INSIDE SCOOP
SMC HAS A NEW TOP COP PAGE 3

COMMENTARY
BABY DOESN'T KILL ROMANCE PAGE 5

FOOD
TONY P'S A TASTY TREAT PAGE 7

Visit us online at smdp.com

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008

Volume 7 Issue 283



DREADS NO MORE
SEE PAGE 18

Santa Monica Daily Press

Since 2001: A news odyssey

THE COVERING MALIBU ISSUE

Plane crashes off Malibu coast

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU A federal investigation is underway to determine the cause of a plane crash that occurred here shortly after the pilot left the Santa Monica Airport on Tuesday evening.

A Sky Arrow 600 Sport dove into the ocean just off Malibu Pier at approximately 5:15 p.m., critically injuring its pilot and passenger, who were airlifted to the UCLA Medical Center in Westwood.

Information about the two crash victims has not been released. The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board are conducting an investigation.

FAA spokesman Ian Gregor said the plane crashed about 50 yards offshore near the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Malibu Canyon Road. He believes the pilot was flying the plane locally and was expected to arrive back at SMO.

The plane is categorized as a Light Sport Aircraft, a classification that the FAA established just four years ago for single-engines that carry one or two people, weighing no more than 1,320 pounds and flying at a maximum speed of 120 mph.

The plane was registered to Northfield Aviation LLC, which has a commercial permit to give flight instruction and rent planes, according to Bob Trimborn, the director of Santa Monica Airport. The small aircraft was based on the north side of the airport.

A representative with Northfield Aviation LLC said the company has no comment regarding the crash.

melodyh@smdp.com

Permit process gives student surfers space

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK For Robbie French, the summer of 2008 and those in years past were as different as night and day.

"The previous summers were total chaos," French, who owns Perfect Day Surf Camp, said in regards to the overcrowded beaches of yore. "There were pirated camps everywhere … and people would take customers from each other."

French was among the surf camp owners and private instructors who gathered at Virginia Avenue Park on Tuesday to rate their experiences under a new permitting system that City Hall instituted this past summer.

City Hall was one of a handful of municipalities in the state that didn't regulate surfing instruction, leading to an unmanageable number of operations at the beach. Camps and private instruction were previously free to operate without a city-issued permit as long as they had less than 20 students.

The policy resulted in a number of problems, including occasional conflicts between recreational surfers and teachers, and created challenges for lifeguards trying to manage the safety of everyone in the water. The issue led city staff to draft an ordinance, putting together a new permit system that went into effect this year.

The result was a less crowded beach,

SEE SURFING PAGE 12



BUBBLING UP

Fabian Lewkowicz *Fabian@FabianLewkowicz.com*

Retired Irish police officer and road captain Tony Toner, 54, (left) and ride organizer Michael Walsh, on Wednesday celebrate the end of their Route 66 journey on the Santa Monica Pier, which some believe is the end of the storied route. The ride started in Chicago nine days ago. The Irish motorcyclists traveled 2,448 miles along the historic route to raise money for a new Cystic Fibrosis and Respiratory Unit at Temple Street Children's University Hospital. The Irish 66ers raised more than $500,000. Each rider was required to raise $10,000 each.

PIANO & GUITAR LESSONS
ONLY $15.00
45 MINUTE CLASSES
Sign-up NOW!
(310) 453-1928
SANTA MONICA MUSIC CENTER
www.santamonicamusic.com
1901 Santa Monica Blvd. in Santa Monica

COME IN FOR IZZY'S DELICIOUS DAILY DINNER SPECIALS!
DELI TO THE STARS IZZY'S
1433 Wilshire Boulevard, at 15th Street
310-394-1131 OPEN 24 HOURS


GABY SCHKUD
(310) 586-0308
EXPERIENCE DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
www.22ndstreethome.com
COLDWELL BANKER

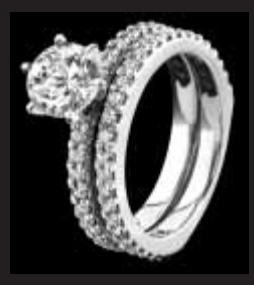
INTRODUCING THE

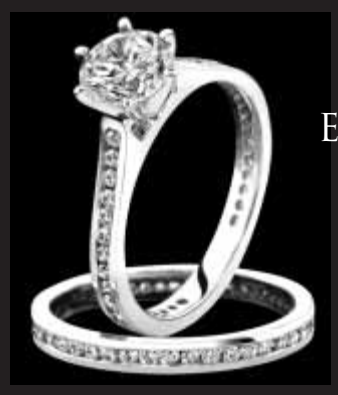
Edward Avedis

BRIDAL COLLECTION

EXCLUSIVELY AT READERS FINE JEWELERS







ENGAGEMENT SUITES

READERS FINE JEWELERS 5th GENERATION

Shop where they know your name

Visit us today and see the difference family makes.

Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm

331 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica 2 Hours Free Parking (Behind Store)

310.451.1349 • www.readersjewelers.com



Eddie Guerboian

GOLDSMITH DESIGNER

THE

Fred Segal

SANTA MONICA

SALE

50-75% OFF

FINAL DAYS

420 & 500 BROADWAY SANTA MONICA

MON-SAT 10-7 SUN 12-6

Your Trusted Source

Adult Day Service Center

The right choice for quality care for your loved one. Let us give you the break you need.

1510 Pico Blvd., • Santa Monica

WISE & Healthy Aging

(310) 452-7802

Enjoy a Free Preview Day on Us!

www.wiseandhealthyaging.org

WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Hangin' with the Dodgers

1351 Third Street Promenade, 5 p.m.

The Los Angeles Dodgers' Home Base Network will host a viewing party of Game 1 of the National League Championship Series against the Philadelphia Phillies at Barney's Beanery. Former Dodger Rudy Law will be on hand to sign autographs. For more information, call (310) 656-5777.

Pole position

1334 Lincoln Blvd., TBA

Learn how to entice that special someone while burning calories and boosting your self esteem during pole/lap dancing classes at Isabelle's Dance Academy. Classes are for ladies only. Private lessons are available as are those involving groups or couples. For more information, call (310) 392-3493, or go to www.isabellesalsa.com.

Introduction to oriental medicine

1807 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 200, Weekdays through Dec. 21

Want to learn more about oriental medicine, but not sure about committing to a four-year program yet? Learn more about the ancient medicine through the opening series of introductory courses at Emperor's College. The courses are fully transferable into a masters degree program. For schedule details visit www.emperors.edu or call (310) 453-8300 ext. 127, or e-mail admissions@emperors.edu.

Get the latest info

601 Santa Monica Blvd. MLK Auditorium, 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Join St. John's renowned breast cancer team as they discuss detection and screening options, the relationship between breast health and hormone replacement therapy, and advances in treatment. Advanced registration is required; call (310) 829-8809 for information and reservations.

Friday, Oct. 10, 2008

'Made Me Nuclear,' the Operetta

Santa Monica Playhouse, 8 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

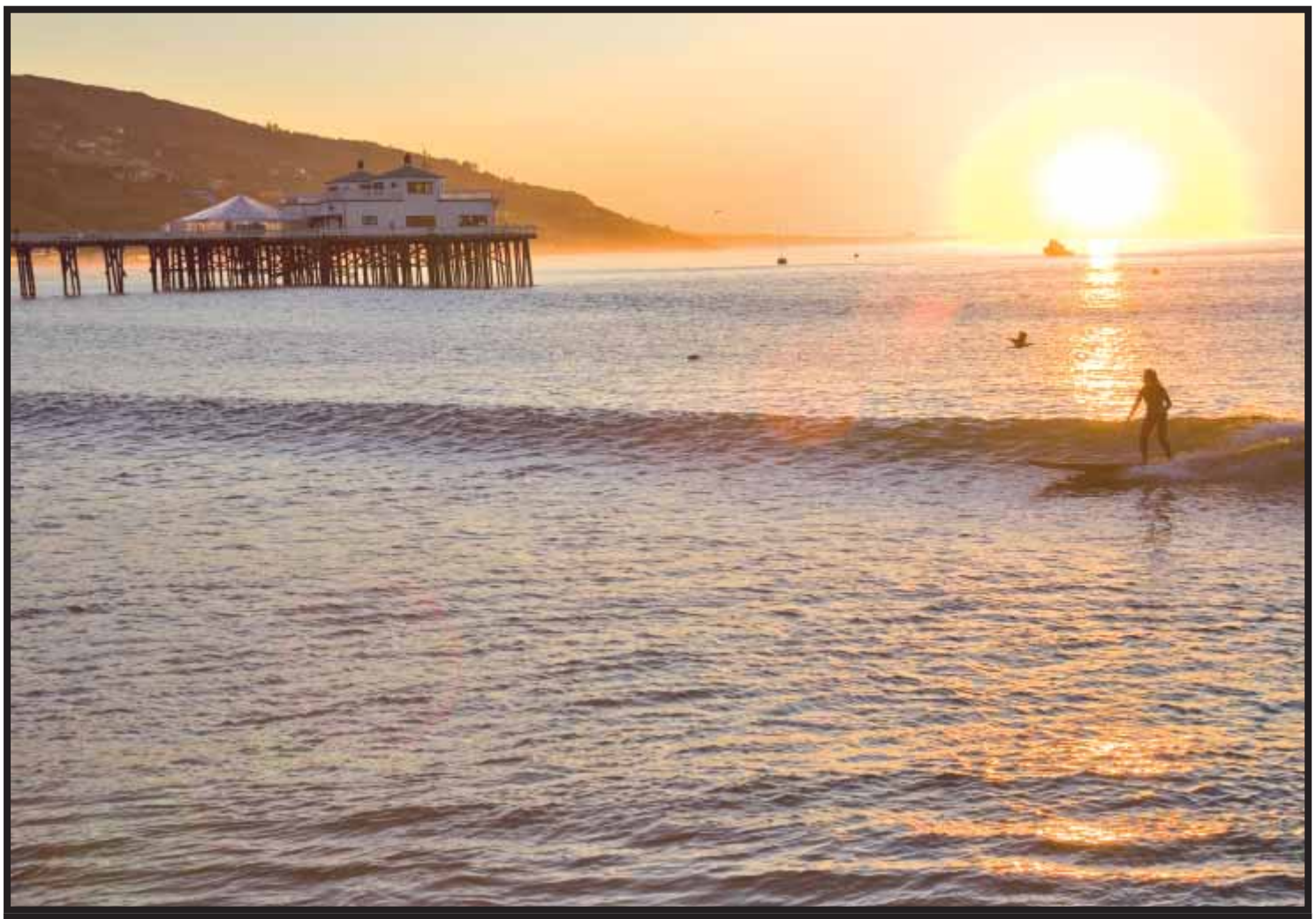
They radiated him, but they couldn't silence him — Charlie Lustman, surviving cancer one song at a time. Blending humor and intimacy, this is a show for anyone who has faced a challenge in life. It is written and performed by singer/songwriter Charlie Lustman, and directed by Chris DeCarlo. Tickets at www.MadeMeNuclear.com or (866) 468-3399.

Best kept musical secret

1432 Fourth St., 10 p.m. — 1 a.m.

Enjoy a night of blues with the Key Frances Band at Harvelle's. Watch videos from their European tour on the Web at www.keyfrances.com. Admission is $10.

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.



MORNING RIDE

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

A lone surfer enjoys the unseasonably warm weather during an early morning ride at Malibu's Surfriders Beach on Wednesday.

SMC's new top cop no stranger to education

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE As Albert Vasquez strolls the campus here and interacts with students, he acts not just as the new police chief of the college's security force, but also as an educator.

After all, Vasquez is just a dissertation away from receiving his doctoral degree in education from the University of Southern California.

Just under three months into his job as the head of the Santa Monica College Police Department, Vasquez is still getting acclimated to his new environment, overseeing the public safety of a 38-acre campus and approximately 30,000 students.

It's a far cry from his previous stint as the founding chief of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District's own police department.

"From a K-12 educational environment, I thought this would be the next logical step," Vasquez said.

The La Habra Heights native is no stranger to law enforcement.

The north wall in his cozy office just off the SMC campus tells it all, with medals and plaques from a 25-year career that began in 1983 with the Glendale Police Department, later moving up the ranks in the Orange County Sheriff's Department. It's a career that included stops with the United Nations and the Department of Justice, overseeing the national police force in East Timor shortly after its rift with the Indonesian government in the late 1990s.

But his career defining years came well before all of the glamorous work training the police force in Bosnia and Herzegovina and East Timor, to a time when he was with the Orange County Sheriff's Department anti-drug task force, which gave him an opportunity to work with students.

"The program really got me working with the schools," Vasquez said. "I had the opportunity to work with a lot of school districts and kids and I liked that."

SEE SMC PAGE 13

City Hall's Web site gets noticed

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF
Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL Santa Monica maintains its position as an online leader as its Web site was named a finalist for the "Best of the Web" competition by the Center for Digital Government.

The annual contest placed the city Web site among the top 10 online city portals in the country. The awards were handed out during an awards gala in Hollywood last month.

With an online presence since February 1989, Santa Monica has long been recognized as a leader in electronic delivery of government information and services. The city's extensive Web site goes far beyond the traditional array of information and services for residents, businesses, and visitors that is common to most of the better local government Web sites, city officials said.

The Web site is designed to be an overarching portal connecting users to information and services that best suit their needs, anywhere in the city.

"The Internet has revolutionized our ability to provide information and services to the community. As it evolves, the city will continue to be a leader in using it to enhance the quality of life in Santa Monica," said Jory Wolf, City Hall's chief information officer.

Web sites considered for the award were judged on innovation, functionality, efficiency, economy, and usage.

Some of the unique online offerings that helped Santa Monica prevail are a real-time parking availability application, the sustainable city report card, an online boards and commissions application management tool, the green building program design advisor, and an advanced geographic information system.

"Best of the Web" recognizes the most innovative, user-friendly state and local government portals.

"Each year, state and local governments continue to make strides toward implementing better access and more efficient Web-delivery of public services. This year's winners represent the very best in each category," said Cathilea Robinett, executive vice president of the Center for Digital Government.

news@smdp.com

Kung Fu is Good For Kids



SHAOLIN WUSHU CENTER
2901 Ocean Park Blvd. Ste 212
Santa Monica
(310) 664-1688
shaolin@wushucenter.com

- More Confidence
- More Discipline
- More Focused
- Fitness & Flexibility

Ages 5-12
Many classes available Mon - Thurs.

1st class FREE

TAXES
ALL FORMS • ALL TYPES • ALL STATES

BACK TAXES • BOOKKEEPING • SMALL BUSINESS

SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
(310) 395-9922
100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800
Santa Monica 90401

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Meat cleaver approach

Editor:

Vote "No" on Prop. T (RIFT). Limiting commercial development to 75,000-square-feet per year is a dreadful method of planning for Santa Monica's future. RIFT's backers claim that they allow "reasonable" growth, but their Web site cites no studies to support this arbitrary, drawn-from-a-hat figure. RIFT's backers also claim that the initiative gives the city the "opportunity to create a competitive selection process ... resulting in high quality projects."

But RIFT says nothing about a process for project approval. A pre-determined limit, even with the limited borrowing from future years that RIFT allows, is bound to lead to trade-offs between good projects and first-in-the-door projects, as well as force the city to turn away projects that would enhance the community.

RIFT's drafters also say that the measure will give the city time to "develop the physical, economic and social infrastructure to keep pace with development." Again, this is an empty claim. RIFT says nothing about what this infrastructure should look like or how it is supposed to come about. Perhaps the most specious claim is that RIFT is the "best way to address our ever worsening traffic mess." The best way to address traffic problems is to do just that – promote rapid transit, car pooling (perhaps with congestion pricing), bicycling, walking, etc. RIFT is a bad idea because it is a misdirected meat-ax approach to issues that require more thoughtful and nuanced consideration.

Paul Bergman
Santa Monica

Cell phone protocol

Editor:

It used to be very rude to talk in a restaurant, in public, as a rule. Now, not so. I would compare it to the movie "Pleasantville," in which an individual's passion changed them. I took a summer job which required constant updates, by cell phone, at any time while on duty – no matter the location. It was important. What could I do but take the call? Who would not? To not take the call would have been treason. So there I was, talking on a cell phone in public. You become what you resist

Now, the etiquette is "Oh, so cool." We all just turn a blind eye, and ear. We try to keep it private, and when we can't, we try to keep it under a minute, but we all talk on cell phones in public. If most of us do it, well, that makes it OK. Isn't democracy great?

Our 9-year-old neighbor just got a cell phone. She wears it on her waist in a bright-colored case with pride. Her father asked us before if we thought it was a good idea to buy a 9-year-old child a cell phone. We said yes. We knew that a telephone is a toy in the right hands. What a toy!

Texting is the next thing we have to address. When is it OK? When you can spend time without any distractions is just the beginning. Who are you texting in the presence of? In which environment? If I were on duty at my station I would not be texting. If I were having lunch with the king of Spain, I would not be texting. When would I like to text? When I could be alone with no distractions.

Brian Madden
Santa Monica



Your column here

Brad Pollack — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Defending our schools

ONCE AGAIN I MUST TAKE ISSUE WITH Bill Bauer's assessment of the Santa Monica Board of Education ("Same old school board?" page 4, Oct. 6) and his second negative reference to John Deasy (apparently, something about Deasy just doesn't sit well with Mr. Bauer). All I'll say about Mr. Bauer's disdain for John Deasy is that a lot of people including myself completely disagree with Mr. Bauer.

And, although I do not agree with every micro decision or board policy, I do believe that the board has shown a genuine intent to try to do what they believe is best for the school system and the taxpayers. That is more than can be said about most politicians today. Being on the board or City Council is a thankless, time-consuming, and difficult job; even if we disagree with certain decisions, let's give some credit to all of these people who work so hard for all of us.

Recently, I attended the Monday night forum for both the school board and City Council candidates.

Afterwards, I spoke with Jose Escarce and found him to be thoughtful, concerned, and extremely intelligent. The following week I met with Kelly Pye to express some concerns of mine regarding certain issues which I will discuss below. I found Kelly also to be thoughtful and responsive to my concerns and she outlined some very positive strategic plans that the board is trying to implement (e.g., STEM at Will Rogers, remedial reading intervention). Both Jose and Kelly are district parents and, presumably, care a great deal about the schools their own children attend.

Regarding teachers' pay raises and those for other district employees, over the years, the salary increases have been well in line with those in the immediately surrounding school districts. Perhaps if Mr. Bauer zeroed in on, and was more concerned with, undo CEO salaries (which are essentially fraudulent conveyances made with the blessing of board of directors), the country wouldn't be where it is today. Why does someone always pick on the hard-working person who shows up to do an honest days work?

The issues that I am particularly concerned with as a district parent, homeowner, and taxpayer are: school safety, out-of-district permits, special education, Samohi a.m. classes, and traffic (drop-off and pick-up) at Samohi. The [Thomas] Beltran incident at Lincoln [Middle School] is a tragedy; there's no question about it and we all feel for those families involved.

Sometimes, even with strong oversight, bad things happen. I don't know the whole story so I can only say my daughter spent three wonderful years at Lincoln (academically and socially), fortunately, without major incidents. I believe the board is proactively addressing this issue so it never happens again.

Regarding out-of-district permits, I support permits for city employee, school district employee, and SMC families. I also understand the board position that a certain level of permits contributes added revenues for budget management. Although I would prefer no permits other than for the categories mentioned, I understand the benefit of the added revenues.

However, in these difficult economic times, I have a suggestion to bring in new additional revenues. Currently, Santa Monica families are treated unequally relative to out-of-district families. Families in Santa Monica have to pay Measure RR and the BB bond interest.

Is it unreasonable to expect that out-of-district families should be asked to support the school district to the same extent that residents do? I calculate based on the 1,200 or so permits that an additional $500,000 per year would be brought into the district if all out-of-district families were asked to make the same contribution as district families.

I also do not believe that permits should be used to attain diversity in the schools as Maria Leon-Vazquez explicitly stated in the candidates forum. Santa Monica is already a very diverse community and using permits for this purpose is not only inappropriate but possibly unlawful.

Special ed is a thorny and difficult issue. The families of special ed children need to be treated fairly, but the taxpayers also need to be treated fairly.

Again, I believe both the board and City Council appear to be taking a proactive approach to implementing a better structure. I will not discuss the other issues I mention since those are micro problems specific to Samohi.

Santa Monica has excellent public schools strongly supported by the taxpayers. The community advantages of a strong school system have been detailed in endless reports, both local and national. I hope everyone continues to strive for and support excellence in our schools.

BRAD POLLACK is a parent, taxpayer, homeowner and business owner living in Santa Monica.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

EMAIL TO: EDITOR@SMDP.COM OR FAX TO (310) 576-9913

Santa Monica Daily Press
Visit us online at smdp.com

PUBLISHER
Ross Furukawa
ross@smdp.com

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Kevin Herrera
editor@smdp.com

MANAGING EDITOR
Daniel Archuleta
daniela@smdp.com

STAFF WRITER
Melody Hanatani
melodyh@smdp.com

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Brandon Wise
brandonw@smdp.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Bill Bauer, David Pisarra, Meredith Carroll, Kenny Mack, Jack Neworth, Lloyd Garver, Seth Barnes, Taylor Van Arsdale, Dane Robert Swanson, Ryan Hyatt, Steve Breen, Elizabeth Brown, Maria Rohloff, Merv Hecht, Mike Heayn, Brian Hepp Mariel Howsepian, Cynthia Citron, Amanda Cushman, Steve Parker and Phyllis Chavez

NEWS INTERNS
Christina Walker, Catherine Cain, Saba Hamedy
news@smdp.com

PHOTOGRAPHY INTERNS
Morgan Genser, Soraya Danesh, Raymond Solano, Rachel Dardashti
news@smdp.com

ADVERTISING SALES MANAGER
Rob Schwenker
schwenker@smdp.com

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES
Julie Martinez
juliem@smdp.com

Robert Hertel
roberth@smdp.com

Erin Collins
erinc@smdp.com

ADVERTISING TRAFFIC FACILITATOR
Amber Kessee
amberk@smdp.com

OPERATIONS MANAGER
Connie Sommerville
connies@smdp.com

PRODUCTION MANAGER
Robert Summa
summa@smdp.com

CIRCULATION
Keith Wyatt
Osvaldo Paganini
circulation@smdp.com

Santa Monica Daily Press
A newspaper with issues

410 Broadway, Suite B
Santa Monica, CA 90401
OFFICE (310) 458-PRESS (7737)
FAX (310) 576-9913

Visit us online at smdp.com

The Santa Monica Daily Press is published six days a week, Monday through Saturday.

19,000 daily circulation, 46,450 daily readership. Circulation is audited and verified by Circulation Verification Council, 2006. Serving the City of Santa Monica, and the communities of Venice Beach, Brentwood, West LA. Members of CNPA, AFCP, CVC, Associated Press, IFPA, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

Published by Newlon Rouge, LLC

© 2006 Newlon Rouge, LLC, all rights reserved.

OPINIONS EXPRESSED are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff. Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters will be published on a space-available basis. It is our intention to publish all letters we receive, except those that are libelous or are unsigned. Preference will be given to those that are e-mailed to editor@smdp.com. All letters must include the author's name and telephone number for purposes of verification. Letters also may be mailed to our offices located at 410 Broadway, Suite B, Santa Monica, 90401, or faxed to (310) 576-9913. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content.



Meredith Pro Tem

Meredith C. Carroll
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Baby boom for romance

DESPITE OUR STRONG DESIRE TO HAVE A baby, my husband and I were a little worried about how it would affect our marriage. After all, for nine months friends and strangers looked at my growing belly and shared with us unsolicited horror stories of blissfully happy relationships gone to pot once a newborn was thrown into the mix.

So we braced ourselves for the worst and tried to shove as much romance into the pregnancy (which was no small feat since I felt only slightly sexier and lithe than Snuffleupagus) in case it was our last opportunity until becoming empty nesters. Fortunately though, the reality nearly nine weeks after the birth of our exquisite daughter is we've never been more in love.

Initially I was concerned that the act of giving birth itself would throw a wrench into any future amorous plans.

While bringing a baby into the world is undoubtedly a blessing and a miracle, literally squeezing a baby out is downright gruesome and not for a spectator with a weak constitution. After pushing for two hours, our baby was born via C-section (leave it to me to have my one small body part be my pelvis).

Still, I can only imagine the nightmares Rick might be harboring from the memory of those two hours before the surgery, although he swears it was nothing but sunshine and roses. He's clearly a bald-faced liar. I think it's sweet.

I've been sure to give Rick updates throughout each day so he doesn't feel left out on the baby's progress while he's at work.

Many would likely approve of our open line of communication, though most relationship coaches probably would have advised me against sending him a cell phone picture last week of our smiling baby with the caption, "No rectal stimulation necessary! I pooped on my own!" Nevertheless Rick called immediately after receiving it so we could bask in the baby's, uh, moving achievement together. Really, we've never been more connected.

And although there's no doubt that in a healthy marriage being physically close is just as important as a spiritual bond, I find it utterly romantic when Rick takes the baby out of our room at four in the morning and goes downstairs to sleep with her on the couch so I can get a few consecutive hours of shut eye without being disturbed by her gurgling noises. Waking up alone has never felt so good.

Having a baby has changed the way Rick expresses himself. When the baby juts out her lower lip in a pout when she's annoyed, Rick gazes at her lovingly and says, "You look just like your momma."

Or when she cries until someone picks her up, he'll remark, "She knows exactly how to get what she wants. Just like mommy." Eight weeks ago? Not so charming. Now? Adorable!

These days Rick is also much calmer when watching football games. Last season he'd always pace the length of the living room tensely, yell at the television or jump up and cheer for hours at a stretch. But during one recent game when his mother was visiting he was the one reminding her to keep it down.

"After all," he told her. "It's just a game and we don't want to send the wrong message to the baby."

A month after the baby was born we celebrated our second wedding anniversary. At first we planned on going out to dinner — with her.

"Why don't you get someone to watch her so you can have the evening to yourselves," my sister asked.

"Because I'm worried no one else will be able to figure out how she likes to be held when she's trying to fall asleep and then she'll get upset," I explained. "So we'll just bring her with us and then we won't have to worry."

"Ugh. Don't be a parent who never leaves her kid with a babysitter. It's not good for your marriage," she warned.

"No one else will really understand her," I protested.

Married for 11 years with three kids, I could hear my sister rolling her eyes over the phone.

It was a moot point anyway, because the baby woke up that morning with a little cold so we knew we definitely wouldn't be taking her anywhere or leaving her with anyone. Instead we decided we would light some candles, eat a lovely meal and watch a good film.

But after a day of delicately applying saline drops to the baby's nose and trying to soothe her congestion, the best we could manage was ordering takeout, eating on the couch and watching the baby sleep for a few hours before we fell asleep. It might not be the stuff of a fairytale ending, but for us, it's a fine romance, indeed.

E-mail questions or comments to meredithccarroll@hotmail.com.

The Q Line

Paying the taxman

There are three issues on the November ballot that deal with taxes. Santa Monica College is attempting to pass a bond, the county is trying to increase sales taxes by half a cent to pay for transit projects, and the city wants to expand the Utility Users Tax. Times are tough and more taxes would be hard to swallow for many residents.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

If you could pick just one, which of these issues would you vote for, and why?

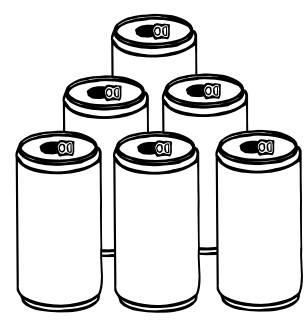
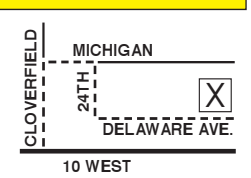
Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. Please limit responses to a minute or less.


Kate Bransfield
Estates Director
Coldwell Banker - Montana Ave
310.395.1133
What is Your Home Worth?
Contact Me to Find Out.
for local, current real estate info...
SantaMonicaListings.com

MY DENTIST TELLS THE WORST JOKES!
(But the laughing gas helps)
DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU?
• Dental Anxiety?
• Advanced Dental Problems
• Just Old Fashion Procrastination
HELP WITHOUT JUDGEMENT IS AVAILABLE
• Nitrous Oxide provided as a courtesy upon request
• Dental Anesthesiologist available for IV sedation
WE ARE A FULL SERVICE DENTAL OFFICE and WE ACCEPT DENTAL INSURANCE
• General Dentistry
• Cosmetics
• Implants
• Invisalign orthodontics
• Root Canals
• Periodontics (gums)
• Digital Super Low Radiation x-rays
FREE
TEETH WHITENING
a $250.00 VALUE
With Exam, X-Rays and Cleaning. Some restrictions may apply. Call for details. Offer Good for 60 days.
or
$1 EXAM
NEW PATIENTS ONLY
INITIAL EXAM, CONSULATION & COMPLETE SET OF X-RAYS
Some restrictions may apply. Call for details. Offer good for 60 Days. #004
SANTA MONICA FAMILY DENTISTRY
DR. ALAN RUBENSTEIN
1260 15th ST. SUITE #703
(310) 736-2590
WWW.ALANRUBENSTEINDDS.COM



Hypnosis Works!
When you're ready for a change
John McGrail C.Ht.
Clinical Hypnotherapist
(310) 235-2883 www.hypnotherapylosangeles.com
Hypnotherapists are not licensed by the state of California as healing arts practitioners; for your benefit and protection, work on some issues may require a written referral from a licensed physician or mental health professional.

RECYCLE NOW!

CRV ALUMINUM CANS: $1.70 per lb.
(Up to $1.90 per lb.) Drop-off donation bins available 24 hours in front
Santa Monica Recycling Center
2411 Delaware Avenue in Santa Monica
(310) 453-9677


SUMMER IS OVER!!!!
Now Get The Hottest Looks For Fall



Women's clothing & accessories
"Book a fun girl's night out - in - store
Boutique party and receive FREE merchandise"
10% OFF first purchase Expires 10/30/08
Checa Chic Boutique 3004 Lincoln Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405



Car insurance with
PERSONAL SERVICE.
No extra charge.
At State Farm® you get a competitive rate and an agent dedicated to helping you get the coverage that's right for you and the discounts you deserve. Nobody takes care of you like State Farm. Contact me. I'll prove it.
David B Rosenberg, Agent
www.dr4insurance.com
Insurance Lic. #: 0618319
1220 Lincoln Blvd
Santa Monica, CA 90401-1704
Bus: 310-458-3400
STATE FARM INSURANCE
LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR, STATE FARM IS THERE.®
Providing Insurance and Financial Services
PD80142CA
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, State Farm Indemnity Company
Bloomington, IL • Insurance and discounts subject to qualifications.

WAKE UP WITH THE WAVES
CHILDRENS CONCERT SERIES AT THE SANTA MONICA PIER
SATURDAY MORNINGS FROM 9AM TO 11AM
SEPTEMBER 27 - NOVEMBER 1
FREE INTERACTIVE CONCERTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AT THE SANTA MONICA PIER! ENJOY SINGING, DANCING, MUSIC AND MOVEMENT, PRIZES, PLUS SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES!
ALL SHOWS ARE PRODUCED FOR KIDS AGES 1-5, BUT ARE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
9/27/08 THE HOLLOW TREES / JAMIE SHAHEEN
"WELCOME TO NELSONVILLE"
This is a fantastic interactive group that will enthrall your kids. Mommies and Daddies too! Folk and Country Swing. Prizes for first 50 kids –ages 1-5. 50 coupons redeemable for one toy each at 10:45am
10/04/08 JAMIE SHAHEEN AND FRIENDS
"EVERYBODY'S HAPPY WHEN THEY'RE SINGING"
Sing a long with this wonderful, energetic singer- songwriter where YOU are the STAR! Jamie currently performs at Disney's Grand Californian. Toy Raffle for kids ages 1-7
10/11/08 PARKER BENT
"CHARLIE DAVIDSON'S TRICYCLE CLUB"
It tickles, It teaches, It ROCKS! Winner of the 2007 Parent's Choice Award. For kids ages 1-5
10/18/08 ROCK THEATRE
Ready for some fun? These young, high-energy pop music singers and dancers will show your kids the latest moves! For kids ages 1-12
10/25/08 MICHAEL CLADIS HOSTS THE 3RD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BEACH BASH CHILDREN'S CONCERT WITH A PARTY VIBE
Pirates and Princesses' games with 100 prizes for kids 1-5 in costume
11/01/08 SPECIAL KIDS' CONCERT AT AMOEBA MUSIC!
Amoeba hosts a special in-store performance at 12 noon in Hollywood. Stay tuned to www.amoeba.com for the upcoming announcement of the exciting musical guest and bring the kids out for a free live show!
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 310-458-8900 OR VISIT WWW.SANTAMONICAPIER.ORG
PRODUCED BY MICHAEL CLADIS AND THE SANTA MONICA PIER RESTORATION CORPORATION
Santa Monica Daily Press
Pacific Park
PRINTED WITH SOY-BASED INK ON 100% POST-CONSUMER CONTENT PAPER

Miller spotlighted for his gourmet grains

BY PAGE IVEY
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. A loaf of rice bread with a crust so thin and crisp, it's like pastry. Biscuits made with wild yeast gathered from wheat fields, explosive with flavor. Stone-ground grits that wake up your mouth at breakfast and keep you going all day.

It is these legends of Southern cuisine that inspire Glenn Roberts, getting him up at 4 a.m. to mill or grind the ancient varieties of rice, wheat and corn needed to make them. And they keep him going long past sunset, driving between his far-flung farms.

"The profits are not measured in dollars. The profits are measured in how many different landraces of cereal grain can I keep relevant," he says, referring to mostly heirloom grains that taste and look different based on where and how they are grown.

Roberts' Anson Mills is a labor of love that caps a 30-plus-year career in the restaurant and hotel business.

In a way, he only sells his silky flour and rice that smells of green tea and lavender to support his habit — farming. The goal, he says, is to preserve the grains that fed generations and created the Carolina rice kitchen cuisine.

And after 10 years those grains have made Roberts famous. His products are sought by the likes of Charlie Trotter, Tom Colicchio and other top tier chefs. Most recently, he was named the 2008 food artisan of the year by Bon Appetit magazine.

Colicchio, a judge on Bravo's "Top Chef," has been using Anson Mills corn meal, quinoa and barley for about eight years.

"Fifty percent of cooking is buying great ingredients," he says. "They treat their product with a lot of care and respect and it shows."

That care shows not just in how he tends his fields, but where. Roberts' 1,000 acres of crops are spread around the country, never in a plot of more than 20 acres, a system that ensures an isolated storm can't wipe out a plant variety — or his business.

Many of the seeds came from the federal government's seed bank, a repository of nearly 500,000 plant samples. New crops get tested in small patches before being sent to conventional farmers who agree to grow Roberts' seeds, harvest the grains then sell it back to him.

But bringing back those old varieties has meant bringing back the older ways of growing them.

When the farmers cultivate Roberts' crops, they must leave more space between the plants. That reduces yield — about 20 bushels an acre compared with 60 for regular wheat. But the traditional crops require less water and no fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides.

"All my farmers are doing me favors. They're real farmers that take a little bit of land over here and grow this stuff," Roberts says. "In order for me to get them to stop and blow their combine out to do my little 5- or 10-acre plot, I plead with them every year for grace."

Roberts' milling process also draws on traditional techniques. For example, after reading about some farmers who let their late corn freeze in the fields before taking it to be milled, he began putting all of his grains in freezers before milling. The lower temperatures reduce damage to the grain and help it retain flavor.

"Oxygen and heat are the enemy of any milling," says Roberts, whose low-key milling operation is tucked away behind a car wash near downtown Columbia.

His modest machines — one dates to the 19th century — create heat during the process, so the building temperature is kept at 60 F all the time, then dropped about 10 degrees during the actual milling.

The final steps of sifting and sorting the various flour types are done by hand with screens and large stainless steel bowls.

It's that level of devotion that won over the likes of Matthias Merges, executive chef for Charlie Trotter's restaurant in Chicago, which has been using Anson Mills' products for more than 10 years.

"The products that he was bringing forth were really, really special and they were handled with care," Merges says. "They were done by hand and it shows. The end result really, really comes through, when you cook them, when you taste them, when you compare them side-by-side with others."

Merges started off buying Roberts' grits, which along with rice is a cornerstone of Southern cuisine.

And Roberts says the secret to the great taste of his yellow corn grits is what is considered waste by industrial millers.

"It's the big pieces of corn with the germ still on it — they actually call that trash, I love it — and that's what really makes grits taste good," Roberts said. "We have to take that and do a lot of hand work to it."

All the work that goes into the grits, flour and rice adds up to some pretty pricey products.

Roberts' seven varieties of grits sell for $3.20 to $4.20 a pound wholesale. Conventional grits run about 40 cents a pound.

"This stuff's really expensive, it's expensive to grow, it's time-intensive and the chefs pay like a bandit to get it," Roberts says. "It's like the most expensive thing they buy besides veal and exotic seafood."

> THE PRODUCTS THAT HE WAS BRINGING FORTH WERE REALLY, REALLY SPECIAL AND THEY WERE HANDLED WITH CARE. THEY WERE DONE BY HAND AND IT SHOWS. THE END RESULT REALLY, REALLY COMES THROUGH, WHEN YOU COOK THEM, WHEN YOU TASTE THEM, WHEN YOU COMPARE THEM SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH OTHERS."
>
> **Matthias Merges**
> Executive chef for Charlie Trotter's restaurant in Chicago

The Re-View

Merv Hecht

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Tony P's is popping

IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE BEEN LUNCHING IN Marina del Rey since before there was water in the canals. And yet, recently, while browsing the Internet, I saw some favorable comments about Tony P's Dockside Grill, a place I have never visited. So the next time I was driving by, my wife and I stopped in there for lunch.

Upon entering I noticed that the restaurant includes an enclosed patio overlooking the marina that was pretty packed with diners, as well as a large, dimly lit bar with lots of TV screens — obviously this place would be hopping during Monday Night Football. There were three other rooms. Two hosted large parties. We sat down in the third room, which was a bit quieter.

A minute or so later a busboy appeared with two glasses of water and some hot bread. We were off to a good start! A moment later a cheery blond waitress appeared and asked if we wanted something to drink.

"Do I look like a guy that would drink during the day?" I asked. She thought about that for a second or two, smiled, and said "Yes!" "OK, I said, I'll have a glass of beer." While waiting for my beer I looked over the wine list, and was unimpressed. Wine is not this restaurant's strong point. But there were a lot of interesting mixed drinks on the bar menu.

Then she brought the menu. Suddenly, I was in heaven! All of my favorite dishes were there. Of course, that makes it hard to order. There was a particularly large selection of appetizers, and I could visualize myself tasting them while watching a game on one of the TVs.

For a start, I ordered the pulled pork quesadilla. That turned out to be a fresh tortilla filled with delicious pulled pork in a tasty BBQ sauce, with just enough vinegar and sugar, and real chopped tomato inside. It was a pretty big helping, but it was so good I had no problem finishing it.

Having eaten my way through the meat course, I decided to move on to the fish course.

With my next glass of beer I had the tuna sandwich. This turned out to be a thick piece of fresh tuna cooked to perfection inside a big fresh bun, with a slice of tomato and mayonnaise sauce.

After that I was full, but sorry not able to taste the BBQ ribs, or any of the eight pasta dishes offered between $12 to $15 or one of the terrific sounding steaks.

Late at night perhaps I'll try the pulled pork pizza sometime, just because I like the alliteration. I did taste my wife's chicken Caesar salad, and it was fine, except there was the wrong kind of cheese on it. An authentic Caesar salad is topped with good, salty parmesan cheese, not mild strips of bland cheese.

I asked the waitress who owned the place. She said "wait a minute and he'll stop by." Sure enough, in a few minutes Tony himself showed up.

He said his partner was also there. In my experience, when the owners are on the premises it's a good sign, and I guess that's one of the reasons why the service at our table was so perfect.

FOR A START, I ORDERED THE PULLED PORK QUESADILLA. THAT TURNED OUT TO BE A FRESH TORTILLA FILLED WITH DELICIOUS PULLED PORK IN A TASTY BBQ SAUCE, WITH JUST ENOUGH VINEGAR AND SUGAR, AND REAL CHOPPED TOMATO INSIDE.

Tony told me a bit about the history of the restaurant, and explained that he didn't use his full name for the restaurant, Tony Palermo, because he didn't want people to think it was an Italian restaurant.

As he left he said to the waitress, "bring my new friends here a couple of desserts." So she asked us to choose among several options.

Soon two small glasses appeared — one filled with apple and apple crisp, and the other with berries and whipped cream. We shouldn't have, but we did.

In this day of pizza, tacos, and sushi, there is clearly a place for an American restaurant that serves good old American food. This is it. I'll be back for those ribs!

MERV HECHT, the food and wine critic for the Santa Monica Daily Press, is a wine buyer and consultant to a number of national and international food and wine companies. He can be reached at mervynhecht@yahoo.com

Finally, a tome for wine snobs

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Rare is the dictionary that entertains (especially after age 10, when you've looked up all the dirty words).

But David Kamp and David Lynch's forthcoming "The Wine Snob's Dictionary" is that rare exception, and not only will leave you laughing, but might also actually teach you something along the way.

The book is an effort to demystify what Kamp and Lynch consider the impenetrable language of the wine elite. It's a straightforward A to Z guide of the people, places and terms of the wine world delivered with deadpan humor. The definition for "Food-friendly," for example:

"Olive-branch term used by Snobs when they're in the magnanimous mood to engage non-Snobs. Usually denotes a well-made but 'simple' wine that matches up easily with whatever some polo-shirted weekend grillmeister is cooking up out back."

Best yet, read this dictionary as you would a book and you'll actually come away more wine fluent. Just don't let it go to your head and turn you into a wine snob.

BRAKE SPECIAL
$99 Front 2-Wheel Disc
REG. $120.00
New Brake Pads • Inspect Front Rotors • Inspect Front Wheel Bearings • Add Brake Fluid • For Most Cars
EXPRESS AUTO SERVICE
310-399-6076 2700 Lincoln Blvd. #3 (corner of Hill & Lincoln — enter from Hill) www.expressautosm.com



WANT RADIANT LOOKING SKIN?
NEW Complete facial with oxygen $95
builds collagen • helps with acne • smoother softer skin
Basic Facial $60
WAXING 10% OFF WITH THIS AD
Except Brazilian Bikini Wax $45
Gina Marchese
Promoting healthy skin care
320 SANTA MONICA BLVD
OFF 3RD STREET PROMENADE IN BAY CITIES BEAUTY SUPPLY (310) 562-1592

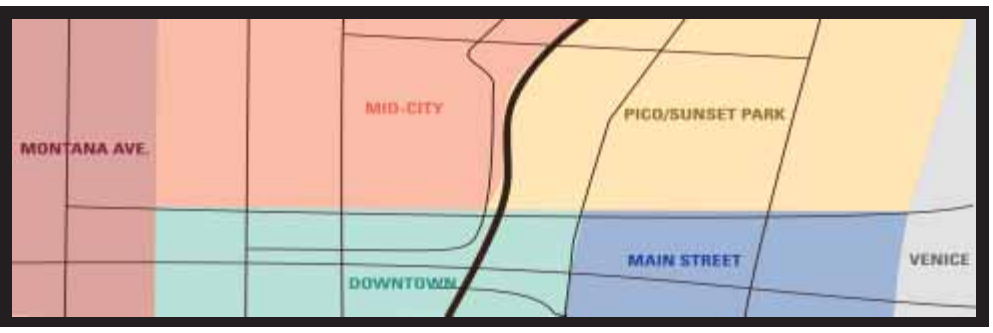
20 Pockets!
The Ultimate in Hands-Free Travel.
A place for...
• cell phone
• water bottle
• eyeglasses
• maps
• passport
• camera
• more!
Scottevest® Essential Jacket (men's & women's)
Scottevest® Classic Travel Vest (men's & women's)



Magellan's
The World's Most Trusted Source of Travel Supplies℠
1006 Wilshire Blvd. (at 10th) ~ Free Parking in Back
(310) 394-9417 ~ www.magellans.com
Store Hours: Mon. - Sat. 10 to 7 & Sun. 12 to 5

westside DISH

YOUR GUIDE TO DINING IN Santa Monica, Brentwood, West LA and Venice Beach







MONTANA AVE

17th St Cafe 1610 Montana Ave. (310) 453-2771
Andrew's Cheese Shop 728 Montana Ave. (310) 393-3308

BABALU
Excellent Carribean dining featuring a fresh menu focusing on seafood, burgers, salads and world famous homemade desserts. Open daily from 11:30 to 10pm. Wine and beer menu, take out available.
1002 Montana Ave (310) 395-2500

Blue Plate 1415 Montana Ave. (310) 260-8878
Cafe Dana 1211 Montana Ave. (310) 394-0815
Cafe Montana 1534 Montana Ave (310) 829-3990
Di Dio's Italian Ices 1305 Montana Ave. (310) 393-2788
The Duck Blind 1102 Montana Ave. (310) 394-6705
Father's Office 1018 Montana Ave. (310) 393-2337
Il Dolce Cafe 1023 Montana Ave #B (310) 458-4880
Le Marmiton 1327 Montana Ave (310) 393-7716
Locanda Portofino 1110 Montana Ave. (310) 394-2070
Louise's Trattoria 1008 Montana Ave. (310) 394-8888
Marmalade 710 Montana Ave. (310) 829-0093
Montana Restaurant & Lounge 1323 Montana Blvd. (323) 330-8010
Patty's Gourmet Take & Bake Pizza 625 Montana Ave. (310) 576-6616
Pradeeps 1405 Montana Ave. (310) 393-1467
Ristorante Vincenzo 714 Montana Ave. (310) 395-6619
Rosti 931 Montana Ave. (310) 838-4900
Spumoni 713 Montana Ave. (310) 393-2944
Sushi Sho 1303 Montana Ave. (310) 393-0035
Via Dolce 1627 Montana Ave. (310) 458-1562
Vincenzo Ristorante 714 Montana Ave. (310) 395-6619

MID-CITY

Akbar Cuisine Of India 2627 Wilshire Blvd (310) 586-7469
Back On Broadway 2024 Broadway (310) 453-8919
Bergamot Cafe 2525 Michigan Ave. # A3 (310) 828-4001
Big Jos 1955 Broadway (310) 828-3191
Bistro Of Santa Monica Santa Monica Blvd (310) 453-5442

BISTRO 31
Bistro 31, the culinary student-run restaurant of The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of California – Los Angeles, offers an incredible dining experience at a reasonable price. Students prepare sumptuous international cuisine and deliver it in an elegant setting. Lunch and dinner.
2900 31st St (310) 314-6057

Bizou Garden 2450 Colorado Ave. #1050 (310) 472-6020
Bread And Porridge 2315 Wilshire Blvd (310) 453-4941
Buon Giorno Caffe 1431 Santa Monica Bl (310) 260-0073
Cafe L'etoile D'or 2311 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 315-4375
Chandni Vegetarian 1909 Wilshire Blvd (310) 828-7060
Coogie's Cafe 2906 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 829-7871
The Corner Cafe 28th St. #121 (310) 452-2905
The Cutting Board 1260 15th St. #105 (310) 434-9924

DAGWOODS
Pizza lovers love DAGWOODS for its real hand tossed authentic NY Style Pizza. Others come for the delicious Italian food: custom made calzones, 100% semolina pasta dishes, giant subs and zesty salads and side dishes. Whatever you choose, it comes at great prices with friendly service. Free Delivery.
820 Wilshire Blvd. (310) 899-3030

Daily Grill 2501 Colorado Ave. #b-190 (310) 309-2170
Drago Restaurant 2628 Wilshire Blvd (310) 828-1585
Dragon Palace 2832 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 829-1462
El Cholo 1025 Wilshire Blvd (310) 899-1106
Fromins 1832 Wilshire Blvd (310) 829-5443
House Of Billiards 1901 Wilshire Blvd (310) 828-9203
I H O P 1920 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 829-9100
Casa Escobar 2500 Wilshire Blvd (310) 828-1315

IZZYS DELI
Where the stars meet the locals. Izzys features 10.95 dinners nightly. Since 1970, Izzys has been serving hungry locals the world famous Reuben sandwich and generous omeletes for generations.
1433 Wilshire Blvd (310) 394-1131

J P's Bar & Grill 1101 Wilshire Blvd (310) 394-7660
Kaido Japense Cuisine 2834 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 828-7582
Kay 'N Dave's 262 26th St. (818) 782-6196
L A Farm Ltd 3000 Olympic Blvd (310) 449-4007
Lee's Chinese Food 1610 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 828-5304
The Lincoln 2460 Wilshire Bl (310) 828-2217
Lucys Lunchbox 710 Wilshire Bl #100 (818) 762-6267
Maya Japanese Food 2840 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 453-2612
Manhattan Bagel 2216 Wilshire Blvd (310) 828-3228
Nawab Of India 1621 Wilshire Bl (310) 829-1106
Networks Cafe 2700 Colorado Ave. #190 (310) 315-0502
Noma Restaurant 2031 Wilshire Blvd (310) 453-4848
Norms Santa Monica 1601 Lincoln Blvd (310) 395-6310
O' Briens 2226 Wilshire Blvd (310) 829-5303
Our Cafe 2104 Wilshire Bl (310) 828-5313
Overunder 1333 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 899-0076
Pacific Dining Car 2700 Wilshire Blvd (310) 453-4000
Pot & Pan Thai Food 2315 Santa Monica Blvd (818) 439-7083
Santa Monica Pizza 1318 Wilshire Blvd (310) 393-4554
The Shack Restaurant 2518 Wilshire Blvd (310) 449-1171
The Slice 915 Wilshire Blvd (310) 453-2367
Sizzler 2025 Wilshire Blvd (310) 453-3250
Snug Harbor 2323 Wilshire Blvd (310) 828-2991
Sunshine Cafe & Grill 2021 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 449-7777
Sushi King 1330 Wilshire Blvd (310) 395-0120
Tacos Por Favor 1406 Olympic Blvd (310) 392-5768
Taqueria Chihuahua 1909 Lincoln Bl (310) 874-2057
Tazzina 1620 Wilshire Blvd (310) 413-4270
Thai Dishes 111 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 394-6189
Toi On Wilshire 1120 Wilshire Blvd (310) 394-7804
Wilshire Restaurant 2454 Wilshire Blvd (310) 586-1707

DOWNTOWN

3 on Fourth 1432 4th St. #A (310) 395-6765
Abode Restaurant 1541 Ocean Av #150 (310) 394-3463
B O A 101 Santa Monica Bl (323) 655-3372
Baja Buds 1315 Third Street Promenade (310) 393-6060
Bangkok West 606 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 395-9658

BENIHANA
Traditional Japanese teppanyaki room. Sushi appetizers. Open Daily. Please call for specific hours.
1447 4th St. (310) 260-1423

Bookmark Cafe 601 Santa Monica Bl (310) 587-2665
Bravo Cucina 1319 Third Street Promenade (310) 394-0374

BRITANNIA PUB
Britannia Pub has been a favorite for years for locals and visitors alike. This English pub has a traditonal charm with a Californian flair. A cozy inviting atmosphere makes this a great place to relax and meet new people. Our friendly staff provides you with excellent service for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner or Cocktails. We also offer live music, karaoke, pool and an unbelievable jukebox. Once you visit you'll want to anchor!
318 Santa Monica Blvd. (310) 458-5350

Broadway Deli 1457 Third Street Promenade (310) 451-0616
Brunos Italian Rest Deli 1652 Ocean Ave. (310) 395-5589
Bubba Gump Shrimp Co 301 SM Pier (310) 393-0458
Buca Di Beppo 1442 2nd St. (310) 587-0771
The Cafe 445 Pacific Coast Hwy (310) 393-8282
Cafe Crepe 1460 Third Street Promenade (310) 576-0499
Cafe Paradiso 2408 Wilshire Blvd (818) 427-1796
Cafe Presto 2425 Colorado Ave. #107 B (310) 829-7757
Cafe Sol 2425 Colorado Ave. (310) 829-0031
California Chicken Cafe 2401 Wilshire Blvd (310) 453-0477
California Crisp 13 Santa Monica Place (310) 394-3800
California Pizza Kitchen 214 Wilshire Blvd (310) 393-9335
Callahans Restaurant 1213 Wilshire Blvd (310) 394-6210
Capo 1810 Ocean Ave. (310) 394-5550
Carousel Cafe 1601 Ocean Front Walk (310) 451-4277
Chez Jay 1657 Ocean Ave. (310) 395-1241
Comfort Cafe 420 Broadway (310) 395-6252
Cora's Coffee Shoppe L P 1802 Ocean Ave. (310) 434-2468
Crepes Company Inc 213 Arizona Ave. (310) 801-0670
Dennys Restaurant 1645 1560 Lincoln Blvd (714) 251-5409
Fast Taco 2901 Ocean Park Blvd #115 (310) 664-8722
Fritto Misto 601 Colorado Ave. (310) 458-2828

FUNNEL MILL
The Funnel Mill features imported, organic coffee and teas from around the world. If you eat McDonalds, drink two buck Chuck, and think Starbucks is gourmet, this place is not for you. Discover what coffee and tea should really taste like to the discerning palate. Try our traditional tea ceremony to truly appreciate the flavors of the East. www.funnelmill.com
930 Broadway Suite A (310) 597-4395

Gate Of India 115 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 656-1665
Gaucho Grill 1251 Third Street Promenade (323) 468-0220
Georges Bistro 1321 Third Street (310) 451-8823
Hedwigs Cafe 1509 4th St. (310) 394-3956

THE HIDEOUT
The Hideout is Santa Monica's best lounge! We pay attention to details, so you don't have to. Whether you want to come alone, as a couple, with a group of friends, or throw an unforgettable party, we've got you covered!
112 W. Channel Road (310) 429-1851

Hot Dog On A Stick 1633 Ocean Front Walk (760) 930-0456

HOUSTON'S
Upscale steak and seafood. Live jazz on thursdays upstairs lounge. Full bar, open 11:00 to 11pm daily. Reservations suggested.
202 Wilshire Blvd (602) 553-2111

I Cugini Restaurant 1501 Ocean Ave. (310) 451-4595

IL FORNAIO
In the tradition of Italy's trattorias, the sight, sounds and aromas of authentic Italian cuisine are recreated everyday at Il Fornaio. Mornings bring crisp crusted bread hot from the oven accompanied by the scent of fresh brewed espresso. During lunch and dinner, pastas and flavorful sauces simmer while meats and vegetables roast over hot coals.
1551 Ocean Ave. (415) 945-0500

Infuzion Cafe 1149 3rd St. #100 (310) 393-9985
Interactive Cafe 215 Broadway (310) 395-5009
Ipanema Cafe 150 Santa Monica Place (310) 838-8586
Ivy At The Shore 1535 Ocean Ave. (310) 278-2908
Jinkys Cafe 1447 2nd St. (818) 981-2250
Jiraffe Restaurant 504 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 917-6671

JOHNNY ROCKETS
Every Johnny Rockets restaurant boasts an all-American look and feel with great tasting food including juicy hamburgers, classic sandwiches and hand-dipped shakes and malts. Come in and see for yourself why Johnny Rockets is the place Where the Good Times Roll!TM"
1322 Third Street (949) 643-6100

Kaiten Restaurant 1456 Third Street (310) 451-8080
La Botte, Inc. 620 Santa Monica Blvd #A (310) 576-3072
La Salsa #44 1401 Third Street Promenade (310) 587-0755
La Serenata 1416 4th St. (310) 204-5360
Le Merigot Hotel 1740 Ocean Ave. (310) 395-9700
Leonidas 331 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 417-8851
Light House Buffet 201 Arizona Ave. (310) 451-2076
The Lobster 1602 Ocean Ave. (310) 458-9294
Locanda Del Lago 231 Arizona Ave. (310) 451-3525
Loews Santa Monica 1700 Ocean Ave. (310) 458-6700
Manchu Wok 11 Santa Monica Pl (310) 458-3558
Mariasol 401 Santa Monica Pier (213) 626-5554
Michaels 1147 3rd St. (310) 395-7911
Musha Restaurant 424 Wilshire Blvd (310) 576-6330
Newsroom Santa Monica Inc 530 Wilshire (310) 451-9444
Ocean Avenue Seafood 1401 Ocean Ave. (310) 437-8824
Ocean Cafe 100 Wilshire Blvd #B1-10 (310) 260-6010

THE ORCHID
Asian fusian at it's best. This Thai restauraunt blends eastern spices and traditional Thai ingredients to make a unique and special dining experience, just a block from the ocean.
119-121 Broadway (310) 801-5240

P F Chang's China Bistro 326 Wilshire Blvd (310) 395-1912
Panera Bread 501 Wilshire Bl (714) 241-7705
Perrys Pizz 930 Ocean Front Walk (310) 372-3138
Perrys Pizza 2600 Ocean Front Walk (310) 372-3138
Perrys Pizza 1200 Ocean Front Walk (310) 458-3975
Perrys Pizza 2400 Ocean Front Walk (310) 372-3138
Promenade Cafe 321 Santa Monica Bl (213) 700-2373
R A W 609 Broadway (310) 451-4148
Real Food Daily 514 Santa Monica Blvd (310) 393-0804
Renees Court Yard 522 Wilshire Blvd (310) 451-9341
Rustic Canyon 1119 Wilshire Blvd (310) 560-7787

RUSTY'S SURF RANCH
Rusty's Surf Ranch on the Santa Monica Pier is a multi-use facility, featuring the best in live music, dancing and award-winning cuisine in a California beach environment. With an extensive collection of historic surfboards and memorabilia, Rusty's pays homage to the "Surfing '60s", the Golden Era of California Surf Culture. Rusty's lunch and dinner cuisine are consistent award winners, but great meals share the stage with great music at Rusty's when the Dining Room stage welcomes live music and dancing with top area bands and national acts. Rusty's is available for Special Events during normal operations or as a restricted facility for Private Parties. Rusty's Surf Ranch is a perfect reminder of a simpler time in California's beachfront history, with good food in a casual environment, live music and FUN. Open daily at noon. Happy Hour 4-7p.m.
256 Santa Monica Pier (310)393-PIERS

westside DISH

Scarboni 312 Wilshire Bl	(310) 704-8079

SONNY MCLEAN'S
A true bit of Boston on the west coast. A haven for all Boston Sport fans and the west coast home of Red Sox Nation West with an excellent menu offering including fried calms, bellies and all, lobster rolls and great clam chowda'.
2615 Wilshire Blvd. (310) 449-1811

Stefano's 1310 Third Street Promenade	(310) 216-7716
Sunset Bar & Grill 1240 Third Street	(310) 393-3959
Sushi Mon 401 Santa Monica Blvd	(310) 576-7011
Sushi Roku Santa Monica 1401 Ocean Av	(310) 655-3372
Sushi Shogun 1315 Third Street	(213) 500-4989
Sushi Teri Express 1551 Ocean Ave. #130 B	(310) 394-2189

SWINGERS
The local diner, serving traditional diner fare with a southern california twist. Open 24 hours, the crowd in Swingers will change from late night clubbers to early morning coffee drinkers around 4am.
802 Broadway (323) 656-6136

Tandoor Cafe 395 Santa Monica Place #009	(310) 435-3845
Tastie16 Santa Monica Place	(310) 770-6745
Thai Dishes Restaurant 1910 Wilshire Blvd	(310) 828-5634
Tokyo Kitchen 15 Santa Monica Pl	(310) 451-5385
T's Thai 1215 4th St.	(310) 395-4106
Tudor House 1403 2nd St.	(310) 451-8470
Victoria Pizzeria 1607 Ocean Front Walk	(310) 394-6863
Villa Italian Specialties 8 Santa Monica Pl	(310) 451-3031
Wahoo's Fish Taco 418 Wilshire Blvd	(949) 222-0670
Whist 1819 Ocean Av	(310) 260-7509
Yangtze 1333 Third Street Promenade	(310)260-1994
Yankee Doodles 1410 Third Street	(310)394-4632
Ye Olde Kings Head 116 Santa Monica Blvd	(310)451-1402
	(310)451-1402

PICO/SUNSET PARK

310 Lounge & Bistro 3321 Pico Blvd.	(310) 453-1331
Abbots Pizza Company 1811 Pico Blvd	(310) 314-2777
Acapulco Restaurant 3360 Ocean Park Blvd.	(310) 450-8665
Air Conditioned 2819 Pico Blvd	(310) 829-3700
Ameci Pizza Pasta 2218 Lincoln Bl	(310) 314-0090
B B Q Garden 1707 Pico Blvd.	(310) 450-6494
The Bread Factory Inc 1900 Pico Bl	(310) 434-4653
Buddha Boba 1701 Pico Bl	(626) 674-8882
Bud's Famous Deli & Desserts 2727 Ocean Park Blvd.	(310) 450-6860
Cafe Bolivar 1741 Ocean Park Blvd.	(310) 581-2344
Campos Mexican Food Inc 2008 Pico Blvd	(310) 450-4477
Classic Pizza 2624 Pico Blvd	(310) 399-0452
The Counter 2901 Ocean Park Bl #102	(310) 399-8383
The Daily Pint 2310 Pico Blvd	(310) 450-7631
El Indio 2526 Pico Blvd	(310) 450-8057
El Pollo Loco Restaurant 1906 Lincoln Blvd	(310) 392-9800
El Torito 3360 Ocean Park Blvd.	(310) 450-8665
El Texate 316 Pico Blvd.	(310) 399-1115
Fresh & Natural Cafe 1900 Pico Blvd	(310) 392-0516
Ocean Park Pizza 2819 1/2 Ocean Park Blvd	(310) 450-9949
Georges Burgers 3101 Lincoln Blvd	(310) 452-0445
Gilbert's El Indio Mexican Food 2526 Pico Blvd.	(310) 450-8057
Hotel Casa Del Mar Restaurant 1910 Ocean Way	(310) 581-5533
The Hump 3221 Donald Douglas Loop South	(310) 390-3177
The Hungry Pocket 1715 Pico Blvd	(310) 458-5335
Il Forno Caffe & Pizzeria 2901 Ocean Park Blvd	(310) 450-1241
Josie Restaurant 2424 Pico Blvd	(310) 581-4201
La Playita 3306 Lincoln Blvd	(310) 452-0090
Lazy Daisy Inc 2300 Pico Blvd	(310) 450-9011
Le Pain Du Jour 828 Pico Blvd #2	(310) 399-4870
Mandarin Food Service 2618 Pico Bl	(310) 396-9559
Michael D'S Cafe 234 Pico Blvd	(310) 452-8737
Miyako 2829 Ocean Park Blvd	(310) 396-5588

THE OP CAFE
A Small Neighborhood Place With A Family Feel – Serving Breakfast and Lunch Daily. The Freshest Foods, Friendly Service At Unbelievable Prices! So when you want to be treated like family and enjoy some delicious food –The OP CAFE is the PLACE!!
3117 Ocean Park Blvd (310) 452-5720

One Pico Restaurant One Pico Blvd.	(310) 587-1717
Panchos Tacos 2920 Lincoln Blvd	(310) 452-2970
Pedals Cafe One Pico Blvd.	(310) 587-1707
Raes Restaurant 2901 Pico Blvd	(310) 820-1416
Santa Monica Bar and Grill 3321Pico Blvd	(310) 453-5001
Santinos 3021 Lincoln Blvd	(310) 779-1210
Sheraton Delfina 530 Pico Blvd	(310) 399-9344
The Slice 1622 Ocean Park	(310) 453-2367
Spitfire Grill 3300 Airport Ave.	(310) 397-3455
Star Of Siam 3133 Lincoln Blvd	(310) 396-9511
Subway 2901 Ocean Park Blvd	(310) 396-3004
Sunset Grill 1701 Ocean Park Blvd	(310) 450-7546
Tandoor India 2622 Pico Bl	(310) 581-9964
Tom's No 1 Pico 2350 Pico Blvd.	(310) 396-4481
Typhoon 3221 Donald Douglas Loop	(310) 390-6565
UnUrban Coffeehouse 3301 Pico Blvd.	(310) 315-0056
Valentino Restaurant 3115 Pico Blvd	(310) 829-4313

RICHIE PALMER'S PIZZERIA
Owned and operated by Richie Palmer, founder of the world-famous Mulberry Street Pizzeria in Beverly Hills. Palmer says he had to open in Santa Monica so all the people here would stop calling Beverly Hills for delivery. Same great pizza and Italian food.
1355 Ocean Ave (310) 255-1111

Vitos 2807 Ocean Park Blvd	(310) 450-4999
Windows Restaurant 530 Pico Blvd.	(310) 399-9344
Yongs Cafe 3020 Nebraska Ave.	(310) 828-4775
Yuni Sushi 1928 Lincoln Blvd	(310) 396-4039
Zabies 3003 Ocean Park Blvd	(310) 392-9036

MAIN STREET

Amelia's 2645 Main St.	(310) 396-9095
Bravo Pizzaria & Deli 2400 Main St.	(310) 392-7466
Chinois On Main 2709 Main St.	(310) 392-3038
The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf Ocean Park Blvd.	(310) 396-6706
Creative Sushi 2518 Main St.	(310) 396-2711
Dhaba Cuisine Of India 2104 Main St.	(310) 399-9452
Elvira's Cha Cha Chicken 1906 Ocean Ave.	(310) 581-1684
The Enterprise Fish Co 174 Kinney St.	(310) 392-8366
Euphoria Loves RAWvolution 2301 Main St.	(310) 392-9501
Finn McCools Irish Pub & Restaurant 2700 Main St.	(310) 452-1734
Goudas & Vines 2000 Main Street	(310) 450-6739
Groundwork Coffee Co. 2908 Main St.	(310) 930-3910
The Galley 2442 Main St.	(310) 452-1934
Holy Guacamole 2906 Main St.	(310) 314-4850
It's All Good Bakery 2629 Main St.	(310) 260-0233
Joes Main Street Diner 2917 Main St.	(310) 392-5804
La Vecchia Cucina 2654 Main St	(310) 399-7979
Library Alehouse 2911 Main St.	(310) 314-4855
Lula Cocina Mexicana 2720 Main St.	(310) 392-5711
Main Street Bagels 2905 Main St.	(310) 392-6373
Malia 2424 Main St.	(310) 396-4122
Mani's Bakery & Cafe 2507 Main St.	(310) 396-7700
O'Briens Irish Pub Oar House 2941 Main St.	(310) 396-4725

OCEAN PARK OMELETTE PARLOR
The best breakfast in town, featuring locally grown vegetables from the Farmers Markets. Sinc 1962, the Omelete Parlor has been a staple for Santa Monica locals. 6:30 am to 2pm daily.
2732 Main St. (310) 399-7892

Oyako 2915 Main St.	(310) 581-3525
Panini Garden 2715 Main St	(310) 399-9939
Rick's Tavern 2907 Main St	(310) 392-2772
Schatzi On Main 3110 Main St	(310) 399-4800
Shoop's Delicatessen 2400 Main St	(310) 452-1019
Sparky's Fine Frozen Yogurt 3110 Main St. #12	(310) 399-4513
Urth Caffe 2327 Main St.	(310) 749-8879
Via Veneto 3009 Main St.	(310) 399-1843
The Victorian Baker Cafe 2640 Main St.	(310) 392-4956
Wildflour 2807 Main St.	(310) 452-7739
World Café 2640 Main St.	(310) 392-1661
Yose Restaurant 2435 Main St.	(310) 255-0680

VENICE

26 Beach Restaurant 3100 Washington Blvd.	(310) 823-7526
Abbot's Habit 1401 Abbot Kinney Blvd	(310) 399-1171
Abbot's Pizza Co 1407 Abbot Kinney Blvd	(310) 396-7334
Agra Indian Kitchen 2553 Lincoln Blvd.	(310) 396-8749
Axe 1009 Abbot Kinney Blvd.	(310) 664-9787
Azteca Restaurant 835 Sunset Ave.	(310) 396-6576
Baby Blues BBQ 444 Lincoln Blvd.	(310) 396-7675
Beechwood 822 W. Washington Blvd.	(310) 448-8884
Benice 1715 Pacific Ave.	(310) 396-9938
Big Daddy and Sons 1425 Ocean Front Walk	(310) 508-2793
The Brig 1515 Abbot Kinney Blvd.	(310) 399-7537
The Brick House Cafe 826 Hampton Dr.	(310) 581-1639
Cafe 50's 838 Lincoln Blvd.	(310) 399-1955
Casablanca Restaurant 220 Lincoln Blvd.	(310) 392-5751
Chaya 110 Navy St.	(310) 396-1179
China Beach Bistro 2024 Pacific Ave.	(310) 823-4646
Danny's Deli 23 Windward Ave.	(310) 566-5610
French Market Cafe 2321 Abbot Kinney Blvd.	(310) 577-9775
Great Western Steak & Hoagie Company 1720 Lincoln Blvd.	(310) 450-4545
Hal's Bar & Grill 1349 Abbot Kinney Blvd.	(310) 396-3105
Hama 213 Windward Ave.	(310) 396-8783
James Beach 60 N. Venice Blvd.	(310) 823-5396
Joe's Restaurant 1023 Abbot Kinney Blvd.	(310) 399-5811
La Cabana Restaurant 738 Rose Ave.	(310) 392-6161
La Meditrina 1029 Abbot Kinney Blvd.	(310) 396-5000
Lands End Restaurant 323 Ocean Front Walk	(310) 392-3997
Lilly's French Cafe & Bar 1031 Abbot Kinney Blvd.	(310) 314-0004

LINCOLN FINE WINES
Now open in Venice. We offer the Best Selection of Wines on the Westside. We have warehouse pricing with friendly service. Come by and let us find the perfect wine for the perfect occasion! Open 10-8pm and Sun. 11-6pm.
727 Lincoln Blvd. (310) 392-7816

Maos Kitchen 1512 Pacific Ave.	(310) 581-8305
Piccolo Ristorante 5 Dudley Ave.	(310) 314-3222
Primitivo Wine Bistro 1025 Abbot Kinney Blvd.	(310) 396-5353
Rose Cafe 220 Rose Ave.	(310) 399-0711
Shima 1432 Abbot Kinney Blvd.	(310) 314-0882
Siam Best Restaurant 2533 Lincoln Blvd.	(310) 827-8977
Stroh's Gourmet 1239 Abbot Kinney Blvd.	(310) 450-5119
Szechwan Restaurant 2905 Washington Blvd.	(310) 821-6256
Uncle Darrow's 2560 S Lincoln Blvd.	(310) 306-4862
Wabi-Sabi 1635 Abbot Kinney Blvd.	(310) 314-2229
Wacky Wok 2805 Abbot Kinney Blvd.	(310) 822-7373

MARINA DEL REY

Beachside Cafe 4175 Admiralty Way	(310) 821-5313
C & O Cucina 3016 Washington Blvd.	(310) 301-7278
Cafe Del Rey 4451 Admiralty Way	(310) 823-6395
California Pizza Kitchen 3345 Fiji Way	(310) 301-1563
Casa Escobar 14160 Palawan Way	(310) 822-2199
Chart House 13950 Panay Way	(310) 822-4144
The Cheesecake Factor 4142 Via Marina	(310) 306-3344
Chin Chin 13455 Maxella Ave Ste 266	(310) 823-9999
Chipotle Mexican Grill 4718 Admiralty Way	(310) 821-0059
Harbor House Restaurant 4211 Admiralty Way	(310) 577-4555
Islands 404 Washington Blvd	(310) 822-3939
Jer-ne at The Ritz-Carlton 4375 Admiralty Way	(310) 823-1700
Kaya Sushi 13400 Washington Blvd.	(310) 577-1143
Kifune Restaurant 405 Washington Blvd	(310) 822-1595
Le Marmiton 4724 Admiralty Way	(310) 773-3560
Mercedes Grille 14 Washington Blvd	(310) 827-6209
Mermaids-Juice Java & More 14045 Panay Way	(310) 306-3883
Rainbow Acres Natural Foods 4756 Admiralty Way	(310) 823-5373
Sapori Ristorante 13723 Fiji Way	(310) 821-1740
Tony P's 4445 Admiralty Way	(310) 823-4534
Tsuji No Hana 4714 Lincoln Blvd	(310) 827-1433
The Warehouse Restaurant 4499 Admiralty Way	(310) 823-5451

BRENTWOOD

Barney's Hamburgers 11660 San Vicente Blvd.	(310) 447-6000
Chez Mimi Restaurant 246 26th St	(310) 393-0558
Chin Chin 11740 San Vicente Blvd.	(310) 826-2525
Coral Tree Cafe 11645 San Vicente Blvd.	(310) 979-8733
Harvest Restaurant 13018 San Vicente Blvd.	(310) 458-6050
Literati II 12081 Wilshire Blvd.	(310) 479-3400
Enzo and Angela 11701 Wilshire Blvd.	(310) 477-3880
Trattoria Amici 2538 San Vicente Blvd	(310) 826-4888

WEST LA

Anna's Italian Restaurant 10929 Pico Blvd.	(310) 474-0102
Aphrodisiac 10351 Santa Monica Blvd.	(310) 470-0792
The Apple Pan 10801 W. Pico Blvd.	(310) 475-3585
Awash Restaurant 5990 Pico Blvd.	(323) 939-3233
Bombay Cafe 12021 W. Pico Blvd.	(310) 473-3388
Carmine's II Caffe 10463 Santa Monica Blvd.	(310) 441-4706
Colony Cafe 10937 W. Pico Blvd.	(310) 470-8909
En Sushi 11651 Santa Monica Blvd.	(310) 477-1551
DiVita's 11916 Wilshire Blvd.	(310) 478-0286
Feast From the East 1949 Westwood Blvd.	(310) 475-0400
Gaby's Mediterranean 10445 Venice Blvd.	(310) 559-1808

HAMLET RESTAURANT
Hamlet Restaurant & Bar offers a wide selection of fresh fare and an expanded wine list. Dishes such as the California Market Salad, Spice Crusted Ahi, Southern Crab Cakes and Grilled Chicken Caprese Sandwich are just a few of their new menu additions!
2927 S. Sepulveda Blvd. (310) 478-1546

Il Grano 11359 Santa Monica Blvd.	(310) 477-7886
John O'Groats 10516 Pico Blvd.	(310) 204-0692
Kay 'n Dave's Cantina 10543 Pico Blvd.	(310) 446-8808
Melanee Thai Restaurant 9562 Pico Blvd.	(310) 273-4066
Ramayani 1777 Westwood Blvd.	(310) 477-3315
Shanghai Diamond Garden 9401 Pico Blvd.	(310) 553-0998
Sisley Restaurant 10800 Pico Blvd.	(310) 446-3030
Sushi Masu 1911 Westwood Blvd.	(310) 446-4368
Torafuku Restaurant 10914 W. Pico Blvd.	(310) 289-0392
Upstairs 2 2311 Cotner Ave.	(310) 231-0316
Versailles Restaurant 10319 Venice Blvd.	(310) 558-3168
Wakasan 1929 Westwood Blvd.	(310) 446-4368
The Wine House 2311 Cotner Ave.	(310) 479-3731

Sonny McLean's
LUNCH SPECIAL!!!
1/2 lb Burger and Fries
$5.95
with purchase of beer or glass of wine
11:30-4pm Monday-Friday
SATURDAY NIGHT MAINE LOBSTER DINNER
$21.95
1 1/2 lb Lobster, Fries, Coleslaw
Make your reservations by 2pm on Fridays
2615 Wilshire Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA
310-449-1811

BARBECUE The Original Texas KING
CATERING
10% OFF WITH COUPON ONLY
SPECIAL EVENTS
OFFICE/HOME DELIVERY
WWW.TEXASBBQKING.COM
SAVE TIME, JUST CALL YOUR ORDER IN
213-437-0885 / 213-437-0881
5309 S. VERMONT AVE LOS ANGELES, CA. 90037
OPEN: SUNDAY – MONDAY: 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM
TUESDAY – SATURDAY: 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM

THE INTERNATIONAL CULINARY SCHOOL at The Art Institute of California–Los Angeles
bistro 31
lunch: 11:30am - 2:00pm
thru SEPT 17th
monday
tuesday
wednesday
enjoy our lunch menu
Summer Tataki Seared Tuna Roll
"A La Minute" Salmon Carpaccio
Middle-Eastern Sirloin Beef Burger
Tuscan Gnocchi with Summer Vegetable Ratatouille
Braised Short Ribs with Shrimp and Artichokes
Passion Fruit Mousse and Coconut Sorbet
*menu subject to change
WORLDCUISINESUNCOVERED
For reservations and more information:
310.314.6057 | Bistro 31 | 2900 31st Street | Santa Monica, CA 90405 - 3035

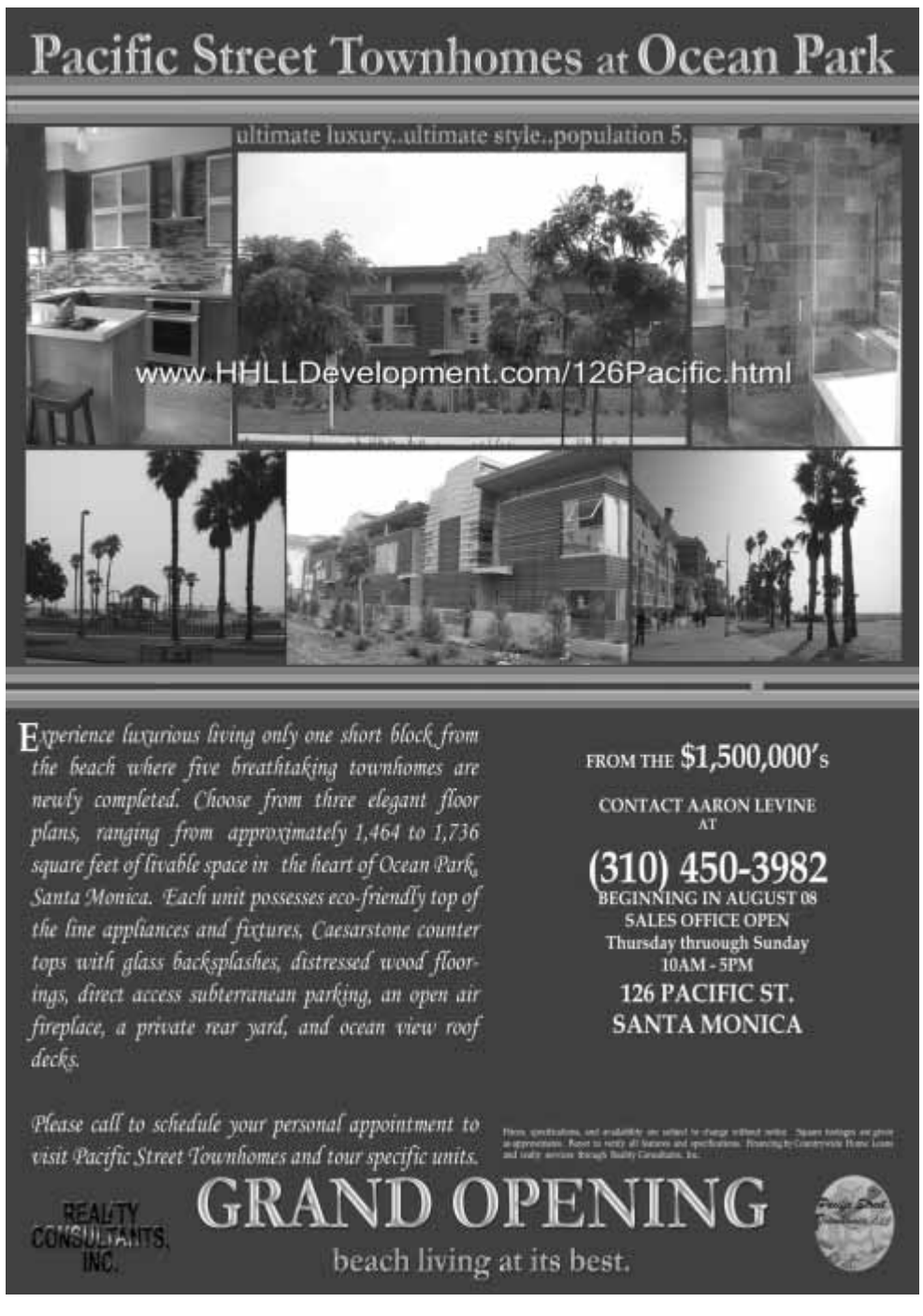
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH
AT THE VICTORIAN
A SANTA MONICA LANDMARK ON MAIN
THE VICTORIAN cafe BAKER
2640 MAIN STREET
SANTA MONICA
Open Wednesdays ~ Sunday
9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
(310) 392-8392
FREE PARKING
◆ Serving Down Home Casual Cuisine
◆ Sumptuous Homemade Baked Goods
◆ We offer only fresh, hand crafted, artisan coffee by WEAVER'S COFFEE
◆ Delicious Specialty Cocktails
◆ Daily Chef Specials
CAFE
COFFEE
BAKERY
COCKTAILS

$2.99
BREAKFAST SPECIALS*
*Served 7am to 9am Daily
Yogurt w/ Granola
strawberries and blueberries
2 Egg Whites Scrambled
with a choice of 2 omelette items, served with sliced tomatoes
2 Slices of French Toast
with carmelized bananas and 2 pieces of slice bacon
2 + 2 + 2
two eggs, two bacon or sausage and two pancakes
THE OP CAFE
3117 Ocean Park Blvd.
(310) 452-5720
A small neighborhood place with a family feel.
Serving Breakfast & Lunch Daily
7am – 3pm
FREE PARKING
in back at The Ocean Park Hotel
FOOD TO GO & CATERING





INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN THE ONLY LOCAL DAILY PAPER IN SANTA MONICA?
Santa Monica Daily Press Call us at (310) 458-7737



STATE BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

Schwarzenegger, Legislature's leaders talk money

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the state's legislative and financial leaders are meeting to discuss California's mounting fiscal problems. The meeting comes just two weeks after Schwarzenegger signed a state budget that closed a $15.2 billion budget deficit. The governor and others are already warning that the state will need to make more spending cuts as revenues fall. Among the most pressing problems is how California can secure the $7 billion in loans it needs in a tight market to cover short-term revenue shortages. State Treasurer Bill Lockyer announced Wednesday that he'll try to sell $4 billion in bonds next week to raise part of the money. A spokeswoman for state Controller John Chiang, Hallye Jordan, says legislators have to start looking at ways to solve California's long-running deficits now or the state faces real financial peril. ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

Train companies plan to beat safety deadline

Two major railroad freight companies operating in Southern California say they will beat new federal deadlines requiring automated systems that can slow or stop a train in the event an engineer runs a red light or goes too fast. Speaking at state Senate Transportation and Housing Committee meeting Wednesday, representatives from the Union Pacific Railroad and Burlington Northern Santa Fe company said they would install so-called positive train controls by 2012 to stretches of rail they operate in the Los Angeles area. New federal legislation introduced by U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein and passed by Congress requires the technology to be installed by 2015. It comes after a Sept. 12 collision in the San Fernando Valley community that left 25 dead. AP

SAN FRANCISCO

City attorney sues bond insurers

The San Francisco city attorney says five bond companies sold cities insurance policies that have become worthless because of the nation's mortgage meltdown. City Attorney Dennis Herrera alleges in a lawsuit that the companies' credit ratings were downgraded because of their mortgage exposure. Herrera alleges the downgrades made their municipal coverage worthless and making the hundreds of millions of dollars cities spent on premiums a complete waste. Herrera charges that the companies had a duty to warn the cities about their roles in the mortgage crisis. The five companies are: Ambac Financial Group Inc., MBIA Inc., XL Capital Assurance Inc., Financial Guaranty Insurance Co., CIFG Assurance North America, Inc. AP

SAN DIEGO

Dozens charged in drug smuggling ring

Federal indictments unsealed in San Diego charge 35 people with smuggling drugs to California from Mexico. U.S. Attorney Karen Hewitt said Wednesday that 19 of the 35 people indicted had been arrested. The others are at large. During the 18-month investigation, authorities seized $10 million in cash, 1,500 pounds of cocaine, 1,600 pounds of marijuana and 371 pounds of methamphetamine. Hewitt says the investigation focused on Mexicali, Mexico, and Calexico, Calif. She says the defendants worked for Mexico's notorious Sinaloa drug cartel. AP

WASHINGTON

Kayak trip gets government biologist in trouble

A federal government biologist has been threatened with a 30-day job suspension over an unauthorized kayaking trip on the Los Angeles River. Heather Wylie, a biologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, went kayaking on the river in July to protest actions by the Corps that she thought would threaten protections for the river. Documents released Wednesday by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility say that in August her supervisors told her they were proposing to suspend her for 30 days without pay because of the unauthorized trip and a critical e-mail she wrote, The group has filed a whistleblower action on Wylie's behalf. A Corps of Engineers spokeswoman did not immediately return calls by The Associated Press seeking comment. AP

SACRAMENTO

Judge seeks down payment in prison case

A federal judge on Wednesday ordered the Schwarzenegger administration to tell the court whether the state has the $250 million needed to start an $8 billion overhaul of the prison health care system. U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson said the administration must also say how and when the state will make the money available to a court-appointed receiver. Receiver Clark Kelso, who is in charge of inmate health care, wants the money immediately to design the first three of seven planned prison medical and mental health centers. Those centers would house 10,000 inmates.

Kelso said he needed more than $3 billion this fiscal year, despite the state's mounting financial problems. Henderson set an Oct. 27 hearing for the administration's response. The judge said Monday during a hearing in San Francisco that he expects the state to pay the entire cost, despite its fiscal difficulties. In a two-page order, Henderson said he sees the $250 million payment "as an intermediate step short of a contempt finding." Kelso argued that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and state Controller John Chiang are in contempt of court for not turning over the $8 billion. On Monday, Kelso asked the judge to order the state to pay only the first $250 million. AP

LOS ANGELES

Gang member gets life for 1998 murder of boy

A Los Angeles gang member extradited from Mexico to face charges of murdering a 12-year-old boy a decade ago has been sentenced to life in prison without chance of parole. A judge on Wednesday rejected Alvara Jara's request for a new trial and sentenced him to life plus an additional term of 145 years to life. A jury convicted him in August of murder and attempted murder. Jara, 29, denied he was the gang member whose stray bullet struck Steven Morales in the head in 1998 as the boy played baseball in front of his Highland Park home. He told the boy's family in court: "You're convicting an innocent man." Jara was arrested in Mexico eight years after the killing and was extradited last year. AP

Pair of American journalists reported missing in Lebanon

BY ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon Two American journalists vacationing in Lebanon have not been heard from since Oct. 1 and are believed missing, the U.S. Embassy said Wednesday, appealing for information on their possible whereabouts.

An embassy statement said Holli Chmela, 27, and Taylor Luck, 23, reportedly left Beirut en route to the northern Lebanese port city of Tripoli.

The city is a predominantly Sunni Muslim city where militants and Islamic fundamentalists are known to be active. It has witnessed sectarian fighting in the past few months as well as two car bombs targeting Lebanese troops that killed 25 people and left dozens others wounded.

Earlier this week, the embassy had issued a statement to its citizens about potential violent actions targeting Americans in Lebanon and called on its nationals to increase their security awareness. It said the threats were particularly high in the first half of October.

The embassy says the pair had arrived in Lebanon on Sept. 29 from Amman, Jordan for a vacation and told a friend on Oct. 1 that they were traveling from Beirut to Tripoli through the coastal town of Byblos in the north that day. They were then to cross by land to Syria before returning to Jordan where they were due to report to work on Oct. 4.

"The families ... are asking for the public's assistance in providing information on the possible whereabouts of the two U.S. citizens," the statement said.

Lebanese security officials told The Associated Press they are searching for the two.

The officials said authorities are searching for the two based on information they had gone missing and were trying to ascertain whether they had left the country. They spoke on condition of anonymity in accordance with military regulations and because of the sensitivity of the subject.

The alleged disappearance of the two Americans was reported earlier Wednesday by the local Al-Akhbar newspaper, which said they arrived in Lebanon Sept. 29, stayed in a hotel in Beirut and checked out the next day, without leaving the country. They have not been heard of since, it said.

A Jordanian security official confirmed that the two were believed missing. He said U.S. authorities in Beirut were investigating and that Jordanian authorities are not involved.

He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the press.

The U.S. Embassy said it was coordinating efforts with embassies in Amman and Damascus as well as with the State Department in Washington.

Nimr Shalala, manager of the Beirut hotel where Chmela and Luck had stayed, said they left the hotel Sept. 30 after a one-night stay. "They checked out, took all their belongings and didn't say anything," he told The AP.

U.S.-based scientists win Nobel chemistry prize

BY MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

Three U.S.-based scientists won a Nobel Prize on Wednesday for turning a glowing green protein from jellyfish into a revolutionary way to watch the tiniest details of life within cells and living creatures.

Osamu Shimomura, a Japanese citizen who works in the United States, and Americans Martin Chalfie and Roger Tsien shared the chemistry prize for discovering and developing green fluorescent protein, or GFP.

When exposed to ultraviolet light, the protein glows green. It can act as a marker on otherwise invisible proteins within cells to trace them as they go about their business. It can tag individual cells in tissue. And it can show when and where particular genes turn on and off.

Researchers worldwide now use GFP to track development of brain cells, the growth of tumors and the spread of cancer cells. It has let them study nerve cell damage from Alzheimer's disease and see how insulin-producing beta cells arise in the pancreas of a growing embryo, for example.

In awarding the prize, the Royal Swedish Academy compared the impact of GFP on science to the invention of the microscope. For the past decade, the academy said, the protein has been "a guiding star " for scientists.

GFP's chemical cousins produce other colors, which let scientists follow multiple cells or proteins simultaneously.

"This is a technology that has literally transformed medical research," said Dr. John Frangioni, an associate professor of medicine and radiology at Harvard Medical School. "For the first time, scientists could study both genes and proteins in living cells and in living animals."

Last year, in what the Nobel citation called a "spectacular experiment," Harvard researchers announced that they had tagged brain cells in mice with some 90 colors. The technique is called "Brainbow."

GFP was first discovered by Shimomura at Princeton University. He'd been seeking the protein that lets a certain kind of jellyfish glow green around its edge. In the summer of 1961, he and a colleague processed tissue from about 10,000 jellyfish they'd collected near the island town of Friday Harbor, Wash. The next year, they reported the finding of GFP.

Some 30 years later, Chalfie showed that the GFP gene could make individual nerve cells in a tiny worm glow bright green.

Tsien's work provided GFP-like proteins that extended the scientific palette to a variety of colors. Tsien "really made it a tool that was extremely useful to lots of people," Chalfie told reporters.

Gates seeks long-term NATO effort in Afghanistan

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press Writer

BUDAPEST, Hungary NATO allies must send either more forces or more money for the fight in Afghanistan, Defense Secretary Robert Gates will argue this week as he meets with NATO defense ministers.

The main objective, said Gates, is to increase the size of the Afghan Army, and it will take trainers — or more money — to do that.

"My view is, for those who do not have significant troop commitments in Afghanistan ... is for them to consider and contribute to the cost of expanding the size of the Afghan army," Gates said.

On Wednesday, he made his pitch to southeastern European nations, urging leaders to shift their military efforts from Iraq to Afghanistan, where their forces are more urgently needed as trainers for the Afghan security forces.

But in meetings Thursday and Friday with NATO defense officials, he is likely to take a longer term view, and press them to think about their future commitments to the struggling, wartorn nation.

Senior defense officials traveling with Gates said the Pentagon chief is most worried about the long-term staying power of some allies — including those who may take the planned U.S. increase in troop levels as an excuse to decrease theirs. And those who don't want to send more troops are being asked to send cash.

Training tens of thousands of Afghan soldiers comes at a hefty price, said Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell, who is traveling with Gates. "Someone's got to pay it. And we are in the process of finding countries who wish to contribute toward that necessary mission."

Gates' pleas, however, come as allied fighters are facing intense scrutiny and some unease in the wake of a series of attacks that have killed civilians.

What would Lloyd Say?
Hear the Commentary and Comedy
Of Our Own Lloyd Garver
On his iTunes Podcast At:
lloydgarver.com

metro.net
Problem Solution
Metro Briefs
WESTSIDE/CENTRAL

The Solution To High Gas Prices. Go Metro.
With gas prices at staggering levels, there's never been a better time to Go Metro. For little more than the price of a gallon of gas, you can buy a $5 Day Pass and ride virtually any Metro bus or rail line all day long. Plot your escape from the pump with our Trip Planner at *metro.net*.

Join In Rideshare Week Oct. 6–10
Make a pledge and carpool, vanpool or use public transit to get to work at least one day during Rideshare Week Oct. 6–10 and be eligible to win valuable prizes. The program is open to employers and employees alike. Visit *metro.net/rideshareweek* for details.

Save 20% On *9 to 5: The Musical*
Go Metro to *9 to 5: The Musical*, playing at the Ahmanson Theatre in downtown LA now through Oct. 19. Ride Metro and save 20% on ticket prices for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening performances. Check Destination Discounts online at *metro.net* for details.

Metro – The USC, Coliseum Connection
Go Metro this season to the LA Memorial Coliseum and enjoy USC football without the hassles of traffic and parking. Metro offers a variety of transportation options fans can use to attend Saturday USC football home games. Plan your route with the Trip Planner at *metro.net*.

Greener Buses: Metro Tests Hybrid
They are state-of-the-art when it comes to carrying and storage capacity, but the ultimate goal for these 42-foot transit buses is improved fuel mileage. Metro is currently testing six gasoline/electric hybrid buses with the potential to get double the 3.2-miles-per-gallon average of a regular bus.

Metro
If you'd like to know more, please call us at 1.800.464.2111, or visit *metro.net*.

Go Green.

Hire locals. It cuts down on commuting, traffic and smog.

Find them

in the Santa Monica Daily Press classifieds.

Call today to learn about our local hiring packages.
310-458-7737



Less chaos helps instructors enjoy teaching students

FROM SURFING PAGE 1

according to the instructors and camp owners who landed a permit.

"It was a big difference because it weeded out the camps that shouldn't be teaching," French said, whose camp is located north of the Santa Monica Pier.

The Open Space Management Division held the meeting to gather input from surf instructors about ways in which the system was successful and could be improved, possibly incorporating some of the suggestions into the program. The schools are in the process of submitting applications to receive permits for the next summer, which are due in November. The recipients will be announced in December, according to Callie Hurd, the open space manager.

The response was, for the most part, positive.

"It was an improvement overall from the previous seasons," Matt Rosas, a private instructor, said. "There weren't 25 people in the water going willy nilly."

Rosas said he would like to see the instructor to student ratio increased to one-to-four. Another surf instructor said he believes the ratio should be closer, about one instructor to three students. Currently the ration is one-to-two.

The instructors said they would also like to extend the life of the permit from one year to at least three, noting the expenses in advertising and other investments they put into their venture, only to be unsure of whether they would receive a license again for the following year.

"We put a lot of dollars into marketing the camp and we don't benefit from it until a year later," French said. "We're promoting the location for whoever has it next year."

Some instructors also had concerns with the number of camps clustered around lifeguard stations 26, 27 and 28 in Ocean Park, arguing that it could pose a safety issue.

City staff worked with county lifeguards to determine where different types of instruction and activity should be located, including which areas could better accommodate group or private lessons.

Any changes would be done after consulting with the lifeguards, Hurd said.

> **IT ORGANIZED A DISORGANIZED SITUATION AND MADE THINGS SAFER FOR THE PUBLIC.**
>
> **Jack Tingley**
> Wave Crashers Sand and Beach Camp

City Hall received more than 10 applications last year, turning away approximately four. The applicants were required to have CPR certified staff and a minimum of five years owning and operating a business of a similar size and scope.

Businesses that would teach children were required to have at least one certified lifeguard in the group.

The application and permit cost $150 and schools were required to pay 15 percent of gross receipts back to City Hall.

Four surf camps received permits — two a piece operating on the north and south sides of the pier. A provider was also selected to run private and semi-private instruction near the pier, accommodating all the beachfront hotels but keeping the lessons open to the general public. Three sole proprietors who offer lessons to one or two students also received permits.

Some of surf instructors reported seeing unlicensed individuals teaching on the beach. Hurd urged the instructors to report any suspicious activity to City Hall.

Jack Tingley, who runs Wave Crashers Sand and Beach Camp, was pleased with the outcome. The program, which offers water activities such as body surfing and boogie boarding to children between the ages of 5-14, operated alongside several licensed surf camps, some of which receive Wave Crashers' graduates.

"It did what it was supposed to do," Tingley said. "It organized a disorganized situation and made things safer for the public."

melodyh@smdp.com

GRAND OPENING!
FRIDAY OCTOBER 10, 12-9PM
CRUELTY-FREE PRODUCTS
EKO ZONE
CLOTHING
HEMP • BAMBOO • ORGANIC COTTON
SHOES • ACCESSORIES • BODYCARE
15% OFF
EVERYTHING IN STOCK
Come see VEGAN BODYBUILDER ROBERT CHEEKE
Speaking at 7pm and signing free VEGAN FITNESS VIDEOS
Vegan Appetizers and VEGA Smoothies 5-8pm
HALF OF ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO PROTECT ANIMALS
1718 S MAIN STREET NO. 1 | VENICE, CA 90291
TEL 310.305.1920 | WWW.EKOZONE.NET
WE'RE LOCATED NEXT TO THE WINDWARD CIRCLE



New police chief wants to involve students in law enforcement issues

FROM SMC PAGE 3

After returning to the United States in 2001, Vasquez landed a job heading the police department for the Inglewood Unified School District. About 18 months later, he received word that a similar police department was in the works for the Hacienda La Puente, which was much closer to his home in La Habra Heights.

The job with district allowed Vasquez to develop the department to his own vision, hiring the officers and staff that fit that mold.

After a few years, Vasquez said it was time to move on.

The police chief said that working in an educational environment allows law enforcement officials to also act as teachers, serving as positive role models for students.

"We service a clientele that is probably a microcosm of what goes on in the larger community," Vasquez said.

Dr. Chui Tsang, the president and superintendent of SMC, said he was impressed with Vasquez' experience not just with law enforcement in general, but with students.

"I was looking for someone with experience in law enforcement, and more importantly, I wanted someone who understands that this is not the usual kind of police situation," Tsang said. "Although law enforcement is a big part of it, there is also community relations … and working in education."

Though the jurisdiction is generally confined to the Santa Monica College main campus and Bundy satellite site adjacent to the Santa Monica Airport, the department does work closely with the Santa Monica Police Department, including training together and collaborating on issues.

The two departments most recently worked together on easing traffic congestion in the Bundy Campus area when the fall semester commenced.

"It's important that we work together because much of the issues at the college impact the city of Santa Monica and among those are traffic with students coming in and criminal activity expected from a campus with that many students," Santa Monica police Chief Tim Jackman said. "Working together is really critical."

Jackman added that the SMC department is at times the first responder for matters in the Sunset Park neighborhood in which it is located.



VASQUEZ

> **"WE SERVICE A CLIENTELE THAT IS PROBABLY A MICROCOSM OF WHAT GOES ON IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY."**
>
> SMC Police Chief Albert Vasquez

Vasquez, who replaced former chief Gary Gallinot, a veteran of the SMPD, said that among his goals are to put together a new emergency master plan for the college and work with student leaders to establish a civilian law enforcement committee for the campus. The committee will give students a voice in enforcement matters.

"I'm a police officer but I may not always have the best answer," Vasquez said. "Once the students buy in, they will take ownership for it."

melodyh@smdp.com





Stocks rise and fall, end lower after Fed rate cut

BY JOE BEL BRUNO AND TIM PARADIS
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK An angst-ridden Wall Street tried but failed to find stability Wednesday, with investors attempting to determine whether an emergency interest rate cut would end the paralysis in credit markets. The major indexes moved in and out of positive territory before turning sharply lower in late trading and leaving the Dow Jones industrials down nearly 190 points.

The Federal Reserve and other leading central banks cut rates in the hope that credit markets would soon relax and that banks would begin lending more freely to businesses and consumers. The Fed lowered rates by a half-point, saying in a statement that the turmoil in financial markets posed a further threat to an already shaky economy; it was joined in the rate cut by the European Central Bank, Bank of England, The Bank of Canada, the Swedish Riksbank and the Swiss National Bank.

But interest rate changes take months to work their way through the economy, and while investors clearly were happy with the central banks' actions, they were also well aware that in the near term, banks remain reluctant to lend because of fears they won't be paid back.

That fear, which increased after the failure of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. in mid-September, has all but shut down the credit markets, making it increasingly hard for companies and individuals to borrow, and in turn, posing a further threat to the economy. Wall Street has plunged in response to scarcity of credit; stocks initially rose on the rate cut Wednesday, then spent the day seesawing as investors were torn between some optimistic bargain hunting and the reality of the credit markets' ongoing troubles.

Although Wednesday's losses were smaller than Monday's 370-point drop in the Dow and Tuesday's 504-point slide, it was obvious that the stock market is still extremely shaky. There were signs that investors were picking and choosing — the Standard & Poor's 500 index and the Nasdaq composite index both had percentage declines about half the size of the Dow's — but nervousness still drove the market.

"Until we have some more confidence here it's going to be difficult to sustain any rally," said Bill Schultz, chief investment officer at McQueen, Ball & Associates in Bethlehem, Pa. "Unfortunately you probably sell the rallies for a little while until we run out of sellers."

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average ended down 189.01, or 2.00 percent, at 9,258.10.

Broader stock indicators also fell. The S&P 500 index slid 11.29, or 1.13 percent, to 984.94, and the Nasdaq fell 14.55, or 0.83 percent, to 1,740.33.

With its precipitous drop of the past few weeks, Wall Street is approaching the magnitude of the losses it suffered during the bear market in the early part of this decade. By the time the Dow reached its low of that market, 7,286.27 on Oct. 9, 2002, it had fallen 37.8 percent from its record high close of 11,722.98, set in January 2000.

The Dow has now fallen about 35 percent from the closing high of 14,164.53, reached a year ago Thursday. This week, the Dow has lost 1,067 points, or 10.3 percent

The worries on the Street have been exacerbated by the spread of the U.S. credit problems overseas. Several banks in Europe have had to be bailed out, and earlier this week, the governments of Germany, Ireland and Greece took steps to guarantee private bank deposits.

Moreover, the markets are mindful of the fact that the government's $700 billion financial rescue plan is in its early stages of implementation and will take some time to have an impact on banks' balance sheets.

David Wyss, chief economist for Standard & Poor's, said the heavy losses in stock markets around the world signal that markets are determining that the credit crisis won't likely be resolved soon.

"There was a general disregard for risk going on in financial markets around the world, it wasn't just the U.S.," he said. "Now they're waking up to risk."

Investors had been anxious in recent days for a rate cut, and despite the Fed taking other steps this week to help the credit markets. Policymakers unveiled a plan to buy massive amounts of commercial paper, the short-term debt used by companies, in a bid to reanimate the credit markets.

It is likely that stocks won't begin to recover for good until investors are certain the credit markets are functioning in a more normal fashion. There are also severe economic problems including heavy job losses and high unemployment that will also need to show improvement.

The uncertainty in the market has driven investors to buy up anything deemed safe, including gold and government debt. For instance, prices of gold shot up $22.60 to $904.60 — though still off its record of $1,033.90 in March.

Demand for short-term Treasurys remained high because of their safety; investors are willing to take extremely low returns just to have their money in a secure place. The yield on the three-month Treasury bill, which moves opposite its price, dropped to 0.66 percent from 0.81 percent late Tuesday.

However, longer term Treasury bonds fell because they are considered to be less attractive when the Fed cuts rates. The yield on the 10-year note rose to 3.70 percent from 3.51 percent late Tuesday.

The first third-quarter earnings reports are showing signs of strain on companies, and that is adding more uncertainty to the stock market. After the close Tuesday, Alcoa Inc. said it would conserve cash by suspending its stock buyback program and all non-critical capital projects. The aluminum company's earnings fell 52 percent.

Shares of the company fell $2, or 12 percent, to $14.71, by far the steepest decline among the 30 that comprise the Dow industrials.

Retailers' reports of bleak sales in October appeared to dampen investor sentiment at times.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said sales rose in September but issued a tepid forecast for October. Often discounters do better than other retailers during tough economic times so the forecast from the world's largest retailer caused some worries about overall retail demand. Wal-Mart fell 29 cents to $54.55.

Vote YES on Measure AA

"Whether your interest is property values, skilled employee pools or social justice, which I think is a very important aspect to Measure AA, a community can make no better investment than education. We need to support this bond measure. I'll be voting for it!"

— KEVIN MCKEOWN, MEMBER
SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

ENDORSED BY:
Sheila Kuehl, California State Senate
Julia Brownley, California State Assembly
Fran Pavley, Former California State Assembly

Santa Monica Malibu Classroom Teachers Association
Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs
League of Women Voters of Santa Monica
Santa Monica College Academic Senate
Santa Monica College Faculty Association
Santa Monica City Council
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education
Santa Monica College Board of Trustees
Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR)
Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce
Santa Monica Democratic Club
Los Angeles County Democratic Party
Pico Neighborhood Association (PNA)

Herb Katz, Mayor of Santa Monica
Richard Bloom, Mayor Pro Tem Santa Monica
Ken Genser, Santa Monica Councilmember
Bob Holbrook, Santa Monica Councilmember
Kevin McKeown, Santa Monica Councilmember
Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica Councilmember
Bobby Shriver, Santa Monica Councilmember
Rev. Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson, St. Monica's Church
Father Michael Gutierrez, St. Anne's Church
Joel Koury, Chair, Santa Monica Rent Control Board
Jeff Sklar, Santa Monica Rent Control Board
Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, President, SMC Academic Senate



Greater Opportunities. Better Futures.

Committee for Safety and Modernization at Santa Monica College / 2800 28th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90405 / ID# 1268614

Retailers report weak September sales

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK American consumers went into hiding in September, leaving retailers with dismal sales and an uncertain future well beyond the holiday season as the fallout from the financial meltdown pushes spending even lower.

As retailers reported their monthly sales figures Wednesday, even discounters weren't immune to shoppers' mounting worries about their financial security.

"Discretionary spending has come to a trickle," said Ken Perkins, president of research company RetailMetrics LLC. "Consumers are the most worried I have seen since at least the 1991 recession. There are so many factors laying on their psyche."

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, said sales of discretionary items were weak as it posted solid results that were nevertheless a bit below expectations. Target Corp. fared far worse, reporting a bigger-than-expected drop and said it expects problems with its credit card business to last through the rest of the year as customers have trouble making payments.

Luxury stores such as Neiman Marcus Group Inc. and Saks Inc. suffered sharp drops as well-heeled shoppers held off on buying $600 stilettos and other luxuries. Many mall-based apparel stores and department stores including J.C. Penney Co. and American Eagle Outfitters Inc. find themselves mired in a deep sales slump.

With no clear spending recovery in sight, retailers are navigating in the dark about how much to cut their spring orders and store expansions to address the dramatic changes in consumer behavior that are expected to persist at least until next year — if not longer.

"We rarely eat out, and even groceries have become a big-ticket item," said Cincinnati resident Victoria Gentry, 41, a single mother of a 15-year-old daughter, who now worries about her job at a bank's merchant service division. "No more payday pizzas now."

Before the financial meltdown began in the middle of last month, customers had already been switching to lower-price brands and stores, cutting back on essentials and making other changes like mending their clothes instead of buying new ones.

"Weakness in consumer spending is a significant drag on overall economic activity," said Scott Hoyt, senior director of consumer economics at economy.com, who now predicts declines in consumer spending, adjusted for inflation, through the first quarter of 2009. "We are on track for something longer and deeper than either of the previous recessions."

Desperation has set in as the critical holiday season approaches. From discounters to luxury stores, merchants have begun cutting holiday orders in recent days, even as goods start to flow into stores, according to Arnold Cohen, co-founder of Mahoney Cohen and Co., an accounting firm for the apparel industry. A slew of companies, from J.C. Penney Co. to Saks Inc., cut their third-quarter outlooks Wednesday as they step up discounting to pull in shoppers. And many are delaying spring orders amid so much uncertainty, Cohen said.

Thomson Reuters estimates that its sales tally for September will be up only 1 percent, well below the 1.9 percent average pace from January through August. The final tally, which will be released Thursday, will reflect results from other merchants such as Gap Inc. and TJX Cos., which are slated to release results later Wednesday or Thursday. The tally is based on same-store sales, or sales at stores opened at least a year.

House Speaker Pelosi raises idea of $150 billion stimulus bill

BY COLLEEN SLEVIN
Associated Press Writer

DENVER House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Wednesday that a $150 billion economic stimulus plan is needed now because of the faltering economy and she may call the House into session after the election to pass it.

Pelosi told reporters that the stock market meltdown, which has caused an estimated $2 trillion loss from pension funds, was a factor in her recommendation for a second stimulus bill. The first relief plan sent out $600-$1,200 tax rebate checks to most individuals and couples this year.

The House did pass a $61 billion economic aid proposal last month before lawmakers left Capitol Hill ahead of the Nov. 4 election. But a similar plan failed to pass the Senate. President Bush had promised a veto anyway.

If Democratic nominee Barack Obama wins the White House and if Capitol Hill Democrats make gains in the elections as well, it might be easier to pass a stimulus measure over dispirited Republicans, especially if the economy remains in big trouble.

The Senate is expected to be back at work after Election Day to complete a public lands bill and perhaps deal with other matters, such as a measure to extend unemployment benefits. The House also could return to consider a stimulus plan and additional issues in a lame-duck session before the newly elected Congress takes over in January.

Pelosi said a stimulus package would create jobs by investing in public works, increasing food stamps benefits and extending unemployment insurance for the long-term jobless.



Court wrestles with case on Navy sonar, whales

BY MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The Supreme Court appeared divided Wednesday over how to resolve a long-running dispute over whether environmental laws may be used to limit the Navy's use of sonar to protect whales.

The court heard arguments in the Bush administration's appeal of court rulings that restrict sonar in submarine-hunting naval training exercises off the Southern California coast. Sonar can interfere with whales' ability to navigate and communicate.

The training is "vitally important" for sailors who may be deployed around the world in search of enemy submarines, Solicitor General Gregory Garre told the justices. Garre said there is scant evidence over 40 years of exercises off the Pacific Coast that the Navy's sonar harms whales and dolphins.

Richard Kendall, a lawyer for the Natural Resources Defense Council, said the sonar's piercing sound was comparable to the noise of a jet engine magnified 2,000 times in the courtroom. A species of whales called beaked whales are particularly susceptible to harm from sonar, which can cause them to strand themselves onshore, Kendall said.

The case left one justice, Stephen Breyer, wondering how a judge should balance national security concerns and environmental interests.

"You are asking us who know nothing about whales and less about the military to start reading all these documents to try to figure out who's right in the case where the other side says the other side is totally unreasonable," Breyer said.

The exercises have continued since the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled in February that the Navy must limit sonar use when ships get close to marine mammals.

Kendall told the justices that the Navy is managing under the restrictions, saying eight of 14 planned exercises have been completed since the restrictions took effect.

This round of training is scheduled to be completed by January.

Separately, the Navy has agreed to similar limits on anti-submarine training off the coast of Hawaii to settle a lawsuit.

But Garre said the issue for the court is whether federal judges should have stepped in to force changes to the training when the government's first environmental assessment found there was little prospect of harm.

The Navy's own environmental assessment of using sonar during the 14 training exercises off the California coast found that it could disturb or harm an estimated 170,000 marine mammals, including possible temporary hearing loss in at least 8,000 whales.

The administration also says the president has the power to override federal court rulings on environmental laws during emergencies that include harm to national security. The Navy says it already has taken steps to protect beaked whales, dolphins and other creatures and is balancing war training and environmental protections.

Saint John's Health Center
Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System

UCLA Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center
and
Orthopædic Hospital

JOINT STATEMENT CONCERNING PROPOSITION T (RIFT)

The following statement was released by Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and Saint John's Health Center concerning Proposition T, the Residents Initiative to Fight Traffic (RIFT) ballot measure, to be considered by Santa Monica voters in November:

Santa Monica-UCLA and Saint John's are long-established Santa Monica non-profit healthcare institutions. Santa Monica-UCLA was founded in 1926; Saint John's was founded in 1942. Santa Monica-UCLA and Saint John's are joining together to inform you about the November 2008 Santa Monica Proposition T. This measure has far-reaching consequences not only for our respective health care missions, but also for the city itself and other businesses and organizations within the Santa Monica community.

Proposition T would establish an annual, city-wide limit on all commercial development of 75,000 square feet. Although Proposition T includes an exemption for hospitals, it does not exempt other medical providers that support hospitals, including medical offices, health clinics, medical research (including the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Saint John's), medical laboratories, and other ancillary health facilities and services. Both Santa Monica-UCLA and Saint John's rely heavily on an extensive network of care providers to ensure the availability of excellent and comprehensive health care services. They are key partners in providing the complete scope of healthcare services to our community.

Proposition T could severely limit the Hospitals' ability to provide essential health services by limiting the building of medical office space. Hospitals need a network of caregivers in close proximity to ensure a full breadth of accessible services, overall quality and continuity of healthcare services, and for the convenience of patients. Providing healthcare in a campus environment reduces traffic – the stated purpose of RIFT – by allowing patients to access necessary services without driving to multiple locations. Healthcare personnel are also able to walk, instead of drive, to and from hospital buildings and medical offices when they are in close proximity.

Proposition T does not evaluate new, non-hospital, healthcare uses on their own merits. Rather, Proposition T would force healthcare-related development to compete with new, commercial development – new hotels, office buildings, shopping centers, car dealerships and other commercial uses – for city approval.

The public should also be aware that Proposition T does not provide an exemption for non-profit uses -- including health care agencies and other non-profits that contribute to a healthy community such as Santa Monica's outstanding organizations that serve our seniors, the disabled, and our youth. These organizations would be forced to compete with commercial development projects to open or expand their services for the Santa Monica community, placing an onerous burden on them and potentially limiting their ability to provide essential services to those who depend heavily on them.

Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and Saint John's Health Center are currently working on long-range master plans for our facilities and programs, in cooperation with the City of Santa Monica. Our institutions are committed to expanding our facilities in a community-friendly way. For example, more than 25 percent of Santa Monica-UCLA's new campus will be devoted to green or open spaces. The Hospitals are committed to providing sufficient parking for our campuses and reducing our traffic impacts through aggressive traffic management and Rideshare programs. Our two institutions have long enjoyed widespread community support. We are committed to maintaining this support by continuing to provide excellent health care that addresses the concerns of our neighbors, the community and the City.

As longstanding community health care providers, we are informing you of the potentially serious restrictions Proposition T would impose on hospitals and non-profit organizations to continue providing the excellent community healthcare and social services that Santa Monicans need and deserve. We urge all Santa Monica voters to make an informed judgment about Proposition T. To do so, please take into account the unintended consequences it may create for Santa Monica healthcare providers, non-profit agencies, and those they serve.

U.S. officials fear terrorist links with drug lords

BY CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI There is real danger that Islamic extremist groups such as al-Qaida and Hezbollah could form alliances with wealthy and powerful Latin American drug lords to launch new terrorist attacks, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

Extremist group operatives have already been identified in several Latin American countries, mostly involved in fundraising and finding logistical support. But Charles Allen, chief of intelligence analysis at the Homeland Security Department, said they could use well-established smuggling routes and drug profits to bring people or even weapons of mass destruction to the U.S.

"The presence of these people in the region leaves open the possibility that they will attempt to attack the United States," said Allen, a veteran CIA analyst. "The threats in this hemisphere are real. We cannot ignore them."

Added U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration operations chief Michael Braun: "It is not in our interest to let that potpourri of scum to come together."

Their comments came at a two-day conference on the illegal drug threat in the Americas hosted by the U.S. Southern Command and the 35,000-member AFCEA International, a trade group for communications, intelligence and national security companies.

Much as the Taliban tapped Afghanistan's heroin for money, U.S. officials say the vast profits available from Latin American cocaine could provide al-Qaida and others with a ready source of income. The rebel group known as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, has long used drug money to pay for weapons, supplies and operations — and is also designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S.

"We've got a hybrid that has developed right before our eyes," Braun said.

Latin America's drug kingpins already have well-established methods of smuggling, laundering money, obtaining false documents, providing safe havens and obtaining illicit weapons, all of which would be attractive to terrorists who are facing new pressures in the Middle East and elsewhere.

Allen, of the Homeland Security Department, said there was currently a "low probability" of cooperation between terrorists and drug organizations, but the "fertile ground" of Latin America — where government corruption is common and institutions often weak — means that the possibility deserves renewed U.S. attention.

"It would be an unprecedented act. But we cannot rule it out," he said.

The officials said the key to preventing such an alliance is increasing cooperation between government agencies and with nations in the region. They singled out for praise the governments of Mexico and Colombia for making huge strides against drug groups, while criticizing Venezuela for its failure to do so.

Braun said the DEA can be a particularly critical component because of its wide use of human informants and telephone wiretaps to track those in the drug trade. Those sources often provide tips about other types of crime and could be key to identifying terrorists in Latin America.

"They use the same money launderers, the same document forgers," he said. "You are naturally going to bump up against terrorist organizations."

Stem cells from testicles as versatile as embryos

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON Cells taken from men's testicles seem as versatile as the stem cells derived from embryos, researchers reported Wednesday in what may be yet another new approach in a burgeoning scientific field.

The new type of stem cells could be useful for growing personalized replacement tissues, according to a study in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature. But because of their source, their highest promise would apply to only half the world's population: men.

Embryonic stem cells can give rise to virtually any tissue in the body and scientists believe they may offer treatments for diseases like Parkinson's and diabetes and for spinal cord injuries.

The testicular cells avoid the ethical dilemma of embryonic stem cells, which are harvested in a process that destroys the embryos. For that reason, some people, including President Bush, oppose their use for ethical or religious reasons.

"The advantage these cells have in comparison to embryonic stem cells is that there is no ethical problem with these cells and that they are natural," said study lead author Thomas Skutella, a professor at the Center for Regenerative Biology and Medicine in Tuebingen, Germany.

Using testicular cells isn't the only promising method that avoids embryos; there have been impressive experiments in reprogramming ordinary body cells into stem cells by slipping certain genes into them.

The new findings and the reprogrammed cells — which still have technical hurdles — "take some pressure off the stem cell issue," said White House science adviser Jack Marburger.

Earlier studies showed promise using so-called spermatogonial cells from the testes of mice. The new study used cells taken from biopsied tissue from 22 different men undergoing various medical treatments. The men ranged in age from 17 to 81. Researchers found that after a few weeks of growth, the cells could differentiate into various types of cells just like those taken from embryos.

Other scientists hailed the idea as promising, but not a reason to give up on research on embryonic stem cells.

FRINGE
HAIR SALON
1/2 OFF 1ST HAIRCUT
COMPLIMENTARY HAIRCUT WITH COLOR OR HI-LITE
COMPLIMENTARY HAIRCUT WITH 100% HUMAN HAIR EXTENSIONS
WE NOW CARRY 'AVEDA' AND 'BUMBLE AND BUMBLE'
1/2 OFF HAIRCUT WITH PERMANENT HAIR STRAIGHTENING
NEW CUSTOMERS ONLY. COUPON VALID FOR ONE SERVICE. PLEASE BRING COUPON TO REDEEM. ONLY ONE COUPON PER CUSTOMER.
ALL SALON SERVICES, INCLUDING:
Creative Hair Cutting & Styling, Highlighting & Color Techniques, Human Hair Extensions. Walk-ins welcome.
New Location Now Open
Come see us at 3015 Lincoln Blvd.
Two blocks north of Whole Foods
(310) 399-7100



How much is your time worth?



Rush Messenger service
First Local Delivery FREE
Get it done NOW!
NOW LEGAL SERVICE
24-HOUR ATTORNEY SERVICE
(213) 482-1567
nowlegalonline.com
*CALL US FOR DETAILS

UCLA Center for Human Nutrition
is looking for volunteers for a medically-supervised research study to evaluate:
"The Health Benefits of strawberries vs. a high-fat snack in Subjects with High Cholesterol"
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU:
• ARE 20-65 YEARS OF AGE
• HAVE CHOLESTEROL LEVEL >200mg/dL
• ARE NOT ALLERGIC TO STRAWBERRIES
Your participation will last 6 weeks.There will be 6 clinic visits.
Blood samples will be taken at four visits. A brief physical exam will be provided and a meeting with a registered dietitian.
You will be paid up to $175 for your participation.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
(310) 206-8292
STUDY CONDUCTED BY
David Heber MD, PhD



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 65°

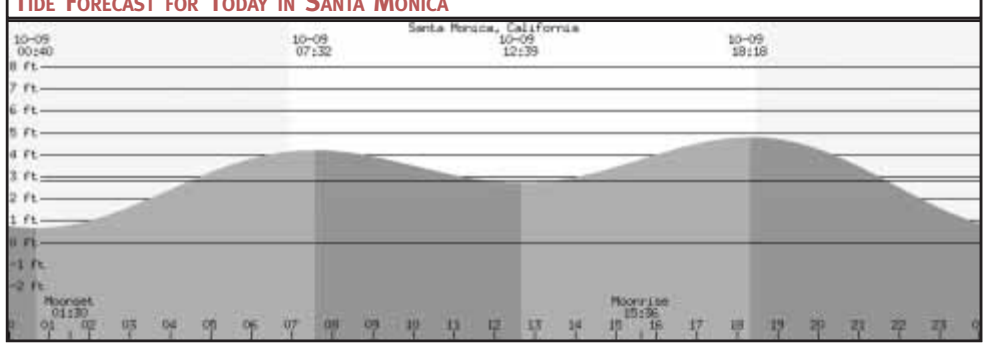
Swell Forecast (3-5 FT)

Southern hemi energy weakens further to waist to chest, but we should see some NW wind swell come in for chest+ waves around west facing spots, possibly towards head high at standouts.

Long Range Synopsis

Saturday the 11th the NW wind swell may increase to well overhead.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **September 30, 2008**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, The Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	D	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	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)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	C	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	B	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	C	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

Heal the Bay

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

© 2008 Copyright Heal the Bay. All rights reserved. Printed on recycled paper (where feasible)

MLB PLAYOFFS

Ramirez sports a new attitude

BY ROB MAADDI
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA Sporting freshly trimmed, thick braids instead of his usual dreadlocks, Manny Ramirez has a slightly new look for the NL championship series to go with his reformed West Coast attitude.

On the field, it's the same old Manny. He just keeps hitting.

Ramirez changed the culture of the Los Angeles Dodgers, leading them to the playoffs with a dynamic performance after forcing his way out of Boston.

Riding their slugger's torrid hitting and a couple of masterful pitching performances, the Dodgers swept the heavily favored Chicago Cubs out of the first round. Getting past the Philadelphia Phillies and their strong pitching in the NLCS won't be that easy.

"They're the best team out there," Ramirez said Wednesday. "These guys are great. We don't think we are better than them, but the key in the playoffs is to get in and anything can happen."

Game 1 is Thursday night at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, with Derek Lowe (14-11) on the mound for the Dodgers against Cole Hamels (14-10).

Both teams have several outstanding players and a mix of interesting personalities, but all the focus was squarely on Ramirez the day before the opener. Cameras clicked and microphones followed the enigmatic left fielder everywhere he went before the Dodgers' workout.

Ramirez took it in stride.

"It's not my first rodeo," he said.

He was charming, witty and humble, sitting down for nearly 20 minutes and answering questions on a wide range of topics.

Manny loves California, but he hasn't learned to surf just yet. He doesn't have the patience to walk 200 times a year like Barry Bonds. He enjoys playing for manager Joe Torre.

Just don't ask Ramirez about his final days in Boston that ended with plenty of acrimony.

"I don't want to talk about the past," he said. "I don't look back. I move forward. I don't have anything bad to say about Boston."

That goes for all his critics, too.

"My teammates know what kind of guy I am. That's where I'll leave it," Ramirez said.

The 2004 World Series MVP, Ramirez already has two championship rings from his 7 seasons with the Red Sox. He wants another one with the Dodgers, who wouldn't be here without him.

Ramirez batted .396 with 17 homers and 53 RBIs in 53 regular-season games with Los Angeles. He made a tremendous impact off the field, too, loosening up the clubhouse with his loud music and showing teammates how to relax and have more fun.

"I think he fit us perfectly because of our youth," said Lowe, who also played with Ramirez in Boston. "It was great for our young hitters to see how a superstar goes about his daily business, how hard he prepares, how he doesn't let one pitch or one at-bat affect him."

Overall, Ramirez hit .332 with 37 homers and 121 RBIs this season. He continued to torment pitchers in the playoffs, going 5-for-10 with two homers, three RBIs and four walks against Chicago.

Ramirez has hit safely in 38 of his last 43 postseason games, with a .350 average during that span. His 26 postseason homers are the most in major league history.

Does that make him the real Mr. October?

"I just go out there and relax and try and do my best," he said.

Confident and modest, Ramirez leaves it to others to praise him.

"Manny has been their catalyst and he's helped everyone around him," said 45-year-old pitcher Jamie Moyer, scheduled to start Game 3 for the Phillies. "He exudes confidence. He's a guy who can adjust. Hitting in this ballpark has to be like hitting in his backyard."

Actually, not quite.

Ramirez is batting just .191 (9-for-47) with three homers in Philadelphia's hitter-friendly ballpark. He joked about his lack of success here and told reporters he needed extra batting practice.

Phillies pitchers have had varying degrees of success against Ramirez. Hamels and Brett Myers, who starts Game 2, have shut him down. He's 2-for-8 against Hamels and 3-for-19 off Myers with a grand slam and five strikeouts.

Moyer and Joe Blanton, the scheduled starter in Game 4, might want to think about walking Ramirez. He has more homers (10) off Moyer than any pitcher he's ever faced, and he's hitting .560 (14-for-25) against Blanton.

Ramirez has a .274 career average against the Phillies (26-for-95) with eight homers and 30 RBIs. He was 7-for-33 (.212) with one homer this season.

"There's a certain way to pitch Manny," Philadelphia backup catcher Chris Coste said. "It's just a matter of pitchers executing those pitches. There's a book on Manny Ramirez, but he's more likely to hit a mistake. If we execute the game plan, I don't see a reason to walk him."

While the Dodgers rely on Ramirez to carry their offense, the Phillies need more production from their big hitters. Chase Utley and Ryan Howard were a combined 4-for-26 with nine strikeouts against Milwaukee in the division series. They're batting .184 (9-for-49) with 21 Ks, four extra-base hits and four RBIs in two postseason series.

Not the kind of numbers that make October stars. If they don't snap out of their slumps soon, Utley and Howard could be labeled chokers.

"I'm trying to hit the ball hard," Utley said. "Finding holes is important, too. But I'm just trying to put together good at-bats."

In a way, Utley and Howard's struggles could help Philadelphia's confidence in the long run. The Phillies now know they can win a series without their 3-4 hitters doing much.

Shane Victorino hit a grand slam off CC Sabathia, Pat Burrell homered twice in the clinching game and Jimmy Rollins and Jayson Werth had key hits against the Brewers.

Both teams are streaking going into this series. The Dodgers finished 19-8 to capture the NL West crown and won three in a row over the Cubs.

MOVIE TIMES

AERO THEATRE
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

The Man Who Would Be King (NR)
7:30

AMC LOEWS BROADWAY 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-1506

Flash of Genius (PG-13) 1hr 59min
2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

Tropic Thunder (R) 1hr 47min
7:10, 9:45

Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13) 1hr 36min
2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:35

An American Carol (PG-13) 1hr 23min
2:20, 4:35, 7:00, 9:00

Igor (PG) 1hr 26min
2:40, 4:40

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Lakeview Terrace (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG) 1hr 25min Digital Presentation
2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG) 1hr 25min
1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:45

Miracle at St. Anna (R) 2hrs 46min
2:45, 6:15, 9:35

Appaloosa (R) 1hr 48min
1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

Ghost Town (PG-13) 1hr 42min
2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55

Burn After Reading (R) 1hr 37min
2:30, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00

LAEMMLE'S MONICA FOURPLEX
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Choke (R) 1hr 29min
1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15

The Duchess (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

Religulous (R) 1hr 41min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45

Blindness (R) 1hr 58min
1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

How to Lose Friends & Alienate People (R) 1hr 50min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

Eagle Eye (PG-13) 1hr 58min
12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:10, 10:10

Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG-13) 1hr 30min
11:40am, 12:40, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20

Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13) 1hr 37min
12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Try something different, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Where crowds are is where you need to be. You discover that everything is possible if you open up to brainstorming. Let your ego dissipate, and let discussions really happen. Everyone wins that way. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others look to you for answers left and right. You might like the attention, but on the other hand, handling that many people could be wearing. Learn to establish strong, reasonable limits, and you'll succeed. Take care of yourself first. Tonight: A must show.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might want to understand what makes someone at a distance important. Your ability to read between the lines takes you to a new level of understanding. Tonight: Try something different.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Work closely with a partner, not allowing yourself to be discouraged. Sometimes you might put too much on your plate. Know when to pull back or else ask for some help. You decide what works best. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ The strong Lion, even with his dynamic personality, cannot always get everything to happen the way he wants. Let go, and allow others to step forward. The unexpected occurs. Be willing to open up a partnership/personal matter. Tonight: Sort through possibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Emphasize work and getting the job done. You might be surprised by what comes down your path if you can just share information and ideas. You find starting a conversation far easier than you ever thought possible! Tonight: Don't run yourself into the ground.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You have ideas, solutions and an original way of thinking. Others tap into your knowledge, and you seem to be very enthusiastic about the ideas that emerge. How you deal with a child or a loved one could be subject to revision. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Though you might choose to say little, you need to be open to other possibilities and offers. Domestic matters and/or real estate will demand attention. For others, your family needs more time. Know what you are doing here. Tonight: Order in. Don't count calories tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might want to try another approach or look at a situation differently. Events test your openness. Conversations allow much more insight into others' lives. You might be harboring strong feelings about someone. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others often look to you for guidance. This tendency is emphasized even more today. You might want to dissolve this situation or step off the throne, mainly for your sake. Tonight: Add a new item to your wardrobe.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Could you try another approach or a different way? Sometimes you get locked into certain ideas and become rigid. Let go more often, and you might discover you understand an event or situation more clearly. Tonight: Blaze a new trail.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Adjust rather than destruct. You might not like what is happening. You are on top of your game and can handle some different ideas. Let go of the feeling of being undermined. Tonight: Go for sleep.

Happy birthday

You discover the power of creativity and how to funnel your ingenuity appropriately. A boss or someone whose judgment you care about becomes yet more favorable, and possibly could change your financial standing. Accept acknowledgment, no matter what form it comes in, be it a bonus or pay raise. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy the loosening up of feelings and the exchanges. AQUARIUS provokes mischief if you are not careful, and you might not care!

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

Clothes for Special Occasions

Patty's Place 4 Kids
• Baptism
• Flower girl
• Baby shower gifts
• Boys suits
• First Communion
310-398-1626
www.pattysplace.net
4521 Inglewood Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90230

Do You Know What's In Your Water?
(You Probably Don't Want to!)
Remove MtBE, Pharmaceuticals & Flouride By Making the Switch to
Premium Alkaline Oxygen Water
Offered at
Beyond O2
eco-friendly HOME SYSTEMS
eco-friendly FILLING STATIONS
A New Premium Water Bar @ 2209 Main Street • www.beyond02water.com
310.664.8880 • Come in for a **Free Sample** & More Info! • Mon-Sat 10-7 • Sun 11-6

Neptune Society
FD - 1986

CORDRIALLY INVITES YOU TO AN
OPEN HOUSE & DEDICATION CEREMONY
Thursday, October 9th
2:00pm-4:00pm
1901 Pacific Coast Highway,
Hermosa Beach, California 90254
(310) 937-0400
Providing complete cremation services for over three decades that are simple, dignified & economical
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 2:00PM
Refreshments • Tours • Information
www.neptunesociety.com
BBB
TD08 SPEC NEPTUNE

INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN THE ONLY LOCAL DAILY PAPER IN SANTA MONICA?
Santa Monica Daily Press
Call us at (310) 458-7737

Know why you'll breathe easier when you hire The Maids?

We use environmentally preferred cleaning products
• Professionally trained, bonded & insured teams
• Efficient & reliable
Call today for a FREE estimate.
310-280-0300
www.maids.com
Because when it comes to your home's air quality *Nobody* Outcleans The Maids.
We do more than just clean off the surface dirt and dust, we clean for health. We use our 22-Step Healthy Touch® Deep Cleaning System every visit to give you and your family the healthiest, most thorough clean every visit - guaranteed!
The Maids Home Services
Nobody Outcleans The Maids.®

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 ★★★

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

King Features Syndicate

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

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

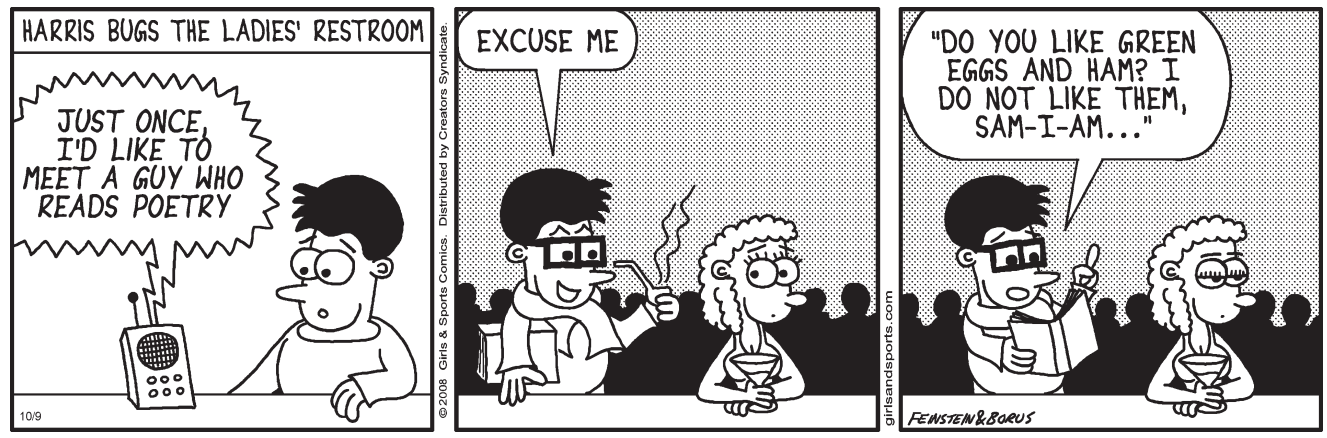
Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737



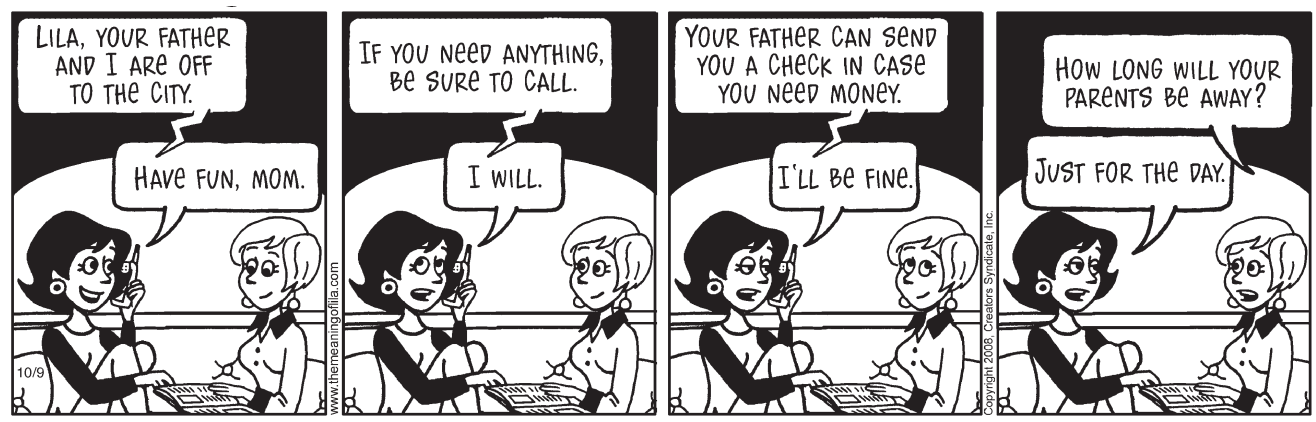
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



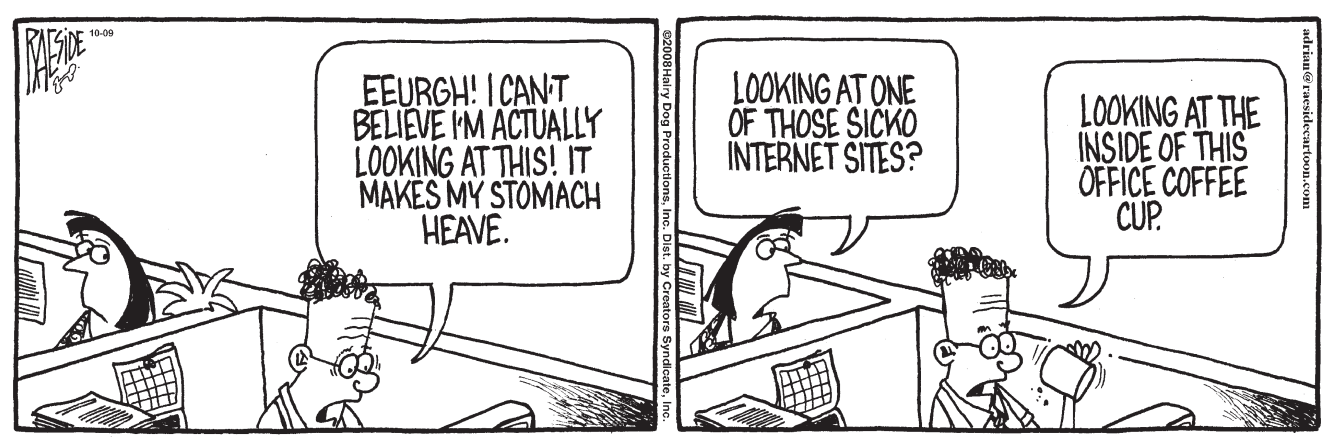
The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



The Other Coast

By Adrian Raeside



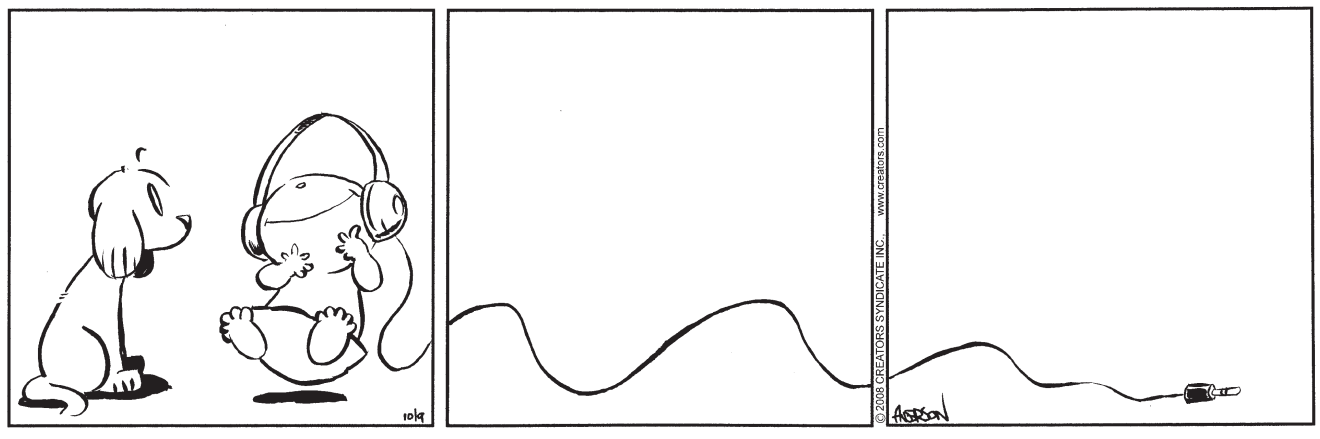
Garfield

By Jim Davis



Dog eat Doug

By Brian Anderson



The Dinette Set by Julie Larson



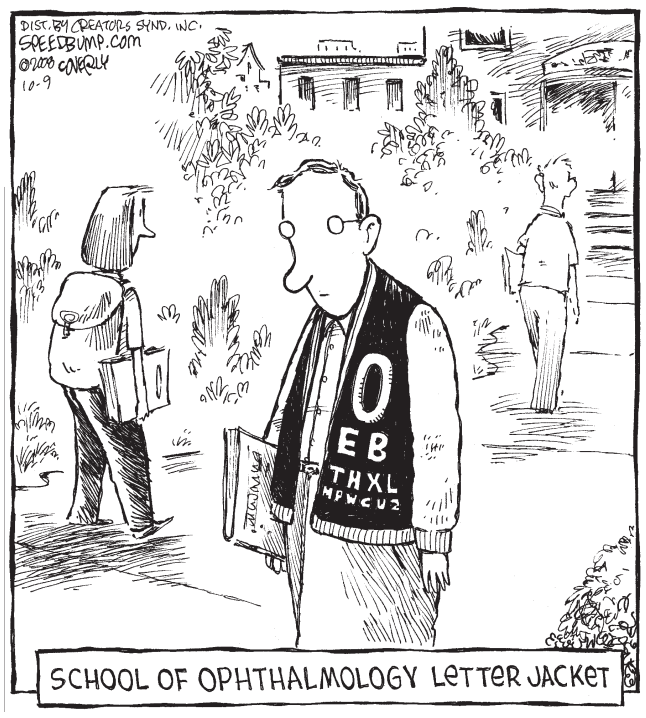
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737



MYSTERY PHOTO

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

The first person who can correctly identify where this image was captured wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press. Send answers to *editor@smdp.com*.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Night fliers
5 Origami need
10 Stepped down
11 Calm
12 Forbidden act
13 Chic
14 Custodian's need
16 Bogart film
20 Comes to a point
23 Charged particle
24 Lab liquids
25 Suggest
27 PC monitor type
28 Heckler's weapon
29 Arch part
32 Film set technicians
36 Kind of skiing
39 China setting
40 Summoned, in a way
41 Lewd look
42 Resort site, often
43 Lucy's hubby

2 Lotion additive
3 Minute
4 Had for sale
5 Danger
6 Gladiator's setting
7 Signing need
8 Conclude
9 Spanish king
11 Doesn't budge
15 Towel word
17 Meter maid of song
18 Blame recipient
19 Aware of
20 Carpet fastener
21 Farm chunk
22 Feel sorry for
25 Big ringer
26 Green stone
28 Trifled
30 Passes over
31 Principle
33 Understanding words
34 Diner desserts
35 Indian dress
36 Jackson 5 hit
37 Zodiac cat
38 Soup sphere

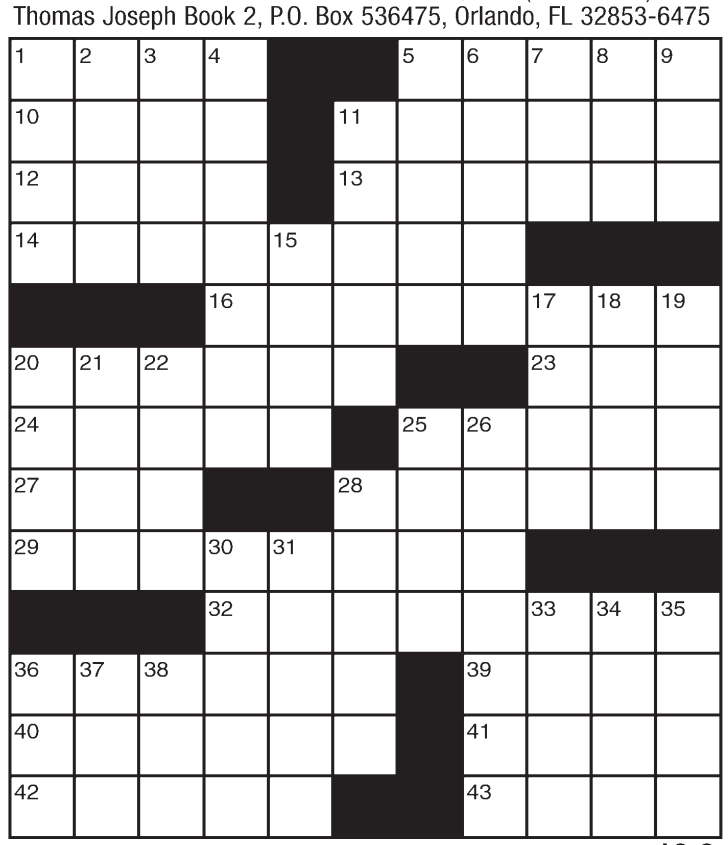
DOWN

1 Teller's place

T	U	R	N				O	V	E	R
O	N	E	U	P		S	T	I	L	E
W	I	L	M	A		A	I	R	E	S
E	T	A		P	A	S	S	I	V	E
D	E	T	A	I	L	S		L	E	T
	D	E	L	E	S		D	E	N	
			E	R	O	D	E			
	T	U	X		R	E	C	A	P	
D	I	N		V	A	L	I	S	E	S
R	E	D	C	E	N	T		H	O	T
A	D	O	R	E		A	G	O	R	A
M	I	N	E	R		S	E	R	I	F
A	N	E	W				L	E	A	F

Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 2, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



10-9

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 2 25 35 38 42 Meganumber: 34 Jackpot: $12M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 8 15 25 33 42 Meganumber: 23 Jackpot: $39M

Fantasy 5: 2 15 16 31 32

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 6 0 2 EVENING: 3 5 9

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 12 Lucky Charms 2nd: 06 Whirl Win 3rd: 02 Lucky Star RACE TIME: 1.42.69

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ More Ways to Consume That Heavenly Food: The fourth annual Big Tex Choice award for best taste this year (at a precursor event to September's Texas State Fair) went to Glen Kusak's chicken fried bacon. Earlier this summer, fourth-generation candymaker Joseph Marini III introduced chocolate-covered bacon bonbons at his stand on California's Santa Cruz Boardwalk. For the more sophisticated, restaurateur Don Yovicsin of Waltham, Mass., serves bacon-infused Absolut vodka (allowed to sit for four weeks' time and then filtered of the bits) (and for a Bacon Bloody Mary, add mix, a lime wedge, "barbecue rub" and a Slim Jim).

■ Undignified Deaths: (1) A 21-year-old man fishing off Jones Beach on New York's Long Island in July was killed when he yanked his line back too quickly, propelling his 3-ounce lead sinker out of the water, where it struck his head and penetrated his brain. (2) A 32-year-old man lounging beside a pool in Leland, N.C., in August was killed when a burst of wind dislodged a canopy umbrella, thrusting the tip into his skull. (3) A 79-year-old motorist watching a crane lift a steeple onto a new church in Oklahoma City in July was killed when the crane toppled over and crushed his car.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1888 the public was first admitted to the Washington Monument.

1919 the Cincinnati Reds won the World Series, defeating the Chicago White Sox 10-5 at Comiskey Park. (The victory turned hollow amid charges eight of the White Sox had thrown the Series in what became known as the "Black Sox" scandal.)

1930 Laura Ingalls became the first woman to fly across the United States as she completed a nine-stop journey from Roosevelt Field, N.Y., to Glendale, Calif.

1967 Latin American guerrilla leader Che Guevara was executed while attempting to incite revolution in Bolivia.

WORD UP!

circumlocution \sir-kuhm-loh-KYOO-shuhn\, *noun*:
The use of many words to express an idea that might be expressed by few; indirect or roundabout language.

Santa Monica Daily Press

Classifieds

$5.50 per day. Up to 15 words, 20 cents each additional word.

Call us today start and promoting your business opportunities to our daily readership of over 40,000.

YOUR AD COULD RUN TOMORROW!*

Some restrictions may apply.

Prepay your ad today!

VISA MasterCard American Express Card

(310) 458-7737

*Please call our Classified Sales Manager to reserve your ad space. Specific ad placement not gauranteed on classified ads. Ad must meet deadline requirements. See complete conditions below.

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Announcements, Creative, Employment, For Sale, Furniture, Pets, Boats, Jewelry, Wanted, Travel, Vacation Rentals, Apartments/Condos, Rent, Houses for Rent, Roomates, Commerical Lease, Real Estate, Real Estate Loans, Storage Space, Vehicles for Sale, Massage, Services, Computer Services, Attorney Services, Business Opportunities, Yard Sales, Health and Beauty, Fitness, Wealth and Success, Lost and Found, Personals, Psychic, Obituaries, Tutoring

All classified liner ads are placed on our website for **FREE!** Check out ***www.smdp.com*** for more info.

Miscellaneous

**A L L Satellite Systems are not the same. Programming starting under $20 per month, HDTV programming under $10 per month and FREE HD and DVR systems for new callers. CALL NOW 1-800-799-4935

AIRLINES ARE HIRING - Train for high paying Aviation Maintenance Career. FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified -Job placement assistance. CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance (888) 349-5387

ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE from Home. *Medical, *Business, *Paralegal, *Computers, *Criminal Justice. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial aid if qualified. Call 800-510-0784
www.CenturaOnline.com

FREE DIRECTV 4 Room System!
All 265+ Channels FREE 4 Months!
Includes Movie Channels! 130 HD Channels! Ends Soon, Ask How!
Packages Start $29.99
FREE DVR/HD
1-800-620-0058

GET A NEW COMPUTER

Brand Name laptops & Desktops

Bad or NO credit- no problem

Smallest weekly payments avail.

Its Yours NOW 1- 800-804-7475

Reach over 30 million homes with one buy. Advertise in NANI for only $2,795 per week! For information, visit www.naninetwork.com.

Satellite Internet Broadband!
Goodbye Dial-Up! Available Everywhere!
Lightning Fast! 30x-50x Faster!
$100 Cash Back! Local Installers!
Free Installation! Order Hughes Net
Toll Free 1-866-815-2851

Employment

CASHIER POSITION for gas station. Immediate positions available. Customer service. Call for more information. (310)451-2355, (310)498-7910

DENTAL ASSISTANT NEEDED
DENTAL back office assistant with experience. Santa Monica dental office PT (310) 393-9706 fax resumes to (310)899-1828

LOOKING FOR cashier, or manager for Santa Monica/ Venice Dagwoods pizza Salary based on experience call Mr.Han cell (818)523-4773

Movie Extras/Models Needed!
Earn $200-$400 per day.
No Experience Required. PT/FT.
All Looks and Ages Needed.
Call Now!! 1-800-605-6851

Customer service/sales position/on site coordinator at lawfirm in Santa Monica. Prior experience in lawfirm preferred.Salary negotiable. Contact bsberkowitz@aol.com.

Mystery shoppers earn summer gas money. Up to 150$/day. Undercover shoppers needed to judge retail and dining establishments.
Exp not req. 800-742-6941

PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME Driver. Must have own car, need to be familiar with L.A. have Ca. driver's license, English speaking. Can earn up to $100/ a day. Submit resume to bsberkowitz@aol.com

PART-TIME SALES position. Our attorney service is looking for referrals to law firms. Referrals result in ongoing commissions. Submit resume to
bsberkowitz@aol.com

Help Wanted

$$$HELP WANTED$$$
Earn Extra income assembling CD cases from Home. CALL OUR LIVE OPERATORS NOW! No Exp Necessary
1-800-267-3944 Ext 104
www.easywork-greatpay.com
(Unavailable in MD,WI,SD,ND)

AWESOME CAREER
Government Postal Jobs!
$17.80 to $59.00 hour Entry Level.
No Experience Required / NOW HIRING!
Green Card O.K.
Call 1-800-983-4384 ext. 54

19 PEOPLE WANTED

$1,200-$4,400 Weekly Working from Home

Assembling Information packets.

No Experience Necessary! Start Immediately! FREE Information 24hrs. CALL NOW!
1-888-248-1359 (Dept.75)

ASSEMBLE MAGNETS & CRAFTS FROM HOME! Year-round Work! Excellent Pay! No Experience! Top US Company! Glue Gun, Painting, Jewelry & More!

TOLL FREE 1-866-844-5091
*** Not available in MD***

DATA ENTRY PROCESSORS NEEDED! Earn $3,500 - $5,000 Weekly Working from Home! Guaranteed Paychecks! No Experience Necessary! Positions Available Today! Register Online Now! www.DataPositions.com

Government Jobs-$12-$48/hr
Paid Training, Full benefits. Call for information on current hiring positions in Homeland Security, Wildlife, Clerical and professional.
1-800-320-9353 x2100

POST OFFICE NOW HIRING!
Avg. Pay $20/hour or $57K annually including Federal Benefits and OT.
Placed by adSource not affiliated w/USPS, who hires. 1-866-574-4781

Business Opps

Earn up to $500 weekly

Assembling angel pins in the comfort of your own home.

No experience required.

Call 813-699-4038 or 813-425-4361 or

Visit www.angelpin.net

Business Opps

OWN A RECESSION Proof Business. Established accounts with the average owner earning over $200k a year call 24/7
1-866-622-8892 Code 305

WANT TO EARN $1K - $5K PER WEEK? GUARANTEED ACCTS.
SAFE INVESTMENT! MONEY BACK GUARANTEE. 100 YEAR OLD INDUSTRY.
800-896-2492
CALL 24 HRS/7 DAYS.

WEEKLY PAYCHECK

Possible from Home mailing

Our mortgage product postcards.

References Available.
No Advertising Required.

Materials provided. No Gimmicks.

877-774-9295

Career Opportunities

LOOKING FOR entrepreneurial, motivated individual to join my business. Part time can lead to full time. Work from home. Call Brian 310-699-5996

For Sale

DIRECTV FREE 4 Room System!
All 265+ Channels FREE 4 Months!
Includes Movie Channels!
130 HD Channels! Ends Soon, Ask How!
Packages Start $29.99!
FREE DVR/HD
1-800-973-9044

DIRECTV Satellite TV: Free Install 4-Room System; Free Equip Upgrade; Save $18/month for 12 months. Offer ends 10/7/08. Call Expert Satellite
1-866-926-2066 (credit card required)

MEMORY FOAM THERAPEUTIC
NASA VISCO MATTRESSES
WHOLESALE! T-$299 F-$349 Q-$399
K-$499 ADJUSTABLES - $799
FREE DELIVERY 25 YEAR WARRANTY 60 NIGHT TRIAL 1-800-ATSLEEP
1-800-287-5337
WWW.MATTRESSDR.COM

SPA/HOT TUB 2008 Model. Neck Jets. Therapy seat. Warranty. Never used. Can deliver. Worth $5950, sell for $1950 (310) 479-3054

VENICE 10 Unit Apt. Bldg.2 blks. from beach $4,125,000.00 Must Sell! Agent: Alex 310-273-1975

Yard Sales

YARD SALE sat Oct 11 7 a.m - 5 p.m household items, dolls, garden tools, electronics, new release DVD's, Indian clothing Sari's great for costumes 1112 Berkeley Ave

Auto Donations

DONATE YOUR CAR… To The Cancer Fund of America. Help Those Suffering With Cancer Today. Free Towing and Tax deductible. 1-800-835-9372
www.cfoa.org

Run your personals here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

Auto Donations

DONATE YOUR CAR-HELP DISABLED CHILDREN WITH CAMP AND EDUCATION. Quickest Towing. Non-Runners/Title Problems OK. Free Vacations/Cruise Voucher.
Special Kids Fund
1-866-448-3865

Computers

A NEW COMPUTER NOW!
Brand Name
Bad or NO Credit – No Problem
Smallest weekly payments avail.
Call NOW 1-800-640-0656

GET A NEW COMPUTER
Brand Name laptops & Desktops
BAD or NO Credit – no problem
Smallest weekly payments avail.
Its Yours NOW 1-800-932-3721

Instruction

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA!

Fast Affordable & Accredited

FREE Brochure. Call NOW!

1-888-583-2123

www.continentalacademy.com

TUTORING
All subjects, all levels.
$40/hr.
(310)775-7599

Travel & Vacation

FREE 2 Night Cruise Vacation!
To the Bahamas – Imperial Majesty Just pay port fees- Meals and Cruise are 100% FREE Call Now 1-800-380-6510

Resorts/Timeshares

BUY TIMESHARE RESALES
SAVE 60-80% OFF RETAIL!!
BEST RESORTS & SEASONS.
Call for FREE
TIMESHARE MAGAZINE!
1-800-639-5319
www.holidaygroup.com/flier

SELL/RENT YOUR TIMESHARE NOW!!!

Maintenance fees to high? Need Cash?

Sell your unused timeshare today.

No Commissions or Broker Fees.

Free Consultation
www.sellatimeshare.com.

1-877-494-8246.

For Rent

Mar Vista $2300.00 2Bdrms, 2 Baths W / Loft Stove, Refrig, Dshwshr, Wshr/Dryr, Gated Parking, NO PETS 4077 Inglewood Blvd, # 1 Call for Appt. (310)780-3354

For Rent

MAR VISTA, 11621 Braddock Dr. unit 16 2bdrm. 1.5 bath, $1350, townhouse style, stove, carpt, w/d hookup, patio, gated parking, carpet, intercom entry, no pets.$500 off move-in (310)967-4471 www.jkwproperties.com

1244 Euclid 1+1 lower unit #2 stove, fridge, AC, carpets blinds, laundry room, intercom entry, tandem parking, small pets ok with deposit .$1475/mo $300 off move-in (310)578-7512 www.jkwproperties.com

833 5TH St. SM upper unit 209 1+1 $1875 stove, d/w, carpet, blinds, swimming pool, laundry, intercom entry, gated parking, no pets. (310)393-2547 www.jkwproperties.com

AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING IN SANTA MONICA
4 blocks to beach
2-BD + 2-BA
shared by 2 seniors.
$645/month each.
323-650-7988 • M–F 9–5

FREE HOUSEMATE MATCHING SERVICE
We help match seniors with seniors/mid-age/younger people.
323-650-7988
Monday – Friday • 9 – 5

Newly Lowered Rates
Room and Board
401 Montana Avenue
Your home away from home.
Daily meals, laundry, housekeeping, utilities, and cable. Studios, 1bdrms avaliable. Seniors and all ages welcome. Ask about move-in special 1 month FREE.
IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
Starting at $2,000/MO
Beautiful Montana Gardens
(310) 245-9436

SENIORS
Affordable Housing
starting at
$456/month
323-650-7988
Monday – Friday • 9 – 5

SANTA MONICA COLORADO/FRANKLIN unfurnished rear small house 1bdrm/1bath no pets permit parking open house Sunday 10/12 $1700/mo (310)828-7513

ADVERTISE! CALL US (310) 458-7737

For Rent

HOWARD MANAGEMENT GROUP
(310) 869-7901

1037 5th St. #9 3bdrm/ 2 bath $2795
2211 Ocean Ave. #2215C 2bdrm/ 1bath $2990
1731 Barry Avenue #212
2bdrm/2bath Condo for Rent $2695.

PLEASE Visit our website for complete listings at:
www.howardmanagement.com
rentals@howardmanagement.com

MAR VISTA 12450 Culver Blvd. Unit 208 1bdrm/1bath, gated parking, intercom entry, stove, fridge, utilities included, laundry, parking, no pets. $1150/mo on site manager (888)414-7778 www.jkwproperties.com

MAR VISTA 3976 Inglewood Blvd. Unit 1, 2+2 lower $1475/Mo, stove, fridge, blinds, carpet, balcony, laundry, parking, no pets. (310)578-7512 www.jkwproperties.com

MDR adj.$900 large single upper with private balcony,.full kitchen, appliances, laundry, parking, no pets info (310)828-4481 or (310) 993-0414 after 7p.m.

PALMS 9804 Regent unit #3. 2+2 $1625/mo, dishwasher stove, fridge, carpet, on-site laundry, parking, no pets, (310) 578-7512 jkwproperties.com

Santa Monica/ West LA $1395.00 & up 1Bdrm, 2Bdrms W/ Lofts . See manager at 1935 Cloverfield Blvd, Apt. #19 for list of vacancies

Santa Monica/ West LA $1395.00 & up 1Bdrm, 2Bdrms W/ Lofts . See manager at 2535 Kansas Ave. #101 for list of vacancies

Venice 25 19th Ave. Single unit E $1095/mo stove, fridge, carpet, blinds, laundry, no parking or pets, (310)578-7512 www.jkwproperties.com

WLA $1750/MO. Large bright 2 bdrm upper, on Barrington near National. Very spacious. Large closets, crown moldings, gas stove, refrigerator. Closed garage with storage, well maintained, charming, older building in good WLA area.near Whole foods and Starbucks Info (310)828-4481 or (310)993-0414 after 6pm.

WLA, LARGE 3+2. OCEAN VIEW, top of hill, prv drvwy, 3 patios/backyard, gated, no pets. Redeco $2975/mo 310-390-4610.

Real Estate

TENNESSEE MOUNTAINS
1+ to 2 acre homesites. Wooded Bluff and Lake View. Starting at $59,900.
Guaranteed Financing!
866-550-5263.
Ask about Mini Vacation.
3 days, 2 nights & Travel Allowance.

Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

CALL TODAY FOR SPECIAL MONTHLY RATES!

There is no more convincing medium than a DAILY local newspaper.

Prepay your ad today!

VISA MasterCard American Express Card

(310) 458-7737

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING CONDITIONS: REGULAR RATE: $5.50 a day. Ads over 15 words add 20¢ per word per day. Ad must run a minimum of twelve consecutive days. PREMIUMS: First two words caps no charge. Bold words, italics, centered lines, etc. cost extra. Please call for rates. TYPOS: Check your ad the first day of publication. Sorry, we do not issue credit after an ad has run more than once. DEADLINES: 3:00 p.m. prior the day of publication except for Monday's paper when the deadline is Friday at 2:30 p.m. PAYMENT: All private party ads must be pre-paid. We accept checks, credit cards, and of course cash. CORRESPONDENCE: To place your ad call our offices 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, (310) 458-7737; send a check or money order with ad copy to The Santa Monica Daily Press, P.O. Box 1380, Santa Monica, CA 90406 or stop in at our office located at 410 Broadway, Suite B, Santa Monica. OTHER RATES: For information about the professional services directory or classified display ads, please call our office at (310) 458-7737.

Santa Monica Daily Press GET RID OF YOUR ROLLERBLADES. Sell your sports equipment to someone who will actually use it. Classifieds

Prepay your ad today! VISA MasterCard American Express Card
(310) 458-7737
CALL TODAY FOR SPECIAL MONTHLY RATES!
There is no more convincing medium than a DAILY local newspaper.
$5.50 per day. Up to 15 words, 20 cents each additional word.

Real Estate

WestsideRentals.com
Where quality tenants find a place to live!

SoCal's #1 Home Listing Service

For apartments, houses, townhouses and roommates

Live Help 24/7 Online or By Phone

Thousands of rental listings updated daily
- FREE Guest Search
- Full Real Estate & Insurance Brokerage
- 7 Office Locations
- Landlords Always List FREE

Need a Place to Live? Call us, Stop by or Visit us Online
www.westsiderentals.com
310-395-RENT

Houses for Sale

3BR 2BA Foreclosure!

Only $48,900! Bank Owned!

Call for Listings & Info.

800-279-1604

Vehicles for sale

$500! Police Impounds!

Hondas / Chevys / Jeeps & More!

Cars from $500!

For Listings 800-773-2204



1999 Mazda Protégé
VIN# 131663 $3995
Good transportation, 34 MPG
Dealer – Claude Short Auto Sales
310-395-3712
The Best Cars on a Crumby Little Lot!



1992 Dodge 1 Ton Van
VIN# 167697 $2995
Dealer – Claude Short Auto Sales
310-395-3712
The Best Cars on a Crumby Little Lot!

SIGN UP TO GET FREE AMBER ALERTS ON YOUR CELL PHONE.
wirelessamberalerts.org
Wireless AMBER Alerts Ad Council
A child is calling for help.

Vehicles for sale



1991 Dodge Van Conversion
AIN# 404374 TV inside, clean, low mileage, rear beds folds into a sofa $5995.00
Dealer – Claude Short Auto Sales
310-395-3712
The Best Cars on a Crumby Little Lot!



2005 Chevrolet Astro Van
VIN# 121431 $9995
Great work van, inside storage.
Dealer – Claude Short Auto Sales
310-395-3712
The Best Cars on a Crumby Little Lot!



1996 Ford Explorer 4WD
VIN#A42842 $3995
One owner, clean car
Dealer – Claude Short Auto Sales
310-395-3712
The Best Cars on a Crumby Little Lot!



03 Toyota Celica GT.
Low mileage, 4 cyl, Good Gas Mileage!
$12,995.00 VIN 152214
Dealer – Claude Short Auto Sales
310-395-3712
The Best Cars on a Crumby Little Lot!

Bookkeeping Services

QUICKBOOKS BOOKKEEPING service, personal or businesses. Online version available. Call 310 977-7935

Services

TRAINED PROFESSIONAL SINGER
Will sing at all parties, churches, women's clubs, and all occasions.Jolson, Sinatra, Tony Bennett, popular songs, and will have a sing along. Lots of fun. Call Gabe 310-392-6501

Gen. Contracting

A/C CONSTRUCTION
General Construction
Commercial & Residential
Remodel & Add ons
Honest. Reliable.
FREE ESTIMATES
— Sabbath Observed—
310.278.5380
Lic# 804884 Fully Insured

Your ad could run here!
Call us today at (310) 458-7737

Services

Handyman

The Handy Hatts
Painting and Decorating Co.
SINCE 1967
RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL
SPECIALISTS IN ALL
DAMAGE REPAIR
"EXPERT IN GREEN CONCEPTS"
Free estimates, great referrals
FULL SERVICE HANDYMAN FROM A TO Z
Call Brian @
(310) 927-5120
(310) 915-7907
LIC# 888736
"HOME SWEET HOME"

WEST SIDE HANDYMAN
All Repairs- Carpentry- Painting- Plastering- Electrical
Termite & Dry Rot Repair
Not a Licensed Contractor
Call the House Healer
(310) 409-3244

Therapy

STILL SMOKING?
Life is short — Why make it shorter
John J. McGrail, C.Ht.



Certified Hypnotherapist
(310) 235-2883
www.hypnotherapylosangeles.com

Legal Services

Considering Filing for Bankruptcy?
"Your Local Santa Monica Attorney"
- Free phone consultation
- Speak to your local Santa Monica Attorney
- Get the facts now

The Law Offices of Martin D. Gross, A Professional Legal Corporation
2001 Wilshire Blvd
Santa Monica CA 310 453 8320
www.lawgross.com

Financial

$$$ ACCESS LAWSUIT CASH NOW!!!
As seen on TV. Injury Lawsuit Dragging?

Need $500-$500,000++ within 24/hrs after approval?
Compare our lower rates.

APPLY NOW 1-866-386-3692

$$$ GET LAWSUIT CASH NOW- Oasis Legal Finance #1. See us on TV Fastest Cash Advances on injury cases-within 24/hrs. Owe nothing if you lose your case APPLY FREE CALL NOW
1-866-353-9959

BURIED IN CREDIT CARD DEBT? Stressed out and Concerned About Your Future? Stop the harassment! Call and get Help Now!
1-800-644-4347

BOLD IT! MAKE YOUR AD STAND OUT

Financial

DESTROY YOUR DEBT!
Too many Credit Card Bills?
We can help! Call now for
FREE, no obligation consultation!
1-800-390-2470

TOO MANY BILLS?
Pay off your debts up to 50-80% off.

One low affordable monthly payment.
98% Approval Rate.

1-866-608-BILL (2455)

Visit www.paylesssolutions.com

Lost & Found

REWARD STOLEN purse at Broadway/ Lincoln Vons newsstand. Black w/strap TD, glasses, keys, Call (310)319-0382

Massage

BLISSFUL RELAXATION! Heal your body, mind, spirit. Therapeutic bodywork/energy healing. Strictly non-sexual. Introductory specials $68.00. Lynda, L.M.T. (310) 749-0621

EXQUISITE, INTUITIVE, strong and tender relaxing body work by mature European. Very Professional, Sonja (310) 397-0433.

POSITIVE EXISTENCE
Design & Printing Experts

Corporate Identity
Annual reports
Posters
Websites
Banners
Sales sheets
Brochures
Stationary
P.O.P. displays
Standees
Packaging
Statement stuffers
Menus
Rack cards
Booklets
Press kits
Ad film
Pocket folders
Direct mail
Counter cards
Labels
Postcards
Magazines
Large Format
Out-of-home

310-314-3537
www.peprinting.com



New Pocket Listing!



Featuring your Home First

- To find out how I get your home 500% more exposure online on over 100 websites
- To find out the most up-to-date Santa Monica real estate information
- For a Virtual Tour & multiple photos of these Properties

Visit:

www.SantaMonicaListings.com

North of Montana

3 + 2 Single Family Home

$2,449,000

Franklin School District

Lot Size +/- 7,500 sq ft



1030 Chelsea Avenue
$1,299,000
Traditional 3 +1.75 Home
Open Sunday
October 12th
2 - 5 pm



629 Pico Place
$1,799,000
2 + 2
Architectural Home / Art Gallery
Easy to Show,
Call for an Appointment



1135 Berkeley Street
$1,899,000
Traditional, 5 +3 Home
Open Sunday
October 12th
2 - 5 pm



1255 26th Street
$1,299,000
Triplex - Main House & Two Units
Open Sunday
October 12th
2 - 5 pm

Open Tuesday!



1010 19th Street # 4
$779,000
North of Wilshire
2 + 2.5 Townhome
Open Tuesday, October 14th
11 - 2

Open Sunday!



907 12th Street # 4
Price Reduced $679,000
North of Wilshire
3 + 2 Condo
Open Sunday, October 12th
2 - 5 pm

Average Price of ALL Santa Monica Properties Listed for Sale As of Early October 2008

	Single Family Homes	Condos & Townhomes
Santa Monica Canyon	$ 3,219,667	$ 5,247,500
North of Montana	$ 3,798,120	$ 1,928,515
Between Wilshire & Montana	$ 3,187,818	$ 946,250
South of Wilshire	$ 1,413,800	$ 743,426
Sunset Park	$ 1,366,143	$ 612,908

Statistics Updated Every Monday



Kate Bransfield
Estates Director
Society of Excellence
Previews Properties Specialist
310.395.1133
1608 Montana Avenue
Santa Monica, CA

©2008 Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. Coldwell Banker®, Previews®, and Coldwell Banker Previews International® are registered trademarks licensed to Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. An Equal Opportunity Company. Equal Housing Opportunity. Owned And Operated By NRT LLC. Broker does not guarantee the accuracy of square footage, lot size or other information concerning the condition or features of property provided by seller or obtained from public records or other sources, and the buyer is advised to independently verify the accuracy of that information through personal inspection and with appropriate professionals.