PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS HERE!
Yes, in this very spot! EVERYDAY
Call 310-458-7737 for details
smdp.com



Taxi! Taxi!
20th Anniversary
2010 Small Business of the Year Award
California Small Business Association (41st District)
310-444-4444
Hybrid • Mercedes-Benz
not valid from hotels or with other offers • SM residents only • Expires 8/31/10
SM to LAX $30
SantaMonicaTaxi.com

smdp.com
Santa Monica Daily Press
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2010
Volume 10 Issue 27

Santa Monica Daily Press

Pacific Park
AMUSEMENT PARK ON THE BLOCK
SEE PAGE 3

We have you covered

THE LATE BREAKING, NOTE TAKING ISSUE



WHAT A SCENE

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Al Montez and his wife Sharon view the 'Flight into Egypt' nativity scene in Palisades Park on Sunday. A total of 14 scenes are on display, each sponsored by a local church and the Santa Monica Police Officers Association. The scenes date back to 1953.

Council to approve mobile home financing proposal

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

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Aiming to increase affordability at the Mountain View Mobile Home Park, and in some cases assist residents who want to become homeowners, the City Council is set to approve $9.2 million for a new financing program.

SEE **CONSENT** PAGE 6

Celebrity chef sentenced in murder-for-hire plot

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE A former Food Network star was sentenced to nine years in prison Monday for trying to hire two Santa Monica homeless men to kill his wife, the District Attorney's Office said.

Juan Carlos Cruz, 48, who hosted "Calorie Commando" and "Weighing In," pleaded no contest Oct. 26 as a hearing was set to begin to determine if there was enough evidence to require him to stand trial.

As a result of his plea, an attempted murder charge was dismissed by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge H. Chester Horn Jr.

Cruz has remained jailed on $2 million bail since his arrest May 13 by Santa Monica police, who said earlier they were contacted by two men who said Cruz had hired them to kill someone in exchange for $500. Police set up a sting and videotaped Cruz arranging the murder with the men, including driving one to his apartment and showing him how to access the secure building, authorities said.

TMZ.com reported Cruz' wife was suicidal because she could not have children but could not kill herself because of her religious beliefs. Authorities believe Cruz was attempting to execute a murder-suicide out of mercy.

kevinh@smdp.com

City Hall ramps up focus on airport

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL With widespread resident concern over a possible flight path change at Santa Monica Airport and the looming expiration in 2015 of the agreement with the federal government to operate SMO, Santa Monica officials are taking steps to prepare for a potential showdown with the FAA.

The City Council tonight is set to hire a former FAA official-turned Washington, D.C. lawyer to lobby the feds on the flight path issue. And City Manager Rod Gould has reached a deal to commission the RAND Corp. to study the airport and the surrounding area to come up with options for a "range of possible futures that could be considered for the airport," according to a report on the proposal.

Gould has proposed hiring another firm, Point C, to facilitate a public process that would give residents a voice in plans for possible changes at SMO.

The council is set to approve all of the moves at its meeting tonight.

The steps come after residents this year filed thousands of noise complaints with SMO in connection to a six-month flight path test that re-directed some small, piston-powered planes to take a so-called 250 degree heading after takeoff, over the neighborhoods of Sunset Park and Ocean Park instead of over the Penmar Golf Course on their way to the ocean.

The move to hire a lobbyist on the issue was prompted by concern the FAA could seek to make the test route permanent, though the agency has made no formal announcement.

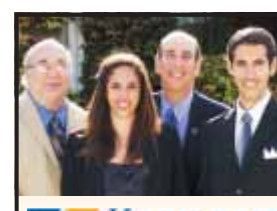
The proposed lobbyist contract is with the firm Crowell & Morning for an amount no more than $220,000, depending on the firm's success. Under the proposed arrangement, Kirk Shaffer, a specialist in aviation work who was formerly an FAA associate administrator for airports, would act as the city's agent. In his FAA job, Shaffer butted heads with city officials over an ordinance banning larger jet aircraft from SMO (that

SEE **SMO** PAGE 7

Band & Orchestra Instruments
RENT-TO-OWN
(310) 453-1928
1901 Santa Monica Blvd. in Santa Monica
www.santamonicamusic.com
MUSIC CENTER

Place Your HOLIDAY Orders TODAY!
OPEN 24 Hour CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S.
DELI TO THE STARS IZZY'S
1433 Wilshire Boulevard, at 15th Street
310-394-1131 | OPEN 24 HOURS

WE LOVE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT HEADACHES
Contact: Robert Kronovet
2010 REALTOR OF THE YEAR
310-829-9303
Robert Kronovet is a California Association of Realtors Director.
rent@Kronovet.com
Kronovet Realty
DRE # 01128992



General, Cosmetic, & Implant Dentistry
Modern, Comfortable and Relaxed Atmosphere
Gentle Dentistry | Sedation Available | Digital Technology | Smile Makeover | Flexible Financing
Basic Cleaning, Exam and full Mouth Xrays $65.00
Modern facilities, gentle dentistry, sedation
Have your kids been to the dentist?
This month: KIDS ARE FREE!
Exam, basic cleaning and full mouth xrays
Call for details.
Santa Monica Tooth Doctor

Ali Mogharei DDS
(310) 829-2224
2222 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 202, Santa Monica, CA 90404
Check our monthly promotions on our website www.santamonicatoothdr.com

Borrowing Against Your Home?
Reverse Mortgage Counseling
- HUD-authorized, third-party, independent counseling
- Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) counselor
- Member of HUD's National HECM Counseling Network

WISE & Healthy Aging
For Information:
(310) 394-9871 ext. 435
In conjunction with the National Council on Aging

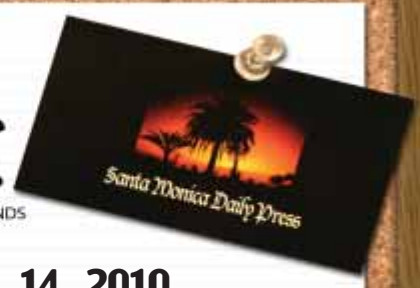
DON'S Cutting Edge

Look Good This Holiday Season
20% OFF Haircuts
with mention of this ad
*Special Senior Discount -25% OFF before noon
Ask for Leslie or Steve
2918 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica
Call for an appointment 310.315.1098
Tues-Fri: 9-6pm Sat: 8-5pm
Appointments not required.

Pillow Fight 2011
Circle K International UCLA
OCHC
register online: www.circlekpillowfight.com
Registration: $10
At door: $12
Early registration ends Jan. 6
All funds help support
Free Arts for Abused Children
towards their mission to inspire hope in abused children through the power of artistic expression.
FEATURING
Live Performances
Free Tshirt + Food
Prizes for best dressed
and more
Ackerman Grand Ballroom
January 8, 2011
2pm - 5pm

WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010

Riding with Santa
Pacific Park
Santa Monica Pier, daily
Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, riding Pacific Park's coaster at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier. The roller coaster ridin' Santa likeness will celebrate the holidays while riding in the last car of the West Coaster roller coaster. Guests have the opportunity to take photos with Santa while the train is in the station or ride-along as the coaster races 55-feet above the Santa Monica Bay.

Rhyme time
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade, 10:30 a.m.
Improve your poetry skills and appreciation every Tuesday with Bill Robertson of Santa Monica Emeritus College.
Visit www.greenpoets.com for more information.

Skate in the sunshine
1324 Fifth St.
12 p.m. — 10 p.m.
It's that time of year again. ICE at Santa Monica is back. Skate to your hearts desire — or at least until the rink closes for the night — everyday until Feb. 25. Admission and skate rental is $10.
For more information, call (310) 393-8355.

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010

Yoga for all
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 9:00 a.m.
We all know how hard it is to wake up a morning workout. But with yoga, working out should be stress free. The Annenberg Community Beach House is hosting classes in its Garden Terrace Room for adults at any level. Get your flex on, just don't forget a mat and a bottle of water. To sign up, visit www.recenroll.smgov.net.

Super fresh
Downtown Santa Monica
Arizona Avenue and Second Street
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at the weekly Farmers' Market. A variety of prepared foods will also be available.

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.

Taxi! Taxi!

20th Anniversary
2009 Grand Prize Sustainable Quality Award
City of SM, SM Chamber & Sustainable Works
310-444-4444
Hybrid • Mercedes-Benz
not valid from hotels or with other offers • SM residents only • Expires 8/31/10
SM to LAX $30
SantaMonicaTaxi.com

Pacific Park expected to sell for $34M

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SM PIER Popular Santa Monica attraction Pacific Park is set to be sold for $34 million, with final approval of the sale expected to come during tonight's City Council meeting, a staff report stated.

If the council approves the sale, City Manager Rod Gould would be authorized to complete the deal.

Santa Monica Amusements, the group that has owned and operated the park since its opening in 1996, is expected to sell the amusement park to CNL Lifestyle Properties, a group of investors that owns other business in the leisure and entertainment industry.

Once completed, City Hall will receive a transfer premium payment of $1.4 million.

While ownership of the property will change hands once the agreement is finalized, the current management group is expected to stay on to run the park.

"It's a big sale, but not a huge change," a source close to the talks said.

Pacific Park is a popular tourist destination located on the Santa Monica Pier, attracting thousands to the destination every day.

daniela@smdp.com



MUSIC MAN

Photo courtesy D'Lynn Waldron

Santa Monican youngsters spend a moment with Santa Monica Symphony Maestro Allen Robert Gross during the symphony's family concert Saturday at the Santa Monica Civic Center. The symphony has been in Santa Monica for 66 years.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER

Vikings hoping to remain unbeaten

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOHI The Santa Monica High School boys' soccer team has started the season strong, coming out of the gate winning its first three games with a combined score of 11-2.

After tying their fourth game of the season last Monday to nearby Palisades High School, the Vikings now sport a 5-0-1 record, and are looking to stay unbeaten this season.

SEE **SAMOHI** PAGE 6

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Crossroads finishes fourth at Viewpoint Tournament

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CALABASAS Despite falling to host Viewpoint, 67-58, on Saturday, Crossroads' boys' basketball team earned fourth place in the Viewpoint Tournament.

Head Coach Kevin Jackson said the game was Crossroads' worst performance of the season, but gave the credit to a strong Viewpoint team that gave his team more than they could handle all night.

Crossroads' Luke Shmuger and Justin Blair were named to the all-tournament team. This is the second tournament the 6-2 Roadrunners have played in this season. Crossroads won the St. Monica Tip Off Invitational earlier this year.

Next for Crossroads, which is ranked No. 3 in the latest California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 5AA poll, is a home matchup with Sierra Canyon, ranked No. 1 in Division 5A.

Jackson sees the game as a litmus test of sorts for his team as he tries to determine what his Roadrunners are capable of. Jackson is particularly interested to see Sierra Canyon freshman phenom Bryan Alberts in person and how his team reacts to his presence.

ESPN has already tabbed the freshman, who is averaging 19 points and 12 rebounds a game, a potential elite shooting guard prospect.

"They're a legitimate powerhouse," Jackson said of Sierra Canyon. "But, we think we could shock the world."

Considering that Sierra Canyon is taller and more athletic, Jackson said that he's hoping for the best shooting night of the season from his Roadrunners.

"At home, we should be very competitive," he said. "We're looking to win."

The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Crossroads.

daniela@smdp.com



email:
reservations@seaviewhotel.com
seaviewmotel@hotmail.com
Seaview HOTEL
310.393.6711 | 1760 Ocean Avenue | Santa Monica, CA
Book On-line Today www.seaviewhotel.com

BACK or UNFILED
TAXES?
ALL FORMS • ALL TYPES • ALL STATES
(310) 395-9922
SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800 Santa Monica 90401

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Another side to the story

Editor:

I cannot stand by and allow the bashing of Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein to continue ("SMC defends professor accused of unethical campaigning," Nov. 27, page 1). There seems to be some misinformation being spread amongst readers and responders alike as to the role that Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein had in allowing his political science students to participate in election-related campaigns. This opportunity was considered a form of volunteer service-learning that was to be done in addition to the regular class work load. No student was penalized for not participating. Additionally, Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein never stipulated that you had to work on the RR campaign – students could work on any ballot measure. It just so happens that no other campaign bothered to gain support from SMC students in the way that those participating in RR and YY did.

Do not be mistaken by the ignorance of those who did not regularly participate in his classes. We were not forced or coerced to participate in anything.

Shame on you! Shame on readers who take only one side of the story. Shame on citizens who take no political action and complain when their votes are not the victor. Shame on local officials who underestimate the desire of young people to participate in local and national governance. Shame on those who misjudged the strength of our political muscle.

What Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein did offer us, his students, was a chance to be part of the process – an opportunity that I had never been offered in any previous academic institution (and I hold a graduate degree). Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein should not be criticized, but rather commended for his role in preparing the next generation of voters to be conscious and participatory within the democratic process.

Alexandra Ibarra
Santa Monica

In response to Modern Times

Editor:

Being involved in the theme park industry for three decades, I want to point out that tourism is one of the most dynamic industries a state can pursue ("Noah way this should happen," Modern Times, Dec. 11). Ark Encounter will attract over 80 percent of its guest from out of state, thus providing Kentucky an excellent opportunity for the hospitality industry to capitalize upon the influx of visitors. The result will be an increase in employment during the $150 million construction phase and the future years of operations.

Ark Encounter will employee over 900 people in full- and part-time positions. Over 500 associates will be full-time with over 100 being salaried positions ranging from $30,000 to $100,000 annually and 400 full-time hourly wages averaging over $24,000 annually, plus excellent benefits. The ripple effect of the first year in job creation will be over 14,000 new jobs.

The Tourism Development Act provides an incentive to attract investments for tourism projects without burdening the state's residents by allowing qualifying projects to recapture up to 25 percent of the cost of the project development cost through the sales tax generated. The Ark Encounter clearly qualifies for this incentive under the guidelines of the act. The Ark Encounter is a for-profit limited liability company owned by a group of private investors which has contracted with a subsidiary of Answers in Genesis, Inc. to provide oversight of the daily operations.

I trust this clears up some confusion that might have been created for the readers of last week's column.

Cary Summers
President, Nehemiah Group

READ US ON THE GO
www.smdp.com/**mobile**
Santa Monica Daily Press office **(310) 458-7737**



Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

'Tis the season to save the Earth (and your money)

LAST WEEK A NUMBER OF READERS e-mailed asking what each of them can do to help combat global warming. Since 193 countries meeting at the U.N. climate conference in Cancun were unable to reach any consensus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, it's up to each of us to lend a helping hand because global warming is a citizen's issue.

Going green is the new "normal" for the coming decade. In addition to being ecologically sound, going green will save each family a couple thousand dollars a year.

The first step is to calculate how much energy you use at home, traveling and at work. We call this calculating your carbon footprint (visit www.ecofoot.org). Once you determine how much you and your family are spending, it is simple to begin to cut back.

Reducing is the most important habit that we can all easily change. Reduce what you use by buying quality products. This is both important for retailers and the economy. Quality products cost more but last longer, save you money (from having to buy inferior products again); and quality products reduce the amount of waste we are putting into landfills.

Re-using also makes good sense. Every year, North Americans drink more than 110 billion cups of coffee. Approximately 16 billion disposable paper cups are thrown away — that's enough cups, when placed end to end, to wrap around the planet 57 times. Instead, get yourself a stainless steel mug and most coffee vendors offer customers a 25 cent discount. At five cups a week that's a savings of $65 a year.

There are about 265 million cars in North America or 38 percent of the global fleet. It takes about 9 million barrels of oil a day or about the equivalent of what Saudi Arabia produces daily to fuel these cars.

Make fuel conservation an important factor when purchasing your next car. The European Smart Car is a winner. You will spend $884 less on gasoline a year. Invest that savings at an 8 percent rate of return and in 10 years you will have saved $14,000. In 20 years you'll have almost $43,000 and in 30 years you will have over $108,000.

Or consider the new array of electric vehicles. I've test driven a few of them and my favorite is the General Motors, Chevrolet Volt. As more and more households become reliant on solar panels for their electricity, the electric vehicles will truly embrace the meaning of "leaving a zero-footprint" because when you arrive home you'll plug your car into the solar power system to recharge its batteries.

All cars and trucks must have their tires inflated to the correct tire pressure. In doing so, you will save 18 cents a gallon. Also, make sure that your trunk is kept empty — extra weight reduces fuel efficiency.

Forty percent of all car trips in North America are less than two miles. Ride a bicycle or walk that distance and get exercise instead of spending fuel. At the end of the year you will have saved $215.

The average home emits about twice as much CO_2 compared to the average car. Most energy utility companies offer a whole-house evaluation. An energy audit will save you as much as 30 percent on your yearly bills (visit www.eere.energy.gov).

Roughly half of our home energy expenses comes from heating and cooling — that means furnaces and air conditioning units must be serviced bi-annually and air filters changed at least twice a year (visit www.energystar.gov).

By setting your winter thermostat to 68 degrees and your summer thermostat to 79 degrees you'll save $250 a year. Also, put your clothes, after washing them in cold water only, out to air-dry and you'll save an additional $300 annually.

Use a smart power strip and plug-in as many electronic devices that have stand-by mode in your home, you'll reduce your power bill by a further 5 to 15 percent, translating into another $97 savings a year. Phantom electricity or standby power in the U.S. alone wastes $4 billion of electricity a year and contributes at least 28 million tons of CO_2 emissions, annually.

Turn off all lights when you leave a room, shut down computers and printers when not in use, and unplug all cell phone, laptop, camera, mp3 players, iPods and toothbrush adapters when not in use — save $105 a year.

When buying a new appliance ensure that they have an Energy Star label. In 2008, North Americans saved enough energy by using Energy Star appliances, and reduced CO_2 emissions equivalent to taking 29 million cars off the road or $16 billion on their utility bills.

Turn off the tap when you brush your teeth and only use the dishwasher when it's completely full and save another $72 a year.

Install ultra low-flow toilets and showerheads and conserve 9,235 gallons of water a year — a savings of $165 on your yearly water bill.

North Americans' spend about $20 billion on cleaning supplies, most are highly toxic and can end up contaminating rivers, lakes and the oceans. Consider using environmentally-certified products from Seventh Generation (visit www.seventhgeneration.com).

Lastly, plant a tree for every member of your family. Trees reduce heating and cooling costs around homes and buildings by as much as 40 percent. They also suck CO_2 from the atmosphere, filter storm water runoff, purify the air and provide habitat for urban critters.

It turns out that each of us can do a tremendous amount to help our environment by simply changing a few habits. For instance, each year in California 19 billion single-use plastic bags are manufactured, many of them are winding up in the Pacific Ocean and senselessly suffocating millions of animals. It is neither expensive nor difficult to buy six organic cotton bags and reuse them each time you visit the grocery store. Make it your 2011 resolution — just do it!

DR. REESE HALTER is a Science Communicator: Voice for Ecology, conservation biologist at Cal Lutheran University, public speaker and author of "Wild Weather." Contact him through www.DrReese.com

PUBLISHER
Ross Furukawa
ross@smdp.com

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Kevin Herrera
editor@smdp.com

MANAGING EDITOR
Daniel Archuleta
daniela@smdp.com

STAFF WRITER
Nick Taborek
nickt@smdp.com

CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Brandon Wise
brandonw@smdp.com

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Morgan Genser
news@smdp.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Bill Bauer, David Pisarra, Meredith Carroll, Jack Neworth, Lloyd Garver, Dr. Reese Halter, Taylor Van Arsdale, Dane Robert Swanson, Farzad Mashhood, David Alsabery, Merv Hecht, Cynthia Citron, Amanda Cushman, Steve Parker and Phyllis Chavez

CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Fabian Lewkowicz

NEWS INTERNS
Melissa Leu, Patrick Hourihan,
news@smdp.com

PHOTOGRAPHY INTERN
Ray Solano
news@smdp.com

ADVERTISING SALES MANAGER
Rob Schwenker
schwenker@smdp.com

SENIOR ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
Brittney Seeliger
brittneys@smdp.com

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES
Steven Stuart
stevens@smdp.com

ADVERTISING TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
Amber Kessee
amberk@smdp.com

OPERATIONS COORDINATOR
Michele Emch
michele.e@smdp.com

PRODUCTION MANAGER
Darren Ouellette
production@smdp.com

PRODUCTION DESIGNER
Alejandro Cantarero
production@smdp.com

CIRCULATION
Keith Wyatt
Osvaldo Paganini
circulation@smdp.com

Santa Monica Daily Press
We have you covered

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

smdp.com

CIRCULATION VERIFICATION COUNCIL

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. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content.



What's the Point?

David Pisarra
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Crossroads of a community

I'M DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT. I DON'T normally write out in public. I prefer to write in the early morning with a hot pot of coffee, in my super comfy flannel furry pants, and a dog curled up next to me. To me the joys of writing in the morning come from the silence of the city. The absence of other people going about their lives creates a space for me to be creative.

But I've been told I should get out more, that I should go hang out at a jazz club, or coffee house and see what happens. So I found myself yesterday driving around town trying to find a place to write.

There are the obvious places for me. The Loews Hotel lobby is one, but I know too many people there. Also Michael D's coffee shop at the bowling alley, but it is too familiar to me as I eat there at least once a week.

I couldn't do a corporate coffee shop. It just seems wrong to be in a Denny's trying to be creative. I wanted a place with flavor, style and a unique feel. I wanted Wednesday's House — the cool coffee house that used to be on Main Street. I loved that place. It had a wall covered in hip 1970s lunchboxes and lots of kitschy decorations. It went out years ago. I don't know why. I think the owner Robin decided to be a yogi in India or something.

There's a coffee house on Urban Street across from Trader Joe's that is close to what Wednesday's House was like, but I was already Downtown and had a lunch meeting to get to, so I didn't want to drive all the way there and back.

Which is how I found myself on Main Street, looking at the Starbucks, and then the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, and growing more disillusioned by the minute.

Then I saw it. And knew I was home. It wasn't like what I wanted, it was what I needed. A lending library, a surf school, a coffee house and an art gallery, all in one place. It's The Novel Café on Main Street. The public billboard is like a New Age smorgasbord where you can find everything from someone to help you finish your great American novel to cleansing the psychic garbage from your living space.

Honestly, the Aqua Surf school and store is not part of the Novel Café, but it's in the same space, and that adds a coolness factor to the entire experience. The surfboards stacked up against a wall are like some pop art sculpture.

The gallery is showing art by the artist known as Blue Sky, a bi-coastal artist whose current exhibit is called "Car Face." The paintings are of cool cars in funky locations, in various states of disrepair.

As I sit in the cafe, listening to cool jazz that's being piped in, and I take in the artwork on display, there is a writer who's alternating from being on the phone, chatting into his Bluetooth, then furiously typing away as some new inspiration hits. I realize that this is the crossroads of my community.

In the back of the café is a wall of books, from travel guides for Indonesia to biographies of people you've never heard of. There is a selection of the world's literary genius. Should you need to check out the who's who of 1973, it's here. Which is not really useful to me, but it does add flavor and I like the fact that there is a wide selection of free books to borrow as one sips on a latte. It's not a "Happy Days" lunchbox with the Fonz and a thermos built in, but it's funky enough for me.

On a gorgeous December day like yesterday, one can sit outside on the patio and see the parade of people go by, walking their dogs and chatting on their phones. You can enjoy a light lunch of a chicken apple walnut salad or tuck into a fettucini carbonara if the weather turns a bit chilly.

It's what makes Santa Monica so special. I have a new place to hang out, observe the city life around me, soak in some great art, get a new perspective for writing, and enjoy a good meal — all in one place. And who knows, I may even sign up for surfing lessons.

DAVID PISARRA is a divorce attorney who specializes in father's rights and men's issues with the firm of Pisarra & Grist in Santa Monica. He is the author of the upcoming, "A Man's Guide To Child Custody." You can pre-order the book by e-mail to dpisarra@pisarra.com or (310) 664-9969.

The Q Line

SPONSORED BY

The right pick?

The City Council last week selected Richard Bloom as Santa Monica's next mayor.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Did they get it right? If not, who should have been selected?

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





FINDING A NEW DENTIST IS TOUGH!!!
(BUT WE MAKE IT EASY!!!)

Try our NO OBLIGATION
$1 Exam WITH FULL XRAYS
(If you don't like what we have to say we will give you a copy of your x-rays at no charge)

Try our DENTAL CARE WITHOUT JUDGEMENT!
(no need to be embarassed if you haven't been in for a long time)

How about our "NO HASSLE" dental insurance processing?
(we will take care of all your insurance paperwork)

- Nitrous oxide provided as a courtesy
- Payment Plans
- Emergencies can be seen today
- Our dentists and staff members are easy to talk to

YES WE DO: Cosmetics, Invisalign, Periodontics, Oral Surgery, Zoom bleaching, Implants, and MORE

SANTA MONICA FAMILY DENTISTRY
DR. ALAN RUBENSTEIN
1260 15th ST. SUITE #703
(310) 736-2589



WWW.ALANRUBENSTEINDDS.COM



Considering Filing for *Bankruptcy?*

- Free phone consultation
- Speak to your local Santa Monica Attorney
- Get the facts now

"Your Local Santa Monica Attorney"

The Law Offices of Martin D. Gross
A PROFESSIONAL LEGAL CORPORATION
2001 Wilshire Blvd, Santa Monica CA 310/453 8320 www.lawgross.com

Civil Litigation
Consumer and Business Disputes

Call now for a **FREE** consultation
310.452.4247
Hair Research & Design



Non Surgical Hair Replacement For Men & Women.

FOLLOW US ON twitter.com/smdailypress twitter

smdp.com Santa Monica Daily Press office **(310) 458-7737**

CONSENT
FROM PAGE 1

The program would offer deferred payment loans and lease-to-own options in addition to rental agreements at the mobile home park.

A maximum of 54 manufactured homes at the park, which can accommodate 105 units, would be eligible for purchase under the proposal.

By using the deferred payment loan option, residents who want to replace their trailers with new manufactured homes could be eligible for loans of up to 50 percent of the cost of a new home from City Hall.

The financing program is part of a roughly $18.4 million spending package included on the City Council's consent agenda for tonight's meeting.

As City Hall prepares to begin holding public meetings in January to come up with a plan for the city-owned, 120,000 square-foot site at Fourth and Fifth streets, south of Arizona Avenue in Downtown, the council is expected to approve two new contracts related to the project.

The council is being asked to sign off on an additional $35,000 for Allan D. Kotin and Associates for additional economic consulting services, and is also expected to approve an additional $20,000 for Nelson Nygaard for additional transportation and parking consulting services.

The public is being asked to contribute ideas for the site, which is expected to include parking within a mixed use project, according to a City Hall report.

In order to get CityTV's new headquarters at 1654 19th St. ready for occupancy, the council is being asked to approve a $1.6 million construction contract for SBS Corp.

Designs for the tenant improvements at the site have been completed and construction is set to begin. Once completed, CityTV will relocate from its temporary office at 1717 Fourth St.

The council is also set to approve a contract for office supplies with a new vendor, Staples Inc., for $1.5 million over four and a half years.

City Hall's old vendor, Office Depot, will provide supplies through the first half of 2011 at a cost of $35,000.

The council is also expected to approve $300,000 for the law firm Kane, Ballmer & Berkman to provide legal services related to capital improvements, assistance for affordable housing production, property acquisition and redevelopment projects.

The firm is currently assisting the City Attorney's Office with the Civic Center Joint Use Project, the Civic Center Village housing development, the Palisades Garden Walk and Town Square Project, Downtown parking structure improvements and the AMC Downtown cinema development, among other projects, according to a City Hall report.

"Hourly rates for the attorneys at KBB are very reasonable, ranging from $160 per hour for an associate to $225 per hour for principals and $275 for the founding partner," according to the report.

In order to complete construction of the electrical room at City Hall, which is located in the portion of the building formerly used as a jail, the council is being asked to approve an additional $45,000 for Gonzalez Construction, bringing the firm's total contract amount to $545,000.

The electrical room is 90 percent complete and is expected to be finished by the end of the month, according to a City Hall report.

The council is also expected to approve an additional $56,713 for improvements at Reed Park. The contract amendment brings the amount Acon Development will be paid for the project to $871,713.

The project includes an expansion of the children's play area and landscape and lighting improvements. The park is located at Wilshire Boulevard and Seventh Street.

Aiming to help drivers more quickly find parking at beach lots, the City Council is expected to approve $110,000 to install real-time signs.

"The signs will help to distribute traffic, increase the efficiency of existing parking resources, and reduce traffic congestion," according to a City Hall report.

The proposed contract is with Kimley-Horn and Associates for the preparation of plans, specifications and estimates for the installation of the signs.

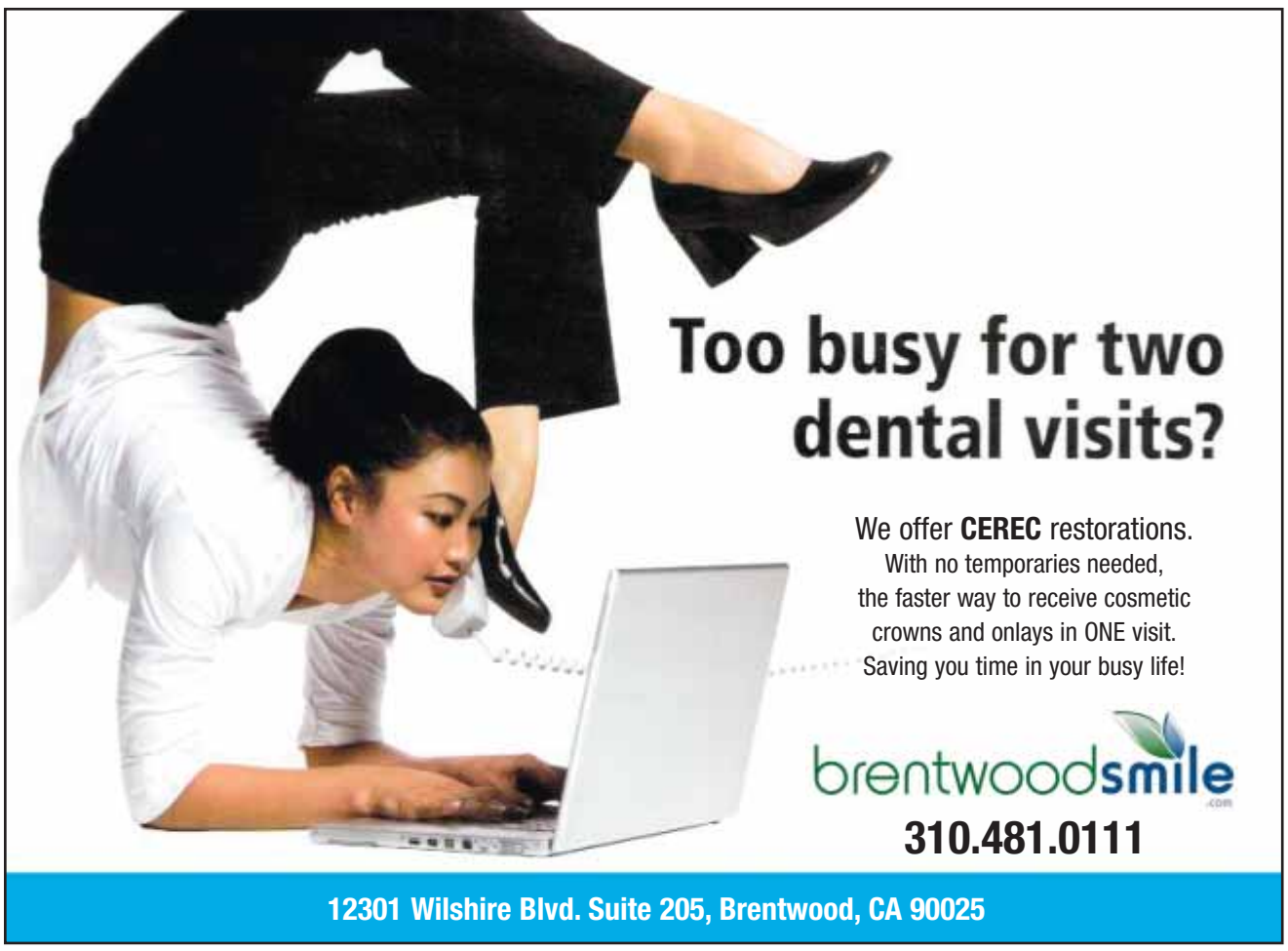
The council is also set to approve $5.2 million for five new busses that run on compressed natural gas. The new vehicles recommended for purchase will replace five 1995 diesel powered 40-foot buses which have exceeded their 12-year useful life cycle, according to City Hall.

The cost of the vehicles will be funded using federal, state and county transit sales tax funds. The proposed contract is with North American Bus Industries, an Alabama-based company.

The council is also being asked to approve two contracts for services at the Santa Monica Woodlawn Cemetery, Mausoleum and Mortuary.

The first is a proposed $100,000 agreement with Snyder's Embalming Service for 18 months of embalming and decedent care services. The second is a proposed $100,000 deal with Southwest Mortuary Services for transportation of the dead and cremation services for an 18-month period.

nickt@smdp.com





SAMOHI
FROM PAGE 3

"We took Palisades a little too easy because they are usually a weaker team for our division, but they have a fairly good squad this year," Samohi Head Coach Serafin Rodriguez said. "And even though we failed to win, that game was played in a four-day stretch with two other games we played last week, and it's not normal to play three games in one week. I'm definitely proud of the way the team has responded to challenges so far this season."

The Vikings play in the six-team Ocean League along with Beverly Hills, Culver City, Morningside, Inglewood and Hawthorne high schools. Last year, Samohi won the league championship.

"We try to plan a tougher schedule for our boys during the pre-season because our league has been a little weak the past few years," admitted Rodriguez.

"The Ocean League typically is not that strong in soccer, so we've had to look outside the league to test ourselves — our toughest matchup this season should be against Paramount, who were the CIF-SS Regional Champions from Division I."

The Vikings will face Paramount High School on Tuesday, Jan. 4 before they look to dominate their Ocean league rivals once again this season, when league play begins with a match-up away at Inglewood on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Coach Rodriguez will have a chance to test his boys before league play with the upcoming pre-Christmas tournament

SEE SAMOHI PAGE 7

SMO
FROM PAGE 1

law remains tied up in court and hasn't been implemented).

"Mr. Shaffer proposes to assist the city through a combination of legal analysis and interactions with the FAA intended to persuade the agency that the proposed 250 degree heading for piston-powered IFR departures should be reassessed and revised," according to a City Hall report.

The firm would earn at minimum $150,000 for six months of work, and the full $220,000 if Shaffer is able to convince the FAA to adopt the flight path for planes leaving SMO recommended by City Hall's consultants.

The proposed RAND study would cost $145,000, and the Point C deal has a $81,500 price tag. The total possible cost of these contracts would be $446,500.

City Councilman Kevin McKeown, who has advocated taking a tough stance against the FAA, applauded the moves.

Though Shaffer has been an adversary in the past, McKeown said it makes sense to bring him on board now.

"Given the urgency of the 250 degree heading as a safety issue for our Sunset Park and Ocean Park neighborhoods, we're willing to try almost anything to protect our residents — and I guess this proves it," he said.

The public process aimed at envisioning a post-2015 future for the airport, he said, is an important part of achieving a desirable outcome for residents.

"If we are to empower ourselves to determine the airport's future, we first must learn together what is possible and what we truly want, unifying with one voice as a community so we can negotiate successfully with the Federal Aviation Administration," he said.

nickt@smdp.com

SAMOHI
FROM PAGE 6

at South High School in Torrance, which they won in the 2007-08 season. The tournament runs the week before Christmas, with first and second round play beginning Tuesday, Dec. 22 and ending with the finals on Thursday, Dec. 24.

"The Christmas tournament at South High is a very difficult draw to win because a lot of quality teams participate, including a lot of recent state champions," said Rodriguez.

"We open up on Tuesday morning against Aliso Niguel and will face the winner of the Culver City and West Torrance game that afternoon. We hope to make it to the finals, possibly to play against tournament favorite Santa Barbara High School."

With a veteran roster, Coach Rodriguez hopes his team of 23 players is up to the challenges he has set before them this season.

Samohi's roster is comprised of 17 seniors, with only six underclassmen, Rodriguez added.

"We lost three really good players before the start of the season, one who is ineligible to play at the high school level after making the U.S. National Under-16 team. But, we have plenty of talent coming off the bench and I believe the soccer program as a whole at Samo is strong and will continue to produce plenty more soccer talent for years to come."

Fans can come cheer the Vikings on during their next match-up today against Long Beach-Poly High School at John Adams Middle School, with kick-off set for 3:30 p.m.

news@smdp.com

TAKE A SMALL STEP TO GET HEALTHY
www.smallstep.gov
Ad Council.org

Dr. Deborah Wallen
PET DEPOT VETERINARY GROUP
12423 Wilshire @ Centinela
310-820-8781

Get a new lease on renters insurance.
Just pennies a day.
Did you know your landlord's insurance only covers the building?
Protect your stuff. There's no reason to take a chance.
Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®
CALL ME TODAY.
David B Rosenberg, Agent
Insurance Lic. #: 0618319
1205 Wilshire Blvd
Santa Monica, CA 90403
Bus: 310-458-3400
www.dr4insurance.com
dave@dr4insurance.com
State Farm
Servicing Our Customers & Community Since 1982
State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, State Farm General Insurance Company, Bloomington, IL

ICE AT SANTA MONICA
OUTDOOR ICE SKATING
Through February 15
Corner of 5th St. and Arizona Ave.
Skate Rental & Admission: $10
Calendar of Events
Rock N' Skate Fridays
Through February 15
Fridays, 8pm
Herbal Essences Photo Booth at ICE at Santa Monica
December 1 – February 15
Capture your memories at ICE at Santa Monica!
Free Beginner Hockey Youth Clinics with the LA Kings at ICE at Santa Monica
Through February 6 – Select Sundays, 9 – 10am, Youth ages 5-14
Skating Lessons
Session #1: November 20 - December 18
Session #2: January 8 - February 5
Saturdays, 8:45am or 9:15am
Visit iceatsantamonica.com for a complete listing of events and details!
FEATURING Portraits of Hope
SPONSORED BY Herbal essences
©2010 E.M. for POH

Santa Monica's Eco-friendly Green taxi.
MetroCab SANTA MONICA
· Low Prices
· Reliable Service
· Experienced Drivers
· On-Time.
Call Now!
27.90* from SM to LAX
310.434.7777
www.MetroCabCo.com

RECYCLE NOW!
Aluminum Cans
$1.80 per pound with this coupon expires 12-31-10
Aluminum Plastic Glass Bi-Metal Newspaper
CardboardWhite/Color/Computer Paper Copper & Brass
Santa Monica Recycling Center
2411 Delaware Avenue in Santa Monica
(310) 453-9677
CLOVERFIELD MICHIGAN 24TH DELAWARE AVE. 10 WEST

READ US ON THE GO www.smdp.com/mobile
smdp.com Santa Monica Daily Press office (310) 458-7737

Taxi! Taxi!
2009 Blue Ribbon Small Business Award
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
310-444-4444
Hybrid • Mercedes-Benz
not valid from hotels or with other offers • SM residents only • Expires 8/31/10
20th Anniversary
SM to LAX $30
SantaMonicaTaxi.com



Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

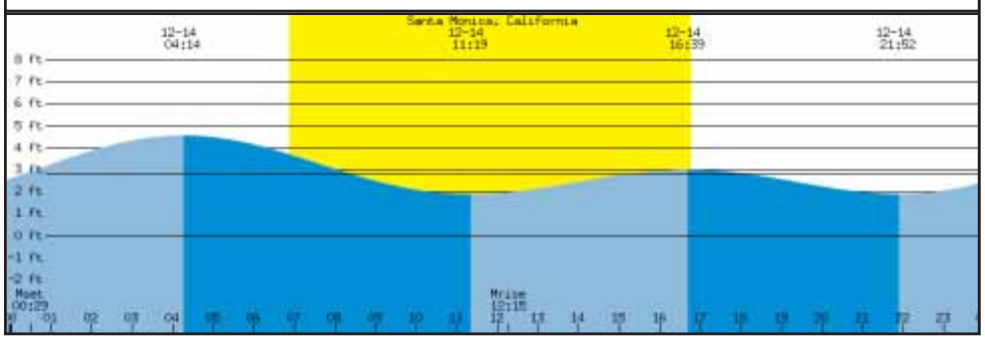
Swell Forecast

Wind swell should increase west facing breaks into chest high surf, but with periods running 9-12 seconds, making for peaky conditions.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks weaker as the wind swell backs off. Most all breaks are looking at waist high waves.

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 30 days up to the ending date of **December 8, 2010**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 11
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / 22
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 17

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, SIMA, Carlson Family Foundation, Inc.

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

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

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

© 2010 Copyright Heal the Bay. All rights reserved. Printed on recycled paper (unless bleed).

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.

MLB

Oakland pursues Matsui

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAKLAND Free agent slugger Hideki Matsui and the Oakland Athletics worked Monday to finalize a contract that would make him the team's new designated hitter.

A person with knowledge of the deal confirmed to The Associated Press that the sides were close. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because there was no formal announcement.

The A's also agreed to terms with right-hander Joey Devine on a one-year contract worth $557,500, leaving five players eligible for arbitration: Dallas Braden, Craig Breslow, Conor Jackson, Kevin Kouzmanoff and Brad Ziegler.

Oakland general manager Billy Beane has been looking for a DH this winter to boost production in the middle of the batting order. The A's hit just 109 homers and scored 663 runs last season, their second-fewest in the last 28 non-strike seasons.

The 36-year-old Matsui batted .274 with 21 home runs and 84 RBIs last season with the Los Angeles Angels, the Athletics' AL West rival. He spent his first seven major league seasons with the New York Yankees and was MVP of the 2009 World Series.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: BIKE TRANSIT CENTER OPERATOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites proposals for:

INVITATION #121010: RFP BIKE TRANSIT CENTER OPERATOR.

Submission deadline is January 24, 2011 at 5:00 PM PT.

The bid packet can be downloaded at:
http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm

Vendors interested in doing business with the City of Santa Monica are encouraged to register online at http://www.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/

Further information about the Request for Proposals for a Bike Transit Center Operator may be obtained by calling (310) 458-2241 or by e-mailing your request to annette.colfax@smgov.net.

We Sell – Rent & Repair
Band & Orchestra Instruments & Guitars
HOLIDAY SALE
Up to 80% off selected items

Lessons on all instruments and voice
Rock • Jazz • Broadway • Opera

Ask about our FREE introductory lesson

NEW - Back again – our popular
Mommy & Me classes
at Pitter Patter Studios

www.santamonicamusic.com



SANTA MONICA MUSIC CENTER
(310) 453-1928
1901 Santa Monica Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90404

CULVER CITY MUSIC CENTER
(310) 202-6874
10862 Washington Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90232

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Call theater for more information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-6232

Morning Glory (PG-13) 1hr 42min
2:20pm, 7:15pm

Unstoppable (PG-13) 1hr 38min
12:30pm, 2:55pm, 5:15pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Due Date (R) 1hr 35min
12:00pm, 4:55pm, 9:45pm

Social Network (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
3:45pm, 6:45pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Warrior's Way (NR) 1hr 40min
12:15pm, 10:00pm

AMC Santa Monica 7
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:40am, 3:10pm, 6:30pm, 9:50pm

Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Burlesque (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
11:30am, 12:30pm, 2:20pm, 3:20pm, 5:10pm, 6:15pm, 7:55pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
10:45am, 11:30am, 1:15pm, 2:05pm, 3:50pm, 4:45pm, 6:45pm, 7:45pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Night Catches Us (R) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

All That I Love (Wszystko co kocham) (NR) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 7:40pm, 9:55pm

Inside Job (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

127 Hours (R) 1hr 33min
12:50pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:55pm, 10:15pm

Beats of Freedom (Zew wolnosci) (NR) 1hr 13min
3:10pm, 5:20pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third Street Promenade
(310) 395-1599

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
12:40pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Love and Other Drugs (R) 1hr 53min
1:25pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Megamind 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
12:30pm, 3:05pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm

Next Three Days (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
noon, 10:20pm

Tangled (PG) 1hr 40min
1:10pm, 3:40pm, 6:10pm, 8:40pm

Tourist (PG-13) 1hr 43min
1:15pm, 2:45pm, 4:15pm, 5:15pm, 6:45pm, 7:45pm, 9:30pm, 10:15pm

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

Get a massage, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might feel A-OK, but with the amount of challenges, disagreements and confusion surrounding you, feeling overwhelmed at some point in the day is no surprise. Know that of all signs, you are in the best position to cope. Tonight: Let go of the day and greet the night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ As more and more information comes in, you might decide to call it a day, no matter what you are doing. Heading home where you might be more comfortable isn't surprising to anyone. A partner tries to make life smoother. Tonight: Screen your calls.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Difficulties surround a key partnership as you eye a situation. You might wonder if it is bad or good. Judging different situations and people in these terms might prevent you from flowing through some unexpected changes. Tonight: Stop at the gym. Get a massage, if possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Your very playful personality manifests itself, despite a difficult associate, family member or friend. You seem impervious to him or her, though you are feeling the vibes. Stay sensitive, but do what you must. Tonight: Take the lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Detach and look at the big story rather than get hung up on all the details right now. The panorama will be changing, in any case, with new information. Understand what is happening beyond the obvious. Tonight: Relax your mind so it can wander ... try some great music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ The situation concerning a partnership could involve a child, love affair or creative passion. The point remains that you could find yourself juggling different interests. The smart Virgo will detach and see what happens. Tonight: Have an important discussion, so that another person understands where you are coming from.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Defer to others, especially if you are having difficulty within your immediate circle. Juggling others' concerns could be too much. Screen your calls, understanding that you have limits. Someone could be off the wall. Detach. Tonight: Find a pal to swap war stories with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You keep putting your best foot forward, to no avail. The time will come if you trust and relax. What you hear and what someone might be saying could be upsetting. Let it go. Discussions at a later date will be illuminating. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ What a child or loved one could do might surprise you. Use caution with risks, especially if they involve your finances. By saying "yes," you could find your accounts rapidly drained. Understand your limits. Tonight: Take some personal time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You could toss a boomerang into a situation without intending to. The end result could be you on the defensive. Honor your priorities, domestic life and security. Right now, play it cool. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You mean well. Communication, though well intended, could reflect your inner judgments in some manner. Whether your expression, body language or voice gives you away, there is no cloaking your feelings right now. Tonight: Do some yoga or take a walk. Relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Use care with a group, meeting or friend. Though no one intends to cost you a lot, they do just that. Remember, it is you who is doling out the money and feeling the impact, not the recipients. Tonight: Talk to a trusted adviser.

Happy birthday

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

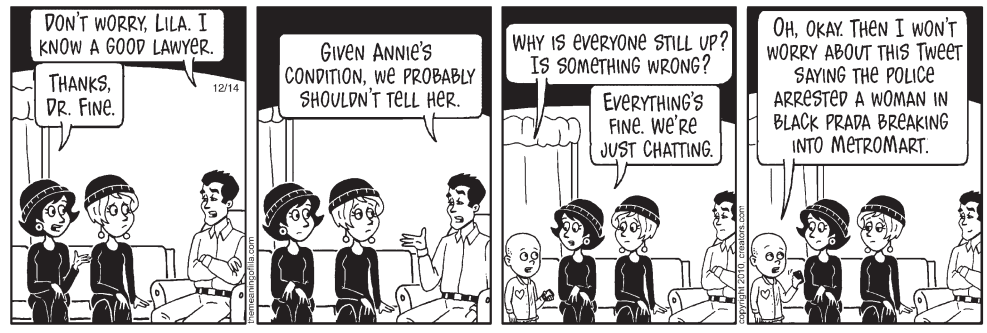
You have your hands full this year. Fortunately, unusual creativity mixed with high intelligence permits you to move in a new direction or to discover novel, good solutions. Use caution with your finances. Don't get involved with others, even if an offer seems solid. If you are single, you meet others with ease. Choosing the right person for you could take time, though you could have quite the rush of suitors. If you are attached, the two of you need to have separate bank accounts if you cannot agree on spending. Romance soars this spring, even for the attached. ARIES can be a lot of fun.



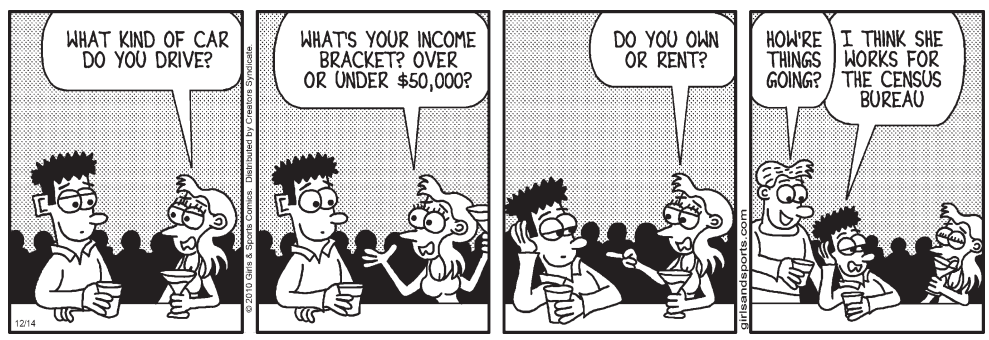
Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



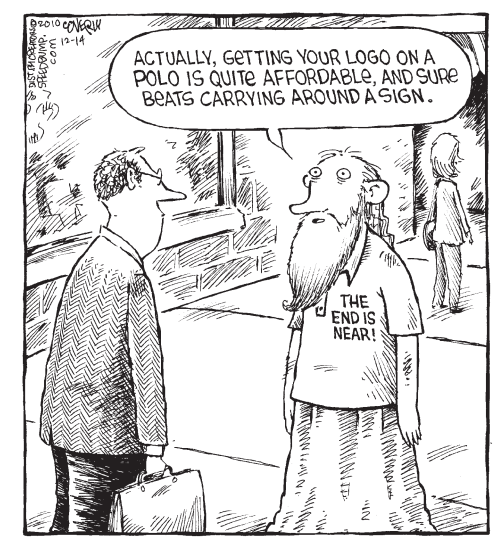
Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



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

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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Bravery
6 Court event
11 Ridiculous
12 Circle spokes
13 Tall buildings
15 Brit's brew
16 Pot topper
17 Fitting
18 Military stint
20 One of the Stooges
21 Hydro-carbon suffix
22 Caution
23 Furious
26 Inclines
27 Greek letters
28 Marsh
29 Commer-cials
30 Unnamed person
34 Turned on, as a lamp
35 Cochlea setting
36 Cacao holder
37 Winter wind-shield clearers
40 Jeweler's unit
41 Tightly packed
42 Snow coasters
43 Canvas holder

DOWN

1 Travel papers
2 Tibia's end
3 Tier
4 Switch positions
5 Lie back
6 Com-merce
7 Jay-Z's genre
8 Company thinker
9 Runway setting
10 Is attentive
14 Paella base
19 Dog docs
22 Carry on, as war
23 Slanted type
24 Extreme
25 Lacking luxury
26 Friend
28 Sow's mate
30 Splinter groups
31 Starts the bidding
32 Like Thor and Odin
33 Collectible car
38 Despon-dent
39 Soup veggie

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

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

12-14

ARITHMO™

CrossMath + × − ÷

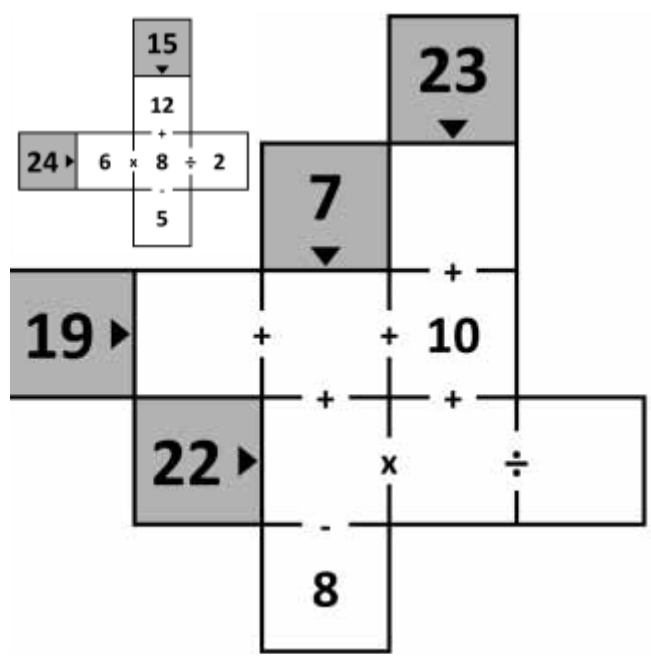
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

For more games, go to www.arithmo.com

Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

3, 4, 5, 5, 10, 11

Solution for Task 221



DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 23 27 33 44 46
Meganumber: 36
Jackpot: $104M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 3 4 22 32 44
Meganumber: 8
Jackpot: $12M

FANTASY 5: 2 6 8 29 36

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 6 7 7
EVENING: 5 1 8

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
RACE TIME: 1:47.89

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

■ Lame: (1) Former Groveland, Mass., police officer Aaron Yeo, who was fired in 2009 for sleeping on the job and lying to dispatchers about his locations, challenged the termination in October 2010, claiming through his lawyer that he had declined to reveal his locations only because he was "watching for terrorists." (2) Body armor company CEO David H. Brooks, charged with tax fraud and insider trading, argued at his trial in August in New York City that his company's hiring of prostitutes for staff and board members was a legitimate corporate expense because it could "make (employees) more productive."

■ In recent years frisky Britons have popularized "dogging" -- strangers meeting for outdoor sex in remote public parks -- and U.K. government agencies appear to be of two minds about it. Local councils want to see it stopped, but the police chiefs' association in Scotland recognizes that doggers have rights. (The Surrey County Council, for example, recently considered bringing wild bulls into one park to discourage doggers, although one critic said romping bulls "will probably make (doggers) even more excited." The chiefs' association issued a 60-page "hate crimes" manual in October that urged officers to be sensitive to "outdoor sex" practitioners, in that they are vulnerable to hate crimes just as are other disadvantaged minorities.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1900 Quantum Mechanics: Max Planck presents a theoretical derivation of his black-body radiation law.

1902 The Commercial Pacific Cable Company lays the first Pacific telegraph cable, from Ocean Beach, San Francisco to Honolulu, Hawaii.

1903 The Wright brothers make their first attempt to fly with the Wright Flyer at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

1907 The schooner Thomas W. Lawson runs aground and founders near the Hellweather's Reef within the Scilly Isles in a gale. The pilot and 15 seamen die.

WORD UP!

prosopography
\ pros-uh-POG-ruh-fee \ , noun;
1. A description of a person's appearance, career, personality, etc.

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.

Employment

Front Desk Receptionist. We are looking to hire a Receptionist and would love to hear from you if you are 18 years of age and above, have a High School Diploma or GED, have good communication and people skills and can handle various responsibilities. We are looking for characteristics more so than experience, so if you are upbeat, friendly and like to help people, please apply today! Contact us: (dagarner@live.com)

For Rent

501 N. Venice 1+1, #26 $1250/mo stove, fridge, carpet, utilities included, laundry, parking, no pets. (310)574-6767 www.jkwproperties.com

501 N. Venice unit 18 single, $1025/mo $750 off move-in stove, fridge, carpet, utilities included, laundry, parking, no pets. (310)574-6767 www.jkwproperties.com

HOWARD MANAGEMENT GROUP
(310)869-7901

505 Barrington Ave. #11 2+2, Brentwood $1895

2110 Bentley Ave. #304, Penthouse 2+2, loft $2595

928 17th St. #B. 1 Bd / 1 Bth. Lower. $1495

WE HAVE MORE VACANCIES ON THE WESTSIDE

www.howardmanagement.com
rentals@howardmanagement.com

MAR VISTA 12450 Culver Blvd. gated parking, intercom entry, stove, fridge, utilities included, laundry, parking, no pets. $995 and up $750 off move-in (888)414-7778 www.jkwproperties.com

MAR VISTA 12610 CASWELL ave.unit 1, 1bdrm/1ba $1075/mo. stove, fridge, time/carpet,floors ceiling fan blinds, parking, laundry, no pets. $75 off move-in (310)578-7512 www.jkwproperties.com

Santa Monica $795. Prime location, North of Wilshire. Partially . Close to Beach. Call: or 310-666-8361

VENICE 714 1/2 Indiana Ave. 2 bedroom 1 bath lower, unit stove, ceiling fans tile hardwood floors laundry gated entry, small pet OK with deposit $1595 (310)578-7512 www.jkwproperties.com

Commercial Lease

PRIME SANTA MONICA WALK TO OCEAN AND promenade on 6th and Santa Monica Blvd. basement for rent. Great for architectural office, internet start up, or storage, 8000 square feet $2900Call (310)995-5136

Services

$99 CHAPER 7 Bankruptcy 13 $179 100% success stopping edivtion, garishment, foreclosure. Expierneced (323)984-0948

Services

BEST MOVERS
No job too small
2 MEN, $59 PER HOUR
Fully insured. We make it EZ.
Free prep. & boxes. Discount for handicap & seniors!
Since 1975 Lic. T-163844
(323) 997-1193 (323) 630-9971

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"

$5.50 A DAY LINER ADS!
CALL TODAY **(310) 458-7737**

Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS020196
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of ROSANNA MARIA VALENTONE for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: ROSANNA MARIA VALENTONE filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: ROSANNA MARIA VALENTONE to ALESSIA ROSE VALENTONE. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: JAN. 6, 2011 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. A., Room 104
The address of the court is 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: NOVEMBER 29, 2010
GERALD ROSENBERG
Judge Of The Superior Court
11/30/2010, 12/7/2010, 12/14/2010, 12/21/2010

READ US ONLINE

smdp.com/**localnews**
smdp.com/**auto**
smdp.com/**briefs**
smdp.com/**columnists**
smdp.com/**cp**
smdp.com/**crimewatch**
smdp.com/**entertainment**
smdp.com/**food**
smdp.com/**green**
smdp.com/**health**
smdp.com/**letterstotheeditor**
smdp.com/**opinion**
smdp.com/**parenting**
smdp.com/**realestate**
smdp.com/**sports**
smdp.com/**travel**

Anderson SURFBOARDS
310.578.5860
www.andersonsurfboards.com





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 1427 Third Street Promenade, Ste. 202. OTHER RATES: For information about the professional services directory or classified display ads, please call our office at (310) 458-7737.



Kate Bransfield

Happy Holidays

Estates Director
Society of Excellence
Previews Properties Specialist

310.395.1133

1608 Montana Avenue
Santa Monica, CA

Kate@SantaMonicaListings.com





In Escrow!

624 Marguerita Avenue
4 Bed, 2 Full & 2 Half Bath
$2,700,000
North of Montana Ave.
Roosevelt School District
Coveted Street!

Open Today!



515 Ocean Avenue # 507 South
3 Bed , 2.5 Bath
$ 1,629,000
North of Montana Condo
Great Views from the Living Room & Balcony

Open House Tuesday December 14th

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Median Price of ALL Santa Monica Listings from ALL Agents from ALL Companies Listed for Sale As of Early December 2010

	Single Family Homes	Condos & Townhomes
Santa Monica Canyon	$1,995,000	$2,347,000
North of Montana	$3,224,500	$1,295,000
Between Wilshire & Montana	$1,650,000	$ 841,750
South of Wilshire	$769,000	$499,000
Sunset Park	$1,049,500	$627,000
Ocean Park	$1,449,000	$847,450

Statistics Updated Every Monday

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



1425 Stanford Street #6
2 Bed, 2.5 Bath
$639,000
Please Call for Private Showing

Purchase includes 42" Plasma TV, HD Digital Recorder & Stainless Steel Refridgerator



1325 Washington Ave Unit E
1 Bed, 1 Bath
$395,000

Open Sunday, Dec. 19th from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sound Proofed Common Walls, Copper Plumbing, Complete ADT Security System, Remodeled Bathroom & Kitchen

In Escrow!



934 2nd Street # 3
2 Bed , 2.5 Bath
$ 939,000

In Escrow!



11687 Montana # 208
2 Bed , 1.75 Bath
$ 469,000

©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. DRE# 01218899