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THE TAKE A BITE ISSUE

A costly law could delay motel project

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN When motel owner Michael Farzam first proposed rebuilding two outdated inns, one of the last things he expected was to be hit with a seven-figure fee for removing affordable lodging.

It was a surprise because he was replacing them with more inexpensive guest rooms.

The owner of a new motel project that would consolidate the existing Travelodge and Pacific Sands on the 1500 block of Ocean Avenue, Farzam is planning to appeal a more than \$1 million mitigation fee that he is required to pay because of an 18-year-old ordinance that penalizes developers for removing cheap accommodations.

The ordinance was passed amid concerns the city was headed toward gentrification with high-rise condominiums and expensive hotels popping up along the coastline, which was an issue for a rent-control community that prided itself on promoting a lower-cost of living.

Such developmental trends could be seen in the years preceding the ordinance's enactment in May 1990. From 1984 to 1990, six luxury hotels with more than 1,100 rooms received permits to build within the coastal zone, which is the area bounded by the ocean to the west, the southern boundary, Lincoln Boulevard to the east and San Vicente Boulevard to the north. In that same time period, there were no low-cost lodging projects proposed for the area and approximately 355 affordable guest rooms were demolished.

The fee, which is approximately \$8,000 for each room removed, would in turn be used to offset the loss by funding projects that create more inexpensive accommodations.

"The city was trying to combat what we thought was a perverse outcome by seeking strategies to remedy or offset those losses," said former City Council member Denny Zane, who served as mayor at the time the ordinance was passed. "There were lots of concerns about gentrification of the city and cities have limited tools.

"Many times they are not legally able to

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LADY LIBERTY

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A model does her best impression of the Statue of Liberty on the Third Street Promenade on Friday as part of a promotion by Macerich Co., the owner of Santa Monica Place. Macerich was promoting the arrival of Bloomingdale's, which originated in Manhattan. Bloomingdale's will replace Macy's in 2010. The mall is currently being remodeled.

Residents, businesses praise new patrol plan

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY As the so-called Silverware Bandit continued burglarizing homes on the Westside, Officer Artis Williams knew it was time to take preventative action.

In order to ease an apprehensive community following break-ins at two Sunset Park homes over the summer, Williams organized a neighborhood meeting that discussed safety tips on keeping out unwanted visitors. A suspect was arrested last month and charged with residential burglary and robbery.

"I was getting calls from residents expressing concerns and that is when we set up the community meetings," Williams said.

The gathering was made possible because of a rapport that's been building between Williams and the Sunset Park community in which he has served as its Neighborhood Resource Officer for the past eight months, a time when residents have increasingly grown comfortable in turning to law enforcement.

It's a budding relationship that has been reported in neighborhoods across the city since the Santa Monica Police Department rolled out its Andy Griffith approach to community policing in January with a new patrolling plan, which included the first realignment of beat boundaries in 50 years.

The centerpiece of the plan is the Neighborhood Resource Officer, which is assigned to each of the eight beats, serving a sheriff-like role and acting as the link between the residents and the police department.

With rave reviews coming from residents and the business community since the new patrol plan was put into place, it looks as though the sheriffs are here to stay.

After Chief Tim Jackman joined the department in late 2006, he met with various members of the community — ranging from business to residential to educational interests — to discuss the best ways in which to police the city.

What resulted was an idea to place a mini chief in each neighborhood, a person who would establish relationships with residents

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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Cue the BBQ

Ocean and Colorado avenues, Noon — 6 p.m.
Got a taste for ribs? Love tri-tip? This is the event for you. This tasty event features pitmasters from Texas, Kansas City and Mississippi. General admission is \$10 and each plate of food will cost \$10 each. A VIP pass is available for \$50. This event takes place both Saturday and Sunday.

Fresh roasted chiles

Virginia Avenue Park, 8 a.m. — 1 p.m.
The Chile Roaster is back at the Pico Farmers' Market! Enjoy New Mexico style roasted chiles fresh from the farmers every Saturday during the month of September at the market. The market is located at Virginia Park at Pico and Cloverfield.

Circle of healing

Santa Monica Bay Women's Club, 10 a.m. — noon
Come for a time of healing of the mind, body and spirit. No appointment is necessary. Healing Circle is in association with the International Association of Healing Rooms. Call (310) 457-5447 or e-mail info@breakpointbridge.com for more information.

Talking books

Ocean Park Branch Library, 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Come for a book talk presented by Dr. Jack Nordhaus, popular moderator of "What's New This Week," a free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad. The book is "The Great War for Civilization: The Conquest of the Middle East," by Robert Fisk. Call (310) 458-8638 or e-mail jamie.watson@smgov.net for more information.

Volleyball time

1900 Pico Blvd. SMC Gym, 5:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Attention all boys ages 14-18! Offshore Waves Boys Volleyball Club is returning for its second season. After a very successful first year, the squad is excited to get things going again.

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008

Taste of Santa Monica

Santa Monica Pier, Noon
This Sunday, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce will make branching out a bit easier when it hosts the seventh annual Taste of Santa Monica event on the Santa Monica Pier. Forty local restaurants, from family-owned favorites like El Cholo to national chains like Panera Bread, will set up shop for four hours. Entry fee is \$40-\$45.

Get it while it's fresh

Downtown Mar Vista, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Head out to lovely Mar Vista for the weekly Farmers' Market. Located at the corner of Grandview and Venice boulevards, the market includes fresh fruits and vegetables as well as some prepared foods.

The other Jerry's kids

1348 14th St., 7 p.m.
Cubensis brings the sights and sounds of a live Grateful Dead concert to 14 Below every Sunday. Cubensis is known for whipping its faithful crowd into a swirling psychedelic mass for three hours straight.

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



Foodies take over the pier

BY CHRISTINA YOON
Special to the Daily Press

SM PIER Even in a city that boasts over 450 restaurants and was named last year's number one dining spot in California by Zagat, it can be difficult to venture out and try new places to eat when the tried and true burger joint down the street beckons.

This Sunday, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce will make branching out a bit easier when it hosts the seventh annual Taste of Santa Monica event on the Santa Monica Pier. Forty local restaurants, from family-owned favorites like El Cholo to national chains like Panera Bread, will set up shop for

four hours, beginning at noon.

"This is one of those really important signature events of the city," said Laurel Rosen, the president of the Chamber of Commerce and former chair of the Taste of Santa Monica event.

In addition to being one of the community's most recognized traditions, the Taste of Santa Monica is also the chamber's largest fundraising event. At \$40 to \$45 a person, the event gathered 2,500 attendees last year and expects to have a similar turnout on Sunday.

"One of the ways that we survive is through this event," Rosen said.

Organizers and participating restaurants

say that the event presents a win-win situation. Visitors have the opportunity to try food from places they may have heard of but haven't visited yet for a bargain, while the restaurants have a chance to show off their favorite dishes and gather new fans.

In order to encourage variety, attendees will be given a checklist of the 40 restaurants, which will be stamped every time they visit a table. Once the entire checklist is stamped, visitors can go back for seconds.

"When I go to the events, there are always those restaurants that I've always wanted to try, and I'm like, 'Well what's stopping me now?'" said Lynne Thomas, the director of sales and marketing at The Lobster on

Ocean Avenue.

The restaurant has participated in the Taste of Santa Monica since it began. Thomas said the connection that the event establishes between the restaurants and the community is what keeps The Lobster coming back year after year.

"Some people think we're just a big tourist trap," Thomas said of the restaurant. "This is a chance to make our marketing a little more personal than a brochure, be very hands-on and we can say, 'Here's who we are.'"

The event can also be helpful to the new

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BREAKING GROUND

(clockwise from left) Interim Superintendent Tim Cuneo, Chief of Police Timothy Jackman, CEO & President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica Allan Young, Chairman of the Board of the B&G Club of Santa Monica Craig Mordoh and past president of the Rotary Club Dr. William Crookston stand at the future site of the JAMS Clubhouse at the groundbreaking ceremony at John Adams Middle School on Thursday afternoon.

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SMC hopes to reawaken playmakers

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SMC Talk about a tale of two football teams.

Santa Monica College is coming off a 3-27 loss to Orange Coast College in the season opener. Their opponent, Cerritos College, trounced an overmatched East Los Angeles College, 65-7, last week.

At first glance, it looks like the game Saturday at Cerritos could get out of hand pretty quickly.

For SMC head coach Robert Taylor, he sees it as another opportunity to test his team's mettle and their dedication to the game plan he spent the entire summer putting into place.

"We have a lot of things we're working on to get right with this team," he said. "One football game isn't going to make a season."

But, if things don't work out for the Corsairs, Taylor isn't afraid to make some major changes on offense. Sophomore quarterback Luqman Nasouf was anything but sharp last week tossing a pair of interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Don't waste money on consultants

Editor:

I am writing to agree with Tricia Crane's comments in the article "Special ed has changes in its near future," page 1, Sept. 6-7. Crane is absolutely correct. The \$80,000 spent by the school district on an independent audit that is now filed away could have been used to make needed improvements, including hiring competent staff. My experience is that the current special education staff was trained by Tim Walker to smokescreen parents. Secret deals were then used as a quick fix. While Walker is gone, nothing has changed in the school culture.

The entire IEP (Individualized Education Plan) process is flawed now as then. It's a begging session on the parent's side and a "maybe we will or maybe we won't" attitude on the district's side.

I recently filed a complaint with the state and this district was found to be out of compliance with federal law and corrective actions were required. Those actions have been initiated, but in the meantime my fragile daughter has regressed. The coordinators who are responsible for the violations of my daughter's rights should have been fired. As far as I am concerned, all of the current special education staff should be fired. My child is being warehoused with "the other" special ed students.

The best solution would be to hire a competent staff with the existing funds available instead of bringing in more consultants to make it look like we are taking action. No one is fooled. What we need in special education are educators who are proactive, not reactive.

They should care about what is right for their students. I can only hope the discrimination ceases and that changes are made. I applaud Tricia Crane and other special education advocates for telling the truth about how our "World Class" schools are treating our students with challenges.

Jim Long
Santa Monica

Prop. T is a good compromise

Editor:

Monday's column by Bill Bauer was, pardon the expression, right on the money ("Following the money," page 4, Sept. 8). Santa Monica is fast becoming a victim of its own success. It's a sad fact that the more development we allow to take place, the more we will be victimized by increased traffic, pollution and overcrowding.

What surprises me is the intensity of the reaction of the anti-RIFT (Residents' Initiative to Fight Traffic) forces. It's not like residents are asking for a zero growth ordinance or a moratorium on all development, as has happened in other cities. Ironically, when I was gathering signatures for the RIFT petition, not one person turned me down, and just about everyone who signed it said they wished it went further. Of course, they weren't developers.

Phil Harnage
Santa Monica

Palin protector

Editor:

RE: "Laughing Matters"

Keep up the sexist and elitist comments about Sarah Palin. It only makes it clear which party really respects the little guy and gal and which party wants their vote but mocks their small town values.

Keep quoting creepy smug blowhards like Bill Maher who you say joked, "When Palin's phone rings at 3 a.m., it's about a moose kicking over a trash can." Are we supposed to be amused?

Bill spends most of his time at the Playboy Mansion in a grotto leering at teenage girls. When Bill Maher gets a call at 3 a.m., it's from some poor dear named Bambi. Getting a moose call would sadly be a real step up in maturity for him.

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The secret to happiness

I WAS ON THE THIRD STREET PROMENADE

the other day and stopped into a bookstore. And you know what? It's getting harder and harder — especially in a big chain bookstore — to find a book. I mean a real book. Literature.

Or at least something that you can't read while you're also watching TV. The reason you can't find the kind of book you're looking for is that all the self-help books about how to be happy fill up the shelves. Ironically, this makes some of us quite unhappy.

Some of these popular happy books include, "Climb your Stairway to Heaven: The 9 Habits of Maximum Happiness," and "Mary Lou Retton's Gateways To Happiness: 7 Ways To A More Prosperous, More Satisfying Life." The Dalai Lama's book, "The Art Of Happiness: A Handbook For Living" is on the shelves, and so are "Flow: The Psychology of Optimal Experience" and "The How of Happiness: A Scientific Approach to Getting The Life You Want." One thing is certain, if you're going to write a successful book about happiness, you need a colon in the title.

I don't want to call us "whiners," because I know that even advisers to presidential candidates can get in trouble using that term.

But we are certainly seekers. Yet, it turns out that research has shown that seeking happiness is one of the least likely ways to find happiness.

Of course, now they'll try to sell us books about how we don't need a book to achieve happiness.

I'm not denying the importance of happiness.

On the contrary, happiness is one of my favorite things, along with magazines that don't smell like perfume and a nap when nobody's home. I'm just not sure we need so many books about it.

What is the real secret to happiness? What do the gurus of our era — scientists — have to say about being happy? The latest scientific research on happiness indicates that about 50 percent of one's propensity to be happy is genetically determined.

So if you're happy, stop being mad at your parents. And if you're not happy, stop blaming them for more than 50 percent of your unhappiness.

The other 50 percent of your possible happiness comes from circumstances and from the way you act.

Not surprisingly, the old standbys of doing things for others and being grateful for what we have are at the top of the list of things that bring us happiness. Exercise, meditation, and laughter are helpful, too — and they don't mean laughing at other people you think aren't as happy as you are.

With all of the complaining we do about not being happy, with all of the lack of gratitude that seems to permeate our society, with all the money we shell out in the hope of buying happiness, we must be the unhappiest group of people in the history of the world, right? Wrong.

The University of Michigan's Ronald Inglehart's recent paper published in

"Perspectives on Psychological Science" refers to surveys taken over the past 17 years by the World Values Society.

These surveys measured happiness in 88 countries covering 90 percent of the world's population.

I'M NOT DENYING THE IMPORTANCE OF HAPPINESS. ON THE CONTRARY, HAPPINESS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS, ALONG WITH MAGAZINES THAT DON'T SMELL LIKE PERFUME AND A NAP WHEN NOBODY'S HOME. I'M JUST NOT SURE WE NEED SO MANY BOOKS ABOUT IT.

Overall, happiness has increased 6.8 percent.

Maybe 6.8 percent doesn't sound like a lot, but that includes places that have had wars, floods, and reality shows.

How is this possible? If we're happier than ever, why do we have such a need for "get happy books?" Why do so many people claim to be so unhappy if the statistics say that happiness is on the upswing?

Well, I have a theory. We all know that exercise can lead to better mental health and happiness.

But recent research indicates that it's not just the physical act of exercise that improves our brain. Doing a repetitive activity like running or walking can help the health of our brain.

And what's the most common repetitive activity that we do — complaining about not being happy. So it's quite possible that our chronic dissatisfaction, our habitual lack of gratitude, and our constant fruitless search for an easy road to happiness all might be contributing to our actual happiness.

Those of you reading this, please don't write books about my theory.

The stores are already running out of space. However, you have to admit it's interesting that these days, the credo of many people who are really happy is a variation of the old "I think, therefore I am." Maybe today it's, "I complain, therefore I am."

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STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

“The big political shocker last week was the Santa Monica Democratic Club’s failure to endorse incumbent Bobby Shriver for City Council. Very few people are as synonymous with Democratic politics as Shriver. As one observer told me, the club is loaded with Santa Monicans for Renters’ Rights types, so much so they’re called ‘Little SMRR.’”

— SMDP columnist Bill Bauer writing in “My Write.”

“Santa Monica is a community extremely supportive of education and it’s not going to let its educational institutions fall behind for neglect.”

— Rob Rader, the chairman of the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees, regarding the Santa Monica Democratic Club’s endorsement of a bond measure floated by the college.

“I want to leave with good memories and leave something for the underclassmen to look forward to. I want to improve team chemistry and be able to have confidence in each other that we’re doing our best and our confidence level will be much greater than past years.”

— Edwin Mejia, center/defensive tackle on St. Monica’s football team, regarding the new season.

“The Santa Monica Pier Centennial will look 100 years in the past and 100 years in the future by creating an atmosphere of fun, festivity, and fitness that will last for another 100 years.”

— Ben Franz-Knight, the executive director of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp.

“The Dodgers are in first place and the Angels have clinched their division. (Freeway Series?) Meanwhile it’s seven years since 9/11 and Bush’s threat to Bin Laden “dead or alive.” McCain swears he knows how to catch Bin Laden. You’d think he’d have told Bush the secret.”

— SMDP columnist Jack Neworth writing in “Laughing Matters.”

“Bloomingdale’s fits better than Macy’s with our planned merchandise mix. We are currently negotiating with retailers to become part of our project and the level of quality and level of fashion of the tenants we are currently working with currently complements Bloomingdale’s — and Bloomingdale’s complements them — more so than Macy’s.”

— Randy Brant, Macerich’s executive vice president of real estate, regarding Santa Monica Place, which is currently undergoing a major renovation. Macerich owns and operates the mall.

“Ultimately I don’t think (my identity) really matters much because I’m not selling anything. But it’s not something I want all my friends or coworkers knowing about. If anything, I think it’s sort of nerdy to be spending so many hours on something like this. Maybe that’s why.”

— Warchest, the creator of the blog Santa Monica Distress Monitor.

“It must have been a gratifying spectacle for you ladies seeing Obama at the Barackopolis with all the Wise Men of the Geritol Gang promising ‘change’ even though 83-year-old Jimmy Carter had his toga on backwards. It just sends a thrill up your leg, doesn’t it? Personally, I think these men, ‘just don’t get it.’”

— SMDP columnist Steve Breen writing in “Going Postal.”



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This past week, Q-line asked:
A number of new businesses have moved into the Rose Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard area of Venice. Upscale grocer Whole Foods is the latest high profile store to move into the bohemian neighborhood. Does recent development contribute to the over gentrification of Venice, something many locals feel is altering the community for the worse or is it a boon to the area?
Here are your responses:

"IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT AREA GOT cleaned up and got a little class. I've heard nothing but raves about the new Whole Foods and the beginning new look in that area. All I can say is, about time. Long overdue."

"REGARDING THE AREA THERE — ROSE and Lincoln — I am quite pleased that Whole Foods moved in there. I will miss Big Lots and now I have to drive to Culver City for Big Lots, but they have remodeled that Big Lots store in Culver City and it is quite nice. I do not believe the Whole Foods and that area there has a direct situation with Venice, I think it's more with Marina del Rey. Keep in mind we have some very elegant condominiums down there south of Washington Boulevard along Lincoln Boulevard and I think that's mostly the shoppers they're searching for. But they have cleaned up that area. I'll tell you that area was really very seedy for a while and now it's quite nice."

"AS A FORMER PROPERTY OWNER IN the city of San Malicious [sic], I think it's just wonderful that Venice is going to be tweaked up. We need that. We need better clients and we need better businesses. Rome was not built in a day."

"WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF JUNKY AREAS in Venice. It's gonna take a long, long time and a lot of money to make it better. They have to get rid of all the junky people first like the gang-bangers and the illegal aliens."

"IT WAS A LONG AND NICE BIG CVS that's now reduced to almost nothing. I don't miss the constant vermin infestation that occurred at Big Lots."

"DEVELOPMENT LIKE WHOLE FOODS IS detrimental to the area. Whole Foods destroyed all the ficus trees in its parking lot. This is totally unnecessary. If they are really into whole foods and a whole earth, they should have kept those trees besides planting additional trees. I was looking forward to Whole Foods coming into the community, but now I will definitely not shop there because of their hypocritical move in killing those ficus trees."

"DEFINITELY A BOON TO THE AREA. Cleans it up, looks better, looks safer and more inviting and the people have rent control so they can stay in the area while their values have gone way up. So it's a good deal."

"DON'T YOU JUST LOVE THE WORD 'gentrification?' A nice euphemism for 'over-development.' Of course, Venice is about 30 years behind the overbuilt disaster that Santa Monica has become from its gentrification. What Venice needs is leaders who truly care about their town, have resided there for at least 30 years and can balance a restricted growth with a bohemian charm. Plus a strict height limit and a severe building code allowing only half the condo units on a parcel of land that Santa Monica does. Maybe the dope-smoking hippies and free love of the '70s have kept Venice more vibrant than our businesses-usual growth town and job-for-life City Council."

"GENTRIFICATION IS A BAD THING. Where are the drug dealers and gang-bangers going to live?"

"IN THE DOCUMENTARY 'DOGTOWN' they say the beach neighborhood in the '70s was dangerous, dirty, and filthy. It was paradise. Now the same \$25,000 homes are \$2.5 million and most of the poor are

displaced. Not long ago you could go to the bakery on Rose and buy six rolls and a cupcake for a buck or go to the St. Joseph thrift and get a shirt, pants and a book for \$2. Or stop at Big Lots and buy a Coke, a hammy and a candy bar for three bucks. Now we can go into Whole Foods and get a little bottle of water for \$5. The yuppization of the beach areas are great for real estate values and the rich, but the poor and middle class suffer."

"OVER GREED-IFICATION IS MORE LIKE it. I was working with Treesavers of Santa Monica. I came back to Venice one day to find to my shock and disgust that Whole Foods had massacred every tree in that parking lot on Lincoln and Rose, and for design purposes according to their spokesperson. Sound familiar? I will never shop at Whole Foods anywhere, nor the adjacent stores here in Venice, in memory of those trees."

"WHOLE FOODS DOES ADD TO THE gentrification of Venice, but what's really upsetting everybody is Whole Foods has said that they're getting rid of the 99 Cents Store as soon as possible and putting in a clothing store. We all like the 99 Cents Store. We also like having Whole Foods, but we really wish they would leave the 99 Cents Store alone."

"ALTERING FOR THE BETTER. VENICE needs to be so thankful for having Whole Foods clean up that area. We need to have all stores in Santa Monica clean up and get all the parasites and bacteria and diseases out. They are contaminating everything where they walk and leave their trash behind. We are tired of them. You know who I'm talking about."

"IT'S GREAT THAT NEW BUSINESSES have moved in to Lincoln and Rose including the Whole Foods market, which spent millions upgrading the entire building, parking lot, and area, something the previous owners had not done. It's great that there's now fine wines stores on the street and in spite of what the proto-socialists have said about demanding living wages and local hires, Whole Foods have always done that. They are doing nothing here that they haven't done in every other store. There were no special concessions of any kind given to anyone to start this store. Now maybe some of the winos in the area who always claim that there's no work will show up there and actually ask for a job, show up regularly get employed and get off the streets. Hah! Fat chance of that."

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‘Two Dudes’ really love some bacon

AS A COOKBOOK AUTHOR MYSELF I AM CURIOUS TO check out new books that have come on the market and see what is out there, especially when authored by relative unknowns, as is the case with “Two Dudes One Pan.”

I recently had the pleasure of reading through this first cookbook by two guys out of Hollywood who began a catering business a few years ago with little space and not much equipment.

They have since been on the Food Network where they were in competition with Cat Cora on “Iron Chef.” That helped them get a book deal and this is their first creation.

I enjoyed reading the book, although most of the recipes are a bit too simple.

There really doesn’t need to be a recipe for zucchini cooked in a skillet with olive oil and then finished with fresh lemon, does there? Or mozzarella with tomatoes and basil. Now who doesn’t know how to throw that together without a recipe?

But that said, there are a number of well done classics like meatloaf wrapped in bacon (they love their bacon) or osso buco braised in white wine.

What makes this book appealing is the casual “dude-ness” of their approach.

Here you have two young tattooed guys with a good sense of humor and a natural flair for cooking yummy comfort food.

They set up each recipe with a comment from both about why they wanted to make the particular dish or what is special about their version. I enjoyed reading the offhand remarks about one or the other’s childhood memories of say biscuits or fried chicken.

Most of the ingredients are basic and easy to find at a supermarket, but there are quite a few items such as star anise, ancho chile powder, harissa and sambal that you might scratch your head and wonder — huh? I know what they are and where to find them but I am supposed to! For them to market the book geared toward the basic cook who can find ingredients at your “local grocery store” might be a bit misleading.

The other issue is the amount of cream, butter and cheese in almost every recipe (not to mention bacon). I know these ingredients are delicious and make food taste great, but the key is to not use these items and still have wonderful food. When teaching my cooking classes I remind my students that you can put butter or cream on the worst piece of protein or any carb and it will be irresistible.

That is a no brainer. I for one appreciate food without these saturated fats and strive to leave them out.

I cooked three dishes from the book to see how they turned out: The eggplant with shallot vinaigrette; goat cheese and grapefruit on mixed greens; and crispy snapper with dill.

I admit, I truly enjoyed trying new recipes that another chef created as I haven’t done this in a while. I invited two friends for dinner and made a wonderful meal.

The recipes were well written and easy to follow and had a flow similar to my own, so I felt happy making them. The fish was crispy as described with mustard cream sauce (here we go with the cream, so of course it was delicious).

The eggplant dish had a combination of shallot, capers and herbs that was poured over pan fried eggplant. Goat cheese in any form is my idea of heaven.

To serving it breaded and sautéed was — what can I say? Heavenly. All in all the food came out as described and we all loved the results.

I recommend the book “Two Dudes One Pan” for the novice as well as experienced cook with one warning — they love their butter and cream.

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Residents report feeling safer

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and business owners, putting a familiar face in the community and fostering trust.

"The approach we've taken to dealing with complaints with folks from different neighborhoods seems to be working well," Jackman said. "It's gotten down more to a personal touch, which seems to be well received by the community."

At the program's inception, the department made a big push to deploy the NROs to as many community gatherings as possible, identifying problems in the area and giving neighbors a contact person for the SMPD, according

to Sgt. Jaime Hernandez, who supervises the officers.

The officers altogether have gone to more than 300 community meetings, Hernandez said. Williams has attended several Friends of Sunset Park meetings.

"He is becoming a familiar face in the community, which makes residents more comfortable in contacting him when they need help," Zina Josephs, the president of the neighborhood group, said.

Many residents have reported an enhanced sense of safety since the new patrol plan was put into place, enjoying the comfort of personally knowing their law enforcers.

Gale Feldman, the vice chairman of the Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition, lives in an area that for the past few years has been the target of ongoing crime, ranging from mail theft to muggings. She was recently accosted by an inebriated man who had stolen her laundry and voiced her concerns to the NRO, who later stepped up patrols in the neighborhood.

"When a woman was mugged recently by a group of juveniles in front of our building, the officers were quickly able to apprehend the perpetrators," she said. "This was in large part due to the close proximity of the officers, their knowledge of the neighborhood, and because

they had trained residents to appropriately respond through our neighborhood watch program."

While officials say they won't know for a while whether crime has dropped as a result of the patrol plan, they do believe that more incidents are being reported because of the relationship between civilians and the officers. In the Downtown commercial area, shoplifting incidents are being reported more to the department via the neighborhood resource officer who checks in with businesses frequently, Hernandez said.

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NEW VIEW: The owner of the Travelodge on Ocean Avenue wants to redevelop the site.

Travelodge owner appealing to add a three-story bridge

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just say no as people imagine.”

But Farzam, whose family owns four properties in the city, said his project should be exempt from the ordinance because it will more than double the existing number of affordable guest rooms, adding the fee would impact financing opportunities for the estimated \$40-50 million project.

“We’re replacing outdated and obsolete motels with a new facility with double the number of guest rooms and the same amenities,” he said.

The motel owner recently hired hospitality consultant PFK to conduct an analysis on what is considered affordable in the current market, arriving at an average daily rate of \$172. The projected average daily rate at the new Travelodge in 2008 dollars is \$164 a night.

While below the affordability standard, the projected rate is higher than the cost to stay at the two motels today, which is about \$110 a night.

Laura Beck, an associate city planner, said the fees have been used minimally in the past. The fund was dipped into about eight years ago when Hostelling International used approximately \$800,000 to expand its facility to include 60 more beds.

Farzam is also appealing to construct a three-story pedestrian bridge connecting the

new main motel on Ocean Avenue to the annex just off the alley. A neighbor of the Travelodge has also appealed the project because it blocks the ocean view from his building.

The proposed four-story limited amenity lodge — which means it won’t have a restaurant or other features typically found in a hotel — would be roughly 89,000-square-feet in size with nearly 300 parking spaces in a subterranean garage.

The project also once called for a three-story pedestrian bridge, which was scaled down by the Planning Commission in March to one level. Several commissioners expressed reservations about the size of the bridge, which they felt was out of scale.

Farzam said the bridge is needed to keep pedestrians out of the alley, adding that there have been several near accidents between guests and cars.

There is currently no bridge connecting the two buildings.

“Guests have to walk 100 yards south and across the alley to get back and forth, which is a high risk for pedestrians considering the valet car volume that goes through the alley,” Farzam said.

The City Council is expected to hear the appeals at its Sept. 23 meeting.

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Cops acquaint themselves with residents

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"We have established a baseline for crimes that aren't normally being reported," Hernandez said.

Officer Jeffrey Glaser, the NRO for Downtown, is a familiar face in the area, having been a bike cop the previous two years on the Third Street Promenade. Glaser has noticed that those stores that have a loss prevention program in place, such as a security guard, are reporting more incidents of shoplifting, while those without, are reporting a decrease.

"Some stores are more zealous than others and are good about finding shoplifters and will report those," he said.

For the businesses, there is comfort in seeing an officer on the street, according to Laurel Rosen, the president of the Chamber of Commerce.

"The businesses feel that changes are happening in the community that are all about safety," she said.

Sabine Lehmann, the chairwoman of the Montana Avenue Merchants Association, said business owners are more likely to file police reports because they know their officer.

"We're more comfortable communicating with them and we don't have to explain what's new and what's different with what we're doing," said Lehmann, who owns clothing boutique Platino.

The association has established a sophisticated crime reporting system that begins with an "ambassador" for each block. When an incident occurs, the ambassador contacts the police and then immediately notifies the stores on their block and the liaison for the adjacent blocks. The news slowly trickles to all of the stores on the commercial strip.

THE NEW KID ON THE BEAT

Officer Richard Carranza has been busy the past several weeks putting his face out in the community since he was appointed the neighborhood resource officer for the beach beat, replacing Sgt. Brent Crafton, who was recently promoted.

"I've been meeting different city entities, going to different businesses and meeting with staff," he said. "I want to make sure everyone knows we're available."

During the three weeks on the beat, which encompasses the beach from border to border, Carranza has been able to effect some change.

On a drive along Ocean Avenue earlier this week with Jackman, the two noticed graffiti and overgrown shrubbery at one of the hotels. Carranza followed up with a visit to the hotel and asked the management to correct the problem. The graffiti has since been cleaned up, Carranza said.

"My concern with graffiti is it usually starts as an indicator," he said. "When someone puts up their monikers, it's usually disrespecting another gang."

"When I saw some graffiti up there, I explained to the staff it's a good idea to get it off there."

While officials say they are pleased with the results of the new community police program, they stress that there is always room for improvement. Officials will in the coming months evaluate how the rest of the department can be integrated.

"We are going to get the department better in tune with the particular neighborhoods," Hernandez said. "Right now the NROs are leading the way."

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Taste of Santa Monica includes a molecular ice cream exhibit

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kids on the block, who often have to try even harder than the established restaurants to make an impression.

"We thought it'd be a great way to expose new people to our restaurant," said Evan Silver, the co-founder of Buddha's Belly restaurant on Broadway and Second Street.

Silver and his business partner Jonathan Chu have run Buddha's Belly out of Los Angeles for five years and opened the Santa Monica branch in January.

"We're really excited about it," Silver said of Sunday's event. "We're looking forward to meeting more of our new neighbors."

In addition to food, the event will feature a wine garden for an extra \$15, live music by the band Route 66 and a raffle giving away prizes including restaurant gift certificates and Cirque du Soleil tickets.

For the first time this year, the event will also include a molecular ice cream lab. The interactive lab will allow attendees to create their own ice cream concoctions at workshops run by the International Culinary School at the Art Institute of California, Los Angeles.

"Molecular cooking is pretty new and really popular right now," said Kevin McLeary, one of this year's event co-chairs. "It's something you see in shows like 'Iron Chef.'"

McLeary and Rosen agreed, though, that the best feature of Taste of Santa Monica is

the pleasure of enjoying the eclectic menu outdoors, overlooking the beach.

"This is Santa Monica's backyard," Rosen said. "It's like a nice afternoon party at someone's nice house."

In order to help the crowd enjoy the event's pier venue fully, the organizers have decided to establish two entrance points so that attendees don't move in one huge crowd from one table to the next, overwhelming the first tables and leaving others abandoned.

"I guess it's the American way — you see a line and you get in it," McLeary said with a laugh. "This way we'll at least split the crowd in half."

Members of the Taste of Santa Monica committee say that small improvements such as this have continued to improve the event over the past seven years.

"When you're dealing with so many people and so many variables you have to learn to go with the flow," said Rosen, who had a background in catering and event planning before becoming involved with the Chamber of Commerce. "I always like to say, 'You never let the client know that the kitchen's on fire,' and I think that's true here as well."

McLeary said that this laid-back mood is the underlying mode of the event.

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Corsairs hope to rebound this week

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"I would call it first game jitters, but we expect to have more game experience with him," Taylor said regarding his signal caller. "When things go bad, every coach in America looks at the QB first."

The Corsairs led 3-0 at the half, with its defense stifling a quality OCC offense. While the SMC offense didn't excel, it did out gain the opponent and controlled the clock during the first half. The second half was another story.

On offense, the team stalled out and were forced to punt the ball away after a number of three down and out situations. The extra time on the field left the defense winded and at a loss for answers.

In this week's game against Cerritos, things don't appear to be getting any easier.

The Falcons scored eight different ways against ELAC and sailed to victory.

If the Corsairs hope to compete, the offense will have to fill the scorebook with big numbers. To that end, Taylor is steadfast in his commitment to his overall game plan, yet concedes that he'll have to pare down the playbook. He wants to keep things simple for a team that failed to grasp some of the finer points of the offense.

"We need the offense to catch up," he said.

Cerritos' head coach Frank Mazzotta

believes the OCC game could have been the result of a young team struggling to understand the plays. He's watched tape of the game and was left with a sense that the Corsairs are athletic enough to put aside the loss and cause some problems for his Falcons.

"They had a chance to beat Orange Coast," Mazzotta said. "It was just the first game, it's hard to tell why they lost."

He was impressed by the way Corsair running backs Deron Bartholomew and Cedric Hayes ran the ball and expects more of the same Saturday. He expects the SMC running game to keep them in the game and is excited to see how his defense reacts to adversity.

"The scary part of our situation, and I think it can hurt us, is that we didn't get to play our good kids as much as we like," he said of the ELAC game. "Some guys only played eight or nine plays. Our older kids need that playing time."

The game got out of hand so quickly, that he rested his quarterback, sophomore Jeff Fischer, the entire second half and most of his starting defensive lineman didn't return to the game after the first quarter.

"Everybody played good," he said, "but I don't have a good handle on how things are going to go on Saturday."

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Project Description: At present, the City exclusively uses ASC controllers from Econolite and manages them via the i2TMS traffic signal control system from Siemens. The City wishes to provide transit priority within the downtown area and along four major transit corridors. There are a total of 80 signalized intersections included in this phase of the project. The 2070 controllers must operate LADOT's TPS software module that tracks transit vehicles using loops in the pavement and transponders on the vehicles. The software must interface with LADOT's software module running on the 2070 controller and receive and act upon requests for granting bus priority, determine if transit priority can be granted based on the City's provided requirements, and if so, change the timing of signals to accommodate transit priority.

Project Location: Along Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica Boulevard, Pico Boulevard, between Lincoln Boulevard and East City-Limits, and several signalized intersections in the downtown area in the City of Santa Monica.

Proposal Due Date: October 9, 2008 at 5:00 pm

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Bringing the dead to life

AFTER EVERY WAR — OR SHOULD I SAY between every war, since there always seems to be a next one — there is a plethora of literature denouncing war as senseless, futile, unbearably cruel, and tragic.

This seemed to be most in evidence after the Great War — World War I, The War to End All Wars. And one of the most moving denunciations of that horrendous slaughter came from a 23-year-old playwright named Irwin Shaw.

Shaw wrote his play in 1936, when the world was still struggling to overcome the aftermath and consequences of that first world war, and before it got sucked into the inevitability of World War II. The play was called "Bury the Dead," and it became a classic, along with films such as "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Johnny Got His Gun," "What Price Glory?" and "Grand Illusion."

It's a simple story, really, about six dead soldiers who refuse to allow themselves to be buried. Tossed into a trench dug by two of their buddies, they stand up, one by one, and claim the right to not be covered up and forgotten. "I didn't chose to give my life for four yards of bloody mud," says one. "Maybe there's too many of us under the ground now. Maybe the earth can't stand it no more," says another. "You got to change crops sometime." And another offers his own

protest: "We are reclaiming our home; we didn't ask for permission to leave."

In response, the generals (George Ketsios and Adam Jefferis) are nearly apoplectic. "Lie down and allow yourselves to be buried!" they command. "The burden of war is on your shoulders; men must be buried and forgotten."

The men, in turn, offer poignant reasons for not wanting to obey those orders.

Johnny, a farmer (played by Andrew Wheeler), offers a soliloquy about the smells of the earth and the crops on a summer's day.

Henry (John Pick) rhapsodizes about women, those he's known and the ones he'll never get a chance to meet, and charges that "the earth still owes me." And a third, played by Brandon Hanson, bemoans the fact that there are "too many books I haven't read; too many places I haven't seen."

In desperation, the generals bring in the women who are significant to the dead men — women who, they hope, will be able to persuade the men to lie down and be interred.

The women are wives, girlfriends, a sister, a mother, and though each of them is horrified at the sight of their dead loved ones, they each do their part in trying to

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Actors' Gang tells Shaw's tale with authority

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cajole them into taking their places in the earth. Especially moving is Annemette Andersen, the mother of a 20-year-old (Jesse Luken) who has had most of his head blown away. She pleads with him to remove his bandages so she can see him for one last time, and when he finally does remove them, her reaction brings a chill to everyone in the theater.

"Bury the Dead" is a grim play, but so well acted by the Actors' Gang and so well directed by Matthew Huffman that it grips you even as it chills you. Its battlefield setting by Francois-Pierre Couture is austere and effective, and the camouflage and battle fatigues of the soldiers, designed by Shannon Kennedy, are fine. The uniforms of the officers, however, belong somewhere between "The Chocolate Soldier" and Nelson Eddy's Mountie costume in "Rose Marie."

Irwin Shaw used his novels and short stories as vehicles for his concerns about

war, about civil liberties, and about McCarthyism. Falsely accused of being a Communist and placed on Hollywood's black list, he left the United States for Europe, where he lived for the next 25 years.

Although he died in 1984, he would probably not be surprised to learn that his anti-war play "Bury the Dead" is as timely and relevant now as it was when he wrote it. He would probably also be delighted to know that it was being presented by The Actors' Gang, a company known for its rambunctious staging of plays with political messages of which he would thoroughly approve.

"Bury the Dead" will be presented Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. through Sept. 27. The Actors' Gang at the Ivy Substation is located at 9070 Venice Blvd. in Culver City. Call (310) 838-4264 for reservations.

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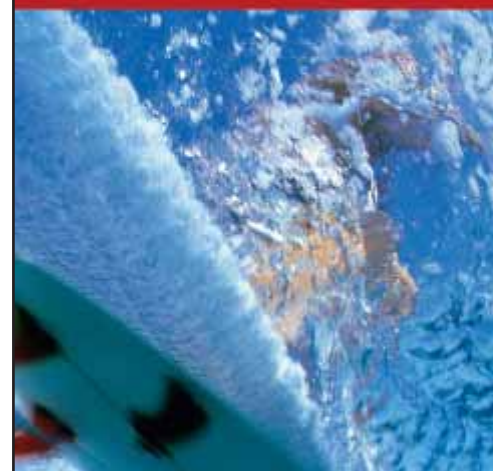


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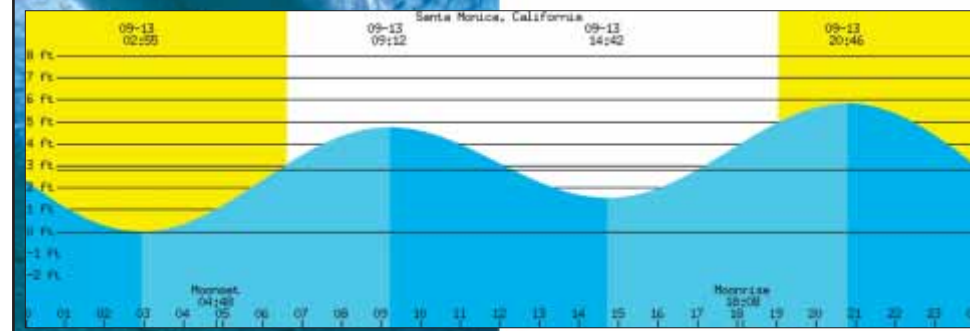
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Las Cienegas Beach, at Arroyo Saguit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Red Air Hwy Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescadero State Beach, between Luchana and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tomacal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chetopaqui)	A	ns
Bread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	B	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	E	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	E	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Selena Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	F	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Reso Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Mokile Rd.	D	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surf Rider Beach at Malibu Calvary fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Surf Rider Beach (beach location) - daily	B	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topwell St.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - Haggard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Ballina Creek mouth	C	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	E	ns
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Pine Creek at Las Flores County Beach	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Deckweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	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			

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WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
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Do only what you want, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might want to slow down some and look backward just a bit. What you are hearing might not make sense. Pull back, and do some heavy thinking. You can prevent a problem with serious thought. Tonight: Do only what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You have a way and style that draws many. If you want to rethink a situation, do it before you are locked in. Friendship and partnership play enormous roles in your day. Think thoroughly before acting. Tonight: Where you are, the party is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Others seem to need you more than usual. As a result, you have a hard time determining what you want to do. Do make sure to prioritize, not putting yourself last. Bring friends or family together. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Take off before someone or something could trip you up. If questioning which way to go, stay centered, and know what you need to do for you. Though empathetic as a sign, try to imagine being that person. Tonight: Where there is music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Defer to a partner. Not only will this please him or her, but also it helps you relax and not take responsibility. Add more joy to the life of someone who is unusually somber or quiet. Avoid crowds; relate on a one-on-one level. Tonight: Togetherness needs to be the theme.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You are surrounded by options and people. The question is which way to go. Some of you might try to squeeze everyone and every happening in. Perhaps there is something to be said for being selective. Tonight: Where the people are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You don't always have to have great plans. Relax and go with the moment. You also might enjoy a game of Scrabble or some other favorite game with a loved one or child. Share quietly. Relax. Tonight: Play it easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Tap into your imagination, but avoid financial risks. How you deal with a situation could change radically when you see all the different dimensions. Let more romance in. Tonight: Fun and games.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Pressure builds on the home front. You could be quite taken aback by another person and his or her choices. Be willing to adapt and head in a new direction. You are laying stronger foundations. Tonight: Happy close to home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your instincts come through for you one more time. You are changing directions and making very different choices to an observer. Don't feel a need to explain, rather just do. Others will grasp what is happening. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Curb a need to be possessive, and enjoy yourself in the company of others. A friendship might be changing, and you need to accept that rather than fight the inevitable. Refuse a risk, and you will be happier. Tonight: Fun really does not need to cost.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are in the thick of things and feel your power. Someone you look up to could be changing directions. You cannot stop this person, but rather you need to accept what is going on. Your personality melts others' resistance. Tonight: As you like.

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You juggle a lot of different interests this year, and quite successfully at that. You might change certain details about your home life, which might involve remodeling your home or buying a new home. Some of you might decide to add to your household. You will learn to express even more nurturing than in the past. Others seem to be in control in their relationships. Remember, no one can control you unless you want that person to. If you are single, you will meet people with ease. Do not count a relationship as stable until you have gone through a year together. PISCES can be challenging.

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



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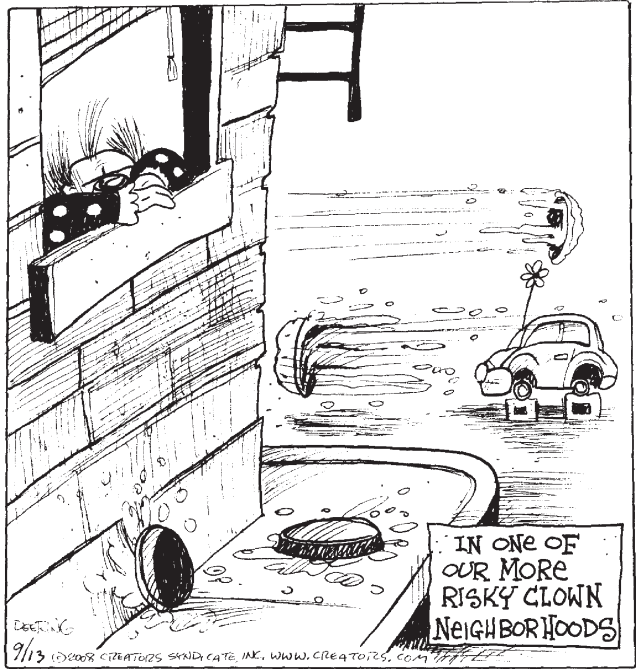
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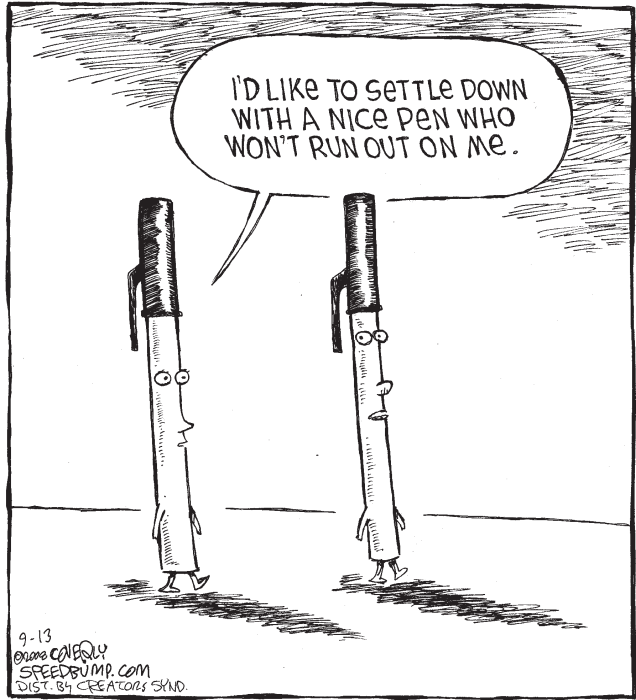
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Butte's cousin

5 Farm machine

10 Valuable violin

12 Detached

13 Sheet material

14 Outdoes

15 Sch. subj.

16 Bond, e.g.

18 Hitch

19 Gets underway

21 "Troy" star

22 Detroit moniker

24 Available

25 Pause

29 Air

30 Powerful beams

32 Ring great

33 Belief, in brief

34 Director's call

35 Debussy work

37 Skirt

39 Rascal

40 Hefty

41 Graf rival

42 Show sorrow

DOWN

1 Bulls and bucks

2 "Lose Yourself" rapper

3 Sere-naded

4 Finished off

5 Pam-pered one

6 Stout

7 Blew one's top

8 Being

9 Stop-watch button

11 Un-change-able

17 Doorways

20 Supply with fuel

21 Voice, in slang

23 Cola ingredi-ent

25 New Orleans campus

26 Critter

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Chutzpah! Philadelphia Traffic Court Judge Willie Singletary has been facing charges since April from the state Judicial Conduct Board based on a 2007 political appearance. At a meeting of motorcyclists, Singletary was captured on video begging for campaign donations by asking, "You're all going to need me in Traffic Court, am I right about that?"

■ Michael Ogle, 29, was arrested for allegedly robbing the BBT Bank in Seymour, Tenn., in August, right after his release from jail for robbing the same bank last November. Timothy Wallace, 38, was arrested after allegedly robbing the Superior Bank in Elkmont, Ala., in July, after his release from prison, where he had served a 12-year sentence for robbing the same bank in 1995.

■ Insurance companies, especially in Europe, seem game for underwriting almost any odd risk anyone is willing to pay for, and thus News of the Weird has reported on people insured against alien invasion, the Loch Ness monster, and, for three Scottish nuns, the expense of Jesus Christ's second coming if he were born to any of them. The bedding company SilentNight in Lancashire, England, recently insured mattress-tester Graham Butterfield's buttocks for the equivalent of about \$2 million, finding that particular part of his body to be so sensitive to tiny variations in fillings that he knows, quickly and certainly, if the proper materials have been used.

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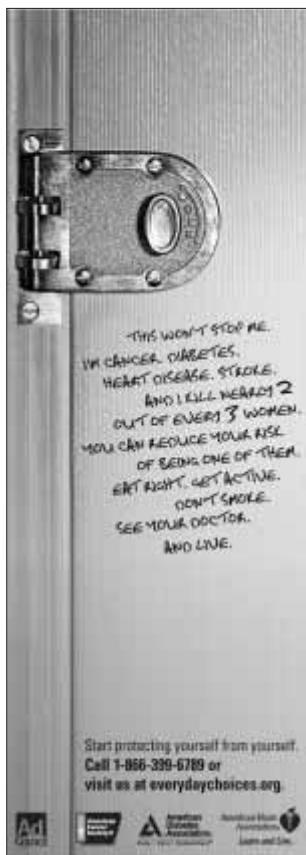
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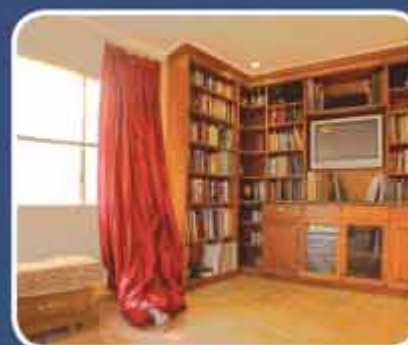
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