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Imagine Santa Monica with even less parking



Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

GET IN WHERE YOU FIT IN: **Cars and trucks take up most of the parking along Fourth Street just north of California Avenue on Thursday.**

Draft plan would reduce parking requirements

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE A transportation planning consultant offered up a first draft of proposed parking requirements to the Planning Commission Wednesday night that would radically reduce the amount of parking required for new developments in most of Santa Monica.

The recommendations represent a drastic shift from how parking is currently provided in the city, including ceilings on the amount of parking allowed in new development and encouragement of shared or leased parking.

Aggressive strategies like those listed in the report are the only way for Santa Monica to meet the traffic and pollution reduction goals outlined in the Land Use and Circulation Element adopted in 2010 with broad community support, said Jeffrey Tumlin, a consultant with transportation planning firm Nelson\Nygaard.

It can also attack one cause of expensive rents by removing the cost of parking from the equation.

Residents see it another way. Parking is

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Latinos will soon dominate state population

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Latinos will soon become the dominant ethnic group in the nation's most populous state, marking a milestone in the country's shifting racial and ethnic composition, according to projections released Thursday by the California Department of Finance.

Demographers predict the number of Latinos in the state will equal that of whites by mid-year and exceed it in early 2014 for the first time. Each group currently represents about 39 percent of the population.

The shift is expected to affect politics and public policy in California and perhaps beyond, given the state's history of trend-setting legislation and cultural contributions.

Whites currently lack a majority in only two other states — Hawaii and New Mexico.

Demographers say Latinos' share of the overall California population will continue to increase to about 41 percent by 2020, when whites will make up less than 37 percent.

By 2060, Latinos could account for 48 percent of the state's population, with whites falling below 30 percent.

In 2010, Latinos were a majority in nine of California's 58 counties; by 2060, that could grow to 17.

Blacks are expected to slip from nearly 6 percent in 2010 to just more than 4 percent by 2060, while the Asian population, now just below 13 percent, could grow slightly as a percentage of the overall population.

The demographic trends also show that California, like other states, will get older, with the median age expected to increase from the current 35 to 42 in 2060. Even so, California would have a lower median age than other states.

"Due to California's diversity and because of its role as the primary gateway state for immigration, California will not age as rapidly in the coming 20 years as many other states," the report said.

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Community to weigh in on local marijuana policy

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY City officials will hold a community meeting next week to give residents a voice in whether or not they want to allow medical marijuana dispensaries to set up shop in Santa Monica.

The meeting, which will be held Thursday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library, will begin with the "will we, won't

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Feb. 1, 2013

Let the games begin
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Enjoy an afternoon of video and board games for all ages in the Children's Activity Room. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Celebrating mother
YWCA Santa Monica/Westside
2019 14th St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Woman's Voices, an ensemble group of storytellers, will present a concert titled "YES MOTHER!" that is sure to entertain. Come and eavesdrop on this colorful group of long-term friends as they gather on the front porch to sample a new cookie recipe and reminisce about past holidays. The event is put on by a partnership with the Institute of Musical Arts and the YWCA Santa Monica/Westside. Tickets are $20. For more information call (310) 452-3881 or e-mail jmiele@smywca.org.

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013

Le salon de Santa Monica
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 4 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Woman's Club will be transformed into a 17th-century French salon in an effort to raise money for the upcoming 2013 season. The event starts with live music and a mix and mingle, where guests will be able to make masks, have their hair coiffed and participate in a silent auction and raffle. A fully costumed stage reading of Moilere's "The Learned Ladies" will be the primary entertainment of the evening. Guests are encouraged to dress in costume. Tickets are $50 and can be purchased at www.santamonicarep.org.

Feeling flutey?
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
Come and enjoy a free classical concert of the Northridge Flute Quartet. Julianna Bruce, Cheryl Lopez, Mary Cervantes and Sheila Molazadeh will play selections from Handel's "Water Music," Mozart's "Divertimento" and "Contredanse" and others. Popular tunes such as "Edelweiss," "The Rose," "All I Ask of You" and the Harry Potter theme will also be performed. All ages are welcome but space is limited and on a first arrival basis. For more information, visit www.smpl.org.

Carbs and classics
Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m.
The Santa Monica High School Orchestras will have their 10th Annual Spaghetti and Strings Dinner, Show, and Silent Auction. There will be performances by the full philharmonic and symphony orchestras, an elegant dinner service and catering by local favorite Fritto Misto restaurant. Tickets are $30 for adults, $15 for students. Tickets will be available at the door or can be ordered in advance by contacting Lori Whitesell at lwhite6397@aol.com. Seating is limited.

On your mark, get set, prep!
Montana Ave. Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 12 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Students in grades 10 through 12 can take a full-length practice SAT test, hosted by Kaplan Prep. Registration is required for this program. Limited seats are available. This program is free and open to the public. For more information and to sign up, call Terrie Dorio at (310) 458-8682 during library hours or visit smpl.org.

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013

Vintage, ooh la la
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
At the Vintage Fashion Expo, you will find high quality vintage clothing and accessories for men and women. Fashions from the turn of the century to the 1980s will be presented by over 90 dealers from across the country. This is the last day of the event. Students are admitted free on Sunday with I.D. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at www.vintageexpo.com.

Honoring history
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
1343 Ocean Park Blvd., 3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
In honor of Black History Month, Orchestra Santa Monica will be holding a concert. Compositions by Mozart, William Grant Still, Andre Myers and Chevalier de Saint-Georges will be performed. Tickets are $30 for adults, $15 for students, $10 for seniors, and free for members and children. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (310) 525-7618.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

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CORRECTION

In the column Culture Watch ("In and out of Ruby's mind") which appeared in the Jan. 31 edition of the Daily Press it should have said that artist Alyssa Pheobus Mumtaz was born in Maryland. Mea culpa.

Analyst says U.S. wine production, consumption up

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. U.S. residents now make up the largest wine market in the world, consuming 13 percent of all that's produced globally, according to an analyst who spoke Wednesday at a major wine industry gathering.

Jon Fredrikson told executives at the

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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College pays homage to African-American art

The Santa Monica College Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery will be showing "African American Treasures: History and Art from the Collection of Bernard and Shirley Kinsey," in accordance with African-American Heritage Month.

The collection is a rare and historically rich assembly of art and materials that has been exhibited throughout the United States since 2006. This is the first time pieces from the collection will be at an institution of higher education, SMC officials said.

The exhibit opens Tuesday, Feb. 12, with the opening reception being held on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Before the reception, a book signing and gallery tour will be led by the Kinseys from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The exhibit will feature 26 original works of art and nearly 40 original items, artifacts, articles, posters, graphics, writings, photos and books, said art gallery director Marian Winsryg.

The Kinseys, of Pacific Palisades, have been collecting items of historical and cultural significance throughout their more than 40-year marriage, exploring and celebrating their African-American heritage.

The Santa Monica College Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery is located in the SMC Performing Arts Center on Santa Monica Boulevard at 11th Street. Gallery hours are noon – 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call (310) 434-3434.

– ALEX VEJAR



MAX EFFORT

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

Samohi's Riley Newkirk falls to the ground after making an attempt on goal against Culver City on Wednesday. Samohi won the game, 3-2.

L.A. archdiocese files coming out without redactions

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A judge on Thursday ordered the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles to turn over 30,000 pages from the confidential files of priests accused of child molestation without blacking out the names of top church officials who were responsible for key decisions in how to handle the sexually abusive priests.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Emilie Elias ordered the nation's largest archdiocese to turn over the files to attorneys for alleged victims no later than Feb. 22.

The archdiocese had planned to black out the names of members of the church hierarchy who were responsible for the priests, and instead provide a cover sheet for each priest's file, listing the names of top officials who handled that case. The church reversed course Wednesday after The Associated Press, the Los Angeles Times and plaintiff attorneys objected in court.

The archdiocese had also planned to black out handwritten comments on the files inked by recently retired Cardinal Roger Mahony and provide those in typewritten form instead.

A record-breaking $660 million settlement in 2007 with more than 500 alleged victims paved the way for the ultimate disclosure of the tens of thousands of pages, but the archdiocese and individual priests fought to keep them secret for more than five years. The AP and the Los Angeles Times intervened in court in January because the 4.3 million-person archdiocese intended to release the files with the names of top officials, including Mahony's, blacked out.

A first round of 14 priest files made public in Los Angeles nearly two weeks ago showed that Mahony and other top officials maneuvered behind the scenes to shield molester priests, provide damage control for the church and keep parishioners in the dark about sexual abuse in their parishes. Those documents, released as part of an unrelated civil lawsuit, were not redacted and provided a glimpse of what could be contained in the larger release.

The files, some of them dating back decades, contain letters among top church officials, accused priests and archdiocese attorneys, complaints from parents, medical and psychological records and — in some cases — correspondence with the Vatican.

Mahony, who retired in 2011 after more than a quarter-century at the helm of the archdiocese, has publicly apologized for mistakes he made in dealing with priests who molested children.

It was unclear how quickly the archdiocese would turn the files over to plaintiff attorneys.

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Attack of the raging cyclists

Editor:

It is difficult to select which Daily Press front-page photo is more ironic – the shot of the biker riding in the auto lane to illustrate the green bike lanes of Ocean Park Boulevard ("Ocean Park Boulevard goes green," Jan. 15), or the perfectly staged pedestrians ("Work begins on beach bike path to help cyclists, peds coexist," Jan. 31) walking within their new lane as precision cyclists couples, each two by two, use their now smaller lanes to equanimously share the old bikeway.

Get real! It took years of studies and lots of taxes to finally layout and build the serpentine bikeway, only to have it turn into a dog walk, baby carriage, dog pulling a skateboarder, inline-skater pushing a baby carriage and skater way.

When the 1983 winter storm took parts of the bikeway out, no one repaired it in time for the 1984 Olympics. A bag or two of cold patch here and there should do it! Yet you think some paint is going to make all well in Santa Monica?

I was walking on Wilshire Boulevard last week going east on the sidewalk near the banks and stores before Banana Republic. Office workers in suits and ties flooded out onto the sidewalk and we all were bumped by bicyclists on the sidewalk who had disdain and frustration for the pedestrians using the sidewalk. If the cyclists, riding side by side on the sidewalk were local, they should have been ticketed and fined. If they were tourists then the person who rented them the cycles should be fined for not clearly explaining the rules of rental biking.

There are no rules in Santa Monica. Going to the Santa Monica Pier? Take Seaside Terrace to Appian Way standing up on a bike, don't wear a helmet, don't bother to obey stop signs and rules of the road. Just stand up while going downhill to the beach. Mow down pedestrians if they get in the way. You can stay connected with wireless, smoke and drink a custom coffee – all while biking.

If you dare to walk, don't mess with the "train" of real cyclists who travel to and fro. They don't like the bike paths recently provided on Main Street through Venice and Santa Monica; they prefer Pacific/Ocean/Neilson Way. Go figure.

Those who are upset with things in the city can go to City Hall on foot to complain. But remember, the newer three-way stop signs in front of City Hall at "Little Olympic" don't pertain to cyclists. In fact cyclists and skateboarders use pedestrians as slalom cones. Too bad the schools stopped teaching physics and geometry. The hell-bent movers can't judge movement and speed to save a life. They zig when they should zag.

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Feed them to the linebackers

IN CASE YOU'VE JUST COME OUT OF A coma, this Sunday is Super Bowl XLVII. Julius Caesar would instantly know how many years that represents, but personally I find it annoying. It's all because Pete Rozelle, the late NFL commissioner, following Super Bowl III felt using Roman numerals would give the game some class. (He clearly saw himself as the Nero of the NFL.)

For those also Roman numerically-challenged XLVII is Super Bowl 47. Super Bowl 99 will be XCIX and 98 will be XCVIII. Sheesh. No wonder the Roman Empire fell.

Ironically the first Super Bowl was in 1967 and was played in Los Angeles. I say "ironically" because we haven't had a professional football team here since the end of 1994. (Unless, of course, you count USC.)

The NFL says we won't get a team until we build a new stadium. I've got an idea. Why not, when the lease is up, use the land at the Santa Monica Airport? There's tons of space and it's freeway close.

OK, maybe it's a bit far fetched, but at least it's better than perennial City Council candidate Jon Mann's idea of turning it into a giant pot farm. (Though I still like the notion of calling it Stoner Park.)

Since 1967, how upscale has the Super Bowl become? In that first game the most expensive ticket was $12. Today it's $1,250 face value. Actually some desperate fans will wind up paying scalpers $5,000 a ticket. Meanwhile corporate suites go for a mere $300,000. (Ah, the perks of being a 1 percenter.)

In 1967 a 30-second TV commercial cost $42,000. Today it's $3,850,000. That's a lot of Bud Light and Nachos Bell Grande that has to be sold. (But fortunately we Americans are up to the challenge.) Speaking of expensive, in a commercial I'm looking forward to, the luscious Kate Upton is pitching Mercedes. Surprise, surprise it's reportedly quite steamy. So steamy that I can just picture a Mercedes showroom the day after the Super Bowl as a salesman talks to a prospective male customer. "What sold you on Mercedes? Was it the elegance, high resale value or the state of the art technology?" "Uh, well actually it was Kate Upton's breasts."

Sunday's game is being played in New Orleans and for only the second time in history, the Super Bowl coincides with Mardi Gras. (They're calling it "Super Gras.") Given the two "holidays" do you think there will be much partying on Bourbon Street? Nah.

The Big Easy expects 1 million visitors and an economic windfall of more than $1 billion. (Plus the cost of all the beads drunken guys on hotel balconies in the French Quarter will throw to drunken girls on the street who will then flash their boobs. While I live in a high rise, somehow I don't think it would work in Santa Monica.)

Unfortunately on media day this past Tuesday Sports Illustrated broke a story linking Raven's linebacker Ray Lewis to performance enhancing drugs, specifically deer-antler spray. (I couldn't make this stuff up, folks.)

Apparently a growth substance in deer antlers is the strongest in the mammal world. I say "unfortunately" for two reasons. One, the last thing the NFL needs is a performance enhancing drug controversy. And two, I somehow don't think the extraction of the antlers is voluntary on the deer's part. Apparently, the spray is most effective under the tongue. So if you see a super buff athlete near you spraying something into his or her mouth, there's a chance it's not Binaca.

BUT BENEATH THE GLITZ AND GLAMOUR OF THE NFL, AN $11 BILLION INDUSTRY AND THE SUPER BOWL, THE MOST-WATCHED TV PROGRAM OF THE YEAR, THERE IS AN EVEN DARKER STORY THAN PEDS.

But beneath the glitz and glamour of the NFL, an $11 billion industry and the Super Bowl, the most-watched TV program of the year, there is an even darker story than PEDs. Whereas the Romans fed the Christians to the lions, today we feed them to linebackers.

I'm referring to chronic traumatic encephalopathy, fancy words for the damage repeated concussions have on the brain. CTE causes dementia, memory loss, aggression, depression, and, as in the recent case of Junior Seau and many others, suicide.

After years of promoting the game's "biggest hits" on TV highlight programs and through DVD sales, the NFL has finally taken steps to reduce concussions. (Being sued by 6,000 former players and their families might have been of some motivation.)

My solution is to make football single platoon as it once was, wherein athletes play both offense and defense. Because of conditioning issues, the humongous size of the players would reduce dramatically as would the damage they inflict. I have a feeling this idea will be greeted with the same "enthusiasm" as my "build a stadium at the Santa Monica Airport," but at least I tried.

Hurry, get the chips and dip, the Super Bowl kickoff is less than 48 hours away. Depending on who you're rooting for, go Ravens or go 49ers, or, in my case, go Kate Upton.

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Underdog 'Argo' seems charmed

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES Some years, Academy Awards voters just want to feel right about themselves, their industry, their country. And maybe honor one of their own who hasn't always shared in the love of his peers.

That could explain why Ben Affleck's "Argo" has gone from best-picture longshot to Oscar favorite over such competitors as Steven Spielberg's stately but talky Civil War portrait "Lincoln" or Kathryn Bigelow's brilliant yet contentious CIA thriller "Zero Dark Thirty."

"Argo" is a feel-good thrill ride that's patriotic enough to warrant a good "USA! USA!" chant as the credits roll. It's all about how Hollywood helped save some lives. And a best-picture win could be viewed as righting a wrong after Affleck inexplicably missed out on a best-director nomination.

"There's a surge to embrace Ben Affleck in the aftermath of his Oscar snub. It seems like such an outrage that his film is benefiting from it as a result," said Tom O'Neil, who runs the awards website GoldDerby.com. "It really is a pro-'Argo' movement more than it is a kind of shrug off of 'Lincoln' or a disparagement of 'Zero Dark Thirty.' Hollywood is rallying around one of their wounded own."

"Argo" is one of three true-life best-picture nominees steeped in different eras of U.S. history. Spielberg's "Lincoln," which leads the Oscars with 12 nominations and looked like the front-runner until "Argo" began winning top honors at other awards shows, is a towering study of Abraham Lincoln as he maneuvers to end the war and pass the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery. "Argo" tells of a little-known victory amid an otherwise enervating chapter in American foreign affairs during the Iran hostage crisis. Bigelow's "Zero Dark Thirty" is a dark story of this last dark decade as the CIA builds leads that result in the Navy SEALs raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

In their way, all three are stories of American triumph, but told with wildly divergent tones. "Lincoln" is a saga of hope amid national tragedy, meticulously researched but a little emotionally remote because of its attention to Washington deal-making, 1860s-style. "Zero Dark Thirty" is a bleak tale of uncertain patriotism, also meticulously researched but at times more than a little emotionally repugnant because of the questionable means it depicts in a righteous cause.

"Argo" is the one that turns triumph into an end-zone dance. Affleck has taken knocks in the past over his acting, but in only his third film as director, he shows complete mastery of populist movie-making. He gives viewers great drama, great laughs, agonizing tension and an exultant finale, all while playing loose with the facts in a way audiences can forgive in the name of a terrific piece of entertainment.

"When you look at the small group of movies that are really in contention to win, 'Argo' is the most exciting choice in two ways," said Dave Karger, chief correspondent for movie-ticket seller Fandango.com. "It's the most exciting of the movies, and it would be the most exciting winner because of its now underdog feeling that it has by not getting that directing nomination. 'Argo' is managing that near-impossible thing. It's winning everything, yet it still feels like the underdog."

Much like the story Affleck tells. As Iranian militants stormed the U.S. embassy, where they held 52 people hostage for 444 days, six Americans escaped and took refuge with Canadian diplomats. CIA rescue specialist Tony Mendez, played by Affleck, organized a daring plot to get them out disguised as crew members of a fake sci-fi movie scouting locations in Iran.

Their unlikely escape by an outrageous scheme is a ray-of-sunshine footnote in the hostage story, a side story obscure enough that filmmakers could tweak it for all it's worth in a way that would never work with such well-known narratives as Lincoln's final days or the bin Laden raid.

That white-knuckle takeoff at the Tehran airport, with Iranian assault teams racing behind the jet down the runway? Never happened. In Mendez's book "Argo: How the CIA and Hollywood Pulled Off the Most Audacious Rescue in History," the six Americans' passage through the Tehran airport and onto the plane was uneventful. The takeoff and two-hour flight out of Iranian airspace is told in just four sentences.

Much like the escape, "Argo" is Hollywood audacity at its best, taking the gist of a true story and dressing it up into a fun night out.

Meantime, the makers of "Lincoln" and "Zero Dark Thirty" may have tried to be too genuine. Based partly on historian Doris Kearns Goodwin's "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln," Spielberg's film is enormously entertaining yet professorial at times. Based on Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal's painstaking research, "Zero Dark Thirty" has prompted a savage debate over its depictions of interrogations, with critics saying the film misleads viewers for suggesting that torture provided information that helped the CIA find bin Laden.

The Q Line

Budget woes

City Hall could be facing a $29 million budget deficit by 2018 unless officials can increase revenues or make cuts to programs.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think could be trimmed to ensure that the city's coffers are not depleted in the next couple of years?

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TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2013**

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:

Variance Variance, 12-VAR-020, 859 Woodacres Road. The applicant requests approval of a variance to authorize a modification of the required yard setbacks. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030 (d)(3), the applicant may request a variance to allow the modification of yard setbacks on a parcel with a twelve-and-one-half-foot grade differential or more. The subject property has a grade differential greater than 50 feet between the front and rear parcel lines. Specifically, this variance request would modify side and rear yard setbacks by increasing the setback requirement in order to reflect the graded building pad area of the parcel that has a grade differential exceeding 50 feet, thereby allowing construction of a two-story structure. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT/OWNER**; Jason Somers, Crest Real Estate, LLC/859 Woodacres Trust.
This public hearing was continued from the January 8, 2013 Zoning Administrator Hearing.

Fence Wall Hedge Height Modification, 12-FWHM-0009, 1525 San Vicente Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of a fence, wall and hedge height modification within the front yard area. A 13-foot high fence/gate has been built along the front property line adjacent to San Vicente Boulevard. The fence/gate would be setback 20-feet 6-inches from the front property line and span a length of approximately 23-feet along the south property line. Additionally, 13-foot hedges line the drive way and entry fence/gate and would require a height modification since they are within the 40-front setback and exceed 42-inches in height. [Planner: Gina Szilak] Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080, fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed the maximum height of 42-inches within the required front yard as measured from the lowest grade. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a modification to the height limitations in the front, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator.). [Planner: Gina Szilak] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Riviera Maison LLC.

Reduced Parking Permit 12-RPP-002, 1418 7th Street. The applicant requests approval to allow the shared use of 3 guest parking spaces on the subject property in conjunction with the operation of new dental office. Specifically, 11 parking spaces are required to support the leasing of 2,690 square feet of proposed dental office use. The subject property currently provides 99 required parking spaces: 81 residential spaces, 8 commercial spaces and 10 guest parking spaces. Three parking spaces are required to support the dental office conversion of the existing ground floor commercial/retail use. The applicant has submitted documentation in an effort to substantiate the reasons for the requested parking reduction. An applicant may request a reduced parking permit for shared parking pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.04.20.26.030(a). [Planner: Ivan Lai] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: David Forbes Hibbert/VRS Genoa Apartments, LLC.

Use Permit 12-UP-011, 513, Lincoln Boulevard. A Use Permit to retain an existing curb cut providing street access to an on-site garage on the subject parcel which has an adjacent rear alley. This proposal is requested in conjunction with the demolition of an existing single-family residence and the development of a new single-family residence with a detached garage. The applicant requests approval to allow vehicle access onto the property from Lincoln Boulevard. 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 on parcels located within the North of Montana neighborhood with an adjacent rear alley having a minimum right-of-way of fifteen feet. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Vertoch Design Architects/Stephen Walbridge.

Use Permit: 13-UP-001, 316 Adelaide Drive. A Use Permit to retain an existing curb cut providing street access to an on-site garage on the subject parcel which has an adjacent rear alley. This proposal is requested in conjunction with the demolition of an existing single-family residence and the development of a new single-family residence with a garage. The applicant requests approval to allow vehicle access onto the property from Adelaide Drive. 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 on parcels located within the North of Montana neighborhood with an adjacent rear alley having a minimum right-of-way of fifteen feet. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Gehry Partners, LLP/Adelaide Property, LLC.

Fence Wall Hedge Modification, 13FWHM-0001, 316 Adelaide Drive. A height modification to construct a pergola within the front setback ranging from 10 to 20 feet of the front property line. The maximum height of the pergola would be eight-foot-tall. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080, fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed the maximum height of 42-inches within the required front yard, measured from the lowest grade. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a height modification to the height limitations in the front yard area, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Gehry Partners, LLP/Adelaide Property, LLC.

HOW TO COMMENT
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French gay marriage plans stir parenthood debate

LORI HINNANT
Associated Press

PARIS The French are all for sex and all for family — so long as you're having sex to create one. Anything dealing with assisted reproduction makes a sizable portion of them uncomfortable, as the president's plans to legalize gay marriage have unexpectedly exposed.

The debate over whether society and science are overreaching when it comes to parenthood has sent thousands into the streets, turned the bridges over the Seine into billboards and prompted charges that women's bodies will soon be for rent in a society that still has surprisingly deep conservative roots.

President Francois Hollande's promise to legalize gay marriage was seen as relatively uncontroversial when it first came up as a campaign pledge. Then, as the debate began this week, his justice minister quietly issued an order to grant French birth certificates for children born to surrogates abroad.

The news reopened a raw and unwelcome national debate on fertility treatments, surrogacy and adoption. Assisted reproduction is off-limits to all but heterosexual couples showing at least two years of companionship. Egg donation has been regulated nearly into non-existence, and surrogacy of any kind is punishable by a prison term.

Infuriated opponents pounced, accusing the Socialist government of underhanded tactics to transform families. Despite France's liberal attitudes and Socialist government, the country also has strong Roman Catholic influence and prides itself on its strong support for traditional families.

Justice Minister Christiane Taubira went before a raucous parliamentary session Wednesday to defend her order, half the lawmakers giving her an ovation and another sizeable group trying to jeer her into silence.

"You're encouraging methods that are illegal in our country, that are an attack on human dignity," Jean-Francois Cope, the opposition leader, accused her on Wednesday. "Children become objects, objects that can be bought and sold."

Taubira said the order was only a reflection of current citizenship law, not a new regulation that would lead to legalized surrogacy within France. "It affirms French nationality, it doesn't grant it," she said, insisting that no one — from the president on down — wanted French surrogate mothers.

Facing unexpected opposition to their once-popular plans to legalize gay marriage, Hollande's Socialists in early January dropped plans to link the measure to relaxed restrictions on fertility treatments. And Taubira on Wednesday reiterated earlier denials of any plan to legalize surrogacy.

About 200 egg-donor babies and about 1,000 sperm-donor babies are born annually to French people according to official government figures, with thousands of couples waiting for years for a chance to try.

One 40-year-old woman, recently divorced with a young son and hopes for another, decided there was no point in waiting for the rules to change. She found a clinic in Denmark to provide fertility treatments, scheduled an initial round and persuaded her French doctor to fudge some of the paperwork.

"He said 'it's illegal' and I said 'yes, it's illegal in France, but not abroad,'" said the woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity out of fear of the social backlash.

She said three rounds of treatment in Denmark will cost 5,800 ($7,860), not including travel expenses. And she doesn't dare tell her family, saying she's afraid of their judgment. She does not yet know if her second round of treatment in Denmark succeeded.

In France, egg donors must already have children of their own and are not allowed reimbursement for many of the expenses related to the donation — including travel and childcare. Sperm donors face similar restrictions, including showing proof of prior fatherhood. In 2010, 299 men donated sperm in France.

Surrogacy is widely reviled, even among those who want to open access to fertility treatments.

The tight restrictions have sent many French abroad — single women and men, and gay and straight couples who fear their time is running out. Many go to Belgium or Spain. Fearing social stigma, few talk about it when they return home pregnant.

Hundreds of thousands of protesters on both sides have swamped the streets of Paris. This week, as the parliamentary debate began, opponents of gay marriage and changes to the law governing fertility treatment strung banners over the bridges that cross the Seine, including one that read "Everyone is born from a man and a woman."

Hollande had clearly hoped to put off a national debate on assisted reproduction: "Had I been in favor, I would have included it in the proposed law," he said in December as renegade lawmakers from his Socialist Party tried to take up the issue.

The president has let Taubira do most of the talking — and take most of the heat. It's her name that is linked to the tensions that have been growing in France as both sides line up allies.

For those who support easier access to assisted reproduction, the link to gay marriage was inevitable — especially in a country where the word "equality" is enshrined in the national motto.

"As soon as you start discussing same-sex marriage, then you know this is going to come up," said Guido Pennings, a professor of bioethics at Belgium's Ghent University who conducted a 2010 survey on what he described as "reproductive tourism" in Europe.

Pennings said women from Italy, France, Germany and Norway — all relatively restrictive countries when it comes to fertility treatments — were most likely to cite "legal reasons" for going abroad. Four in 10 of the French women who responded to the survey described themselves as gay or bisexual.

He said governments should be asking themselves: "Do I treat my own citizens correctly when I force them to go elsewhere?"

Isabelle Chandler, spokeswoman for the French infertility group MAIA, said French women are being driven away by the strict criteria and a lack of financial support. Chandler, who like many French draws the line at surrogacy, said her organization is willing to advise any woman who wants fertility treatment, whether or not she's in a relationship.

For both men and women donors, anonymity is strictly required — another aspect of fertility treatment that sends French couples abroad, according to some activists.

"Lawmakers think about couples, they think about donors, but they don't think about children," said Audrey Gavin, a lawyer who is president of an organization that advocates for non-anonymous donation.

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Over $35K in Apple products stolen from UPS driver

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.

THURSDAY, JAN. 10, AT 1:20 P.M.,
A driver for UPS left his truck parked on the 1400 block of Fourth Street so that he could deliver packages. When he returned he noticed that 27 boxes belonging to the Apple Store were missing. The loss was determined to be approximately $35,375. The driver called Santa Monica police and detectives were able to gather enough evidence to identify a suspect. On Jan. 24 at 8:05 p.m. investigators arrested the suspect and served a search warrant at his house. No word if the Apple products were recovered. The suspect was booked for burglary and receiving stolen property. He was identified as Karo Mavyan, 24, of Van Nuys, Calif. His bail was set at $20,000.

MONDAY, JAN. 21, AT 12:37 A.M.,
Officers responded to an apartment complex located on the 600 block of California Avenue regarding a suspected prowler on a balcony. When officers arrived they saw the suspect on the balcony talking to someone on the other side of a door. Officers entered the apartment through the front door, told the resident inside to leave and then attempted to apprehend the suspect. He resisted, forcing officers to use a K-9 and a Taser to subdue him, police said. The suspect had to be taken to the ground after allegedly lunging at officers. He was treated at a local hospital for dog bites to his leg and other injuries sustained in the tussle with police. The resident said she was watching television when she saw the suspect on her balcony. He tried to force his way into the apartment. She screamed and called police. The suspect was booked for attempted burglary and resisting arrest. The suspect was identified as Adrian Coleman, 22, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

MONDAY, JAN. 21, AT 1:46 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1400 block of the Third Street Promenade — Apple Store — regarding a report of store security chasing a shoplifter down a nearby alley. Officers responded and were flagged down by security, who were following the suspect on foot. Officers detained the man and spoke with security guards, who said the man was seen inside the store concealing roughly $300 in merchandise under his shirt. When confronted he pushed one of the guards and ran. The suspect was booked for robbery. He was identified as Curtis Long, 26, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22, AT 4:33 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol along the 3100 block of Wilshire Boulevard — Albertsons — when they were flagged down by an employee of the grocery store who told them that a man had just stolen a bottle of booze. He provided police with a description of the suspect and the direction he was last seen walking and police quickly apprehended him. He was identified by the employee and placed under arrest for burglary, conspiracy to commit a crime and a probation violation. Approximately $188 worth of alcohol was recovered, police said. The suspect was identified as Shea McMahan, 29, of Venice, Calif. No bail was set.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24, AT 2:20 A.M.,
Police responded to the 1400 block of Pearl Street regarding a report of a possible burglary taking place in an underground garage. When officers arrived they detained two men who were rummaging through trash cans directly across the street from the garage. The two allegedly told officers that they had just left the garage in question and that they took a miter saw. Officers made contact with the person who called police and he checked the garage and said a saw was missing. The suspects were placed under arrest for burglary and receiving stolen property. They were identified as Houros Ramos, 24, and Jorge Gallegos, 37; both are from Los Angeles. Bail was set at $50,000 for Gallegos. Ramos was on probation so he was held without bail.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25, AT 3:52 A.M.,
Officers responded to the Santa Monica Hostel located at 1432 Second St. regarding a guest who appeared to be extremely intoxicated and allegedly punched a woman in the face. When the first officer arrived at the scene he was confronted by the suspect, who allegedly charged toward him. She was taken to the ground after she kicked and bit the officer. She was placed under arrest and transported to the Santa Monica Jail for booking. There she allegedly refused to cooperate and kicked a jailer. The suspect was eventually booked for battery on police officers, resisting arrest and being drunk in public. She was identified as Robin Helms, 33, of Honolulu, Hawaii. Her bail was set at $20,000.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25, AT 6 P.M.,
Officers responded to the Apple Store again, this time regarding a suspect in custody for allegedly trying to buy something with a bogus credit card. When officers arrived they spoke with security guards who said the suspect wanted to buy a Mac Book Pro and an iPad Mini. While at the cash register, employees noticed that the card was fraudulent, even though the purchase went through. Police said the total loss was valued at $3,442. The suspect admitted to the crime, police said, and was placed under arrest for burglary and using a fraudulent access card. He was identified as Jacob Nash, 21, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $20,000.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Bergamot Area Plan: A study session to review and receive Planning Commission comment on portions of the Bergamot Area Plan including but not limited to the draft land use districts, development standards and design guidelines, parking, and supporting implementation strategies.

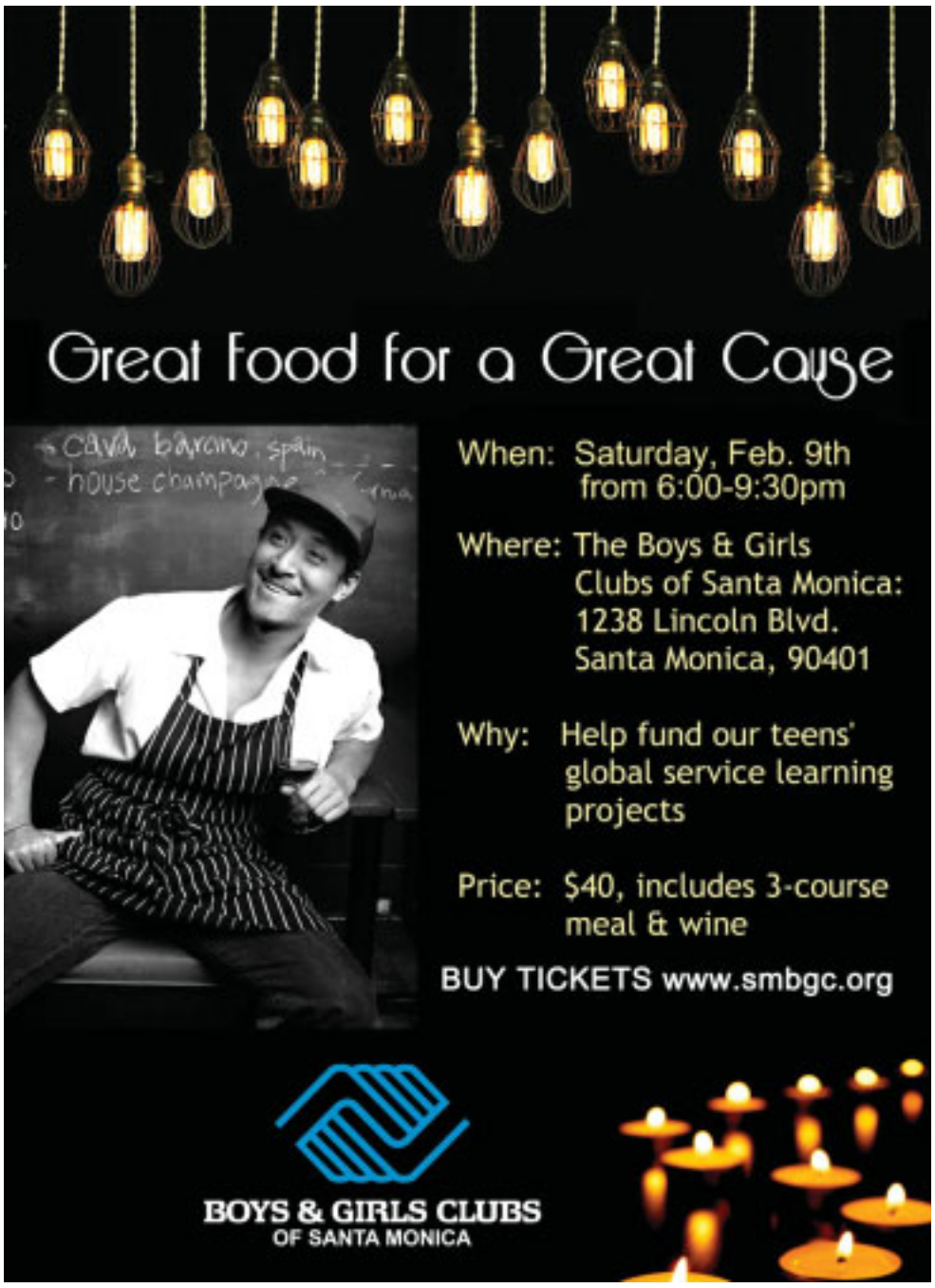
WHEN: **Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

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

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



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PARKING
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expensive to build, therefore developers don't want to pay for it.

Tumlin's theory, shared by many in the world of parking planning, revolves around a central maxim: Cheap, plentiful parking attracts cars, which create traffic and an unhealthy environment.

Restrict parking or charge enough for it and those problems resolve themselves naturally, he suggested.

"Creating more empty parking requirements creates no good for the city," Tumlin said.

That didn't please residents, who believe in progressive social and environmental goals but also want assurances that they will have a parking spot near their home or at the supermarket when they buy a week's worth of groceries.

"We're residents; we're not a social experiment," said John Petz, one of the last to speak at the meeting. "We didn't move here to become part of a theoretical new world."

Under the proposal, parking would be unbundled from the cost of an apartment, and visitor parking would no longer be required.

It also has implications for retail locations.

Markets larger than 5,000 square feet would be able to reduce their available parking by 75 percent in some cases, shocking residents who already find parking at local Whole Foods or Trader Joe's a harrowing experience.

The report goes on to detail suggestions for other kinds of retail and living spaces, including fast food and other uses. The requirements differ based on location in the city and proximity to transit or mixed-use developments.

Parking counts conducted on five streets — Main Street, Montana Avenue and Ocean Park, Santa Monica and Wilshire boulevards — suggested that parking supply is not the problem, Tumlin said.

At the busiest hours in August, parking on those streets was between 58 and 89 percent full, according to the survey conducted by Gibson Transportation Consultants, Inc.

Off-street parking had even more availability, varying between 53 and 71 percent full depending on the street.

That didn't jibe with many of the residents' experiences of parking on Montana Avenue.

The parking study had several fatal flaws, said Amy Aukstikalnis, an economist and concerned resident.

Gibson Transportation Consultants Inc. conducted their counts in August, which bothered Montana Avenue visitors who felt that it captured an inaccurate view of parking needs in the area.

The consultant also counted private parking lots with no availability to the public as part of the supply, and did their work on a Friday when streets were uncharacteristically empty for street cleaning.

"The survey needs to be done correctly," Aukstikalnis said. She estimated that the street cleaning alone factored in over 350 additional free spaces than the consultant might otherwise have found.

When questioned by commissioners, Gibson stood firm to his numbers.

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>
> **John Petz**
> resident

Commissioners and city officials were quick to say that Wednesday night was the first of many discussions about the future of parking in Santa Monica, something that will eventually be codified in the update to the city's zoning ordinance.

There needs to be more of an education effort, said Commissioner Richard McKinnon.

"We can't just jam it down people's throats," McKinnon said. "There is an education process that needs to go on, and it has to happen very rapidly."

That might include one salient point — the changes envisioned in the document would not occur overnight, only when an entire site is redeveloped.

"If nothing is built, all we're talking about is zero," Tumlin said.

Wednesday night spelled out a reality of living in a progressive city. It can be uncomfortable to be on the front lines of a cultural shift.

These kinds of discussions are happening all over the country and internationally, said Juan Matute, with the UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies and a Santa Monica resident, and it's hard for those living in the community who may have increased competition for resources they now enjoy.

"Now that communities have become more concerned about greenhouse gases, traffic, quality of life and multimodal streets, more progressive cities are taking a look and saying there's no way we can have it all," Matute said.

"We can't have easy parking for everyone and achieve some of our other goals," he said.

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LATINOS
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The percentage of women in the state will continue to slightly outnumber the percentage of men, due to longer female life expectancies, the report said.

California's population is expected to hit 50 million in 2049, from about 38 million today, led by steady growth in Southern California. Demographers predict 13 counties will have populations of 1 million or more people by 2060, with Fresno, Kern, San Joaquin and Ventura counties joining those ranks.

Riverside County is expected to add about 2 million people by 2060, more than any other county, becoming the second most populous county in the state with 4.2 million people, slightly ahead of San Diego County.

Los Angeles County is expected to have 11.6 million people by 2060.

The report relied on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, California Department of Public Health vital statistics and surveys of county planning experts and regional government councils.

WINE
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Unified Wine and Grape Symposium that U.S. production increased 2 percent last year to help meet demand.

"This market was brutally competitive," Fredrikson told the crowd.

Bulk wine imports from Argentina helped slake the thirsts of U.S. consumers, followed by Chile and Australia. New Zealand has boosted its planted acreage by almost a quarter and is expected to become a bigger player, especially with production of sauvignon blanc.

Wine consumption is decreasing in France and Italy, so increasingly foreign producers are aiming for the U.S. market.

Overseas wines now account for 35 percent of sales in the U.S.

According to the Press Democrat of Santa Rosa, Fredrikson said consumers were driven to cheaper imports by grape shortages in the U.S. in 2010 and 2011 that resulted in higher prices for domestic wines.

Even the Charles Shaw label — known affectionately as "Two Buck Chuck" — was forced to raise prices this month by 50-cents per bottle.

One of the biggest sales success stories was Modesto-based Gallo, which saw sales increase by 9 percent in 2011 and 5 percent last year.

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we" and then move on to more specifics of the policy, including placement within the city and regulations to make them good neighbors.

Although staff researched the matter in 2007 when the issue of medical marijuana dispensaries first emerged, planners want to start fresh, said Paul Foley, principal planner with City Hall.

"We want to hear from the community with an open slate without suggesting anything that might be in that report," Foley said.

There are no medical marijuana facilities in Santa Monica, although they are not expressly forbidden.

The City Council passed a 45-day moratorium against dispensaries in October, which was later extended to allow planners time to poll the community and research how best to approach the issue.

The question of medical marijuana dispensaries in Santa Monica emerged last year when Richard McDonald illegally set up a medical marijuana testing facility on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Rather than selling marijuana, McDonald was testing pot brought in by other dispensaries to provide information about possible pesticide contamination and even what kinds of symptoms the medicine would best treat.

City Hall refused to issue him a business license, and McDonald opened without one. He's currently fighting a legal battle with City Hall to win the right to open.

In the meantime, McDonald decided to compromise.

If he could not open a testing facility with any ease, he would open a dispensary, which was legal under California law, if not federal law.

McDonald wasn't the only one with the idea.

City Hall received 15 inquiries and one actual business license application for medical marijuana facilities, all as the city of Los Angeles grappled with a challenge to its ban on dispensaries.

The L.A. City Council dropped the ban after advocates rallied and gathered 50,000 signatures needed to put the matter before voters. The city now has three measures set for its May election proposing different ways to regulate the facilities.

"On the day L.A. just repealed its ban, don't we feel just a little silly and out of touch?" McDonald told the City Council in October.

Now, the community will have a chance to weigh in on the issue and decide once and for all if medical marijuana dispensaries have a place in Santa Monica.

Residents here have a reputation for per-

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missiveness when it comes to marijuana. In 2006, voters passed a measure that made marijuana smoking by adults in their own homes the lowest law enforcement priority, even under barking dogs.

That means the Santa Monica Police Department has to respond to every other call they have before attending to a report of pot smoking in someone's home.

City officials also have first-hand experience with the subject of regulation.

In 2007, city officials put together a 73-page report showing possible locations for dispensaries in reaction to a request by Nathan Hamilton to open a dispensary on the 2200 block of Main Street.

Key issues put forward at the time are similar to those that they will address on Thursday, including what kind of permit should be used for the dispensary and establishing minimum distances between the facilities and other things like schools, parks, residences or churches.

The report goes on to ask what kinds of regulations should be included, such as whether or not patients should be able to smoke their medicine on-site or how many plants could be grown there.

Hours of operation and warning signs could also be considered.

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HAVING A SAY: **Santa Monica residents will soon be given the chance to weigh in on medical marijuana dispensaries.**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

DATE/TIME: February 4, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- ARB 12-262, 2834 Colorado Avenue: Creative Office
- ARB 12-401, 1037 Pearl Street: Residential
- ARB 12-422, 3250 Pico Boulevard: Hotel
- ARB 13-001, 626 Broadway: Commercial
- ARB 13-013, 3105 Wilshire Boulevard: Grocery Store
- ARB 13-015, 1318 3rd Street Promenade: Retail
- ARB 13-022, 420 Santa Monica Boulevard: Commercial

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 laura.beck@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.

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:

101 Wilshire Boulevard, 13LM-001, Zoning: RVC (Residential Visitor Commercial) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider supplementing the existing landmark designation and adopting a Miramar Hotel Regulatory Review Program and Activity Matrix which sets forth procedures for handling the review and approval for on-going and potential work activities that involve the Individually Significant Landmark Features, Non-Contributing Structures, New Structures on the Landmark Parcel, Exterior Grounds and Improvements inside the Palisades Wing Buffer Zone and Exterior Grounds and Improvements outside the Palisades Wing Buffer Zone; and, discussion and possible adoption of Resolution 13-001 (LC Series), which amends the Guidelines for Staff Review and Approval of Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness to include certain projects and activities identified in the Miramar Hotel Regulatory Review Program. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding this amendment based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that one or more of the required criteria are me. Applicant: Ocean Avenue, LLC. Owner: Ocean Avenue LLC.

301-315 Wilshire Boulevard, 13LM-002, Zoning: C3 (Downtown Commercial) zone. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 13LM-002, at 301-315 Wilshire Boulevard to determine whether the 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 building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Promenade Properties IV, LLC.

When: **Monday, February 11, 2013 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.

More Information
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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.

Congress sends Obama bill to raise debt ceiling numbers

ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Congress passed must-do legislation Thursday to permit the government to borrow hundreds of billions of dollars more to meet its obligations, averting a first-ever government default that had loomed as early as mid-February.

The 64-34 vote in the Democratic-controlled Senate sent the measure to President Barack Obama, who has said he will sign it. The Republican-led House passed the legislation last week.

The legislation would temporarily suspend the $16.4 trillion limit on federal borrowing, which experts say would allow the government to borrow about $450 billion to meet interest payments and obligations like Social Security benefits and government salaries.

The deadline for Congress to act again to prevent default would likely not come until August, according to calculations by the Bipartisan Policy Center, a Washington-based think tank.

Without the bill, the Treasury Department says, the government would default on its obligations by as early as mid-February.

"Failure to pass this bill will set off an unpredictable financial panic that would plunge not only the United States, but much of the world, back into recession," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. "Every single American would feel the economic impact."

The short-term increase in the borrowing limit was the brainchild of House Republicans, who wanted to re-sequence a series of upcoming budget battles, taking the threat of a potentially devastating government default off the table and instead setting up a clash in March over automatic across-the-board spending cuts set to strike the Pentagon and many domestic programs.

Those cuts — postponed by the recent "fiscal cliff" deal — are the punishment for the failure of a 2011 deficit supercommittee to reach an agreement. The panel was itself established by the hard-fought 2011 increase in the debt limit.

The Senate vote broke exactly opposite of the House tally last week. Just 12 Republican senators voted for the measure, which swept through the House with widespread GOP support. Only one Democrat, Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, opposed the bill. In the House, most Democrats and top leaders like Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., opposed the legislation.

Democrats went along because the debt increase wasn't contingent on matching cuts to the budget, as long demanded by House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Senate Republicans offered several amendments, but all failed on party-line votes. Any amendments to the bill would have required the House to vote again.

Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., proposed an amendment to ensure that in the case of a cash crunch the government would use available tax revenue to make sure that bondholders, Social Security recipients and the military get paid. Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, sought to require that any immediate increase in the debt limit be paired with commensurate cuts to spending, which could be spread out over 10 years.

To sell the measure to House GOP conservatives last week, Boehner attached a "no budget, no pay" provision that would withhold pay for House and Senate members if the chamber in which they serve fails to pass a budget plan. That was a slap at the Democratic-controlled Senate, which hasn't passed a budget blueprint since 2009.

The "no budget, no pay" provision was seen by congressional insiders as a bad idea whose time had arrived. For starters, it made members of the minority party dependent on the ability of the majority party to advance a budget if they all were to be paid. But the announcement of the move was quickly followed by an announcement by Senate Democrats that they would indeed advance a budget for the first time in four years.

Lawmakers have already shifted their focus to the across-the-board cuts, which would pare $85 billion from this year's budget after being delayed from Jan. 1 until March 1 and reduced by $24 billion by the recently enacted tax bill. Defense hawks are particularly upset, saying the Pentagon cuts would devastate military readiness and cause havoc in defense contracting. The cuts, called a "sequester" in Washington-speak, were never intended to take effect but were instead aimed at driving the two sides to a large budget bargain.

Republicans and Obama now appear on a collision course over how to replace the across-the-board cuts. Obama and his Democratic allies insist that additional revenues be part of the solution; Republicans say further tax increases are off the table after the 10-year, $600 billion-plus increase in taxes on wealthier earners forced upon Republicans by Obama earlier this month.

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Stocks drift lower, paring January gains

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK The Dow drifted lower Thursday, but stayed on track for its best start to the year in more than two decades.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 18 points to 13,891 as of 1:24 p.m., paring its gain for the month to 6 percent. The index is still in line for its best January performance since 1989, according to data from S&P Dow Jones Indices.

The Standard and Poor's 500 fell two points to 1,500, trimming its advance for the month to 5.2 percent. The Nasdaq composite rose 3 points to 3,146.

United Parcel Service Inc. fell $1.75 to $79.48 after is said that it was slowed down in the fourth quarter by weak global trade and a disappointing holiday-shopping season. The company is also forecasting 2013 results that are below analyst's expectations. Qualcomm Inc., a maker of chips for mobile devices, rose $3.04 to $66.58 after company said late on Wednesday that its net income surged, as revenue was boosted by growing global demand for smartphones.

Stocks got a small lift early Thursday from a report on business activity in the Chicago area before drifting lower. The Chicago Business Barometer for January came in at 55.6, a higher reading than analysts had forecast, according to data provider FactSet. Readings above 50 indicate that economic activity is expanding.

January's rally slowed yesterday after a report showed that the economy unexpectedly contracted in the fourth quarter of last year. Stocks have been rising close to record levels after lawmakers reached a budget deal to prevent the U.S. from going over the "fiscal cliff," and on optimism that the housing market is recovering and that firms are slowly starting to hire more workers.

The Dow has gained in the month of January three years in a row, and this year's performance is the best since the indexed surged 8.01 percent in 1989.

Stocks have gained against a backdrop of low borrowing costs and a slow, but steady, economic recovery. However, the market may struggle to build on those gains in the immediate future as traders and investors turn their attention back to Washington, said Ernie Cecilia, chief investment officer at Bryn Mawr Trust.

The budget deal struck at the start of the year dealt with taxes, but across-the-board spending cuts were pushed back from Jan. 1 to March 1. While a showdown over the nation's borrowing limits appears to have been put off, lawmakers have yet to agree on how best to reduce government spending. Those negotiations could be protracted and increase stock market volatility, said Cecilia.

Stocks slumped in the 10 days following the election Nov. 6 as investors fretted that the divided government would fail to come up with a budget deal to avoid the "fiscal cliff."

More government reports Thursday also gave investors a better picture of the health of the economy.

The number of Americans seeking unemployment aid rose sharply last week but remained at a level consistent with moderate hiring. Weekly applications for unemployment benefits leapt 38,000 to a seasonally adjusted 368,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. The increase comes after applications plummeted in the previous two weeks to five-year lows.

U.S. consumers increased their spending in December at a slower pace, while their income grew by the largest amount in eight years, a report showed on Thursday. Consumer spending rose 0.2 percent last month, at a slightly slower than the 0.4 percent increase in November, the Commerce Department said.

Investors will look for further clues about the strength of the jobs market Friday, when the closely followed monthly nonfarm payrolls report is published.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves inversely to its price, was little changed at 1.99 percent.

Among other stocks making big moves:

• Under Armour gained $2.85 to $50.98, after the company said its fourth-quarter earnings jumped 10 percent and the clothing company predicted revenue growth of at least 20 percent in each of the next two years.

• ConocoPhillips fell $3.01 to $58.09 after the oil company said earnings fell as prices for oil and natural gas declined. The Houston-based company also said 2013 production would decline.

• JDS Uniphase added $2.11 to $14.51 after the technology company reported stronger-than-expected earnings on improved revenue and margins late Wednesday.

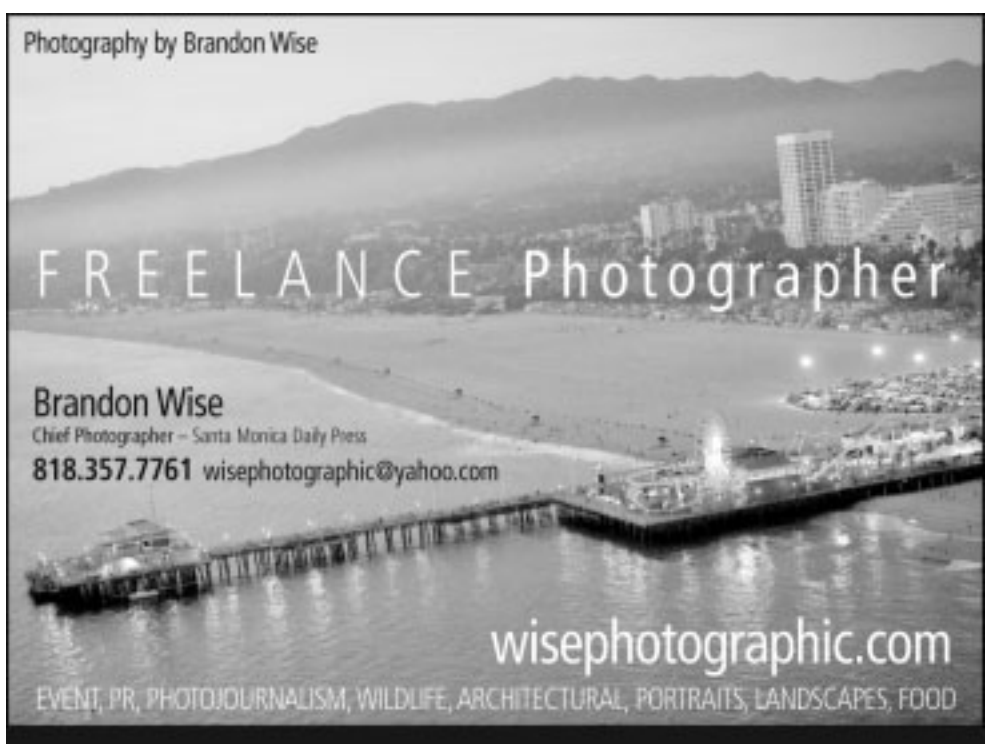
• Constellation Brands slid $6.67 to $32.50 after the Justice Department sued to stop Anheuser-Busch InBev's proposed $20.1 billion purchase of Mexican brewer Grupo Modelo, which would unite the ownership of popular beers like Budweiser and Corona. Constellation, a liquor and wine producer, was set to expand as part of a side deal in the merger.

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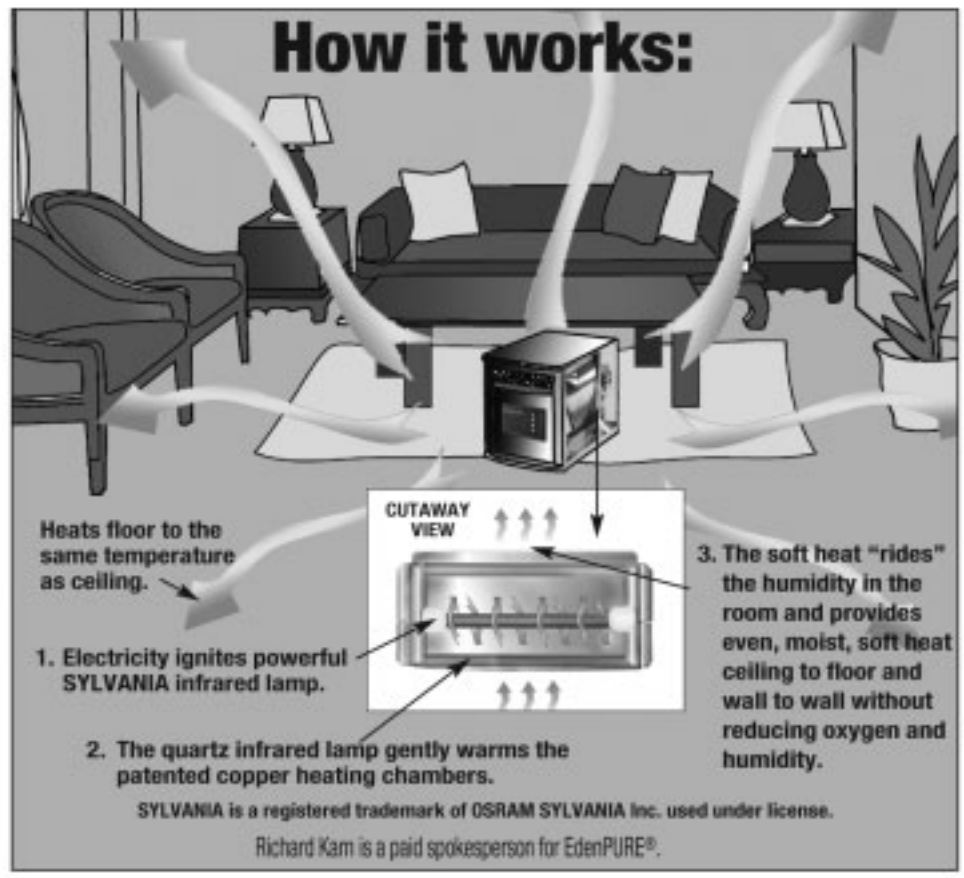
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Marriage proposals can go very wrong

LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK Proposing marriage has become an industry of its own with professional planners, flash mobs for hire and elaborate, homegrown surprises to make the moment memorable. And let's not forget YouTube, and our steadfast resolve to share.

So what happens to the best laid plans when the ring goes missing, the liquid courage is out of control or romance is ruined by unforeseen disaster?

"More complicated equals more possible problems, and more pressure," said Anja Winikka, director of the wedding site TheKnot.com.

Val Hunt Beerbower, 29, learned that the hard way. She was a hot, bothered mess the night her husband, Mike, proposed during what he envisioned as a special evening taking in the sights of Washington, D.C. The Labor Day weekend weather was sweltering, she was exhausted from a full day on her feet and she stepped in a huge stagnant pool of foul-smelling water on the National Mall.

Her jeans wet and stinky, they pressed on toward the Jefferson Memorial, the proposal site he had scouted days before. Halfway around the Tidal Basin, her allergies kicked in, her glasses steamed up from the heat and humidity — and she was begging to return to their hotel.

"So in an unlit parking lot, within sight of the Jefferson Memorial, Mike popped the question," Beerbower, who works for a conservation group in Dayton, Ohio, recalled of their 2008 trek. While they were still basking in her "yes," a driver pulled up, opened his car door and threw up all over the place.

"Mike was crushed, but I couldn't stop laughing," she said.

Pam Cosce's disaster came in frigid Paris last March, when her husband, Asa Sanchez, had it in his head that he would propose on top of the Eiffel Tower after dark, as close to midnight as he could get to honor a special visit there years prior.

He carried the ring around for two and a half weeks but the tower was elusive. One night a boat ride returned them after it was closed. They were rained out another night. On and on it went.

"I didn't even know what his obsession was because we don't love Paris for its tourist attractions," said 43-year-old Cosce, who owns a landscaping business with her husband in San Francisco. "After 10 years together, it never occurred to me that he might be considering popping the question."

They eventually did make it to the top of the tower one night, but it was mobbed with people, including a rowdy rugby team and a chatty mother-daughter duo they couldn't shake. Cosce and her beau escaped to the outside deck, straight "into a crazy, freezing windstorm." He was "positively verklempt" at the crowds and the weather, she said, so they made their way out and settled for a bench with a view of the Eiffel instead.

One thing that did go right: A little light he had installed in the ring box in preparation for his evening proposal actually worked.

YouTube and social media are full of big proposals gone wrong. There's the girl who swallowed the ring buried in a strawberry milkshake, eventually accepting while holding her X-ray with a perfect view of her new rock. And there's the brain surgeon who buried the ring on a Florida beach, only to forget where he put it when the time came.

And there's 30-year-old Hans Krauch, an aviation technician from Victoria, British Columbia. The AP hunted him down online, along with Beerbower, Cosce and others who agreed to interviews.

"I was totally hammered when I did it. I needed the liquid courage. Her reply was, 'Yes, but when you sober up you better still feel the same,'" he recounted of his mumbly, bumbling question he loosely calls a proposal. They now have a 2-year-old daughter.

"The plan was just do it and get it over with, kind of close your eyes and just run in, guns blazing," said Krauch, who doesn't necessarily recommend his without-a-plan approach. "Taking the next step forward is always a challenge."

So how does his wife feel about it now?

"I think she's a little embarrassed because a lot of her friends are, you know, beautiful dinners, flowers, the whole thing, the traditional thing, and then this. I deliver this," he said sheepishly.

Preserving a proposal on camera is an important moment, Winikka said: "These days we're not shy to share. We're all exposed to one another's lives." And what better way than creating a public event or sweeping a beloved off to a romantic destination — two strong trends, she said.

Social scientists haven't spent much time studying marriage proposals, but Winikka said tradition still reigns amid the madness to go big and go public.

She said 71 percent of about 10,000 newly marrieds who used her site noted their betrothed asked a parent for permission before popping the question, and 77 percent of grooms went down on bended knee. More couples live together before they get hitched, she said, adding to the desire for meaningful proposals.

"Couples are looking to create something really special and create a moment," Winikka said.

Things didn't go quite as planned for Tarek Pertew, 30, in Brooklyn. He was married about four years ago with no fanfare and no engagement ring, so he decided he would officially ask his wife to "stay married" on Dec. 16, the fifth anniversary of the day they met.

A lover of graffiti and street culture, Pertew felt lucky when he discovered a slab of wet cement near their apartment. He carved the proposal there two weeks before the date, only to have it smoothed over, except for a bit of his foot print.

He soldiered on, despite a prescient dream his wife had that he would propose to her in a nearby park. Then came a New York moment.

"The evening before, I do a dry run and notice that a massive pile of dog poop was sitting right on top of the sidewalk square," said Pertew, who owns a media company. It was too late to change course, so he cleaned it up as best he could in a drizzle, leaving an unsightly smear.

She said yes, and Pertew hopes: "At least my footprint can symbolize my intent."



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Surf Forecasts

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FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal WNW swell eases. Mostly shows for standout spots with 1-3' surf there

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small WNW swell leftovers; possible long period NW swell forerunners move in

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist occ. 4ft
Long period WNW builds in further; larger sets possible for standout spots

MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist occ. 4ft
NW swell continues, slowly easing

WIND / WEATHER

High pressure will migrate over the western US during for the remainder of the week. This will set up favorable local wind, as well as a warming trend over the next few days. Llight and variable to light NE/offshore flow in the morning, shift light to moderate onshore WNW in the afternoon. Similar conditions look likely as we head into the weekend at this time.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 23, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for this Surf Report)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 12
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 10
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA and Grousbeck Family Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	B	A
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	F
Pearco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	C	C
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	C
Las Flores Storm Beach at Las Flores Creek (point east).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunnos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	B
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	B
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

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

LEGEND

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

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SOCCER

Beckham joins PSG and pledges to play for free

JEROME PUGMIRE
AP Sports Writer

PARIS In a lucrative career that has seen him earn millions around the world, David Beckham has joined Paris Saint-Germain pledging to play for free and donate his salary to a children's charity.

The former England captain rejected other offers and signed a five-month contract for the ambitious French club on Thursday in a stunning move that came as the transfer window was starting to close.

No details were given on how much the 37-year-old star will be paid or which charity will get the money.

"It's something we (decided) together; it's one of the things we talked about from the start. But this all happened so quick," Beckham said. "I thought what a great idea it would be, that the salary would go to a children's charity in Paris."

Beckham's glamorous career has seen him win titles with Manchester United, Real Madrid and the Los Angeles Galaxy.

"Every club I have played for throughout the world, I have been successful with. I have been successful with Manchester United, and I have always said that I would never want to play for another English club," Beckham said. "It's the team that I support, that I always dreamt of playing for."

Beckham recently finished a six-year stint in the United States with the Galaxy in Major League Soccer. Whether he can still be a force in European soccer is uncertain, especially with so many talented players in a PSG team that has cost nearly 270 million ($366 million) to assemble since its Qatari owners, QSI, took over in June, 2011.

"I am very lucky. I am 37 years old and I got offered a lot of offers, more offers now than I have probably had in my career, at my age," Beckham said. "I am very honored about that. I chose Paris because I can see what the club are trying to do, the players the club are trying to bring in. It's an exciting city, always has been, always will be."

The immaculately dressed Beckham was a model of elegance and calm as camera crews and photographers jostled for position amid the frenzy. He joked that he feels much younger than his age.

"To be the elder statesman, I'm very proud of that," he said. "No matter what my age is, I still feel 21 years old - most days."

Although Beckham's deal runs out in June, he intends to keep playing, although whether that will be with PSG remains to be decided. He is, however, eager to have a long-term role at the club.

"We slightly brushed over it, a long-term partnership is what we have looked for," he said. "Short term is playing, but long term is something we are very proud to be part of this organization that will grow and become one of the biggest in Europe."

Beckham was close to joining PSG last year, discussing a potential move with a club desperately chasing a big name to match its sudden allure and seemingly endless funds from its Qatari backers.

But the move fell through and PSG moved on to other targets, landing striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic and AC Milan teammate Thiago Silva as well as Napoli winger Ezequiel Lavezzi and Brazilian prodigy Lucas.

"I felt last year that I still had something to achieve in Los Angeles. I won the championship in the last year of my contract," said Beckham, adding that the time was not right. "So we parked it and decided that right now is the right time because I was at the end of my contract last year. I accepted one more year in Los Angeles, I won another championship, another trophy in Los Angeles and I believe it was the right time to leave."

He said the move was finally sealed overnight. And shortly before noon on Thursday, he made the short flight from London to Paris.

"Right now, I have a few things to sort out with my children and the schooling and a few other things," he said. "I have been training at Arsenal. My fitness won't take long to get up to speed. I definitely won't be fit for next Friday. A few weeks and I'll be up to speed."

Meanwhile, Beckham has alrady agreed on a novel way of putting his big salary to good use.

"We decided on something that is quite unique - I won't receive any salary. We have decided that my salary will go towards a local children's charity in Paris. And that's one of things we are very excited and proud to be able to do," he said. "It's something I'm not sure has been done before, and it's something I'm very passionate about, children and the charity side of things, and so are the club. We came together and it's something special."

For the time being, Beckham will stay in a hotel, with his family staying in London.

"I think it'll be easier for me," he said. "Whatever's easiest for me and the family when they come to watch me."

As well as earning his place in the team, one of the other challenges facing free-kick specialist Beckham will be wrestling the ball off top scorer Ibrahimovic. He says he's already got vast experience of taking the ball off other specialists and having a go himself.

"If I get the chance, then I'm sure we will share that thing. Whoever fancies it," Beckham said. "I've done it in the past. I've been in teams with Roberto Carlos and Ronaldo and (Zinedine) Zidane — trying to take a free kick off Roberto Carlos is pretty difficult. I expect with Ibra, it will be exactly the same."

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7:30 p.m.

Discussion between films with director Ang Lee.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
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Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
11:55am, 6:30pm

Broken City (R) 1hr 49min
3:45pm, 10:15pm

ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:25pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:50am, 3:35pm, 7:10pm, 10:30pm

Stand Up Guys (R) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:50pm

Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D (PG-13) 1hr 28min
12:20pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:05pm, 10:30pm

Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:20am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 6:50pm, 9:30pm

Django Unchained (R) 2hrs 45min
11:05am, 2:50pm, 6:45pm, 10:35pm

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

Gangster Squad (R) 1hr 53min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

Warm Bodies (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:20pm

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56 Up (NR) 2hrs, 36min
1:10pm 4:30pm 8:00pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 15min
1:30pm 4:20pm 7:10pm 9:55pm

Quartet (PG-13) 1hr 53min
1:50pm 4:40pm 7:30pm 10:00pm

The Impossible (PG-13) 2hrs 9min
1:20pm 4:10pm 7:20pm 10:10pm

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Movie 43 (R) 1hr 37min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:35pm

Parker (R) 1hr 58min
11:05am, 1:55pm, 4:55pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Bullet to the Head (R) 1hr 31min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

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

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

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

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TGIF, Taurus!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others make efforts to head in the direction you want; however, something that's been said or done could be getting under your skin. Until you know what is ailing you, do yourself a favor and say little. Tonight: Defer to others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Listen to everything that is going on behind the scenes. You might opt to ignore the obvious -- for now, at least. A friend or loved one pushes you hard. Honor whatever responsibilities you must take care of first. Compliments come your way. Tonight: TGIF.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A compliment or kind message makes you smile. Understanding will evolve if you stay open and avoid making a judgment. A boss or someone you look up to might start demanding more. Tonight: Time to romp and enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Observe, but do not commit to anything. Your major focus needs to be your own well-being. Money could play into discussions. Reach out to someone at a distance. Do not be surprised if this person seems to have an attitude. Tonight: Accept an interesting invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ How you verbalize what you need will make a difference as to how the message is received. Others find you engaging and are disposed to go along with your ideas, though one person might differentiate him- or herself as a critic. Tonight: Happiest sharing news.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be very tired and withdrawn. You know what is necessary to do. Complete what you must now, and leave what you can do later for "another day." A loved one and/or a close associate could be irritable. Tonight: Your treat. Try to soften up a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Don't hesitate to beam in more of what you want. Realize what is happening with a child or loved one. This person adores you, so make time to get together with him or her. Plan on taking a walk or doing a different type of stressbuster. Tonight: With a favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ If you feel as if you would like to avoid some people, do so. If they could get even a sense of your mood, they would want to avoid you as well. Tap into your imagination and your creativity for solutions and better ideas. Tonight: Talk to someone who understands you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Meetings punctuate the day. If you can, schedule the most fun gathering for the end of the afternoon. You not only will participate in this meeting, but you also might witness its transformation into a fun evening get-together. Tonight: Continue as you would like.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Stay on top of your obligations. If you do, you could be more responsive to those around you. You have a way of showing your compassion through actions that means a lot to others. Tonight: A discussion could become too animated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Reach out to someone you care about. You have not been your responsive self to this person as of late. Discuss your anger, but be sensitive, too. Maintain some detachment as you try to figure out what to do. Tonight: Only where there is music.

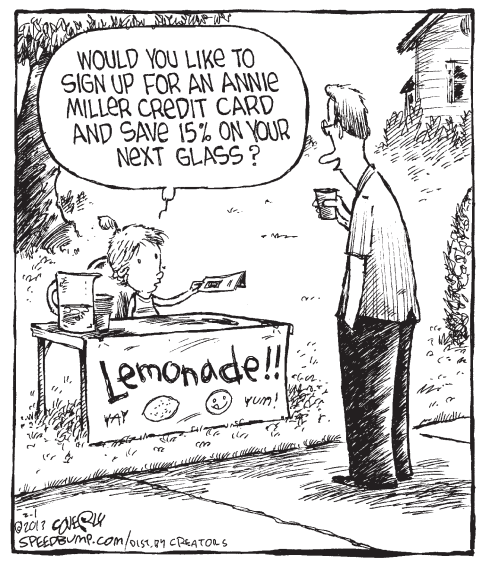
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Deal with others directly. Though one person might be outrageous in his or her interactions, know that you have the wherewithal to handle this issue. Establish appropriate boundaries. Use caution with someone you meet today. Tonight: Dinner with a loved one.

Happy birthday

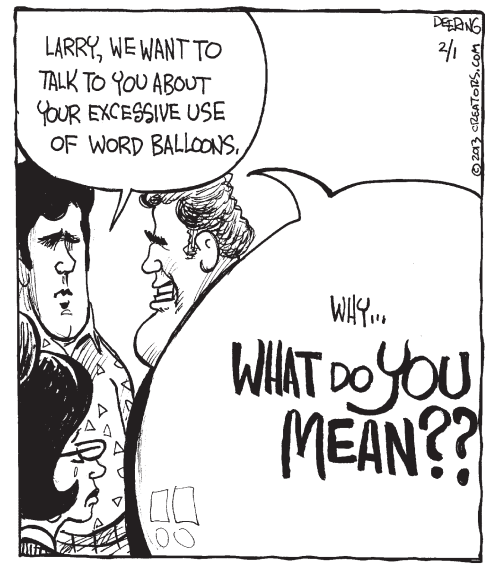
This year you have your share of admirers. You are capable of having a fun time with nearly anyone, but you really appreciate intellectual conversations and challenges. If you are single, you are likely to attract a more cultured type of personality. You will experience many fun and interesting exchanges. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from a special vacation together. Getting away will reinvigorate your bond. Try to schedule some weekends away to relax, as well. LIBRA has a tendency to overindulge.

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

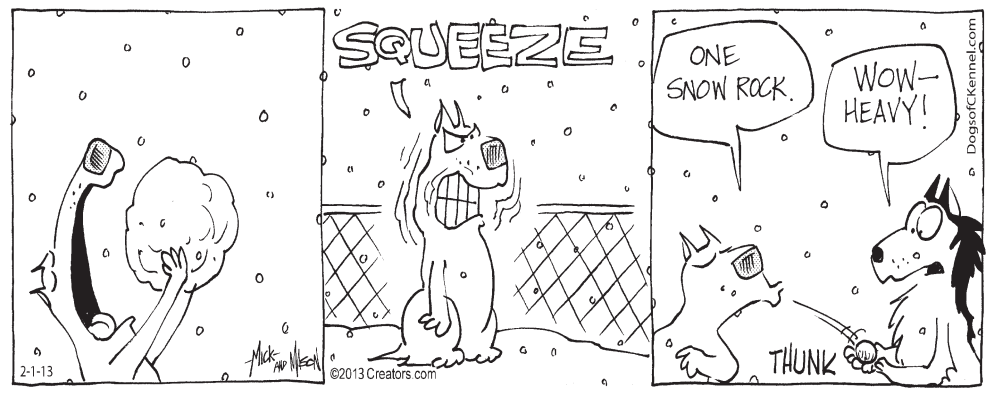
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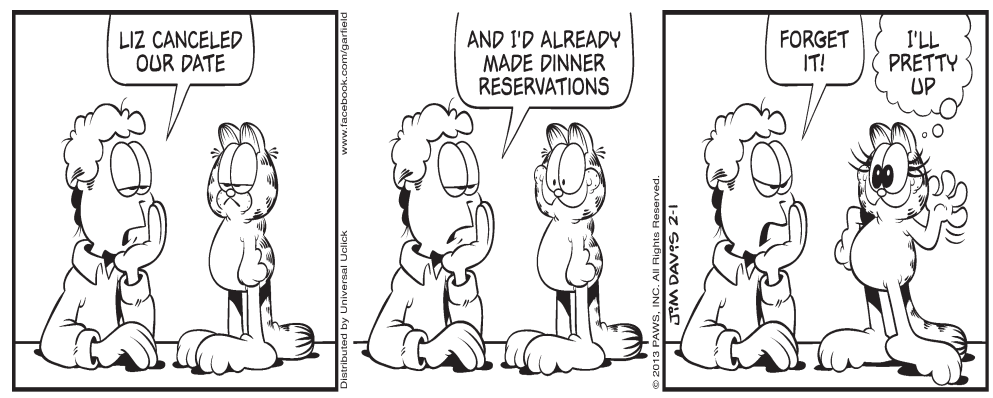
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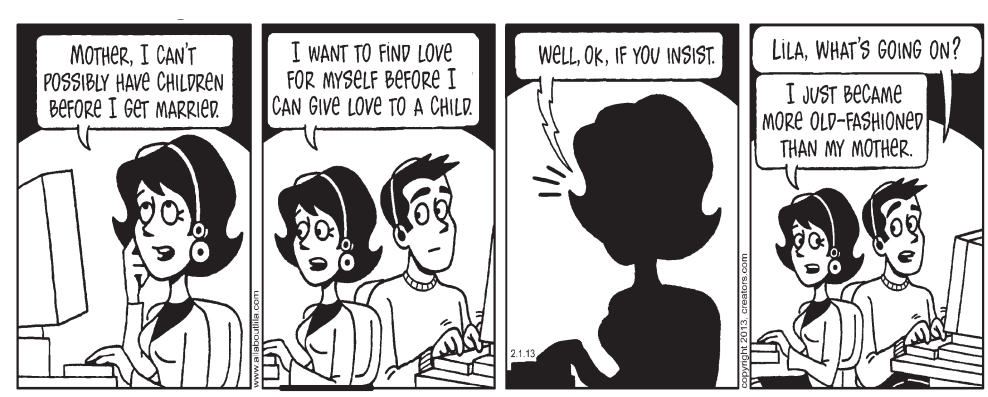
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Sudoku

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 ★★★★

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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

1	3	4	6	8	2	9	7	5
7	6	5	3	1	9	2	4	8
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4	9	3	5	2	7	1	8	6
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Applies makeup
5 His — (cribbage jack)
9 Archaeology find
11 Eyeballs
13 Steaming
14 Anger
15 Shark feature
16 Not recognizable by
18 Swindles
20 Writer Follett
21 Dike's kin
22 Simple
23 Hall of Famer Williams
24 Dripping
25 Overlook
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38 Shaving mishaps
39 Gasp, say
40 Friends' pronoun
41 Ice chunk

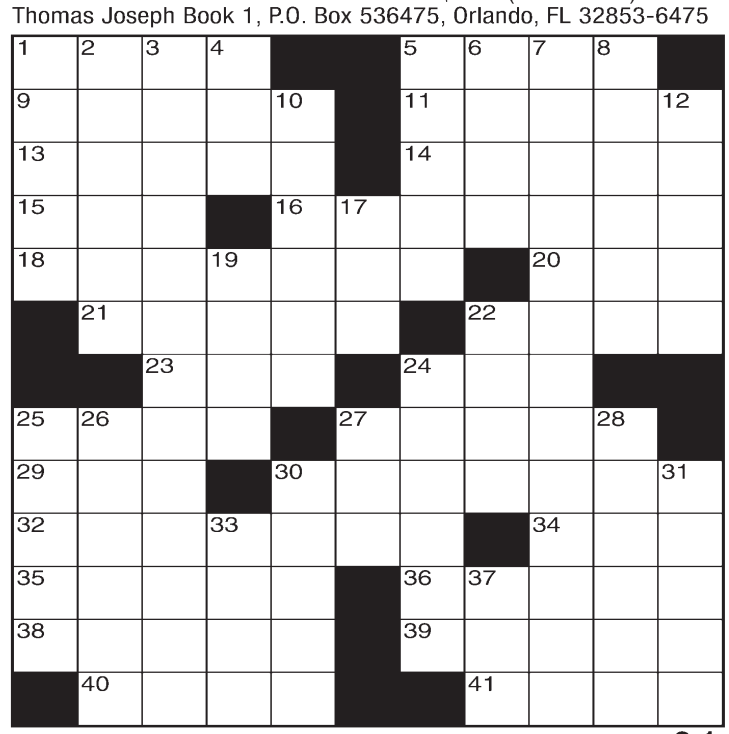
DOWN

1 Snow formation
2 Reception aid
3 Decorative sewing touch
4 Canine command
5 Like some situations
6 Story monster
7 Proclamation of complete innocence
8 Hunting dog
10 Put a stop to
12 Radiated
17 Tell tales
19 Preceding times
22 Repast
24 Metal worker
25 Stone worker
26 Sense
27 Baseball score
28 Wall material
30 In itself
31 Map division
33 Small dog, for short
37 Field judge

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7 22 35 36 37
Meganumber: 4
Jackpot: $18M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/31
5 12 26 28 33

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/31
MIDDAY: 3 4 2
EVENING: 0 3 6

SANTA ANITA
Draw Date: 1/31
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 11 Money Bags
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Eileen Likness, 61, testified in November that she (like two other women reported in News of the Weird) believes that when she was shot point-blank by an ex-boyfriend in 2006 in Calgary, Alberta, her life was saved only because the 9mm bullet was slowed as it traveled through her breast implants. "(They) took the brunt of the force," she said at the trial of ex-boyfriend Frank Chora, who was eventually acquitted.

■ Wisconsin Circuit Court judge Tim Boyle is the most recent, in December, to attempt a solution to the intractable problem of deadbeat dads who continue to procreate even though unable to even modestly support the children they have had (usually with multiple mothers). Corey Curtis, 44, of Racine, was ordered not to father another child until he proves he can support the nine he has had (with six women). (Incarcerating Curtis, with only males, would likely prevent No. 10, but do nothing to help the first nine.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1979 – Convicted bank robber Patty Hearst is released from prison after her sentence is commuted by President Jimmy Carter.

1979 – The Ayatollah Khomeini is welcomed back to Tehran, Iran after nearly 15 years of exile.

1982 – Senegal and the Gambia form a loose confederation known as Senegambia.

1989 – The Western Australian towns of Kalgoorlie and Boulder amalgamate to form the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

1991 – A runway collision between USAir Flight 1493 and SkyWest Flight 5569 at Los Angeles International Airport results in the death of 34 persons, and the injury of 30 others.

WORD UP!

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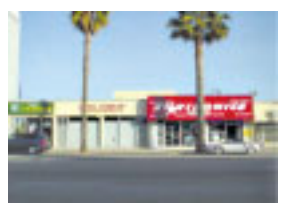
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