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THE IN A GOOD PLACE ISSUE



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TALLY: **Groups of volunteers walked through Santa Monica and counted the homeless population on Wednesday night and early Thursday morning.**

Volunteers out late counting SM's homeless population

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CIVIC CENTER Roaming the streets of Santa Monica at 2 a.m. probably isn't what most people envision when they think of public service.

But that's how about 170 volunteers paid their dues this week, spanning out across the city's eight square miles beginning just after midnight on Wednesday. Clipboards in hand, their mission was to tally each person living on Santa Monica's streets.

It's an annual event put on by City Hall's Human Services Division aimed at both gauging the effectiveness of local efforts to reduce homelessness and creating an up-to-date database that all levels of government can use when dolling out grants.

Together with figures from Santa Monica's homeless shelters and hospitals, the street count numbers provide a snapshot of the city's homeless population.

Last year, volunteers counted 742 individuals, representing a roughly 19 percent decrease from 2009.

Results from this year's tally — the fifth Santa Monica has conducted — will be announced Feb. 28 at a meeting of the Social Services Commission, according to Natasha Guest, an administrative analyst for City Hall's homelessness team.

The federal Housing and Urban Development Department requires coun-

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McKeown fails again in push for more disclosure

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL By any measure, Councilman Kevin McKeown's latest proposal to provide the public with greater access to officials' campaign disclosure records was a modest one.

But that didn't prevent it from falling flat.

On Tuesday, he suggested that the city clerk make five years worth of financial statements from council members' campaigns — information that is posted online and also is accessible in paper form in the clerk's office during business hours — avail-

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Westside Challenge features SoCal powers at Samohi

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Santa Monica will be the center of the SoCal girls basketball world this weekend.

Dubbed the Westside Challenge, the hoops showcase in its third year will feature a roster of teams that many like events would envy. Taking place Saturday at Santa Monica High School, the event features national powerhouse Mater Dei, San Diego stalwart La Jolla Country Day, Torrance's Bishop Montgomery and host Samohi among others.

Samohi head coach Marty Verdugo created the event to showcase some of the Westside's premiere teams against teams from across Southern California.

"I'm very proud of [the event]," Verdugo said. "It has give us a chance to introduce our program on a little bit bigger scale."

That exposure has worked as Verdugo has built Samohi into a regional power unafraid to face stiff competition. That has paid off as the basketball powers that be have recog-

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Jan. 28, 2011

Art Los Angeles Contemporary
Barker Hanger
3021 Airport Ave., 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.
In its second year, Art Los Angeles Contemporary is a fair organizers say is a showcase for some of the most dynamic recent works from 70 international galleries. The fair runs through Sunday. For more information, visit artlosangelesfair.com.

'State of Incarceration'
Highways Performance Space
1651 18th St., 8:30 p.m.
Highways Performance Space Artistic Director Leo Garcia presents Los Angeles Poverty Department's (LAPD) new performance work "State of Incarceration," which examines the personal and social costs of incarceration in the U.S. For more information, call (310) 315-1459. This event also takes place Saturday.

Rocking indie style
CENTRAL Social Aid & Pleasure Club
1348 14th St., 8 p.m.
Instrumental indie rock duo El Ten Eleven and the electronic-leaning Superhumanoids play a double bill at this new, hip venue. For more info, visit www.centralsapc.com.

Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011

Ode to the Douglas DC-3
Santa Monica Airport
Bundy Drive, 3 p.m.
The American Aviation History Society and the Museum of Flying will hold a special commemorative event for the historic Douglas DC-3, which revolutionized the way people traveled in the 1930s. Visitors will even get a chance to get a close look at one of the historic aircraft. For more information, visit www.aahs-online.org.

Native park landscaping
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main, St., 1 p.m.
Learn how parks can be recreated as native landscapes during this public workshop. An expert panel will share some of the secrets it takes to go native. For more information, call (310) 458-8310.

A night of Schubert
First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica
1220 Second St., 8 p.m.
Luminario Ballet and the Angeles Concerts Artists will come together for a special one-night performance of Shubert's "Winterreise." For more information, call (310) 498 0257.

Talking opera
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
Opera lovers are invited to a multi-media talk on "Il Turco in Italia." This discussion is part of a six-part series about upcoming operas in the Los Angeles area. Audience members will also be treated to a live concert. For information, call (310) 458-8600.

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Awards season plagued by copies of leaked flicks

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Every year around now, tens of thousands of DVDs of movies still playing in theaters are sent by Hollywood studios to Oscar, Golden Globe and other awards voters.

Every year, some of these discs are copied, and the movies end up being shared online, where they can cut into theater-ticket and DVD sales.

This time, studios are taking a new approach to prevent this kind of piracy, and technology is playing a big part.

Ahead of the Screen Actors Guild awards on Sunday, Fox Searchlight this month became the first studio to have nearly 100,000 SAG voters view new movies such as "Black Swan" through a free download from Apple Inc.'s iTunes store. Paramount Pictures, Focus Features and other studios did the same later with movies such as "The Fighter" and "The Kids Are All Right."

In all cases, downloads are set to expire 24 hours after being viewed and are not available to the public.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MAIN LIBRARY
Calling all writers

The Santa Monica Public Library is calling for entries for the fifth annual Green Prize for Sustainable Literature.

The Green Prize is sponsored by the Santa Monica Public Library and City Hall's Office of Sustainability and the Environment. It was created to encourage and commend authors, illustrators, and publishers who produce quality books that make significant contributions to, and broaden public awareness of, sustainability.

The Sustainable City Plan defines sustainability as "meeting current needs – environmental, economic and social – without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same."

Books published in the U.S. in 2010 are eligible for the prize. Authors, illustrators and publishers are encouraged to submit titles for consideration. Additionally, the public is encouraged to suggest titles for the Green Prize. Criteria include effective presentation of material, distinctive literary quality, and originality of scholarship. Youth titles to be considered should have potential for classroom use and be appropriate for students in grades K-12.

Books may be submitted by following the guidelines on the Santa Monica Public Library website at www.smpl.org/greenprize.htm. The submission deadline is April 30.

A selection committee consisting of librarians and local authorities on sustainable issues will choose the winning titles that demonstrate outstanding achievement in their respective categories. The winners will be announced at a presentation ceremony at the Santa Monica Public Library in Fall 2011.

DAILY PRESS



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FULL HOUSE: **The Broad Stage was filled to near capacity for the annual State of the City address.**

State of the City: Despite 'tough times' Santa Monica is 'well positioned'

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

BROAD STAGE While California's economy is far from golden as it struggles to recover from one of the worst recessions in the nation's history, Santa Monica is in an enviable position, moving forward with key public and private developments and infrastructure projects that will create jobs, attract employers and maintain tax revenue levels to protect services for residents.

That's the message sent by City Manager Rod Gould during his State of the City address, delivered Thursday to a near capacity crowd at Santa Monica College's Broad Stage. The event was hosted by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and featured civic and business leaders from across the spectrum.

Gould said Santa Monica is not immune to the harsh economic conditions plaguing the state and the nation, however, with "fiscal discipline," strong and stable leadership and collaboration, "our fair city is well positioned for civic advancement in the face of these challenges."

Borrowing a line from author John Winthrop, Gould called on local power brokers to embrace the responsibility to lead, envisioning Santa Monica as a "shining city on a hill," a goal that can be achieved through partnerships and community involvement.

"Together we are better," Gould said, repeating a central theme of the event, the goal of which was to inspire and reaffirm efforts to attract and retain businesses.

Mayor Richard Bloom said Santa Monica has made progress in ending conflict and healing old wounds, saying residents, City Hall and the business community were once like "scorpions in a bottle," who could not come to a mutual understanding on issues like homelessness.

But today, things have changed, he said, as the community put differences aside to find solutions. Bloom pointed to the passage of Measures Y and YY, a half-cent sales tax increase and companion advisory measure that are expected to generate $12 million annually, with half of that money promised to local public schools to help them deal with severe cuts from the state. Bloom also mentioned work to house the homeless and protect the environment.

It is that commitment to collaboration that will help fill vacant store fronts, combat unemployment and overcome other challenges, Bloom said.

"We are a jobs producer in Santa Monica and we will continue in that roll," he said. "It is essential to provide leadership in that area for the new California that will emerge from this current crisis."

There will be cuts ($8 million so far from City Hall's half-billion-dollar budget), fee increases and employees will be

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FAA doesn't play fair

Editor:

Reynold Dacon's angry rant against City Hall's refusal to accept the FAA's offer to install an arresting system for class C and D jets is uninformed ("City Hall needs to play ball with FAA," Letters to the editor, Jan. 26). Those of us who live within this danger zone and have been following the FAA's bullying tactics understand quite clearly that the arresting system proposed by the FAA is inadequate to stop a crashing jet from overshooting the runway and exploding in our neighborhood. Mr. Dacon's flawed argument would have neighbors believe that City Hall is unconcerned for our safety when it is, in fact, the FAA who is willing to risk our well-being for the sustained operation of jets at Santa Monica Airport – a craft for which the airport was never originally intended.

Indeed, if City Hall accepts the FAA's proposal, our neighborhood is no safer from the dangers of a jet crash and, further, the FAA will lock us into many more years of exposure to this danger. I am a neighbor of Santa Monica Airport and I am emphatically letting City Hall know that we strongly support its decision to decline the FAA's disingenuous offer. Actually, Mr. Dacon, it's your flimsy, misguided argument with which I am outraged.

Colin Maduzia
Santa Monica

Death to the corporate mentality

Editor:

Well, the corporate mentality is very alive and well at Peet's Coffe on Montana Avenue. As a tourist traveling the United States I was saddened and very embarrassed when my wife and I wanted to purchase some loose tea and a three cup French press for our motorhome, and when we went to pay for the merchandise the young cashier witnessed me signing an American Express travelers' check and he looked confused and bewildered after I handed it to him. He called over another cashier and they rudely told me that Peet's does not cash traveler checks and walked away. I was baffled because there were no signs denoting that travelers' checks were not welcome at Peet's, plus the cashier calmly watched me sign it and make it out to Peet's. So now I had a check that was worthless because it was pre-signed and made out to Peet's. I went up the block to Whole Foods and explained the situation and they sold me the tea and French press and had me simply write over Peet's and make it out to Whole Foods. Voila! Problem solved. I have to admit that after being embarrassed and made to feel the fool at Peet's I felt much better with the attitude toward a tourist in Whole Foods. Thank you, Whole Foods, for taking my bad situation and making it better. As for any tourist who does not care to use plastic for purchases and prefer to pay as you go, such as my wife and myself, I would think twice before I went to Peet's on Montana, especially if you have travelers' checks.

Charlie Heartsill
North Carolina



SMDP EDITORIALS

Backing the bag ban

It's been two years, but finally the City Council approved the ban on single-use plastic bags. The Daily Press supports this move and believes it will help protect the environment and lessen our dependence on foreign oil.

City Hall did the right thing by delaying the vote so that further research could be done on the environmental impact of such a ban. Facing possible litigation from the plastics industry, City Hall held off to cover all its bases. Smart move.

Now the hard work begins. Educating the public will be critical, as will pressuring other municipalities in the region to pass similar bans.

While some say it poses a hardship for some people (paper bags will cost shoppers 10 cents while purchasing reusable bags can cost 99 cents), we believe it's a small price to pay to protect the environment and future generations from pollution. City Hall has been great about distributing reusable bags at events and we encourage residents to check them out to pick up some for free. Some of the bags distributed by City Hall have been made by veterans in Westwood. By enacting the ban, the council is saving us from ourselves while also providing work for others, stimulating the economy.

The decline of decency

Never wanting to be left out of the conversation, the Daily Press was compelled to check out an episode of MTV's "Skins," the racy adaptation of the British series about the secret lives of teenagers that has generated plenty of ink over the last few weeks, and just like members of the Parents' Advisory Council, we were disgusted.

Not only was the writing and acting awful, the gratuitous references to sex, genitals and drug use was offensive and inappropriate for teens who tune in to MTV regularly and are becoming more obsessed with celebrity and the pursuit of fame by any means necessary.

While teens having sex or sneaking off to smoke weed or drink a 40-ounce is not enough to shock the system since most of us participated in some form of ill-advised behavior in our youth, the show's celebration of these irresponsible and potentially dangerous acts is appalling and repulsive. MTV, which has an office in Santa Monica, should be ashamed of itself for trying to capitalize on the salacious.

While other teen dramas like "Beverly Hills 90210" and "My So-Called Life" featured sex and drug use, those shows tackled these subjects responsibly, using the themes to drive home important messages about the ill effects poor decisions can have on a teen's life. Those shows had lessons to impart. "Skins" does not. It glorifies bad behavior, making it cool to act a fool.

Schick, Subway, H&R Block, Taco Bell, Wrigley and GM have all pulled their ads from the show and we applaud them. MTV needs to realize that money isn't everything. Protecting our youth is far more important than profit.

There are those who will call us prudish. Go ahead. There are those who will say it is the parent's responsibility to monitor what their kids watch, and that's true, too. But with technology today, kids can pretty much outwit their folks and watch whatever they want. It is time for the creators of this trash to act responsibly.

It's about time to be business friendly

At Thursday's State of the City address, City Manager Rod Gould made a pledge that Santa Monica's City Hall will be more business friendly. Well, it's about time. For years the Daily Press has heard horror stories from merchants and homeowners about the inconsistencies in the Planning Department, particularly concerning the permit office and inspections. There were tales of one inspector giving the green light and another putting the brakes on the same project.

With the economy sputtering, unemployment hovering around 12 percent in California and more competition coming from overseas and across state lines, it is imperative for City Hall to reach out to businesses and provide a stable, predictable process. Google's recent decision to move hundreds of employees to Venice serves as a reminder that Santa Monica can't rest, but must strive to remain an attractive destination to set up shop.

We applaud the new era of collaboration between the Santa Monica Chamber and City Hall with the Buy Local campaign and the Santa Monica Alliance. We believe City Hall can still enforce proper zoning codes and maintain public safety and protect consumers, while at the same time providing a welcome mat to employers.

We challenge City Hall, the school district and other major employers to once again sit down at the table and brainstorm on how to build more affordable, workforce housing that will attract workers while at the same time addressing the significant jobs-housing imbalance that creates the traffic congestion that has been at the center of so much anger and frustration. The school district, Santa Monica College, hospitals and City Hall need to invest in workforce housing that is for those of us who are not considered low-income but are not blessed enough to live north of Wilshire or near the beach.

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Careful what you wish for

TO ANY FOLLOWER OF THIS COLUMN, IT'S no secret that I wanted Barack Obama to win the presidency in 2008. Among my reasons was his outspoken opposition to Bush's disastrous, unnecessary and probably illegal war in Iraq. (Other than that, it was fine.)

So what does Obama do? He sends 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan. Having interviewed Pat Tillman, Sr. (father of Pat Jr.) I called him for a quote. "My condolences to the families in advance," he said.

Inconsequential by comparison, another "wish" of mine that backfired was when Fox owned the Dodgers and it was painfully obvious that either they didn't know what they were doing or didn't care. So, I wished they would sell the team. Enter Jamie and Frank McCourt. Talk about from bad to worse.

The last of these wishes involved my apartment where I've lived for the past 27 years. I wished for new carpet. Actually, it was my older sister's idea. So I put in a request to building management and this past Monday, I got new carpet.

New carpet is wonderful, but the process of moving all the furniture (aka "junk") I've accumulated over the past 27 years was a nightmare. It was so stressful and exhausting that the lesson I learned is, be careful what you wish for. Or, in my case, be careful for what your sister wishes for.

It was most generous of my landlord to provide the carpet and installation crew. That said, our previous landlord used to provide maintenance staff to move the furniture for you. These days, you're on your own. I was told I could store some in the hallway and some on my balconies. As a result, for days my balconies looked like a cross between Tobacco Road and the Beverly Hillbillies.

At the risk of sounding ungrateful, I wasn't thrilled with the carpet color choices I was given. Actually it was choice, singular. It's light colored but has flecks which I'm told hides the dirt. I suppose when your carpet is dirty, that might be an asset. But when it's brand new and looks "dirty," I'm not so sure how terrific that is.

I must apologize to friends over the years who have insisted that before entering their apartment I'd have to take off my shoes. It always struck me as pretentious like, what did they think we were, in Japan? Well, after going through the moving furniture ordeal for days, I've adopted a no shoes rule. I don't know how long it'll last, because it's a bit tedious and pairs of shoes outside my door looks weird. Plus, when walking around in my socks I have an odd sense I've shrunk.

In moving everything I own in preparation for the carpet I found myself examining furniture, clothes, dishes, appliances, basically everything to see if the item was "move worthy?" Everyone says it's a great feeling to throw things out, but each time for me there was a pang, "But what if I need that?" My litmus test was, "When's the last time I used the item in question." If the answer was during the Reagan administration, it went into the dumpster.

In 27 years I've managed to collect a bizarre assortment of useless junk that defies logic. Consider my electrical extension cords collection. It's with considerable embarrassment that I tell you I had over 60!

I can assure you I didn't buy them all. And yet, unless extension cords have some sort of inanimate-object sex and reproduce, I'm at a loss to explain how I have so many. I've already given a half-dozen away as almost everyone can use an extra electrical cord, just not 67. I also have over 30 phone cords of various lengths, and 24 coaxial cables. Since I have three TVs, that's eight cables for each TV.

More puzzling, however, was what was under my old carpet. There was enough sand to build a decent size castle. As the Latino installers shoveled scoops of it, I heard them chuckle, "La playa, la playa."

While I often go to the beach during the summer, I'm baffled how the sand not only got through my shoes, and socks, but then somehow worked it's way out of my shoes and socks and through my carpet and padding in such quantity as to require a shovel to pick up.

Here's a thought, albeit a bit morbid. The carpet will likely outlive me. In the meantime, exhausted as I am, and a congenital procrastinator, I have yet to put everything back into place. Speaking of which, if you can use an extra extension cord, feel free to e-mail me. But if you come over to get it, be prepared to take your shoes off. With that thought, I can only think of one word to end with. Sayonara.

Thanking his sister Brenda, brother-in-law Dave, dear friend Margie, and especially Russell Braunstein, for their invaluable help on carpet D-Day. **JACK** can be reached at Jnsmdp@aol.com.

The Q Line

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Banning jets

The City Council suffered a loss in its drive to ban some jets at Santa Monica Airport last week.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Should City Hall cut its losses and drop the legal fight or press on for an appeal?

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Catholic elementary schools go to 200-day year

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles will become the first school system in California — public or private — to move to a 200-day academic year at its elementary campuses, officials said Thursday.

The three-county archdiocese is adding 20 days to its school calendar because of the clear relationship between time spent in an academic setting and increased student performance, Cardinal Roger Mahony said.

The federal mandate for a school year is 180 days.

"Elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are responding to this critical national issue in order that our students grow up to be successful leaders in the global workforce," Mahony said in a prepared statement.

In his State of the Union address Tuesday, President Barack Obama called on schools everywhere to heighten demands to put American children on par with other countries emphasizing math and science skills in classrooms.

The change by the archdiocese will affect 52,000 students in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

The goal is to have as many campuses as possible adopt the new calendar for the 2011-2012 school year, said Kevin Baxter, superintendent of archdiocese elementary schools.

The move will result in slightly higher teacher salaries and tuition costs, he said, noting summer break will last nearly two months.

Nativity School in South Los Angeles switched over to the extended calendar eight years ago while serving mostly low-income families in the inner city.

"Now that we have 11 months of school, students have less time to forget and teachers have more time to train students in class routines, review and then move ahead," principal Sister Judy Flahavan said.

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SAG Awards get greener with paperless ballots

Lots of Hollywood productions celebrate their eco-friendliness, but the Screen Actors Guild Awards has made one of the greenest moves yet: It has all but eliminated the paper ballot.

The union's annual show, which recognizes the best performances in TV and film, urged its 125,000 members to vote online for this year's winners and only sent paper ballots to those who specifically requested them.

The move saved three tons of paper, says SAG Awards producer Kathy Connell.

But it wasn't without risk. Though members were notified of the digital shift in the November issue of the union's magazine, some still expected the traditional paper ballot to arrive in the mail. Pundits have speculated that online voting may alienate some of SAG's older or less tech-savvy members.

Connell contends that members handle all kinds of union business online, and SAG Awards staffers are on hand to answer any awards-related questions.

The guild has offered online voting for the past five years, but previously backed up that offer with a paper ballot.

"We've been sending the printed ballot and each year, more and more people chose to vote online," Connell says. "We thought there might be a possibility of a few people who weren't as comfortable (without) a printed ballot. When we get to the end, we'll see what the results are."

AP

LOS ANGELES

Official wants to save armor-piercing bullet ban

A state senator said Thursday he has introduced legislation aimed at protecting California's decades-old ban on armor-piecing ammunition.

Sen. Kevin De Leon said he was concerned gun activists would target what he called "cop-killer" bullets after a judge last week tossed key sections of a different state law that would have restricted handgun ammunition sales.

That law, also introduced by De Leon and due to take effect next month, would have forced the buyers of handgun ammunition to show ID and leave a thumbprint on a pad at the time of purchase.

In a move welcomed by gun rights supporters, a trial judge in Fresno last week said key sections of the law relied on definitions of handgun ammunition in the state penal code that were so vaguely written they were unconstitutional.

De Leon said that in his new bill, he had amended the language so that no future gun rights lawsuit could challenge the state's ban on armor-piercing bullets.

"The gun lobby clearly will not be satisfied until it has stripped all of California's rational regulations governing the sale and possession of ammunition," De Leon said.

A call to California Rifle and Pistol Association Foundation attorney Chuck Michel was not immediately returned.

De Leon was joined by several local law enforcement officials including Los Angeles Sheriff Lee Baca and police Chief Charlie Beck.

Attorney General Kamala Harris is considering an appeal to the ruling against De Leon's original bill that would have required restrictions on handgun ammunition sales.

AP

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Bullet train leaders cleared by ethics panel

California's ethics enforcement agency has determined that several leaders of the state's High-Speed Rail Authority didn't violate rules involving overseas travel.

The Fair Political Practices Commission issued letters this week informing the authority's chairman, three board members and a former executive director that their cases are closed.

The commission looked into whether the officials violated rules limiting the receipts of gifts after the Los Angeles Times reported that they took tours of train systems in Europe, but didn't disclose who paid for the trips.

The authority said foreign governments seeking contracts to build the planned rail system donated the trips. It said it's looking at ways to increase the transparency of travel by its leaders.

AP

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Two arrested for stealing $6K in plastic crates

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.

TUESDAY, JAN. 18, AT 12:46 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 3200 block of Pico Boulevard — Trader Joe's — regarding a theft of plastic crates. Officers received an update that suspects were loading the crates into a truck. As officers were driving northbound in the 2000 block of Cloverfield Boulevard, they saw a U-hail truck driving south. Officers conducted a traffic stop and allegedly found 400 plastic containers in the back of the truck. Each container was valued at $15, police said. Officers arrested the two suspects, Vitaliano Lazaro, 20, and Alex Recio, 27, of Los Angeles. They were booked for grand theft. Bail was set at $20,000 and $50,000 respectively. Recio had two warrants.

TUESDAY, JAN. 18, AT 11:38 P.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol on Main Street when they saw a car traveling at a high rate of speed. Officers followed the car as it made a turn on Wadsworth Avenue and proceeded to drive the wrong way. Officers made a traffic stop to issue a ticket. When officers spoke with the driver they believed he was under the influence of alcohol. The driver failed to complete a series of sobriety tests and was booked for DUI. While at the police station, officers learned the driver was operating his car without a license. He was booked for DUI and driving without a license. He was identified as Gregory Bonzer, 32, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $5,000.

FRIDAY, JAN. 21, AT 2:30 P.M.,
Officers on routine patrol in the 1800 block of Pico Boulevard saw a driver make an unsafe lane change, nearly striking another vehicle. Officers pulled the driver over and recognized him from previous arrests. Officers asked the driver if he had anything illegal on him. The driver allegedly told officers he had a knife in one pocket and a prescription pain killer in the other. The driver was on probation. Officers searched him and located the knife and drugs, which were in a pill bottle with a name removed from the prescription label. Officers placed the driver under arrest for possession of a controlled substance. He was identified as Victor Torres, 26, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, JAN. 21, AT 1:30 P.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol in the 500 block of Santa Monica Boulevard when they saw three people standing next to a public building. One of the three was smoking a cigarette in violation of the municipal code prohibiting smoking within 20 feet of an entrance to a building open to the public. Officers made contact with the suspect and discovered he was on probation. He also appeared to be drunk, police said. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was in possession of an open can of beer and a cell phone that had been stolen from a car in Los Angeles County. Officers also found prescription drugs that the suspect did not have a prescription for. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for possession of stolen property, public intoxication, a probation violation, possession of a prescription drug without a prescription and possession of an open container of alcohol. His bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, JAN. 22, AT 12:01 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 2000 block of Lincoln Boulevard regarding a woman who was drunk. When officers arrived, they found woman passed out in a chair with an open bottle of vodka beside her. Officers said the woman was uncooperative and extremely intoxicated. Officers had to carry the suspect to the police car, officers said. She was placed under arrest for public intoxication and a probation violation. She was identified as Margaret Lockett, 57, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, JAN. 22, AT 9:17 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 3200 block of Wilshire Boulevard — BevMo — regarding a burglary in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with the store manager who said a suspect from an earlier theft showed up at the store. The manager locked the front door to keep the suspect inside until police arrived. Officers detained the suspect and the manager produced pictures of the suspect concealing bottles of alcohol in his pants and then leaving the store without paying for the items. The suspect was placed under arrest for burglary and a parole violation. He was identified as Eric Johannsen, 44, of the Pacific Palisades. He was not eligible for bail.

SUNDAY, JAN. 23, AT 7:18 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 2300 block of Virginia Avenue regarding a suspicious vehicle parked in the middle of the road. When officers arrived, they did not see the car, but they did see someone sitting in a car watching them. Officers made contact with the man in the car to see if he saw the vehicle in question. While talking with the man, officers said they smelled marijuana. Officers searched the suspect and allegedly found pot and a glass vial commonly used to snort cocaine. Officers arrested the suspect for possession of a controlled substance and marijuana. He was identified as Richard Wladich, 45, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,000.

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CITY
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called on to cover more of their healthcare and pension costs, Gould said, but despite that, progress is being made.

Crime is at an all-time low, the fire department improved response times by one minute and the Big Blue Bus has added a new maintenance facility and is installing hundreds of new, state-of-the-art bus stops, Gould said. Roughly 300 homeless people were housed last year, five water wells were reactivated last month, helping the city reach near self-sufficiency, a door-to-door hazardous waste collection is in effect, and there are plans to expand free Wi-Fi service and plant 1,000 trees.

On the horizon is the arrival of the Expo Light Rail Line and the construction of the Bergamot Transit Village, the creation of two parks for the Civic Center, more affordable housing units, the return of the Los Angeles Marathon and possibly Cirque du Soleil.

Gould preached patience, warning that with progress comes some inconvenience in the form of construction disruption. Development has been a controversial topic in Santa Monica for the last decade, with residents voicing concerns about traffic congestion and density.

If Santa Monicans can practice patience, they will see that "the benefits will be long lasting," he said.

Offering an olive branch to the business community, Gould said he has assigned an ombudsmen to work with businesses and developers to "untangle the snarls in the process, ensuring prompt, predictable service."

"Santa Monica will become more business friendly," he said.

City Hall has had a reputation of being inconsistent when it comes to inspections and permitting, earning Santa Monica a place amongst the most painful cities to do business with.

To counter that, in November, the City Council approved a set of business-friendly principals that included increased responsiveness to businesses that are seeking to or continue doing business in the city by the sea.

City Hall and the chamber also created the Buy Local campaign in an effort to promote local mom-and-pops businesses and encourage residents and employees here to shop in town, saving time and gas while keeping tax dollars in the community.

Following Gould's presentation, Brad Cox, chair of the Santa Monica Alliance, an initiative started by the chamber and City Hall last year to attract and retain employers, led a panel discussion with representatives from four local business, who talked about how they have achieved and why they remain in Santa Monica.

George Rose, an executive vice president with Activision Blizzard, the masterminds behind hit video game franchises "Guitar Hero" and "Call of Duty," said one of the main reasons for his company remaining in Santa Monica is City Hall's installation of dark fiber, which allows massive quantities of data to travel over the internet at breakneck speeds.

He also said the city's commitment to building affordable housing is a plus, as is the stable labor pool. The weather and and being near the ocean aren't bad either.

Paul Kanan, executive vice president with cancer research firm Agensys, which is building a new, larger facility near Bergamot Station, said the company was founded in Santa Monica and remains here because of the proximity to universities and medical centers. He also mentioned K-12 education, the shopping, parks, hotels, and the climate.

"Santa Monica helps us attract the people we need to grow the company," Kanan said.

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MOVIES
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As an anti-piracy tool, virtual screenings are cheaper and simpler than past efforts. For one thing, they remove the risk of discs going missing or being stolen. In cases where discs get pirated, the actual uploading is typically done by someone several steps removed from the recipient, often without that person's knowledge, according to studio executives and law enforcement officials.

But digital screeners won't necessarily be a savior either. People determined to break the law will find a way, even if it comes down to recording a digital movie by pointing a standard video camera at the computer screen.

"Copying a stream is even easier than duplicating a DVD," Ernesto Van Der Sar, the founder of piracy news site TorrentFreak, said in an e-mail interview. "Moving to streaming might get the leak rate down but I can also see scenarios where it will lead to more leaks."

Nonetheless, studios believe they must try new approaches to combat piracy.

The Motion Picture Association of America estimates that $25 billion globally is lost to it every year, and it is partly responsible for U.S. DVD sales falling from a peak in 2006 at $20.2 billion to about $14 billion in 2010.

Although the industry group says most of the damage comes from handheld video camera recordings in theaters around the world, awards screeners are still a problem.

In the past, studios went as far as sending voters specialized players equipped with stronger copy protections than regular DVDs, but that system was abandoned years ago as being too troublesome.

So most studios continue to send discs to voters by mail — as many as 20,000 per movie. And the risk of leaks remains.

Oscar screeners sent out in late 2008 were the source of online bootlegs of "Slumdog Millionaire," "Australia," and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button." Investigators followed the trail of unique disc identifiers called watermarks and convicted two men of felony copyright infringement.

In October, a screener of Summit Entertainment's "Red" was copied and posted online a day before the movie hit theaters. Investigators traced the leak to a copy sent to the show "LIVE! With Regis & Kelly," the second time in four months the show was responsible for a leak of a movie that was in theaters.

The Walt Disney Co., which produces the "Regis" show, has since tightened procedures, and now only a few key employees can receive screeners under tight restrictions.

The penalty for uploading movies to websites can reach up to three years in prison and a fine for first-time offenders, but the penalties get stiffer for repeat offenders or those with a profit motive.

The Justice Department convicted 207 people for intellectual property theft crimes in fiscal 2010, which ended Sept. 30, down from 287 in 2007. Cases involving awards screeners amount to "a handful every year," according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Wesley Hsu in Los Angeles.

Kaye Cooper-Mead, an executive vice president at Summit Entertainment, aims to instill a sense of caution among recipients of awards screeners so they don't let the discs get pirated by others. They need to understand "how many millions of dollars that one DVD is worth," she said.

Studios are further along in weaning other reviewers off discs. Warner Bros. and Sony Pictures are having hoteliers, retailers and airline and cruise ship clients watch movies on secure websites before they make a decision to license the movies for guests or carry them in stores.

COUNT
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ties to conduct homeless counts every two years, Guest said, but since 2009 Santa Monica has opted to hold an annual event.

"We really want to have our finger on the pulse of what's going on and how our population changes over time," she said.

This year, the count took place on a January night that could have passed for summer in most parts of the country. The unseasonably warn weather, Guest said, could skew the number of homeless counted on the streets upward, since it's possible fewer homeless individuals opted to spend the night in a shelter.

By 11 p.m. Wednesday, the volunteers, along with more than 30 police officers and Human Services staff members, had gathered at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium to receive their instructions. They headed out in small groups to comb every inch of Santa Monica, from the ritziest North of Montana neighborhoods to the roofs of Downtown parking structures to the freeway underpasses that sometimes serve as shelters.

Some of them, like life-long Santa Monican Eric Faber, were veterans of all five counts City Hall has organized.

"I care about our community and I know homelessness has always been a major issue," Faber, a member of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. board of directors, said. "I'm really interested in seeing the impact of the programs that we have."

In Faber's area, which consisted of the Third Street Promenade and the Santa Monica Pier, 17 homeless people were counted.

Other volunteers, like Hafeez Lakhani, a writer who moved to Venice from New York three weeks ago, were learning Santa Monica's landscape for the first time as they pitched in.

Lakhani was part of a group of 37 volunteers from the Ismaili Culture Center that took part in the count.

"I thought it sounded like a cool way to get into the community," he said.

At least two participants, Alan Blecker and Sharon Byrne, took a mini road trip to lend a hand. The pair drove down from Santa Barbara, hoping to learn by doing ahead of a planned homeless count in their own city next month.

Naomi Wolman, a psychiatrist who works with homeless patients at the Edelman Westside Mental Health Center, left the event with more than a sense of fulfillment.

Despite working with the mentally ill homeless on a regular basis, she said walking down empty, quiet roads at night to tally the most vulnerable members of the community had an emotional impact on her.

"It's different when you walk in the streets and really see how people live," she said

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COUNCIL
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able in a binder at the council's public meetings.

While the requirement wouldn't bring any new information into the public domain, it would further the goal of government transparency, he said, and make accessing the records easier for the public.

His usual group of backers from neighborhood organizations spoke in favor of the idea.

But Mayor Richard Bloom and Councilman Terry O'Day each noted it would have very little impact. And they worried that it could be a burden on the city clerk.

"I don't understand what this adds and how it benefits the public, particularly given that it's going to require some work on the part of the City Clerk's Office," Bloom said.

O'Day said it would have a "very marginal benefit and unknown cost."

Along with Councilwoman Pam O'Connor, they voted it down 3-2, with McKeown and Councilwoman Gleam Davis making up the minority.

Councilmen Bobby Shriver and Bob Holbrook did not attend the meeting.

The defeat was more notable because the request on Tuesday was simply for preliminary approval; council members could have declined to approve the idea at a later meeting after receiving more detailed information from city staff, but instead declined to allow the staff to consider it.

The rebuke came after a divided council earlier this month rejected a more substantial proposal from McKeown that would have required council members to verbally disclose financial contributions that could be seen as giving rise to a conflict of interest prior to relevant votes.

After Tuesday's meeting, McKeown delivered one more jab at his colleagues who voted his suggestion down.

"Making public records difficult to access by the public seems counter to all the principles Santa Monica stands for on informed public participation," he wrote in an e-mail to the Daily Press, "but I'm only one vote on the council."

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CHALLENGE
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nized Samohi as a team worthy of its current No. 22 state ranking by MaxPreps.

But, aside from the notoriety, Verdugo said that he just wants to host some good basketball games on his home turf.

"Each year it has gotten better," he said. "It's a great day. Our gym creates a lot of excitement because it's an old-school noisy place to play."

This year, Samohi will play La Jolla Country Day, ranked No. 9 in the state by MaxPreps, in the capper at 7 p.m.

"We knew that we wanted that kind of challenge," Verdugo said of Country Day. "They are well coached and really get after it."

For Mater Dei, this will be the second straight year playing in the challenge. Last season the Monarchs defeated host Samohi.

"I'm really excited about returning, we're looking forward to it," Mater Dei head coach Kevin Kiernan said.

The day begins as Samohi's frosh/soph team plays Taft at 10 a.m. That is followed by a junior varsity matchup featuring the same pair of teams. The varsity action begins at 1 p.m. as Beverly Hills takes on Taft. Ventura versus Marlborough is next at 2:30 p.m. Fellow Ocean League team Inglewood takes on Gahr at 4 p.m. Mater Dei will take on Bishop Montgomery at 5:30 with Samohi ending the night against La Jolla Country Day at 7 p.m.

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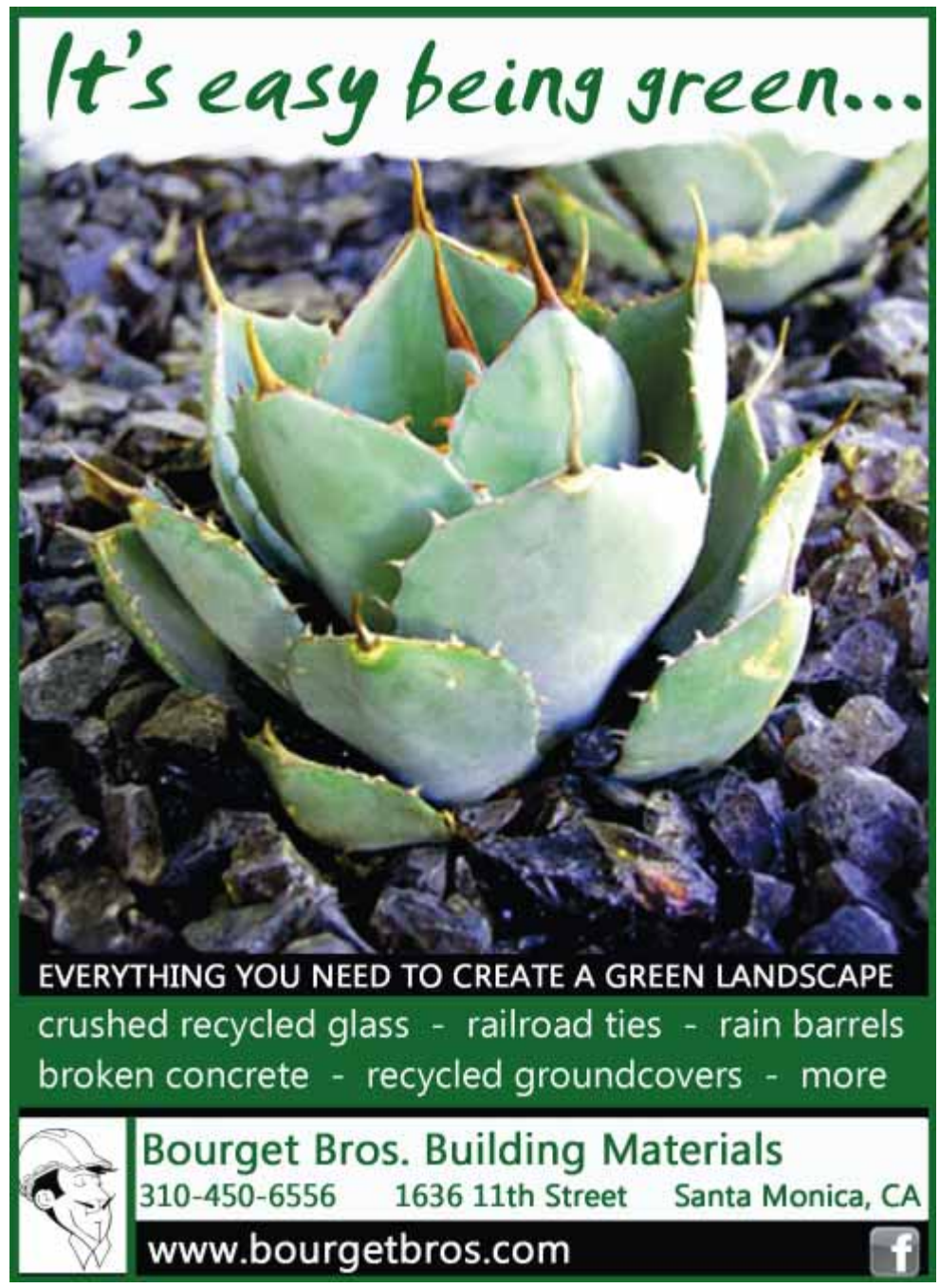
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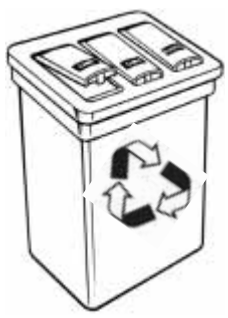
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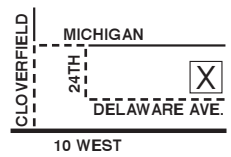
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Beer cocktails make a stir

MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

Something new is on tap on the bar scene as adventurous mixologists brew up beer cocktails.

"Beer as an ingredient can offer such a wide variety of flavors," says Jacob Grier, a drinks blogger who tends bar at Metrovino in Portland, Ore. "They can be sweet and malty. They can have chocolate roast-y notes. It can be a great complement to a cocktail."

For most people, beer and liquor have never been more than nodding acquaintances.

Sure, maybe you've had a shot with a beer chaser here, or, in more reckless moments, a boilermaker — in which the shot glass of liquor is dropped directly into the pint of beer.

But the new trend goes far beyond that, with mixologists looking for creative new ways to blend beer and booze.

Grier was introduced to the beer cocktail after watching Canadian beer writer Stephen Beaumont concoct some at a cocktail event a few years ago.

Beaumont got his inspiration from northern France, where he says beer cocktails are surprisingly common. "Once I tried a couple over there, I just had to give making my own creations a shot," he said in an e-mail.

He sees beer cocktails falling into three categories — beer blends; beer mixed with something else, such as juice, spirits or other flavoring ingredients; or beer used as a flavoring ingredient in a cocktail.

When mixing beers with spirits, it's important to look for harmony, like the fruitiness of rums and most IPAs, or the aromatics of some blonde ales and gins, says Beaumont.

Grier finds gin and herbal flavors work really well because they have the aromatics to stand up to beer.

Grier, along with Yetta Vorobik, owner of The Hop and Vine beer bar in Portland and Ezra Johnson-Greenough, who runs The New School beer blog, have organized two Brewing Up Cocktails events and have more planned.

One of his favorite recipes was the brewer's bramble, a twist on the bramble cocktail that used a tart beer instead of lemon juice and syrup. The drink was made with gin, blackberry liqueur and The Bruery's Hottenroth Berliner Weisse, though many sour beers would work.

One of Beaumont's creations is the green devil, which uses absinthe, gin and Duvel, a Belgian beer. "I'd been wanting to build a cocktail around Duvel for some time. Then, while preparing dinner one night, inspiration struck," he says.

Sheamus Feeley, executive chef of Farmstead Restaurant in the Napa Valley, has been drinking beer cocktails for a while.

He recently returned from duck hunting with friends and made bloody bulls — beef stock, bloody mary mix and some light beer.

Some customers react with, "What's a beer cocktail?" but the concept is becoming more common, says Feeley. "We can use beer as a carrier to add complexity, depth, effervescence and a lightness that doesn't knock you down."

Grier is seeing beer cocktails pop up in more places.

"I predict it's going to be a big thing for 2011," he says.

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Jacob Grier's blog, http://www.jacobgrier.com/blog/
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GREEN DEVIL

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(Recipe from drinks writer Stephen Beaumont)

FLORIDA SNAKEBITE

This update of the classic blend of beer and hard cider gets its name from the splash of Cointreau, which gives the drink a fine citrusy finish.
Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 2
12-ounce bottle India pale ale
12-ounce bottle hard cider
1 ounce Cointreau
Divide the beer between 2 tall serving glasses. Slowly pour half of the cider into each. Finish each with half of the Cointreau. Stir gently just to mix.
Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 206 calories; 0 calories from fat (0 percent of total calories); 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 19 g carbohydrate; 2 g protein; 0 g fiber; 9 mg sodium.
(Recipe from AP Food Editor J.M. Hirsch)



NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation
Board of Directors

Wednesday, February 2, 2011– 6:30 PM
Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 6:30 PM

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Stocks edge higher after mixed earnings reports

DAVID K. RANDALL & MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK A surprise jump in applications for unemployment benefits and mixed earnings from large U.S. companies kept stocks on a short leash Thursday. Indexes ended slightly higher, with the Standard & Poor's 500 closing a half point below 1,300.

The Dow Jones industrial average traded above 12,000 for most of the day but failed to close above that level for the second day in a row. The Dow hasn't closed above 12,000 since June 19, 2008, just as the financial crisis was worsening.

Procter & Gamble Co., the maker of consumer products like Tide detergent, fell 2.9 percent, the largest drop among the 30 companies that make up the Dow Jones average. P&G said rising commodity prices are pinching its profits.

AT&T Inc. fell 2 percent after saying that new wireless contracts fell to the lowest level in more than five years. Caterpillar Inc. rose 0.9 percent after its fourth-quarter profit quadrupled on strong global demand for mining and construction equipment.

The S&P 500 rose 2.91 points, or 0.2 percent, to close at 1,299.54. The last time the index closed above 1,300 was Aug. 28, 2008.

The Dow inched up 4.39 points, or 0.1 percent, to close at 11,989.83. The index broke through 12,000 Wednesday for the first time since June 2008 but slipped in the late afternoon. It has gained 18.5 percent in the past year.

The Nasdaq composite index gained 15.78, or 0.6 percent, to 2,755.28.

First-time applications for unemployment rose to 454,000 last week, the highest level since late October. Economists had expected the number to rise to 407,000. Snowstorms in some parts of the country forced companies to lay off workers, economists said.

A government-appointed panel said Thursday that the financial crisis could have been avoided if Wall Street executives and government officials had properly managed risks. The panel said that the Bush and Clinton administrations, the Federal Reserve and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner share responsibility for allowing the crisis to happen. The panel's conclusions had been leaked ahead of its formal report and were widely expected on Wall Street.

Netflix Inc. jumped 15 percent to $210. Netflix reported that its subscriber base rose above 20 million customers, after the market closed Wednesday. The stock has quadrupled over the last 12 months.

Rising stocks narrowly outpaced falling ones on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume was 4.3 billion shares.

Scams pile up for BP spill paybacks

BRIAN SKOLOFF & HARRY R. WEBER
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS The $20 billion fund responsible for compensating victims of BP's Gulf of Mexico oil spill has received more than 7,000 potentially fraudulent claims, many of which have been referred to the Justice Department for criminal investigations, the fund's administrator told a Senate panel on Thursday.

Attorney Kenneth Feinberg, who is overseeing the Gulf Coast Claims Facility, said of more than 481,000 claims filed, 7,575 are considered potentially fraudulent. The Justice Department has already indicted eight claimants.

The fund was set up in August to handle thousands of claims for compensation from residents, business owners and fishermen across the Gulf Coast and beyond who can prove they suffered financial losses from BP PLC's April 20 oil well blowout off the coast of Louisiana. The Deepwater Horizon explosion killed 11 rig workers and sent millions of gallons of crude into the Gulf.

Feinberg testified in Washington on Thursday before a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Lawmakers criticized Feinberg's operation of the fund and the slow pace of processing claims, questioning his commitment to transparency.

Feinberg's Washington law firm had been receiving $850,000 a month from BP for its work. He is currently negotiating with BP over a new payment structure for his administration of the fund through August 2013.

"As the Gulf continues to recover, I continue to have serious concerns regarding claims determinations made by this organization," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., who noted that 38,604 claims in his home state have yet to receive "one penny in funding."

"The Gulf Coast Claims Facility is not acting with the appropriate urgency I thought it would," Shelby said.

Claimants across the Gulf Coast have also criticized Feinberg, complaining that they are being paid too little, too slowly or not at all.

Those who feel they were shortchanged or wrongly denied compensation can appeal to the U.S. Coast Guard. As of Thursday, Feinberg said the Coast Guard had processed 264 out of 507 appeals. In every case they reviewed, the agency has agreed with the decisions by the claims fund and offered no additional relief.

Feinberg has repeatedly promised fairness and transparency. He called the program a success that has already paid out more than $3.3 billion to about 168,000 claimants. He said roughly half of all claims have been denied because of ineligibility or lack of documentation.



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NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES AND DESIGNATION OF CENTRAL COUNTING PLACE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of polling places designated for the 17TH STATE SENATE DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION scheduled to be held on FEBRUARY 15, 2011.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's facility, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk California 90650 has been designated as the central counting place for the above election. Polling places shall be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Persons requiring multilingual assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, or Vietnamese regarding information in the notice may call (800) 481-8683.

POLLING PLACES

9000269B (9000269C, 9000269D, 9000269F, 9000269G, 9002371A, 9002371B, 9002371C and 9002371D CONS) - RICHLAND AVENUE ELEM SCHOOL 11562 RICHLAND AVE LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
9001243A (9001243B, 9001243C, 9001243D, 9001243E, 9001243F, 9001938A and 9001938B CONS) - WESTMINSTER SENIOR CENTER 1234 PACIFIC AVE VENICE 90291 Accessible: Y
9001244A (9001244B, 9001244C, 9001244D, 9001244E, 9001244F, 9001938C, 9001938D and 9001938E CONS) - ADDA & PAUL SAFRAN SR HOUSING 151 OCEAN FRONT WALK VENICE 90291 Accessible: Y
9001249A - LIBERAL ARTS MASONIC TEMPLE 2244 WESTWOOD BLVD LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
9001250A (9001248A, 9001250A, 9001252A, 9001252B, 9001593A and 9001761A CONS) - LIBERAL ARTS MASONIC TEMPLE 2244 WESTWOOD BLVD LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
9001274A (9001171A, 9001171B, 9001274A, 9001274B, 9001274C, 9001274D, 9001274E and 9001274F CONS) - WESTWOOD RECREATION COMPLEX 1350 S SEPULVEDA BLVD LOS ANGELES 90025 Accessible: Y
9001281A (9001281B, 9001281C, 9001281D, 9001281E, 9001285A, 9005821A, 9005821B and 9007379B CONS) - 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH OF W.L.A. 1609 S BARRINGTON AVE LOS ANGELES 90025 Accessible: Y
9001283A (9001171C, 9001283A, 9001283B, 9001283C, 9001283D, 9001283E, 9001283F, 9001283G and 9001283H CONS) - WESTWOOD RECREATION COMPLEX 1350 S SEPULVEDA BLVD LOS ANGELES 90025 Accessible: Y
9001284A (9001284B, 9001284C, 9001301A, 9001302A, 9005823A, 9005823B and 9005823C CONS) - NORA STERRY ELEMENTARY SCH 1730 CORINTH AVE LOS ANGELES 90025 Accessible: Y
9001299A (9001297A, 9001299A, 9001299B, 9001299C, 9001299D, 9001299E, 9005820A, 9005820B and 9005820C CONS) - BUERGE FORD 11800 SANTA MONICA BLVD LOS ANGELES 90025 Accessible: Y
9001300A (9001298A, 9001298B, 9001298C, 9001300A, 9001300B, 9001300C, 9001300E, 9001300F, 9001300G, 9001300H, 9001303C and 9007382F CONS) - STONER RECREATION CENTER 1835 STONER AVE LOS ANGELES 90025 Accessible: Y
9001316A (9001316B, 9001316C, 9001316D, 9001317D, 9001317E, 9001318A, 9001318B, 9001318C, 9001318D and 9001318F CONS) - BRENTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 12000 SAN VICENTE BLVD LOS ANGELES 90049 Accessible: Y
9001326A (9001317C, 9001317F, 9001326A, 9001326B, 9001326D, 9001362A, 9001362B, 9001365B, 9001365C and 9005827B CONS) - BARRINGTON PLAZA BLDG B 11728 WILSHIRE BLVD LOS ANGELES 90025 Accessible: Y
9001452A (9001248C, 9001452A, 9001452B, 9001452C, 9001452D, 9001454A, 9001454B, 9001454C, 9001454D and 9001540A CONS) - WESTWOOD PLAZA 2228 WESTWOOD BLVD LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
9001476A (9001456D, 9001456E, 9001456G, 9001474C, 9001474D, 9001474E, 9001474F, 9001476A, 9001476B, 9001476D, 9001476E, 9001476F and 9001476G CONS) - PALMS RECREATION CENTER 2950 OVERLAND AVE LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
9001514A (9001507G, 9001513A, 9001513B, 9001514A, 9001514B, 9001514C and 9002371E CONS) - ST ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH 11555 NATIONAL BLVD LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
9001516A (9001515A, 9001515D, 9001516A, 9001516B, 9001516C, 9001516D, 9001516E and 9001516F CONS) - JUAREZ & ASSOCIATES/LIBRARY 12139 NATIONAL BLVD LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
9001545A (9001545B, 9001545C, 9001545D, 9001545E, 9001545F, 9003235A, 9003235B, 9003235E and 9003235F CONS) - CALIFORNIA APARTMENTS 609 CALIFORNIA AVE VENICE 90291 Accessible: Y
9001546A (9001542A, 9001542C, 9001542D, 9001542E, 9001546A, 9001546B, 9001546C, 9001546D and 9001546E CONS) - BROADWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1015 LINCOLN BLVD VENICE 90291 Accessible: Y
9001547A (9000003A, 9000003B, 9000003C, 9000003D, 9000003E, 9001547A, 9001547B, 9001547C, 9001547D and 9001547E CONS) - VENICE UNITED METHODIST CHR 2210 LINCOLN BLVD VENICE 90291 Accessible: Y
9001549A (9001549B, 9001549C, 9001549D, 9001549E, 9002864A, 9003202A, 9003202B, 9003202D and 9003202E CONS) - BROADWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1015 LINCOLN BLVD VENICE 90291 Accessible: Y
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9001978A (9001527A, 9001528C, 9001528E, 9001978A, 9001978B and 9001978C CONS) - DANIEL WEBSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL 11330 GRAHAM PL LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
9002358A (9001474A, 9001474B, 9002285E, 9002358A, 9002358B, 9002358C, 9002358D, 9002358E, 9002369B, 9002369C and 9002369E CONS) - NAZARETH HOUSE 3333 MANNING AVE LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
9002368A (9000269A, 9000269E, 9001507A, 9001507B, 9001507F, 9002368A, 9002368B, 9002368C and 9007382A CONS) - RICHLAND AVENUE ELEM SCHOOL 11562 RICHLAND AVE LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
9002389A (9002389B, 9002389C, 9002389D, 9002389E, 9002389F, 9002389G and 9002393A CONS) - EXTRA SPACE STORAGE 658 VENICE BLVD VENICE 90291 Accessible: Y
9002863A (9001884B, 9002388B, 9002388C, 9002863A, 9002863B, 9002863C, 9002863D, 9002863E, 9002863F and 9002863G CONS) - LIFEGUARD HEADQUARTERS 2300 OCEAN FRONT WALK VENICE 90291 Accessible: Y
9002921A (9002393B, 9002393C, 9002393D, 9002393E, 9002921A, 9002921B, 9002921C, 9002921D, 9002921E and 9002921F CONS) - WESTMINSTER AV ELEM SCHOOL 1010 ABBOT KINNEY BLVD VENICE 90291 Accessible: Y
9003036A (9001211B, 9001305A, 9001432A, 9001432B, 9001455A, 9001455B, 9001455C, 9003036A, 9003036B, 9003036C, 9003036D and 9003036E CONS) - RESIDENCE 2755 KELTON AVE LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
9003201A (9002388A, 9002388D, 9002388E, 9002388F, 9003201A, 9003201B, 9003201C, 9003201D and 9003201E CONS) - WESTMINSTER AV ELEM SCHOOL 1010 ABBOT KINNEY BLVD VENICE 90291 Accessible: Y
9004218A (9001294A, 9001294B, 9001295A, 9001456A, 9001456B, 9001456C, 9001456F, 9004218A, 9004218B, 9004218C and 9004218D CONS) - WESTERN PARKING ENFORCEMENT 11214 EXPOSITION BLVD LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
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9005424A (9002891A, 9002891B, 9002891C, 9002891D, 9005424A, 9005424B, 9005424C, 9005424D, 9005424E and 9005424F CONS) - PALMS RECREATION CENTER 2950 OVERLAND AVE LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
9005816A (9001297B, 9001297C, 9005816A, 9005816B, 9005816C, 9005816D, 9005816E, 9005817A, 9005817C, 9005817D and 9007388D CONS) - SANTA MONICA CHEVROLET 3223 SANTA MONICA BLVD SANTA MONICA 90404 Accessible: Y
9005818A (9001296B, 9001296C, 9003732A, 9005818A, 9005818B, 9005818C, 9005818D, 9005818E, 9007379A, 9007379C, 9007379D and 9007379E CONS) - FELICIA MAHOOD SR CITIZEN CTR 11338 SANTA MONICA BLVD LOS ANGELES 90025 Accessible: Y
9005821C (9001300D, 9001302B, 9001302C, 9001303A, 9001303B, 9005821C, 9005821D and 9005821E CONS) - STONER RECREATION CENTER 1835 STONER AVE LOS ANGELES 90025 Accessible: Y
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9005833B (9000372A, 9001223A, 9001223B, 9005826A, 9005826B, 9005826C, 9005826D, 9005833B, 9005833C, 9005833D, 9005835A and 9005835C CONS) - BRENTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 12000 SAN VICENTE BLVD LOS ANGELES 90049 Accessible: Y
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9005934A (9005934B, 9005934C, 9005934D, 9005934E, 9005936A, 9005936B and 9005936C CONS) - COEUR D ALENE AVE ELEM SCH 810 COEUR D ALENE AVE VENICE 90291 Accessible: Y
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9007385A (9000626A, 9007382B, 9007382C, 9007382D, 9007382E, 9007385A, 9007385B, 9007385C, 9007385D, 9007385E and 9007385F CONS) - FIRE STATION #59 11505 W OLYMPIC BLVD LOS ANGELES 90064 Accessible: Y
9007388A (9001296A, 9001296E, 9001296F, 9005817B, 9007388A, 9007388B, 9007388C and 9007388E CONS) - UNIVERSITY HIGH SCH/GYM FOYER 11800 TEXAS AVE LOS ANGELES 90025 Accessible: Y

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

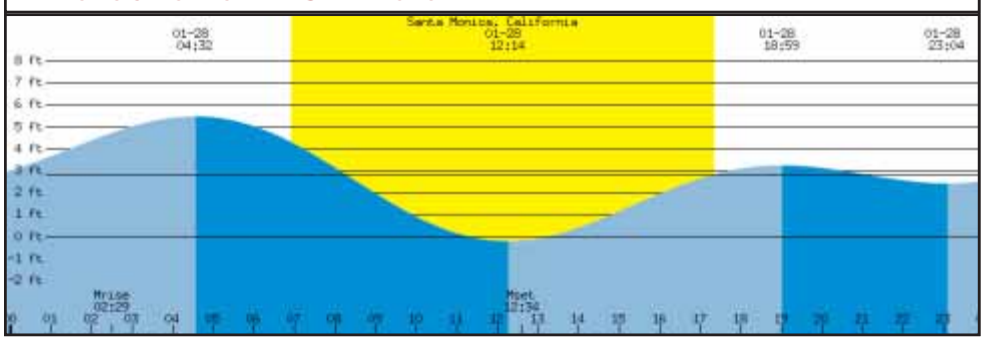
Swell Forecast

West facing breaks are looking at chest+ waves, with some head high sets at standout west facing spots.

Long Range Synopsis

Sees the lagging, 14-second periods come ashore, but size should still be around chest high, but with somewhat weaker waves than previous days.

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 19, 2011**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 16
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 27 / 11
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 16 / 31

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

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

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

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

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

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NBA

Jackson confirms this season his last

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson has reiterated this will be his last season working the sideline.

Coming into this season with a chance for an unprecedented fourth "three-peat" and his second with the Lakers, Jackson at the time called the 2010-11 campaign his "last stand."

In an interview Thursday with ESPN-Los Angeles, Jackson said, "Most everybody believes I'm not going to fulfill this 'last stand' promise and I will come back and coach again but it really is (my last season). I really want to do this for myself."

However, the 11-time NBA champion acknowledged in September that he's still uncertain whether he'll retire after this season, as he repeatedly vowed last summer when he agreed to return with a pay cut.

NFL

Raiders hire Wisniewski as assistant OL coach

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALAMEDA The Oakland Raiders have hired former Pro Bowl guard Steve Wisniewski as their assistant offensive line coach.

The team announced the hiring on its Twitter account Thursday.

Wisniewski was the strength and conditioning coach at Stanford last season. He said this move gets him back to what he loves in being with the Raiders and coaching the offensive line.

Wisniewski played 206 games over 13 seasons with the Raiders. He made the Pro Bowl eight times and is a two-time first-team All-Pro.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed Zoning Text Amendments to amend sections of the Zoning Ordinance in order to implement State law regarding density bonuses for projects that include affordable housing**

APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica
LOCATION: Citywide

Public hearings will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Modification of and additions to the City of Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Sections 9.04.10.14.040, 9.04.10.14.050, 9.04.10.14.060, 9.04.10.14.070, 9.04.10.14.080, and 9.04.14.090, and sections that cross-references these sections of the Zoning Ordinance to codify, in part, the provisions of Interim Ordinance No. 2176 (CCS) and subsequent extending ordinances; to comply with Government Code Section 65915, which requires cities to adopt implementing ordinances providing affordable housing incentives.

DATE/TIME: **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011 AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second 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 City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
RE: Density Bonus Text Amendment
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90407-2200

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Travis Page at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at travis.page@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at http://www.santa-monica.org.

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. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 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.

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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.



MOVIE TIMES

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

Double feature

Rebel Without a Cause & East of Eden
7:30pm

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

Somewhere (R) 1hr 38min
2:00pm, 7:30pm

Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:50pm, 3:40pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

Country Strong (PG-13) 1hr 52min
4:40pm, 10:20pm

Way Back (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:05pm

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

True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

No Strings Attached (R) 1hr 50min
11:25am, 1:15pm, 2:20pm, 4:10pm, 5:10pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:40pm, 10:40pm

Dilemma (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Rite (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:20am, 2:20pm, 5:20pm, 8:05pm, 10:50pm

Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) 1hr 48min
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:10pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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

Social Network (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
1:20pm, 4:20pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Another Year (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

127 Hours (R) 1hr 35min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

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

Blue Valentine (NC-17) 1hr 54min
11:05am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Company Men (R) 1hr 53min
11:05am, 1:40pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Mechanic (R) 1hr 40min
12:15pm, 2:55pm, 5:30pm, 8:05pm, 10:45pm

Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:50pm

Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

From Prada to Nada (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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

Join your friends, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Often, what you accomplish seems impossible, but your ability to detach and see different paths pushes you toward success. You like problems; you love finding solutions. A meeting or friendship cascades over the edge of normal. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Note someone's effort to enlist your help. Whatever the issue might be, you have a lot to gain by participating. An older person or boss actively pushes you. A key associate points the way. Tonight: Visit with a special friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might feel as if you are giving up your power, but honestly, that isn't what's going on. Others simply take the stage, demonstrating their personality and ideas. Through this process, more opportunities emerge. New facts come forward. Tonight: Join your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Try to be easygoing. A partner, friend or associate assumes a dominant role concerning a mutual interest. Know when it is worth fighting city hall. Let others express their personality, wishes and ideas. Just be a listener. Tonight: Get some exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ The twinkle in your eye and even the way you walk announce the weekend. Still, focus on certain tasks at hand. Express your unusual ingenuity when clearing your desk and setting up a meeting next week. Tonight: Lead the gang. Frolic away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ The less said, the more you will accomplish. Consider adding a new touch to your work area. Funnel your attention carefully. Someone might be doing a lot of squawking, trying to get you to notice him or her. Which is more effective: Ignoring this person, or giving him or her a few minutes? Tonight: Squeeze in a stress-buster. No excuses, please.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You have the gift of telling someone off, yet he or she might not realize it until hours later. How you use your innate charm and verbal skills is your call. A child or new friend keeps trying to get your attention. Your creativity flourishes when you feel cared for. Tonight: Favorite person, favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Know when to turn in a new direction. Presently, you might want to do some reflecting and evaluate your choices. A personal or domestic problem dominates, despite your attempt to mentally let go. Tonight: Take a break with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Move with confidence, knowing your choices are sound. Someone in your immediate environment might decide to confront you. Listen rather than trigger. Know that his or her criticism might have more to do with perception than reality. Tonight: Soaring like an eagle into the weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Take your time. Understanding will evolve the more you eye a problem. There are answers, though you might not see them immediately. Your instincts beat heavily, especially concerning money. Still, walk a conservative path for now. Tonight: Get much-needed peace and quiet.

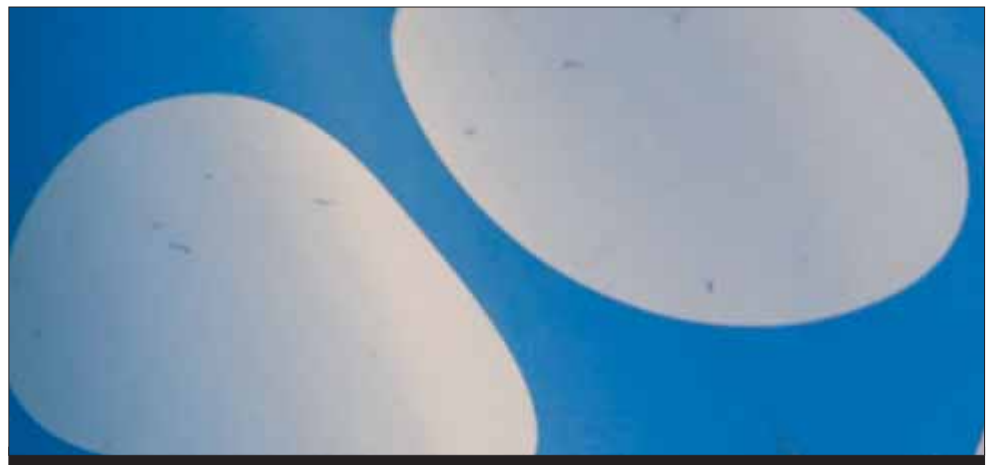
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You are about to succeed in a major goal or desire. Funnel your energy into clearing out a last-minute boulder, and don't allow frustration to beam in. A meeting could focus you once more. Others want to participate in a key goal. Tonight: Finally, relax with friends. Celebrate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be more irritated with a boss, older friend or relative than you realize. The other party receives a lot of your subconscious signals. Focus on the immediate, and stay out of emotional politics. Tonight: Schedule some talk time.

Happy birthday

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

This year, funnel your energy into networking and achieving a long-term desire. Friends play a major role in your plans, achievements and year. Learn new ways of communicating by observing another person's style or maybe taking a seminar. Though you cannot control someone, you can phrase your desires in a way that he or she might feel more receptive to. If you are single, your friends prove to be instrumental in a new relationship. Give this person your special type of friendship as well as other caring. If you are attached, the two of you cheer each other on toward success. SAGITTARIUS keeps making suggestions!



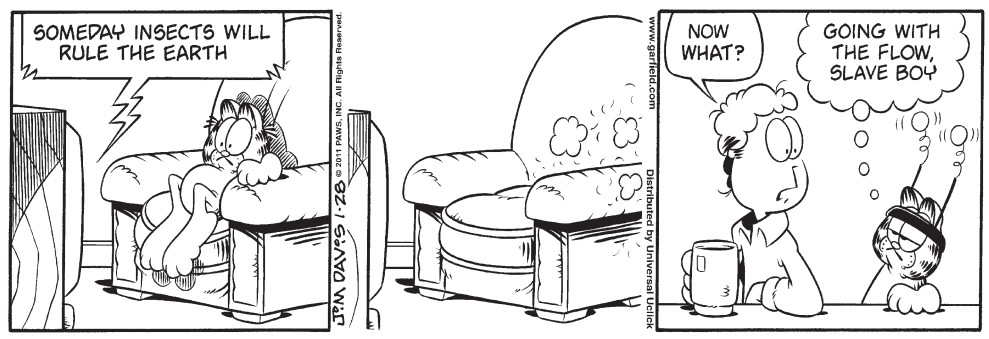
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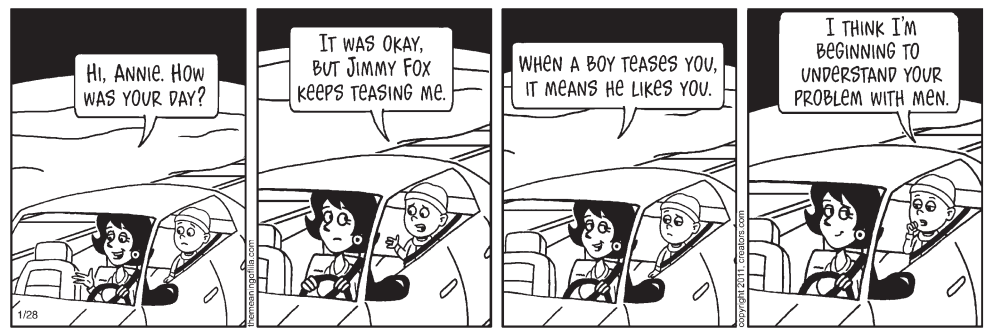
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The Meaning of Lila

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Girls and Sports

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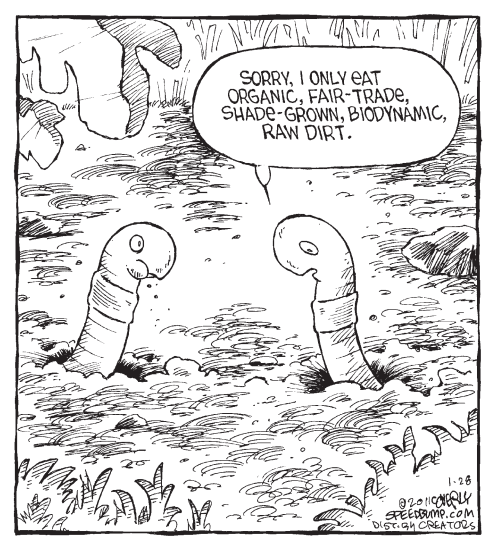
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By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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	9						6	

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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

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Unexpected growth
6 Book-jacket quote
11 River boat
12 Cruise boat
13 Tea-party crasher
14 Biscotti flavor
15 Informant
16 Cravat
18 Blackjack card
19 Hairy ox
20 Last part
21 Hotel units
23 Watches over
25 Tease
27 Habit inhabitant
28 Screen dot
30 Lights-out tune
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44 Solitary sort
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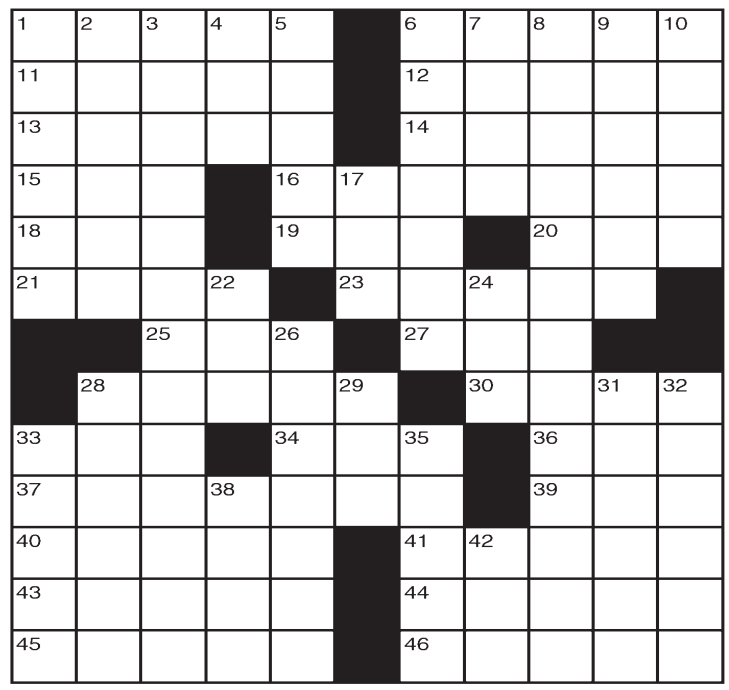
DOWN

1 Sacred beetle
2 Royal home
3 Scotland is in it
4 Bird of myth
5 Wee
6 Char
7 Chain part
8 Finland is in it
9 Pine products
10 Kennel Club category
17 Put away
22 Die roll
24 Bonbon center
26 Cheapened
28 Eastern temple
29 — Cruces
31 Wallet holder
32 Ranch group
33 Praline bit
35 Gave out hands
38 Give a hoot
42 Misery

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Yesterday's answer

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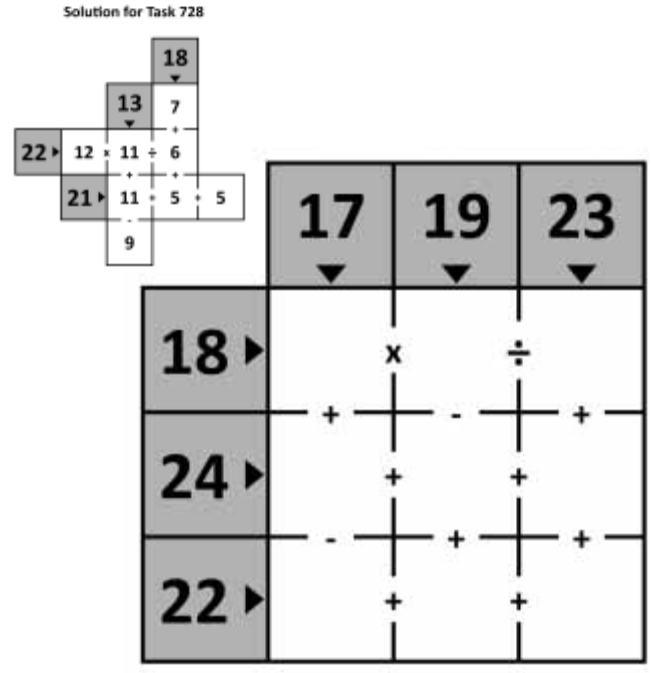
• The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 9, 10, 12, 12

Solution for Task 728



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Fantasy 5: 2 11 13 29 37

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ If Life Gives You a Lemon, Make Lemonade: (1) When Bernie Ecclestone, CEO of the Formula One racing circuit, was mugged in November and had his jewelry stolen, he sent a photograph of his battered face to the Hublot watch company and convinced its chief executive to run a brief advertising campaign, "See What People Will Do for a Hublot." (2) The treasurer of Idaho County, Idaho, turned down the November suggestion of local physician Andrew Jones -- that more cancers might be detected early if the county sent colonoscopy suggestions to residents along with their official tax notices. The treasurer said residents might find the reminders "ironic."

■ Ouch! (1) Joe Colclasure, 25, was arrested and charged with robbing the bank located inside an Albertson's supermarket in Palm Desert, Calif., in December. Several employees and customers had recognized Colclasure while he was committing the robbery, but it wasn't over for him until he accidentally slammed the bank's door on his hand during his getaway. The pain disabled him long enough so that an employee could hold him until police arrived. (2) Thieves often leave police-trackable trails from the scene to their home, but for alleged shoplifter Michael Barton, 29, of Venango County, Pa., the trail was of his own blood, starting at the Wal-Mart where he had cut himself badly removing razor blades from their packages in order to fit more into his pocket.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1760 Pownal, Vermont is created by Benning Wentworth as one of the New Hampshire Grants.

1813 Pride and Prejudice is first published in the United Kingdom.

1820 A Russian expedition led by Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen and Mikhail Petrovich Lazarev discovers the Antarctic continent approaching the Antarctic coast.

1846 The Battle of Aliwal, India, is won by British troops commanded by Sir Harry Smith.

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