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THE ON THE SCENE ISSUE

Council may build parking for auto dealers at SM Airport

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO The City Council will consider investing roughly half a million dollars to create a paved parking lot for autodealer storage at Santa Monica Airport, a resource in high demand in the parking-poor city, officials say.

If approved, officials estimate that the lot will bring in roughly $100,000 in revenues per year. That number is based on rents paid on a one-acre lot rented by an Acura dealership, said Martin Pastucha, director of Public Works.

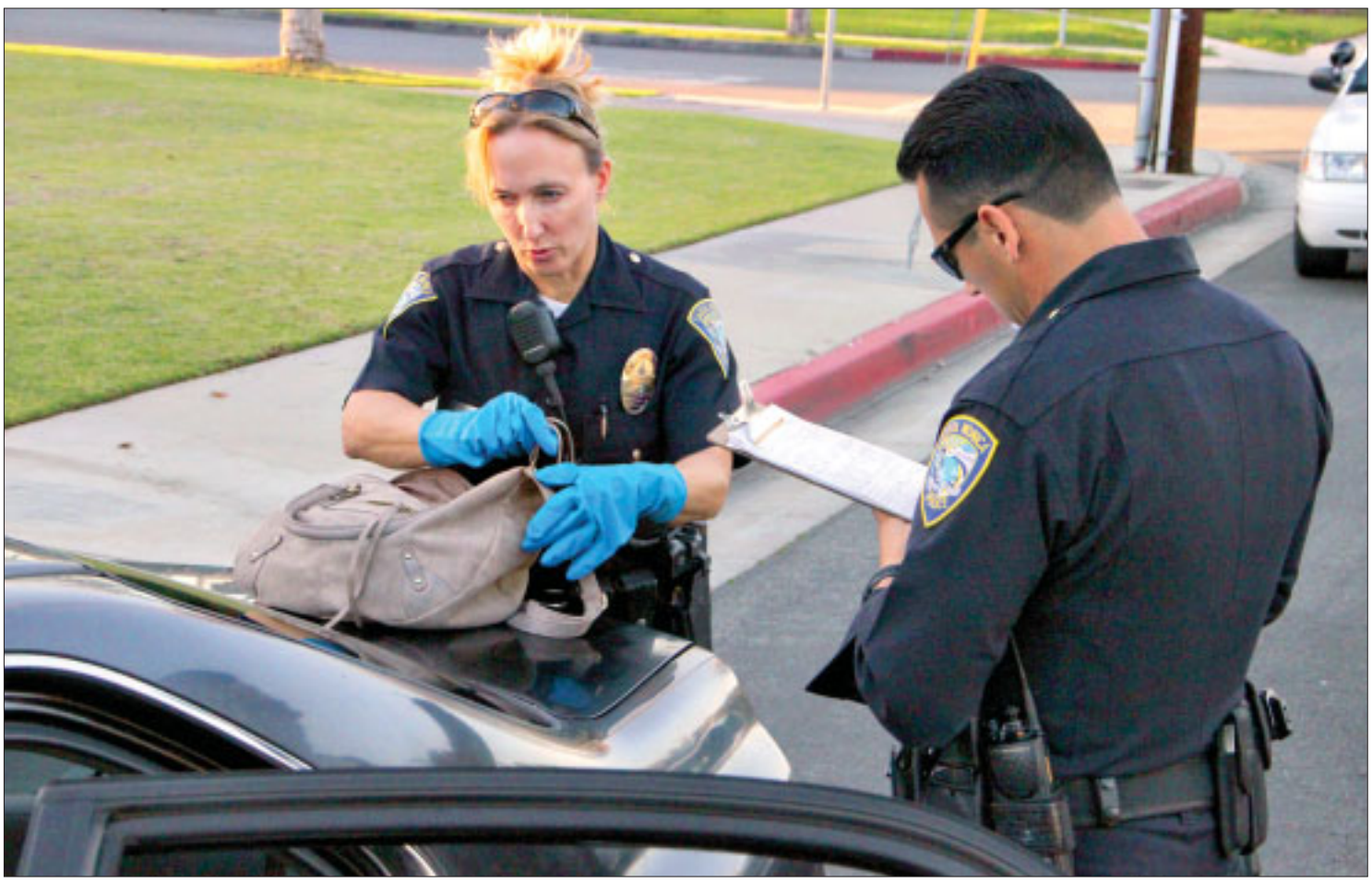
The car lot is not expected to be a permanent development, but rather a temporary revenue-generating measure that would fill a gap in available parking for the dealerships that line Santa Monica Boulevard.

"It's an opportunity to deal with the development issues that exist in town," Pastucha said at an Airport Commission meeting in October, when the matter was first broached. "The parking they're using is going away. It's a tool for dealerships to keep inventory close in town."

It would also be a boon to the airport, which is supposed to support itself but has run a chronic deficit for at least the past six years.

The area being considered is a 1.7-acre plot of aviation land behind two gates where Centinela Avenue dead ends into the airport

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THE SEARCH: **Santa Monica police search through the belongings found in a car that was involved in a pursuit on Thursday afternoon.**

Three suspects in custody following chase through Santa Monica, Venice

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

SUNSET PARK Santa Monica police have three suspects in custody following a pursuit that led them through Venice and back, finally ending near Clover Park, authorities said.

The pursuit began around 2:15 p.m. Thursday on the 1300 block of Wilshire Boulevard when police received a report of a shoplifter in custody at Vons, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

A woman allegedly tried to steal alcohol and was detained by store security. While waiting for police to arrive, the Vons employees were confronted by two men who are believed to have been waiting for the woman to come out with the booze. One of the men pulled out a pistol and pointed it at the employees, Lewis said.

The two fled without the female and were

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AS IT STANDS: **A new development is planned for this property at 1802 Santa Monica Blvd.**

Auto dealer project throws neighborhood for a loop

Environmental review looks nothing like original development proposal

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA BLVD Residents are getting their hackles up about a proposed development on Santa Monica Boulevard that went from a mixed-use development to an auto dealership with little warning or public process.

The development, set for a vacant lot at 1802 Santa Monica Blvd., went before the

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Jan. 18, 2013

Afternoon movie
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
"Trouble with the Curve" is a story about an ailing baseball scout in his twilight years that takes his daughter along for one last recruiting trip. Starring Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams, and Justin Timberlake. The movie is rated PG-13. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Art opening
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., G1,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The museum is hosting the opening receptions for "Abundance and Devotion: The Art of Miriam Wosk," "Peter Shire: Tea for Two Hundred," and "Samira Yamin: We Will Not Fail." General admission is a suggested donation of $5. For more information, call (310) 586-6488 or visit smmoa.org.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013

Mastering gardening
Pico Farmers' Market
2200 Virginia Ave.,
9:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Master gardeners provide free tips, solutions to problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program, which offers intense gardening training emphasizing organic methods and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. For more information, visit smgov.net/portals/farmersmarket.

Learn to heal
Naam Yoga LA
1231 Fourth St.,
12 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
An introduction to Naam Yoga Therapy will be led by members of the international Naam Yoga training team. Attendees will learn some tools and techniques for rejuvenation and renewal, such as specific mantra meditations, mudras (hand gestures) for the heart, the brain and the nervous system and how they work. The workshop lasts for two hours and is free. For more information, call (323) 638-9349.

Freud and C.S. Lewis have a talk
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., visit website for times
Winner of the 2011 Off Broadway Alliance Award for Best Play, Mark St. Germain's "Freud's Last Session" depicts a meeting between the atheist Freud and the Christian author C.S. Lewis. Love, sex, death and the existence of God are among the topics they entertain throughout the play. Starring Judd Hirsch and Tom Cavanagh. Directed by Tyler Marchant. Tickets are $42 — $175. For more information, visit the Broad Stage website at thebroadstage.com/Freud.

Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013

Electric documentary
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Film producer Scott DuPont presents the 2012 film "What is the Electric Car?" This documentary follows the birth of the electric vehicle industry and also discusses technology available in current EVs. The film features interviews with key manufacturers, vendors, drivers and pioneers in the EV industry. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Beat of the drum
Santa Monica/Westside YWCA
2019 14th St., 2 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Ossie Mair of the OM Rhythm Circles will be hosting a drum circle. Drums will able available for use, but participants are welcome to bring their own. Admission is $10 for adults and is free for kids 12 and under. For more information and to register, call (310) 452-3881 or visit smywca.com.

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Malibu's council OKs $6.5M in bonds for sewer system

BY MELISSA CASKEY
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU Plans for a new sewer system in the Civic Center continued moving through the pipeline this week as the City Council on Monday approved a resolution to begin selling up to $6.5 million in bonds to help fund plans for the waste treatment facility.

Under the terms of an agreement with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board in 2011, the city of Malibu must build a centralized wastewater treatment system in the Civic Center by November 2015.

After interest, administrative fees and a $1 million reimbursement to city coffers are subtracted, the bonds should provide $4 million at the beginning of February to be used as funding for significant legwork on the wastewater treatment facility plans, according to the city staff report on the item.

"Of the $4 million left, it'll go to the consultant that will complete all the design work, also the [environmental impact report], obtaining permits, testing and drilling," said City Manager Jim Thorsen.

City Hall has spent $2.5 million so far on the project since the prohibition went into effect. After getting $1 million from these bonds back, city officials expect to get $1.5 million more when an assessment district is formed in 2015 for commercial property owners in the area.

Plans to build the wastewater treatment facility have fallen eight months behind, according to Thorsen. The county water board outlined a schedule of "milestones" for the city to follow in its implementation of the treatment system. The EIR was supposed to be completed by March, but Thorsen estimates it won't be done until October.

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DOING WORK: **Samohi's Jordan Mathews dribbles past a Beverly Hills defender on Wednesday at home. Samohi would go on to win, 63-62.**

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Samohi wins thriller over Beverly Hills

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Beverly Hills was just minutes away from pulling off a considerable upset of Santa Monica when things clicked for the Vikings on Wednesday.

Samohi would walk away with a 63-62 Ocean League home win, but it didn't come easy.

With four minutes to go in the game, Beverly Hills' Ronan Massana sunk a 12-footer that gave the Normans a 10-point cushion. The blow forced Samohi's boys' basketball coach James Hecht to call a time-out, giving his Vikings a chance to regroup.

It worked.

Samohi's Erron Vaughn began the comeback with a gritty drive to the basket amidst a group of Norman defenders. Jordan Mathews followed with a pair of free throws and a 3-pointer from the corner and the Vikings were in business at 58-56 with two minutes to play.

"We just believe in each other," said Mathews, who finished with a game-high 37 points. "It was just time to be men."

Seemingly on their heels, Beverly Hills answered with a bucket by Justin Ifekwunigue that pushed the lead back to 4 with roughly 90 seconds to go.

That's when things got sloppy for Beverly Hills and hopeful for Samohi.

After a Samohi time-out, Mathews again struck with a 3-pointer that brought the Vikings to within one just seconds after Ifekwunigue's deuce.

On the next possession, Beverly Hills' Siavash Yektafar was called for a crucial travel giving Samohi a possession that resulted in a missed jumper by Troy Maloney with just over a minute to go.

Misfortune struck again for Beverly Hills as Dominique Duque lost his footing on the rebound and was called for a second key travel.

Maloney made up for his previous miss with a short jump shot that put Samohi up 61-60, a lead that would prove to be fleeting.

With less than a minute on the clock and down by just a lone point, the Normans' Ben Cohen drew a foul in the lane, but missed on a pair of free throws, only to be saved by a rebound and put-back by Jalen Sands that had the Beverly Hills side of the gym rocking.

With chants of "scoreboard" coming from the Norman faithful, Beverly Hills clamped down on defense again, forcing Hecht to call a time-out.

"We just had to look deep," Mathews said. "We knew that with the crowd so loud coach couldn't lead us with his voice when we were on the court."

Whatever the Vikings discussed during their time-out seemed to work when senior forward Chris Smith sunk a shot deep in the lane, nudging Samohi to a 63-62 lead with seconds left.

Beverly Hills was unable to convert on the next possession as time expired, sending Samohi to 3-0 in league play and Viking

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Drivers lose

Editor:

Now that City Hall has set up credit card parking meters that reset when the cars pull away, I think it only fair that a credit card user be billed for only the actual time that the space is legally occupied. City Hall is saving a large amount of money in not having to manually collect and process so much change, yet City Hall still wants to squeeze as much money from each space as possible. This scenario is a win-win for City Hall and a lose-lose for the driver.

Jack Allen
Santa Monica

Something can be done

Editor:

Mentally unstable males are being blamed for many of the killing sprees. OK, but is everyone overlooking the obvious? A mentally unstable person cannot go out and kill 10, 20, 30 people without the aid of semi-automatic handguns and military-style assault rifles. It's the guns, stupid! Stay on message.

And people keep saying there are no easy answers to gun violence. Wrong again! Australia is an excellent example of what can be done to stop mass murder with guns. In 1996, a lone gunman killed 32 people with semi-automatic guns. Within weeks, the Australian government was working on gun reform laws that banned assault weapons, tightened licensing laws and financed gun buy-back programs. Since the laws were enacted in 1996 there has been a reduction of gun violence and no more mass murder rampages. Yes, something can be done.

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

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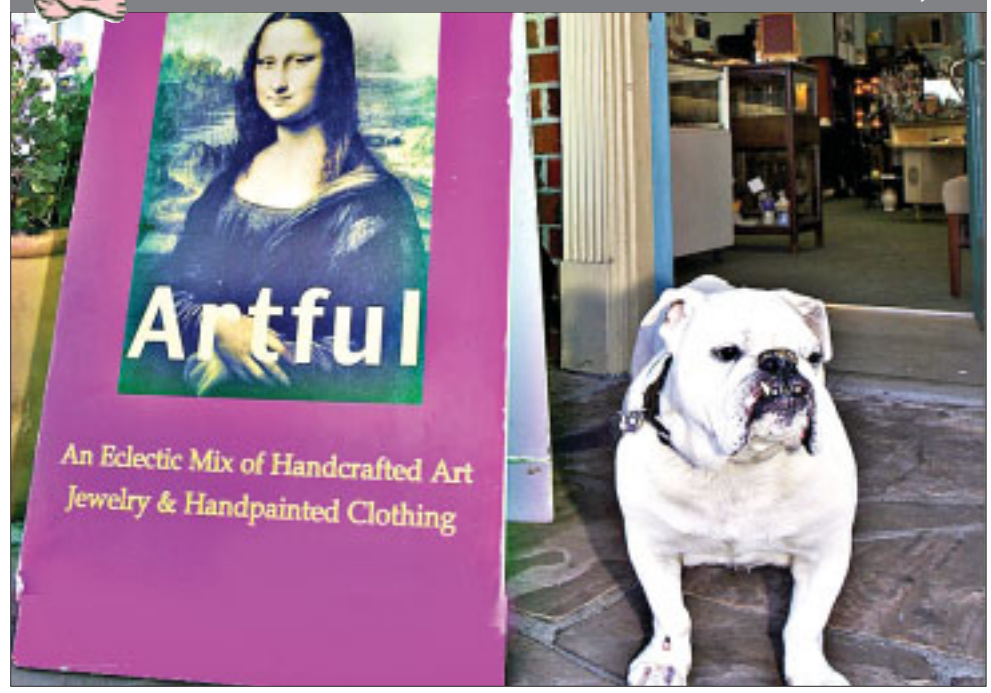


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GOOD DOG: **Yes, we accept Visa: Alice also says 'We accept doggie treats, too.'**

Ocean Park Boulevard is booming

AS ANYONE WHO MOTORS THE increasingly crowded streets of Santa Monica can attest, traffic's a tad congested. (Which is like saying Shaq is a tad tall.) Whereas I used to zip to Downtown Santa Monica, now I do everything I can to avoid it. In fact, in the 37-plus years I've lived here, I've never seen it this bad. They say our population is the same as it was 20 years ago, to which I say drive Interstate 10 east at rush hour and you'll see a parking lot masquerading as a freeway.

I know what you're probably asking yourself right about now. "Why is Jack rambling on about the terrible traffic with a photo of an English bulldog (Alice) below the headline?" Hopefully I'll tie it all together, but in the meantime, take another look at Alice. As the late Lenny Bruce used to say, "Is that a punim or what?" (For the Yiddish-challenged, Google "punim.")

One upside of our horrific traffic is that it may be contributing to residents shopping in their own neighborhood rather than battling the bumper to bumper to get to Santa Monica Place mall. This trend has spawned the "locavore" and "buy local" movements.

A locavore is a person, a restaurateur, a chef or a diner who's interested in eating food that is locally produced, not moved long distances to market, which is infinitely more "green," not to mention fresher. The buy local movement documents that a higher percent of money spent in local stores, as opposed to chains, stays in the community rather than winding up in China or the Cayman Islands. (My apologies if you rely on Cayman Islands income.)

Among the local neighborhoods having a resurgence is Sunset Park. I might not have noticed were I not driving on Ocean Park Boulevard and 17th Street a few weeks back and seen Alice standing proudly in the doorway of an intriguing, functional-decorative art and jewelry shop aptly named Artful. I couldn't tell if Alice was real or just a remarkable life-like figurine. I turned around to check. Let me assure you, Alice, the shop's "official greeter," is definitely real and, as it happens, plays a determined game of tug of war. (Suffice it to say, she has yet to lose.)

Actually Alice belongs to the brother of Nancy Lombardi, Artful's owner and proprietor for the past eight years. Alice gets to hang out with Nancy all day socializing with customers (and an occasional tug of war) and then returns to Nancy's brother at night for dinner, a walk and then calls it a day. (If that's a dog's life, where do I sign up?)

Nancy's charming shop is one of the few in Santa Monica that carries only American handcrafted items. (No mass-produced imports.) Artful features unique and interesting jewelry by local designers from Santa Monica and Venice as well as glass-blown art, ceramic tile, dancing lady paper maches and beautiful wood clocks.

There are also cool wall vases, picture frames, baby items, candles, bookmarks and the list of inspired artisan wares is endless. One customer I talked to had purchased an amazing set of earrings made out of typewriter keys with her initials on them.

If you can't find that "special gift" at Artful, it may not exist. And it would seem now is the ideal time to visit as it's the last two days of Artful's annual sale.

There are actually many cool shops and restaurants in Sunset Park. The parade includes: 1716 Ocean Park, a new and vintage clothing store that also carries jewelry and gifts; the Bolivar Café and Gallery, featuring delicious Latin American food; Shaka Shack Burger, a burger lounge with a tiki-surf vibe; Hairbrains Art — Hair Salon, owned by Mercedes Garcia, who decorates her shop with a lifelong passion — her paintings; and Bob's Market, family owned since 1965, which is so old-school friendly I swear it feels like you're in Mayberry.

So if you're close to Sunset Park, check out all the stores above and others, including Evett's Model Shop (between Bob's Market and Thyme Café), a mom-and-pop hobby shop, which just celebrated its 65th anniversary! Actually, there are so many interesting shops on the street it's kind of fascinating and I'm not one who likes shopping.

Or you could always battle the traffic and crowds at the chain stores at the mall and when you get home have a drink (or three) to recover. Personally, I'd prefer buying my gifts at Artful and at the same time sneek in a little tug of war with Alice.

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Obesity in young children dropped in NYC, grew in L.A.

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK In the battle against childhood obesity, New York City appears to be doing better than Los Angeles, at least for low-income preschoolers.

A study released Thursday compared obesity rates for young poor children in the nation's two largest cities over nine years. Rates dipped in New York from about 19 percent to 16 percent. But in Los Angeles they rose from 17 percent to more than 21 percent before dropping to about 20 percent.

One reason for the difference: Los Angeles kids included many more Mexican-Americans, and obesity is more common in Mexican-American boys than in white or black kids.

The study joins other recent reports of declines in childhood obesity rates in places like Philadelphia, Anchorage and Kearney, Neb.

New York City's health commissioner said he was glad to hear the study's results, calling them "a big success." But with high rates of overweight and obesity in older children and adults, "there is much more work to be done,' Dr. Thomas Farley said in a statement.

The director of Los Angeles County's health department said it's not clear why the rate rose there, but he was heartened to see it peak around 2009 and decline after.

"This is the first clear evidence — in the largest municipalities in the country — of this kind of decline" in pre-school age children," said Dr. Jonathan Fielding in a phone interview.

The research focused on children ages 3 and 4 enrolled in a government program for women, infants and young children known as WIC that provides food vouchers and other services. The children in the New York and California programs are measured and weighed every six months.

The study covered 2003-2011 and the number of children enrolled varied each year, with as many as 67,000 in New York City and 150,000 in Los Angeles County.

New York's WIC program started very early — in the 1990s — in trying to promote exercise, healthy eating and breast-feeding. That's probably one reason New York City's obesity rate started dropping earlier, said the study's lead author, Jackson Sekhobo of the New York State Department of Health.

It probably also helped that walking and mass transit is much more common in New York City than in car-centric places like Los Angeles, he added.

But another primary explanation is the breakdown of the kids in the two cities. In 2011, about 85 percent of the Los Angeles children in the study were Hispanic, and most were Mexican-American — a group with the highest reported childhood obesity rates, at least among boys.

In New York, 46 percent were Hispanic, with far fewer Mexican-Americans, Sekhobo noted.

Nationally, about 12 percent of pre-school-age children are obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 18 percent of children ages 6 to 11 are obese, and about the same proportion of adolescents are that fat.

About 36 percent of adults are obese, according to the agency's figures.

After decades of alarming reports of Americans gaining weight, "we're seeing perhaps the beginning of the end of the obesity epidemic," CDC Director Dr. Thomas Frieden said in a statement.

The CDC released the study Thursday.

The Q Line

Future of the youth center

The City Council agreed to fund the embattled Pico Youth & Family Center for another six months while center leadership work to improve its internal management.

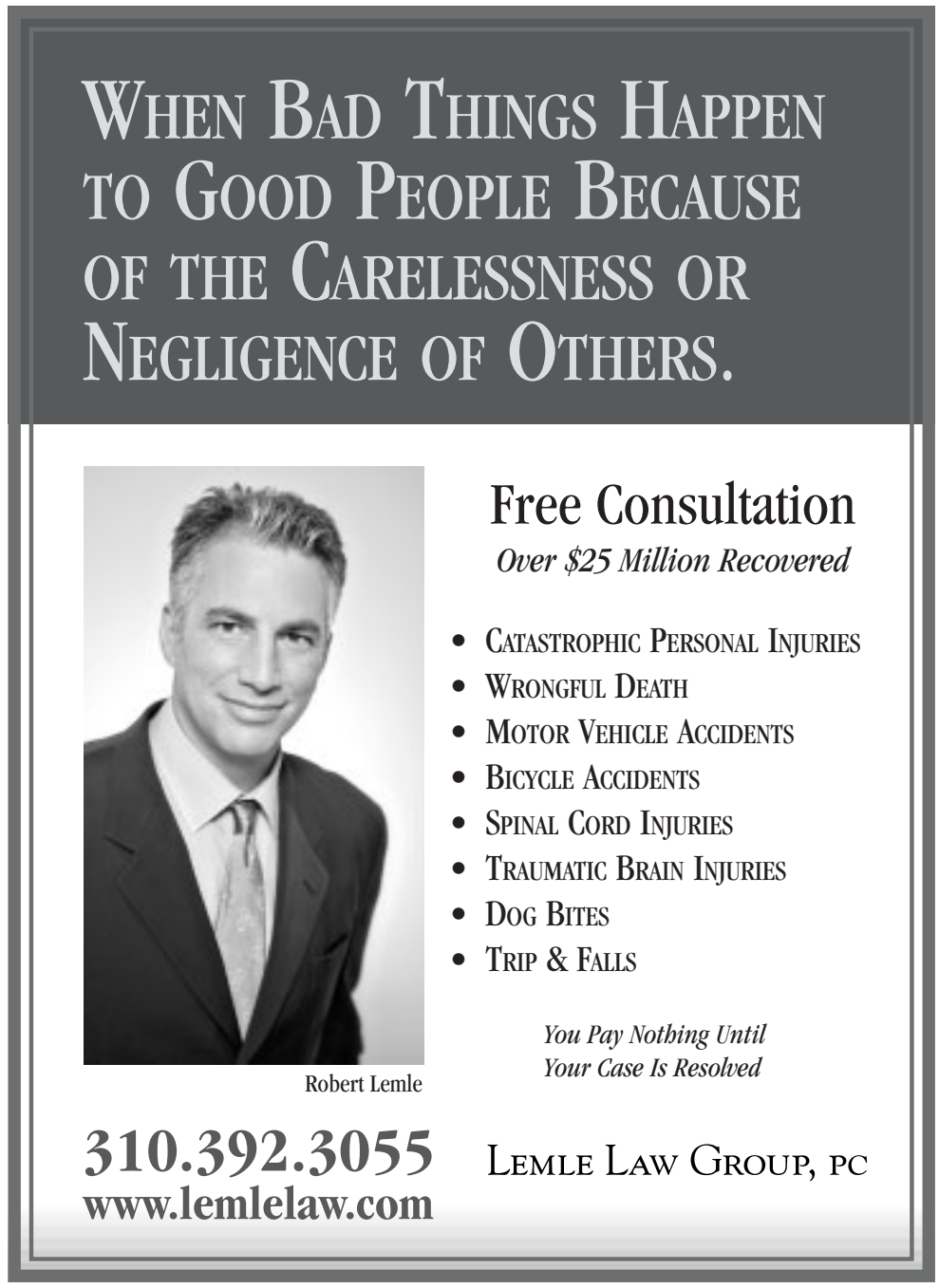
So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think the council got it right or should the city should reconsider its funding for the center?

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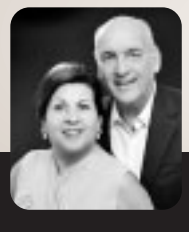








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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Cops catch suspected X-mas tree arsonist

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

FRIDAY, JAN. 4, AT 3:49 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the alley to the rear of 2110 Ocean Park Blvd. regarding a report of an arson. When officers arrived they spoke with fire fighters who had just put out a blaze that started when someone set fire to a discarded Christmas tree. The fire spread to a Southern California Edison telephone pole, police said. Officers canvassed the area and found some witnesses who had surveillance video of the crime. In the video police could see a man ride up on a bike, stop by the tree and then light it on fire before riding away. Using the video and other evidence, detectives identified the suspect and on Jan. 11 set up outside his home on the 1700 block of Oak Street and waited for the suspect to exit. He left the home on his bike and allegedly failed to stop for a stop sign. Officers pulled him over for the violation. During their conversation with him, police learned he did not have any identification and placed him under arrest. Officers obtained a search warrant and found additional evidence at the suspect's home. Police are still trying to determine if he is responsible for other Christmas tree fires in the area. The suspect was booked for arson and a probation violation. He was identified as Emrek Hanusek, 55, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $50,000.

MONDAY, JAN. 7, AT 2:55 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 1200 block of Wilshire Boulevard — Subway — regarding a robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with an employee who reported the crime. He told police that the suspect came into the shop and ordered a sandwich. When it came time to pay the suspect ordered the employee to open the cash register. The employee stepped back after the suspect allegedly simulated like he had a gun. The suspect took the sandwich and roughly $10 from the tip jar as he was not able to get the register open. He then fled south across Wilshire Boulevard and into Alley 12. The robbery was captured on video. Using that footage, detectives identified the suspect. On Jan. 10, officers canvassed the area and located the suspect on the 300 block of Santa Monica Boulevard. Police said he was wearing the same clothes he had on during the robbery. He was booked for robbery. The suspect was identified as Dylan Stall, 18, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9, AT 11 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade — Barney's Beanery — after getting a call about a man challenging people to fight. When officers got there they were flagged down by witnesses who said the suspect was now a few stores down yelling profanities and continuing to challenge people to throw down. Officers tried to detain the man but he ran through a food court and into Fourth Street, where he was almost hit by a car. At that point the suspect allegedly took a fighting stance. Officers were forced to take him to the ground in what was described as a violent struggle. Paramedics responded and treated the suspect for minor injuries to the face. He was then transported to a local hospital to be treated for drug and alcohol intoxication, police said. He was later booked for resisting arrest, being under the influence of drugs and public intoxication. The suspect was identified as Graham Acen Cox, 33, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,000.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9, AT 3:24 P.M.,

Officers were on patrol near the 400 block of Colorado Avenue when they saw a man riding his bike on the sidewalk in violation of the municipal code. The man was stopped for the violation and officers learned that he was on probation. Officers searched him and said they found a glass pipe commonly used to smoke crack cocaine. The suspect was arrested and booked for possession of drug paraphernalia and a probation violation. He was identified as Malcom Ford, 47, of Inglewood, Calif. His bail was set at $10,000.

SUNDAY, JAN. 13, AT 8:50 A.M.,

Officers responded to an apartment complex on the 1500 block of Sixth Street regarding an assault. When they arrived they were flagged down by a man who ran out from the apartment complex and into the street. He pointed to another man who was sitting on a wall just outside the complex. The first man told officers that the second had assaulted him. He added that he works for an escort service and had driven a woman to see a client at his apartment. When he did not hear back from the escort, he grew concerned and went inside the building and knocked on the apartment door. After about 10 minutes, he said the resident opened their door and told him he had the wrong apartment. At that moment, the escort and her client exited another apartment and walked toward him. The client became enraged that the man disturbed his neighbor and allegedly attacked him. He alleged choked the man and threatened to kill him. The escort tried to stop the assault but failed. The man had several moderate injuries, but declined medical attention. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for assault with a deadly weapon and making criminal threats. He was identified as David Street, 32, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $50,000.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: The Planning Commission will hold study session on the following:

Downtown Specific Plan: Review information regarding the emerging Downtown Specific Plan including information presented at the December 5, 2012 workshop, concepts for urban form, and an update on work underway on supporting land use, circulation, open space and arts/culture elements. Planning Commission will provide comments and direction to staff to be incorporated in subsequent work efforts.

WHEN: **Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service City Hall and the Civic Center. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Peter James en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

CHASE
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immediately followed by police. While chasing the suspects through Venice, the driver hit a parked car and, at some point, the passenger jumped out and ran onto the Boardwalk. He was later apprehended.

The driver continued through Venice, eventually giving up as he reached a dead-end on 25th Street near Ashland Avenue in Santa Monica, Lewis said. A witness told the Daily Press that the driver was smoking what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette just before police took him into custody.

Lewis said the suspect also was drinking alcohol before his arrest.

While police searched the car, they found a cell phone and what looked like a woman's purse.

Police said the suspect threw the handgun out of the car. It was recovered on the 1800 block of Delaware Avenue.

Police did not release the names of the suspects by presstime.

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Alex Vejar contributed to this report.

PARKING
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campus.

In October, Airport Manager Bob Trimborn told commissioners that the lot wouldn't be visible from any of the homes near the airport.

"It's literally behind a row of trees. There's an 8-foot block wall between the homes and this parking lot," Trimborn said. "You would literally have to stand on the wall to see it."

Cars would be expected to come into the lot from a gate at Centinela Avenue, a "pretty popular access point," which is already active between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., according to Trimborn.

"We don't anticipate a lot of excess traffic from this," he said.

Although the cars would not be able to move during the evening hours, if at any point the traffic or noise became a problem, airport officials would have the ability to put limits on access to the gate to address the needs of the community, Pastucha said.

When the item came up last year, the estimate for the work came in at $350,000. It went up considerably after the original engineering estimate was reviewed and found to have excluded a storm water infiltration system, pollution plans and disposal fees for mulch on the site that must be thrown away.

"They spread out mulch from trees," Pastucha said. "We have to haul that stuff out, because it's not structural soil. It's spongy, there's no stability."

Car dealers have already expressed interest in the site, which is one of the few places available to put excess inventory.

Auto dealerships have used creative ways to achieve parking in the past, including renting out spaces at the former Yahoo! Center, which turned out to be illegal.

The City Council voted to allow that practice to continue.

City Hall is in the process of reviewing the zoning ordinance, which proposes to transform auto dealers into "urban form" that puts car showrooms into buildings that face sidewalks and are more street-friendly.

What will happen in the lot in the future is as much up for question as the fate of the airport itself.

City Hall believes it will take greater control over SMO in 2015 when agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration expire.

What it can do with the aviation land at that point is unknown, and the community is involved in a visioning process to determine what residents what to happen with the property.

That process has not won much love from residents who feel it is biased toward maintaining the status quo at SMO. Those residents dislike the airport, saying it is the cause of toxic pollution and noise that disrupts the lives of Santa Monica residents as well as people who live in the surrounding West Los Angeles communities.

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COASTING: **Samohi's Troy Maloney goes up for a lay-up against Beverly Hills on Wednesday.**

SAMOHI

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fans into a frenzy.

"They had a good game plan," Hecht said of the underdog Normans. "We were fortunate to come away with a victory."

The game was a mismatch coming in with Samohi ranked No. 1 in CIF-Southern Section Division 1A and No. 10 in the state on the latest CalHi Sports poll.

That did little to intimidate a rival Beverly Hills team (9-9, 2-1 in league) that seemingly always gives Samohi reason to sweat. It can be said that the two schools have a healthy dislike of each other as evidenced by the banter back and forth between backers of both schools during the tight contest.

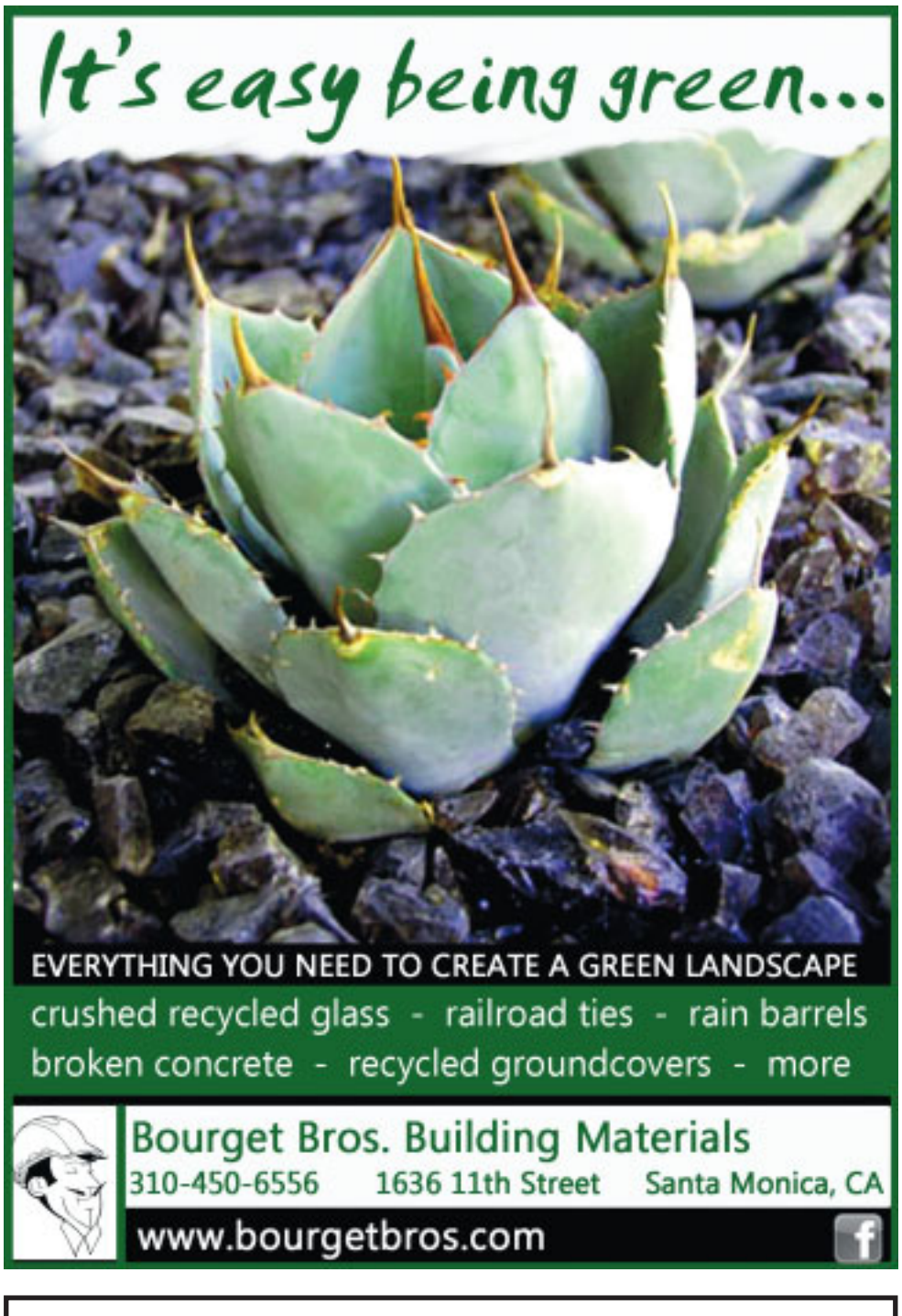
"It was a wake up call," Mathews said. "Everybody is coming after us in league."

Next for Samohi is a road game at Morningside on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Mathews, who has signed on to play at Cal next year, believes that Wednesday's win will give the Vikings confidence as they pursue at the very least a long run into the playoffs.

"There was no quit for us," he said. "We still have a lot of stuff to work on, but it's just the little things with us."

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UP IT GOES

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Santa Monica High School's Autumn McKinsey goes up for a shot against the Beverly Hills Normans on Wednesday. Samohi would go on to lose the Ocean League game, 63-45.



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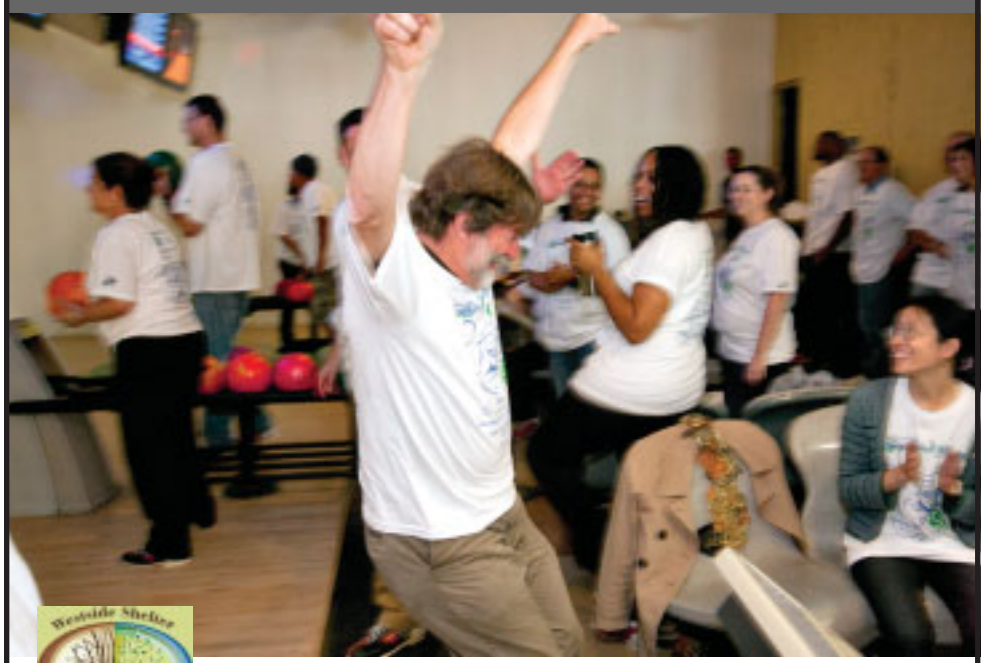
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FUTURE: **This is an artist rendering of what the Santa Monica Boulevard project would look like.**

PROJECT
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Planning Commission in February 2011 as a mixed-use development with 32 units and 9,400 square feet of ground floor commercial space.

It also included two floors of subterranean parking with a total of 95 parking spaces.

When it popped back up on Santa Monica's website, however, it was as a notice for an environmental review document for an auto dealership, restaurant, 26 residential units and a four-level underground garage with a total of 130 spaces.

Rather than the original mix of 20 studios, six one-bedrooms and six two-bedroom townhomes, the project now involves 24 studio apartments and two one-bedrooms.

The scope of the changes surprised Ellen Hannan, a member of the Mid-City Neighbors neighborhood group, who remembered the original float up and described the current project as "a horror show."

Shahab Ghods, the architect working on the project, said that the change happened last year when an opportunity came up to sell Infiniti Hybrids at the site.

"This came about after several meetings with staff," Ghods said.

Santa Monica Boulevard was targeted in the 2010 Land Use and Circulation Element, or LUCE, as one place in the city for car dealerships.

In fact, the site is surrounded by them, with five in a two-block radius.

The change to the composition of units was driven by pure market forces, Ghods said.

"We talked to lots of people around Saint John's (Hospital), people who worked there. There are young professionals there, young nurses, doctors and hospital employees that needed smaller, affordable units."

Although the change in use bothered Hannan, the lack of process also caused concern.

The Planning Commission was the last body to see the project over two years ago. It qualifies as a development agreement because at the time it was 5 feet over the existing height limits and was set back only 9 feet rather than 14.

Rather than go to the City Council for a float up and then proceed through the rest of the development agreement process, however, this project went straight to the environmental phase, a lengthy and expensive review process.

The planner assigned to the project was not available to comment Thursday.

People are supposed to comment for the environmental review, but Hannan isn't sure how — she is not as familiar with issues around auto dealerships and there have been no public hearings to raise issues or concerns.

That's a problem, she said.

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U.S. home construction in 2012 highest in 4 years

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON U.S. builders started work on homes in December at the fastest pace in 4 years and finished 2012 as their best year for residential construction since the early stages of the housing crisis.

The Commerce Department said Thursday that builders broke ground on houses and apartments last month at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 954,000. That's 12.1 percent higher than November's annual rate. And it is nearly double the recession low reached in April 2009.

Construction increased last month for both single-family homes and apartments. And the pace in which builders requested permits to start more homes ticked up to a 4-year high.

For the year, builders started work on 780,000 homes. That's still roughly half of the annual number of starts consistent with healthier markets. But it is an increase of 28.1 percent from 2011. And it is the most since 2008 — shortly after the housing market began to collapse in late 2006 and 2007.

Steady hiring, record-low mortgage rates and a tight supply of new and previously occupied homes available for sale have helped boost sales and prices in most markets. That has persuaded builders to start more homes, which adds to economic growth and hiring.

The positive housing report, along with a steep decline in unemployment benefit applications, contributed to a strong day on Wall Street. The Standard & Poor's 500 gained eight points to close at 1,480, a five-year high. The Dow Jones industrial average ended the day up 84 points at 13,596. The Nasdaq composite rose 18 points to 3,136.

"There is no denying that the housing market recovery is solidifying, and we expect construction activity to ramp up to the 1 million annualized threshold by the end of this year," said Michael Dolega, an economist with TD Economics, in a note to clients.

Dolega said the gains in home building helped boost construction hiring in December by 30,000 jobs — the most in 15 months. He predicts the construction industry could add half a million jobs in 2013.

In December, the pace of single-family home construction, which makes up two-thirds of the market, increased 8 percent. While that's well below healthy levels, single-family housing starts are now 75 percent higher than the recession low reached in March 2009.

Apartment construction, which is more volatile, surged 23 percent last month. It is now back to pre-recession levels.

Applications for building permits, a sign of future construction, inched up to a rate of 903,000 — the highest level since July 2008.

"The strong rise in single-family starts is a clear indication of builder confidence in the sales outlook," said Pierre Ellis, an economist at Decision Economics, in a note to clients.

Confidence among homebuilders held steady in January at the highest level in nearly seven years. But builders are feeling slightly less optimistic about their prospects for sales over the next six months.

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REVIEW BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING

DATE/TIME: January 24, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Multi-purpose Room, (wheelchair accessible)
Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard

PROPERTIES:
- ARB 12-495, 1433 Fourteenth Street: Residential
- ARB 12-503, 834 18th Street: Residential
- ARB 12-507, 1427 3rd Street Promenade: Retail
- ARB 12-508, 3102 Pico Boulevard: Hotel
- ARB 12-515, 925 Wilshire Boulevard: Commercial

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FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small NW swell continues

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
New, highly selective and long period NW swell builds, but largely misses North LA

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
New, highly selective and long period NW fills in further;
Larger sets for standout exposed spots to 3-4'+, although it primarily misses North LA

MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Long period NW-WNW holds as swell period drops and shows a little better for the region as a whole. Plus sets at top breaks to 3-4'

Wind

Favorable wind will persist for the next several days. Thursday morning starts off with mainly light offshore ENE-NE winds through the region, showing locally stronger near or below passes and canyons. Similar morning offshores continue into and through the weekend. Light to locally moderate onshore picks up in the afternoons.



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Alitas creeks.	--	--
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Flamingo 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	B
Pepperdine State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pepperdine Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	B	C
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A
Cudoso Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	B	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point cam).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 18648 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	--	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	C	A
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drive).	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	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	A
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	D
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	D	C
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	F	C
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	C	B
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	B
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	B

LEGEND
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BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK Kobe Bryant has been voted to his NBA-record 15th consecutive All-Star start, leading four Los Angeles players into next month's game.

Lakers teammate Dwight Howard and the Clippers' Chris Paul and Blake Griffin will join Bryant in the Western Conference lineup for the Feb. 17 game in Houston. Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant, the MVP of last year's game, rounds out the five.

Kevin Garnett held off Chris Bosh in fan balloting, giving the East two Boston Celtics and two Miami Heat players. LeBron James and Dwyane Wade will represent the defending champions and receive passes from Rajon Rondo. New York's Carmelo Anthony is the other starter.

Bryant finished with 1,591,437 votes, edging James by about 7,800 to finish as the leading vote-getter and break a tie with Shaquille O'Neal, Jerry West and Karl Malone for the most consecutive starting nods.

The NBA's leading scorer is a four-time MVP of the All-Star game and last year became its career scoring leader.

Garnett beat Bosh, who took to Twitter to stump for votes in the final days of balloting, by about 25,000 votes. He tied Bryant and O'Neal for second all-time with his 15th selection behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who was elected to 19 games.

It's the second straight year that Los Angeles teams will make up four players. Last year it was Bryant, Paul, Griffin and Andrew Bynum, who was dealt to Philadelphia in part of the deal that sent Howard from Orlando to Los Angeles.

The ballot changed this year, eliminating the center position. Fans were required to vote for three frontcourt players and two guards.

They picked an interesting mix in the East. Anthony and Garnett exchanged words during a game on Jan. 7 and Anthony was suspended a game by the NBA when he tried to confront Garnett afterward in the tunnel area and by the team bus.

Rondo was injured in the playoffs two years ago after getting tangled up with Wade and landing awkwardly on his arm, part of what's become a tense rivalry between the Celtics and Heat.

Reserves will be announced next Thursday. Coaches will vote for seven players in their conferences: two guards, three frontcourt players and two players regardless of position, and can't vote for a player on their own team.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A *CONTINUED* PUBLIC HEARING* BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Conditional Use Permit 12-010, 395 Santa Monica Place, #308. The applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (12CUP010) to allow the on-site sale and consumption of distilled spirits, beer and wine (Type 47) in conjunction with a full-service restaurant in Santa Monica Place. The proposed restaurant, Redwood Grille, occupies an 8,822 square foot tenant space and consists of 187 interior seats and 109 exterior seats. Pursuant to SMMC 9.04.10.18.020, a Conditional Use Permit shall be required when existing alcohol outlet operations have been discontinued for a period of over one year. [Planner: Grace Page] Applicant: **Redwood Grille Santa Monica, LLC. Property Owner: Macerich Santa Monica Place, LLC.**

Conditional Use Permit 12-011, 1329 Santa Monica Boulevard. A Conditional Use Permit to allow the on-site sale and consumption of beer, wine and distilled spirits at a new 1,986 square-foot restaurant in the C4 District. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **Applicant: Truxton's American Bistro Santa Monica, LLC. Property OwneR: Henry & Regina Yarmark Lifetime Trust.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service City Hall and the Civic Center. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez es en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Blue Velvet (R) 2hrs
All That Heaven Allows (NR) 1hr 29mins
7:30 p.m.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
11:30am, 6:35pm

Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
3:00pm, 10:10pm

LUV (R) 1hr 35min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

This Is 40 (R) 2hrs 13min
11:55am, 3:20pm, 6:45pm, 10:05pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:55am, 3:35pm, 7:10pm, 10:30pm

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

Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm

Django Unchained (R) 2hrs 45min
10:55am, 2:50pm, 6:45pm, 10:35pm

Zero Dark Thirty (R) 2hrs 37min
10:45am, 11:30am, 2:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm, 10:50pm

Gangster Squad (R) 1hr 53min
10:40am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

Broken City (R) 1hr 49min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

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

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Impossible (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Barbara (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Rust & Bone (De rouille et d'os) (R) 1hr 55min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Last Stand (R) 1hr 47min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

Les Miserables (PG-13) 2hrs 37min
11:00am, 2:40pm, 6:15pm, 10:00pm

Parental Guidance (PG) 1hr 44min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:10pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Mama (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 10:50pm

Haunted House (R) 1hr 20min
11:55am, 2:35pm, 5:15pm, 7:50pm, 10:20pm

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

Make good choices tonight, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are energized, partially because of the weekend. Sort out a misunderstanding, and you will walk away feeling energized. A higher-up, parent or older friend seems to test your limits. By late afternoon, the situation seems to dissolve, as if by magic. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could have a lot going on in your life that you are choosing to keep to yourself. Others might have strong reactions and assume that your distancing yourself has to do with them. Make an effort to reach out to others. You will feel better if you do. Tonight: Go for what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Finish up last-minute details today. You might choose to network and reach out to your contemporaries. A statement could be misunderstood. Do not make more of it than need be. Tonight: Play it low-key.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others notice your willingness to accept responsibility. Do not deal with any more demands right now, even if it makes for a rough moment when you say "no." Focus on your immediate circle, a meeting and the desire to expand your horizons. Tonight: Join friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Make an effort to get past a strongly held opinion that recent evidence has indicated could be off. You might be confused or not as sure of yourself as you'd like to be. Question more and judge less. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone you care about. You might wonder exactly why you can't seem to communicate effectively with anyone. Try to verbalize more of your thoughts. Tonight: Follow the music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Be responsive, but if something does not make sense to you, let others know. Though you might nod your head, which makes others think you agree, it doesn't mean that your discerning mind isn't also listening. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You get a lot done, and quite quickly at that. You see life from a different perspective, which lets you see a friend's shortcomings. How you help this person out of a jam makes a big difference. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Allow more spontaneity in by letting your imagination take the lead. You could find yourself dealing with a misunderstanding. Though people could get huffy -- and that includes you -- what was said was not meant the way it is being taken. Tonight: Make good choices.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might want to stay close to home, and if you can, do so. You'll discover that someone might have misunderstood you. Try to clear up this miscommunication sooner rather than later. Tonight: Paint the town red.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to approach a situation differently from how you have in the past. It might be a stretch to push away from habits and act in a more appropriate manner. Your instincts lead you in a money decision. Tonight: Let the action be at your place.

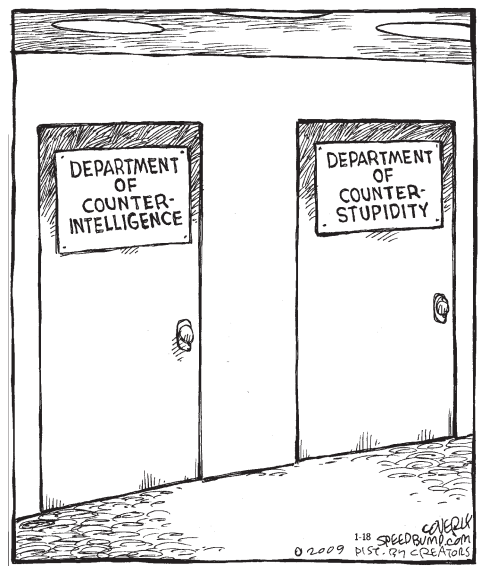
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Examine what is happening with your finances. Are you undercutting yourself? Your self-worth could be an issue. Root out any issue that is preventing you from achieving what you desire. Tonight: You do not have to go far.

Happy birthday

This year you discover the importance of sharing your decision-making process with others. When you withhold this information, people don't understand where you are coming from. If you want support, you should open up more. If you are single, you could meet someone quite desirable after June. You might even have a choice of two people. Follow your intuition, and you will choose correctly. If you are attached, your openness creates a new avenue of communication, which your partner appreciates. TAURUS is as grounded as you are.

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

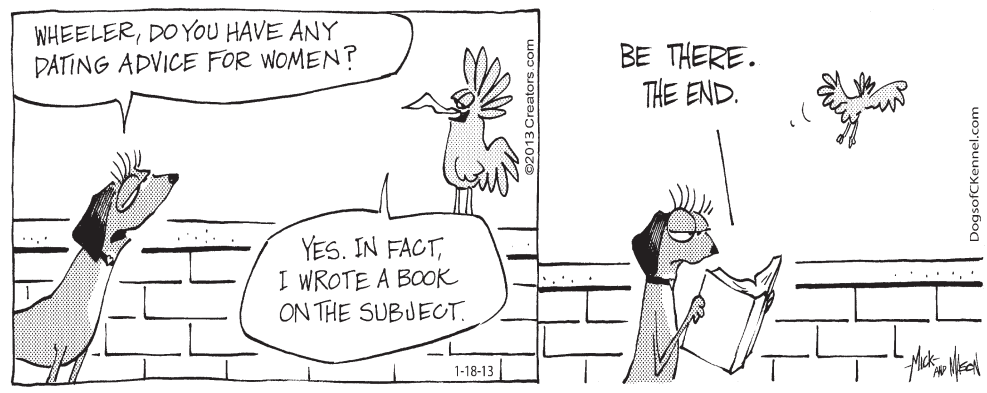
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By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew
By John Deering



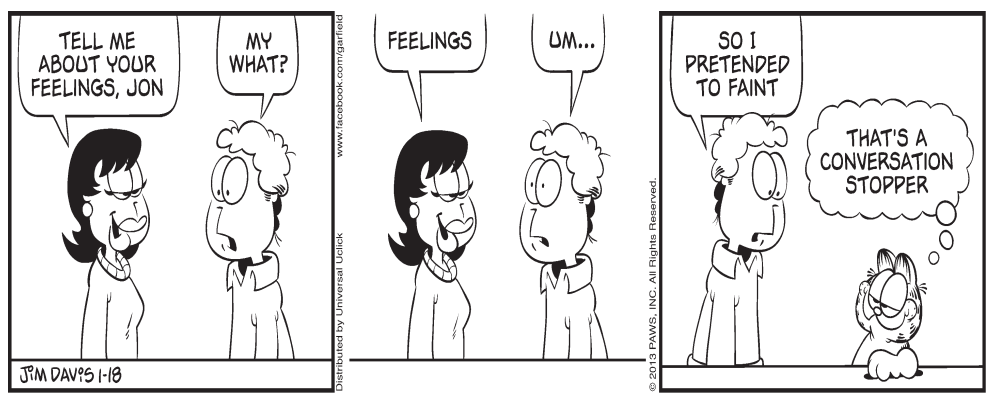
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



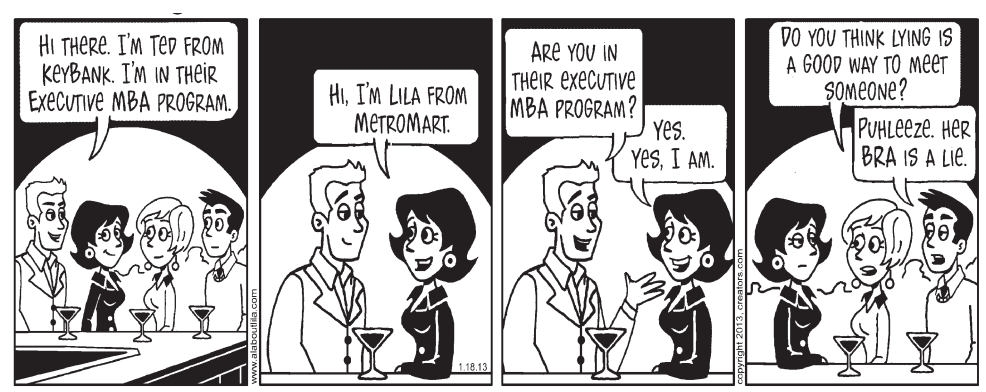
Edge City
By Terry & Patty LaBan



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Fighting
6 Defamatory text
11 Halt
12 "Rolling in the Deep" singer
13 Negotiations
14 Hollers
15 First aid boxes
17 Weary word
18 Go around
20 Prefix with sphere
22 Paint buy
23 Autocrats
26 Protractor measure
28 Fuming
29 Snappy comebacks
31 Light metal
32 Sharpen
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44 Wise words
45 Skater Fleming
46 Admit

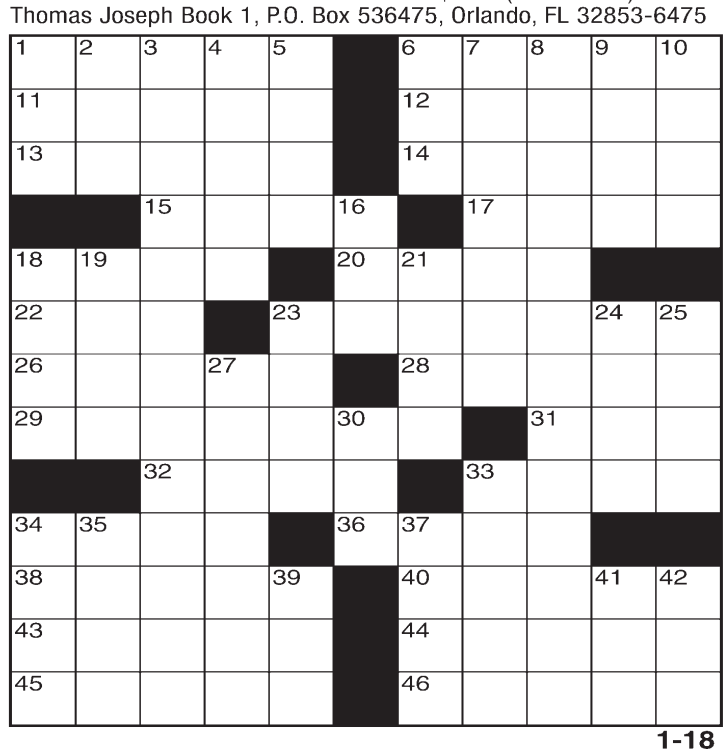
DOWN

1 Do something
2 Brit's brew
3 Yo-yo trick
4 Do a butler's job
5 Take it easy
6 Put down
7 Company thinker
8 Pulling off a high-risk feat
9 First name in scat singing
10 Minus
16 Retiring
18 Surgery memento
19 Window section
21 History sections
23 Small seabird
24 Singing group
25 "Auld Lang —"
27 Film dubbing technique
30 Finger count
33 Digging tool
34 Cinch
35 Yarn
37 October birthstone
39 Spanish king
41 Sense of self
42 Cozy retreat

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Yesterday's answer

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Draw Date: 1/15
1 6 12 19 41
Meganumber: 14
Jackpot: $70M

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Draw Date: 1/16
26 30 32 37 45
Meganumber: 16
Jackpot: $14M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/17
5 9 16 22 26

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/17
MIDDAY: 6 8 0
EVENING: 6 3 1

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 1/17
1st: 12 Lucky Charms
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:49.19

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Recurring Themes:** (1) Marquis Diggs, 29, entering the county administration building in Jersey City, N.J., in December for a hearing in family court over his mother's restraining order against him, became the most recent drug possessor not to have realized that he might be subjected to a search. Police confiscated 32 baggies of "suspected marijuana." (2) Cleland Ayison, 32, got a sentencing break in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in December when federal judge William Dimitrouleas pitied him. Ayison got only house arrest and community service because his crime -- trying to pass a U.S. Federal Reserve note with a face value of $500 million -- was so "silly."

■ **Ironies:** (1) A 20-year-old man's life ended when he was shot to death in an altercation in San Bernardino, Calif., on Friday, Dec. 21, while attending a Mayan-inspired "End of the World" party. (2) The next night, in Fort Worth, Texas, a 47-year-old drummer collapsed of a seizure and died onstage. He had played with several bands, including Rigor Mortis.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1974 – A Disengagement of Forces agreement is signed between the Israeli and Egyptian governments, ending conflict on the Egyptian front of the Yom Kippur War.

1976 – Lebanese Christian militias overrun Karantina, Beirut, killing at least 1,000.

1977 – Scientists identify a previously unknown bacterium as the cause of the mysterious Legionnaires' disease.

1977 – Australia's worst rail disaster occurs at Granville, Sydney killing 83.

1977 – SFR Yugoslavia Prime minster, DÏemal Bijediç, his wife and 6 others are killed in a plane crash in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

WORD UP!

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Case No. SS022974
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of ABTIN SHAKOURI for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: ABTIN SHAKOURI filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: ABTIN SHAKOURI to MICHAEL ABTIN SHAKOURI. 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: JANUARY 25, 2013 Time: 9:00 am, Dept. A, Room 104
The address of the court is 1725 Main Street 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: JANUARY 25, 2013
JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012251260 NEW FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/19/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE NEUROBEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE CENTER. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: THE NEUROBEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE CENTER, INC 225 AVENUE I STE 204 REDONDO BEACH CA 90277. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)01/07/2008. /s/: DAVID SITZER . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/19/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK.

DBAS

A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 01/18/2013, 01/25/2013, 02/01/2013, 02/08/2013.





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603 16th Street

For Lease

$5,750 per month

Newly Remodeled Kitchen w/ Stainless & Limestone

* 3 Bedrooms
* 1 Bath w Vintage Tiles
* Hardwood Floors
* Freshly Painted
* Stainless Steel Appliances



Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica Single Family Homes From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies Listed for Sale As of mid January 2013		
Santa Monica Canyon	=	$1,650,000
North of Montana	=	$5,285,700
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	$2,425,800
South of Wilshire	=	$1,375,000
Sunset Park	=	$1,368,380
Ocean Park	=	$1,916,000
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