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THE END OF AN ERA ISSUE

Rep. Waxman retires after 20 terms

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON & KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff

WASHINGTON Democratic Rep. Henry Waxman, a congressional force on clean air and expansion of Medicaid during his 20 terms, has decided to retire.

In a statement Thursday, the California lawmaker who has represented Santa Monica and the Westside for 40 years, said he would not seek another term.

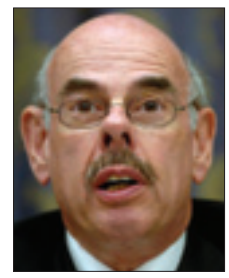
"It's been a privilege to represent the (city) of Santa Monica and work with the residents to fulfill the promise of building a more vibrant, livable city," he said in a statement to the Daily Press. "I've taken great pleasure in working with residents to find solutions to community challenges and address homelessness, transportation and infrastructure needs, groundwater contamination, air pollution, and the problems posed by Santa Monica Airport."

Elected in 1974, he is one of the last of the post-Watergate class.

In reflecting on his decades of service in the House, Waxman, 74, said he was filled with gratitude for the memories.

"I am grateful for the support of my constituents, who have entrusted me to represent them and encouraged me to become a leader on national and international issues," Waxman said. "I am grateful for my supporters and allies, who have worked side-by-side with me to fight for issues we care about: health, environmental protection, women's and gay rights, and strengthening the ties between the United States and our most important ally, the State of Israel.

"I am grateful for the friendship of my colleagues in Congress on both


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Gov. Brown wants Californians to conserve water

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Gov. Jerry Brown provided some very practical guidance for Californians amid a deepening drought: Take shorter showers, turn off the water while brushing teeth, and "don't flush more than you have to."

"Make no mistake, this drought is a big wakeup call," Brown said Thursday in downtown Los Angeles before meeting with local water district officials. "Hopefully it's going to rain. If it doesn't, we're going to have to act in a very strenuous way in every part of the state to get through."

The governor's pragmatic plea came as wet weather finally moved through northern portions of the state, which has been in an extraordinary dry period during what is normally the time for rain and snow.

But the stingy storm system was squeezing out only dribs and drabs of moisture in most areas. The National Weather Service office in San Francisco reported rainfall amounts since Wednesday night generally were a few hundredths to a tenth of an inch.

"Needless to say the rain is a welcome sight but does little for drought relief," the weather service wrote.

Snow — heavy in places — was falling in the Sierra Nevada just in time for the latest measurement of snow depth. The peaks of

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Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

DRIVING: Santa Monica High School's Chris Johnson dribbles past a Hawthorne defender Wednesday night at Samohi. The Vikings went on to win the Ocean League game, 61-45.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Victory keeps Samohi in Ocean League hunt

BY WAYNE NEAL
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOHI Santa Monica boys' basketball kept their league title hopes alive Wednesday night with a 61-45 victory over Hawthorne, staying in a three-way tie for first place in the Ocean League in the process.

Samohi's Jonah Mathews scored 24 points and grabbed six rebounds. Chris Johnson got into the action as well for the Vikings, finishing with a double-double, good for 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Johnson was a scorching four-for-six from the three-point line, and the much needed help was appreciated by Mathews.

"It makes it very easy when everybody is contributing and it gets everybody better," Mathews said about Johnson's performance.

The Vikings played their third game in six

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Drought forces City Hall to call for water use reduction

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The drought is getting real for the city by the sea.

City Hall is now asking for a 20 percent reduction in water usage by residents and businesses. City Council could instate a mandatory cutback later this year.

The voluntary reduction aligns with Gov. Jerry Brown's request earlier this month when he officially declared the drought. Since 2009, City Hall has been asking for a 10 percent reduction.

In May or June city officials may recommend that council approve a mandatory 15 percent curtailment in water usage.

Residents and businesses would have a water use allowance. They would be fined if they exceed the allowance. Businesses would be allowed to use 95 percent of the amount of water they used the year before.

Water usage last month was up by 20 percent from the same time a year ago. Santa Monica used an average of 11.42 million gallons per day in December compared to 9.36 the year prior.

Santa Monica buys about 30 percent of its water from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). Northern California and the Colorado River, where MWD draws most of its water, have been hit hard by the drought,

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Jan. 31, 2014

Hit the lanes
Bay Shore Lanes
234 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. — 8:30 p.m.
About 700 bowlers, representing local businesses, social service agencies and local government will bowl for the Westside Shelter & Hunger Coalition during the 18th Annual SuperBowl-A-Thon.

Maupin live
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 12:30 p.m.
Join the library for this unique lunchtime event with best-selling author Armistead Maupin, celebrating the release of his final book in the "Tales of the City" series, "The Days of Anna Madrigal." Armistead will be joined for the event by his good friend, Santa Monica's very own Don Bachardy. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Ring in Chinese New Year
Santa Monica Place
Broadway and Third Street
1:30 p.m. — 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Santa Monica Place celebrates Chinese New Year with a traditional dragon dance, ribbon dancers, a wish tree and activities for kids. For more information, visit santamonicaplace.com.

Under the big top
Santa Monica Pier
Times vary
Cirque du Soleil returns to Santa Monica. This time around, the world famous troupe presents "Totem," an artistic look at mankind's evolution. For more information, visit cirquedusoleil.com.

New take on Homer's classic
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 8 p.m.
Homer's epic poem comes back to life in a contemporary new telling. Obie Award-winner Lisa Peterson directs Tony Award-winner Denis O'Hare in this show that captures the battle for Troy. "An Iliad" races through time and continues to be relevant to this day. For more information, visit thebroadstage.com.

By the fire
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
Fireside at the Miles is back. Santa Monica Cultural Affairs presents intimate events at the historic playhouse. Every concert features a different mix of contemporary music, opera, jazz, storytelling, dance, poetry, beat boxing, a cappella singing and more. Performances take place beside the large vintage fireplace. Fireside at the Miles runs through March 1. For more information, call (310) 458-8634.

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014

Rock the schoolhouse
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.
"Schoolhouse Rock Live!" comes to life. The Emmy Award-winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math, and more through clever, tuneful songs is lighting up the stage. The story follows Tom, a nerve-wracked school teacher who is nervous about his first day of teaching. He tries to relax by watching TV when various characters representing facets of his personality emerge from the set and show him how to win his students over with imagination and music. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

Hangar full of art
Barker Hangar
3021 Airport Ave., 12 p.m.
Art Los Angeles Contemporary is back. The renowned fair presents 70 top international blue chip and emerging galleries from around the world, with a strong focus on Los Angeles galleries. Participants present some of the most dynamic recent works from their roster of represented artists, offering an informed cross section of what is happening now in contemporary art making. The fair runs through Sunday. For more information, visit artlosangelesfair.com.

Sounds of clarinet
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
The Los Angeles Clarinet Choir presents "Clarinet Virtuosity." The choir is a group of 16 accomplished adult clarinetists performing on soprano, sopranino, alto, bass and contrabass clarinets. They perform new music and specialize in premiering original works and arrangements, as well as classical and "world" music. For more information, call (310) 458-8606.

New kind of odd
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
Unger and Madison are at it again. Florence Unger and Olive Madison, that is, in Neil Simon's hilarious contemporary comic classic: the female version of "The Odd Couple." Instead of the poker party that begins the original version, Ms. Madison has invited the girls over for an evening of Trivial Pursuit. The Pigeon sisters have been replaced by the Costazuela brothers, but the hilarity remains the same. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

Pair of Bloom bills restrict paparazzi

State lawmakers have approved two bills intended to rein in aggressive paparazzi who pursue celebrities.

The Assembly passed AB1256 and AB1356, both by former Santa Monica Mayor, Assemblyman Richard Bloom, on Wednesday, sending them to the Senate.

The Santa Monica Democrat's bills make it illegal to interfere with someone trying to enter or leave a building and expand the state's definition of stalking to include unwanted surveillance. Bloom says for surveillance to qualify as stalking, it must serve no legitimate purpose.

News media organizations oppose the bills, and several Republican lawmakers voted against both on Wednesday.

GOP Assemblyman Donald Wagner of Irvine says AB1356 impinges on First Amendment rights and "goes way too far to prohibit lots of conduct that is legitimate news gathering."

– ASSOCIATED PRESS

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Cops say come to complete stop on roads

During the month of February Santa Monica Police officers will be paying close attention to people who fail to stop for stop signs and red lights. This includes bicyclists.

It's part of the SMPD's effort to crack down on behaviors that are the primary causes for traffic collisions, Sgt. Jay Moroso said in a news release issued Thursday.

What constitutes a violation? When a driver or cyclist approaches a stop sign or stop light, they are required to stop at the limit line, if marked, or before entering a crosswalk on the near side of the intersection. If there is no limit line or crosswalk, stop at the entrance to the intersection of the roadway.

At a railroad crossing, stop at the limit line, if marked, or before crossing the first track or entrance to the railroad grade crossing.

For more information on the enforcement action, call the SMPD's Traffic Enforcement Section at (310) 458-8950.

– KEVIN HERRERA

✉WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Photo courtesy Lloyd Garver

MASTER ON DUTY: **Frank Goya working on a bonsai. He will be giving a talk in the Pacific Palisades on Saturday.**

Secrets of a bonsai master

BY LLOYD GARVER
Special to the Daily Press

WESTSIDE For my birthday a few years ago my wife surprised me by giving me an odd looking shrub. She couldn't have been more excited, but I have been. She explained that the weird bush was the beginnings of a bonsai tree.

She bought it at the Yamaguchi Bonsai Nursery on Sawtelle Boulevard, and the women who worked there said I could learn about bonsai by going to their bonsai club. It was held at the Venice Japanese Community Center, which was not in Venice. The meetings were held on the second Friday and the fourth Tuesday of the month. I figured that the art of bonsai could not be more complicated than the art of remembering where and when they had their meetings. So I agreed to go.

The Venice Japanese Community Center is in Culver City near Culver Boulevard and Centinela Avenue. When I went to the class, there were about 15 or 20 people working on little trees. I was immediately welcomed and introduced to the three teachers — or senseis. They were Shig Miya, Frank Goya and Ben Oki. I was surprised at how warm and friendly they were. In the movies, senseis were strict and inscrutable. These guys were relaxed, funny and quite scrutable.

One of them took my plant, and in about five minutes magically transformed that ordinary bush into a graceful, ancient-looking tree. The sensei told me to water it every day, and bring it back in about six weeks. After about two weeks, my plant looked very sick. At the next class, I showed it to the sensei. "You watered it too much," he told me. "But you told me to water it every day," I responded. He looked at the plant again and said, "Not anymore." Funny and scrutable.

At the next class, my frustration must have been very obvious, because one of the senseis, Frank Goya, walked over to me and said I should come to his house where he'd be able to help me further.

I was touched by his generous offer and went over there the next day. His backyard was filled with hundreds of fantastic bonsais that he had made over the past 50 years. He said he also had some plants that were good for a beginner to work on. From that moment, he took me under his wing. I'm convinced that

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Report: Caltrans needs 'modernizing,' fundamental reforms

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The California Department of Transportation desperately needs fundamental reforms to help a changing state move people and goods more efficiently, according to a report released Thursday.

The report recommended a sweeping overhaul of Caltrans, the common name for the department whose most visible mission is the construction and maintenance of highways in the state.

Among the suggested changes were to focus on transportation projects that encourage more dense development rather than freeway-enabled sprawl. Also on the list: management changes to push innovation and more local control over decision-making.

"Caltrans today is significantly out of step with best practice in the transportation field and with the state of California's policy expectations. It is in need of modernization," according to the report, which was written by the State Smart Transportation Initiative, a program at the University of Wisconsin.

Co-author Joel Rogers told reporters that problems have persisted for decades. As a result, Rogers said, Caltrans operates as "a highway department, not a mobility department."

Sen. Mark DeSaulnier, D-Concord, chairman of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, said he wanted to "change the culture at Caltrans."

In a written statement, Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty said: "We see this as a tremendous opportunity to reassess our priorities and improve our performance. We have some internal reforms already underway so we can hit the ground running."

Caltrans cited as examples of reforms an internal group that will produce regular performance reports and efforts to communicate better with counties and communities.

The report (http://bit.ly/1a4lvbd) was commissioned for $270,000 by the California State Transportation Agency, which oversees Caltrans as well as the California Highway Patrol and Department of Motor Vehicles.

Brian Kelly, secretary of the state transportation agency, said the report will not languish as a bunch of good ideas that go nowhere.

"I am committed to improving the operations of the department," Kelly said, adding that he expects initial reforms over the next six months.

Though the report cited a "culture of risk aversion and even fear" within the Caltrans bureaucracy, Kelly said employees openly discussed problems with researchers and he believes there is a "collective hunger among the department staff to modernize."

Whatever changes Caltrans makes likely would have to be done with fewer resources. Its budget last year was $12.8 billion; this year's proposed budget is $10.9 billion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Already at capacity

Editor:

The Santa Monica City Council considering the Hines project is like a fat man with clogged arteries about to sit down for a feast of seven fruit pies. He knows he shouldn't eat the pies because his arteries will now become hopelessly clogged, but he can't stop himself. Yes, these are fruit pies and there is some minimal nutritious benefits, but that is totally out of balance with the damage the pies will do to his body.

Please, City Council, do not eat the pies. The clogged arteries the Hines project will bring to our city totally outweigh any benefits that will come with it. Reject the current proposal and vote for a smaller project.

Richard Orton
Ocean Park

Take it down a notch

Editor:

The divide over the proposed Bergamot Transit Village/Hines development is not one between whether the site will be developed or not. The site will be developed. The issues are how big, how soon, and at how much of a burden to the enjoyment, health and safety of Santa Monica residents.

Hines will build whatever it is allowed to build and make a handsome profit regardless of any reduction in size that may be imposed, or it will sell the property and let somebody else try.

It is quite obvious that Santa Monica can't handle the traffic it already has. We can't yet quantify what the magical, mystical train will bring in terms of relief. We do know that even with traffic mitigation programs and hopefully much improved public transit options, the project as proposed will add thousands of daily car trips to an area already in gridlock. Not everyone who works at this site is going to live there nor are those who don't all going to live along the Expo line. We do know that every additional car trip will hurt.

There is a difference between an appropriately sized and planned multi-use development at a transit hub and the proposed behemoth Hines development attempting to be justified by its proximity to a transit station and alleged community benefits, which will be far outweighed by the community detriments it will continue to impose long after the project has been built and sold.

Scale it down and slow it down, please, council members

Maryanne LaGuardia
Santa Monica

Asking for a voice

Editor:

Thank you for your article about Grant Elementary School ("Neighbors cry foul over church at Grant Elementary," Jan. 30). Many neighbors are upset about this policy that was put in place without any community involvement or notification. The district has rented out the site beginning at 7 a.m. on a Sunday morning. This is very little money compared to the value we residents place on our weekend. We are worth more than the cost of chairs. We have only asked that our voice be heard before these decisions are made and safety, parking, noise, traffic and many other factors are studied before this moves forward.

Cathy Krop
Santa Monica

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Welcome to Dysfunction Junction

I PROMISED MYSELF THAT THIS YEAR I wouldn't watch the State of the Union (SOTU). It's too depressing. At last year's SOTU, shortly after Newtown, Conn. Obama gave an emotionally powerful speech, "The parents of Newtown deserve a vote; Gabby Giffords deserves a vote," etc. Even though 91 percent of the country wanted background checks, thanks to the obstructionists in the GOP, there was no vote.

In 2009, in his first SOTU, Obama was heckled by Congressman Joe Wilson (R-S.C.) who shouted, "You lie!" In the 2010 SOTU, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito disrespected the office of the presidency by mouthing "not true."

The morning of this SOTU I read that not only is the Dow at an all-time high, but that in 2013 Wall Street bonuses were up 10 percent and that home prices had increased in value 10.9 percent, the largest gain in seven years.

In addition, while corporate profits are setting records, the $7.25 minimum wage is worth 20 percent less than when Reagan was president and food stamps will be cut by $8.6 billion. (Reverse Robin Hood?)

But I did watch the SOTU and parts of the four GOP responses. One thing is clear. Compromise, which is how anything gets done for the good of the country, is a dirty word to certain factions of the GOP.

My first reaction to Rand Paul's response was what is on his head? It looks like a squirrel died. Fortunately, the official GOP response was given by Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.), the mother of a Down syndrome child whose personal story is inspiring. She was thoughtful and rational. (And what's more didn't have a squirrel on her head.)

It was refreshing to see a woman representing the GOP. In fact, when the GOP Congress holds hearings on women's health, instead of the all-male committee, maybe in the future they could include one female. Just a thought.

But I was struck by McMorris Rodgers' comment that her party "protects our most vulnerable." Tell that to the folks who just got their food stamps cut. And that the GOP "Turns its back on no one." Some undocumented workers and poor might beg to differ.

Historically, a newly elected president was always given a honeymoon. For 100 days or more, the losing party granted the president an unofficial period of good will. After all, the voters had just spoken. For whatever reason, that ended with Clinton. But Bill had it easy compared to Barack, who came to office as a "socialist Muslim Kenyan."

The Birthers, and Donald Trump, proved to be mean-spirited blowhards. When shown to be wrong, did they exhibit any humility? No! Instead they led the charge to obstruct jobs, infrastructure, immigration, gun background checks and almost every other Obama reform. In 2012, Obama won by far more than in 2004 when Bush boasted, "I've got political capital and now I plan to spend it." Last night you'd think Obama had lost to Romney.

Literally, the day after Obama's 2008 election, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell said he would, "Do everything in my power to see that he is a one-term president and that none of his policies are passed." Five years later, ironically, it's the obstructionists who complain, "Obama gets nothing done!"

Many key Obama-backed bills have had bi-partisan majorities, but were blocked by Speaker Boehner. Under his "leadership," this Congress has been documented as the most obstructionist and least effective in history. Oh well.

Only minutes after Obama's SOTU, I received an e-mail from reader "Prd2lvnus," who referred to Obama as the "Teleprompter Reader in Chief." He touted his hero, Ronald Reagan, whom it seems he would like to be put on Mount Rushmore.

Despite the recent funeral of Nelson Mandela, "PRD" apparently forgets that Reagan opposed the boycott against apartheid South Africa; ignored the AIDS crisis; sent Marines to Beirut where 241 were killed; raised taxes 11 times and practically invented deficit spending; and had more members of his administration wind up in jail than even in Nixon's. And yet no one chanted "Beirut" (as they are "Benghazi") or heckled Reagan at his SOTUs.

Following Obama's speech, fiery Congressman Michael Grimm (R-N.Y.), a former Marine, physically threatened to throw a reporter "Off the f***ing balcony" and "break you in half like a boy."

It seems the embattled congressman from Staten Island has been under a two-year investigation for fundraising violations. Within hours of his attack the Twitterverse lit up causing Grimm (a perfect name for a bully) to apologize. Sort of.

"I doubt that I am the first member of Congress to tell off a reporter, and I won't be the last," Grimm said, inferring it could happen again. (If a reporter violently threatened a member of Congress he'd be arrested.) I suppose it's just another day in "Dysfunction Junction."

To see Rep. Grimm go to YouTube and type "Grimm threatens reporter." **JACK** can be reached at facebook.com/jackneworth, twitter.com/jackneworth or via e-mail at jnsmdp@aol.com.





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Super Bowl ads show signs of maturity

MAE ANDERSON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Forget slapstick humor, corny gimmicks and skimpy bikinis. This year's Super Bowl ads promise something surprising: Maturity.

There won't be any close-up tongue kisses in Godaddy's ad. Nor will there be half-naked women running around in the Axe body spray spot. And Gangnam Style dancing will be missing from the Wonderful Pistachios commercial.

In their place? Fully-clothed women, well-known celebs and more product information.

"We're seeing sophistication come to the Super Bowl," says Kelly O'Keefe, a professor of brand strategy at Virginia Commonwealth University. "Not long ago, almost everything seemed to be about beer or bros or boobs."

Companies that typically go for ads with shock value are toning them down as they try to get the most out of the estimated $4 million that 30-second Super Bowl spots cost this year.

Experts say companies are using the ads to build their image, rather than just grab attention for one night. Additionally, although the old adage asserts that "sex sells," experts say companies realize that watchers have grown bored with sophomoric humor and other obvious shock tactics.

"You can't really shock people visually anymore," says ad critic and Mediapost columnist Barbara Lippert. "So, this year people are being more creative."

NO MORE KISSES

Godaddy.com, a web-hosting company, has made a name for itself for years with racy Super Bowl ads. But it's changing its tune after last year's Super Bowl spot showed an uncomfortably long, close-up kiss between super model Bar Rafaeli and a bespectacled computer geek.

The ad drew widespread criticism on social media. It also was deemed one of the "least effective" ads by Ace Metrix, which measures ads' effectiveness. And it ranked last on USA Today's annual ad meter.

This year, Godaddy is focusing on its products. And women are being portrayed as "smart, successful small business owners," says Barb Rechterman, Godaddy's chief marketing officer.

In one ad, released last week, spokeswoman Danica Patrick, a racecar driver, wears a muscle suit as she runs down the street with a growing crowd of other muscular people. The crowd heads for a spray tanning business owned by a woman, who says: "It's go time."

SEX DOESN'T SELL?

Unilever also is changing its approach. The company's Axe body spray typically plays up sex, including last year's Super Bowl ad that showed a bikini-clad woman being rescued from drowning by a hunky woman.

The ad, which has 5.8 million views on YouTube.com after a year, ranked in the bottom 10 ads on USA Today's Ad Meter.

This year, to introduce its "Peace" fragrance, Axe's ad depicts several seemingly militaristic scenes in different countries that end up with couples embracing. The ad, which already has 3.5 million views on YouTube, says: "Make Love Not War."

Matthew McCarthy, Axe senior director of brand development, says that even though the ad is more sophisticated than previous efforts. "We're doing something that surprises people," he says.

PLAYING THE CELEBRITY GAME

The ad for Wonderful Pistachios also might surprise watchers. Experts say when the nut brand, which is owned by Roll International, debuted at last year's Super Bowl, it made a typical rookie mistake: Jumping on a fad.

The ad featured Psy, a one-hit wonder from Korea whose single "Gangnam Style" and an accompanying dance were smash hits at the time. But the ad — like Psy — was quickly forgotten. The ad ranked 28 out of 54 on the USA Today Ad Meter.

This year, the company enlisted comedian Stephen Colbert, who's more well-known and established. "We wanted to raise it to a new level with a celebrity who really had a connection with folks out there," says Marc Seguin vice president of marketing for Paramount Farms, the unit of Roll that makes the nuts.

The ad will start a year-long campaign with Colbert. "Colbert's image is smarter and more inventive than the Gangham-style dance," says Mediapost.com columnist Lippert.

The Q Line

Water wise

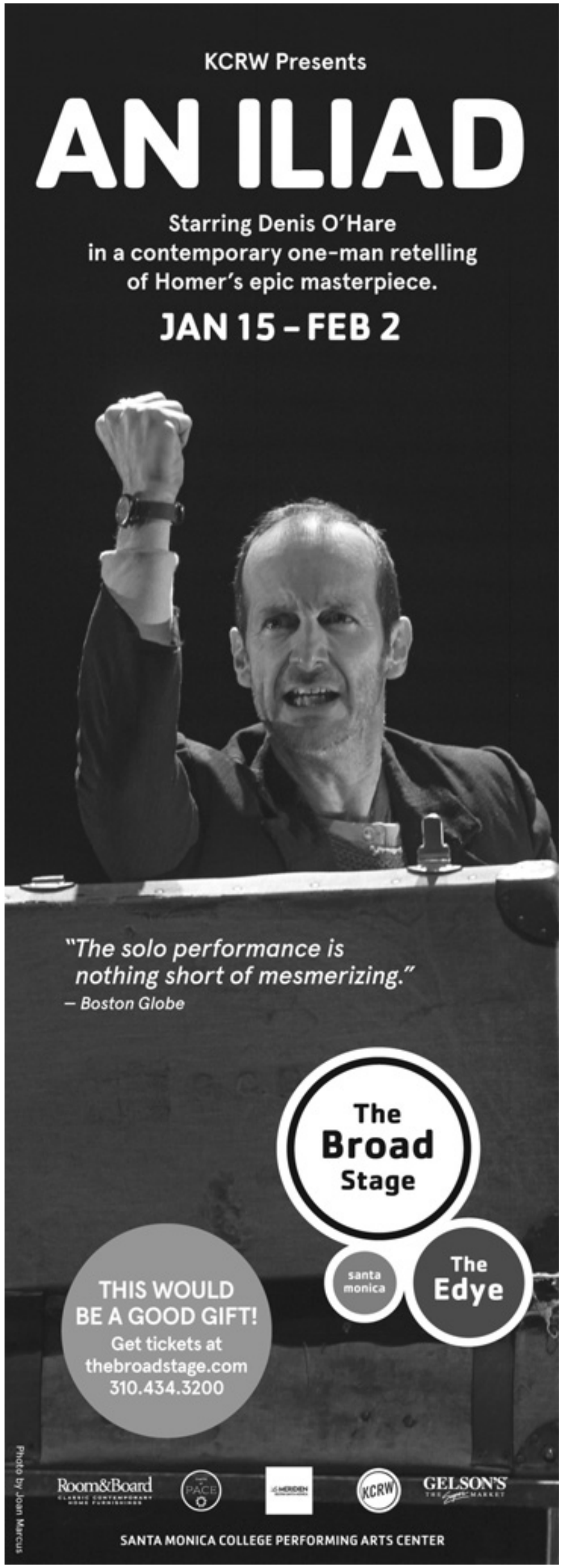
A recent Daily Press article revealed that water usage is up in Santa Monica despite an ongoing drought across the state.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

DATE/TIME: February 3, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 13ARB045, 1631 Santa Monica Blvd: Auto Retail
- 13ARB445, 2936 Main Street: Commercial Retail
- 13ARB450, 1912 Lincoln Boulevard: Commercial Retail
- 13ARB453, 101 Broadway: Commercial Restaurant
- 13ARB451, 2930 Colorado Avenue: Mixed-Use
- 13ARB460, 301 Ocean Avenue: Multi-Family Residential
- 13ARB473, 1332 Second Street: Commercial
- 13ARB474, 1919 Pico Boulevard: Commercial Restaurant
- 13ARB452, 120 Wilshire: Commercial Restaurant
- 13ARB481, 1424 Second Street: Creative Office
- 13ARB430, 1666 Euclid Street: Creative Office
- 13ARB404, 1427 Third Street Promenade: Commercial Retail
- 13ARB367, 1453 Third Street: Mixed-Use
- 14ARB019, 3435 Ocean Park Boulevard: Commercial Office
- 14ARB023, 2021 Main Street / 201 Bicknell: Mixed-Use
- 14ARB036, 315 Colorado Avenue: Shopping Center

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT CONCEPT REVIEWS:

- 13DEV008, 500 Broadway: Mixed-Use
- 13DEV010, 315 Colorado Avenue: Theaters

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail grace.page@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Big Blue Bus lines, 2, 3, Rapid #3, 7, & 9 serve the Santa Monica Civic Center and City Hall.

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'Ghost guns' face rules under California bill

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The state Senate approved a bill Thursday that would require people who assemble homemade guns to register the weapons and acquire serial numbers before they could legally own them.

SB808 by Sen. Kevin de Leon, D-Los Angeles, is intended to combat the spread of undetectable guns that can fall into the hands of people who are legally barred from owning firearms under state and federal laws.

De Leon says so-called "ghost guns" are "built at home and put together like Lego," often using parts that are widely available without a background check and using videos posted online.

He cites the case of John Zawahri, who authorities said assembled his own military-style assault rifle and killed five people in Santa Monica in a June rampage, even after he was banned from legally buying a gun in California because of mental health issues.

The legislation does not seek to stop the growing production of such weapons, de Leon said. Rather, it updates California law to address a growing market, including weapons made on 3-D printers.

"It does not ban homemade guns. It simply holds these assembled guns at home to the same standard" as other weapons, de Leon said.

His bill would allow the manufacture or assembly of homemade weapons, but it would require the makers to first apply to the state Department of Justice for a serial number that would be given only after the applicant undergoes a background check. The number would have to be engraved on or otherwise permanently attached to the weapon within one day of its manufacture.

Sen. Joel Anderson, R-Alpine, opposed the legislation, saying it would impose new restrictions on law-abiding gun owners. He called it "just more minutiae. It's not solving a real problem."

De Leon's bill goes further than the federal government, which last month renewed for 10 years an existing ban on plastic firearms that can slip past metal detectors and X-ray machines.

He plans to amend the bill to require that the guns contain permanent pieces of metal that could be detected by X-ray machines and metal detectors, a proposal that was blocked in the federal legislation.

SB808 passed the Senate on a 21-9 vote and now heads to the Assembly.

TSA rejects arming officers after airport shooting death

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The head of the Transportation Security Administration said Thursday his agency has officially rejected arming officers in response to a November attack at Los Angeles International Airport.

John Pistole made the comments after a news conference to announce the opening of a "pre-check" application site for expedited screening at LAX.

TSA union officials have called for creating armed officers from the agency to ensure safety at screening checkpoints. But Pistole said virtually every issue is on the table except for arming officers. Introducing more guns is not the solution, he said.

J. David Cox Sr., national president of the American Federation of Government Employees representing 45,000 TSA employees, expressed disappointment Thursday, calling Pistole's statement premature given ongoing investigations.

The agency is conducting a review of the shooting that left one officer dead. Authorities say Paul Ciancia opened fire with an assault rifle in an attack targeting the TSA that also wounded two officers and a passenger.

The TSA review is separate from an ongoing investigation into the shooting.

Pistole said the agency's review will focus on changes to improve communication between the TSA and local law enforcement. It will also look at the response time of airport police, the placement and effectiveness of panic alarms, and whether there are good communication protocols and equipment in place for emergencies.

The Associated Press has reported that as terrified travelers dived for cover, TSA officers — who are unarmed — fled the screening area without hitting a panic button or using a landline to call for help. Meanwhile, the two armed airport police officers assigned to protect the terminal had left for breaks minutes before the gunfire and so were unaware of the shooting.

It took a call from an airline contractor to a police dispatcher, who then alerted officers over the radio, nearly a minute and a half after the shooting first started.

Pistole praised the swift police response, which he said came within two minutes of the radio call to officers. Police officers then took the shooter into custody within 2 1/2 minutes, he said.

Pistole also said he wanted to "make sure that the police are actively engaged in terms of patrols, that they are a visible show at and around checkpoints." No final decisions have been made on how working with LAX police may be changed, he said.

LAX Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey said there have been some adjustments to the airport's security, but she would not comment further on officer deployment.

More than 30 groups, including law enforcement, airlines and airport operators, have met twice since the shooting to discuss and provide recommendations, Pistole said. The review will be submitted to Congress within 90 days. It's unclear if it will be made public.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Senior arrested for driving into pedestrian

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.

SUNDAY, JAN. 26, AT 5:05 P.M.,
Santa Monica Police officers responded to the 1800 block of Michigan Avenue regarding a traffic collision involving a pedestrian. When officers arrived they spoke with a witness and the pedestrian, both of whom told police that the driver, who lived at the home, intentionally drove up and hit the pedestrian as they were walking across the driveway. After the collision, the 79-year-old driver got out of the car and walked inside of her home. She was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. She was identified as Connie Lopez, 79, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $30,000.

SUNDAY, JAN. 26, AT 4:30 P.M.,
An officer was on patrol along the 1200 block of Seventh Street when he heard a woman and a man arguing. The officer approached to see what was going on. While talking with the couple, the officer found that the man had an outstanding warrant. He was placed under arrest. The officer searched him and found a set of keys. He also questioned the woman, who had a MacBook Pro laptop and a pair of headphones in a suitcase she was carrying. When questioned, both suspects said they found the computer, headphones and keys in the trash. The officer investigated further and was able to locate the owner of the laptop, who said he was the recent victim of a residential burglary. Both were arrested for possession of stolen property. They were identified as Jonathan Stonedoyl Davidson, 24, and Ajaibu Kootney Wells, 30; both transients. Bail for Davidson was set at $21,455, while bail for Wells was $22,500.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25, AT 12:50 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 3000 block of Lincoln Boulevard — Starbucks — regarding a woman who threw a trash can lid at one of the coffeeshop's employees. The employee told police that she was on a break when the suspect went behind the counter where only employees are allowed and started to yell and throw stuff. The manager told her to leave. As the woman walked to the exit she picked up a trash can lid and threw it. The lid fell short of the intended target, but hit the stool the employee was sitting on. The suspect walked south into Venice, making enough of a commotion that she was stopped by the LAPD. SMPD officers took custody of the suspect, who was placed under arrest for assault. She was identified as Leticia Hope Ramos, 36, a transient. Her bail was set at $30,000.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25, AT 1:10 A.M.,
Officers were on patrol in the 2600 block of Main Street when they were approached by an employee of the Victorian bar and restaurant who told them that fellow employees were detaining a vandalism suspect further down the street. Officers met with the group and were told that the suspect had broken out a car window in the bar's parking lot. Prior to that another suspect had challenged an employee to a fight. Officers determined both suspects were drunk. They arrested John Andrew Avendano, 24, of Simi Valley for vandalism and being drunk in public. His bail was set at $500. Jose Manuel Campos Martinez, 23, of Simi Valley was booked for being drunk in public. His bail was set at $250.

FRIDAY, JAN. 24, AT 2:25 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol along the 1100 block of Pico Boulevard when they stopped a man for riding his bike on the sidewalk in violation of the municipal code. He told officers that he thought he might be on probation. Officers asked him if he had anything illegal on him. He allegedly said he had "meth." He was placed under arrest and searched. Officers said they found plastic baggies on him, a digital scale, a hypodermic needle and .23 grams of methamphetamine. The suspect was booked for drug possession and a probation violation. He was identified as Daniel Robert Kroesing, 35, of Los Angeles. No bail was set.

THURSDAY, JAN. 23,
An officer responded to the Louis Vuitton store at Santa Monica Place regarding a theft. A security guard told the officer that on Jan. 20 employees checked the store's inventory and determined that three pairs of sunglasses were missing. The guard reviewed footage and said the glasses were stolen by a member of the store's cleaning crew. The sunglasses were valued at $2,945. On Jan. 24, the suspect came back to work and was taken into custody by police. He was booked for burglary. The suspect was identified as Robert Michael Shaner, 35, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $20,000.

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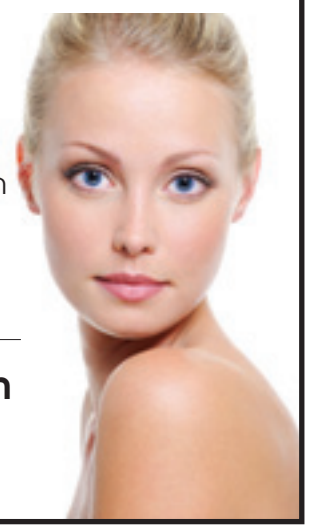


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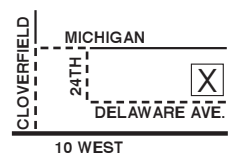


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WATER
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the towering range normally store a huge amount of the state's water supply in the form of snowpack, but surveyors said Thursday the snow water equivalent was just 12 percent of normal. The brown peaks were visible in satellite photos from space.

Brown, who declared a drought emergency Jan. 17, met behind closed doors with water agency officials serving the vast population of Southern California, where banked supplies are keeping crisis at bay for the time being, but the future is being eyed with caution.

The situation, however, is not uniform throughout California, where 38 million residents share the water supply with a vast farming industry and a host of sensitive environments such as rivers where low flows can threaten fisheries.

State officials have said 17 rural communities are in danger of a severe water shortage within four months.

Brown said water conservation may be voluntary now, but "every day this drought goes on, we're going to have to tighten the screws on what people are doing."

Brown acknowledged there is a geographic divide when it comes to water politics.

"I'm going to do my best to unite this state. Water is something that we share, and we have a common interest in maximizing the economic well-being of the state. And one does that by using water wisely," he said.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California said it's looking for ways to help water agencies to the north. During the state's worst drought, in 1977, the district had a surplus in its reservoir in Northern California that it was able to transfer to Marin County. But that's not the case this time around.

The district said decades of aggressive water conservation and other measures have prevented a water crisis in Southern California. It's urging residents to voluntarily cut water use and will ask that its board approve rebates for water conservation.

The district's general manager, Jeffrey Kightlinger, said he doesn't expect to impose mandatory water cutbacks this year.

"We're pretty prepared for this drought. We have ample storage. We are in pretty sound shape."

But he acknowledged there are parts of the state where the situation is different.

"Since this is a one-state issue, we're going to look for how best we can help the rest of the state while retaining our reliability here," he said.

DROUGHT
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city officials said.

One condition that could trigger water use allowances would be for MWD to reduce its supply to Santa Monica.

MWD expects to meet its demand in 2014, city officials said.

Plumbing at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel dates back to the 1950s and is even older in some parts. They've upgraded parts of the system over the years, said Alan Epstein, an executive at MSD Capital which manages the hotel, but they've dealt with pin-hole leaks, burst valves, and leaking tanks over the years.

To conserve water they have waterless urinals and encourage guests to reuse linen and towels. They select plants that require less water.

"Nevertheless, we estimate that 60 (to) 65 (percent) of the water consumed in our hotel is consumed directly by our hotel guests in the privacy of their rooms," Epstein wrote in an e-mail. "While we can and do promote conservation, we cannot control water consumption by our guests."

Some restaurants are trying to cut back as well.

At JiRaffe, which also has waterless urinals, they don't bring glasses of water to tables unless diners ask for it, said General Manager Robert Elizondo.

"There's nothing worse than having all this water on tables and nobody's drinking it," he said. "Then I have to wash that glass and you're using even more water. Of course, we try to get them to drink wine."

If City Hall does require mandatory reductions it would not impact JiRaffe greatly, he said.

"You can always tighten your belt a little more," he said.

Elizondo suggested that City Hall require all restaurants to use 8-ounce water glasses.

Produce costs have risen as the drought has gone on, he said, but they don't pass that along to the customer.

Local Farmers' Market vendors are impacted by the drought as well.

For Robbie Erickson, who grows cherries out in Fresno and comes to all the Farmers' Markets in the spring, the lack of rain means a greater reliance on groundwater and therefore higher costs for him. Some of that cost will get passed on to the consumer.

He's seen the drought change the face of Farmers' Markets recently.

"People are dropping out because they can't produce a crop," he said. "And of course prices are going up."

Jonelle George, who grows sumo tangerines with her husband in Tulare County, said the impacts likely won't be seen until further down the road.

They got a notice from their water district saying that water restrictions are going to be strict this year. If they use too much, they'll be cut off.

They'll begin harvesting their sumos next week and start selling them in Santa Monica in mid-February.

"I think this year is the beginning of the critical year," she said.

If it doesn't rain, farmers in her area will have to choose which crops they want to water and which ones they will let die.

"Our strategy at this point is we're praying for rain," she said. "If it doesn't rain that is a decision we'll have to face."

A majority of City Hall's water comes from local groundwater.

City Hall recently got a grant from MWD to study the impacts of using stormwater and dry weather runoff at Los Amigos Park. The water would be used for irrigation and toilets.

City Hall kicked the year off by cracking down on residents wasting water on their lawns. Many violations, including irrigation system leaks and the hosing of hardscapes, will no longer be subject to warnings. Fines start at $250.

City Hall offers rebates for residents who replace thirsty grass lawns with more climate appropriate plants. City officials gave out 400 rebates in 2013 and they estimate it saved 3 millions gallons of water.

City officials recommend fixing leaks, watering the garden a little less, and replacing toilets. All toilets sold this year are 20 percent more efficient than models sold last year, city officials said. Rebates are available for toilets as well.

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HEAD GAMES

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Samohi's Dylan Jones (center) battles defenders from Hawthorne on Wednesday on campus. Samohi went on to win 2-1 in overtime. The win moves Samohi into first place in the Ocean League with a record of 4-1 and 10-2-4 overall.

HOOPS

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days, and it showed for the first two quarters of play taking a meager 30-25 lead into half-time.

Samohi had to quickly recover from a disappointing 80-53 loss to Brentwood last Saturday in the Fairfax State Preview. Santa Monica head coach James Hecht admitted the loss had the team a little down.

"We acknowledge we didn't play well Saturday," he said. "So we just tried to pick up the pieces and move ahead. Monday and Tuesday's practices lacked a little bit of emotion. I think we were still down about that one but it's good to get a game in, and while it was sloppy at times the kids played hard and fought through and came out with the victory."

The Cougars pulled to within 40-37 to start the fourth quarter after going on a 10-4 run when Hecht had a few words for his squad.

"I told them we got to start playing to win, and not trying to lose," Hecht said.

They started playing to win midway through the fourth quarter finally pulling away from Hawthorne with a 46-38 lead with 6 minutes and 24 seconds on the clock.

Samohi's Ray Mancini started it off after stealing a pass, going the length of the court and laying it in. Then, two plays later, passing it to Victor Costa for a fast break dunk.

The win keeps Santa Monica in a three-way tie for first with Inglewood and rival Beverly Hills. Samohi is the defending champ.

"This is why we come to practice every day. It will be a very interesting second half of league," Hecht said. "I think every game is going to have a playoff type atmosphere and playoff type meaning attached to it. It's going to be interesting. We're definitely going to have our hands full."

Hecht admires Mathews for taking on the scoring load in most games and likes how he's handling the process. His older brother Jordan, now playing at Cal, led the team to the CIF state championship game last year.

"I give him a lot of credit for a sophomore ... throwing him into the fire because he is getting everybody's best effort night in and night out and he's done a great job."

The Vikings will play at Inglewood tonight. The game begins at 7:30 p.m.

Samohi won the previous meeting between the two teams earlier this month.

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BONSAI

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trying to turn me into a bonsai artist is a more difficult task for Frank than turning himself into a bonsai master.

Fortunately, everybody who lives in the area has an opportunity to see Frank Goya at work this Saturday, Feb. 1. He will be giving a demonstration of his work at the Pacific Palisades Library at 1 p.m. Because of his modesty and humility, he would never tell you that he's known all over the world and is considered to be one of the top five bonsai artists in the United States.

In addition to his work in traditional bonsai, Frank is considered to be the "dean" of an offshoot of bonsai called "saikei." Saikeis consist of bonsai trees, rocks and ground cover.

When you look at these living works of art, you can't help but be transported to a special spot out in nature, complete with trees, hills, mountains, and rivers. When Frank is finished with the demonstration, his saikei will be raffled off, the funds going to the library.

Frank is a very interesting man with a fascinating history. He was born in California, but because of the unfortunate government policy toward Japanese-Americans during World War II, he spent three years in an internment camp. Immediately after the war, he served honorably in the United States Army for three years. Then he returned to Los Angeles where he worked as a professional gardener and started to learn about bonsai and saikei.

In an ironic but appropriate turnaround, this man who was sent to an internment camp by the United States government over 70 years ago was honored by the United States last year when the National Arboretum asked him to donate one of his saikeis. It is now on permanent display there, in our nation's capital.

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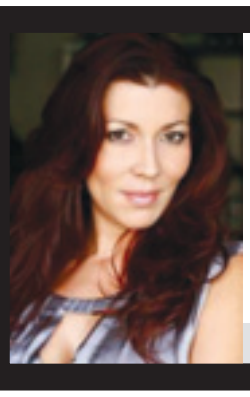
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

301 Santa Monica Boulevard, 13LM-011, Zoning: BSC1 – Bayside Commercial District 1. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 13LM-011, at 301 Santa Monica Boulevard to determine whether the existing commercial building, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structures meet one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Hunt-Jacobsen Properties LLC.

1248 Fifth Street, 14LM-002, Zoning: C3C – Downtown Overlay District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 14LM-002, at 1248 Fifth Street to determine whether the existing commercial building, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structures meet one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: SkyDance Productions. ***(Continued until the March 10, 2014 meeting).***

423 Ocean Avenue, 03CEH-003, Zoning: R4 (High Density Multiple Family Residential). The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider an application for a Certificate of Economic Hardship, 03CEH-003, for demolition of the existing 16-unit apartment, a designated City Landmark, and to build new multi-family housing. Owner: S.M. Ocean Star, LLC. Applicant: S.M. Ocean Star, LLC. ***(Continued from October 14, 2013 meeting).***

256 Santa Monica Pier, 14CA-003, Zoning: RVC – Residential-Visitor-Commercial District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness for building design, colors and materials for a canopy, together with a sign adjustment and sign plans, for tenant improvements to Rusty's Surf Ranch, located in the Billiard's Building at 256 Santa Monica Pier. Owner: City of Santa Monica. Applicant: HMIG.

When: **Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

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Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

WAXMAN
FROM PAGE 1

sides of the aisle," he added. "And I am honored that I served under the leadership of my friend, Nancy Pelosi, the first female leader and speaker of the House."

Waxman pushed for investigations into the tobacco industry and was instrumental in getting President Barack Obama's healthcare overhaul completed.

The president lauded Waxman's public service in a statement.

"Early in the 20th century, Henry Waxman's grandparents came to America, the land of opportunity, and found a place where they could build a better life for themselves and their families," he said. "Over the course of 40 years in Congress, their grandson has fought to give every American family that same chance."

Santa Monica Mayor Pam O'Connor said that Waxman always opens his door to her when she visits Washington DC.

"It wasn't always front page headline kinds of things," she said. "But these were issues that were very important to Santa Monica and the region."

Waxman's fight for better air quality, she said, was instrumental in helping Santa Monica earn its reputation as a world-class active, outdoor city.

Santa Monicans will remember Waxman for the recent pressure he has put on the Federal Aviation Administration to strengthen safety measures at Santa Monica Airport and for his opposition to the closure of the historic post office on Fifth Street.

Never one to forget his constituents, Waxman stood on the side of residents when they complained about not receiving their mail, some telling stories about college acceptance letters getting lost.

Sheila Kuehl, founding director of the Public Policy Institute at Santa Monica College, called Waxman's retirement a "huge loss to the district." His experience gives him power that will be hard to replace, she said.

"A lot of us that were elected in the state relied on him to carry the water at the federal level," said Kuehl, who served as a state senator until 2008. "I always knew I could go to his office on days when he was home and have a thoughtful conversation."

Former Santa Monica mayor, Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) called the congressman a mentor and friend.

"He is compassionate, relentless, and honest," he said. "He leaves an enormous void in an environment in need of leadership."

Waxman wrote several letters to the FAA about the airport. He asked them to meet with Santa Monica residents. He called for investigations into the air-quality in the neighborhoods around the airport.

"Henry committed to backing his constituents with regard to the airport recently," said Marty Rubin, founder of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution. "He didn't say point blank that he was going to work toward closure but he didn't back off."

Still, Rubin would like to have seen more action.

"He always said the right thing," he said. "I felt that as critical as the issue is for health and safety he could have fought harder."

Waxman has also pushed to protect federal land at the Westwood Veterans hospital from being sold off or leased to private companies, and instead have it used for housing and treatment of homeless veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and addiction.

Bob Rosebrock, an advocate for veterans, said Waxman was on the wrong side of veterans issues until recently.

"To his credit, he answered to his constituents which were very wealthy in the area," he said. "But the constituents were wrong. He disregarded the VA and allowed it to run totally into the toilet."

In an interview with the Daily Press in 2012 when he last ran for reelection, Waxman lamented what he called obstructionist Tea Party Republicans stalling progress in Washington.

The frustration is felt on both sides. More than 30 House members have announced they will retire, resign or run for other offices this year, including stalwarts like George Miller, Democrat of California; Tom Latham, Republican of Iowa; Frank R. Wolf, Republican of Virginia; and Howard P. McKeon of California, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, according to a list compiled by the New York Times.

"There are elements of Congress today that I do not like," Waxman said. "I abhor the extremism of the Tea Party Republicans. I am embarrassed that the greatest legislative body in the world too often operates in a partisan intellectual vacuum, denying science, refusing to listen to experts, and ignoring facts.

"But I am not leaving out of frustration with Congress. Even in today's environment, there are opportunities to make real progress."

Recently Waxman has been pushing for more action to address climate change. Last Congress he helped form a Safe Climate Caucus to build public support for legislation that addresses global warming.

Outside of Southern California, Waxman may be best known for leading the investigation into steroid use in professional baseball, prompting reforms that he says cut steroid use by teens in half and pushed all sports leagues to strengthen their drug policies.

Waxman represents the 33rd Congressional District, one of the nation's wealthiest, which includes the coastal communities of Santa Monica, Malibu and Rancho Palos Verdes, as well as Beverly Hills.

With Waxman retiring, it appears that New-Age guru and author Marianne Williamson is the front-runner to succeed him, as well as former Los Angeles City Councilwoman and City Controller Wendy Greuel, who recently lost her bid to become mayor of Los Angeles.

But speculation is running wild about other people who might jump into the race.

Wealthy independent Bill Bloomfield told the Daily Press he was giving it "serious consideration, leaning toward running."

A multimillionaire, Bloomfield came within eight points of unseating Waxman in 2012 thanks to spending $7.5 million of his own money and his message of fighting against partisan gridlock.

"I'll be watching closely," he said. "But today is his day."

State Sen. Ted Lieu (D-Santa Monica) called Waxman a legend and said in a statement that he was "seriously looking" at giving it shot.

"Today and for decades to come we will honor Congressmember Waxman," he said. "[Friday] I will make a formal announcement regarding my intentions."

Rubin said that Lieu would be his top choice given the attention the state senator has paid to the airport.

Bloom announced on his Facebook page that he is considering running for the seat.

O'Connor said Bloom would be her top choice to fill the position.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education member Ben Allen told the Daily Press the seat would be of interest to him.

With both Bloom and Lieu showing interest their seats too could soon be up for grabs.

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The Associated Press contributed to this report.

U.S. stocks move higher, helped by Facebook, GDP

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK It was a stock market turnaround.

Stocks rose sharply Thursday, with large parts of the market erasing losses from the previous day as investors cheered a batch of strong earnings and data that showed the U.S. economy grew at a robust annual rate in the fourth quarter.

Investors also got a welcome respite from the recent turmoil in overseas markets, particularly in Turkey and Argentina.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 19.99 points, or 1.1 percent, to 1,794.19, with all ten sectors of the index closing higher. That more than made up the 18.29 points the index lost on Wednesday.

The Nasdaq composite jumped 71.69 points, or 1.8 percent, to 4,123.13 and the Dow Jones industrial average rose 109.82 points, or 0.7 percent, to 15,848.61.

Investors welcomed news that U.S. economy grew at a 3.2 percent annual rate in the final three months of 2013, a positive sign for the economy in 2014. Consumer spending, a major driver of the U.S. economy, picked up in the quarter.

"It was a good, balanced GDP report," said Sean Lynch, global investment strategist with Wells Fargo Private Bank, which manages $170 billion in assets.

Good news from a big technology player also boosted the market. Facebook jumped $7.55, or 14 percent, to $61.08. The social media company reported results late Wednesday that exceeded the expectations of financial analysts. Facebook's adjusted profit was 31 cents per share, four cents better than forecast.

It wasn't all good news out of the technology sector. Amazon.com sank in after-hours trading after releasing results that fell short of what investors were expecting. The stock of the online retailing pioneer fell $13 or 3.2 percent, to $403.01 about 90 minutes after the market close.

In other earnings news, Visa rose $3.76, or 2 percent, to $220.88 after the company reported a 9 percent rise in first-quarter profits, beating expectations.

Alexion Pharmaceuticals was the biggest advancer in the S&P 500, rising $28.27, or 21 percent, to $162 after the company also beat analysts' expectations and gave a strong 2014 outlook. Alexion is a specialized drug maker focused on rare genetic diseases.

The company helped lift the stocks of other drugmakers. Dow members Merck and Pfizer each rose more than 2 percent. Specialized drugmakers Gilead Sciences and Biogen were up 2 percent and 4 percent, respectively.

Even with Thursday's gains, it's been a difficult month for investors. The Dow is down 4.4 percent in January, the worst start to a year since 2009.

Emerging markets worries drove most of the sell-off over the last two weeks. A survey on Thursday confirmed that manufacturing in China, the world's second-biggest economy, slowed in January. And this week, the Turkish lira hit record lows, partly because a police bribery scandal there might destabilize the Turkish government.

In Argentina, the peso had its sharpest slide in 12 years earlier this month.

"The currency problems in the emerging markets caught a lot of people by surprise, and that overflowed in to U.S. markets," Wells Fargo's Lynch said.

Investors got a break from those troubles Thursday. The Turkish lira, Argentinian peso and the South African rand, another troubled currency, stabilized.

The iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF, an exchange-traded fund that tracks stocks located in less-developed countries, rose 1 percent after falling 1.5 percent the day before.

Despite Thursday's upturn, the broader trend in the market appears to be downward for the time being, strategists say.

"I'm pretty focused on corporate earnings, and that's about it," said Ian Winer, director of trading at Wedbush Securities. "Earnings have been OK, but not all that great. I think we're going lower, and I think (the sell-off this month) is just the beginning."

Several investors have said the U.S. stock market will experience a "correction," meaning a decline of 10 percent or more in a benchmark index like the S&P 500, sometime this year. That chorus has gotten louder in the last couple of weeks. The last time the market had a correction was in October 2011.

"The markets have been looking for a reason to pull back and certainly the emerging markets and currency problems gave them a reason to do so," Lynch said.

The bond market also had a day of stability. The yield on the U.S. 10-year Treasury note edged up to 2.70 percent from 2.68 percent the day before.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2014**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

Use Permit 13UP-011, 614 15th Street. A Use Permit to retain an existing curb cut providing street access to an on-site parking space located on the rear half of the subject parcel which has an adjacent rear alley. This proposal is requested in conjunction with the construction of a residential addition to the primary residence and a new detached garage with vehicular access from the rear alley. The applicant requests approval to allow vehicle access onto the property from 15th Street. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.08.02.040(d), the applicant may request a Use Permit to allow a curb cut for purposes of providing street access to an on-site parking garage or legal parking space on parcels located within the North of Montana neighborhood with an adjacent rear alley having a minimum right-of-way of fifteen feet. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Greg Cahill/Charles and Anne Hoover.

Variance 13VAR-015, 119 Wadsworth Avenue. Three Variance requests for the substantial remodel of an existing attached duplex into a new two-story single-family residence that include 1) a reduced front yard of 7'-10" in lieu of the required minimum 10'-0" front yard; 2) a reduced side yard of 2'-0" in lieu of a required side yard setback ranging in size from approximately 6'-0" to 4'-6" along the east side of the parcel; and 3) allow two unenclosed parking spaces accessed from Barnard Way in lieu of the required two enclosed parking spaces. The subject property consists of a 5,075 square foot lot in the R2R (Low Density Duplex) Zoning District. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030, the Zoning Administrator may grant a modification to required yard setbacks on nonrectilinear or rectangular parcels on which parallel property lines differ in length a minimum of five feet and may also modify off-street parking requirements. [Planner: Ariel Socarras] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Dennis Gibbens/The Whitesell Living Trust.

Variance 14-VAR-001, 309 21st Place. The applicant requests a Variance to allow a reduced parcel width in the R1 District in conjunction with a proposed lot line adjustment. The applicant proposes a six-foot reduction in the parcel width for the rear six linear feet of the parcel. This would result in an approximately 44-foot wide parcel width at the alley to facilitate a property transfer to the adjacent property owner to the north. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.20.10.030(a), the applicant may request modifications to minimum parcel dimensions. [Planner: Rachel Dimond] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Steven Good.

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(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. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid #3, #7 and #9 serve the City Hall.

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WNW swell dropping out; NW swell blending in; larger sets for standouts; deep morning high tide; WNW-NW winds looking problematic

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
WNW swell leftovers; Minimal NW windswell; keeping an eye on conditions

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Minimal WNW swell

MONDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Possible NW swell mix picks up; stay tuned

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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 -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / ns

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

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

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

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

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NYC turns Times Square into Super Bowl Boulevard

MEGHAN BARR
Associated Press

NEW YORK Laughter and shrieks echoed through Times Square on Wednesday as bundled-up football fans slid down a gleaming toboggan run, the centerpiece of a Super Bowl-themed outdoor street fair that has invaded the city's busiest thoroughfare.

Sun glinted off the toboggan run, which towers several stories high and looks like a giant slide, and fake snow spat out of a machine into the frigid air, even though the ground on Super Bowl Boulevard had already received a coating of actual snow.

"We're never going to get to do that again down Broadway," said Margaux Untracht, 28, as she exited the toboggan run with a group of co-workers. "It was fast, but not that fast. It was awesome."

Having ducked out of work during lunch to check out the boulevard festivities, Untracht was in good company. Many of the people roaming around the event were New Yorkers and New Jerseyans — often clad in Jets or Giants apparel — who had come to see what all of the fuss was about.

Hundreds of people watched as the shiny silver Vince Lombardi Trophy made its debut in a glass case, where it will remain until it is awarded to the winner of Sunday's game between the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks. New York Giants defensive end Justin Tuck carried the prestigious award from a truck to a trophy display area as a marching band drum line pounded out a cadence for the crowd.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio joined the crowd for the unveiling of giant lighted Roman numerals XLVIII.

"As a big football fan and even bigger fan of the Big Apple I could not be more thrilled at what's happening with Super Bowl Boulevard," de Blasio said.

Cuomo said, "This Super Bowl Boulevard is symbolic of the way New York has opened its heart to all the fans."

Organizers expect more than a million people to visit the boulevard between now and Sunday. Lines were already growing as people waited in frigid temperatures to get autographs from NFL players and milled about the many tents emblazoned with corporate logos.

Steven Bell, 52, who works for the city's transit authority, was standing in line to register for a free prize.

"I was waiting for this all year," said Bell, who lives in Brooklyn and was hoping to catch a glimpse of his favorite Giants players. "I'm not gonna miss a single day."

Bell did not, however, plan on paying $5 to take a turn on the toboggan run.

"My mind says yes, but my back says no," he said.

Freebies were being given out all over, from tiny cups of hot chocolate from The Coffee Bean to mini Snickers bars that were snatched up in the Snickers-branded tent. People walked around carrying steaming plates of pizza from the red Papa John's truck and adjoining tent, while others played video games under the green Xbox tent.

A digital billboard displayed player statistics on one corner. A few blocks south, a cluster of narrow digital columns broadcast NFL game footage. Children ran through an obstacle course at one exhibit and kicked footballs into a net over a miniature field goal post at another.

"We couldn't afford to go to the Super Bowl, so we wanted to be in the next closest thing to it," said Carol Fett, of Jefferson Township, N.J., who was at the boulevard with her 24-year-old daughter, Kelly. "It just brings up excitement in the area during our lull time. The winter is kinda, you don't do much. It gets people back out in the city, the businesses are making money. Excitement all around."

In Bryant Park, a giant "Pepcity" tent had been erected by PepsiCo, where booths served free samples of foods incorporating products like cherry Pepsi BBQ wings and Pepsi-braised brisket. Broadway cast members from shows including "Chicago" and "Rocky" performed musical numbers.

Shawn Abbot, 38, of Brooklyn was wearing a Seahawks hat, even though he's a Jets fan at heart.

"You can't beat free food. They're keeping us entertained, keeping people fed," he said. "It's wonderful."

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Frozen (PG) 1hr 25min
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I, Frankenstein (PG-13)
11:45am, 5:15pm, 10:10pm

I, Frankenstein 3D (PG-13)
2:30pm, 7:45pm

August: Osage County (R) 2hrs 10min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Nut Job (PG)
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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Labor Day (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (NR) 1hr 40min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:45pm

Ride Along (PG-13)
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Wolf of Wall Street (R) 2hrs 45min
10:45am, 2:30pm, 6:45pm, 9:50pm

American Hustle (R) 2hrs 09min
12:15pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:30pm

Lone Survivor (R) 2hrs 01min
10:50am, 1:55pm, 4:50pm, 7:50pm, 10:50pm

That Awkward Moment (R)
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Nebraska (R) 1hr 50min
4:10pm, 10:00pm

Stranger By The Lake (L'inconnu du lac) (NR) 1hr 32min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Philomena (R) 1hr 34min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Her (R)
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
1:10pm, 7:00pm

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

CELEBRATE THE WEEKEND IN STYLE, TAURUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could feel uncomfortable about a matter revolving around your household. You might have pushed someone away. You'll discover that a partner is energized and finally ready to pitch in. You instinctively pick up on others' nonverbal cues. Tonight: TGIF!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is happening. A loved one's response might not warm the cockles of your heart. Understand where you are coming from in regard to this person. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend in style.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You could question a decision more than you need to. Recognize your limits in the present situation, and resist pushing too hard. In fact, the less you push, the more you will receive. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You'll respond positively to someone's efforts to draw you in. Relating closely happens naturally when you are with this person. Rethink a decision, and be aware of the consequences. You are instinctive in your reactions. Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You are able to see a personal matter differently from how many people do. You will want to communicate your vision more fully than you have in the past. A loved one could be rather stern and difficult. Tonight: Time for a talk.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others insist on dominating the scene, no matter what is going on. Your feelings could come out in an odd way or through spending. Working with someone else might elicit powerful responses from you. Be aware of this. Tonight: With a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might feel as though you are carrying a burden alone, but that is not the case. You will get a better grasp of a situation later in the day. In fact, in the next few days, you will be gaining an enhanced perspective of several important matters. Tonight: Beam in more of what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You have been very sure of yourself lately and perhaps too hard on someone you care about. At a certain point, you will need to give up your grievances and move forward in a positive manner. Tonight: Act as if there will never be another Friday night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Use your instincts in an important conversation. Understand that much more is going on than meets the eye. You have a strong will, and you'll sense what is needed to end a personal issue. Tonight: Head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You will experience an unusual urge to spend. Much of that desire is being fueled by a personal situation. You tend to pick up much more of what is going on than what is being verbalized. Tonight: You deserve to have some fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be aware of your effect on others. Sometimes you are pushed way beyond what you can handle. Think through a problem by getting more feedback. A domestic issue will resolve, given some time and perspective. Tonight: Make it OK to be a little overindulgent.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might sense a change in the air, but you are uncomfortable with change. Relax, and understand that others might not be on the same level as you. Do some deep thinking before you act. You will rejuvenate as the day goes on. Tonight: All smiles -- it's Friday!

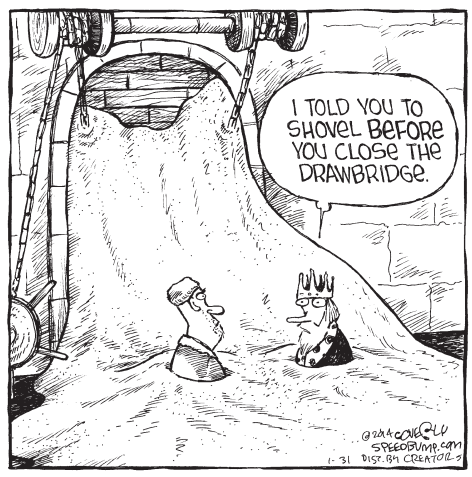
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you flip-flop from one stance to another, and it causes confusion in others' perceptions. People have always seen you as steadfast; now that you are changing styles, you can expect some strong reactions. You demand a lot from others, and you also have strong expectations financially. If you are single, the person you choose today might not be your long-term choice. Try not to make any commitments for at least a year; if the person still is of interest to you then, you know you have a winner. If you are attached, your partner could be thrown off by your changing attitude. Explain where you are coming from more often. PISCES helps you make and spend money.

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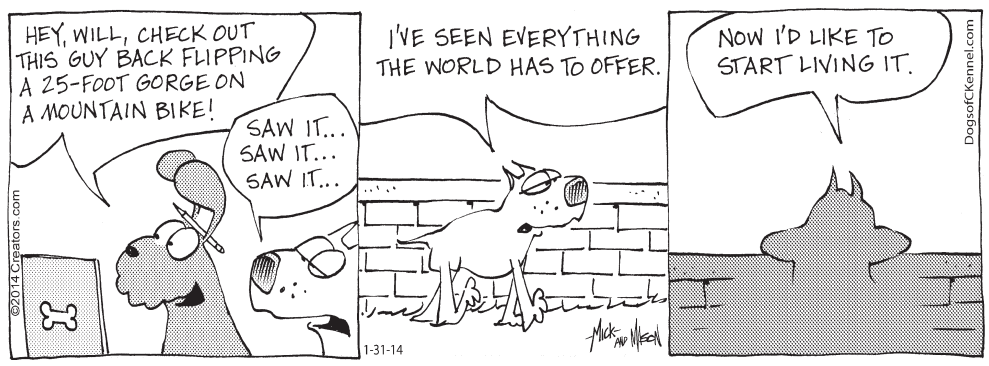
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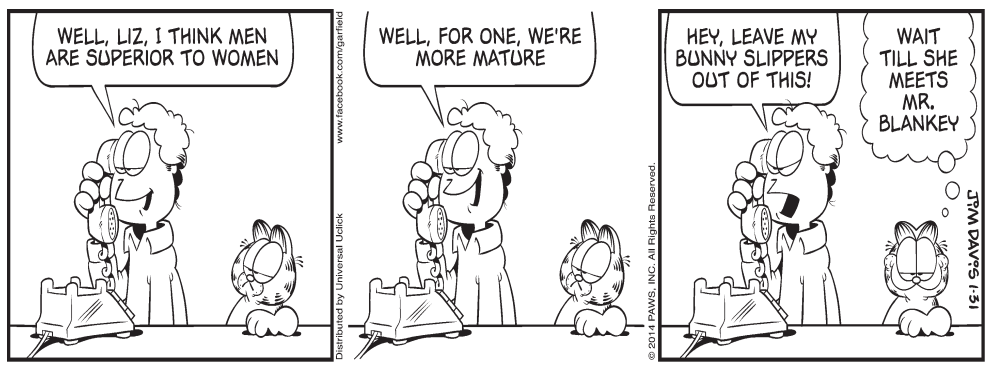
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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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 ★★★★

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

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

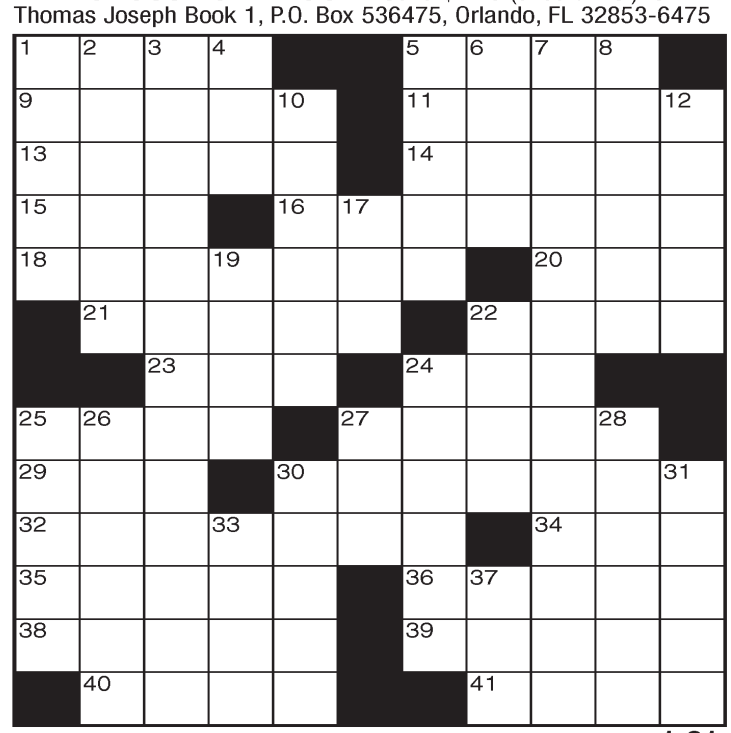
ACROSS
1 Silver-tongued
5 Faux pas
9 Airport aid
11 "The Taming of the Shrew" city
13 Make amends
14 Clickable pictures
15 Sewing aid
16 Inventor's protection
18 Snares
20 Hot brew
21 Past plump
22 Mayberry sheriff
23 Rent out
24 Verb for you
25 Diploma holder
27 More enormous
29 Brink
30 Eastern temples
32 Mean
34 Tango quorum
35 City leader
36 "My Name is — Lev"
38 Skier's place
39 Sleep disturber
40 Takes to court
41 Swift jets

DOWN
1 Potential raisin
2 Barrio resident
3 Understanding utterance
4 Outlaw
5 Rotisserie parts
6 Valentine trim
7 Annoyed utterance
8 Did a fourth down job
10 Meal
12 Test for purity
17 Clumsy fellow
19 Bassoon part
22 Oscar-winning film
24 Like the stables cleaned by Hercules
25 Mass units
26 Foes
27 Witch
28 Most chilly
30 Reduces
31 Tender areas
33 Tug-of-war need
37 Sinking signal

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Yesterday's answer

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/29
11 23 28 32 47
Power#: 20
Jackpot: $194M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/28
7 16 28 53 60
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: $84M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 1/29
5 9 17 29 33
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: $15M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/30
15 18 27 30 32

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/30
MIDDAY: 7 3 0
EVENING: 1 2 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/30
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 05 California Classic
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Love the One You're With: (1) Lydell Coleman, 36, was charged with felony indecent exposure in Seattle in December. He had allegedly dropped his pants outside the Sub Shop at Westwood Village and begun "humping" the front window. (2) Edwin Tobergta, 34, was sentenced to 11 months in prison in November after his earlier guilty plea in Hamilton, Ohio, to "having sex," naked, with a rubber pool float, in front of children. (3) An inebriated Andrew Davidson, 25, was arrested in July on a train between Aberdeen, Scotland, and Glasgow after foisting himself on a beverage cart and "humping" it, shouting "I want to kiss you, I want to (have sex with) you."

■ According to a police report, Tevin Monroe, 31, walked into a McDonald's in Norfolk, Va., in December to inquire about a job, asked a manager for an application, and was told that the form was available online and that he should go download it. The manager's response left Monroe dissatisfied, and he lifted his shirt to show the manager the gun in his waistband. The manager quickly located a paper application for Monroe (but also discreetly summoned police, who arrived and arrested Monroe while he was still filling out the form).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1953 - A North Sea flood causes over 1,800 deaths in the Netherlands and over 300 in the United Kingdom

1957 - Eight people on the ground in Pacoima, California are killed following the mid-air collision between a Douglas DC-7 airliner and a Northrop F-89 Scorpion fighter jet.

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Excerpts from an interview with **Rafael Pelli** AIA, LEED AP of Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects

What are the challenges presented by the Miramar?

The challenge in designing the new Miramar hotel is to organically integrate it into the surrounding urban context – not just the buildings, but how it connects to the Third Street Promenade and Palisades Park. We are also very mindful that the soul of the property is the Fig Tree and the Palisades Building. We are sensitive to their place in the greater context of the City and include them in a newer composition while respecting them.

We are also very aware we are part of a neighborhood and community around it. Being able to open the property to pedestrians, creating new gardens and places for neighborhood use is vital.

Your firm has been a leader in sustainable design. How will sustainability factor into the new Miramar?

The environmental consequences of buildings is something we are very passionate about and has guided much of my career. Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects had the opportunity to design the first LEED platinum multi-family residential building in the United States. Sustainability is critical to think about from the very first day. We have a cross-disciplinary team of people looking at all aspects of sustainable design, from energy, water use, and use of materials – to how a building is constructed and operated. Even before we were selected, we were talking about energy and resources strategy. It is an integral part of the design and something I am personally and keenly interested in.

Many people know of the tall buildings your firm has designed. How will the Miramar be in scale with Santa Monica?

In the popular press, we are known for some of our tall buildings. Professionally, we are known for our smaller, more intimate buildings and for campus buildings, as we've done at UCLA, UC San Francisco and UC Riverside. We create exterior spaces that reinforce the collegial nature of places and encourage pedestrian use.

There is a lot about Santa Monica that has a campus-like personality, buildings that shape exterior spaces, allowing people to move and flow through them. That sense of welcoming open space or encouraging people to walk and enjoy the property is at the heart of our design. Palisades Park has that feeling. We believe the new Miramar will offer the opportunity to be the linking element of these public spaces.

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