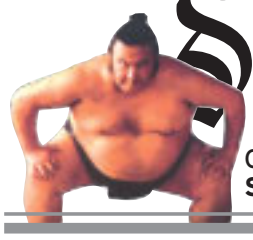
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NEW USE

Byron Kennerly *news@smdp.com*

The Daily Press isn't just a good read, it also serves as a makeshift umbrella for Sue Koolmanojwong as she shields herself from the rain while walking down the Third Street Promenade on Thursday. Showers are expected through Sunday.

Housing price slide comes to Westside

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE It was a long time coming but one of the most desirable places to live in Southern California is finally seeing home prices drop.

In a city that was once considered insulated from the effects of the recession due to the affluence of the general population, single-family homes and condominiums are seeing their values decrease as demand similarly goes down.

The price of condominiums and single-family homes on average dropped about 18 percent in the last quarter — October to December 2008 — from the same period in 2007, according to Gary Limjap, a Santa Monica resident and realtor.

"The key word is insulated; and insulated and immune are two different things," said Paul Habibi, a real estate lecturer at UCLA Anderson School of Management. "The market in Santa Monica was insulated from the rapid decline in housing prices but ultimately it was not immune to it."

The reason can be attributed to the fact that most higher-end homes are typically purchased by an upwardly mobile class, the same group that is currently facing pressure because of the financial market crisis, Habibi said.

Each neighborhood in Santa Monica has been impacted differently with Sunset Park being among the hardest hit, seeing its home values drop 25-30 percent in the third quarter 2008 from the same time in 2007, Limjap added.

Properties are also staying on the market longer, averaging about 12 months before they're sold, Limjap said.

"It's a buyer's market and buyers are still

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League plan loses steam

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI If Athletic Director Norm Lacy had his way, a new league would be in his program's future.

The problem is, not every school that would be affected by the changes sees it the way Lacy does. Instead of improving competition for all involved, some felt that the proposed changes fell along economic and racial lines.

The idea was to realign the South Bay Athletic Association (SBAA), which includes 18 teams in three leagues, based on how

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Moose Lodge murder trial opens

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN L.A. The attorneys representing two alleged gang members charged with brutally murdering two Santa Monica men at a birthday part at the Moose Lodge in Ocean Park argued here Thursday that eyewitness testimony placing their clients at the scene is unreliable.

The arguments came during opening statements made by the defense for Eric Nuñez, a.k.a. Ector Hugo Sanchez, and Jose Mojarro, who face two counts of murder with a special gang enhancement (using firearms during a gang crime) and a third count of assault with a deadly weapon.

A third man, William "Willie" Vasquez, who is also an alleged gang member, has been charged as well, but will not be tried at this time. All three have pleaded not guilty.

If convicted, the defendants face life sentences without parole or the death penalty.

The three, who are believed to be members of the 18th Street gang Alsace clique, are charged with the murders of Santa Monicans Hector Bonilla and Jonathan Hernandez, who were shot multiple times on March 5, 2005.

Public defender Nanzella Whitfield, representing Mojarro, described her client as friends with one of the victims — Hernandez — from their time as roommates in Juvenile Hall.

Although some identified her client as being present at the party, Whitfield

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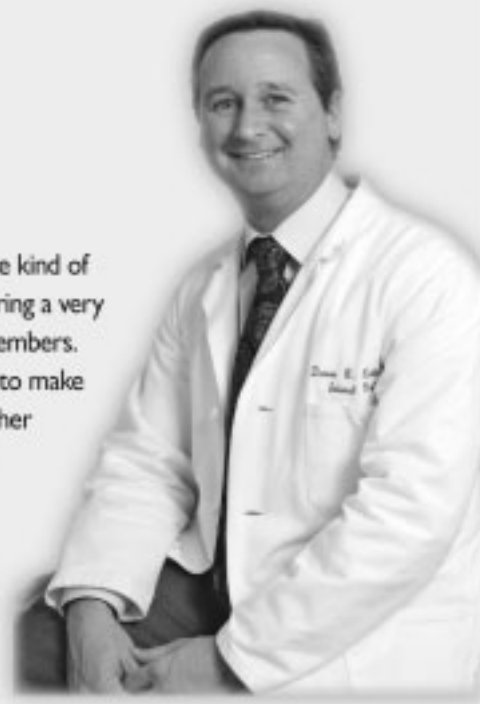



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Gentle yoga for older folks

Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 7 p.m.
Increase your focus and flexibility during sessions designed to help older beginners. This program is free and open to the public. For information, call (310) 392-3804.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009

'A Little Princess'

Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Come watch a play based on Frances Burnett's timeless story of a very different type of princess whose generous spirit is undimmed by dark circumstances. This play is not just for girls! Donations of new or gently-used books in English or Spanish ages 0-10 will be accepted and forwarded to the Venice Family Clinic. Reserve seats for $6-8 at (310) 828-7519.

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009

Farm fresh

Main Street
2640 Main St., 9:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
The popular shopping district plays host to a Farmers' Market every Sunday. Get there early before the cream of the crop is harvested by scads of shoppers. Everything from fresh fruits and veggies to baked goods can be found at this well-stocked market.

Isabelle's Salsa Sundays @ Casa Escobar

Casa Escobar Restaurant and Bar
14160 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey, 7:15 p.m. — 12:00 a.m.
Every Sunday at Casa Escobar, Isabelle's Dance Academy brings you salsa lessons. Three instructors offer independent classes at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Lessons are $15 per person. Call 310-392-3493 for more information.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

CORRECTION

A photo of Santa Monica High School's boys soccer team should have identified Orhan Basak as the person pictured.

Macerich might delay mall reopening

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The opening of the new and improved Santa Monica Place could be pushed back several months as developers consider timing the completion of the mall to coincide with the transformation of Macy's to Bloomingdale's.

The reason for the possible schedule change is to ensure that one of the two anchor tenants — Nordstrom and a SoHo-themed Bloomingdale's — would also be open when the reconstruction of the mall is completed, said Bob Aptaker, the vice president of development for Macerich Co., one of the largest developers of shopping malls in the country and the owner of Santa Monica Place.

Santa Monica Place is currently slated for a fall 2009 reopening while Bloomingdale's is expected to come to life the following spring. Macy's, which occupies the space, is currently going through a clearance sale. A closing date was not available.

Nordstrom is scheduled to open in fall 2010.

A representative with Macy's Inc., the parent company of Bloomingdale's, did not respond to a request seeking comment.

The delay in opening could cost City Hall more in terms of sales tax revenues lost. The mall generated about $1 million a year in sales taxes before it closed and is anticipated to bring in about $2 million when it reopens.

The postponement has been accounted into the budget planning for 2009-10, according to David Carr, a principal budget analyst for City Hall.

The schematic design for the upscale department store, which is located on the northwest corner of Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, was recently reviewed by the Planning Commission, which suggested that the building have an open feel and better engage pedestrians, two attributes that many believe the current nondescript and windowless structure, lack.

"That corner … is currently a terrible corner," Planning Commissioner Chairman Terry O'Day said. "It created a physical barrier between Downtown and the Civic Center."

He pointed out that the corner poses a lot of potential for more pedestrian traffic with the anticipated Exposition Light Rail coming to a stop across the street.

"When the Expo line opens and the station is catty corner, you will have 200 to 400 visitors every five minutes exiting the station," O'Day said. "It will be the central point of entry to Santa Monica."

The proposed designs for Bloomingdale's show a three-story modern and sleek structure, covered in a transparent glass facade with display windows and a sequin-like layer on the exterior.

The remodel of the 1980s-era building, which is owned by Macerich, will be paid for by Macy's Inc.

"The corner of the building … will be very dramatic and will really respect that corner and reflect the transit stop, which is such an important element of the city of

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BIG WIN

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School girls varsity basketball coach Marty Verdugo pumps his fist in celebration following his team's victory over Inglewood on Wednesday in a Southern Section Ocean League game. Samohi won by a score of 53-43 to improve its record to 5-2 in league and 17-6 overall. The Vikings play league rival Beverly Hills tonight on the road.

Digging for some help

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

The City of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Conservancy will partner to provide docent-led tours of the Annenberg Community Beach House when it opens at the end of April.

"There is so much enthusiasm from community members about capturing the rich history of this site," said Community and Cultural Services Director Barbara Stinchfield. "People not only want to share their own stories but want to delve into the site's colorful role over time as well as the history of our unique beach culture.

"We're delighted to be able to partner with the Santa Monica Conservancy so that visitors can walk the site with conservancy volunteers knowledgeable about its architectural features, its fascinating history and the ecology of its setting."

Tours will provide information on the three individuals most closely associated with the site — media magnate William Randolph Hearst, movie star Marion Davies and architect Julia Morgan — as well as the historic and contemporary elements of the beach house and its natural surroundings.

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Walk the walk

Editor:

The anger toward implementing bike lanes is misdirected and unfounded. Why must it be car versus bike? Like it or not, the City Council has been "urbanizing" Santa Monica for years with no plans on curbing their current direction. With urbanization ultimately comes more and more traffic.

The city is and continues to be built-out and we can understand the frustration of automobile congestion, but it seems to be a way of life in our "small" beach community these days. Our "local" community college now has a student enrollment of over 30,000 with most of their student population traveling to Santa Monica via car and bus, which are loud! Have you ever seen the intersections around SMC's main campus (17th/20th & Pearl) during the first few weeks of a semester?

So what is SMC's antiquated and short-sighted answer to their uncapped student population: build more parking structures furthering their encroachment into the surrounding neighborhood.

The frustration that people feel when sitting in traffic or paying hefty parking fees should be directed to the people who are in charge of planning the cityscape – not bicyclists. We should be welcoming bike lanes as an alternative method of transportation. Santa Monicans should be an example and exercise tolerance toward the people who have made the choice of getting around this congested beach community on bike rather than taking up space, natural resources, and adding to air and noise pollution, i.e., compounding the problem. Yes, we are a car culture, but our attitudes of transportation need to change.

City Council needs to concentrate on expanding bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure now. It is a sign of our times. We are long-time residents that welcome the addition of more bike lanes and pedestrian friendly streets.

We are tired of looking and listening at hurried angry traffic. City Council talks the talk of "greening" Santa Monica. Now lets see if they can walk the walk.

Christopher and Laura Thixton
Santa Monica

Not another parking lot

Editor:

Regarding the article on Thursday ("Parking puzzle comes together," page 1), I sincerely hope the acquisition of the property on Fifth Street isn't just a chance to build more parking structures. Increasing lanes of traffic and adding parking doesn't reduce congestion, it simply attracts more cars up to the level where that congestion again becomes intolerable.

I imagine a Downtown Santa Monica that is comfortable for non-motorized use, where people interact in green spaces, shop, eat, go to the movies. Instead it's becoming an overheated, congested, car-park where non-car use is secondary (and dangerous).

Let's really think about what we want our city to be, and not address congestion with short-term, uninspired choices. Maybe those parking structures could be spread out, decentralized, and create some pleasant, attractive ways of moving pedestrians into a gorgeous central area.

A beautiful destination is good for our residents and our business community.

I am glad the city is making these purchases, but I hope they are used to make this unique city more attractive, more healthy, more supportive of this vibrant place we call home. Let's not blow this chance to get it right.

Jim Haygood
Sunset Park

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That Rutherford Guy

John H. Whitehead — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

These lunatics are running the asylum

OUR SO-CALLED REPRESENTATIVES IN Congress clearly have no idea what to do to get the economy moving again. Just consider some of the line items they've included in the proposed $900 billion stimulus plan — a plan that is supposed to create jobs and stimulate the economy. Here's a portion of the wish list, compiled by Congressional Republicans and published by CNN.com:

• $2 billion to re-start a near-zero emissions coal power plant in Illinois that the Department of Energy defunded last year because it said the project was inefficient.

• $1 billion for the 2010 Census, which has a projected cost overrun of $3 billion.

• $1.4 billion for rural waste disposal programs.

• $6 billion to turn federal buildings into "green" buildings.

• $1.2 billion for "youth activities," including youth summer job programs.

• A $246 million tax break for Hollywood movie producers to buy motion picture film.

• $650 million for the digital television converter box coupon program.

• $248 million for furniture at the new Homeland Security headquarters.

• $600 million to buy hybrid vehicles for federal employees.

• $400 million for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to screen and prevent sexually transmitted diseases.

• $150 million for Smithsonian museum facilities.

• $75 million for "smoking cessation activities."

• $75 million for salaries of employees at the FBI.

• $25 million for tribal alcohol and substance abuse reduction.

• $650 million for wildland fire management on forest service lands.

• $88 million for renovating the headquarters of the Public Health Service.

• $500 million for building and repairing National Institutes of Health facilities in Bethesda, Maryland.

• $5.5 million for "energy efficiency initiatives" at the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration.

• $850 million for Amtrak.

• $200 million in funding for the lease of alternative energy vehicles for use on military installations.

Congressional Republicans categorized the list as an example of "wasteful" stimulus spending. Considering the amount of pork barrel spending those very same Republicans have approved over the years, it may be hypocritical of them to adopt such an outraged tone. But, in this regard, they are right — the new stimulus package is a crapshoot.

While many of these projects may be worthy programs, it's doubtful that they're going to create the kinds of jobs necessary to stimulate the economy.

If members of Congress have lost sight of what this economic crisis is all about and whom the stimulus plan is supposed to be helping, perhaps the following sobering statistics will help to remind them what's really at stake here.

According to ABC Action News, more than 3.1 million Americans received foreclosure notices last year, and 861,664 families lost their homes last year alone.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported that approximately nine million Americans were unemployed in 2008. That does not include the 540,000 employees who lost their jobs in January 2009.

As a result, unemployment claims have now reached a 26-year high, with more than four million Americans collecting unemployment benefits. And still the numbers keep growing, as more and more companies attempt to tighten their belts and stave off financial ruin.

The national debt (the total amount of money owed by the government) passed the $10 trillion mark in the fall of 2008 and, according to some predictions, could grow another $3.4 trillion by 2018. As it currently stands, each citizen's share of the national debt (not including personal debt) amounts to roughly $37,000.

And this year's federal deficit (the yearly amount by which spending exceeds revenue) will reach a record $1.2 trillion, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Again, this figure does not reflect the proposed $900 billion stimulus plan.

To those such as John Whitehead, former chairman of Goldman Sachs, who lived through the Depression, the writing's on the wall.

Whitehead believes that the growing deficit threatens the credit of the United States, which could push the economy into a slump deeper than the Great Depression. Whitehead warned that the country's financial strength is at risk due to the sweeping demand for tax relief and a long list of major government spending plans. "I see nothing but large increases in the deficit, all of which are serving to decrease the credit standing of America," said Whitehead. "We're talking about reducing the credit of the United States of America, which is the backbone of the economic system."

The bottom line is this: People are losing their jobs and their homes, and Congress is spending money we don't have on programs that we can't afford and which will not provide immediate relief to the average taxpayer or stimulate the economy in any significant fashion.

If Congress continues in this vein, it won't be long before the nation goes bankrupt. Indeed, we're hanging by a thread as it is.

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Laughing Matters

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Play to play by the bay?

LAST WEEK OUR CITY COUNCIL announced it was taking applications to fill a vacant seat. This, just as former Gov. Rod Blagojevich was removed from office by the Illinois State Senate by a vote of 59-0. Actually, it wasn't that close. The Senate also banned him from running for public office ever again. Ouch.

Blago was accused of attempting to sell the U.S. Senate seat formerly held by President Obama. Apparently his price was $1,500,000. Naturally, I began to wonder what our council vacancy might sell for. (When you have a weekly column, you wonder these things.).

I asked a few political mavens around town who agreed that, given the current economic crisis, a City Council seat might be worth $100. And since it takes four votes the $100 would be divided four ways. This reminds me of a 1976 "Saturday Night Live." Lorne Michaels offered the Beatles $3,000 for a reunion on SNL, adding that they could divide the money any way they saw fit (meaning Ringo didn't have to get a full $750).

As for our council vacancy, surprisingly, some people have encouraged me to apply. (OK, it was my sister.) I've attended a few council meetings and for me to serve you'd have to pay me Blago bucks. At one meeting, literally 50 residents spoke about their hedges. Hedges? At about the 10th hedge, I would start banging my head on the table.

Council meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and often run past midnight. I have no idea how the members stay awake (or maybe they've perfected the art of dozing while upright). Former Councilmember Michael Feinstein says you learn to "pace yourself." Pace myself? I'd need a coffee IV drip or a nap, or both.

Another drawback to being on council is the e-mails you get from pests like me. Lately, however, I've gotten a tad more creative with the subject line. I'll put in "Quick question" as if to suggest that the inquiry will be brief. Often, however, I get quick answers, as if to suggest please lose my e-mail address.

From the outside, being on council seems to be a thankless job. Recently, they passed an ordinance banning smoking in common areas of multi-unit residential buildings. With all the compromises, the end result appeared to satisfy no one, which I suppose is the art of politics. Personally, I don't think council went far enough with the ban and will be e-mailing them to do more. But I doubt I'll put that in the subject line.

I don't confine my e-mails to just the council. I've been corresponding with Police Chief Tim Jackman ever since some readers e-mailed me about a dangerous traffic problem. Years ago, a median was constructed at the exit of the Bicknell beach parking lot, which directs traffic south, to Hollister. Bicknell is a wide, through street, very close to the I-10 Freeway. Hollister is narrow, with parking on both sides, dead ends at Main, and is far from the freeway.

Whenever the weather warms up, Hollister turns into the Indianapolis 500. Beach goers rushing to get home to West Covina and other like destinations speed down Hollister, a street on which a number of children live. The green light is so short that only one or two cars get through. This naturally backs up traffic so severely that residents on the block are unable to get out of their own driveway. One resident is a heart surgeon who literally has to plead with drivers to let him back out because he has a medical emergency. On more than one occasion he's been told in anger to do something to himself that is anatomically impossible, if you follow my drift.

Chief Jackman investigated the Bicknell situation and clearly sees the problem. But in government, identifying a problem and fixing it, can be two different matters (hopefully not for Obama or traffic may be the least of our worries).

Back to the council vacancy, some suggest the fairest solution is to hold a special election. But that could cost $150,000. Our current fiscal status is, and forgive the technical terminology, "We don't have two nickels to rub together."

Five of our six council members live in north Santa Monica. There are no representatives from Ocean Park or Pico Neighborhood. Ted Winterer lives in O.P., was first runner up in November, and would seem the logical choice. Susan Hartley, second runner-up, lives by the airport, and she'd be great, too.

Remember those political mavens I mentioned earlier? They tell me the new member will be closely associated with Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, meaning not Winterer or Hartley. And, a blow to my sister, it won't be me either. Which is OK, unless it turns out I could have attended council meetings in my pajamas.

To Herb Katz, who gave so much to Santa Monica, R.I.P. JACK can be reached at Jackneworth@yahoo.com.

The Q Line

More control?

The City Council recently released over $800,000 to the school district that it was withholding due to problems with special education. As part of the discussion, some called for the council to wield more control over the district.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Should the council have more control over the school district as part of the joint-use agreement, which is currently being renegotiated?

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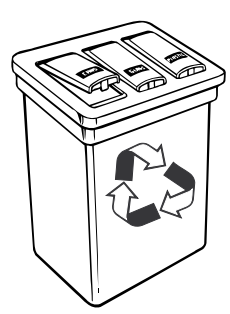
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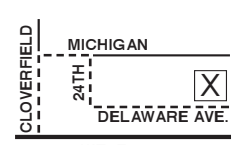


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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Conditional Use Permit 08-012, Santa Monica Place 3rd Floor Food Court. The applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (08CUP012) to allow the on-site sale and consumption of beer and wine (Type 41) within the Santa Monica Place, 3rd Level Food Court. The food court consists of ten (10) food vendor tenant spaces and a 9,704 square foot dining area comprised of 347 indoor seats and 447 outdoor seats. [Planner: Grace Cho] **Applicant: The Macerich Company, Santa Monica Place. Property Owner: Macerich Santa Monica, LLC.**

Conditional Use Permit 08-014, Variance 08-020, 1415 Ocean Avenue. The Georgina Hotel is requesting to amend their existing Conditional Use Permit (00CUP-029) to extend the hours of alcohol service within the existing restaurant, increase the number of permitted seats in the lobby area and veranda, and allow restaurant (including alcohol) service to be available to the general public. A parking Variance is also proposed in conjunction with this Conditional Use Permit amendment to satisfy additional off-street parking standards as required by the proposed change in restaurant operation to allow service to the general public. Pursuant to Conditional Use Permit 00CUP-029, changes to the approved concept shall be subject to Planning Commission approval. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.18.020, a CUP is required for the on-site sale and dispensation of alcoholic beverages, and SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(b) allows the modification of off-street parking requirements through a variance application. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **Applicant: Juan Viramontes, General Manager (Georgian Hotel). Property Owner: 4DS, LP.**

Development Review Permit 08-006, Design Compatibility Permit 08-003, 217-225 Bicknell Avenue. The applicant requests a further extension of time on a Development Review Permit and Design Compatibility Permit for a proposed seven-unit condominium project that were originally approved by the Planning Commission on November 16, 2005, and administratively extended on November 16, 2007 for one year. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Sections 9.04.20.14.050(b) and 9.04.20.15.050(b), further time extensions may be granted by the Planning Commission for good cause. Such extensions requests shall be processed in the same manner and for the same fee as a new application request. [Planner: Scott Albright, AICP] **Applicant/Property Owner: Bicknell Pacific, LLC.**

Development Review Permit 08-007, Design Compatibility Permit 08-004, 125 Pacific Street. The applicant requests a further extension of time on a Development Review Permit and Design Compatibility Permit for a proposed nine-unit condominium project that were originally approved by the Planning Commission on December 14, 2005, and administratively extended on January 10, 2008 for one year. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Sections 9.04.20.14.050(b) and 9.04.20.15.050(b), further time extensions may be granted by the Planning Commission for good cause. Such extensions requests shall be processed in the same manner and for the same fee as a new application request. [Planner: Scott Albright, AICP] **Applicant/Property Owner: Preferred Bank/William McCloskey.**

Tract Map 08-008, Variance 08-022. 1012 Second Street. Variance 08VAR-022 will be considered by the Commission along with Vesting Tentative Parcel Map 08TM-008 in conjunction with a proposed 4-unit condominium project that includes new construction of three units on the rear of the parcel at 1012 Second Street and the retention and preservation of the existing, City Landmark designated Turn-of-the-Century Victorian Cottage on site. The property is located in the R-3 Zoning District. SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030 (m) permits a Variance to be requested for projects that include the retention and preservation of a designated Landmark building. The following seven proposed modifications to development standards have been requested by the applicant: 1) allow a building height of 43'-8" where a maximum 40'-0" is permitted; 2) construct four-stories where a maximum of three-stories is permitted; 3) allow for additional building volume above 35 feet in height; 4) increase maximum parcel coverage above the 3rd story; 5) reduce the rear yard setback requirement by 1'-6"; 6) provide less than the required additional 2-foot average side yard setback in excess of the minimum 8'-0" requirement; and 7) reduce the amount of unexcavated side yard for development of the subterranean parking garage. [Planner: Roxanne Tanemori, AICP] **Applicant: Howard Laks Architects. Property Owner: 1012 Second Street LLC.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

City of Santa Monica

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, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9 and the Tide Ride service the City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Along for the crime

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.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31, AT 5:03 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 900 block of Montana Avenue – Platino – regarding a report of a theft. The jewelry store salesperson told officers that a ring valued at $232 was stolen from the store by two females and one male who possibly had Down syndrome. Officers located the suspects in the 1500 block of Montana Avenue. One of the females was in possession of the ring. Both were in possession of various clothing items which were believed to have been stolen from stores on Montana. Officers learned that the man with Down syndrome was the son of one of the women. He was not considered a suspect and released into adult protective services. The two women were arrested for commercial burglary, possession of stolen property, conspiracy to commit a crime and dependent adult abuse. While one of the suspects was being processed, she allegedly assaulted a jailer and resisted being fingerprinted. The mother was identified as Mangeh Siunit, 64, of Beverly Hills. Her bail was set at $25,000. The second suspect was identified as D. A., 38, from Beverly Hills. She was also booked for assault on a custodial officer and resisting. Her bail was set at $25,000.

THURSDAY, JAN. 29, AT 7:35 P.M.,
Santa Monica vice officers contacted a woman they found on the Internet who was advertising sexual services in exchange for a $200 donation. Officers contacted the woman and made arrangements to meet her at a local motel room. Once there, an undercover officer entered the room and gave the woman $200, as requested. The woman attempted to perform sexual acts and assisting officers entered the room and placed her under arrest for prostitution. She was identified as Angela Filippini, 36, from New York. Her bail was set at $2,000.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12, AT 12:15 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 500 block of Hill Street regarding a report of an auto burglary. When officers arrived, the victim told them his convertible top had been cut and his car stereo was missing along with his radar detector and other items. Officers asked the owner to drive his vehicle to the police station so it could be fingerprinted. Several weeks after the fingerprints were processed, detectives were able to ascertain the identity of a possible suspect. An alert was put out and the suspect was later found in Compton by Los Angeles County Sheriffs. He was transported to the police station, questioned and booked for auto burglary. He was identified as Efren Delucas, 23, from Compton. His bail was set at $20,000.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28, AT 3:34 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade – the Apple Store – regarding a report of a theft in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said they saw a man pick up an iPod, conceal it under his shirt and then walk out of the store, failing to pay for the item. Security detained the suspect until police arrived. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for grand theft, theft with a prior conviction and violation of parole. The phone was valued at $499.99. The suspect was identified as Vincent Frank Garcia, 39, from Van Nuys. No bail was set.

TUESDAY, JAN. 27, AT 3:05 A.M.,
Officers were conducting a traffic stop in the 1200 block of Franklin Street when a man who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol approached them and tried to interfere. He claimed he was the roommate of the person officers stopped and demanded the officers to let his friend go. Officers told the drunken man to go home. He refused and was placed under arrest. Officers searched the suspect and found him to be in possession of hashish. He was booked for public intoxication and possession of concentrated cannabis. He was identified as Christopher Ling, 22, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,000.

TUESDAY, JAN. 27, AT 3 P.M.,
Officers responded to the corner of Ocean Park Boulevard and Barnard Way regarding a report of a stolen bicycle. The victim told officers that he saw a man take the front wheel from a parked bicycle and jump into a waiting car. Before they drove off, the victim was able to get the license plate number and provide officers with a description of the car. Officers later located the vehicle in a parking lot in the 800 block of Grant Street – Rest Haven Motel. Officers searched the car and found the victim's wheel as well as two other wheels which were believed to be stolen. Officers also found burglary tools, including bolt cutters, wrenches and gloves. Both suspects were taken into custody and booked for burglary, conspiracy to commit a crime, possession of stolen property and possession of burglary tools. The first suspect was identified as Andres Roberts Garcia, 18, from Los Angeles. No bail was set because of an immigration hold. The second suspect was identified as Oscar Daniel Palacios, 23, from Los Angeles. His bail is set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, JAN. 24, AT 12 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1400 block of Third Street regarding a report of a stolen bicycle. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who told them that he was with two friends when hunger struck. He asked his pals to watch his orange beach cruiser, valued at $500, while he went to McDonald's to buy something to eat. When he returned, his friends were gone and so was his bike. The next day the man saw his so-called friends at OPCC and called police. Officers took the two men into custody for grand theft. The suspects were identified as John Mathew Tayon, 28, a transient, and Gerald Lynn McCloud, 46, a transient.

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NOT ENOUGH

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Santa Monica High School's Kunnu Shofu (right) attempts to block the shot of Inglewood's Wesley White on Wednesday night at Samohi. The Vikings lost the Ocean League game, 48-54. With the loss, Samohi falls to 16-7 overall and 3-4 in league play.

Defense claims clients were never at scene

FROM **TRIAL** PAGE 1

argued to the jury that only four identified him as the shooter and that those four witnesses were highly suspect.

Whitfield maintained that there were three conclusions to be drawn from the evidence.

"One: Jose Mojarro is a member of the 18th Street Gang. Two: He attended a party at the Moose Lodge. And I intend to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Jose Mojarro didn't shoot nobody," Whitfield said.

Attorney Pierpont Milton Laidley, representing Nuñez, is basing his defense on polluted evidence and shoddy testimony that placed his client at the scene, particularly that of one of the prosecution's main witnesses, Ramón Mendoza.

"Evidence will show Ramón Mendoza as cooperative. He talked to police numerous times, and every time his story changed," Laidley said.

Laidley claims that the identification process police used to determine Nuñez' presence was faulty because it included a distinctive lipstick-kiss tattoo that Nuñez has on the right side of his neck. According to Laidley, this tattoo is ubiquitous amongst gang members.

Laidley's main defense is his assertion that his client never went to the birthday party at the Moose Lodge.

Deputy District Attorney Alan Schneider slowly and methodically described the web of fear, intimidation and violence of gang culture, and related how that came to the door of the Moose Lodge.

In the midst of 80 to 100 party-goers, Schneider said, Mojarro and Vasquez took out 9 millimeter semi-automatic weapons and shot 26 rounds at the two men, continuing to shoot after the victims lay motionless on the floor in what he describes as gang-related violence.

Both Bonilla and Hernandez were thought to be involved in the Santa Monica 13 gang, Schneider said.

Critical to his overall argument is that the atmosphere of fear engendered by the threat of gang retaliation is what has caused so many witnesses to claim they were "in the bathroom" at the time of the shootings.

It was a party gone terribly wrong. Hernandez and Bonilla were shot multiple times after three suspects got in a fight with Hernandez. Bonilla was shot as he ran to aid Hernandez.

All three suspects fled the scene. Police took Mojarro into custody July 5, 2005 after he was picked up on a parole violation. Vasquez was apprehended Oct. 6, 2005 in the 500 block of Westlake Street in Los Angeles. Nuñez, who remained at-large the longest, was caught after a violent police chase in January 2006 that ended in a hostage situation. Nobody was hurt.

The trial will continue on Monday.

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GOING DOWN: **The price of condominiums and single-family homes on average dropped about 18 percent in the last quarter — October to December 2008 — from the same period in 2007.**

Rental market also begins to flounder

FROM **HOUSING** PAGE 1

scared," he said. "They feel if they buy something tomorrow, it will be worth less by the time it closes."

There are currently about 106 single-family homes on the market in Santa Monica. Only four properties closed in January and another six are currently in escrow, Limjap said.

"In a fast market, we had a one-month inventory," Limjap said. "Now a lot of properties are just sitting there and a lot are being listed and relisted with other brokers."

He said part of the problem is that homeowners are setting selling prices at unrealistic values given the current market.

The number of property transfers, including residential and commercial, has also dropped about 15 percent from July to December 2008, according to David Carr, a principal budget analyst with City Hall.

"It is likely that the rate of growth in assessed values and property taxes will be lower than it has been in the past few years," he said.

But while the housing market is slowing down in Santa Monica, the city remains an attractive place to live.

"Although prices have certainly softened, contrary to the doom and gloom, the Westside is very strong as far as purchases are concerned," said Kate Bransfield, a local realtor. "There's lots of buyers and open houses are busy."

She added that the median price for single-family homes in the city overall increased from $1.6 million in 2007 to $1.9 million in 2008. Condominiums have actually decreased, from $780,000 in 2007 to $685,000 last year.

Mike Heayn, a loan agent for JP Morgan Chase, said that the Westside will remain a popular place to reside because of the amenities and the fact that many jobs are located in the area.

"In any higher value area, there is always going to be a decline, but the decline is going to be offset that much quicker," Heayn said. "Those are areas people want to live."

The recession could also be affecting the rental market, which experienced a growth early on when potential buyers were having a hard time qualifying for home loans. The demand has softened as unemployment goes up, mainly because renters, who tend to be young, are moving back in with their parents to save money, Habibi said.

"There is a very tight linkage between unemployment and the vacancy rate," he said.

Habibi predicted it would be at least another 18 months before the market returns to normal.

"We need to see it bottom out first," he said. "The only good news is 2009 won't be nearly as bad as 2008 was but we still have a ways to go."

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Bloomingdale's design takes modern and sleek approach

FROM **MALL** PAGE 3

Santa Monica," Aptaker said. "It's also a gateway location of Santa Monica — as you're coming down into Santa Monica from the 10 Freeway, that building is one of the first things you see."

Aptaker said the goal was to design a department store that would enliven the corner and interact with that side of the mall.

It's the same approach that architects have taken with the redesign of Santa Monica Place.

"We were really trying to have the mall fit in with the urban fabric of the city," Aptaker said. "We want each entrance to have its own individual expression and reflect the community or the area in which it resides."

He added that the Second Street frontage will have a beach influence while the Broadway side of the mall will reflect the Third Street Promenade.

The Bloomingdale's in Santa Monica will be a slight departure from its other stores across the country, tailoring its merchandise to the local market. The store will also lack a home goods section.

The building will remain three stories but the top level will be reserved for Santa Monica Place operations.

Designs for Nordstrom have not been finalized.

The 1980s mall, which was designed by Frank Gehry, has been under construction since last spring.

The project includes tearing the roof off of the shopping center's central spine, making way for an open-air walkway and rooftop dining deck, providing shoppers with a panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean.

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League plan scaled back

FROM **SAMOHI** PAGE 1

many teams each school fields each year, competition, geography and enrollment.

Santa Monica High School currently has 55 teams in 21 sports, which creates problems when trying to work out schedules for the Vikings' current league, the Ocean. League rival Inglewood High School has just 17 teams and most of those are in popular sports such as basketball, football and baseball. Problems arise when Lacy is tasked with finding opponents for some of the more obscure sports, which many Ocean League schools do not offer.

"It creates problems for teams," Lacy said. "If it is just one school, then you deal with it, but we have three like that in our league."

Like Inglewood, fellow league teams Morningside and Hawthorne also have hard times getting teams together. This makes finding opponents for the Vikings' girls water polo team and tennis teams a tricky proposition and even forces the SBAA to shrink to two leagues in certain less popular sports.

To tackle this and other issues, the member schools of the SBAA came together late last year intent on realigning the three leagues. Lacy wanted his program to return to the Bay League, which it had historically been a member of until the 1990s.

The Vikings, along with Ocean League rival Beverly Hills, would have joined Mira Costa, Redondo, Palos Verdes Peninsula and Palos Verdes. Luezinger, a Bay League team, would have moved to a reconstructed Pioneer League. Another Bay team, West Torrance, would have moved to the Ocean League along with Torrance, North Torrance, South Torrance, Culver City and El Segundo.

The third league, the Pioneer, would have included Ocean League teams Morningside, Hawthorne and Inglewood. Centennial, Lawndale and Luezinger would have rounded out the league.

The new alignment was agreed upon by 15 of the 18 athletic directors who attended the meeting.

That's when perception stepped in.

The six teams that would have made up the Pioneer all come from urban areas where most of the student population is comprised of minorities. This created a feeling among some involved in the process that the decision to shake up each league was made based on economics and race.

"I just felt like it was a slap in the face," Inglewood's head football coach Charles Mincy said. "They put all the black and Hispanic kids in one league.

"I don't like it," he added. "I like playing other teams. I like having diversity … rather than have a chitlin' circuit league."

Lacy said that the changes were made to each league based on what he called competitive equity, with the number of teams a school fields a major factor in deciding where to put each team. But, perception became too hot for some key players to handle. He said the entire process became mired in politics once the principals of each school previewed the plan recently. With a Feb. 19 deadline looming, it began to look grim for the realignment plan.

"The perception is that you are putting the lower economic schools together," Lacy said. "That creates problems politically."

The movement for comprehensive change, stifled by negative feedback, began to take on a different complexion. Instead of major changes, Lacy and his fellow ADs were forced to tone down the initial proposal to make it more palatable for potentially dissenting principals.

The group of ADs has met several times recently to create four proposals to present to principals for final approval. In each plan, Samohi will be forced to stay in the Ocean League.

Lacy isn't too happy with the situation, but realizes that sometimes perception can run rampant and trump intent. Instead of playing in a more competitive league starting in 2010, his program will have to be intent in the Ocean League.

The director of the Samohi soccer program, Serafin Rodriguez, said he would have welcomed a move to the Bay League. The boys soccer team, which he coaches, won a state title last season and would benefit from facing tougher competition.

"We do pretty well against stronger opponents," he said. "It would have been fun to return to the Bay [League]."

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Docents to give beach house 'human touch'

FROM **BEACH HOUSE** PAGE 3

Regular tours will be offered twice daily when demand is high and may also be arranged in association with special events.

Selected by City Hall to provide a "human touch" for the interpretive program at the historic site, the conservancy will draw on its experience in developing and managing the popular Saturday morning tour of Santa Monica's Downtown, Stinchfield said.

Recruitment for beach house docents is underway and training will be provided by noted experts and authors. Information on the training schedule and application forms for docents are available at www.smconservancy.org or by calling (310) 496-3146.

A grant from the Annenberg Foundation funded both the rehabilitation of historic elements of the beach house site and creation, by Frederick Fisher and Associates, of contemporary structures to serve the needs of today's beach-going public.

"An important element of our mission is to build awareness of and appreciation for the historic structures in our city," said Carol Lemlein, president of the conservancy's Board of Directors. "The Annenberg Community Beach House embodies the approach to preservation that the conservancy encourages. It's an excellent example of how to adapt to current needs while being sensitive to the historic fabric."

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FBI looks into 'Tylenol Man'

BY DENISE LAVOIE AND RUSSELL CONTRERAS
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON James W. Lewis has a habit of getting into trouble. And a knack for getting out of it, too.

He was charged with killing and dismembering a man in Kansas City, Mo., in 1978, but the case was thrown out. He was jailed on rape charges decades later in Massachusetts, but went free when the victim refused to testify.

And while authorities in Chicago have long suspected Lewis was responsible for the deadly 1982 Tylenol poisonings, the only thing they ever pinned on him was an extortion attempt against the maker of the pain reliever. No one was ever charged in the seven cyanide deaths.

Now the FBI says there are new leads in the Tylenol case and on Wednesday seized a computer and boxes of files from Lewis' Boston-area home. The mysterious and sudden flurry of activity has raised hopes of a long-awaited break in the sensational 26-year-old case.

"Up until yesterday, I thought this would never be solved in my lifetime or ever," said Jack Eliason, whose sister, Mary McFarland, a 31-year-old mother, died after swallowing poisoned Tylenol.

Exactly why investigators have suddenly taken so much interest in the self-proclaimed "Tylenol Man" is unclear, but the FBI cited advances in forensic technology, along with publicity and tips that came in around the 25th anniversary of the crime in 2007.

Labor pick faces tax questions

BY SAM HANANEL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Labor Secretary nominee Hilda Solis became the latest Cabinet nominee to face questions about unpaid taxes Thursday as a Senate panel abruptly postponed a scheduled vote on her confirmation.

The postponement came after revelations that Solis' husband settled tax liens on his California auto repair business this week that had been outstanding for as long as 16 years.

The discovery posed another political headache for a White House already chafing after tax problems and other controversies derailed some administration appointments, including former Sen. Tom Daschle's nomination as health secretary. President Barack Obama pledged in TV interviews this week that he would "make sure that we're not screwing up again" in the vetting process.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs insisted that Solis' own tax returns "are in order."

"She's not a partner in that business," Gibbs said. "So we're not going to penalize her for her husband's business mistakes."

Asked if the Solis nomination was in trouble, Gibbs said, "I don't believe it is at all."

USA Today first reported Thursday that Los Angeles County records showed 15 outstanding state and county tax liens totaling $7,630 against Sam Sayyad and his business.

White House spokesman Tommy Vietor said Solis and Sayyad were unaware of the liens until asked about them this week. He said Sayyad paid about $6,400 to Los Angeles County on Wednesday to settle the liens, but he plans to appeal.

Vietor said Solis — a Los Angles-area congresswoman — and her husband file personal income taxes jointly, but that Sayyad is the sole proprietor of the business and all tax communications about it go only to him at a separate business address.

"Sayyad does not believe the penalties were accurately assessed, but he's paid them out of an abundance of caution and is planning to appeal," Vietor said.

The Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee issued a joint statement minutes before the committee was to have met to vote on Solis' nomination to say that lawmakers need more time to review documentation about Solis.

Anthony Coley, a spokesman for the committee's chairman, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said the panel asked the Obama administration to look into the tax issue and report back.

"We are optimistic that the committee will be able to move forward with her nomination soon," Coley said.

Solis's confirmation was already stalled amid complaints from some Republican lawmakers about her role as a board member and treasurer of American Rights at Work, or ARW, a group pushing for passage of a bill to make it easier for workers to form unions.

Wyoming Sen. Mike Enzi, the committee's top Republican, has suggested that Solis should recuse herself for two years from debate over the Employee Free Choice Act because of her position with the group. He cites new ethics guidelines put in place by Obama that limit appointees who previously lobbied on an issue from being involved in the issue during their first two years in office.

Solis said last week in written responses to Enzi that her role with the group did not involve lobbying.

With the process becoming drawn out, Obama on Monday appointed Edward Hugler, a career Labor Department official, as acting labor secretary.

Another concern from Republicans is that Solis did not mention her positions with the group on her financial disclosure statements to the House for the years 2004 through 2007.

Vietor called it the result of "an unintentional oversight."

"As soon as she became aware of this oversight, she moved to correct it and has filed a letter with the clerk of the House correcting the omission," Vietor said.

Vietor said Solis would agree only to recuse herself for two years "from any particular matter involving specific parties which is directly and substantially related to ARW. The Employee Free Choice Act is not a particular matter involving specific parties."

The legislation, which is the top priority for labor groups, is vehemently opposed by business groups and most Republicans in Congress.

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INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

Pot infiltrates sumo world

BY ERIC TALMADGE
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO Sumo wrestlers with pot bellies, yes. Sumo wrestlers with pot? Now that's harder to grapple with.

In the past six months, four wrestlers have been kicked out of the ancient sport for allegedly smoking marijuana, creating the biggest drugs-in-sports scandal that Japan has ever seen.

Although three of the wrestlers who have been expelled from the sport were from Russia, the arrest last week of a 25-year-old Japanese athlete who goes by the ring name of Wakakirin for possession of marijuana has raised concern that use of the drug may be more widespread than originally thought.

In Japan, sumo wrestlers are not seen as athletes in the way that baseball or tennis players are. A photo of U.S. swimming star Michael Phelps with a marijuana pipe got wide play in the media here, but nowhere near the consternation of the sumo scandal.

The sting of the busts in sumo — which only recently introduced doping tests — was made all the worse because of the breakdown in Japan's still relatively drug-free environment. Marijuana use, in particular, is rising rapidly despite a stiff punishment — up to five years in prison for possession.

"We are appalled by his utter folly," The Asahi, a major newspaper, said in an outraged editorial. "Some young people casually try pot. It is vital that we educate them on the risks of this drug from a fairly early age."

More than being simply a drug issue, however, the scandal has been amplified by the fact that it involves one of the world's oldest and most tradition-bound sports — and one that is solidly rooted in religious purification ritual.

Sumo wrestlers are expected to live the old-school life of a disciple. They wear their hair in topknots, dress in traditional robes and train in communal "stables." Their schedules are tightly regulated and the word of their coaches, who are still called "masters," is absolute and final.

Sumo aficionados like to note that former grand champion Musashimaru, of Hawaii, had a 10 p.m. curfew.

But that is changing.

The wrestlers at the center of the scandal came from training stables where a new, and often younger, stable master was in charge, and discipline was not what it might have been in the old days.



SURF CONDITIONS WATER TEMP: 58°

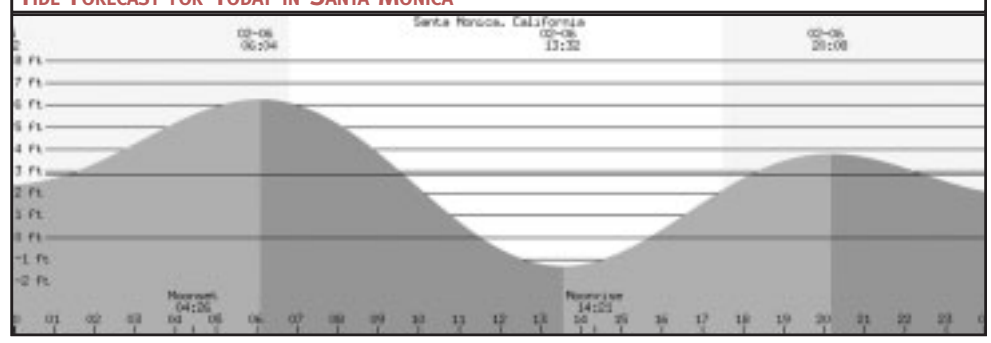
SWELL FORECAST (1-1 FT)

Wind swell will take center stage as the storm passes through. Calculations today point to what could be surf running 2 feet overhead at west facing breaks.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

SATURDAY THE 7TH IT LOOKS LIKE WIND SWELL WILL CONTINUE AS NW GROUND SWELL FADES. CURRENT CALCULATIONS CALL FOR CHEST TO HEAD HIGH PEAKY STUFF AROUND WEST FACING BREAKS.

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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 29
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 12

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, The Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Lodge Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	A+
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	B
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	D	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	F
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+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	B	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	D
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	B
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	B	A+
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 CMW jetty)	A+	B
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+	B

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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Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (R) 1hr 32min
1:05, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30

Fanboys (PG-13) 1hr 30min
12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

Milk (R) 2hrs 08min
1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:15

Defiance (R) 2hrs 17min
12:30, 3:35, 6:45, 9:50

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) 2hrs 48min
11:10am, 2:45, 6:20, 10:00

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) 2hrs 48min Closed Captions
11:10am, 2:45, 6:20, 10:00

New in Town (PG) 1hr 36min
11:40am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30

The Uninvited (PG-13) 1hr 27min
11:50am, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10

Coraline 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Frost/Nixon (R) 2hrs 02min
10:50am, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

Push (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:20am, 2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:30

The Pink Panther 2 (PG) 1hr 32min
11:30am, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Revolutionary Road (R) 1hr 59min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

Doubt (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55

Slumdog Millionaire (R) 2hr 1min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00

The Wrestler (R) 1hr 45min
1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) 1hr 27min
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Gran Torino (R)
1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50

Taken (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:50am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40

My Bloody Valentine 3D (R) 1hr 41min
11:50

Hotel for Dogs (PG) 1hr 40min
11:40am, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00

He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20, 10:10, 12:15am

The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

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Take in new info, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might be filled with energy and vivaciousness. You discover the power of nurturing and pitching in one more time. Extremes seem to be the norm, but you don't need to decide which side of the pendulum to hang on. Tonight: At home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ The smart Bull stays out of problems and decides which way might be best. Avoid being traumatized by a situation. Decide where you are heading. A mild schism between you and an associate could make you uncomfortable. Tonight: Hanging out fits the bill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Knowing what you add to a situation can make all the difference in its outcome. How you deal with a building problem demonstrates your savvy. Pressure is high and at times insurmountable, or so you think! Tonight: Keep your budget in mind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Let your radiance and energy reach out to others. Wherever you are, whatever you do, you have reason to smile and beam. You could be surprised by the net results of your high energy. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Take your time, whether it is gathering opinions and possibly coming up with hard results. You might not want to act, feeling your energy is out of sync and difficult. There is nothing wrong with closing down to think and evaluate. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Being where the action is allows more to happen. If you are full of energy and want to finish a project or schedule a key meeting, put your best foot forward. Tonight: Where a happening is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Take a stand and remain on top of your game. Others look toward more pressure and activity than in the past. You see life from a renewed perspective. Optimism comes in from out of left field, and you might be delighted. Tonight: A child or loved one touches you deeply.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Reach out for others. You might have a trip in your mind's eye. Consider meeting a dear friend halfway for a small vacation. The two of you will love catching up on news. Tonight: Take in new information.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Sit down and consider your options. Someone is running the show, and it isn't you. Think positively and make what you need/want happen. If you are on top of your game, you won't have to push to have your way. Tonight: Check out your options.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Defer to others and examine your potential ... as you see it. Times are changing, and rapidly at that. Be more cheerful and upbeat. Trust is a big factor in your attitude and how you are living. Tonight: Defer, defer and defer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Follow the road to completion. You have a lot to get done, then you can start your weekend free and clear. If you want to understand what is happening within a certain framework with a boss or associate, you will be able to be understand. Tonight: Put your feet up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your creativity pops up out of the blue. Realize what needs to happen in order to make life work. You have endless imagination and endless ideas. Choose the right one, and you are a sure-fire winner. Tonight: Start the weekend in style.

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

You make a difference this year. Discover what might be necessary in order to make life flow well. You need a lot of quiet time to recharge your batteries and assess situations. Given that time, you could be close to unstoppable. Avoid power plays by simply deciding not to play. You'll also come out the winner. If you are single, you will meet people with ease, but choosing the right person will take talent and considerable dating. If you are attached, consider taking a class in massage and practice on each other. You discover the gift you have: to give relaxation. Please use it. CANCER tests your practicality.

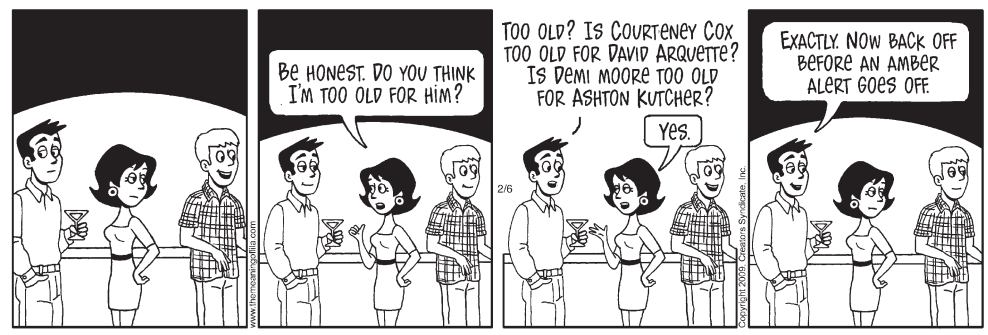
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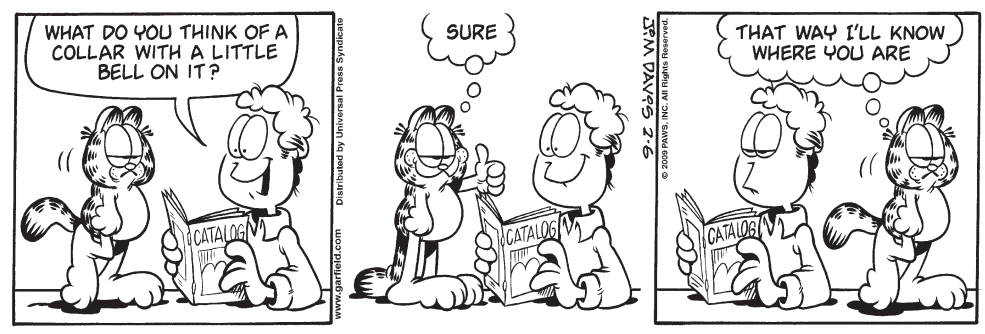
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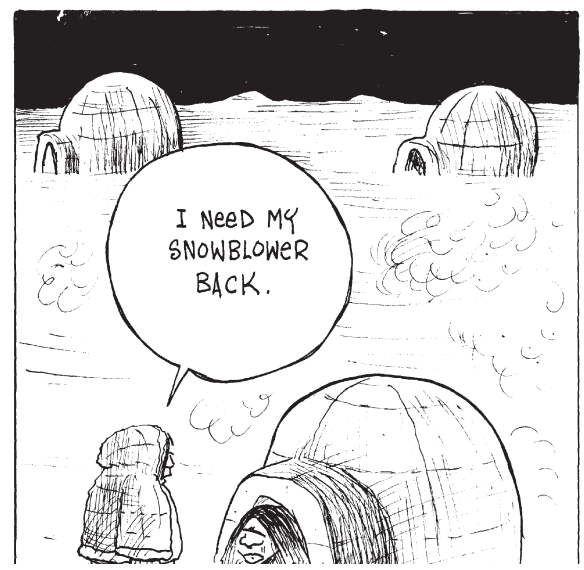
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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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.

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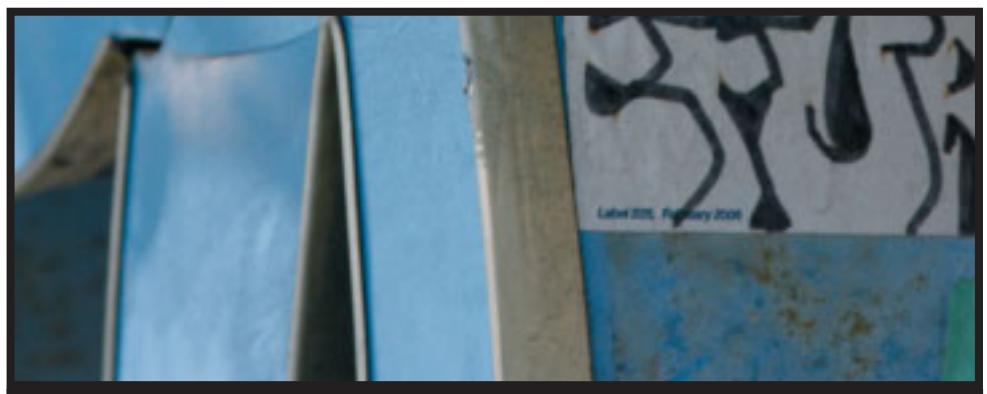


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 1908 World Series champs
5 Int. receiver
9 Profit
11 Less common
13 Relish
14 Sleep sound
15 TV's "— Stone"
16 Takes in at the box office
18 Masked mammal
20 Compass pt.
21 Portly
22 ERA, for one
23 Scoundrel
24 Fragrant tree
25 Dapper
27 Fizzy drinks
29 Bordeaux buddy
30 Adds up
32 Donuts, in slang
34 Forty winks
35 UFO flier
36 Sheeplike
38 Script makeup
39 Chop up
40 Eyeball
41 Like some cheese

DOWN

1 Basketball player
2 Throat danglers
3 Recruit's activity
4 Plop down
5 Bad lighting?
6 Soup units
7 Versatile gym activity
8 Opera's Stratas
10 Exit a banking site
12 Stopwatch button
17 Hogwash
19 Winter wear
22 Pie-cooling spot
24 Prison in Johnny Cash song
25 Twangy
26 Designer Pucci
27 Train unit
28 Spooky gathering
30 Keyed up
31 Alacrity
33 Boat part
37 Through

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In November, some African-American leaders in Danville, Ill., complained when eight black players were cut from the Danville High School basketball team at once, charging that the coach was engaging in "racial profiling" by, in the words of a black pastor, "(taking) a look at the way the young men wore their hair." The coach pointed out that though all the dismissed players are black, so are all eight retained players, and that two of the retained players wore the same style braids to which the pastor was referring.

■ The December student rioting in Athens, Greece (triggered by a police officer's shooting of an unarmed 15-year-old boy), was so intensive that the police department quickly ran through its arsenal of tear gas and was forced to use supplies that were 25 years old. One demonstrator told a Times of London reporter that it was unfair for police to use canisters that old because they contained dangerous chemicals that caused rioters to get "sick" and to "have trouble breathing."

■ It's Supposed to Be the Other Way Around: On the South Boulder (Colo.) Creek Trail in January, as a woman was standing beside her bicycle, a cow wandered by and tipped her over (and then stepped on her legs before meandering off).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1911 Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president, was born in Tampico, Ill.

1959 the United States successfully test-fired for the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

1978 Muriel Humphrey took the oath of office as a United States senator from Minnesota, filling the seat of her late husband, former Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

1992 16 people were killed when a C-130 military transport plane crashed in Evansville, Ind.

1996 a Turkish-owned Boeing 757 jetliner crashed into the Atlantic Ocean shortly after takeoff from the Dominican Repubic, killing 189 people, mostly German tourists.

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