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Homeless Count relies heavily on volunteers

BY COLIN NEWTON
Special to the Daily Press

CIVIC CENTER Teamwork was in full swing Wednesday night as a mostly volunteer crowd gathered at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium to conduct an all night visual count of the homeless population.

Mayor Richard Bloom opened City Hall's annual Homeless Count, apologizing for the lateness of the hour and thanking the volunteers for attending.

"You are the ones really playing an important role here tonight," he said.

The information gathered will help City Hall calculate the effectiveness of its homeless services and programs, city officials said.

Federal law mandates that all communities that receive funding for homeless programs conduct a homeless count every two years, Bloom said.

Santa Monica is one of a handful of cities

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Samohi protects unblemished league mark

Increased police presence following last week's fight

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI It wasn't easy or a thing of beauty, but the Vikings completed the first round of league games undefeated with a 49-39 win over Hawthorne Wednesday on campus.

Santa Monica High School's boys' basketball team completed the first half of the Ocean League schedule 5-0 as the Vikings start the second leg on Friday at second place Inglewood.

Even with the win in hand, Head Coach James Hecht wasn't too happy with how the Vikings earned it against a Hawthorne team now 0-5 in league.

"Sloppy is a good adjective to use to explain tonight," he said. "It's obvious that we have a lot of things to work on."

The win differential may have been 10 points, but the game was more of a struggle than the final score indicates.

Samohi initially ran out to a 17-6 lead early in the second quarter, but Hawthorne was undeterred. Led by the play of speedy point guard Ricky Bryant, the Cougars rattled off 13 straight points to take a 19-17 lead, forcing Hecht to take a time-out to regroup.

"They were playing like they had nothing to lose," said Samohi junior Jordan Mathews, who finished the night with a game high 18 points. "They were killing us with that zone in the first half."

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MAKING WAY: **Santa Monica High School's Troy Maloney (right) attempts a shot as Hawthorne's Chris Bailey defends Wednesday on campus. Samohi won, 49-39.**

Hotel stalled over living wage concerns

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Planning Commission stalled a development agreement for a new hotel Wednesday night amid concerns that the public had not yet had a chance to review information about a controversial living wage provision that became available just before the hearing.

The supplement to the proposed development agreement spelled out an hourly wage of $10.64 per hour for workers with certain health benefits and $11.89 per hour for workers without those benefits.

Those numbers came from a wage study conducted by PKF Consulting which was commissioned by Alexander Gorby, who owns the property slated to be developed.

The report looked at hotels in Santa Monica as well as those farther afield in Los Angeles for comparison.

The study was dated Jan. 6, but commissioners nor the public saw it until the day of the hearing, a fact which didn't fly with several members of the commission.

"To the extent that there's a lot of people here to comment tonight on this issue, it's a disservice to them not to be able to take a look at this," said Commissioner Jennifer Kennedy.

The project in question is a 164,000 square foot hotel planned for the 700 block of Wilshire Boulevard.

It will have 285 rooms and just under 16,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space.

At the heart of the design is the Santa Monica Professional building, a former

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A bug's life
Santa Monica Pier
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Cirque du Soleil's "OVO" is under the big top by the sea. In this show, Cirque delves into the secret lives of bugs to tell their unlikely stories. The show runs through Feb. 26. For more information, call (800) 450-1480.

Our story
Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Already attracting rave reviews, David Cromer directs this adaptation of Thorton Wilder's "Our Town," the deceptively simple story of the birth, life and death of ordinary couple Emily Webb and George Gibbs; but within their story lies a piece of us all. Featuring award winning actress Helen Hunt. For more information, call (310) 434-3200 or visit www.thebroadstage.com.

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012

A night with Sam — and Woody
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
Woody Allen's "Play It Again, Sam" will be the theatre's second production of the season. Nominated for three Tony Awards, the comedy classic ran for 453 performances on Broadway. The memorable film version is the missing link between Woody's early films like "Take the Money and Run" and "Bananas" and his later, relationship-oriented films like "Annie Hall." The production runs through Feb. 12. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

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MEETING OF THE MINDS: **Jason Nazar (right) moderated this year's State of the City at Soka-Gakkai International — USA on Thursday.**

Santa Monica cements rep as Silicon Beach

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BLVD Technology and web start-ups took top billing at the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's State of the City event Thursday morning, with city officials pointing to the flourishing industry as a sign of a bright economic future in "Silicon Beach."

The forum featured a first-ever panel discussion featuring three members of the tech community, an international law attorney and Chui Tsang, the president and superintendent of Santa Monica College.

It was time to put the industry on display and make it visible to the wider community, said Laurel Rosen, president of the Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the annual event.

"Our members need to understand now the importance of tech companies, the impact they have," Rosen said.

The discussion, moderated by Jason Nazar of Docstoc.com, focused on Santa Monica's role as an up-and-coming tech hub, and what city officials can do to encourage that growth.

Santa Monica could be the home of the next Google or Facebook, but only if it can give such a company the climate to take root and the space to grow, said David Travers of Rustic Canyon Partners, an early-stage venture capital firm.

That means business campuses on the lines of the Yahoo! Center that could support a small company expanding as it gains success, Travers said.

"Santa Monica needs to be ready," he said.

The city's natural beauty and young vibe are its most critical assets to securing businesses seeking top talent, said Paige Craig, founder of BetterWorks, a company that helps companies attract and retain employees.

"You've been to Silicon Valley," Craig said. "It sucks."

The panel encouraged City Hall to create more events like the State of the City to bring together the various businesses in the community face to face, without the medium of technology.

City officials were happy to report that Santa Monica is weathering recent assaults on its fiscal stability with relative ease.

Despite a sour national economy and the blow delivered by a recent state decision to ax agencies that provided vast infrastructure investment, Santa Monica remains a strong player in the region, said Mayor Richard Bloom.

The city continues to attract floods of visitors, 6.5 million in 2011 alone who brought in $1.2 billion in economic activity.

It also boasts the third highest assessed property valuation in Los Angeles County, according to the Assessor's Office.

Efforts on the part of police reduced the crime rate by 9 percent in 2011, and City Hall is working to meet its commitments to provide affordable housing, with 270 new units ready to break ground shortly.

"The state of our city is excellent," Bloom declared.

At the end of the event, the Chamber of Commerce announced its award winners.

Avesta and Cameron Rasouli, the couple who founded the shared workspace community Coloft, received the 2011 Innovation Award for their concept of bringing the self-employed out of their homes and into a dynamic workplace.

"I told my little Persian mom that I wanted to be an entrepreneur, and she asked me what kind of doctor that was," Cameron Rasouli said.

Brad Cox, the senior managing director of developer Trammell Crow Co., was awarded the Leadership Award for his work on the Santa Monica Alliance, an organization that partners City Hall with the Chamber of Commerce to attract and retain businesses.

Finally, Tsang accepted the 2011 Economic Excellence Award on behalf of Santa Monica College, a "stabilizing force" and one of the largest employers in the city.

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Locally-based attorney pleads guilty to tax fraud

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN A Santa Monica attorney specializing in estate planning pleaded guilty this week to filing false tax returns in an attempt to evade paying over $1 million in taxes, federal authorities said.

Robert M.L. Baker III, 46, entered into a plea agreement Tuesday in U.S. District Court, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

He admitted that he, along with others, devised a scheme to misappropriate client fees and settlements to evade payment of tax. In the plea agreement, Baker said he utilized shell entities and trusts to hide over $900,000 in client fees and assets from the IRS, including a house located in Westwood.

Baker altered his banking practices to disguise his actions, according to the plea agreement. He used nominee bank accounts, converted client fees into cashier's checks to pay personal expenses, altered and cashed checks, and directed clients and other law firms handling clients to mail and wire funds to nominee bank accounts.

Baker could not be reached for comment.

As part of the plea agreement, Baker is required to file amended corporate and individual tax returns correctly reporting gross receipts and deductions. Baker also agreed to make restitution in the amount of $2,108,175.

When he is sentenced, Baker faces a total maximum sentence of 26 years in prison; a three year period of supervised release; a fine of $2 million plus twice the gross gain or loss, whichever is greatest, and a mandatory special assessment of $800, as well as the cost of prosecution, according to the IRS.

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Police department to get own children's social worker

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY In an effort to minimize trauma to children and help place them in safe, nurturing environments in

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Searching for the answer

Editor:

I grew up in south Los Angeles from 1951 to '69. In the '50s and early '60s there were literally scores of races and religions living in harmony there. White, black, Hispanic, Middle Eastern – you name it. I went to an LAUSD elementary school when LAUSD was the envy of the world. I also attended Catholic schools. There were no racial fights at my school ("Fights break out at Samohi," Jan. 13, page 1). The 800-pound gorilla in the room that no one will speak about is this: Today, in 2012, and in the 1990s and '80s, I saw in my employment, and in the news, that basically Mexicans hate the blacks and vice versa, in kind. Why? I believe this comes from the culture in Mexico and all Latin American countries that "darker" is inferior to "lighter." The Cubans feel superior to all, of course.

This cultural divide is hugely widespread because we have literally millions of legal and illegal aliens invading, occupying, and reconquering (Reconquista) the USA. They come so fast and have so many kids it is impossible to assimilate them into American culture and the English language. As soon as one or two learn English, a million more come speaking no English. In Spain recently I encountered a man in Barcelona who was furious that I, a tourist, did not speak Catalan, a language very similar to Spanish, spoken in Barcelona. We almost came to blows – two 60-year-olds.

I don't know the answer to all this. You tell me.

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Westchester, Calif.

Appalled by article

Editor:

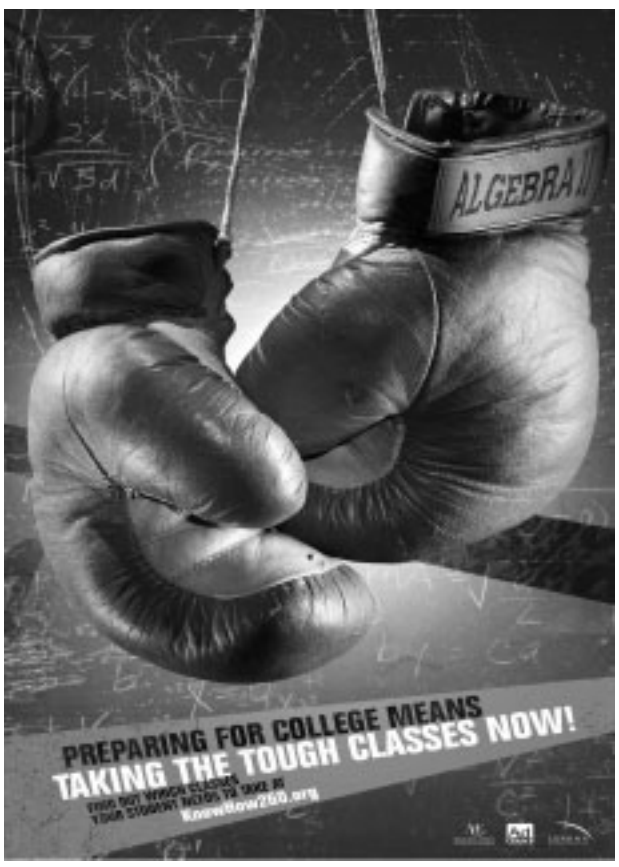
I recently read your appalling article "Desecration of the dead is as old as war itself," page 1, Jan. 14-15, and it is one of the lamest pieces I have ever read. You appear to be condoning the practice by not speaking out against it.

As Americans, from birth, we are pumped full of "we are the best" and should act like it or stop teaching it to our children.

As for your fish wrapper, the Daily Press(ed), I would have expected more but I am becoming used to expecting less. Thanks for not taking a stand, much less a fall. As they also so proudly tout in school "better to remain silent and be thought stupid than speak out and remove all doubt."

You create the notion that in the heat of combat anything can happen. How many of these ignorant, broken men come home to become law enforcement?

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**



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GO FOR THE GOP: **This year's race for the Republican presidential candidacy a clash.**

Romney can't buy one

IF YOU THINK YOU HAD A ROUGH WEEK, look at the one Mitt Romney just experienced.

At a debate he was booed when he hesitated about his tax returns. Then the GOP announced that Rick Santorum was the official winner in Iowa, despite the fact that Romney outspent him by a mere 50 to 1.

For a man who's been chasing the presidency for six years, it had to be discouraging when, a few days before the South Carolina primary, Sarah Palin said, "If I were a South Carolinian I'd vote for Newt [Gingrich]." (Ouch!) Then on Saturday he got thoroughly trounced by Gingrich. And worse, on Tuesday Romney predicted to lose in Florida. It looks like he can't buy one — literally.

Gingrich, of course, is the thrice-married former speaker of the House whose candidacy is an utter mystery. In 1997 a GOP controlled Congress voted 395 to 28 to reprimand and fine Newt $300,000 for ethics violations. In 1998, Newt resigned in disgrace. How 14 years later he's considered presidential timber beats me. That's like putting sour milk back into the refrigerator hoping it'll taste better later.

But despite Newt's momentum Willard is a fighter. Consider that even though he's been "unemployed" for the past six years he manages to keep his chin up. (Admittedly easier to do when you have mega-millions parked in the Cayman Islands.) Remember in Iowa the infamous $10,000 bet he made to Rick Perry in a disagreement over health care? Willard made $10,000 sound like $5. With the release of his tax returns, now we know why.

Riding high, Gingrich brags that he's a man with "big" ideas. (Notice I'm not doing any fat jokes.) One idea apparently came to him while he was cheating on wife No. 2 with future wife No. 3. His big idea was to impeach Bill Clinton for … cheating on his wife. Can you say hypocrite?

Newt's inexplicable excuse for his serial adultery was that he loved his country so much and worked such long hours it caused him to make "poor decisions." By that logic every time Newt was doing it with a mistress, he was really just demonstrating his patriotism. (Curiously, when Newt left wife No. 1, she was seriously ill and the same was true with wife No. 2. The moral: If you marry Newt, don't get sick.)

Frankly, many things Romney and Gingrich say seem incredibly disingenuous. In Florida Romney told a group of unemployed voters that he understood their plight, "After all, I'm unemployed, too." (With a Cayman connection and Swiss bank account.) And Newt continues to claim the $1.6 million he received from Freddie Mac was not as a lobbyist but as a "historian." (Excuse me while I spit out my coffee.)

I'm sorry to be so blunt but I find Romney slick and phony. (A "mannequin of the people.") And some of his answers are just strange. When asked about income inequality in America, which hasn't been this great since the Great Depression, Willard reluctantly said it would be OK to discuss it but only "in quiet rooms." What does that mean?

And Newt is just perpetually crabby. He purports to follow in the footsteps of Ronald Reagan but has none of Reagan's charm. And he's legendary for childish temper tantrums, one which caused him to be 86'd off of Air Force One because he didn't like his seat. It's not surprising that even many Republicans aren't pleased with the field, especially the two front runners.

As reported in the American Conservative magazine, Newt is referred to as the "anti-Goldwater." Whereas "Goldwater was the principled guy who couldn't win but built a movement, Newt is the unprincipled guy who can't win and might smash that same movement." And Romney, the consummate 1 percenter, is not the favorite of the Tea Party and has flip-flopped on so many issues he's a political trampoline.

Former Republican National Committee Chair Michael Steele, puts the odds at 50-50 of an open Republican Convention in August. (As opposed to an open marriage.) This means that someone not currently running could be the ultimate nominee. One name being put forward is Jeb Bush. Except, of course, that would bring up memories of his older brother. (Cue the ominous music.) Notice at the debates how nobody ever mentions W.

With the prospect of an open convention, I suppose it could be worse. Nobody's suggesting Sarah Palin. At least not yet. But she might be more popular than Romney. Poor Willard. So rich, so close, so far.

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Senate leader shoots down redevelopment extension

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A bill that would delay the elimination of the 400 community redevelopment agencies in the state does not have sufficient support to pass by the Feb. 1 deadline, the leader of the state Senate said Thursday.

"It's not going to happen," said Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento.

He and Assembly Speaker John Perez, D-Los Angeles, were skeptical about the effort to keep the redevelopment agencies functioning, and Gov. Jerry Brown is against the bill.

Leaders of cities had been trying to fashion a compromise with lawmakers after the state Supreme Court ruled the state had the authority to eliminate the agencies and use their property tax money for local services.

"The focus needs to be on recreating a new set of economic development tools for cities and not on trying to keep alive the current form," Steinberg said.

Lawmakers voted to eliminate the agencies last summer as part of their budget package and to use funds generated by the entities for local services. Brown has said the money that agencies would spend on future projects is needed now by schools, law enforcement and other services.

The agencies were created after World War II to help restore blighted neighborhoods, though critics say many have been used to benefit private developers building big box stores, sports complexes and other projects.

Regardless of whether the agencies' lifetime is extended, the Legislature needs to quickly address problems that could lead to a possible default on bonds, said Chris McKenzie, executive director of the League of California Cities.

All three major credit rating agencies — Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch — have issued warnings about redevelopment bonds because of the pending elimination of the agencies. The rating companies have either downgraded or placed redevelopment bonds on negative watch, citing concerns about debt service payments.

Some projects could be stranded even though they already have been approved, and other property might have to be disposed of at a loss to the state and local government and to taxpayers, McKenzie said.

Debate over new 'clean car' regulations

JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Auto dealers say California's proposed rules to require carmakers to build more electric and other less-polluting hybrid cars and trucks by 2025 will cost consumers more money and will stifle the industry's growth.

Consumer groups say customers might pay more for the vehicles but will save in lower fuel and other costs.

Both sides submitted testimony Thursday during a meeting of the state's air quality board, which was poised to vote on rules to require that vehicles emit about 75 percent less smog-producing pollutants.

The new standards, which also include big cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, would begin with new cars sold in 2015, and get increasingly more stringent until 2025. The rules also mandate that one of every seven new cars sold in 2025 in the state be a zero-emission or plug-in hybrid vehicle.

California Air Resources Board Chairman Mary Nichols said she hopes the rules lead "the nation and the world."

"We can't afford to wait. We have to act on these issues now," she said at the panel's meeting. "Our projections show continued growth in population and vehicle miles traveled, which will affect air quality for years to come."

Other states often adopt California's smog emissions standards because they are stricter than federal ones.

Fourteen states, including Washington, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts, have adopted the state's current emissions goals, which is why the new regulations could have a wide-ranging effect. Of those states, 10 also adopted the zero-emission vehicle standards.

But the California New Car Dealers Association and other industry groups representing those who sell cars said the board is overestimating consumer demand for electric vehicles and other so-called "zero-emission vehicles."

Some dealer groups have estimated that $3,200 would be added to the average cost of a car because of the required technological changes, and that consumers have been slow to adopt them.

Jonathan Morrison, of the state dealers' association, said car retailers are supportive of new technologies that are accepted by their customers, but said the acceptance of electric and other vehicles has been slow.

"Consumers do not make purchasing decisions based upon regulatory mandates," he said.

The Q Line

Make your pick

The race for the newly-formed 50th Assembly District is starting to attract attention.

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MONDAY, JAN. 23, AT 6:05 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the corner of Ocean and Bicknell avenues regarding a report of an attempted robbery. When officers arrived, they located the alleged victim and several witnesses who all pointed to a suspect who was approximately 100 yards west of them on the 1900 block of Ocean Front Walk. They told officers that the suspect approached them and demanded money. When told that they did not have any change, the suspect allegedly produced a 4-inch metal screw and tried to stab the victim in the eye and torso. A struggle ensued and the victim and witnesses were able to get away and call police. Officers approached the suspect and ordered him to put his hands where they could see them. The man allegedly refused to cooperate with officers. Not knowing what was in his hands, officers used a Taser, which had very little effect, police said. Officers then took the suspect to the ground and after a brief struggle were able to take him into custody. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Santa Monica Jail where he was booked for attempted robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest. He was identified as Clarence Ray Young, 61, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

SUNDAY, JAN. 22, AT 2:40 P.M.,
Officers responded to a radio call of an intoxicated man running through traffic on the 2400 block of Lincoln Boulevard. When officers arrived, they located the man at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Pearl Street. Officers immediately determined that the man was too drunk to take care of himself and attempted to handcuff him. That's when the suspect clenched his fist and pulled away from the officers, who ordered the suspect to stop resisting several times, police said. The suspect failed to comply and continued his aggressiveness toward officers, while also yelling that he was going to "kill them," police said. Officers used a Taser and the suspect was taken into custody without further incident. The suspect was taken to a local hospital to be examined for minor injuries. Once he was cleared, he was transported to jail and booked for resisting arrest and public intoxication. He was identified as Larry Scott Bell, 50, a transient. His bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20, AT 8:53 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 3300 block of Pico Boulevard — US Bank — regarding a report of vandalism. When officers arrived, they spoke with an employee at the bank who said that she and other employees arrived for work and noticed one of the ATMs had been vandalized. The screen for the machine was shattered, according to police. The employees said while examining the machine they noticed a citation on the ground that was issued to a resident for drinking alcohol in public. Officers reviewed surveillance photos from the ATM and determined that the suspect depicted was the same man issued the citation. Officers went to the man's address, but he was not there. About two hours later, while responding to an unrelated call on the Third Street Promenade, officers saw the vandalism suspect walking northbound on the 1300 block of Third Street and took him into custody. He was eventually booked for felony vandalism. He was identified as Scott Christofferson, 59, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $20,000.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20, AT 1:58 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1700 block of Ocean Avenue regarding several people being loud while standing in an alley. When officers arrived, they found a woman sitting on a stair case crying profusely. She told officers that her boyfriend had just walked away and then she began to ramble incoherently, police said. Officers determined the woman was exhibiting signs and symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance. The woman allegedly admitted to drinking alcohol and taking LSD, a powerful hallucinogenic. Officers placed the woman under arrest for being under the influence of a controlled substance and public intoxication. She was identified as Terrah Lee Trayer, 20, a transient. Her bail was set at $2,500.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20, AT 6:45 A.M.,
Officers accompanied Los Angeles County probation officers as they conducted a compliance check at the home of a Santa Monica gang member, who was living in the 2600 block of Cullen Street in Los Angeles. Upon contacting the man at his home, officers determined that he was displaying signs of being under the influence of a controlled substance. He was placed under arrest for being under the influence and a probation violation. He was identified as Johnny Gonzalez Jimenez, 22, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $10,000.

THURSDAY, JAN. 19, AT 9:42 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 500 block of Wilshire Boulevard — Whole Foods — regarding a suspected shoplifter in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with a security guard at the grocery store who said that the suspect entered the store and over the course of an hour he watched as the suspect concealed several items inside two bags she was carrying, as well as a bottle of wine that she allegedly hid inside her sweatshirt. When the suspect noticed she was being watched by security she allegedly ran out the north doors and onto Wilshire Boulevard. The security guard followed her and detained her without incident. Store management wanted to prosecute so officers placed the suspect under arrest for burglary since she had no means to pay for the stolen items, police said. The suspect was identified as Kiera Anjelina Stonehart, 32, of Hawaii. Her bail was set at $20,000.

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HOTEL
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medical office building which received landmark status in 2005.

Nineteen people lined up to speak on the development agreement, several to applaud the treatment of the landmarked building, which the developer, who has yet to be selected, will be required to rehabilitate for the estimated cost of $11 million.

The remainder were unionized hotel workers in Santa Monica fighting for an established living wage for the future hotel, and, on the other side, representatives of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, which held that the provision would cripple the hotel's ability to compete in a crowded playing field.

Workers argued that a living wage should mean that a person working at the hotel could afford to live in Santa Monica, which would be a near impossibility at around $11 per hour.

"A living wage should reflect the cost of living in Santa Monica," Rachel Torres, a research analyst with Unite Here! Local 11, a union that represents more than 20,000 hotel, restaurant, airport, sports arena and convention center workers in Southern California, said Thursday.

To use Los Angeles or even other communities on the Westside to reflect wage conditions in Santa Monica misrepresents the cost of living in the beachside town, she said.

"It's a big deal when a lot of new hotels open," she said. "It's lowering the wage scale."

The hotel is one of three planned for Santa Monica, which relies heavily on the tourism industry. The tax charged on hotel stays generated close to $34 million for City Hall in 2010, and according to the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau $1.2 billion is generated by tourism each year in Santa Monica, with over 10,000 jobs supported by visitors.

Staff never intended for the living wage to represent what income level is needed to make it in Santa Monica, confirmed planner Jing Yeo.

Several members of the Chamber of Commerce spoke against the provision in its totality, saying that it would increase the cost of doing business and thwart City Hall's attempt to gather more tax revenue.

"Furthermore, we believe this level of municipal involvement in prescribing the operational practices of private enterprise would set an unsettling precedent not only for future hoteliers, but as well for all employers looking to invest in our community," said Ron Davis, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.

Other members and business owners echoed the sentiment, saying that it would impair business at a difficult time.

Attorney Ken Kutcher, representing Gorby, pointed out that of the 40 hotels in Santa Monica, only four or five are unionized. Adopting a living wage provision could hurt the new hotel's ability to compete with the unrestricted hotels.

Commissioners chose to push the entire application until they and the public had a change to parse through the language of the living wage proposal and accompanying study.

The matter will come back Feb. 15, at which point commissioners also want a fleshed out plan for a local hiring provision, a shortened timeline to get building permits, additional public art and some fixes to perceived design flaws.

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SOCIAL WORKER
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cases of abuse and neglect, the Santa Monica Police Department is welcoming a children's social worker who will deal exclusively with youth and their families in Santa Monica.

Children's social worker Marc Williams will officially move into his new workspace in the Public Safety Facility on Jan. 31. He will assist residents who walk into the facility with questions and concerns relating to child abuse and neglect, provide expertise on joint child abuse investigations, and deliver services to the community, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

The move is part of a collaborative effort between the SMPD and the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. Since 2005, the Co-Location program has been used in 22 law enforcement sites, authorities said, and in 2008 it was recognized by the National Association of Counties as an innovative government program, Lewis said.

The program will come at no additional cost to the SMPD or the county.

"The police department is excited at the opportunity of having a social worker assigned exclusively to the city of Santa Monica," said SMPD Chief Tim Jackman. "We believe this partnership will allow us to provide an even greater level of service to the children and families of Santa Monica."

Williams is expected to work parallel with detectives from the SMPD's Youth and Family Services Unit and patrol while investigating suspected child abuse, as well as participating in the city's Youth Violence Prevention Action Plan initiative.

"Co-location will be beneficial in immediately addressing any child safety concerns that arise," Williams said. "We can minimize the trauma that children are exposed to and assist the families and community with any questions they may have."

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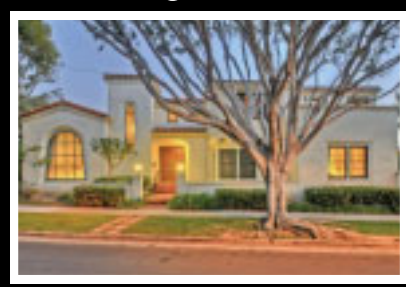
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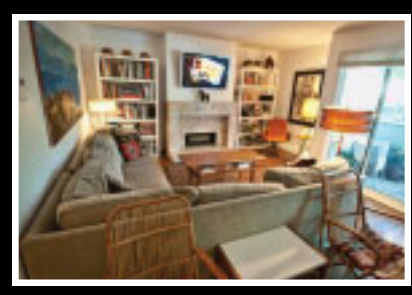
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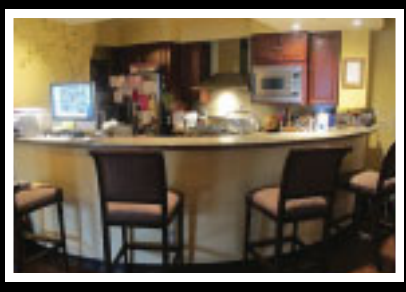
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READY, SET: **Mayor Richard Bloom (top) talks with volunteers at the Civic Auditorium before they hit the streets of Santa Monica during the annual Homeless Count on Wednesday night.**

COUNT

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that conducts such a count every year.

The annual homeless count is evidence of both Santa Monica's commitment to fixing the issue of homelessness and the city's role as a leader of social change, Bloom said.

"This strong turnout is an indicator to me that we're doing the right thing," he said.

Over 180 volunteers and 30 city staff members gathered, said Margaret Willis, a senior analyst with the Human Services Division.

That was a little more bit more than last year, she added.

Volunteers started to settle in after 10 p.m., fueling up on hot beverages provided by Peet's Coffee and Tea for the long night ahead.

At 11 p.m., Natasha Guest, an administrative analyst with the Human Services Division, gave an instructional lecture teaching volunteers the ABCs of identifying homeless individuals and their vehicles ("Appearance," "Behavior" and "Condition"). This was followed by a brief safety lesson before volunteers were sent out in teams led by captains to canvas the city streets and alleys.

Each of the 67 volunteer teams swept through a different part of the city, on foot or in cars, recording any homeless individuals and families, vehicles and encampments they could identify.

A count of the homeless population in shelters, jails and hospitals, as well as local beaches and freeways, was made simultaneously by the Santa Monica Police Department.

A broad sampling of citizens from the Los Angeles area volunteered for the event.

Mar Vista resident Stephanie Lazicki works at City Hall, but had never engaged in the Homeless Count before.

"The city talks a lot about the programs we do [for the homeless]," Lazicki said. "I want to learn more about Santa Monica as a city. Obviously, homelessness is a big issue."

Another first time volunteer was Torrance resident Sarah Gomez.

"My sister used to work with homeless in Santa Monica, and I thought if I can do my part to help, I'll do it," she said.

Santa Monica resident Shahad Shamji was one of many members of Ismaili Community Engaged in Responsible Volunteering (i-CERV), an Islamic community organization, who volunteered for the count.

This was not the first time that members of i-CERV had been present, and it probably won't be the last, Shamji said. Shamji attended the 2011 Homeless Count, he added, but this was the first time he had led a team.

"It added to the responsibility," he said.

After each team finished canvassing its designated area, volunteers dropped off their tally.

The last team returned to the Civic Center at 2:30 a.m.

The 2007 Santa Monica Homeless Count recorded a population of 999. By 2011, the homeless population appeared to have dropped to 740, about a 25 percent reduction.

The 2012 homeless population information will be tallied by February, and announced at the social services commission meeting on Monday, Feb. 27, at the Civic Center, Willis said.

The information should appear online shortly after that, she said.

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COMING THROUGH

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Samohi's Aniese Palmore splits a pair of Hawthorne defenders on her way for a lay-up on Wednesday on campus. Samohi would go on to lose the Ocean League game, 58-56.

SAMOHI

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Trey Thompson was the Vikings' second leading scorer with 10 points.

After ending the half knotted at 21-21, Hawthorne again showed fight in building a small lead minutes into the third quarter. Trailing 26-21, Samohi clawed back, finishing the third quarter with a 36-30 lead that they would protect down the stretch to secure the win on their home court.

Before the game, Mathews said that lower-tier teams like Hawthorne are prone to sneak up on opponents. That statement nearly came to pass if not for a second half that saw Samohi outscore Hawthorne, 28-18.

THE SIXTH MAN

The game was played just days removed from an eventful Friday night last week. After Samohi rallied and beat Morningside in the final seconds, a fight between fans from both teams broke out as both left the gym.

As a safety measure, there was a noticeable police presence to help keep the peace. The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has hired the Santa Monica Police Department to provide security at Samohi's remaining home games and some away games, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

"We don't know why it happened," Hecht said. "It's hard to point a finger."

The game on Wednesday took place without incident.

FUTURE FOE

With the drama of the past few games behind them, the Vikings travel to Inglewood for a rematch of a 76-68 win earlier this season.

With Inglewood sitting at 4-1, the game has league title overtones that Hecht isn't looking past.

"They don't crown first place now," he said. "We have to get ready for a good Inglewood team."

Inglewood finished last season as league champs with Samohi coming in third.

After facing both Inglewood and Samohi once this season, Hawthorne head coach Ben Wardrop came away with a definite feeling who's primed to pull away.

"[Samohi] is the best coached team in the league," he said. "Santa Monica has to be the favorite."

Friday's game begins at 7:30 p.m.

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'The Lonesome West'

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Into the lurid world of two brothers who are locked in an endless cycle of petty grudges stumbles an idealistic, yet flawed young priest. In a desperate act to get the brothers to reconcile with each other, he puts his life on the line. Is there any hope for these two? Naturally, its a comedy. The play was written by Martin McDonagh, a four-time Tony Award nominee and two-time Academy Award winning playwright. "The Lonesome West" is part of a trilogy, which includes "The Skull in Connemara" and "The Beauty Queen of Leenane." This trilogy was staged at The Royal Court Theatre in London, along with "The Cripple of Inishman," giving Martin McDonagh the honored distinction of being the first playwright since William Shakespeare to have four plays running simultaneously on the professional London stage. Tickets: $25 general admission, $20 students/seniors/guild. For more information: (310) 397-3244.

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Highways Performance Space and 501 ARTS present "Who's Hungry — Santa Monica," part of an ongoing series of experimental tabletop puppet plays that give a voice and face to hunger. The plays, produced and written by Dan Froot, designed and directed by Dan Hurlin, with music by Amy Denio, aim to raise awareness of the lives of those of us who, on a daily basis, must choose between life's basic necessities — food or rent, food or medicine, food or bus fare. The production weaves together the stories of five homeless and/or hungry residents of Santa Monica incorporating puppetry, dance, music, and text. Tickets: $20 general admission,$15 members/students/seniors. For more information: (310) 315-1459.

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First Presbyterian Church, 1220 Second St.
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Santa Monica High School, Barnum Hall, 601 Pico Blvd.
SUNDAY, 4 P.M.

New West Symphony's concert, "Serenade to Music" will include "Fantasia on a Theme" by Thomas Tallis by Vaughan Williams, "Concerto in E Minor for Violin & Orchestra," "Opus 64" by Mendelssohn and "Symphony No. 4 in E Minor," "Opus 98" by Brahms. Concertmaster Danielle Belen will make a solo debut with the orchestra and Guest Conductor Steven Mercurio leads the program. Tickets: Prices range from $25 — $98. For more information: (866) 776-8400.

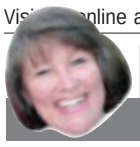
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'The Water's Edge' a bit enigmatic

AS WINSTON CHURCHILL MIGHT DESCRIBE it, Theresa Rebeck's play "The Water's Edge" is "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma." There are more mixed emotions, contradictions, outright lies, duplicity, passion and chills in this dramatic masterpiece than in any play you're likely to see in this decade.

The theme is family. And the effect a death can have on a family. And the long-term consequences.

As the play opens, Richard (Albie Selznick), a selfish, insensitive man if ever there was one, has returned to the family home he abandoned some 17 years ago. Moreover, he has brought his 26-year-old girlfriend with him. His aim: to reconnect with his children and to reclaim the lakeside house he grew up in.

As might be expected, his wife Helen (Nicole Farmer) is not exactly thrilled to see him. Nor is his daughter Erica (Paris Perrault), who is nearly the same age as his current girlfriend, Lucy (Lauren Birriel). His son Nate (Patrick Rieger), however, is caught in the middle of a jumble of emotions that he can neither control nor express. At such times, he says, his brain "goes white."

Nate, though not demonstrably retarded, is awkward in his movements and his speech and in his aversion to social intimacy. (Later, when his mother kisses him passionately on the lips you get a spine-tingling sense of the pressure she must have put on him throughout the 19 years he has lived with her.)

Helen, it turns out, is not the put-upon mother that she seems. She has never revealed to her children that she has prevented Richard from being part of their lives, nor that Richard has sent money regularly for their support. Further, she has never told them that he hadn't abandoned them, but that she, blaming him for an accidental death, had forced him to leave.

The family trauma centers on the lake that borders their property, just a short distance down through the woods. But Richard, unheeding of his family's persistent dread, rhapsodizes nostalgically about his boyhood adventures on the lake. And Lucy, knowing nothing of its history, goes for a swim.

While Richard eventually wins over his kids, Helen maintains her anger, resentment and distance. As Richard challenges her memories and tries to vindicate himself, she challenges him with her own version of the "facts." Which of them is lying and which of them has had a memory lapse?

There are so many twists and turns in this riveting play, and layer upon layer of questions and contradictions, that it's impossible to comment any further.

Suffice it to say that all the production qualities are award-worthy. (Not unusual for The Road Theatre Company's productions.) That includes Theresa Rebeck's magnificent dialogue and Sam Anderson's strong direction. The actors, too, do a pitch-perfect job as the drama heats up and their emotions go out of control. And Desma Murphy's set design of the little house in the big woods delightfully captures the untidy, leaf-strewn ambiance of a New England lakeside cottage.

The Water's Edge is definitely a play you don't want to miss. It's the kind of play that everyone stands outside and talks about after it's over. And how many plays like that do you get in any given year?

"The Water's Edge" will continue at the Lankershim Arts Center, 5108 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through March 10. Call (866) 811-4111 or visit www.RoadTheatre.org for tickets.

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SUBJECT: Float-Up Discussion: Miramar Hotel Development Agreement (11DEV-003)
1133 Ocean Avenue / 101 Wilshire Boulevard / 1127 - 1129 2nd Street
APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: 1133 Ocean Avenue LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following:

Planning Commission discussion and feedback regarding preliminary concept plans for the following project at the Santa Monica Fairmont Miramar Hotel that is subject to a Development Agreement:

Proposal to comprehensively redevelop the existing Miramar Hotel as a new, approximately 550,000 SF mixed-use hotel with the following key components:

- Total of 265 guest rooms
- New food, beverage, meeting, and spa facilities
- New retail space along Wilshire Boulevard
- One acre of open space at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue
- Up to 120 condominiums on the upper floors of new buildings
- Up to 484 parking spaces in an on-site subterranean garage
- Preservation of the Landmark Moreton Bay Fig Tree located near the middle of the parcel
- Preservation and rehabilitation of the Palisades Building located on the parcel's northeast corner
- Up to 40 affordable housing units on Hotel-owned property currently used as a surface parking lot for its valet operation at 1127-1129 2nd Street

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2012, AT 7:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Santa Monica 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. Written information will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

Address your letters to:

Roxanne Tanemori, AICP, Senior Planner
Re: Miramar Hotel Development Agreement Float-Up Hearing
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Roxanne Tanemori at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net .

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 2, 3, 9 and Rapid 3 serve City Hall.

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 en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

SURF REPORT



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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 57.9°

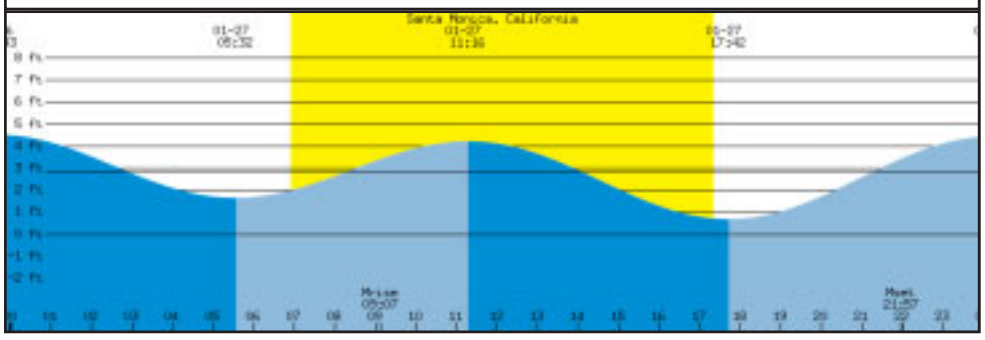
Swell Forecast

Should see sets running head high to 2' overhead at west facing breaks. South facing breaks should see a good deal of wrap from this, at least chest high, possibly head high at times at SW exposed spots.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks to be more along the lines of head high at west facing breaks. Pluses are most likely in the early AM as this swell should back off later in the day.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 18, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 3
- Number of wet days -- 1
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 29 / 10
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Goodbrook Family Foundation, simplehuman, LazerGUY, SMM

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alias creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Dread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	D	D
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	D	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	C	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	B	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Westward Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

LEGEND

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

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

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

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Alleged assault victim sues Raiders' Rolando McClain

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DECATUR, Ala. An Alabama man who was allegedly assaulted by Rolando McClain and another man has sued the Oakland Raiders linebacker alleging "brutal and prolonged assault and battery."

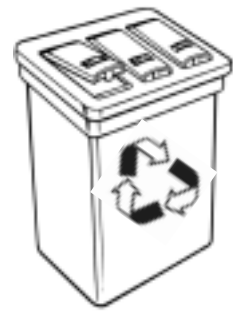
Christian Tapscott of Decatur filed suit Wednesday in Morgan County Circuit Court seeking unspecified punitive and compensatory damages from McClain and Jadarious Willingham.

The suit says Tapscott sustained broken bones, bruises and lacerations. It alleges that McClain "smiled and laughed as he pointed a gun at Mr. Tapscott and Mr. Tapscott begged him not to kill him."

McClain's attorney, Billy C. Burney II, says McClain denies there was a gun involved or that he assaulted Tapscott. Burney contends money "was a motivating factor in the criminal charges being filed."

McClain and Willingham have pleaded not guilty to misdemeanor charges. Trial is scheduled for May.

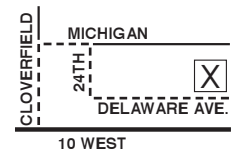
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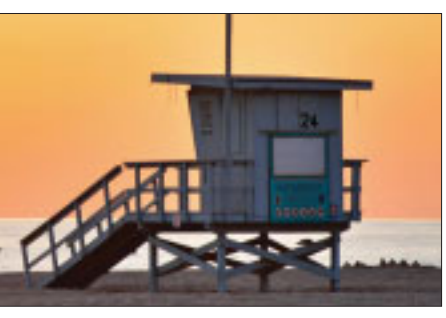
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Spirited Away - New 35mm print! (PG) 2hr 5min
7:30pm

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(888) 262-4386

Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) 1hr 24min
11:20am, 1:30pm, 3:40pm, 5:50pm

War Horse (PG-13) 2hrs 26min
8:00pm

Iron Lady (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:45am, 2:25pm, 5:05pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 2hrs 40min
12:15pm, 3:45pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm

My Week with Marilyn (R) 1hr 36min
11:30am, 1:55pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 10:30pm

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

Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) 1hr 28min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:25pm

Man on a Ledge (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
10:50am, 1:55pm, 5:00pm, 8:05pm, 11:00pm

Red Tails (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
10:55am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:55pm, 10:55pm

Contraband (R) 1hr 50min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:25pm

Grey (R) 1hr 57min
10:45am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

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

Descendants (R) 1hr 55min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Artist (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

We Need to Talk About Kevin (R) 1hr 50min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Dangerous Method (R) 1hr 39min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Playdate (NR)
11:00am

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

Adventures of Tintin (PG) 1hr 41min
2:15pm, 5:05pm

Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) 1hr 28min
2:20pm, 7:45pm

Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
12:30pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

Haywire (R) 1hr 33min
11:30am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

One for the Money (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:55am, 2:35pm, 5:15pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Albert Nobbs (R) 1hr 53min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 2hrs 07min
11:15am, 7:50pm, 10:45pm

Underworld: Awakening (R) 1hr 28min
11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:20pm

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

Order in tonight, Cappy

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might not be at your best when you wake up, but you will be before you know it. Understand what someone expects. Nevertheless, your actions could stun others, and maybe even you, too. Excitement surrounds you. Tonight: Make hay while you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Your mind zeros in on a personal or professional matter. The good news is that your thinking is on target. Assume a less dominant role for now in different facets of your life, and allow others to come forward. Tonight: Take a time-out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ As focused as you might be on work, by the afternoon, your mind drifts elsewhere. How you handle a situation could change radically. Lighten up in a meeting. Much information comes forward, some of which might not be all fact. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your mind drifts to many possibilities, perhaps not coinciding with the matter at hand. By the afternoon, events or self-discipline encourages greater concentration. You could be jolted by someone's reaction. Tonight: Out late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Reach out for other people, especially those who are experts or who know more in areas you are exploring. The type of information you will receive might be slightly avant-garde. A new beginning becomes possible if you can work with another person's thought process. Tonight: Opt for something different.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Deal with others directly. You might wonder what is going on behind the scenes. Clearly, someone shows unusual caring and wants to be closer to you. This situation could exist in your professional and/or personal life. Remain sensitive to this person. Tonight: Go with a surprise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to defer to another person. Truth be told, you aren't seeing the situation fully. Ask for more feedback from others. Knowing that others might pick up on something you don't allows greater give and take. The unexpected runs riot. Tonight: Go with the most fun invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You will clear out more in less time. What you see as a new possibility could surprise you. Do a better job of listening to an associate or friend. If you do, you will see another path. Greet new technology with a smile. Tonight: Make it easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You could be flabbergasted by another person's behavior. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with this person. If you pull back some, you'll gain a new perspective. Just lie back and become more connected with this person's energy. Tonight: Be imaginative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might wish that you had stayed closer to home by the afternoon. If you can arrange to make it an early day, do. In that situation, you become more open and able to move on a key idea. Tonight: Order in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Finish up a project before getting on the phone and returning calls. News might be so stunning that you could be speechless. Give yourself time, and you will adjust. A lighter and more upbeat frame of mind helps you understand what needs to be done. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Get as much done as you can in the first part of the day. You might not understand everything that you are seeing, and you might not need to. A risk that won't cause too much damage if it goes south might be worth it. Tonight: Your treat.

Happy birthday

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

You'll become unusually gregarious and spontaneous this year. People from your past might not always be comfortable with this side of you. If you are attached, remain sensitive to your significant other as he or she adjusts to the "new you." If you are single, you'll certainly have your choice of suitors. Take your time getting to know them. You could make a purchase of a new car or computer out of the blue, surprising not only others but you as well. Others find you to be unpredictable. ARIES brings out the wildness in you.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew

By John Deering



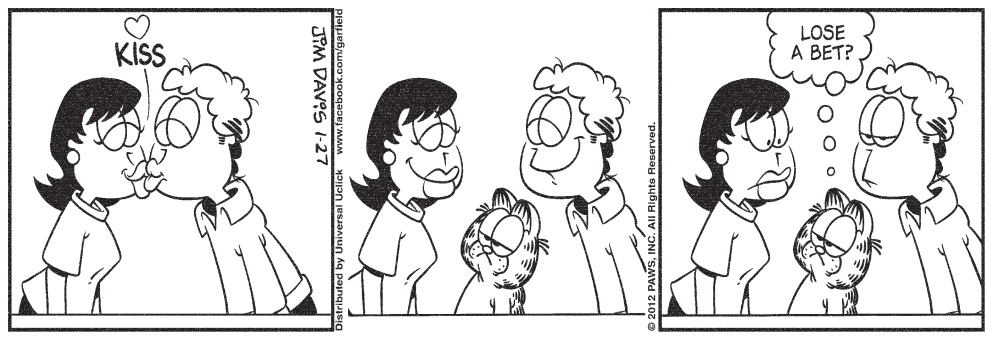
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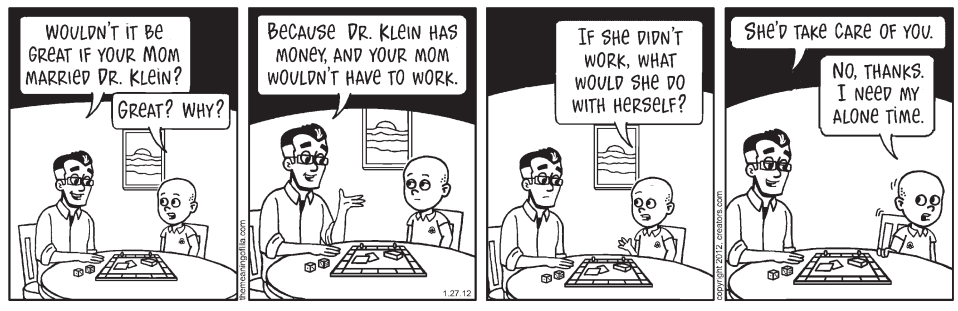
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The Meaning of Lila

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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		2		3		1		

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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

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4	1	7	6	5	9	8	3	2

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Deep sleeps
6 Crowbar
11 Give addresses
12 Worth of the theater
13 Alarm sound
14 Sorts
15 "Mazel —!"
16 Group opposed by 007
18 2001 biopic
19 Long, long time
20 Bolt partner
21 Tony-winning musical
23 Evil spirit
25 Candy counter buy
27 General activity
28 Like many parrots
30 Stationery buys
33 Mariner
34 Ring feature
36 Old hand
37 Hoosier's home
39 Memorable time
40 News item
41 "Shut up!"
43 Juicy fruit
44 Dodge
45 German steel city
46 Spirited horse

DOWN

1 Fellow player
2 Jim Palmer, once
3 Yellow Monopoly property
4 Had something
5 Intuit
6 In pristine condition
7 Hockey's Lindros
8 Yellow Monopoly property
9 Evasive maneuver
10 Stop-watch button
17 Okra unit
22 Harbor boat
24 Guide-book feature
26 Bomb unit
28 Sail makeup
29 Fox hole
31 Mock
32 Put into words
33 "— kangaroo down ..."
35 Spiked clubs
38 "Bus Stop" playwright
42 PC key

T	E	N	S	■	■	S	Q	U	A	D
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Yesterday's answer

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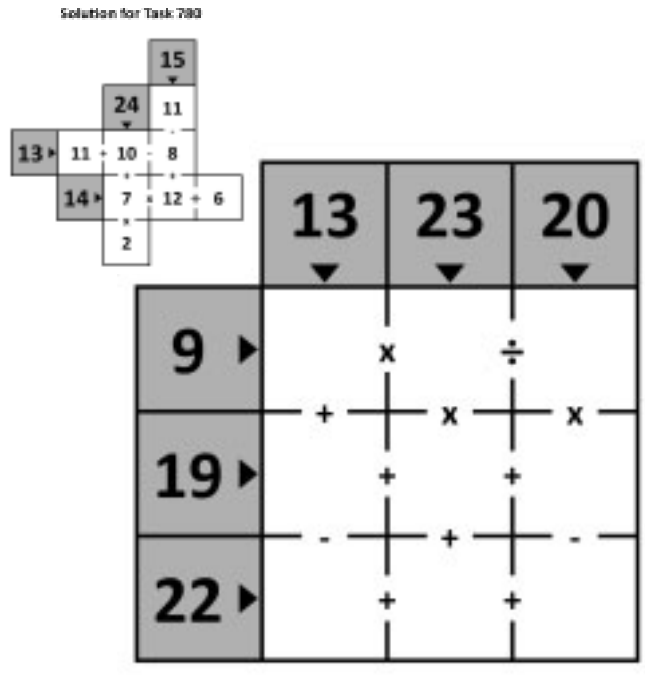
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Former 11-year-veteran police officer Louise McGarva, 35, filed a lawsuit recently, asking the equivalent of about $760,000, against the Lothian and Borders Police in Edinburgh, Scotland, for causing her post-traumatic stress disorder. Officer McGarva was attending a supposedly routine riot training session that got out of hand. She said she discovered that she had developed a debilitating fear of sirens and police cars.

■ Tri-athlete Sabine von Sengbusch, 46, filed a lawsuit recently against Meghan Rohan, 28, over a June bicycle-pedestrian collision in New York City's Central Park. Von Sengbusch claims that Rohan had the audacity to step in front of her as she was bicycling, causing her to fall and suffer "painful and permanent" injuries. (Although von Sengbusch said she was inside the "bike lane" at the time, park officials said signs make clear that pedestrians have the right of way at all times.) Von Sengbusch's "permanent" injuries did not prevent her from competing in a triathlon on Oct. 1, in which she finished second. According to a New York Post report on the lawsuit, Central Park pedestrians are growing more vociferous in denouncing bicyclists, and vice versa.

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1980 – Through cooperation between the U.S. and Canadian governments, six American diplomats secretly escape hostilities in Iran in the culmination of the Canadian caper.

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