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THE GONE FISHING ISSUE

**Linking fishermen, foodies at Farmers' Market**

Program mirrors community-supported agriculture

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**MAIN STREET** A seafood supplier at the Sunday Farmers' Market on Main Street is making a splash with its new business model that connects consumers directly to fishermen, cutting out waste and cost in the

process. Community Seafood does for seafood what Farm Fresh to You, SavRaw or other groups serving Santa Monica do for vegetables. For a set price each week, clients can stop by the market and grab a pre-set quantity of fish caught by a small supplier off the California coast.

They also get a weekly newsletter replete with information about their purchase, the people who caught it and even some recipes to test out.

The "community-supported fishery" concept was inspired by the better-known "community-supported agriculture," or CSA, model, said Sarah Rathbone, owner and operator of Community Seafood.

She and her team work directly with fishermen and women, often one-boat operations based along the coast, to buy in-season fish at a higher price than the harvesters could get working through the conventional supply chain that ends at commercial supermarkets.

By cutting out middlemen — multiple rounds of buyers, distributors and shippers — the people doing the work can get paid higher prices for their products without costing the end consumer much more than they would otherwise pay, she said.

"Eighty percent of our gross revenue goes back to them," Rathbone said. "Not only are we trying to pay the fisherman more, but consumers can access local products more than they would in any retail space."

That means the fishermen make \$4 a pound for black cod, for instance, instead of



RATHBONE

the \$1.80 they might otherwise get. On the consumer side, that translates to between \$16.50 and \$20 per pound as a flat fee, no matter what kind of fish arrives that week. The price depends on how many weeks they subscribe.

There is a tradeoff, of course. People used to picking up salmon for a weekend dinner party in December probably won't be able to using Community Seafood — they sacrifice choice but gain quality and the knowledge they're participating in a more sustainable form of fishing.

They also get a sense of the origin of their delicious meals, Rathbone said.

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**MAN AT WORK**

Michael Yanow editor@smdp.com.

Luke Orrin works on a new window display at Evett's Model Shop on Friday. Evett's Model Shop on Ocean Park Boulevard has been open for over 65 years.

**Rent Control Board divided on fee increase for landlords**

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** The Rent Control Board is sure that it wants to raise registration fees on rent-controlled apartments to close its yawning budget gap, but how much and who should shoulder the burden is still up in the air.

The five member board went 20 rounds on the subject Thursday night, running through a wide range of ways to divide the \$2 to \$3 increase in the annual \$13 fee between landlords and their tenants that covers the vast majority of the Rent Control Agency's projected \$4.6 million budget.

It would be the first time in 30 years that landlords would have to take on any portion of that cost, and some board members believe that any share should be phased in over the course of either three or five years to lessen the impact and give landlords time to adjust.

Boardmember Todd Flora pushed strongly for a five-year phase-in that would end with the landlords paying between 25 and 50 percent of the total fee. He argued that property owners would need time to plan for the new cost.

"To pass something that does not have

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**Village Trailer Park decision postponed until July**

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** The Rent Control Board will wait until the day before its drop dead date to decide whether or not to stand in the way of a development that would replace one of the last two trailer parks in Santa Monica.

Board members decided Thursday to wait until the July 11 Rent Control Board meeting to consider for a last time a removal permit for the Village Trailer Park, the site proposed for a 377-unit apartment complex already approved by the City Council.

They hope to use the intervening time to secure 10 more rent-controlled units on top

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Kung Fu fighting  
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North Gym  
601 Pico Blvd., 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.  
The fourth annual international Wushu Tournament is scheduled for this weekend. The tournament brings together Wushu experts, competitors, coaches and enthusiasts alike for a day of masterful martial arts. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and free for children under 5.

For more information, visit [www.wushucenter.com](http://www.wushucenter.com) or call (310) 253-9006.

Knit, knit, knit  
Fairview Library  
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,  
3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.  
Knitting, conversation and tea. Admission is free. For more information, visit [smp1.org](http://smp1.org).

Classic movie night  
Santa Monica High School  
601 Pico Blvd.,  
5:30 p.m. — 11:30 p.m.  
Eat-See-Hear, a Los Angeles outdoor movie series presented by Showtime, will be showing "The Princess Bride." The event will also include live music and food trucks. General admission tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online, as can \$20 Popchips-sponsored "Fashionably Late" tickets that allow attendees to arrive late and still have access to premium reserved seating. There will also be a limited number of passes available at the door for \$12. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [schedule.eatseehear.com](http://schedule.eatseehear.com).

Goodbye to the Civic  
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium  
1855 Main St.,  
7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.  
The Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra will be conducting a concert as a tribute to the Civic Auditorium, which is slated to be shuttered at the end of June. The concert is free. For more information, visit [smsymphony.org](http://smsymphony.org).

Sunday, May 26, 2013

Standup showdown  
Mi's Westside Comedy Theater  
1323 Third Street Promenade,  
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.  
Third annual Westside Shodown [sic] Standup Competition. Funny people square off in a battle of humor where guests vote for their favorite comedian. The winner will receive \$500, and a paid gig at LMU. Admission is \$10. For more information, contact [info@westsidecomedy.com](mailto:info@westsidecomedy.com).

Monday, May 27, 2013

Memorial Day

Honoring heroes  
Woodlawn Cemetery  
1847 14th St., 11 a.m.  
Woodlawn Cemetery, Mausoleum, and Mortuary will host the 75th annual Memorial Day Observance. There will be guest speakers, live music, a Condor Squadron Fly-Over, and the unveiling of the Woodlawn Commemorative Wall. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 458-8717.

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### CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in the May 24 article "Task force blasts tree reports." HortScience was hired by City Hall in February.

**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

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Military families get in free**

Starting this Memorial Day weekend, the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium will begin offering free admission to military families from May to Sept. 2.

This is the third year the aquarium has collaborated with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families and the Department of Defense to benefit veterans in the community.

The aquarium will admit all active duty servicemen and women and up to five family members, sans charge all summer long.

The aquarium is closed to the public on Mondays with the exception of Memorial Day and Labor Day.

For more information, visit [www.healthebay.com](http://www.healthebay.com) or call (310) 393-6149.

— HENRY CRUMLISH

**Top 10 items found during 2012 coastal cleanup**

The Ocean Conservancy, a Washington D.C.-based environmental organization, released its 2012 list of trash collected during its International Coastal Cleanup. More than 10 million pounds of debris was collected globally, with more than 769,000 pounds collected in California alone. Santa Monica-based Heal The Bay hosts several beach cleanups annually. The most common items found during the cleanup:

1. Cigarettes/Cigarette Filters: 2,117,931
2. Food Wrappers/Containers: 1,140,222
3. Plastic Beverage Bottles: 1,065,171
4. Plastic Bags: 1,019,902
5. Caps/Lids: 958,893
6. Cups, Plates, Forks, Knives, Spoons: 692,767
7. Straws/Stirrers: 611,048
8. Glass Beverage Bottles: 521,730
9. Beverage Cans: 339,875
10. Paper Bags: 298,332

Source: Ocean Conservancy

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**SMC student wins national scholarship**

BY HENRY CRUMLISH

Special to the Daily Press

SMC Santa Monica College psychology student Scott Pine was recently awarded with the Jack Kent Cooke scholarship, the largest privately funded scholarship of its kind in the nation. The generous scholarship grants students \$30,000.

Pine's recognition marks the second time in three years that a SMC student was awarded the scholarship, college officials said.

The winners are chosen by a selection committee made up of 37 admissions professionals, predominantly from selective four-year institutions. Pine was one of only 73 students chosen from 769 nominees from 377 community colleges.

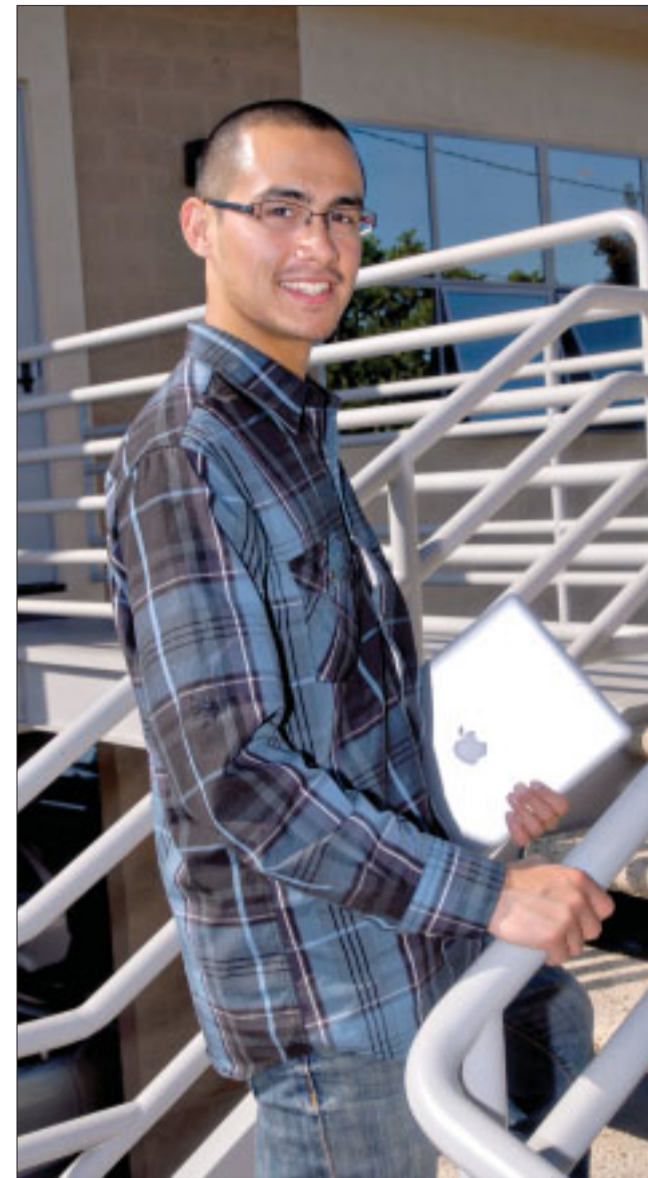
"I was happy, but not surprised that Scott Pine was the recipient of the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship," said SMC President Dr. Chui L. Tsang. "He is extremely focused on getting an education and he is on a mission."

"Scott is a remarkable young man who is determined, goal-oriented and has distinguished himself as an outstanding student," Tsang said. "They couldn't have picked a more deserving person."

A star football player in high school, Pine sustained severe head trauma that caused him to lose his ability to read, write and speak. During his recovery — he had to re-learn to talk, walk and eat — Pine realized he needed to pay more attention to what was truly important, which is his education.

"Losing brain function revealed the importance for me to embrace my remaining talents and opportunities in school," Pine said.

"He is simply amazing and inspiring and kind and impressive and the best example of an outstanding graduate that I have ever seen at SMC," said Kiersten Elliott, SMC's dean of Enrollment Services.



PINE

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**DESERVED:** Former SMC Quarterback Alfonso Medina threw over 60 touchdown passes, breaking the career record at SMC.

**SMC names Medina student athlete of year**

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SMC Santa Monica College quarterback Alfonso Medina — who led the Corsairs to back-to-back Conference Championships for the first time in 30 years — was named 2012-13 Student Athlete of the Year this week.

Medina was named one of 17 outstanding SMC students as 2012-13 Student Athletes of the Year in their individual sports, but this is only the second year the college picked an overall winner. All the student athletes were selected for demonstrating scholastic achievement as much as athletic talent and persistence.

Medina, who is currently at Weber State University in Utah, threw more than 60 touchdown passes, breaking the career record at SMC. He was chosen First Team All-Conference and First Team All-California Region 6 and 2012

Offensive Player of the Year, as well as setting two school records in touchdowns in a single season and in a career.

"Alfonso Medina is an exemplary young person with a bright future ahead of him," said SMC Community Relations Director Judy Neveau, who organized the event. "Alfonso comes from a supportive family and has two younger brothers who look up to him as a role model. He in turn supports them in their Little League efforts and attends as many of their games as he can. He succeeds off the field too, maintaining excellent grades to earn him a place on the SMC Honor Roll."

Medina is majoring in applied mathematics and is planning to continue to graduate school and becoming a civil engineer.

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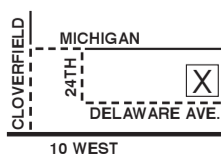
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Lesson to be learned

**Editor:**  
Sometimes less is more. Case in point, Santa Monica Place. Our shopping center recently won the 2013 Best-of-the-Best VIVA Global Design and Development Award from the International Council of Shopping Centers.

When the center owner, Macerich, first proposed building three 21-story towers on the site, residents and the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City protested mightily. Macerich listened and the plan was abandoned. Instead, Macerich renovated within the footprint of the existing building. This is a shining example of how keeping a project's scale and relationship to its surroundings can create a win-win situation for both residents and developers.

Current and prospective developers who have projects in Santa Monica would be wise to take note. Projects massively out of scale for Santa Monica with unacceptable impacts result in community-wide opposition and successful lawsuits by residents protecting their quality of life. The developer of the Miramar Hotel could also benefit from this lesson. Kudos to Macerich on this award.

**Sherrill Kushner**  
Santa Monica

We're people, not eyesores

**Editor:**  
It is a debacle of human civility and liberty as an American citizen born in this country to not only have to endure the ignorant prejudices of others towards the homeless, such as myself, but also to be subjugated to harassment at the bullish hands of law enforcement or, more appropriately, Santa Monica's henchmen.

Being illegally detained without being read one's rights for alleged "camping," only to be held for the sole purpose of being told that the condition for early release from jail would be if we, those of us picked up in a sweep by local police, had some place to go and stay outside of Santa Monica.

I fully understand the eyesore that many of those without a home are to those whose sole existence appears to be based on financial narcissism. Not all of us are detrimental to your city. We are struggling and unfortunately many of the severely mentally ill have inundated the fine streets of this city, making it harder for the rest of us to be treated or looked upon without bias or prejudice. I do not drink or smoke, do drugs or even panhandle. I am an exception to the rule perhaps, but I do have my faults.

There are solutions to this problem and none of them entail playing revolving door with the city of angels. We are human beings, not an animal merry-go-round. Los Angeles sends Santa Monica their homeless and vice versa, but in reality those of us without a home go wherever we want. I choose to stay in Santa Monica for professional and artistic reasons. I will not be treated like an animal. I am a man, a human being, and I am a creation of divine intelligence!

**Kevin Badway**  
Santa Monica

P.S. I suspect this will not be published or even read, but at least I have made it known my feelings regarding this subject.



Your column here

Roger Freeman

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Renewable energy standards: Building blocks for nation's future

**FOR THE FIRST TIME A UNITED STATES** president has announced that tackling climate change is a national priority. Yet, Congress shows no signs of passing meaningful legislation. For now, it's up to states and localities to turn this declaration into action.

But this isn't new. When it comes to renewable energy, state policy has yielded by far the most progress. In 29 states this has come mainly through renewable portfolio/energy standards, known as RPSs. These laws require public utilities to purchase or generate a certain percentage of renewable energy as part of their overall portfolio.

In my home state of Colorado, we are engaged in a highly-publicized legislative debate over expanding our RPS. But the national trend is in the opposite direction; various groups are trying to repeal or overturn RPSs in numerous states. In 2012 the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) adopted model legislation, ironically called the "Electricity Freedom Act," to repeal these laws. ALEC-backed legislation was introduced this year in North Carolina and numerous other states. A legislative committee in North Carolina killed ALEC's bill, but the debate continues there and around the country.

Renewable energy standards have also come under scrutiny by another faction — the "we've-already-met-the-bar" crowd. These folks point out that most utilities have already purchased enough wind and solar power to meet the thresholds. While the RPSs shouldn't be repealed they say, these standards have lost their luster.

I beg to differ. RPSs need to be protected, at least until Congress adopts a federal version. Recent attacks are not only misguided and based on falsehoods, they miss the point.

As for the facts, studies are increasingly showing that RPSs — and renewable energy in general — do not increase electricity rates. And utilities with increased renewables haven't found that grid reliability is jeopardized. The Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (the regional grid for all or part of 12 Midwestern states) has increased wind generation 14 times the past five years without experiencing operational issues. In Colorado, a National Renewable Energy Laboratory study shows that many countries are successfully managing high levels of renewable energy on the grid. Projected increases in electric vehicles, net metering, smart-grid and efficiency will only increase the ability to integrate renew-

able energy.

Even more shortsighted is the notion that by emphasizing renewable energy sources we will cause businesses to outsource jobs. Anyone watching developments in Europe, Israel and China will recognize that renewable energy is the technological wave of the future. Sensible government incentives will help the U.S. compete against nations investing capital in renewables and clean technology.

Yet there is more to the energy cost/reliability/competitiveness debate. When President Obama labeled climate change a universal threat, he alluded to its dire economic effects worldwide — not to mention environmental and public-health risks. Many consider these issues more compelling than the latest economic forecast. Just ask my friends in the ski industry or rafting/outdoor trade.

This is where the RPSs are critical. These standards provide building blocks on which renewable energy developers strongly rely. For example, here in Colorado, while investor-owned utilities have made strides in meeting our RPSs, the state standard applies with much less force on other utilities, particularly rural cooperatives. The current Colorado bill ramps up these requirements and folds such progressive techniques as methane capture from abandoned coal mines into the mix. Without a firmly-established RPS, these advances would not be possible.

Let's also not forget that popular sentiment supports working together to mitigate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and expand renewable energy. This is the greatest irony surrounding recent attacks on the RPSs. A number of ALEC members have already adopted renewable energy commitments or other GHG-reduction goals. For these same entities to simultaneously attempt to repeal RPSs suggests that independent efforts of corporations, NGOs and the free market can do it alone. Alas, if only we had a little more evidence of this, and a little less bad climate news.

We have a long way to go to reach a carbon-mitigation plateau in the energy sector, as well as in transportation and many other areas that are even more difficult to crack. Let's not step backwards by undermining the RPSs. We need to preserve RPSs in all its various state forms.

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The Q-Line

**A DIFFERENT ROUTE**

A recent Daily Press article discovered that 20 percent of Santa Monica's biggest employers are not compliant with ride share rules. Instead, those companies opt to pay for the option to drive into the city.

This past week, Q-line asked:

**Do you think City Hall should crack down on companies that don't take the necessary steps to limit traffic by promoting ride sharing and other forms of alternative transportation?**

Here are your responses:

**"I DON'T THINK CITY HALL SHOULD** crack down on people at all. This is the United States of America, where people are supposedly allowed to choose what they want to do. You can't crack a company for the liberal things some people might wish to take. So no, I don't think that City Hall should crack down at all. They should crack their butts, excuse my French."

**"TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 19, WE HAD** more road closures – San Vicente Boulevard and also Ocean Avenue and maybe the California Incline. For what? Another stupid City Hall ... event. That's about five closures this year already. This is what I have constantly complained about – City Hall's desire to disrupt people's lives so a few can feel good about their miserable existence and City Hall can stick it to the many people that didn't vote for any of their rotten apples. The press needs to get out ahead of this story about City Hall slugs' love of bread and circuses to mask their gigantic incompetence supporting liberal philosophies like biking and running. If Ashley Archibald cannot bring herself to investigate the hand that takes from us, then at least have this problem as a question of the week."

**"NO I DON'T BELIEVE CITY HALL SHOULD** crack down on companies to limit traffic by promoting ride sharing. People should have the right and the independence to choose whether they want to ride share or not. What City Hall should crack down on is themselves, so that there are no more hotels and big apartment buildings, which are congesting traffic."

**"THE RIDE SHARE TAX IS ANOTHER** City Hall scam. First overdevelop the city, then tax businesses with this phony ride share program that City Hall is responsible for by overbuilding. Bike lanes, expensive bus service, light rail, ride share; they are all pathetic attempts at funding never-ending spending programs in the city. The only ride share we need is driving the political City Hall bums out of town."

**"PERHAPS ALL ABLE-BODIED MEMBERS** of the City Council and all heads of boards and commissions should lead by example and be required to bicycle, ride share, or use alternative transportation to get to work and meetings, at all hours and in all seasons. Then they could better assess the impact of regulations they wish to impose on others."

**"SANTA MONICA NEEDS GOOD PUBLIC** transportation. Ride sharing and biking just aren't going to work for most people. Metro and Big Blue Bus have both cut service, creating longer waits for buses, no

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# LA sanitation ends plans for dump near Joshua Tree

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A regional garbage collection agency has tossed out plans to build a mega-landfill for Los Angeles' trash less than two miles from Joshua Tree National Park in the remote Southern California desert.

Increased recycling and new waste treatment technologies have reduced the need to open the 4,000-acre landfill on former mining land in Eagle Mountain, David Rothbart, a supervising engineer with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, said Friday.

It had been opposed in court for more than 20 years by local farmers and environmentalists, who pointed out that the dump would be surrounded on three sides by the park, a national treasure known around the world for its bizarre, spindly-armed Joshua trees.

Opponents argued the landfill and associated train and truck traffic around the dump would wreak havoc on the delicate desert ecosystem and attract scavengers like ravens, which snack on the hatchlings of desert tortoises, a federally threatened species.

"We're elated over this and now it's really time for us to make Joshua Tree National Park whole and our community whole again and not have these projects hanging over our heads for years," said Donna Charpiet, a jobba farmer who, along with her husband, filed the first lawsuit to stop the landfill more than two decades ago.

The park, she said, is "Southern California's best dress suit and we shouldn't put any spots on it."

At capacity, plans called for 20,000 tons of garbage to be shipped to the landfill by train each day — enough to fill 375 freight cars — for a period of 117 years.

"We would have opposed this forever and I think it's a very wise decision by them," said David Lamfrom of the National Parks Conservation Association, which opposed the deal in court for more than a decade.

The battle over the landfill traces its roots back to the 1940s, when mining company Kaiser Steel began mining iron ore near what was then Joshua Tree National Monument as a way to feed shipbuilding and other war efforts.

Mining activity at the iron ore pits in Eagle Mountain boomed and a small village sprang up to house the workers.

By the early 1980s, however, mining activity had slowed, and Ontario-based Kaiser Ventures pitched a proposal in 1987 to turn the pits into a landfill.

The mining community, built in 1948 by the storied industrialist Henry J. Kaiser for his workers, is now one of the country's best-preserved ghost towns.

The Charpiets, and then environmental groups, joined together to fight against the landfill in litigation that lasted years. The case went to the U.S. Supreme Court in 2010, but it declined to hear the case.

In 2000, the Los Angeles sanitation agency entered escrow with plans to buy Eagle Mountain for \$41 million from the Kaiser Ventures subsidiary Mine Reclamation Corp., which had secured rights-of-way and developed the property for use as a landfill.

In 2011, however, the subsidiary went into bankruptcy and the regional garbage agency began to reassess its needs based on increased recycling and new waste disposal technologies.

The agency is aiming for a 75 percent recycling rate, greatly reducing its need for new mega-dumps. The district serves 5.4 million people.

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# Federal court denies second hearing on Medi-Cal rate cut

BY JUDY LIN  
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A federal appeals court on Friday denied a second request by California doctors, pharmacists and hospitals seeking to undo the state's 10 percent provider rate cut for treating the poor.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals denied an appeal from medical providers to rehear their case, which allows Gov. Jerry Brown to begin implementing the cuts retroactively. A three-judge panel had ruled against them in December on the grounds that trial courts cannot block the state from making cuts that were approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Health providers vowed they will continue to press lawmakers to restore the 10 percent reimbursement rate cut to the state's Medicaid program, known as Medi-Cal.

"While we are not surprised by the 9th Circuit Court ruling, we are certainly disappointed, as the 10 percent cut to Medi-Cal will have devastating effects on California's poorest and most vulnerable patients," said Paul Phinney, president of the California Medical Association, in a statement.

Phinney said the state needs competitive Medi-Cal payments as the state prepares to get millions of Californians health coverage under the Affordable Care Act. The association, which represents 35,000 doctors, says

ongoing cuts have left doctors with little option but to stop taking qualified patients because the reimbursements do not meet the cost of overhead and supplies to treat them.

"Reversal of these cuts is a California priority," said Duane Dauner, president of the California Hospital Association, in a statement.

Friday's decision cements a budget victory for Brown, who has vowed to hold the line on spending. The administration had estimated the two-year savings from the cut would be \$508.9 million but will revise the figure because the state assumed the decision would not be made until August, said H.D. Palmer, the governor's finance spokesman.

At the time lawmakers passed the cut, the reduction was projected to save the state some \$330 million a year.

It's unclear if health providers will find success in reversing the cut this legislative cycle. Doctors and hospitals sponsored SB640 by Sen. Ricardo Lara, D-Bell Gardens, a bill that would restore the 10 percent rate cut, but the bill stalled in committee Thursday as the deadline nears for passing bills out of their houses of origin.

Another bill, AB900, by Assemblyman Luis Alejo, D-Watsonville, advanced in the Assembly this week only after Medi-Cal restoration was limited to skilled nursing facilities.

# Making Tornado Alley safer

BY SHARON COHEN

AP National Writer

In the wind-swept prairie called Tornado Alley, the scene is eerily familiar: Homes smashed to splinters. Trees and telephone poles snapped like twigs. Piles of bricks, overturned cars and dazed survivors sifting through rubble in search of a precious photo or heirloom. A town in ruins.

On Monday, it was Moore, Okla. Two years ago, it was Joplin, Mo. There's a pattern to the aftermath of these deadly disasters: Clean-up. A steely determination. Vows to rebuild. And urgent questions about what can be done to shield tornado-prone communities from the worst ravages of the next monster storm that comes calling.

The ferocious tornado in Moore that killed 24 people and carved a nearly 17-mile path of destruction is bound to revive talk of beefed-up building codes, spur new construction of shelters and send architects and engineers back to the drawing board for ways to make Tornado Alley safer. Some experts are urging more of the tools used to protect hurricane zones; others say there are limits, financial and practical, to what a community can do to protect itself from the kind of horrific super-twisters that leveled Moore and Joplin.

"You can design for 250 mph winds but you can't design for it economically," says Steve Cope, Joplin's building and neighborhood improvement supervisor. "It's got to be something that can withstand the impact of a car going 250 miles an hour into a wall and roof because that's what happened here. ... To build a truly tornado-proof home, people wouldn't be able to afford to live in it."

After 161 people died in Joplin in an EF5 tornado in May 2011, the city strengthened its building codes. It now requires, for example, more mechanical fasteners at the roof and foundation to better keep intact the shell of the house, Cope says. "We did what we felt was economical and easily achievable and we know would make an impact," he adds.

But Joplin stopped short of mandating safe rooms, largely for financial reasons. "We're talking about an additional \$3,000 to \$4,000," Cope says. "Many people thought that additional cost should be up to them to decide. We have folks who don't want government to tell them they had to do it."

Residents of Tornado Alley have proven time and again their resilience when their communities are flattened and all seems lost. There's a sense that if dust storms, droughts and Depression have been unable to break their spirit, neither will twisters. That's especially true in Moore, which has been battered by three big tornados in the last 14 years.

When twister season arrives in Oklahoma, there's a sense that "this is the time of year when things happen, but it's not a cowering attitude, it's not, 'I'm so afraid,'" says Caleb Lack, an assistant psychology professor at the University of Central Oklahoma who has studied PTSD in tornado survivors. One conclusion of his research: PTSD is more likely to occur among those who've experienced man-made disasters, such as a bombing or a school shooting, than among survivors of natural disasters.

Folks in Oklahoma understand no place is safe, he says. "You adopt an attitude that matches the environment," Lack explains. "Here we have massive storms but the positive vastly outweighs the negative. People say, 'I could live in places where there are no tornadoes, but then there are hurricanes, there are earthquakes and there are blizzards.' You have to choose your poison."

Joplin hasn't seen any great exodus since its disaster. There also haven't been dramatic

differences in construction and the same kinds of houses are being built with relatively minor modifications, such as extra concrete in the foundations and roof fasteners, says Crystal Harrington, head of the Home Builders Association of Southwest Missouri.

"That will make a difference for a normal disaster," she says. "Ours was an extraordinary disaster."

Harrington says there might have been more calls for different construction methods if the twister had been less severe and some particular kinds of building remained standing. But "when you saw all this destruction, all anybody could think was nobody could survive this," she says. "A concrete house would but people don't want that."

Instead, more people are opting for in-house safe rooms or shelters.

That's the route Lloyd Parker and his wife, Janie, took after they lost almost everything in the Joplin twister. Parker says his wife, who suffered a punctured lung and three broken ribs in the storm, insisted on the safe room. It has 8-inch-thick concrete walls with reinforced steel rods and a steel door that can withstand almost 300 mph winds.

They equipped the room with cable TV and recliners. Parker and his wife hunkered down there during a spate of recent storms and stayed informed by watching The Weather Channel. "It cost \$4,000 to \$5,000 but it was worth it," Parker says. "I would recommend everybody do it."

But they're still in the minority. Only about 20 percent of homes built after the tornado have above-ground, in-house safe rooms, says Cope, the Joplin official. Some folks, he says, are choosing backyard shelters, instead.

Money remains a big obstacle for building storm shelters. Basements also can add as much as 10 percent to the overall cost of a house, according to Curtis McCarty, an Oklahoma home builder. Homes in the state are generally built on slabs.

McCarty expects there will be increased demand for shelters now as the Moore tornado dominates headlines, but that could fade. If people exceed their budgets when building houses, he says, it's the kind of item they often remove.

In Moore, Mayor Glenn Lewis wants to propose a city ordinance to require all new homes have storm shelters but because of the expense, he says it's more realistic any requirement will be limited to new assisted-living facilities and apartment complexes.

But shelters are just one option. Engineering experts say residents of Tornado Alley can fortify their homes for a relatively modest price by using construction designs common in hurricane zones, though they won't help for those in the direct path of an EF4 or E5 twister.

"The tornadoes that get a lot of press — Moore or Joplin — the sheer destruction is so severe there's a feeling there's nothing you can do about it," says Fred Haan, an engineering professor at the Rose-Human Institute of Technology in Indiana. But, he says, about 90 percent of storms are in the EF2 category or lower — they carry a maximum 135 mph wind gusts. For those, "raising the level of construction, a lot of the destruction can be significantly reduced," he says.

Some of the more common items used are 'hurricane clips,' steel fasteners that connect the roof to walls and walls to the foundation. They cost a few dollars each and a couple hundred of them greatly increase the resilience of the house and can double the strength of the roof, he says.

Other possible tools include ring shank nails that also can reinforce the roof, wind-dows that are resistant to debris.

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# Tour De Feast

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## More fish in the sea

### SO MUCH FOR SOFT OPENINGS.

Seasalt Fish Grill, a casual seafood bistro, has been in business for less than a week and is already getting slammed with lines more familiar to Bay Cities Deli, a local institution with years of saturation. Located on a heavily traveled section of Santa Monica Boulevard, it's easy to see why. While curiosity may have killed the cat, it's working wonders for Seasalt.

Once in the restaurant you may notice huge orders rolling out for delivery to what I imagine are a hoards of hungry high-tech engineers who are the backbone of Silicon Beach. Either people are crazy for seafood or Seasalt's spin doctors deserve a solid pat on the back for drumming up such interest. Whatever the case may be, if you want to see what the fuss is all about, off hours are recommended. Otherwise, get in line with what seems like half of Downtown's population for the lunch rush.

The long lines do provide the opportunity to scope out potential tables to overtake and give plenty of time to ponder what to order too. Of course char-grilled seafood is Seasalt's centerpiece. Choose from grilled salmon, jumbo shrimp, ahi and more. Your selection, seasoned in garlic butter, spicy Cajun or soy ginger glaze, is served with rice and sautéed vegetables. Make no bones about it (except maybe in the tilapia), it is a large portion, yet a healthy option and reasonably priced from \$10 to \$14.

Aside from the standard fish plate, Seasalt

seems to cover all the fan favorites as well. Chowders, salads, sandwiches, fish tacos and many more offerings are on the menu.

Going with a group provided the opportunity to try a variety of items, which had their individual merits and pitfalls.

The citrus quinoa kale salad with grilled salmon had a nice blend of berries, crumbly Cotija cheese and home-baked croutons that reminded me of cornbread, all covered in honey dijon dressing. The salad could have done without the undercooked Brussels sprouts and their overpowering flavor.

The batter-fried Ensenada-style tacos and Cajun-style salmon burrito were both fine in terms of preparation and overall taste. Aside from some table-side Tapatío, the Mexican inspired offerings lacked any kind of real spice, which usually makes or breaks a taco and burrito.

The California po'boy turned out to be the best of the bunch. It's served on a soft roll and is minimally dressed with lettuce, tomato, avocado and a house spread. There's a firm crunch, compliments of the sandwich's Panko-breaded shrimp. And the house coleslaw was a refreshing alternative to the mayonnaise glop that restaurants usually serve.

Putting my Yelp-like nitpicking aside, Seasalt does offer a wide selection of healthy grilled fish that should make it a very popular, quick and casual lunch spot in Downtown. But for such a small place it seems that their menu is a little too big,



Michael Ryan michael@smdp.com

A CRUNCHY DELIGHT: Seasalt's fried shrimp po'boy, served on a soft roll with coleslaw.

Soups, salads, tacos, burritos, fish and chips, salmon burgers, Southwest shrimp egg rolls, hot dogs (yes, hot dogs) — just to name a few. There may be something for everyone, but such a large menu must put a strain on an already overwhelmed staff.

Simplifying the menu and putting the focus on their grilled fish plates, salads and perhaps a sandwich or two seems sensible, but that's just me channeling my inner Gordon Ramsay.

The lines are indeed long and the service is a bit sluggish, but you have to give them at least a couple of weeks to get their sea legs.

Seasalt has much to offer, maybe a bit too much, but for a healthy and quality fish dinner one would be hard pressed to find a better deal. And if anyone has a glowing testimonial over their hot dog, let me know and I'll eat my words.

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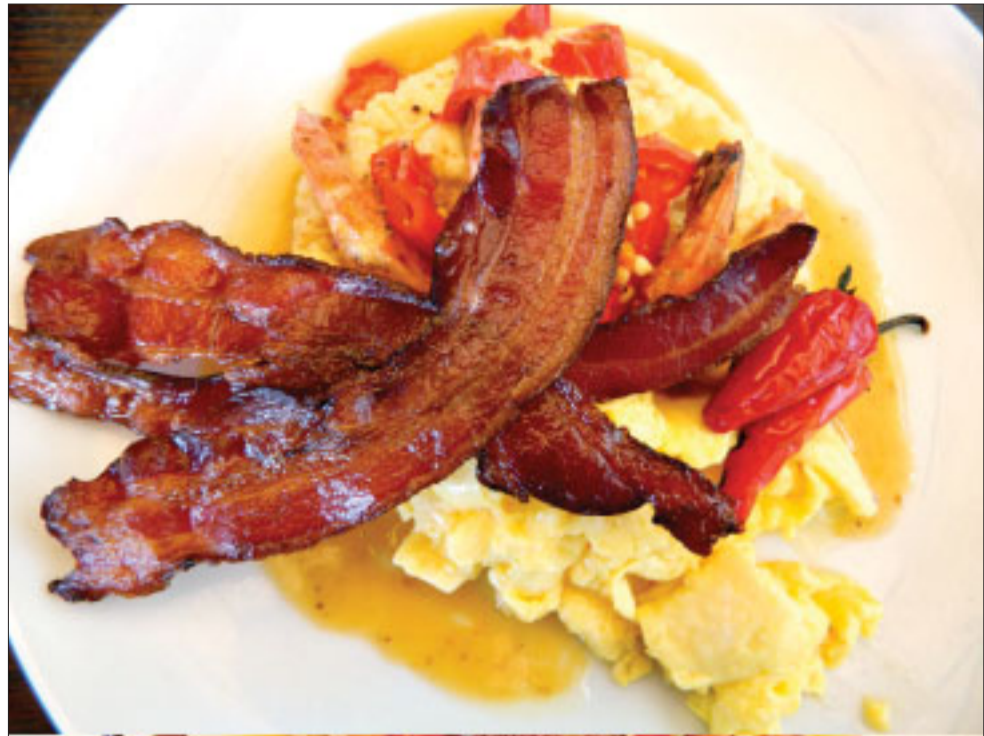


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**OH YEAH!** The shrimp grits with Fresno chili peppers, applewood-smoked bacon and scrambled eggs.

# Going a little south for brunch

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**  
Editor-in-Chief

**VENICE** I love a good brunch.

It's not necessarily the food or the bottomless mimosas (there's usually cheap sparkling wine poured, which gives me a headache), but more the relaxed, pool-party atmosphere that keeps me in good spirits as I fight off the rapidly approaching Monday blues. Weekends seem so short these days, so any excuse to extend the feeling of freedom that comes with days off is welcomed.

I have my favorite brunch spots. Brick + Mortar on Main Street is where you want to go if you didn't satisfy your club craving Saturday night, and are looking for a serious Bloody Mary. FIG at the Fairmont Miramar is where I go if food is the focus. It's always fresh and delicious, plus it's quiet, which is good if you have a serious hangover from a night of drinking.

The same can be said about my latest restaurant of choice, the Southern-inspired Willie Jane, which opened earlier this year on the trendy stretch of Abbot Kinney. The food is rich and flavorful, the service attentive and while dining I couldn't help but feel as if I was sitting in my grandmother's backyard with the ocean breezes keeping me cool as I gaze at the garden.

A creation of chef Govind Armstrong and restaurateur Brad Johnson of Post & Beam fame, Willie Jane beautifully melds the spice and flavor of low country, Cajun cooking with traditional brunch dishes. I devoured my smoked trout Benedict, which was served on top of a bed of braised collards and a hearty homemade biscuit (\$14). The mustard hollandaise wasn't too thick and heavy, allowing me to sample some of my friend's shrimp grits and applewood smoked bacon with spicy Fresno chili peppers (\$16). I have to say that the shrimp grits were creamy and thick, taking me back to my days at Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., where I was exposed to grits and real humidity for the first time.

Seated next to us was a couple from New Orleans, who were also members of the Clean Plate Club. They were impressed by Armstrong's take on Southern cuisine, saying that the food carried many of the flavors of back home. Armstrong basically nailed it, they said.

An added benefit of the brunch, which includes the bottomless mimosas for \$15, is the restaurant's expansive back patio. It's



Photo courtesy John Blanchette

**THE MAN:** Govind Armstrong poses at the future home of his chef's garden on Abbot Kinney.

### If you go

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airy and with just the right amount of shading for a pleasant atmosphere as you sip on a cocktail or tall glass of cold beer. Right next door is a nursery with a lush garden loaded with native plants.

On the other side of the restaurant is a chef's garden that was under construction when I was there, but has tremendous promise. Armstrong plans to have several beds for planting and would like to get other chef's along Abbot Kinney to participate. Soon the empty lot will be blooming with herbs and vegetables that will be used by Armstrong and his team. It's a great concept and not every chef is fortunate enough to have the room to do it. I know I'm eager to see what blooms.

Willie Jane just started serving brunch so it hasn't quite caught on yet, making it rather easy to get a table. Undoubtedly, it will be hopping in no time at all. I'm not sure how I feel about that as I like the mellow vibe there, but if it keeps Armstrong in business, I'm all for it. I plan on going back often and am eager to visit for dinner. They have an apricot-glazed pork shoulder with spinach and cracked almonds that sounds delicious, as does the curried oxtail with grilled plantains and curry leaves. Now there's an entree you don't see every day.

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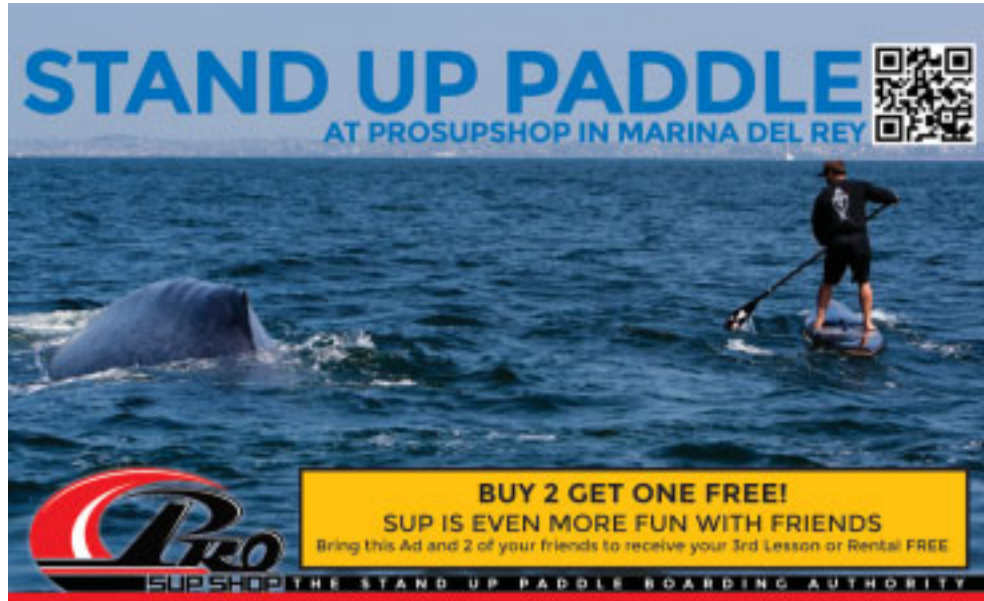
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good diplomacy and give them the ability to financially plan for this change is questionable at best," Flora said.

Boardmember Ilse Rosenstein disagreed, calling the new tack on the registration fee a "business expense" for landlords who would need to "economize."

Rent Control Agency officials warned against a phase-in that exceeded two years, saying that it would not only put a burden on employees who would need to change how they charge registration fees every year, but might impede the board if it needs to raise those fees again.

That might need to happen within three years, according to a report.

Officials believe that the fee must be increased to close a half-million dollar gap in its budget and proposed shifting some of the burden onto landlords.

Santa Monica is the only California city with rent control in which tenants pay the full cost of the registration fees.

Landlords object, pointing to the fact that most of the red in the Rent Control Agency's budget comes from an excessively high 15 percent reserve and employees and their benefits. They also hold that the amount of work done by Rent Control officials has gone down faster than the number of positions at the agency.

In a comparison of the agency's work load between 1995 and 2013 compiled by landlord representatives, the number of board meetings has dropped by two-thirds, and the amount of phone calls and e-mails has decreased by almost 58 percent.

The number of petitions and complaints by tenants and landlords went down by 70 percent, and hearings for a wide variety of matters — rent decreases and increases,

excess rent complaints, rent control exemption applications and more — dropped by almost 70 percent.

The work of the agency has changed since the passage of the Costa-Hawkins Act in 1995, which allowed rents to rise to market rate every time a tenant moved out of a rent-controlled apartment, said Tracy Condon, rent control administrator in Santa Monica.

"It's true we don't have nearly the number of increase petitions we used to hear," she said. "That's a direct reflection that the market rate rents owners are collecting are providing them with at least a fair return and therefore they don't need to avail themselves of the individual increase petition process."

That change was accompanied by a significant drop in the number of employees working at the Rent Control Board — staffing levels are down by more than 50 percent since 1995, Condon said.

Still, the cost of the employees that remain are rising, a situation experienced by most public agencies in California.

City Hall is also struggling with multi-million dollar increases in its payments for retirement benefits as the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) drops its expected return on its investment portfolio.

At the Rent Control Agency, health costs are projected to increase by 16 percent as of January 2014, and the retirement contribution for employee salaries in the 2012-13 fiscal year has increased to 19.2 percent for 2013-14.

To combat the problem, employees now contribute 9 percent of their compensation toward their retirement accounts, according to a report by the Rent Control Agency.

The final decision on fees will not come until the board officially votes on their budget at the June 13 meeting.

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of the 99 already included in the project, and to get terms in writing regarding a small piece of the property that will house 10 trailer pads.

Rent Control Agency officials have recommended that the board approve the removal permit.

Marc Luzzatto, the principal on the redevelopment of the site, told board members he was willing to wait and even commit to the 10 additional rent controlled units.

This isn't the first time that the project, called East Village, has been stalled.

Luzzatto originally gave notice that tenants would be evicted from the site in 2006.

That was put on hold while he and City Hall began negotiating a development agreement for the site, a special contract that would change the zoning of the area from one that permitted mainly mobile home parks to one that would allow the multi-family housing he proposed.

Almost seven years later, after many lengthy hearings, the City Council voted to approve the development, only to rescind that vote after two new council members were inducted.

They finally approved the project in a 4 to 3 vote in March.

The rent control removal permit is the final step in the process, although Luzzatto maintains that he should not have had to apply for the permit at all.

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That strikes a personal chord with Rathbone.

"I was a vegetarian for 10 years. I realized that the reason I was a vegetarian was because I was unaware of where my food was coming from," Rathbone said.

She broke a decade of meat abstinence with goat raised by a friend. The gamey meat may not be the easiest reentry into the animal world, but the realization caused Rathbone to forge a new relationship with the food she used to fuel her body.

Community Seafood's products may be a bit more accessible to the average eater than goat, but because it works with individual fishermen and knows exactly how much fish it needs to supply its customers, the company can provide seafood rarely served on menus or supplied in normal fish markets.

This week, for instance, curious Santa Monicans will see the ridgeback shrimp, a species that doesn't keep well and therefore is a bit too risky for many businesses.

"You're going to get what's in season, what's freshest and what's coming right out of the ocean," Rathbone said.

Community Seafood got its start as a project of UC Santa Barbara, which pulled together staff, students and faculty to see how economically sustainable community-supported fisheries could be.

"When we got together and I was brought

on as an organizer, we realized we were shooting ourselves in the foot to make this a college-only project," Rathbone said.

Rathbone got her start in the fishing industry while studying for a master's degree in marine biology and fisheries management. She needed access to lobsters for her research, and struck a deal with a lobster boat to work on the boat in return for the opportunity to measure lobsters as the fishermen caught them.

She later joined the crew for a full lobster season. The experience gave her deeper insight into the industry, and helped her communicate with fishermen for Community Seafood.

Companies like Community Seafood are growing in number, but are still rare.

A website called LocalCatch.org, which tracks community-supported fisheries, shows clusters in California and in the northeast, with a few sprinkled in Canada and Alaska. It tracks 126 across the country.

Community Seafood itself is in the middle of an expansion. It served only Santa Barbara and Goleta initially — Santa Monica is its first foray outside of that area. The company's pilot project here will only run for eight weeks, which began on May 5.

Already, 38 people have signed up, and more are welcome, Rathbone said.

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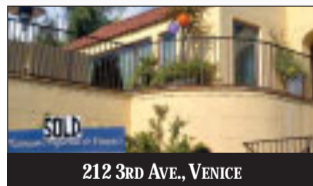
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SATURDAY – FAIR – SURF: 3-5 ft waist to head high  
SW-SSW groundswell tops out early - plus sets for standouts; fair-good conditions at select spots

SUNDAY – FAIR – SURF: 3-4 ft waist to shoulder high  
SW-SSW groundswell eases slightly - still larger sets for standouts early; fair-good conditions at select spots

MONDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft Knee to chest high occ. 4ft  
SW-SSW swell gets some reinforcements

TUESDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-4 ft knee to shoulder high  
SSW swell eases

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 Number of sewage spills -- 1  
 Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0  
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 Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 26 / 32  
 Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Anaya Sogot Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bal Air Bay Club near tennis.	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Las Alitas creeks.			Will Rogers State Beach at Terraced Canyon drain.	A+	F
General Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chastanote).	A	A+
Beard Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Western Ave. drain.	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Walrus Creek, projection of WAlila Rd. (private).	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	F
Pavilion Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain.	B	B
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant).	A+	A+
Ludiga Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Redford Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blecker County Beach.	A	A+	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	F	Venice Beach at Weyburn Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Sunfisher Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards north.	A+	A+
Sunfisher Beach (beach location) - daily.	C	A+	Venice Beach - projection of Topical St.	A	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	F	Malibu del Rey, Malibu's Beach - lifeguard tower.	A+	A
Carbon Beach at Sunsetwater Canyon.	F	A+	Dedweiler State Beach at Bullens Creek mouth.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint use).	A+	A+	Dedweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 13548 PCH stairs.	A+	B	North Westwater Storm Drain at Dedweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Pasa Creek at Las Torres County Beach.	A+	A+	Dedweiler State Beach at World Way (south of ORV jerry).	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	D	B	Dedweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+	Dedweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Cedwick Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+	Dedweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F			

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 NS -- no sample taken

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NHL Kings' fundamental skills are paying off

GREG BEACHAM  
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. Less than three minutes into Game 5, Matt Greene spotted TJ Galiardi loitering in front of the Los Angeles Kings' net. Greene flattened the agitating San Jose forward with a nasty hit, sending Galiardi's stick flying as he fell.

There's nothing fancy about the way Greene plays hockey, and that's why the veteran defenseman fits perfectly with the no-nonsense Stanley Cup champions. In a series increasingly pitting the Sharks' flash against the Kings' smash, Greene and fellow hard-hitting defensemen Robyn Regehr and Rob Scuderi are hanging in with San Jose's formidable offensive talent — and occasionally crushing it.

Greene's return to the Los Angeles lineup has coincided with a return to form by the Kings, who struggled for long stretches of the first four games, yet still earned a chance to close out the Sharks in Game 6 on Sunday night.

"We've got to be a physical team if we're going to win," Greene said. "That's the plan, just to bring it up there to San Jose."

After missing the first nine games of the playoffs and sitting nearly the entire regular season with a back injury, Greene came back for Game 4 and immediately started hitting people. After a strong finish to their 2-1 loss in Game 4, the Kings have shut out the Sharks for the last 96 minutes, moving to the brink of a second straight trip to the Western Conference finals.

Game 5 was Los Angeles' best effort of the series, according to coach Darryl Sutter, who doesn't exactly dole out compliments haphazardly. The Kings agreed, and star goalie Jonathan Quick led a chorus of compliments toward Los Angeles' playoff-tested defense.

"The start of the game was a big focus for us, and I think Greenie set the tempo with that, and we just followed in his footsteps," Mike Richards said Friday after a team meeting at the Kings' training complex. "Matt coming back is a big boost for us. I think you can just see how different of a team we are with him in the lineup just setting the tone physically."

Los Angeles can't match the Sharks' top-end talent or entertainment value, but the champs won the pivotal Game 5 on Thursday night with a fundamentally sound effort led by that sturdy defense. San Jose has controlled long stretches of the series, and Los Angeles has been a horrible road team since March, but the Kings' experience and tenacity has earned them two shots to finish off the Sharks.

"We know they're going to come out and throw everything at us," Kings forward Trevor Lewis said. "If we come out with another strong start, we'll have a good chance."

San Jose arguably outplayed the Kings in the first period of every game in this series until Game 5, and Greene was a major reason for the change.

In the opening minutes, he landed big hits on Galiardi and James Sheppard, and the Kings followed his lead with a physical, grinding effort that negated the Sharks' speed and skill. Los Angeles also raised its game on faceoffs, winning more than 50 percent for the first time in a series dominated by Joe Thornton in the circle.

"You've got to win some faceoffs, and it's not easy to win against (Thornton)," Sutter said. "Our percentages went up, and it does manifest in how much time you have the puck."

Greene hurt his back moments after the Kings raised their only Stanley Cup banner in their season opener against Chicago. He returned late in the regular season, but quickly got yanked from the lineup again when he didn't appear fully healed.

"It's been great having Greenie back," Scuderi said. "He brings a lot of experience, certainly with last year. ... He's a big voice in the locker room, and when he was missing this year, you could really feel it in the atmosphere of the dressing room."

The Kings acquired Regehr late in the regular season to replace the toughness lost with long-term injuries for Greene and Willie Mitchell, who never played this season. With Greene, Regehr and Scuderi in the lineup, the Kings finally have three balanced defensive pairings, putting those three bruisers alongside puck-moving specialists Drew Doughty, Slava Voynov, Jake Muzzin and Alec Martinez, recently a healthy scratch.

"All year we missed (Greene), how physical he plays, how hard he is to play against," Richards said. "Even before we got Regehr, I think that's what we lacked in the back end. We had some skilled guys, guys that move the puck well, but I don't think they can replace somebody who plays that physical, and how hard both of those guys are to play against."

Greene might not be flashy, but he's also one of the Kings' leaders in the dressing room, where he attempts to keep a light mood — sometimes with more success than others.

"I don't think he's particularly funny, no," Scuderi said with a straight face. "I'm hilarious."

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HAPPILY AT HOME TONIGHT, VIRGO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Try to get away from it all. A break could be just what the doctor ordered. You know how volatile the last few days have been. Go for a drive to the country, and enjoy the scenery along the way. Tonight: Finally, you can relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Rethink a decision made in haste. You even might wonder why you made that choice in the first place. Confusion and pressure often force others' involvement. An unexpected change could feel uncomfortable. Tonight: Where the fun is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Go along with a change of pace. You'll want to open up to new possibilities after recent events and join friends who are more easygoing than you typically are. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You will be weighing the pros and cons of getting involved with a certain project. You could realize that you would rather just take some time off. Be a couch potato, if that makes you happy. You might be bored soon enough, but you also will be well rested. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You'll re-energize through some flirtation and fun. You know what you need. Find a fun friend and start the process. You might be confused about a situation; release it for now. Over-indulging is OK as long as you know when enough is enough. Tonight: Lead the party!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might not realize how tired and/or stressed out you are until you slow down. Decide to do nothing and stay close to home. Whether you take a nap, watch some TV or read a book makes no difference, as long as you are able to relax. Tonight: Happily at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could be overtired and withdrawn by recent events. You will want to catch up on neighborhood news and meet a pal for dinner. Tonight: Stop acting like Superman or Superwoman -- you're only human.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to see what happens if you put up your feet and relax. Before you know it, you could nod off. You have a desire to escape. Some of you might decide to join a friend or two and party. Tonight: Be your wild self.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You feel full of energy and ready to deal with whatever comes your way. Socialize to your heart's content. Someone might be unclear about your intentions. Listen to news with a grain of salt. Everything can change before you know it. Tonight: Honor spontaneity!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to move right past a personal issue. Understand that you can't keep pushing like that. Sometimes you need some time away from thinking about an issue. Give yourself some space. Tonight: Not to be found.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You are the sign that is associated with friendship, and that is exactly why you need to surround yourself with friends. As a group, you will reinforce what is good about one another. Don't hesitate to share your grievances with a trusted friend. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Think through a decision involving an older friend or loved one. Spend some time with this person, and perhaps get some feedback on what actions you are considering taking. Listen to his or her thoughts carefully, and your opinion could change. Tonight: A must appearance.

May 25-26, 2013

This year you display more black-and-white thinking than in previous years. You also tend to weigh problems from opposing views. You seem to go back and forth from being emotional to intellectual. Where has the levelheaded Gemini gone? You are exploring new ideas and broadening your horizon. If you are single, you might attract someone who really likes one side of your personality. As you switch from that side to the other, this person might not be as loving. If you are attached, your transformation could throw your sweetie for a loop. Be more open, and enhance the mutuality between you. SAGITTARIUS understands you better than you do.

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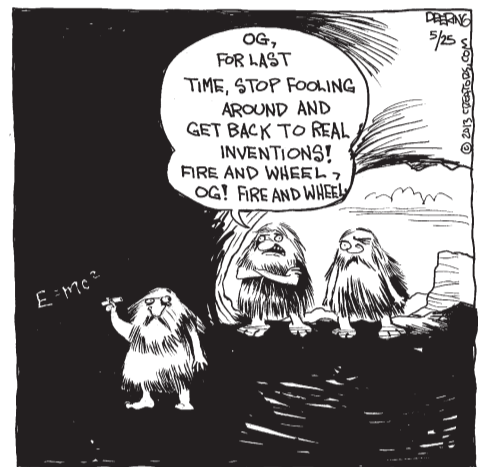
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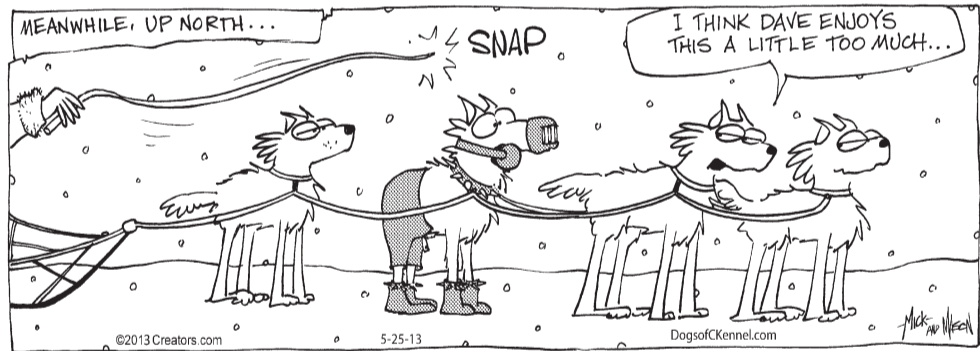
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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- 18 Custody
- 20 "Silk-wood" star
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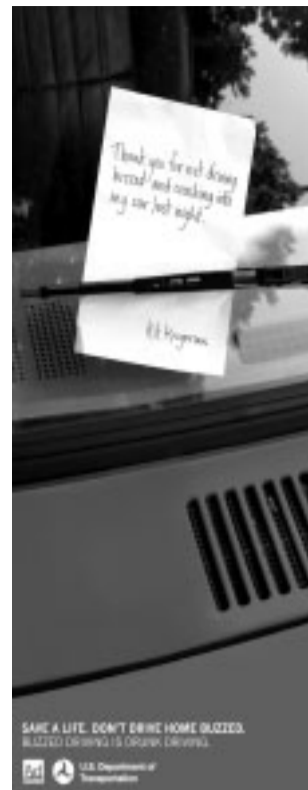
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Discovery Channel announced a new survival show to debut this summer, "Naked and Afraid," dropping off a man and a woman (strangers), without tools or clothes, to fend for themselves on an isolated Maldives island. Among the previews: Ms. Kellie Nightlinger, 38, a self-described "ultimate survivalist," finally thought after two weeks of nearly starving that she could attract fish close enough to be snatched up (as a New York Daily News reporter put it) "us(ing) her ladyparts as bait to catch fish between her legs." Said a Discovery Channel executive: "Survival shows are so common now that it's gotten more and more difficult to convince the audience that what they're watching is something extreme." [New York Daily News, 4-14-2013]

■ Location, Location, Location: The New Delhi, India, neighborhood of Lutyens' Delhi houses some of the richest people in the country in comparatively modest mansions, with the city's real estate bubble inflating prices into nine figures, though home sales are rare, according to a March New York Times dispatch. In the similarly wealthy city of Hong Kong, in the "gritty, working-class West Kowloon neighborhood" where the laborers serving the rich live, about 100,000 dwell in pitiable housing, including the increasing number who rent what are basically stacks of wire sleep cages, measuring about 16 square feet each (and offering no protection against bedbugs). An Associated Press reporter found one tenant paying the equivalent of about \$167 a month for his mesh digs. [New York Times, 3-3-2013] [Associated Press, 2-7-2013]

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