna from Hawaii. As he indicates on the menu, Chef Yee does not serve honmaguro, blue fin tuna, at all in his restaurant due to overfishing. This of course is admirable, but could slightly disappoint those hard-core Japanese sushi enthusiasts who worship the bluefin at all costs.

The aji, or horse mackerel, from Japan was again outstanding, seasoned lightly with ponzu and ginger, and the final, very generous dish of uni sea urchin from San Diego was probably the best I have ever tasted anywhere in the United States.

Prices at Sushi Central are commensurate with those in most high-end establishments, although perhaps a bit less justified in this location and without a liquor license. We paid $65 per person for a very fine and extensive meal. A normal menu offering could easily be selected for more like $25 per person. Customers are encouraged to bring their own beverages.

All in all, Sushi Central is a fantastic, first-rate establishment that I would whole-heartedly recommend to those in search of a quality sushi experience without the attitude so often accompanying the revered art.

**SPENCER HECHT** is a professor of Japanese literature in Japan, and is in Los Angeles for a few weeks visiting his parents.



John Blanchette *photo courtesy*

FOOD FOUR YOU: **Sushi Central owner and head chef Phillip Yee with large sweet shrimp, which he prepares in four stages. The first rather unique stage was a very small shot glass filled with the liver, heart and brain of the shrimp in a light sauce.**

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NO STRANGER: **People attend the Go Green Auto Show on the Third Street Promenade in 2008. City officials are considering changing the zoning code to allow for alternative auto showrooms on the promenade.**

# CARS
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same time including a different element of commerce onto the promenade held appeal for several city groups.

"I think we're very positive about it," said William Tucker, chair of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., the public-private corporation that partners with City Hall to run the Downtown business district. "It would have to be for the right cars. We don't want to have standard cars. We want it to be innovative, environmentally-friendly cars that are good for the environment."

Board members, who voted to recommend the item to council in July, are not looking to allow the promenade to become the newest Los Angeles auto mall, he said.

With that in mind, the board put several qualifications on any changes to the zoning code to permit auto sales there, on top of the restriction to "environmentally-friendly" cars.

The board supported a maximum of 3,500 square foot showrooms, with a defined limit on the number of cars that could be on display at any given time. The showrooms would be limited to 25 feet of frontage, and no maintenance could take place on site.

While the board, Planning Commission and ultimately the City Council will have to weigh in on other factors — like rules around getting cars to the showrooms without disrupting neighborhoods — most seem optimistic that they could craft a workable solution.

The addition of showrooms would at least add diversity to the current mix of retail on the promenade, said board member Todd Flora.

"I think it's an interesting concept that would add a little 'pop!'" he said.

It's hard to say, exactly, where car dealerships fall on the issue, as most did not return calls for comment.

Tesla Motors, a company that specializes in all-electric luxury and sports cars, would only say that they were looking at sites for showrooms throughout the country, and Santa Monica wasn't necessarily one of them.

Ron Davis, of Santa Monica Ford and the chairman of the Santa Monica chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, was a bit more enthusiastic.

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Downtown Santa Monica Inc. Board Member

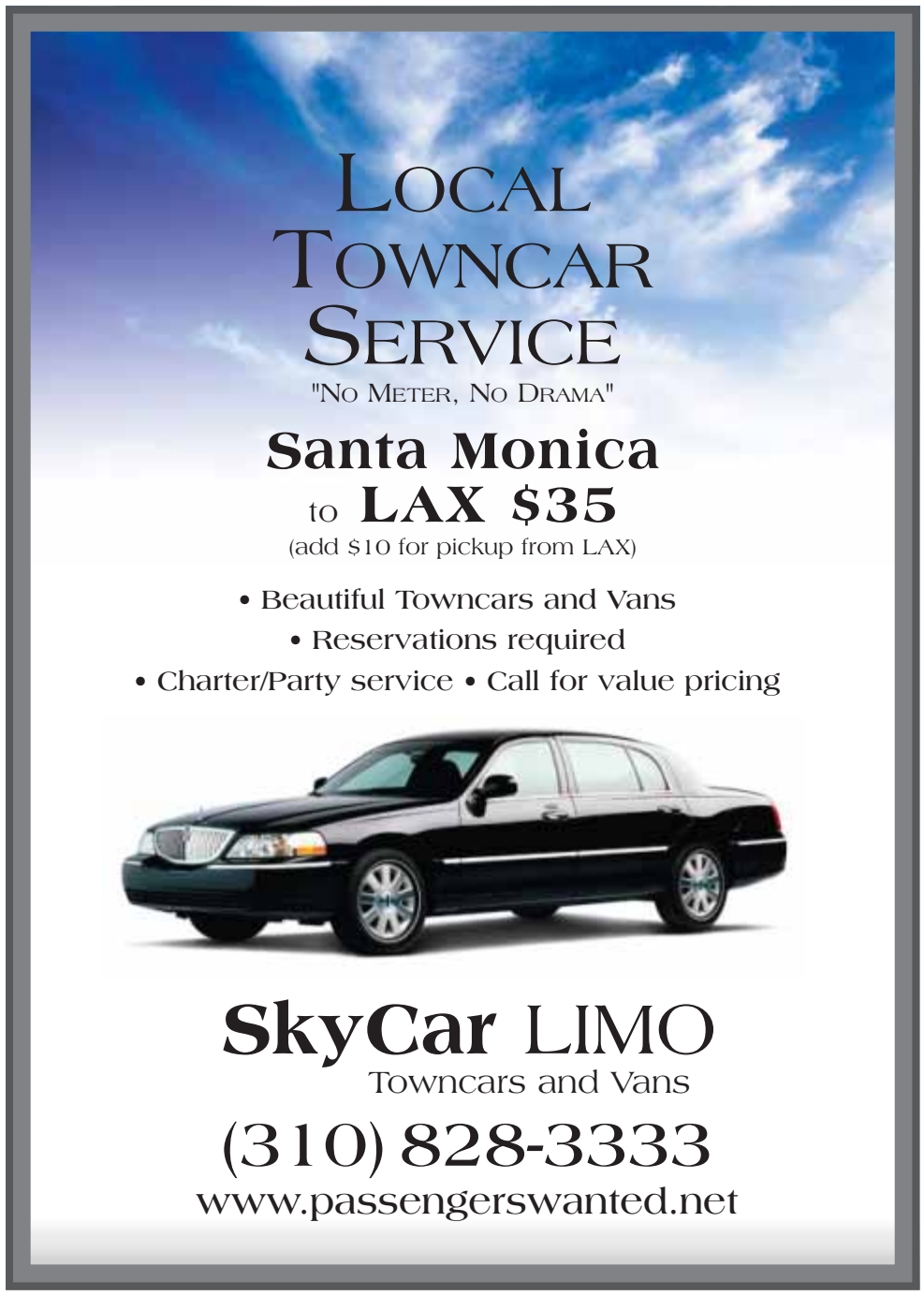
Ford carries three hybrid cars — the Focus, Lincoln MKZ sedan and an SUV called the Escape — and will be rolling out an electric version of the Focus this year. The dealership also carries an electric commercial vehicle for zipping around town on errands.

"I think that's a wonderful thing, I hope they do it," Davis said. "Obviously, it would help car dealers promote themselves, and these alternative fuel vehicles."

The City Council will now send the proposal on to the Planning Commission.

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## FROSH
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their skills.

Over the course of the three years of operation, the number of students enrolled in the program has slowly grown, particularly as parents become aware of the benefits the kids get out of the 16 hours a week of disguised instruction, Chou said.

As they attack learning challenges that set their students up for failure, instructors also try to address a persistent, underlying problem — the fact that over 1 million high schoolers drop out of school every year.

Teachers include carefully-selected reading materials and writing assignments that extol on the virtues of finishing high school and going on to a four-year college or other form of higher education that appeal directly to the students' sense of self-interest rather than high-minded ideals imposed by others.

According to information provided by the Alliance for Excellent Education, the average high school dropout earned only $17,299 a year in 2006, compared to a high school graduate that could earn an average $26,933 per year.

As the student's level of education rose to an associate's degree or bachelor's degree, the pay level increased as well.

Encouraging students to acknowledge the benefit of education is one thing; proving to them that they can achieve those standards is another.

That's why teachers encourage their pupils to identify their individual strengths and talents that will help them through the next four years, Chou said.

"Sometimes, the biggest issue they have is with themselves," Chou said. "These exercises show them how to build confidence and come to high school with a positive image of themselves."

At the end of the program, students engage in a leadership component, where they are asked to identify a problem they see in the community and address it through a school-based club.

They create a presentation including practiced script, informational board and commercial or other promotional materials.

Nagel Martinez, Jessica Martinez and Joana Melendez formed one group that created a club to support students struggling with their sexual identities called the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance, or LGBTA.

"We want to make sure that everyone feels safe on campus," Nagel Martinez told fellow classmates, who came Thursday for the brightly colored poster and Martinez' musical stylings and stayed for the bribes of rainbow M&Ms and Oreo cookies.

After the presentation, the girls reflected on their summers, which woefully end a week earlier than years previous to accommodate a change in the normal school year.

"I loved it," Nagel Martinez said. "We took field trips, that's a big part of why I liked it."

Jessica Martinez, who's looking forward to school starting up again so she can get involved with low-key sports and possibly starting up the LGBTA for real, said that she felt more comfortable on campus now that she and her fellow "Connectors" had spent several weeks exploring the high school on their own before the droves of other Samohi students descend.

Both felt confident that they would do well in the coming school year, which is exactly what administrators like Chou and teachers like Reardon want to hear.

At present, the Connect 4 Success program only holds approximately 180 kids, split into six or seven groups of about 20 students that rotate teachers every week. With that set up, the students get the attention they need, while also meeting a number of teachers from different disciplines that can help them as they move forward in their high school education.

The benefits shouldn't be kept to just one group of students, Chou said.

"In the future, I'd like to see all freshmen participate in something like this," she said.

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## MARKET
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market crashed she noticed her and her coworkers' hours were cut back.

Local financial advisor Michael Rosen believes that smaller stores will be hurt as consumers tighten their wallets and turn to larger chains.

"You already see it, people who would never go into a Target are going to Target," he said.

Rosen said that this conservative attitude can creep into the way that people will invest in the market.

"From the individual investor point of view, they get scared," he said.

Some local investors, who have grown wary of the stock market, suggest investing in commodities and foreign markets and currency.

Carl Lambert with the Action Apartment Association said that real estate might provide a safe haven for investors tired of a skittish stock market, but in the end, it's all connected.

"The psychology of the stock market impacts investors in all areas," he said.

Financial advisors seem to agree that the market's behavior is cyclical, and it will rise again.

The question is when, and that is something that nobody knows. They're going to have to wait and see.

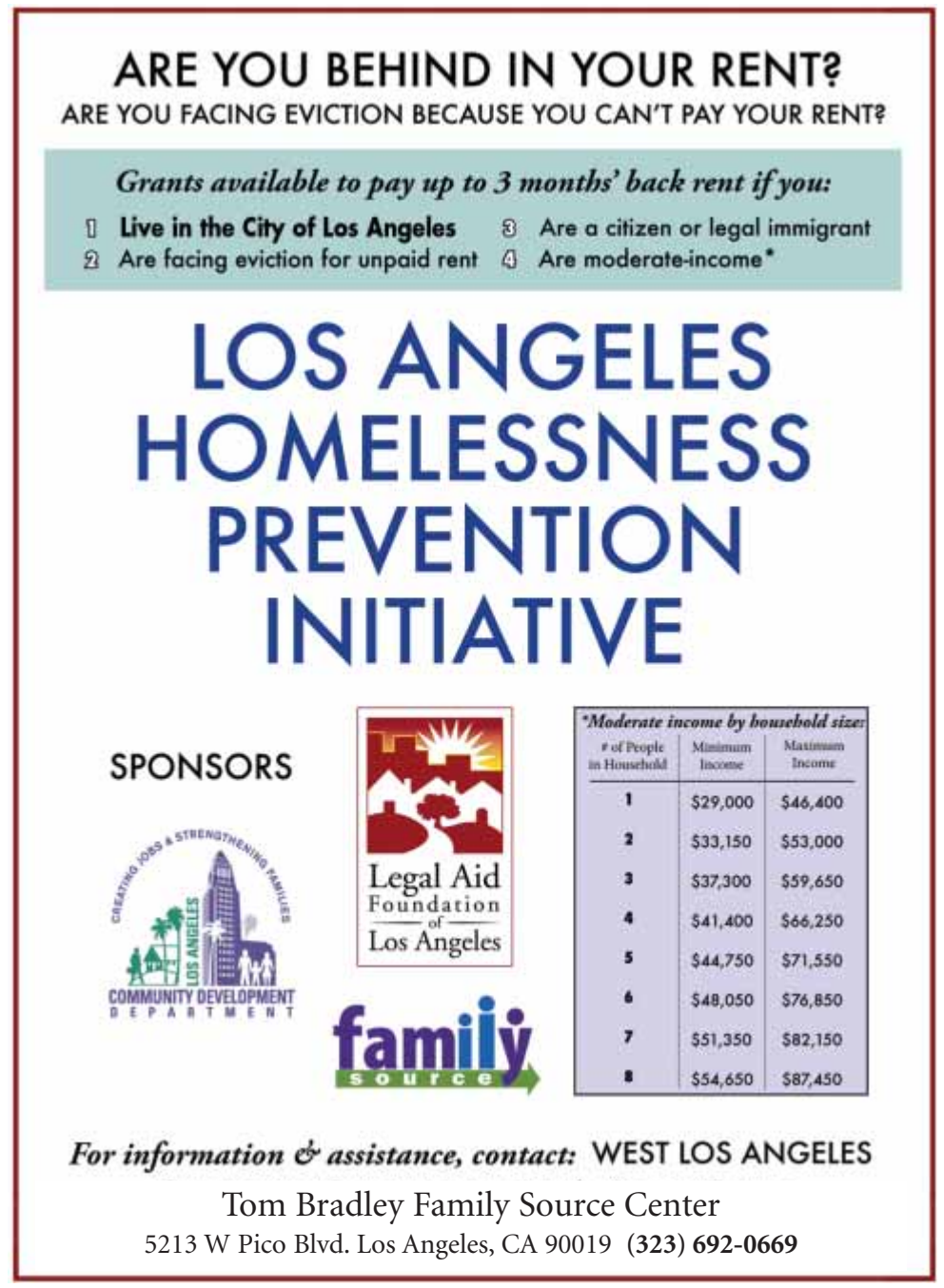
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# City moves to hire lawyer to probe homeless death

BY AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

FULLERTON, Calif. City officials moved Friday toward hiring a lawyer to investigate the death of a mentally ill homeless man after a violent confrontation with police in this Southern California suburb.

City Council members held a closed session to discuss the issue as the six officers involved in the clash with 37-year-old Kelly Thomas remained on paid administrative leave and the incident was under investigation by the FBI and the district attorney's office.

City Attorney Richard D. Jones later said the council asked him to prepare a contract with Michael Gennaco, a specialist in examining law enforcement agencies and chief attorney for the Los Angeles County Office of Independent Review, a civilian oversight body that monitors the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The council will then vote on the contract, estimated at between $50,000 and $70,000.

The city attorney also said the council may have to decide potential disciplinary cases and therefore members were restricted in what they can say publicly.

"They are the ultimate judges," he said.

Angry residents chastised council members before the session for keeping quiet about the incident that has riled Fullerton, a city of 138,000 people in Orange County.

Resident Roberta Reid asked if an outside investigator could truly be independent if paid by the city.

"This case is really scary. It scares me and it scares a lot of people," Reid said. "My biggest concern at this point is my taxpayer dollars. ... If I were paid to do a job I would side with the person who paid me."

Some residents say they have embarked on a campaign to recall three members of the City Council, including the mayor, and urged them to resign.

They also chastised the mayor for comparing Thomas' injuries with some of those he saw during the Vietnam War.

Mayor F. Richard Jones urged the public to wait for a coroner's report to learn the exact cause of Thomas' death before passing judgment.

"Most facial injuries of that type are not fatal unless something else has happened," he told the crowd. "That was a very gruesome injury. There's no question about it. But I'm sorry, I've seen worse."

The elected officials also discussed a claim filed by Thomas' family against the city alleging violation of civil rights, negligence and conspiracy. The claim — the first step toward filing a lawsuit — was referred to the insurance company that represents the city.

Also on the agenda was the police chief's decision to take a medical leave.

Ron Thomas, the father of Kelly Thomas, said he would donate any settlement he might win to charities serving the homeless.

"They've already offered me $900,000," said Thomas. "I just laughed at them. For what you did, the negligence that you showed? Ideally, I'm maybe looking for something more like $10 million, $15 million.

"So many people need help, and they need to learn a lesson here. I see this as a win-win," he added.

Kelly Thomas suffered from schizophrenia and chose to live on the streets despite support from family and friends, Ron Thomas has said. Like many homeless people. Kelly Thomas frequented a transit hub where officers on July 5 were investigating a report of vehicle break-ins.

Police said Kelly Thomas ran when they tried to search his bag, and they struggled to arrest him on suspicion of possessing stolen goods.

Video from a bystander's cell phone taken from a distance showed parts of the bloody encounter between Thomas and the officers, including a snippet in which he can be heard screaming for his father. Surveillance video aboard a bus showed agitated passengers saying officers beat and repeatedly used a stun gun on him.

Thomas had severe head and neck injuries and died after he was removed from life support on July 10. An autopsy initially failed to determine the cause of death pending further tests.

Police supervisors allowed the six officers involved in the confrontation to view a videotape of the July 5 confrontation before writing their reports.

Capt. Kevin Hamilton, the interim police chief, said Friday that officers frequently review video and audiotape of their activity.

"The reason we do that is we want accurate accounting of what happened in the police reports," he said.

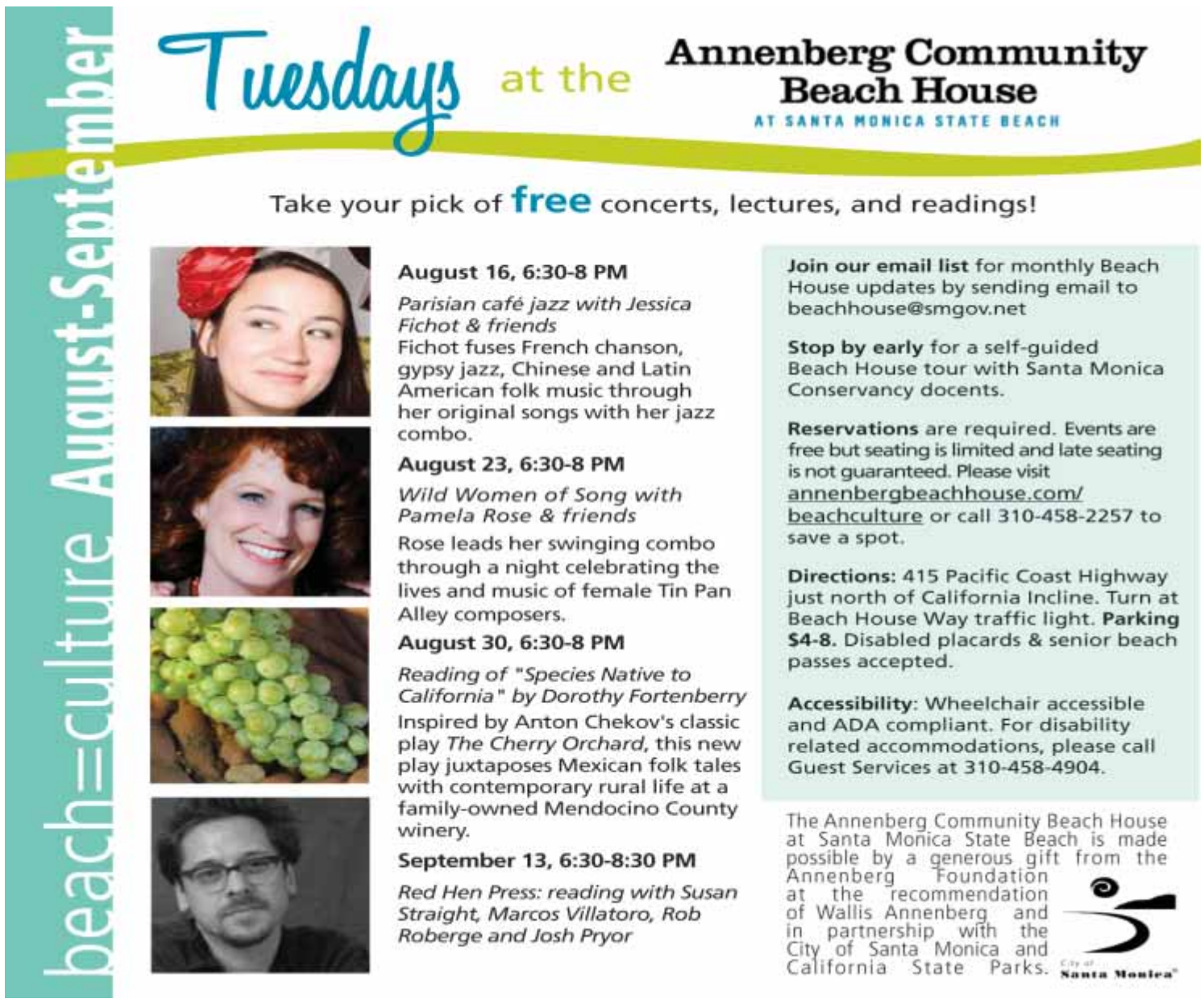
Jeffrey Eglash, former inspector general of the Los Angeles Police Department, told the Los Angeles Times on Thursday that allowing such viewings doesn't advance the "truth-seeking" because it allows officers to coordinate their reports.

Sgt. Andrew Goodrich, a police spokesman, said the officers have received death threats in voicemail messages left at their homes. He said they were told to take precautions, and some moved out of their houses. Their names have not been released by the department but have appeared on the Internet. Goodrich declined to specify how many received the threats.









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# Wall Street's ride compounds states' pension fears

BY MICHAEL GORMLEY
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. Wall Street's volatility has hit state pension funds just as they were beginning to recover from the recession, turning what was merely a troubled forecast into a potentially stormy future for taxpayers who are on the hook for billions in unfunded liabilities for government retirees.

As for the millions of government clerks, engineers, janitors, teachers and firefighters in the retirement systems, they are protected by law or, as in New York, by the state constitution, to be backed up by tax dollars if necessary. Their benefits remain safe for life in guaranteed "defined benefit" pension plans that are disappearing in the private sector, where most employees are left to fend for themselves with 401(k) plans that they mostly or entirely fund themselves.

California's main public-employee pension fund, the nation's largest, has lost at least $18 billion off its stock portfolio since July 1, about 7.5 percent of its $237.5 billion total asset value on June 30.

Florida's pension fund has lost about $9 billion since June 30, a decline of 7 percent for a fund valued at $119.4 billion on Thursday, while the Virginia Retirement System shrank from $54.5 billion on June 30 to about $51 billion by week's end, a decline of 6.4 percent, said its director, Robert P. Schultze.

New York's state comptroller will not say how much the state pension fund has lost during the latest Wall Street roller coaster, but the fund was 5 percent below its pre-recession value before the recent losses and remained nearly $8 billion below its pre-recession value.

And Kentucky, which has more than $20 billion in unfunded pension liabilities, has seen the value of its public pension fund decline $1.7 billion — or 15 percent — since July 1, falling to a total value of $9.7 billion.

Nationwide, states have a combined $689.5 billion in unfunded pension liabilities and $418 billion in government retiree health care obligations, according to data collected earlier this year by The Associated Press. Those benefits are protected by state law or, as in New York, by the constitution.

Pension fund managers say there is no risk current government retirees will miss a monthly check and that they are remaining calm and taking the long view in their investments. Some say the market plunge is even providing a great opportunity to buy stocks at fire-sale prices.

Kentucky Retirement Systems Chief Investor T.J. Carlson said his fund has not made significant changes to its investments in response to the market turmoil.

"We haven't changed our long-term strategy in any way," he said.

Critics of the defined benefit plans, which guarantee pensions for life to public employees and are rarely found any longer in the private sector, say the recent stock market plunge underscores the need for fundamental changes.

The amount state and local governments are being forced to funnel into pension payments is rising as retirees live longer and elected officials have awarded more generous pension benefits in recent years, taking taxpayer money away from core public services.

At the same, pension funds promise returns on investments — 7 percent to 8 percent or more a year — that many critics say are unrealistic in the future.

E.J. McMahon, a senior fellow at the conservative Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, said the asset levels of virtually all public pension funds are below 2007 levels despite the recovery of the market in 2009 and 2010.

"They still think there is a 'long-term norm,'" he said of fund managers. "The events of the last two months are a reminder of how wrong that might be."

As recently as last month, California's two public pension funds reported investment gains of more than 20 percent for the fiscal year ended June 30, largely driven by rising stock values.

The increase came as both funds — one for teachers, the other for state and local government workers — were clawing their way back from losses in 2008 and 2009 that cost them up to one-third of their asset value.

The recent losses are stoking fears again that taxpayers will have to bail them out at the expense of other programs that already have been subject to deep budget cuts. The state already faces an estimated $75 billion in unfunded public pension liabilities.

"The stock market volatility just shows that the public budget should not be subject to the Dow Jones Industrial Average," said Dan Pellissier, president of California Pension Reform, a group that is preparing a ballot initiative to limit the amounts governments can spend for future pensions.

Pellissier himself will qualify for a $5,000-a-month state pension when he turns 55 in five years after working in state government for two decades. Despite his own government pension, Pellissier said public employees should bear the investment risk for retirement benefits just as private-sector employees do through 401(k) plans.

New York state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli said public pension funds work well. New York has reduced pension benefits in the past year for newly hired workers and lowered its performance outlook to 7.5 percent, while most states remain at 8 percent.

"This is a fund that has worked and been able to pay out benefits for 90 years," he said. Managers also note the "funding ratio," which is the percentage of the fund needed to pay out all its obligations, is more than 80 percent in many states, which pension managers say is positive.

As an example of pension funds adapting to meet changing conditions, the $51 billion Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System increased its cash allocation to 8 percent after the 2008 market crash so it could pay benefits without having to sell assets. It has lost as much as 3 percent in value since July 1.

After a strong showing last year in a rebounding market, many state pension fund managers are confident they will ride out the latest gut-churning gyrations on Wall Street.

While Virginia's fund has an unfunded liability of $17.6 billion, it diversified after the stock market losses in 2008 and 2009, allowing it to better weather stock market swings. New Jersey's pension portfolio is more diverse than ever and includes real estate, hedge funds and private equity investments.

"It's a hedge against the kind of market conditions we've seen over the past two weeks," state Treasury spokesman Andy Pratt said. "We have significant protection against the ups and downs of the stock market we're seeing now."

He said returns for the last fiscal year were between 17.5 percent and 18.5 percent, the best year since 1998.

In Massachusetts, investments are being diversified and loopholes to accrue pension benefits are being closed. The state also added 15 years to its deadline for fully funding the retirement system, pushing it to 2040.

Julie Graham-Price, spokeswoman for Ohio's Public Employees Retirement System, said the fund's bond holdings gained this week even as stock values sunk, evidence of a balanced portfolio.

"We have no idea yet what July and August will look like except to say it's not good when the market is volatile and has dropped like it has," said David Urbanek, spokesman for the Illinois Teachers Retirement System. "It's a cyclical thing. We will ride it out, just as we have overcome numerous other downturns over the last 72 years."

Even with the steady-as-she-goes response from pension fund managers, critics of the system say taxpayers should be nervous about their future liabilities to government retirees, said Jim Waters, vice president of the Bluegrass Institute, a nonpartisan group that has pressed for a defined contribution system for government employees in Kentucky.

"Without pension reform, Kentucky could be headed for bankruptcy and the inability to provide necessary services for its neediest citizens," he said. "Kentucky's been in a hole for a while now, but continues to dig ... There's no way we can rely solely on the stock market or even individual contributions alone to close the liability gap."




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# Appeals court strikes health insurance requirement

BY GREG BLUESTEIN
Associated Press

ATLANTA A federal appeals court panel on Friday struck down the requirement in President Barack Obama's health care overhaul package that virtually all Americans must carry health insurance or face penalties.

The divided three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the so-called individual mandate, which is considered the centerpiece of the law, siding with 26 states that had sued to block the law. But the panel didn't go as far as a lower court that had invalidated the entire overhaul as unconstitutional.

Government attorneys can — and likely will — ask the full 11th Circuit to review the panel's ruling. They also can appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, which many legal observers expect to have the final say on the issue.

White House adviser Stephanie Cutter said the administration strongly disagreed with the ruling and was confident it would not stand.

"Individuals who choose to go without health insurance are making an economic decision that affects all of us — when people without insurance obtain health care they cannot pay for, those with insurance and taxpayers are often left to pick up the tab," Cutter said.

The states and other critics argued the law violates people's rights, while the Justice Department countered that the legislative branch was exercising a "quintessential" power.

The decision, penned by Chief Judge Joel Dubina and Circuit Judge Frank Hull, found that "the individual mandate contained in the Act exceeds Congress's enumerated commerce power."

"What Congress cannot do under the Commerce Clause is mandate that individuals enter into contracts with private insurance companies for the purchase of an expensive product from the time they are born until the time they die," the opinion said.

Circuit Judge Stanley Marcus said in a lengthy dissent that the majority ignored the "undeniable fact that Congress' commerce power has grown exponentially over the past two centuries, and is now generally accepted as having afforded Congress the authority to create rules regulating large areas of our national economy."

The 11th Circuit isn't the first appeals court to weigh in on the issue. The federal appeals court in Cincinnati upheld the government's new requirement that most Americans buy health insurance, and an appeals court in Richmond has heard similar legal constitutional challenges to the law.

But the Atlanta-based court is considered by many observers to be the most pivotal legal battleground yet because it reviewed a sweeping ruling by a Florida judge.

U.S. District Judge Roger Vinson's ruling not only struck down a requirement that nearly all Americans carry health insurance, but he also threw out other provisions ranging from Medicare discounts for some seniors to a change that allows adult children up to age 26 to remain on their parents' coverage.

The states urged the 11th Circuit to uphold Vinson's ruling, saying in a court filing that letting the law stand would set a troubling precedent that "would imperil individual liberty, render Congress's other enumerated powers superfluous, and allow Congress to usurp the general police power reserved to the states."

On Friday, the National Federation of Independent Business, which joined the 26 states in the challenge, urged the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down the rest of the health care overhaul. The federation has argued the federal health care law would cost small businesses millions by forcing them to provide health insurance for employees.

"Small-business owners across the country have been vindicated by the 11th Circuit's ruling that the individual mandate in the healthcare law is unconstitutional," the group said. "The court reaffirmed what small businesses already knew — there are limits to Congress' power. And the individual mandate, which compels every American to buy health insurance or pay a fine, is a bridge too far."

The Justice Department countered that Congress had the power to require most people to buy health insurance or face tax penalties because Congress has the authority to regulate interstate business. It said the legislative branch was exercising its "quintessential" rights when it adopted the new law.

During oral arguments in June, the three-judge panel repeatedly raised questions about the overhaul and expressed unease with the insurance requirement. Each of the three worried aloud if upholding the landmark law could open the door to Congress adopting other sweeping economic mandates.

The arguments unfolded in what's considered one of the nation's most conservative appeals courts. But the randomly selected panel represents different judicial perspectives. None of the three is considered either a stalwart conservative or an unfaltering liberal.

Dubina, an appointee of President George H.W. Bush, is not considered to be as reflexively conservative as some of his colleagues. But he's been under particular scrutiny because of his daughter's outspoken opposition to the health care overhaul. U.S. Rep. Martha Dubina Roby, a Montgomery, Ala., Republican elected in November, voted to repeal the health care law.

Marcus and Hull were both tapped by President Bill Clinton to join the court. Marcus also was previously appointed by Republican President Ronald Reagan to serve on the Florida bench after several years as Miami's lead federal prosecutor. And Hull, a former county judge in Atlanta, is known for subjecting both sides of the counsel table to challenging questions.

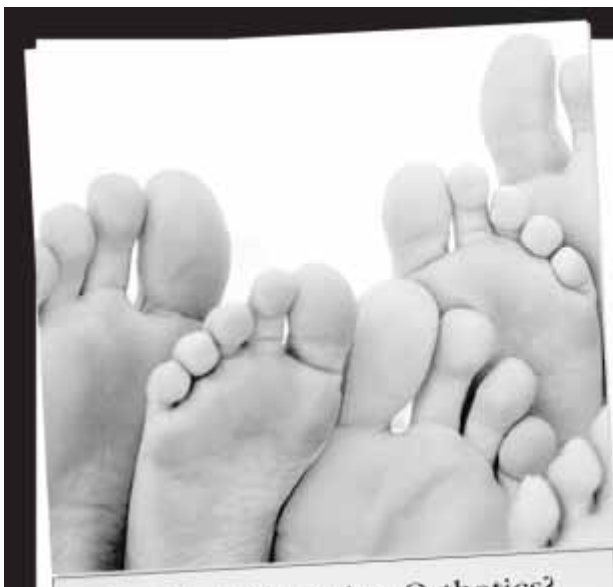
Meanwhile Friday, an Ohio Supreme Court ruling appeared to clear the way for voters in that state to have a chance to reject parts of the health care law on Nov. 8. The Ohio high court in a unanimous decision rejected a liberal policy group's lawsuit challenging certification of the so-called Health Care Freedom Amendment. The lawsuit had claimed petitions carrying 69,000 signatures were flawed.

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# London police say nearly 700 charged over riots

BY JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON Thousands of extra police officers were stationed on Britain's streets Friday, as the country faced its first weekend since riots raged through suburbs and town centers, leaving a scarred landscape of broken glass and torched buildings.

Police in London, which saw the worst violence, have charged almost 700 people with violence, disorder and looting, and the city's mayor said Londoners wanted to see tough sentences handed out to the guilty. Hundreds of stores were looted, buildings were set ablaze and five people died amid the mayhem that broke out Saturday in London and spread over four nights across England.

Police, meanwhile, hit back against claims they were too soft in their initial response to the disorder.

Prime Minister David Cameron said officers had been overwhelmed at first, outmaneuvered by mobile gangs of rioters. He said "far too few police were deployed onto the streets. And the tactics they were using weren't working."

That changed Tuesday, when 16,000 officers were out on London's streets — almost three times the number of the night before. Cameron said the extra officers will remain on patrol through the weekend.

Hugh Orde, president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, acknowledged that police had faced "an unprecedented situation, unique circumstances" — but said it was police themselves, rather than "political interference," that got the situation under control.

"The more robust policing tactics you saw were not a function of political interference," he told the BBC. "They were a function of the numbers being available to allow the chief constables to change their tactics."

Cameron vowed "swift justice" for perpetrators, and courts were struggling to cope with a flood of defendants.

Across the country, more than 1,700 people have been arrested. Courts in London, Birmingham and Manchester have stayed open around the clock since Wednesday to deal with hundreds of alleged offenders.

The alleged looters and vandals included an 11-year-old boy, a teenage ballerina, a university English student from a prosperous commuter town, and Natasha Reid, a 24-year-old university graduate who admitted stealing a TV from a looted electronics store. Her lawyer said she had turned herself in because she could not sleep for guilt. A judge told her she would probably go to jail when she is sentenced later.

Another was Chelsea Ives, an 18-year-old chosen as a volunteer ambassador for next year's Olympic Games. She is accused of burglary, violent disorder and throwing bricks at a police car during riots in north London on Sunday.

Newspapers reported that Ives was charged after her parents saw her rioting on TV and turned her in. She was ordered detained until a court appearance on Wednesday.

Mayor Boris Johnson said it was fitting that "significant sentences" were being handed down.

"That is, frankly, what Londoners want to see," he said.

Although the rioters came from all Britain's ethnic communities, the violence stirred fears of heightened racial tensions — especially in Birmingham, where three South Asian men were killed Tuesday when they were hit by a car, reportedly driven by black youths.

Hours later Tariq Jahan, whose 21-year-old son Haroon was killed, urged calm. So far, he has been heeded.

"This is not a race issue," he said. "The family has received messages of sympathy and support from all parts of the community — all races, all faiths and backgrounds."

Home Secretary Theresa May said she was banning a march planned for Saturday by the far-right English Defense League in the central England town of Telford amid fears of violence.

The violence was triggered by fatal police shooting of Mark Duggan, a 29-year-old father of four who was gunned down in north London's Tottenham area on Aug. 4 under disputed circumstances. A protest demanding justice on Saturday devolved into a riot, which spread to other parts of London and beyond.

Britain's police watchdog apologized Friday for "inadvertently" giving the impression immediately after the shooting that Duggan had fired at officers. The Independent Police Complaints Commission said, "We may have verbally led journalists to believe that shots were exchanged."

A gun was found in the car Duggan was traveling in, but ballistic tests showed that a bullet found lodged in an officer's radio was police issue.

Britain's Parliament was called back from its summer break for an emergency debate on the riots Thursday, with Cameron promising authorities would get strong powers to stop street mayhem from erupting again.

He said authorities were considering new powers, including allowing police to order thugs to remove masks or hoods, evicting troublemakers from subsidized housing and temporarily disabling cell phone instant messaging services.

He told lawmakers that he would look to cities like Boston for inspiration, and mentioned former Los Angeles, New York and Boston Police Chief William Bratton as a person who could help offer advice.

Bratton said he received a phone call Friday from Cameron asking him whether he would consider becoming a consultant for British police. He said he thanked Cameron for the opportunity and will continue speaking with British officials to formalize an agreement.

"This is a prime minister who has a clear idea of what he wants to do," Bratton told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "He sees this crisis as a way to bring change. The police force there can be a catalyst for that. I'm very optimistic."

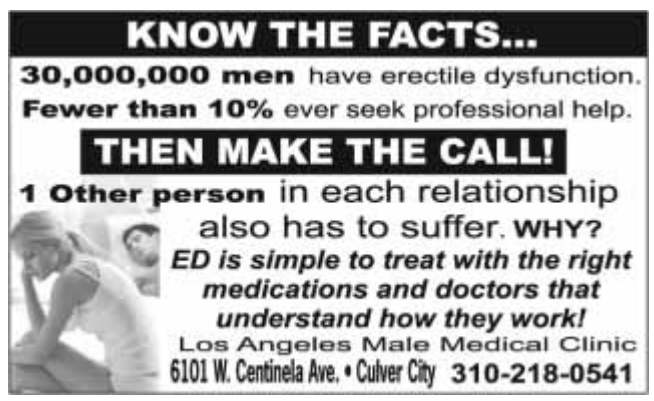
Cameron also said the government, police and intelligence services were looking at whether there should be limits on the use of social media sites like Twitter and Facebook or services like BlackBerry Messenger to spread disorder.

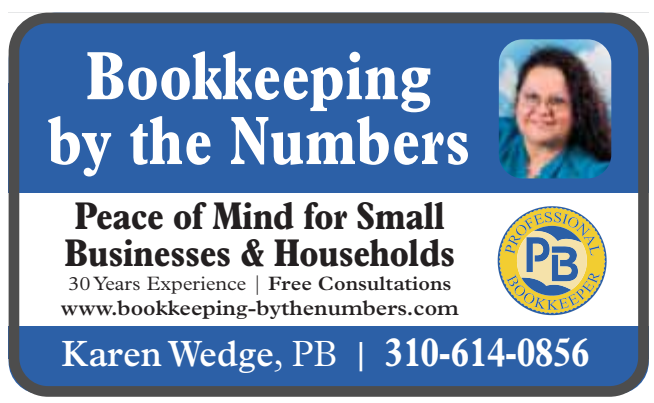
BlackBerry's simple and largely cost free messaging service was used by rioters to coordinate their activities, Cameron's office said. An 18-year-old woman was charged Friday with using BlackBerry messaging to encourage others to take part in violence. Several others have been charged with inciting violence on Facebook and Twitter.

The government said it planned to hold talks with police chiefs, Twitter, Facebook and Blackberry manufacturer Research In Motion Ltd.

But any move to disable the services temporarily is likely to be strongly opposed by civil libertarians.




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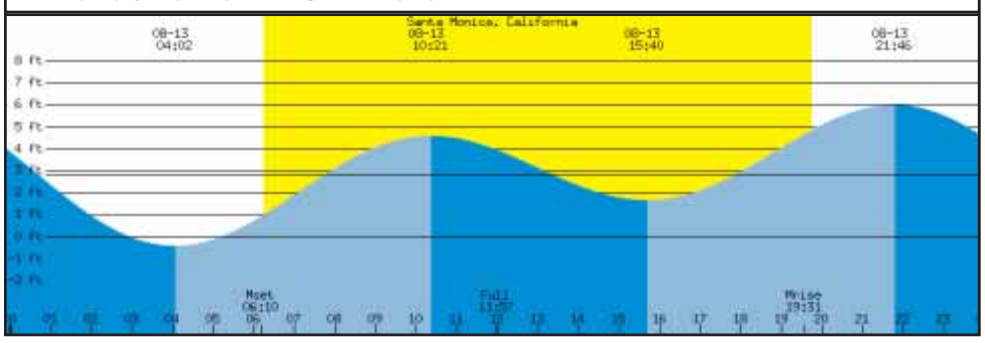
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| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks. | A+ | ns |
| Encinal 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 Don Blacker County Beach. | F | ns |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.. | F | ns |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence. | A+ | ns |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily. | B | ns |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | F | 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. | ns | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | B | ns |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | 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). | B | ns |
| Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain. | A+ | ns |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain. | A+ | ns |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier. | D | 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 |
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| 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 |
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# U.S. skier tossed off team over in-flight urination

**BY DAVID B. CARUSO**
Associated Press

NEW YORK An 18-year-old was dismissed from the U.S. Ski Team's development squad after he was accused of getting drunk and then urinating on a fellow passenger aboard a JetBlue flight.

Robert "Sandy" Vietze, of Warren, Vt., was detained by police at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport on Wednesday morning after arriving on a red-eye flight from Portland, Ore.

He faces a federal misdemeanor charge of indecent exposure, according to the U.S. Attorney's office in Brooklyn.

"Based on the information we have, Sandy Vietze is in violation of the USSA code of conduct and team agreement, and has been dismissed from the team," U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association Executive Vice President of Athletics Luke Bodensteiner said in an e-mail sent to The Associated Press on Friday.

The AP's attempts to reach Vietze and his parents for comment have been unsuccessful. The phone has been ringing unanswered at the family's home since Thursday, when news of the incident was first reported in the New York Post.

Vietze was nominated to the development team this spring after excelling as an alpine skier at the Green Mountain Valley School, a top ski academy and high school in Waitsfield, Vt., where tuition runs as much as $42,384 per year. He had been scheduled to compete on the national ski team's developmental squad for the 2011-2012 season.

A Port Authority Police Department detective wrote in court documents that Vietze told him he had consumed five or six beers and two rum and cola cocktails before boarding the flight. He said he passed out in his seat and awoke to find himself being yelled at by the father of a 12-year-old girl.

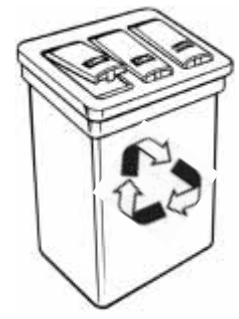
The girl's father told the detective that when he returned from a trip to the bathroom at 2:30 a.m., he found Vietze urinating on his daughter.

The man described Vietze as "out of it."

The Port Authority initially told the AP and other news outlets Thursday that federal prosecutors had decided to drop the indecent exposure charge, but a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, Robert Nardoza, said Friday that the case is still pending.

The charge carries a maximum fine of $1,000 and a possibility of up to a year in jail, although time behind bars would be very unusual in such a case.



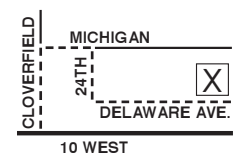



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**Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 50min**
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

**Friends With Benefits (R) 2hrs 00min**
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

**Gun Hill Road (R) 1hr 26min**
10:00am, 12:25pm, 2:45pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:10pm

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**Smurfs 3D (PG) 1hr 26min**
11:40am, 2:20pm

**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 10min**
1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:25pm

**Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 50min**
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

**Final Destination 5 3D (R) 1hr 35min**
10:15am, 12:45pm, 3:15pm, 4:50pm, 5:45pm, 7:10pm, 8:15pm, 9:40pm, 10:45pm

**Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min**
10:10am, 1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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9:45am 12:40pm, 4:00pm, 7:25pm, 10:40pm

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11:00am

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1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

**Point Blank (A Bout Portant) (R) 1hr 24min**
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

**Another Earth (PG-13) 1hr 32min**
1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:50pm, 8:10pm, 10:20pm

**Buck (PG) 1hr 29min**
11:00am, 5:40pm

**Project Nim (PG-13) 1hr 30min**
11:00am

**Life in a Day (PG-13) 1hr 30min**
11:00am

**Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min**
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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**Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 2hrs 05min**
10:15am, 1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm

**Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) 1hr 58min**
10:45am, 1:35pm, 4:25pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

**Change-Up (R) 1hr 41min**
11:35am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:35pm

**30 Minutes or Less (R) 1hr 23min**
10:30am, 12:50pm, 3:15pm, 5:40pm, 8:05pm, 10:30pm

**Horrible Bosses (R) 1hr 40min**
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

**Glee the 3D Concert Movie (NR) 1hr 40min**
10:00am, 12:20pm, 2:40pm, 5:05pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

**Captain America: The First Avenger 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 05min**
10:10pm

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# Play it low-key tonight, Pisces

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★★ Remember a friend. Make plans to get together -- if not today, then soon. This person cares a lot. Why not bring loved ones together for a spontaneous party? Tonight: Where the action is.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★ Be aware of an implicit demand from an authority figure. Though you might want to spend your day as planned, you might not have much of a choice right now. Tonight: As late as you want.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★★ Respond to a distant drummer and follow that voice. You will enjoy the adventure and change of scenery. In some sense, you will want to walk out of your life for a short time. Where is the grass greener? Tonight: Go exotic.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★★ You might want to understand your limitations and choices. A partner could be stressing you out by asking too much from you. Establish limits and boundaries. Tonight: Who is going to treat?

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal issue, as you might not have a choice. Many people around you cannot help but play devil's advocate, no matter what. Share more of your feelings. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★ Complete a project before you decide to go out. Your sense of humor comes through, though some people might not get your wit. Consider adding to your health routine to make yourself better. Tonight: Disappear. Say little.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★ Others try to lighten the moment. You will lighten up, but you like the friendly coaxing from friends and loved ones. Stay within your immediate social routine. Just do what comes naturally. Clearly, someone wants you to join in. Tonight: Fun and games.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★ Don't hesitate to step back a little. You might be tired or overwhelmed by what you have to do. Not everyone responds to stress like you do. You can stand a lot before you have to take a break! Consider taking a nap. Tonight: The action is at your pad.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★★ You might be juggling a lot of changes, calls and discussions. Look at the situation as invigorating as opposed to aggravating. You will fare well. In the end, recognize what a good time can be had. You enjoy hearing from all quarters. Call someone if you haven't heard from him or her of late. Tonight: Enjoying where you are.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★ Watch what you do, and be aware that some actions will draw strong reactions. Chill if you can, but put a stop sign out if someone tries to cross a financial boundary. The word is "no." You cannot make a decision in this atmosphere. Tonight: Indulging doesn't mean overspending.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★★ Today's Full Moon hits you. Depending on how you handle energy, you could use this moment to expand your horizons, solidify a relationship or make a move toward growing your immediate circle. Certainly what this day is about is socializing, commitments and caring. Tonight: You ultimately make the call.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★ You need some downtime. You often give so much of yourself that you tumble into exhaustion and fatigue. Even in the best of worlds, everyone needs a break from the here and now. Take yours with grace. Tonight: Play it low-key.

## Happy birthday

This year, you juggle many different people, feelings and issues. You seek a midpoint or resolution. Issues of guilt and resentment could arise. Reaching a place where both parties in a marriage can feel that they have enough say or dominance will be important. If you are single, knowing your boundaries remains instrumental when dating. Your charisma shines this year. You have many options in your life. AQUARIUS often expresses the other side of the issue.

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



# MYSTERY PHOTO

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

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## Dogs of C-Kennel

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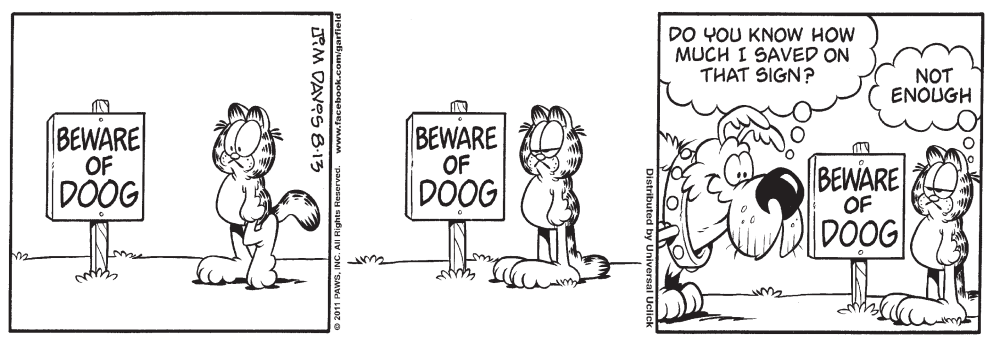

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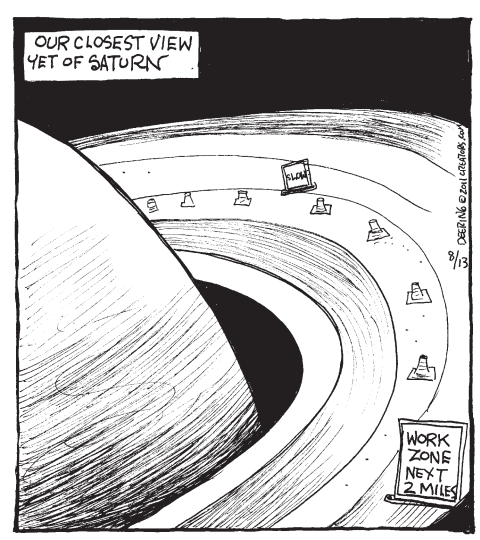

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By John Deering




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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 ★★★★

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## GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

**1** "Witness" director
**5** Rap sheet item
**10** Not urban
**12** Joust need
**13** Bouquet
**14** In the know
**15** Farm sight
**16** Cal. spans
**18** Lawn material
**19** "23 —!"
**21** Disarray
**22** Sound study
**24** Exacting
**25** Pool needs
**29** Averages
**30** Starting a hole
**32** Planetoid
**33** June honoree
**34** Skier Tommy
**35** Spartacus, for one
**37** Smells
**39** Bar mixer
**40** Inverted sixes
**41** Vegan's no-no
**42** Ninny

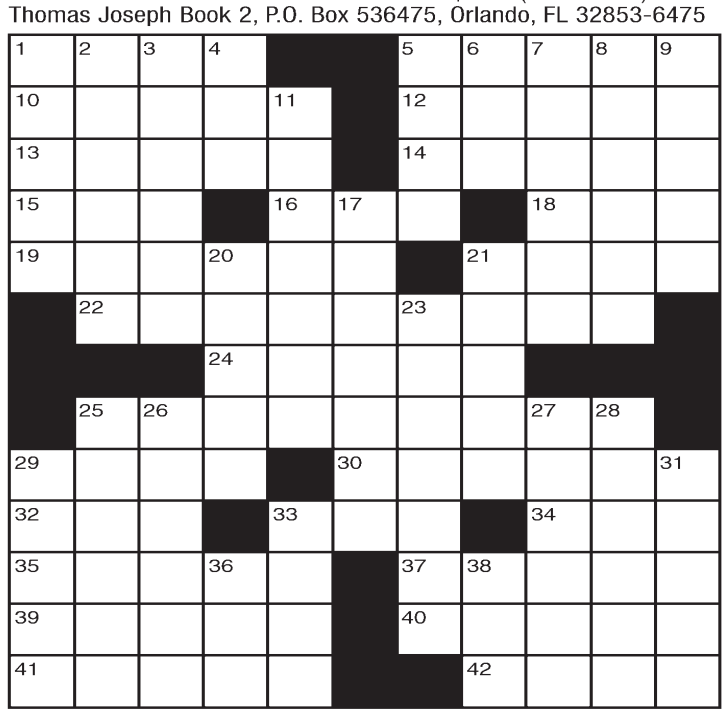
**DOWN**

**1** Cylindrical sandwiches
**2** Cry of discovery
**3** Arch
**4** Zodiac animal
**5** Woeful cry
**6** Bar topic
**7** "Hold on!"
**8** Unlike this answer
**9** Future flowers
**11** Floor plans
**17** Nile Delta city
**20** Rx amounts
**21** Chop up
**23** Checked for fit
**25** Spot for some lemons
**26** Polished
**27** Geisha wear
**28** Was a bad bunkmate
**29** Fence supports
**31** Painting base
**33** Bridge need
**36** Through
**38** Pulled off

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In June, Eric Carrier, 23, of Hooksett, N.H., became the most recent person arrested for running a scam on a home-healthcare worker by pretending to be disabled and in need of someone to change his adult diapers. Carrier first told the woman that he was the father of a man disabled by a brain injury, but when she reported for work, it was Carrier himself wearing the diaper and who demanded changing and who allegedly indecently exposed himself.

■ Two undercover policewomen running a prostitution sting in Dothan, Ala., in October (1999) declined to arrest a pickup-truck-driving john, around age 70, despite his three attempts to procure their services. He first offered the women the three squirrels he had just shot, but they ignored him (too much trouble to log in and store the evidence). A few minutes later, he sweetened the offer with the used refrigerator in the back of his truck, but the officers again declined (same reason). On the third trip, he finally offered cash: $6 (but no squirrels or refrigerator). The officers again declined. They later said they had resolved to arrest him if he returned, but he did not.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1969** The Apollo 11 astronauts are released from a three-week quarantine to enjoy a ticker-tape parade in New York. That evening, at a state dinner in Los Angeles, they are awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by U.S. President Richard Nixon.

**1978** 150 Palestinians in Beirut are killed in a terrorist attack during the second phase of the Lebanese Civil War.

**2004** Hurricane Charley, a Category 4 storm, strikes Punta Gorda, Florida and devastates the surrounding area.

**2004** 156 Congolese Tutsi refugees are massacred at the Gatumba refugee camp in Burundi.

**2004** Opening ceremony of the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

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**\MUHN-duh-fahy\ , verb;**
1. To purge or purify.

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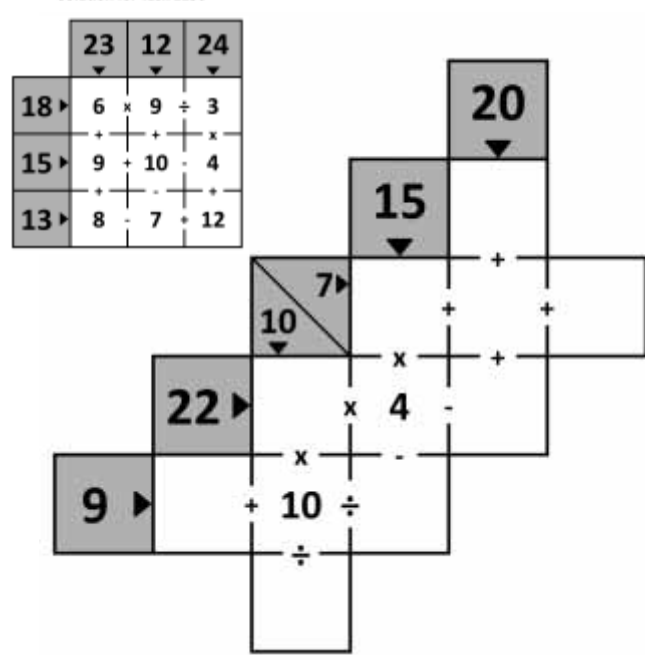
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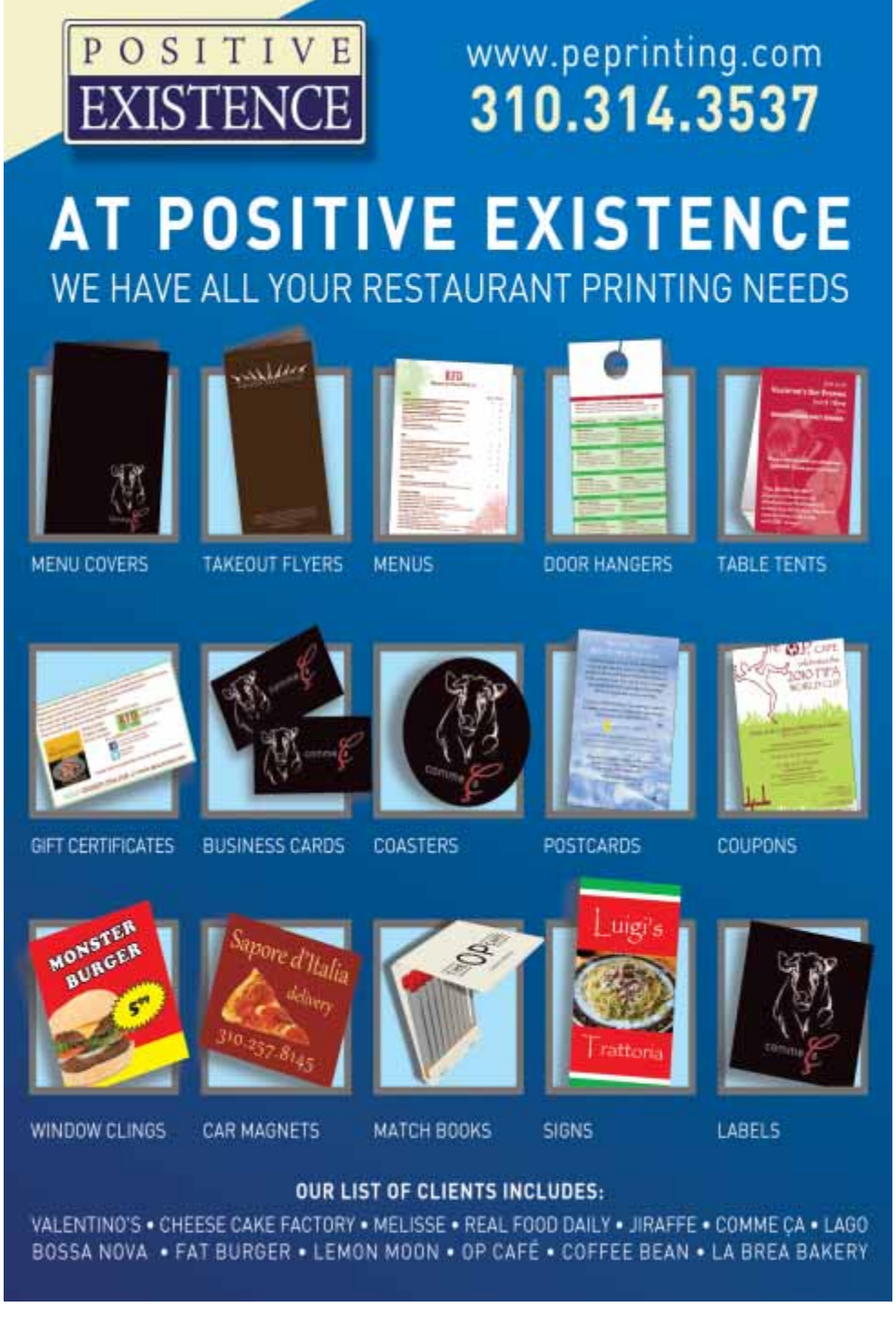
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Quintessential Canyon Home .. *But Remodeled*




2 Beds + 1 Bath
Large, Open Kitchen
Huge Deck
Glorious Ocean Views &Breezes
Entire Top Floor of Home

**Open Sunday Aug 14th**
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## 436 & 440 Entrada Drive





**3 Bedroom + 2 Bath**
**Over 10,000 Sq Ft Lot!**
**$1,195,000**
**Open Sunday Aug 14th**
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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## 1751 Appian Way

**White Water Views**



**Open Saturday Aug 13th**
2:00 - 5:00 pm

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|---|---|---|---|
| Unit 101 | 1 Bed | 1.5 Bath | $4,999 |
| Unit 202 | 2 Bed | 2.5 Bath | $6,650 |
| Unit 302 | 2 Bed | 2.5 Bath | $6,600 |
| Unit 303 | 2 Bed | 2 Bath | $6,800 |
| Unit 401 | 3 Bed | 2 Bath | $5,999 |
| Unit 403 | 3 Bed | 3 Bath | $19,000 |

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## 519 California Ave #103

**$859,000**
**2 Bedroom + 2 Bath**
**High Ceilings**
**Huge Yard**
**Feels Like a Home !**
**Open Sunday Aug 14th**
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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## 515 Ocean Avenue #605

$1,399,000
2 Bedroom
2 Baths
Gorgeous
Remodel!



Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica Properties
From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale As of Mid - August 2011

| | | Single Family Homes | Condos & Townhomes |
|---|---|---|---|
| Santa Monica Canyon | = | $1,195,000 | $1,649,000 |
| North of Montana | = | $3,392,000 | $1,100,000 |
| Between Wilshire & Montana | = | $1,799,982 | $732,000 |
| South of Wilshire | = | $799,000 | $549,000 |
| Sunset Park | = | $1,065,000 | $506,500 |
| Ocean Park | = | $1,486,500 | $859,000 |

**Statistics updated every Monday**

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