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THE DRIP, DROP ISSUE

Development opponents prepare for long fight

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE If you think of the public outcry over the Hines development project as a storm, we are likely in the eye of it.

Santa Monica's City Council approved the 765,000-square-foot project for the corner of Olympic Boulevard and 26th Street in a 4 to 3 vote earlier this week despite a large protest against the project held on the steps of City Hall.

Last week's meeting was postponed after 95 residents spoke, both against and in favor of the project, for over three hours during the public comment portion of the agenda item.

Next Tuesday, council will consider making the agreement official (and will likely do so) during a second reading of the agreement.

For residents opposed to the project, the approval of the second reading is the sound of a starter pistol firing.

Anti-Hines advocates can then officially push for a referendum vote — an election that would allow the residents to decide whether or not to nix the five proposed buildings and the $32 million in community benefits that come along with them.

It would also open the window for legal challenges to the council's decision.

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JUMPING THROUGH HOOPS Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*
A Cirque du Soleil dancer performs on the Third Street Promenade on Thursday afternoon. The event was a free preview of the troupe's production of 'Totem,' which is currently playing in a big top just north of the Santa Monica Pier.

Airport park backers talk funding

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Jets are still landing on the wide, black runway at the Santa Monica Airport but some residents are already making comparisons to Griffith Park.

Airport2Park, a group advocating — as the name suggests — to turn the airport into a park, met last week to talk about the financial feasibility of turning the tarmac green.

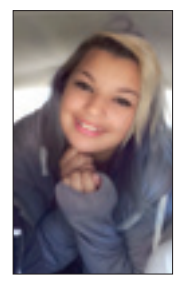
City Hall is currently locked in a legal

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Police searching for missing teen

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica police are looking for a 15-year-old girl who was last seen leaving for school on Monday morning.


FERGUSON

Rayven Paige Ferguson never arrived at school and has not been seen since. She requires medication and has not had it since Monday.

Ferguson is 5 foot 4, 160 pounds with brown eyes. She has brown hair with blond bangs and purple streaks. She has shaved lines in her right eyebrow and gages in her ears.

Anyone with information regarding Ferguson is asked to contact the Santa Monica Police Department, Detective Gladden (310) 458-8931, Detective Trapnell (310) 458-2256, or the SMPD Watch Commander (24 hours) at (310) 458-8427.

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Lions Gate earnings aided by 'Catching Fire'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLORADO AVE Santa Monica-based Lions Gate Entertainment Corp.'s holiday quarter results topped Wall Street forecasts, helped by the strong box office haul from "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire."

The second film in the franchise grossed $860 million in global ticket sales, 25 percent better than the debut installment. The next two films in the series, parts 1 and 2 of "Mockingjay," are set to be released this November and in November 2015.

Net income in the fiscal third quarter through Dec. 31 more than doubled to $88.8 million, or 59 cents per share, from $37.8 million, or 27 cents per share, a year earlier.

Analysts polled by FactSet predicted 46 cents per share.

Revenue grew 13 percent to $839.9 million, above the $833.5 million analysts had forecast.

Shares rose 8 cents to $31.81 in after-hours trading Thursday, after closing up $1.05, or 3.4 percent, at $31.73 in the regular session.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Feb. 7, 2014

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Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk,
12:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Enjoy a free trip to the aquarium courtesy of Cirque du Soleil, which kicks off a multi-layered, community partnership between the aquarium and the world-renowned entertainment company, as it sets up its blue-and-yellow big top in the beach lot adjacent to the pier for a run of their show, "Totem." For more information, call (310) 393-6149.

What happened to Prudencia?
The Broad Stage, The Edye
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
The National Theatre of Scotland unleashes its company of five actors and musicians to tilt your kilt in "The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart." It's an entertaining evening of supernatural storytelling, music and theatre inspired by the Border Ballads, Robert Burns and the poems of Robert Service. For more information, visit thebroadstage.com.

Knotts for one night only
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Straight from the Mayberry Days festival in Murfreesboro, Tenn., actress, singer, comedian, clown, magician, puppeteer and ventriloquist Karen Knotts, daughter of comedic legend Don Knotts, shares on life, love and growing up with a famous dad revealing how that influenced her own life choices and her struggle for self identity. This is a one-night engagement. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 1.

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

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

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014

Out with the old
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave., 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Recycle all dry unwearable clothing, towels, bedding, shoes, and other textiles at this drop-off event. For more information, call (310) 458-2223.

Dance, dance, dance
Athleta
1318 Third Street Promenade,
9 a.m. — 10 a.m.
Moore Dancing and Athleta are teaming up to provide free dance cardio classes through the month of February. Every Saturday, Athleta will transform their store into a dance floor. For more information, call (310) 500-8375.

Ring in Chinese New Year
Santa Monica Place
Broadway and Third Street
1:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Santa Monica Place celebrates Chinese New Year. There will be henna tattoos and live music this Saturday. Festivities continue through Feb. 14. For more information, visit santamonicaplace.com.

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

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

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Much needed rain, snow comes to California

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO Drought-stricken California got some help Thursday from the weather — a prelude to a bigger storm for parts of the state over the weekend that could dump as much as 2 feet of snow in the northern Sierra and 6 inches of rain on Bay Area mountains.

While the overdue wet weather is welcome and may be a sign of things to come, forecasters say California needs much more rain and snow to make up for one of the driest rainy seasons so far.

"I won't say the storm door is open, but maybe we'll get into more of a routine storm pattern now," said Bob Benjamin, a National Weather Service forecaster in Monterey.

Rain in the San Francisco Bay Area on Thursday contributed to numerous crashes. In one crash, a big rig went over the median on Interstate 80 in San Pablo, but the driver was not hurt.

San Francisco had received a little less than three-quarters of an inch of rain by late Thursday afternoon and was not expected to get much more before the storm moved out, Benjamin said.

Also, Thursday's steady rain has already cancelled the monthly First Friday event in downtown Oakland, city officials announced.

In the northern Sierra, the National Weather Service was forecasting as much as 6 inches of snow at higher elevations.

Southern California, meanwhile, had steady rains in some areas and scattered showers in others, though totals there were expected to be small.

The rainfall prompted state fire officials to lift a ban on outdoor open burning in parts of northern and central California.

But Thursday's rainfall was just the beginning — at least in Northern California. Forecasters say a stronger system moving in Friday will dump as much as 6 inches of rain on Bay Area mountains and 2 feet of snow in the Sierra over the weekend.

San Francisco and Sacramento could get a couple of more inches of rain, the National Weather Service said.

Still, the state would remain well off its normal rainfall totals for the year. February is normally the wettest month, as recorded in downtown Los Angeles, with average rainfall of 3.8 inches. The region, however, has yet to see a generalized rainstorm this month.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Samohi stays alive in league title chase

BY WAYNE NEAL
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOHI Their championship hopes were almost dashed after blowing a 15-point lead, but Santa Monica boys' basketball was able to hold off the Centaurs and lived to play for another Ocean League championship.

The Vikings endured a second half surge by Culver City to come away with a 68-55 victory that set them up for a showdown with rival Beverly Hills on Friday night at home. The two teams are currently tied for first place with 6-1 records.

Samohi saw their lead evaporate to 56-50 midway through the fourth quarter before they started clamping down and finally pulling away for the victory.

Jonah Mathews, who finished the game with 23 points, hit a pair of three-pointers that put them up by seven late in the fourth quarter. Two plays later, Mikhail Brown was fouled after making a lay-up putting the Vikings up by 10 with 1:28 remaining in the game.

"We couldn't afford to lose tonight," Mathews said. "I was like we have to lock up [defensively] because they were scoring easy buckets and they were getting to the line at will."

The Centaurs were getting to the free-throw line at will as well, especially Jordin Williams who scored all of his nine points in the second half and was a perfect six-for-six from the fee-throw line.

Santa Monica started the game on fire taking a 22-4 first quarter lead behind Mikhail Brown and Travis Fujita. Emerging offensive threat Fujita scored eight of his 13 points in that quarter off of easy penetration to the basket. Brown, who finished with 12 points, had his way in the paint scoring with ease.

The Vikings took a 39-25 half-time lead after Chris Johnson made a buzzer-beating three-pointer. He finished with six points.

"We knew Culver City wasn't going to lie down and play dead," Santa Monica head coach James Hecht said. "We know each and every game carries some meaning to it and has a lot of value."

Culver City started rallying midway through the third quarter and cut the deficit to 12 to the start of the fourth. They got as close as 56-50 with 4:09 left in the fourth quarter, but their first quarter performance left them with too much to overcome.

"They came at us and we were not ready for that intensity," Centaur head coach Adam Eskridge said. "We just weren't there mentally to start the game."



Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

UP HE GOES: Samohi's Tim Southam goes up for a shot against a pair of Culver City defenders on Wednesday on campus. Samohi went on to win, 68-55.

With the victory the Vikings will play for a shot at a league title. The Normans beat Santa Monica 55-47 earlier this season.

Mathews only has one thing on is mind when he plays them.

"We got to beat them and protect our home court," said Mathews. Both teams come into the game on a three-game winning streak.

The Beverly Hills game starts at 7:30 tonight at Samohi.

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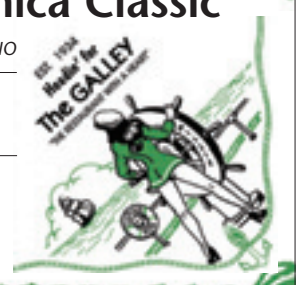
Natural gas shortage hits state's power supply

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Californians were urged to voluntarily cut their electricity use Thursday in a rare mid-winter conservation alert, after frigid weather across the U.S. and Canada caused a shortage of natural gas at Southern California power plants.

"While the natural gas shortage is only impacting Southern California power plants, statewide electricity and gas conservation will help free up both electricity and gas supplies for Southern Californians," the California Independent System Operator, which runs the state's power grid, said in a

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What about the water?

Editor:

The pro-Bergamot editorial ("Editorial: Planning for the future," Feb. 4) and architects' letter ("Bergamot Village embodies LUCE," Room for a View, Feb. 4) are well-written and thoughtful. I wonder, though, why neither piece mentions where the water will come from to support the "inevitable" growth. Could the weather create a pause in this predicted growth? Would Hines feel it was unfair to be asked to postpone Bergamot until the reservoirs are full? Is it fact or just opinion that all the new tenants and workers will want to shower, flush and drink? Like all of us, Hines is probably hoping it will rain soon, and in buckets, so its tenants won't be left high (about seven stories, according to current plans) — and dry.

Brian Bland
Santa Monica

Have a little tolerance

Editor:

I'm not at all surprised, although I am offended and disgusted, by the bigotry, hatred, intolerance and ignorance expressed by Judy Palnick in response to the school district leasing Grant School's auditorium on Sundays for a small group to worship ("Neighbors cry foul over church at Grant Elementary," Jan. 30).

The bigotry, hatred, intolerance and ignorance expressed would be right at home supporting separate schools, housing, dining, transportation, and restroom facilities for blacks and whites in the Jim Crow south.

They mask their hatred and bigotry by the absurd argument that 20 worshipers will cause crowding, parking, noise and other unknown problems in the neighborhood where very likely more administrators, teachers and staff are on the school site on a weekday basis causing more crowding, parking and noise issues than this small group. Their claim that this group's presence will somehow be an assault on them and children is as ridiculous as it is repulsive.

The school district and city lease their facilities to various groups for various purposes, including educational and community organizations, as well as adult and youth sports activities. Hopefully one of the groups leasing city space will be able to offer some form of seminar to educate and counsel the likes of Palnick so that they may overcome their bigotry, hatred, intolerance and ignorance.

Virginia Isaacs
Santa Monica

More development means more water

Editor:

With Santa Monica water use up and our state, in fact most of the West, in an epic drought, we must stop all new development. How can we think about Bergamot Transit Village or any other projects without the city asking us to curb water use? Our usage is up because of the new apartments alone on Fifth Street and Seventh Street between Santa Monica Boulevard and Colorado. Plus Santa Monica Place reopening.

As I have said many times, the city and the West must stop all new building projects until we can find a new water source. The ocean maybe?

Alan Rosenblum
Santa Monica

Growth isn't inevitable

Editor:

Your editorial states that growth in Santa Monica is inevitable ("Editorial: Planning for the future," Feb. 4).

There are some things in life that are inevitable, but over-development aligned with massive vehicle gridlock are not.

Accommodating growth for growth's sake is something I've heard about from several City Council members, who out of the other side of their mouths love to very loudly tout sustainable Santa Monica.

Which is it?

MK Gordon
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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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GO VIKINGS! Elaine Jones (left) was a Santa Monica High Song Leader in 1951.

Life above the carousel

SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Elaine (Jones) Stephenson (Class of 1951) has almost finished writing "All the Painted Ponies", a charming non-fiction book about growing up in Santa Monica in the '40s.

Told through the eyes of 11-year-old "Laney," the book has been on Elaine's "To Do Today" list for decades. She hopes to send it to a publisher in April. (Won't that be satisfying to finally run a line through it?)

In a chapter entitled, "California Dreaming," Laney describes the grueling five-day 1944 Greyhound Bus trip from Rhode Island to Santa Monica. Her mother and four siblings were reuniting with Elaine's father waiting for them in Los Angeles.

An artist, Eric Jones had gotten a job at the Hippodrome on the Santa Monica Pier which housed the famed carousel. Among Eric's duties was painting the hand-crafted wooden horses on the merry-go-round and all the scenes and decorations on the walls.

In the wartime era, jobs and especially housing were in short supply. So it was that Elaine and her family lived in a three-room apartment above the merry-go-round from 1944 to 1951. (There were seven apartments above the carousel but in 1974 an arson fire to the building forced evacuation and closure.)

Laney describes her breathtaking first view of the merry-go-round.

"Some of the horses with their brightly colored saddles, were solid white with flecks of gold and silver shining in their manes; others were glossy black stallions, mottled grays, chestnuts, palominos and spotted black and white ponies. And in the middle of each saddle was a gleaming brass pole. Glowing electric lights and shiny mirrors circled the wooden animals like a gigantic jeweled crown."

For Laney and her siblings growing up at the beach made for a childhood filled with adventures. But the apartment was tiny and the music from the carousel's Wurlitzer could be tedious to say the least. Then again, it was a good excuse for the kids to play outside on the sand or on the pier or at Muscle Beach.

While it was paradise for the kids it presented many challenges for Elaine's mother. (Both of Elaine's parents were British-born.) But, ever resourceful, she made it work with the help of new furniture.

As Laney recounts, "Bunk beds filled the bedroom with the fresh smell of new wood. Mom had ordered bedspreads from the Sears and Roebucks catalog. They were made of white chenille and embroidered with navy blue sailboats and red sea shells. We were beginning to feel at home. Home, sweet, merry-go-round home."

Another problem was getting to the clothesline on the roof of the Hippodrome required climbing two flights of stairs and going through a neighbor's apartment. Mrs. Carlton enjoyed the company but Elaine's mother didn't like imposing. But Laney's father came up with a solution.

"My dad cut a nice square hole in the alcove ceiling, finished the edges and made a neat and tight cover for it. Then he bought a ladder that went up to the ceiling to reach the opening. It made wash day a whole lot easier for mom."

But pre-teen Laney, who had lived on the East Coast and felt different enough, wanted more than anything just to fit in with the "California kids" at Madison Elementary. So, as many children have secrets growing up, living above the merry-go-round was Laney's. And perhaps not completely unfounded.

With its four turrets on the corners and its huge cone-shaped dome on the roof, the Hippodrome presented a castle-like appearance. But, built in 1916, by the '40s it was shabby and rundown. As kids in school are prone to do, Laney feared she would be made fun of by her classmates.

But, for the most part, Laney flourished. In fact, as a teenager, she occasionally modeled and once was featured on the front page of the "Evening Outlook," Santa Monica's newspaper. (Long before the Daily Press.) At Samohi she enjoyed being a member of the prestigious Song Leader squad.

Over the course of the book Laney goes from a young girl to a young woman. In 20 chapters, enhanced by a dozen vintage photos, "All the Painted Ponies" is a poignant and nostalgic look back on small town Santa Monica that I barely recognize but would have loved to live in. And so endearing are the stories, by the book's end, the reader almost feels a part of the Jones' family.

Hopefully "Painted Ponies" will be published soon and I can officially review it. And of course, then Elaine can officially cross it off her "To Do" list.

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Buying new furniture a challenge for pet owners

BETH J. HARPAZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK Sydney Masters' dog Angus has white fur. But he loves to play and dig in the mud, so his paws are often brown. And that was a factor in Masters' choice of sofa.

"We didn't choose the lovely white sofa that I wanted. No! We chose a rich dark brown leather couch," said Masters, who shares a Manhattan apartment and a home in France with her husband, who is French, and with Angus, a West Highland terrier.

Finding furniture that dogs and cats won't ruin is a challenge for pet owners. Here are some things to think about when you're buying furniture, along with some ideas for protecting it from fur, stains and scratches.

LEATHER

Many dog owners report that leather works well as a pooch-proof alternative to fabric. "It's that kind of glossed leather that repels water and dirt," Masters says. Angus tends to stay off the sofa because the leather surface is "not as comfy or warm as other places and it's a little slippery." If he does occasionally sit on it, Masters says the dirt is easily wiped off.

But leather might not work for households with cats, who may damage it with their claws, according to the American Humane Association's chief veterinary adviser Dr. Patricia Olson. Owners of dog breeds that habitually dig or scratch might also think twice about leather.

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In addition to leaving scratch marks on leather, cat claws can destroy fabric upholstery. Some cat owners say that microfiber, a synthetic, velvety suede-like material, is a good alternative. It's smoother and less appealing to cats than knits or woven fabric they can sink their claws into. And fur — from dogs or cats — is easily removed from microfiber with a vacuum, lint roller or cloth. Microfiber can also be spot-cleaned.

FABRIC

Texture and design matter when choosing furniture. Some folks don't like the feel of leather (too cold) or microfiber (too synthetic) compared to fabric. Fabric-covered sofas and chairs also come in the widest range of colors and patterns, offering more choices for home decor.

If you own pets and must have fabric-covered sofas, consider this advice from Jay Jeffers of the Jeffers Design Group in San Francisco: "I would always suggest a fabric with a small pattern or texture - a herringbone pattern or small check creates a great disguise."

And don't be afraid to camouflage your pet's fur. "In our house, the furniture is in similar colors to our pets so their fur blends in," Jeffers said.

Fabric slipcovers with zippers that are easily removed and washed are a plus. Some brands, like IKEA, sell fitted slipcovers for their sofas so they can be replaced easily.

A COUCH OF THEIR OWN

One way to keep pets off your furniture is to give them a couch of their own. But where should sleeping dogs lie? Choices abound, from $30 floor pillows at discount pet chains to $1,200-$1,400 custom B-Home brand dog beds, sold at Jeffers' design store, Cavalier — named for his two cavalier King Charles spaniels.

Enchanted Home Pet sells classy dog-size sofas that look a lot like sofas for humans. They have backs and arms, in contemporary styles and colors ranging from tasteful grays and browns to bold, whimsical hues and geometric patterns. "Every bed has a different personality," said Enchanted Home Pet president Fred Silber, whose wife, Randi, designs the furniture.

While the Enchanted Home Pet products are inviting and comfy for dogs, they're also attractive accent pieces for a well-appointed home. They run $60 to $300 depending on size, style and place of purchase; they're available online and in stores, from trendy home decor websites like Joss & Main to brick-and-mortar chains like Marshalls. The company will soon introduce therapeutic options like orthopedic support, cooling gel and self-warming beds.

Finally, if you own cats, give them something better to scratch or lie on than your sofa: a scratching post doused with catnip spray and a climbing platform. (And of course, keep their nails trimmed.)

COVERING UP

The simplest way to protect furniture from pets is to throw a washable blanket or sheet on it. Problem is, these makeshift covers slip, come untucked and often look a mess. Consider a fitted slipcover or other covering designed to stay put and look neat. Matt Kovacs, owner of an English bulldog, Lulu, has tried a number of covers and recommends the SureFit brand. "Bulldogs drool, pant and are a general mess when it comes to everyday living," said Kovacs, of Long Beach, Calif. "Without the covers, furniture doesn't stand a chance." SureFit covers wash easily and when company comes over, they're easily pulled off.

An artfully draped throw can work too, and can even dress up an otherwise-plain piece of furniture. Masters doesn't mind tossing an attractive washable blanket on her leather sofa — even when it becomes a magnet for her dog: "You throw that on the end and it looks kind of chic, and he tends to curl up in that area."

The Q Line

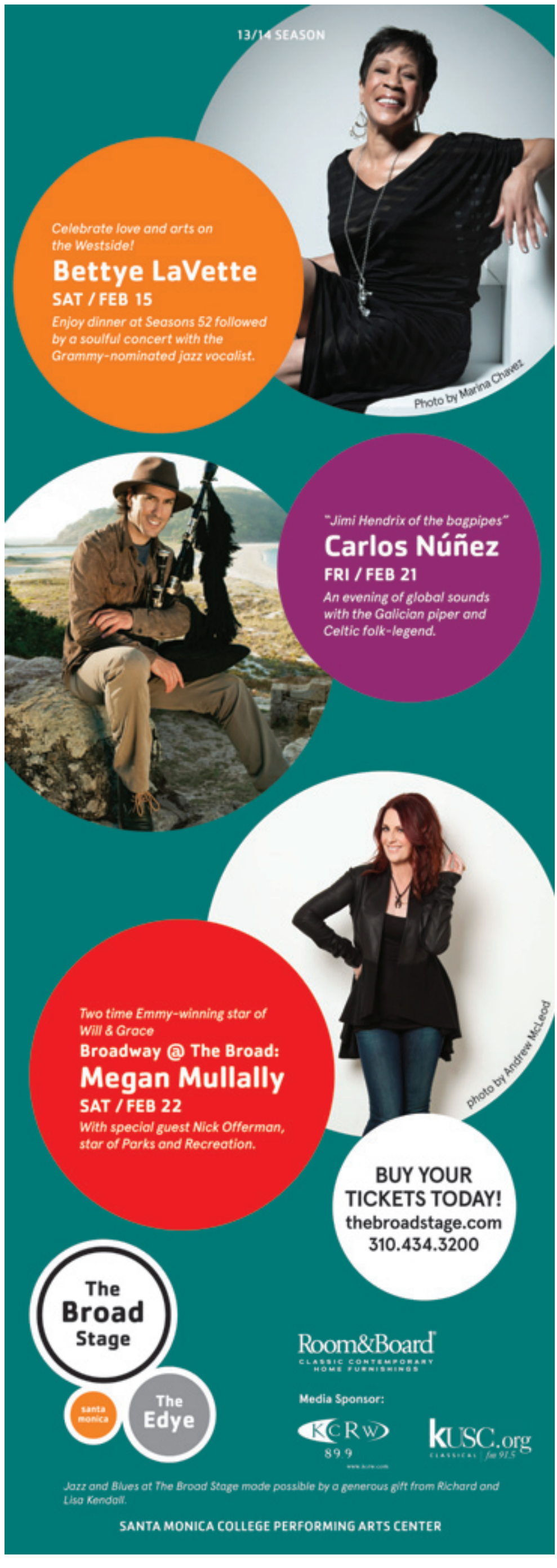
Big shoes to fill

Rep. Henry Waxman announced last week that he was going to retire from Congress after serving 20 terms. Numerous potential candidates have already signaled interest in taking over the Westside seat including former Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom and State Sen. Ted Lieu.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Who would you like to see replace Waxman and why?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **310-573-8354**.





Food industry seeks voluntary GMO labeling

MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON People who want to know more about genetically modified ingredients in their food would be able to get it on some packages, but not others, under a plan the industry is pushing.

Large food companies worried they might be forced to add "genetically modified" to packaging are proposing voluntary labeling of those engineered foods, so the companies could decide whether to use them or not.

The effort is an attempt to head off state-by-state efforts to require mandatory labeling. Recent ballot initiatives in California and Washington state failed, but several state legislatures are considering labeling requirements, and opponents of engineered ingredients are aggressively pushing for new laws in several states.

The move comes as consumers demand to know more about what's in their food. There's very little science that says genetically engineered foods are unsafe. But opponents say there's too much unknown about seeds that are altered in labs to have certain traits, and that consumers have a right to know if they are eating them. The seeds are engineered for a variety of reasons, many of them to resist herbicides or insects.

Pamela Bailey, president and CEO of the Grocery Manufacturers Association, the food industry's main trade group, said the decision on labels should rest with the Food and Drug Administration, which is set up to assess the safety of foods.

"It does not serve national food safety policy to leave these issues to political campaigns," she said.

The grocery manufacturers announced a partnership with 28 farm and food industry groups Thursday to push for the legislation. The groups include the National Corn Growers Association, the National Restaurant Association and the National Beverage Association, all industries that have seen pushback from consumers over modified ingredients.

The groups say mandatory labels would mislead consumers into thinking that engineered ingredients are unsafe.

The state laws could also create a complicated patchwork of labeling laws that would "increase, rather than reduce, consumer confusion," said Kraig Naasz of the American Frozen Food Institute, another member of the coalition.

The industries are lobbying members of Congress to introduce and pass a bill that would require FDA to create a voluntary label that would take precedence over any state laws. They are also pushing for FDA to do a safety review of new genetically engineered ingredients before they are sold in food. So far, FDA has not found safety issues with modified ingredients.

Theresa Eisenman, a spokeswoman for FDA, said food manufacturers are already allowed to label their foods as free of genetically modified ingredients. She said the agency "recognizes and appreciates" consumer interest in the issue.

"FDA has received citizen petitions regarding genetically engineered foods, including the labeling of such foods," she said. "The agency is currently considering those petitions and at this time has not made a decision, in whole or in part, regarding the petitions."

The companies are facing pressure from retailers as the conversation about modified ingredients has grown louder. Whole Foods announced last year that it plans to label GMO products in all its U.S. and Canadian stores within five years.

And some companies have decided to just remove the ingredients altogether, so no labels will be necessary. General Mills recently announced it would no longer use GMOs in its original Cheerios recipe.

It is unclear whether there is support for voluntary labels in Congress. Many lawmakers from farm states have defended the technology.

In May, the Senate overwhelmingly rejected an amendment by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. that would have allowed states to require labeling of genetically modified foods.

Sanders' amendment to a wide-ranging farm bill was an attempt to clarify that states can require the labels, as several legislatures have moved toward putting such laws into place. Senators from farm states that use a lot of genetically modified crops strongly opposed the amendment, saying the issue should be left up to the federal government and that labels could raise costs for consumers.

The final farm bill, which Congress passed and sent to President Barack Obama this week, does not weigh in on genetically modified ingredients.

Opponents of the modified ingredients say the sentiment may change in Congress as more states wade into the labeling debate. Scott Faber of the Environmental Working Group, a Washington advocacy group that supports labeling, says he expects around 30 state legislatures to consider the issue this year.

Maine and Connecticut have already enacted labeling laws for engineered foods, but they won't go into effect until other states in the region follow suit. And Oregon may be the next state to consider a ballot measure on the issue.

Faber says momentum is building across the country for labeling, "not because consumers are concerned about the technology, but because consumers are demanding to know more and more about their food."



City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Draft Zoning Ordinance Update**

This is the sixth hearing on the Draft Zoning Ordinance. This hearing will address Division III – General Regulations and may also include discussion of all other divisions of the draft document and amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) and Districting Map, particularly as these relate to Division III. The Commission may also have further discussion relating to divisions of the draft document that were the subject of prior Commission public hearings – Divisions I, II, IV and V. The Commission will hear public comments and provide comments to staff on all of these topics.

A revised meeting schedule will be published on the City of Santa Monica's Draft Zoning Ordinance Update webpage. For further information, see www.smgov.net/pcd.

WHEN: **Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 6:00 PM**

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

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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FRIDAY, JAN. 31, AT 3:50 A.M.

Officers responded to the Pavilion's Motel at 2338 Ocean Park Blvd. regarding a report of domestic violence. When officers arrived they heard a female yelling inside of one of the rooms and a male asking her to calm down. When officers contacted the occupants they found a drunk, naked woman inside and determined that no assault had occurred. Having no crime, the officers were about to leave when the woman went inside the bathroom, closed the door, and jumped out of the bathroom window. Officers found her in the alley behind the hotel. She was half-dressed at this point, trying to stumble away, and they arrested her for being drunk in public. While in the police car, she kicked out and broke a video camera in the back seat. The suspect was identified as Shelly Nikita James, 36. She refused to provide an address. Her bail was set at $20,000. She was also charged with vandalism.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2, AT 5:30 P.M.

Santa Monica police officers stopped a car at 12th Street and Wilshire Boulevard for a vehicle code violation. During the stop the passenger was asked to exit the vehicle and asked if he would comply to a search. The passenger complied and the officer found hashish in his pocket. The suspect was arrested for possession of concentrated cannabis. He was identified as Omar Hernandez, 18, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,000.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2, AT 7:20 P.M.

Officers contacted a person sitting outside of the 7-Eleven at 630 Wilshire Blvd. While talking to him they asked him if they could search him for weapons since he was wearing several layers of heavy clothing. The person complied. As the officer conducted the search, he felt a hard object in the person's pocket. The person told the officer that it was a pipe used to smoke meth. The officer also found the person to be under the influence of a central nervous system stimulant. The suspect was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and being under the influence of a controlled substance. He was identified as John Peter Sgorrano, 20, a transient. His bail was set at $2,500.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1, AT 1:45 P.M.

Officers responded to a residence in the 1400 block of Seventh Street regarding a man leaving an apartment with a gun in his waistband. Officers responded to the residence to check for the suspect and while they were there they obtained consent to search the residence for any weapons. During the search of the residence they saw drug paraphernalia and heroin in plain view. One occupant was arrested for being under the influence of a drug and charges are being sought on another occupant for possession of the heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia. The suspect was identified as David Allen Blanck, 26, of Moorpark. His bail was set at $2,500.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1, AT 5:30 A.M.

Officers responded to a residence in the 1900 block of Euclid Street regarding a fight that had just occurred between a couple. The girlfriend told police officers that she pushed her boyfriend because she was upset with him. Officers noticed swelling of the boyfriend's lip and dried blood on his face. The girlfriend was arrested for domestic violence. She was identified as Cynthia Monica Laskowski, 28, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $20,000.

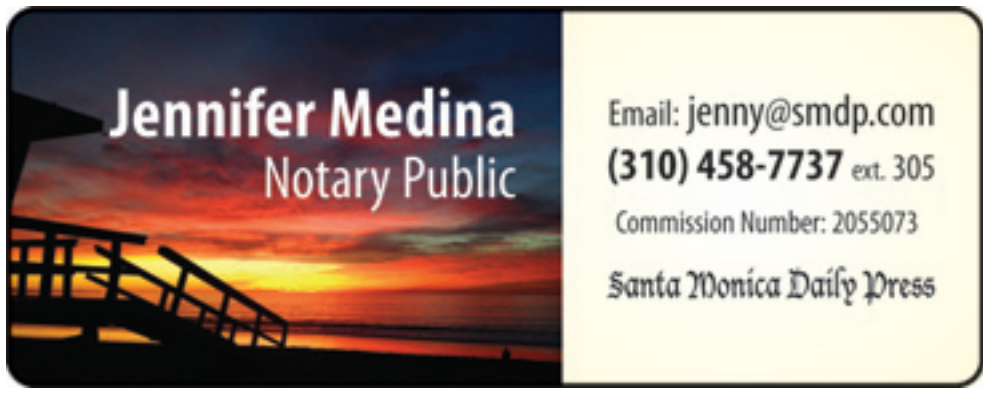
FRIDAY, JAN. 31, AT 1 P.M.

Officers responded to the Rite Aid store at 1331 Wilshire Blvd. regarding a shoplifting suspect being held there by store security. As the officers responded the suspect became uncooperative and left the store, followed by store security agents. A responding officer caught up to and stopped the suspect in the 1100 block of Wilshire Boulevard. The officers talked to the store's security agents who told them that the suspect entered the store, took items, and walked out without paying for them. As he did this, store personnel attempted to stop him. The suspect ignored the employees' efforts and walked away carrying merchandise that the store estimated at a value of $34.76. Officers also developed information that led them to believe that the suspect entered the store with the intent on stealing, which is considered a burglary. The suspect was identified as David Eugene Hamilton, 22. He refused to give officers an address. His bail was set at $20,000.

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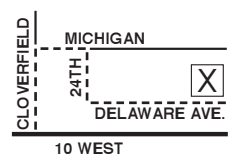


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statement.

Requests for Californians to curtail their power use typically occur in summer, when temperatures soar and air conditioners roar, especially across Southern California.

The so-called Flex Alert, in which residents are asked to turn off unneeded lights, avoid using large appliances or equipment, and turn off electrically powered heaters, expired Thursday.

It wasn't immediately clear if the conservation request would extend beyond a single day.

Stephanie McCorkle, a spokeswoman for the grid operator, said Southern California has become increasingly dependent on natural gas-fired plants since the decision last year to shutter the troubled San Onofre nuclear power plant, which is located between Los Angeles and San Diego.

When it was operating, the twin-reactor San Onofre plant produced enough power for 1.4 million homes.

Record amounts of natural gas are being burned for heat and electricity across North America.

Research firm Bentek Energy said in a statement Thursday that domestic natural gas production dropped about 1 percent in January from the previous month. That doesn't include Alaska or Hawaii.

"The recent and persistent cold in the U.S. Northeast and Midwest regions affected overall production this month, given that wells can freeze during very cold weather," Jack Weixel, Bentek's director of energy analysis, said in a statement.

Bentek analyst Luke Jackson said gas supplies entering Southern California pipelines have been considerably lower the past two days because of high gas prices and strong demand in Texas, the Pacific Northwest and the Rocky Mountain states, which has crimped gas supplies for Southern California.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which operates most of that state's electric grid, asked people to reduce electric use until noon Friday. Peak demand Thursday morning exceeded 57,000 megawatts and could break the record of 57,277 megawatts before Texas' cold temperatures subside, the council said in a news release.

"We are expecting cold weather to continue through tomorrow morning's high demand period, and some generation capacity has become unavailable due to limitations to natural gas supplies," said Dan Woodfin, the council's director of system operations.

PARK
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battle with the Federal Aviation Administration over the future of the airport (last week the FAA filed a response to City Hall's response to FAA's response to City Hall's lawsuit) and park advocates are watching closely. City Hall wants the right to close the airport but the FAA says they can't.

In the meantime, advocates for the park say $6 million could be raised to fund it through a variety of outlets.

"At present we are obliged to rent out airport buildings at below market cost as a result of restrictions imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration in 1984," said David Goddard, the chairman of the Airport Commission. "I estimate that when those leases run out in 2015 and we can charge current rents for the buildings, there'll be at least $6 million available, which should be more than enough to cover the costs of maintaining the park."

The cost of building the park could come from state and federal cash, said Esther Feldman, president of Community Conservation Solutions. She has generated more than $3 billion for parks in Southern California according to a release from the Aiport2Park group.

"Cities increasingly need wild places where we let nature reclaim our over-organized environment," she said. "The airport park may be in Santa Monica, but if we promote it as an asset for the whole region like Griffith Park or The Presidio in San Francisco it could attract both California and national funds."

She urged advocates to "think big."

They may have to: the recently completed Tongva Park cost City Hall $43 million.

Philanthropists and nonprofits might also be interested in funding a park, said Neil Carrey, former chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Former Santa Monica Mayor Mike Feinstein chaired the event.

"This is an idea whose time has come," he said. "I think tonight's panel has proved that."

One low-cost model would include simply closing the airport and opening the runway to residents as a park space. This was done at Berlin's Tempelhof Airport, said the event's moderator Frank Gruber.

Gruber noted that the biggest cost, the real estate, was paid for more than a hundred years ago when City Hall bought the land.

"Most of the green space on the Westside consists of private golf courses which ordinary people can't use," he said.

City Hall and Airport2Park advocates say that the contract with the FAA expires July 1 of next year. The FAA maintain that it's 2023. This is one of many details the two sides are arguing over in the ongoing litigation.

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Residents opposed to the development, dubbed the Bergamot Transit Village, are planning to use both prongs in their attack on the project, which they say will cause too much traffic in an already-congested area.

Armen Melkonians, founder of Residocracy.org, a website designed to challenge council decisions, is kicking off his referendum push on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the SGI Building on Wilshire Boulevard at Sixth Street.

He will begin collecting official referendum signatures at the event and he's going to need a lot of them. In order to force a vote, Melkonians and his team will have 30 days from next Tuesday to collect official signatures from 10 percent of Santa Monica's registered voters.

As of Dec. 30, there were 65,230 registered voters in the city by the sea, said City Clerk Sarah Gorman. This means somewhere in the neighborhood of 6,500 signatures will be required to force a vote.

Melkonians wants more — twice the number required — because he anticipates that some of the signatures will be disqualified for various reasons, including signers not being registered to vote. He's garnered more than 700 signatures to an e-petition (which is not official) with promises from the signers to deliver more than 5,000 official signatures.

"The average pledge is less than 10 signatures per person," he said. "That's a good thing because no one is making wild claims about how many they can bring in."

They plan to go door-to-door and use social media to gain John Hancocks from residents.

If Melkonians' team can get the necessary signatures, City Hall will have 88 days to arrange a special election. Between the 30 days allotted to the petitioners and the 88 days for City Hall to set up an election, it could occur as late as mid-June.

The agreement would be presented just as it was to council and if a majority of the residents vote in opposition to the project, Hines would be forced to build within the current zoning code set out for the area or reoccupy the current warehouse space.

Gorman said that the referendum process would be handled by the City Clerk's Office, which she heads, and the City Attorney's Office. The clerks office has gone through the referendum process in the past, but it would be a first for Gorman. City Hall has not yet estimated the cost or amount of work that would go into arranging a referendum vote, she said.

COURT CHALLENGE

Last week, lawyers for Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC), a political group opposed to the development, sent council a 50-page document challenging the legality of the environmental impact report that was performed on the Hines proposal.

A post on the SMCLC website calls the letter "a precursor to a lawsuit."

The Daily Press attempted to reach SMCLC representatives but did not hear back by presstime.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires City Hall to study and disclose environmental impacts that might be caused by proposed projects.

Community groups can file a CEQA challenge if they feel, for example, that the environmental impact studies missed something or were too short.

SMCLC's letter includes three major complaints, with several issues that fall underneath those.

One claim is that too few alternatives were studied for the project. They say that an option that included more residential units should have been studied.

At Tuesday's meeting, city planners responded to this claim, noting that a more residential project was studied and found to be financial unfeasible.

The other claims were that the traffic impacts were not properly analyzed and that the project does not align with standards set forth by previous council-approved plans for the area.

Traffic and planning officials defended their process for the record on Tuesday night.

If council officially approves the agreement next week, SMCLC or other community groups would have anywhere from 30 to 180 days to sue depending on several factors.

A CEQA challenge would not block the developer from beginning construction, said City Attorney Marsha Moutrie. The petitioner would have to ask the court for a stay, she said.

City officials keep detailed records in case anyone opts to challenge the council's actions.

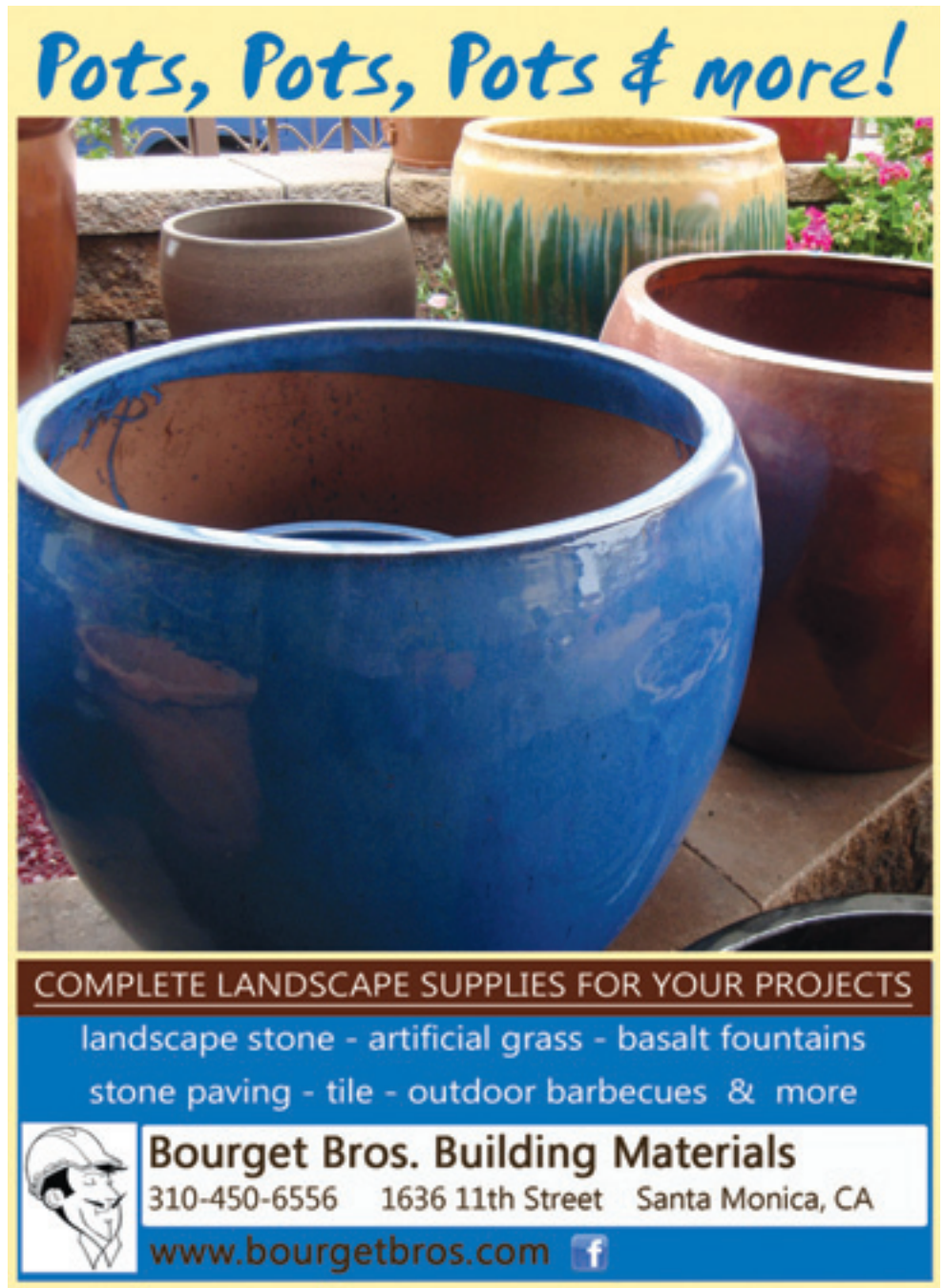
"We try to build a record that demonstrates compliance with all legal requirements," said Moutrie. "This includes those imposed by CEQA. This work has many aspects. One particularly important aspect is the crafting of findings that explain and support (City Hall's) action."

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U.S. stocks end higher; Dow has its best day of 2014

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After a rocky start to the week, U.S. stocks roared back on Thursday, giving major stock indexes their biggest gain of the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average and the S&P 500 index each closed up 1.2 percent, their largest single-day increase since Dec. 18.

The rally helped the market rebound a day after a modest loss and continued a gradual comeback since a plunge of more than 2 percent on Monday.

"The market was very oversold going into the day's trading," said Jim Russell, senior equity strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 188.30 points, or 1.2 percent, to close at 15,628.53. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 21.79 points, also 1.2 percent, to 1,773.43. Both indexes were still down about half a percent for the week following a steep drop on Monday.

The Nasdaq composite gained 45 points, or 1.1 percent, to 4,057.12.

Thursday's surge began overseas, where the European Central Bank decided not to cut interest rates. The move propelled major European stock indexes sharply higher.

Then the markets got a dose of good news on the U.S. job market. The Labor Department reported that fewer people applied for unemployment benefits last week.

That report, combined with a private survey on U.S. hiring released Wednesday, appeared to bolster investors' confidence that the government will issue a positive January jobs report on Friday.

"Those two numbers combined ... suggest that perhaps tomorrow's numbers might look a little stronger," Russell said.

All week, investors have been looking ahead to the employment survey and what it will augur for the economy.

Evidence of healthy U.S. job growth would suggest that the world's biggest economy is still expanding at a solid pace. That would comfort investors, many of whom became uneasy in recent weeks after signs of weaker global growth emerged.

Those concerns were seen by some other investors as a buying opportunity.

"The fear in the markets has subsided some," said Marc Doss, regional chief investment officer at Wells Fargo Private Bank.

Thursday's gains were broad. All 10 of the S&P 500's sectors rose. Three stocks rose for every one that fell.

Stock buyers got going early on, reacting to better-than-expected earnings late Wednesday from The Walt Disney Co. The media giant got a lift from its movie hit "Frozen" and sales of the "Disney Infinity" video game. The stock rose $3.80, or 5.3 percent, to $75.56.

Akamai Technologies led the gainers in the S&P 500 index after the online content delivery company allayed fears that it had lost Apple as a customer. Akamai soared $9.76, or 20.6 percent, to $57.18. Among the other big risers were construction industry supplier Vulcan Materials, which added $5.47, or 9.1 percent, to $65.66, and O'Reilly Automotive, which rose $12.16, or 9 percent, to $146.72.

Investors also cheered Dunkin' Brands Group, which reported that more people visited stores owned by the chain restaurant in the last quarter and spent more there once they got inside. The stock added $1.59, or 3.4 percent, to $48.89.

Other stocks didn't fare as well.

Twitter's first earnings report since becoming a public company stirred concerns that growth is slowing at the online messaging service. The stock lost $15.94, or 24.2 percent, to $50.03.

A couple of energy companies were among the biggest decliners in the S&P 500.

Chesapeake Energy skidded after the oil and gas company gave its outlook for production and spending in 2014. The company lost $1.80, or 6.9 percent, to $24.41. Petroleum refiner Tesoro shed $2.35, or 4.7 percent, to $47.60.

Health care supplier Perrigo also fell sharply, losing $6.79, or 4.4 percent, to $146.49.

Investors had moved money into bonds in recent weeks on concern that U.S. growth is slowing. That trend continued to do a gradual reversal on Thursday.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note ticked up to 2.70 percent from 2.67 percent on Wednesday. The yield, which affects rates on mortgages and other consumer loans, had fallen to 2.58 percent on Monday, the lowest in more than two months.

All told, major indexes gained a little bit of the ground lost since Monday, when the Dow sank 326 points as disappointing news about U.S. manufacturing unnerved investors.

How Wall Street interprets Friday's employment report will determine whether the market will continue rebounding from Monday's losses.

In December, the economy added a disappointing 74,000 jobs. That was the fewest in three years and far below the average of 214,000 added in the previous four months.

The Labor Department said Thursday that the number of people applying for U.S. unemployment benefits declined 20,000 last week to 331,000. That suggests Americans are facing fewer layoffs and better job prospects.

"We do think that a little bit of a pause in the market was absolutely due and at hand as we finished 2013, so we think much of that has occurred," said Russell. "If tomorrow's numbers come in weak, you can blame the weather. If they come in a little stronger, of course that's what we want."

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF VACANCY AND PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT
(Education Code Section 5092)

1. A vacancy in the membership on the Board of Trustees of the Santa Monica Community College District has occurred by reason of the resignation or other reason of David Finkel effective January 14, 2014.
2. The resignation was filed in the office of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools on January 14, 2014.
3. Barry Snell was provisionally appointed by the Board of Trustees on February 4, 2014 to fill the above-named vacancy.
4. The provisional appointment shall become effective unless a petition calling for a special election, containing a sufficient number of signatures is filed in the office of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools within 30 days from the date of the provisional appointment. The petition calling for a special election shall contain the valid signatures of at least 1-1/2 percent of the number of registered voters of the district at the time of the last regular election for governing board members held within the Santa Monica Community College District, or 25 registered voters of the district, whichever is greater.

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Fears of slowdown sharpen focus on jobs report

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WASHINGTON Fears of an economic slowdown are heightening anticipation of what Friday's U.S. jobs report for January might reveal.

Stock markets have sunk after signs of weaker growth in the United States, Europe and China. Turmoil in developing countries has further spooked investors. The upheaval has renewed doubts about the Federal Reserve's next steps.

Evidence of healthy U.S. job growth would help soothe those jitters. It would suggest that the world's biggest economy is still expanding solidly enough to support global growth.

"The best antidote right now for all these problems is a robust U.S. economy," said Carl Riccadonna, an economist at Deutsche Bank. "The whole world is watching, even more so than usual."

Yet anyone looking to Friday's report for a clear picture of the U.S. economy's health might be disappointed. Unseasonably cold winter weather could distort January's hiring figures. Revised estimates of job growth last year and the size of the U.S. population might further skew the data.

Another complication: A cutoff of extended unemployment benefits in December might have caused an artificial drop in January's unemployment rate and perhaps a misleading snapshot of the job market's health.

"Just when we need it most, the employment report may fall short," Riccadonna said.

All the anxiety marks a reversal from a few weeks ago, when most analysts were feeling hopeful about the global economy. U.S. growth came in at a sturdy 3.7 percent annual pace in the second half of last year. The Dow Jones industrial average finished 2013 at a record high. Europe's economy was slowly emerging from a long recession. Japan was finally perking up after two decades of stagnation.

Yet in just the past few weeks has come a barrage of dispiriting economic news. U.S. hiring slowed sharply in December. Employers added just 74,000 jobs, barely a third of the average gain in the previous four months.

On Monday, an industry survey found that manufacturing grew much more slowly in January than in December. A measure of new orders in the report plummeted to the lowest level in a year. That report contributed to a dizzying 326-point plunge in the Dow Jones industrial average.

Also Monday, automakers said sales slipped 3 percent in January. And last week, the government said orders to U.S. factories fell in December. So did signed contracts to buy homes, according to the National Association of Realtors.

A gauge of China's manufacturing fell to a six-month low in January. And a report Wednesday said retail sales in the 18 European countries that use the euro fell in December by the most in 2? years.

For all that, most economists remain relatively optimistic about U.S. growth. They attribute the recent weakness in the United States in part to unseasonably cold weather, which disrupted trucking and shipping. The weather might have lowered hiring in December by up to 50,000 jobs, according to several economists' estimates. Few Americans want to test-drive cars or search for a new home in poor weather.

"I think the US economy is still doing just fine," said Bob Baur, chief global economist at Principal Global Investors. "Maybe people are overreacting a bit."

Baur still thinks U.S. growth will come in at nearly a 3 percent pace this year. That would be the best showing since 2005.

Growth at that level would also be enough for the Fed to continue winding down its monthly bond purchase program, Baur said. The Fed is buying $65 billion in bonds this month to try to keep interest rates low and encourage borrowing and spending. It has pared those purchases from $85 billion in December. Fed officials have said they will likely end the purchases by year's end if the economy improves further.

Some positive signs have emerged. Fewer Americans sought unemployment benefits last week, the government said Thursday. Applications fell 20,000 to 331,000, suggesting that companies are laying off fewer workers.

A survey of service sector companies, including retailers, banks and restaurants, found that they grew faster in January than in December. The service companies, which represent about 90 percent of all private firms, also stepped up hiring, the survey found.

And payroll processor ADP said Wednesday that businesses added 175,000 jobs in January. That's roughly in line with the average monthly gains of the past two years. It suggests that hiring could have rebounded a bit from December's disappointing result. Still, ADP's figure was also lower than the 227,000 jobs it said were added in December.

Yet ADP's figures cover only businesses and frequently diverge from the government's more comprehensive count.

Another unknown is the effect of the expiration of emergency unemployment benefits on Dec. 28. Benefits for about 1.4 million unemployed were cut off. Many of those people might have given up on their job searches in January. They had been required to look for work to receive benefits.

People out of work aren't counted as unemployed unless they're actively seeking work. If many people stopped looking for a job last month after their benefits ran out, the number of unemployed would fall. And so would the unemployment rate.

There's no way to know how all these different trends will affect Friday's report.

"We view this month's (jobs) results as pretty much of a crapshoot," said Joshua Shapiro, an economist at MFR Inc., a forecasting firm.

MANGo
Council Review of Concept Plan
Tuesday, February 11th 6:30PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1685 Main Street



After more than a year of public outreach, including the fun Pop-Up MANGo community festival, the City Council will consider the concept plan at the February 11, 2014 meeting. Public comment will be accepted at the meeting, or you may provide input in writing to planning@smgov.net.

For more information visit smgov.net/michigan or contact Jason Kligier, AICP, Transportation Planning Associate, City of Santa Monica: 310.458.8341.

Esto es una noticia sobre talleres para planear el futuro de Santa Monica. Para mas informacion, llame a Peter James al numero 310.458.8341.



The Michigan Avenue Neighborhood Greenway (MANGo) is intended to create an inviting streetscape along Michigan Avenue and adjoining streets. The three-mile Greenway between the Bergamot Arts Center and the beach would provide a safe and comfortable place for neighbors of all ages to walk, bike, and interact with one another.

Additionally, it will be a functional circulation link to connect residents and visitors with many significant community and regional institutions, including schools, parks, job centers, and future Expo stations. MANGo will make it easier to get around Santa Monica on foot and by bicycle, and is intended to enhance the livability of the Pico Neighborhood and improve environmental quality.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **58.5°**

FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
NW windswell up slightly; Very small WNW swell; onshore Westerly flow continues

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Potential small NW windswell tops out; small WNW swell; stay tuned

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Potential WNW swell mix

MONDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Potential slight rise in WNW swell mix

BEACH REPORT CARD

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA and Swain Barber Foundation

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

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

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

LEGEND

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

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NBC Olympics online deserves a silver medal

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NEW YORK NBC comes close to gold in delivering the Winter Olympics online from Sochi, Russia.

Although NBC has scaled back on a few fronts compared with previous years —and still refuses to show the opening ceremonies live — things have improved considerably since 2000, when online "video" meant still images grabbed from NBC's video feeds. Fast forward to the London Summer Games in 2012, when every single competition and medal ceremony was available live.

NBC has extended that to the Sochi games, which began Thursday. Every sport is available live at NBCOlympics.com and the NBC Sports Live Extra apps for Apple, Android and Windows Phone devices — the Windows version just arrived Tuesday. By contrast, during the previous Winter Games, NBC largely limited live video to curling and ice hockey.

On Thursday, I was able to watch the short program in team figure skating shortly after 10:30 a.m. EST, or 7:30 p.m. in Sochi. NBC didn't make me wait until its television broadcast in the evening. By then, I might have learned of results from Facebook or the multitude of websites offering non-video coverage.

The day's coverage actually began at 1 a.m. EST. with qualification rounds in men's slopestyle. It's a form of snowboarding in which skiers display technical skills and creativity as they maneuver down a slope peppered with jumps and rails they must slide across. I know that because NBC had a short video explaining the sport.

Of course, I didn't actually get up at 1 a.m. to watch the Olympics. That would be crazy. Instead, my alarm went off at 4 a.m. Less crazy.

I didn't make it out of bed until closer to 5 a.m., though, when qualification rounds for women's slopestyle began.

It's unfortunate that NBC doesn't allow me to watch from the beginning. I have to catch the live stream in progress, the way television worked before digital video recorders came along. I also cannot rewind and pause video on the website, while capabilities vary on the apps.

There was a lot of down time watching events on opening day. I had to wait more than an hour between the two groups of skiers in women's slopestyle. The live video continued, but it was mostly a distant shot of the slope. It was like watching paint dry.

I would have wanted to use that time to catch up on events I missed while sleeping. But NBC isn't making replays available until about 3:30 p.m. EST each day. For some events, that's more than half a day later. The exceptions will be in lower-profile sports such as curling and ice hockey.

Another limitation: I'm able to watch just one video at a time. During the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing, I was able to watch four — one on the main screen, plus three in smaller windows to the side. Although there weren't any overlapping events Thursday, that's coming. The alternative is to watch a second feed on a phone or tablet.

Live video and full-event replays are limited to subscribers of pay TV services, such as Comcast, Verizon and DirecTV. You need a password from your provider, typically the same one for online bills.

If you've dropped cable to save money, you're limited to 30 minutes of video on the first day you watch, and five minutes a day after that — enough to get a taste of what you're missing. There's no option to pay for just the Olympics online. There's no use griping, as the television industry is doing this to discourage people from cutting their pay TV service.

Without a subscription, you can still get highlights and other features for free. There are actually two Olympics-related apps from NBC. Live Extra gets you live video, while schedules, results and news stories are on a separate app, NBC Olympics Highlights and Results.

NBC continues its practice of using a lot of video from world feeds produced for countries that don't have their own broadcasters. These are broadcast-quality feeds, with graphics, commentary and replays chosen by the production crews.

It's nice to see non-Americans compete, something that's typically missing from NBC's television broadcasts unless they are the top contenders. But it also feels as though NBC is just throwing these videos online.

NBC will address this partly by expanding an online channel called "Gold Zone." With multiple events going on, it can be difficult to keep track of what to watch. "Gold Zone" takes you to the best of what's happening. NBC offered that in London, but "Gold Zone" will get more of a broadcast feel in Sochi with hosts and a studio. It won't start until Saturday, though.

In a sense, the online experience is beginning to replicate television, with more content made available to you.

Consequently, the online features feel less interactive and more difficult to seek out. The events schedule now feels more like a television listing. Events are displayed chronologically, rather than as a grid that lets you jump around from day to day, sport to sport. Results are buried in the schedule, rather than collected in one place under a "results" tab.

NBC also removed a central place for getting primers on various events. Instead, specific primers, such as the video on slopestyle basics, are presented to you now and then — just like television.

If you have a streaming device such as Roku or Chromecast, you're largely out of luck. I managed to get video on the big-screen TV only by using an Apple TV to mirror the display on my Mac computer. That feature is disabled on iPhones and iPads.

NBC wants the online experience to be like television, without replacing television. In doing so, it's adding constraints that make online viewing a silver-medal effort at best.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
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Never Apologize (NR) 1hr 41min
and
The Whales of August (NR) 1hr 30min
7:30 pm

British director Lindsay Anderson is the subject of a tribute by Malcolm McDowell (whom he mentored) and Mike Kaplan.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-3924

Frozen (PG) 1hr 25min
11:00am, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (NR) 1hr 40min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:05pm

Vampire Academy (NR)
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Nut Job (PG)
11:50am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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

Labor Day (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 10:30pm

Lego Movie in 3D (PG)
1:25pm, 7:00pm

Ride Along (PG-13)
11:25am, 1:35pm, 5:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:45pm

Monuments Men (NR)
11:15am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Wolf of Wall Street (R) 2hrs 45min
10:50am, 3:00pm, 6:50pm, 9:50pm

American Hustle (R) 2hrs 09min
10:30am, 2:10pm, 4:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

Lego Movie (PG)
10:40am, 4:20pm, 9:40pm

That Awkward Moment (R)
11:35am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

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

Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
3:50pm, 9:40pm

Past (Le passe) (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
1:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

Great Beauty (La Grande Bellezza) (NR) 2hrs 30min
1:20pm, 4:40pm, 8:00pm

Philomena (R) 1hr 34min
1:10pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm

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

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ACCEPT AN OFFER, VIRGO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might want to take some of the heat off a close associate or loved one. You might try having a discussion with someone else involved, but that is unlikely to succeed. In fact, your efforts likely will fall short. Tonight: Get together with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You often tend to exaggerate a situation without realizing it. Certain facts really do stand out to you more than others. A partner or close loved one might feel uneasy about a conversation. Tonight: Meet up with friends to celebrate. TGIF!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You could breeze through a lot of work and feel much freer for a while. Double-check everything you do right now, because there could be an error. Someone you count on could be off-kilter. Tonight: In weekend mode.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Do more listening and less reacting. You might not be happy with what you are hearing, but you will see a situation differently in the long run. Make a list of the pros and cons rather than react. Tonight: Head home. Do a vanishing act.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Listen to news more openly than you have in the past. You might conclude that a partner is less than helpful. Find out what is on this person's mind, and clear out any obstacles between the two of you. Tonight: Just be yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ How you deal with others and their complications could be exhausting. Some have expectations that you might not be able to fulfill. It will be important to have a discussion about what you can do, as opposed to what they would like you to do. Tonight: Accept an offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your ability to see the big picture might be more significant than you realize. You are able to visualize an idea and see how to make it possible. Use your unique creativity. Tonight: Meet a friend at a new spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to what someone shares. You might think that you are in a position to clear up a problem. However, even if you succeed, you will have to redo this same process later. Be aware that someone might have a mental block. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You have reason to feel popular, as others seek you out. Your ability to understand what is happening is a resource that people want to tap into. A family commitment could be more difficult to handle than you are aware. Tonight: The spotlight is on you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to approach an associate in a different way. Listen to what he or she has to say. Observe what is happening between you and a close friend, sibling or neighbor. You might not be seeing this person clearly. Tonight: Finish up what you must.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be very forthright in your dealings over financial concerns and/or a creative project. You won't be able to complete your agreement at this time, because it would backfire. Stay light and easy when dealing with a loved one or child. Tonight: Be a kid yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be wondering what is happening with a family member who seems a bit out of sorts. This person might feel weighed down by responsibilities. If you pitch in, you could be surprised by how fast his or her mood will change. Tonight: Make it early.

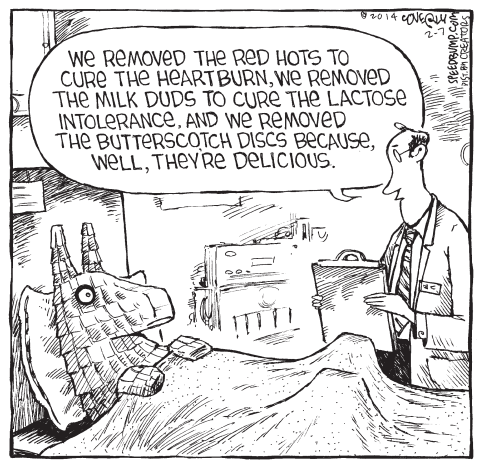
Friday, February 7, 2014

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

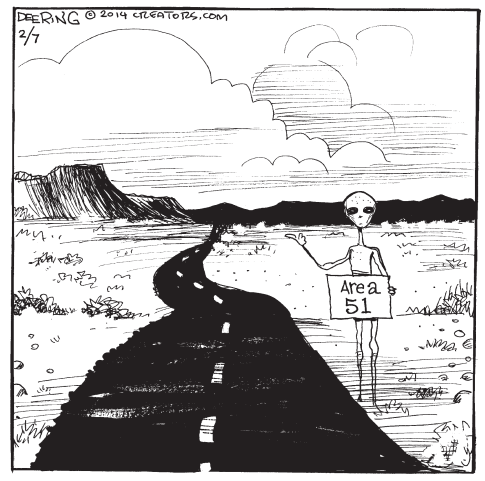
This year you open up to new ideas, and you are able to let go of your previously held restrictions. You could feel uncomfortable at work or with someone in charge. You might not know exactly why, and it might not be important. If you are single, just wait until summer, as this will be when your social life picks up. Date away until you are sure you've found Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you will bond as if you are newfound lovers. A new addition to the family also is possible. GEMINI always is a delight, and he or she often makes you laugh.

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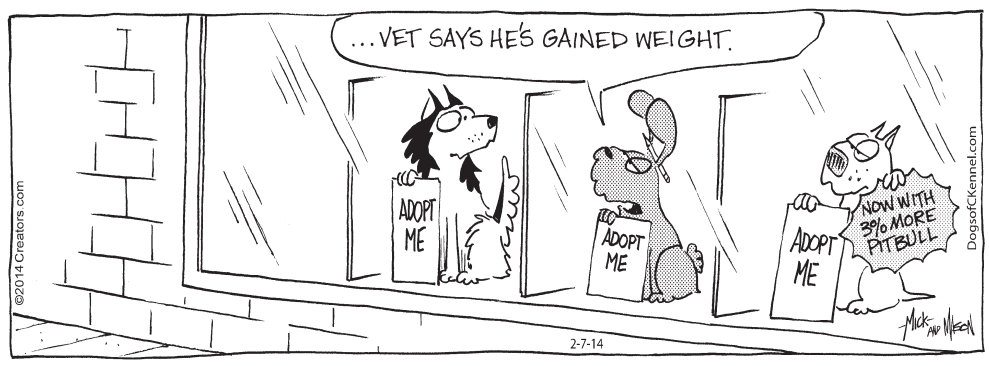
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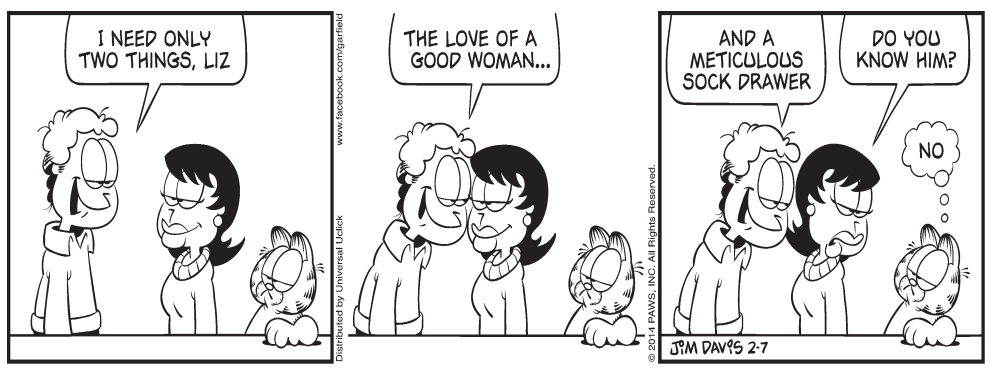
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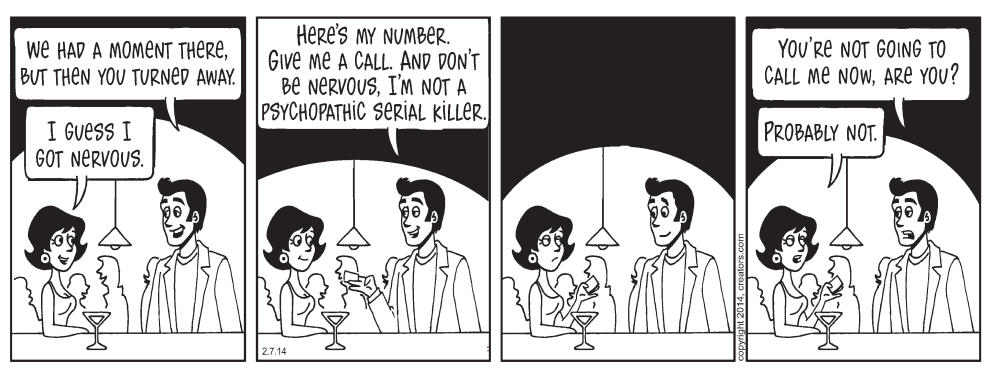
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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16 Outback runner
18 Seventh letter
19 Peyton's brother
20 Scathing review
21 Tie the knot
22 Bacon slice
24 Painter Cassatt
25 Confectioner Milton
27 Needing aspirin
29 Pays tribute to
32 — degree
33 Track action
34 Diet no-no
35 Bruins legend
36 PC connection letters
37 Tell tales
38 Back biter
40 Undermine
42 Bumbling
43 White cliffs setting
44 Summer spots for some
45 Canary chow

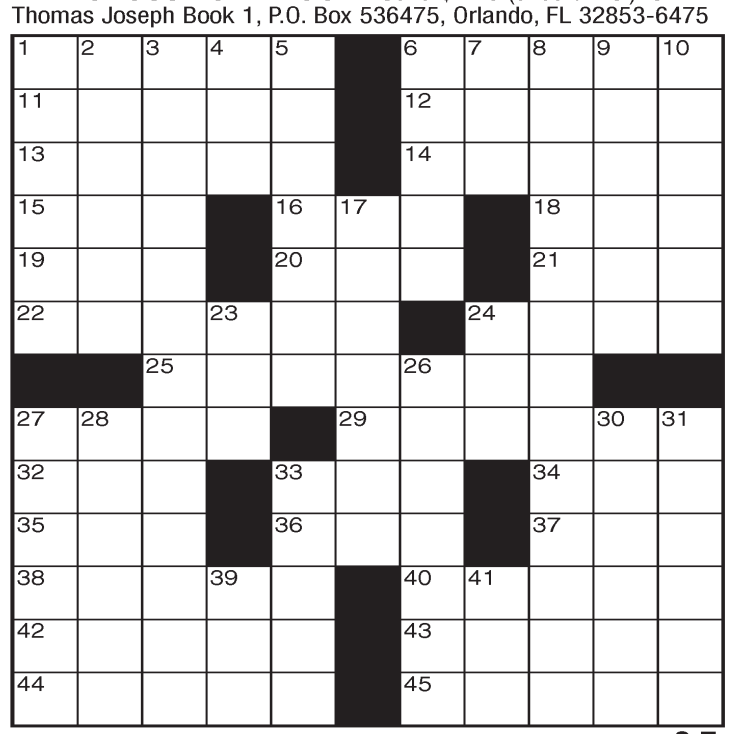
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1 Groom's title
2 Gazelle's cousin
3 1971 Aretha Franklin hit
4 Seth MacFarlane film
5 Surprise hit
6 Second airing
7 Historic time
8 1985 Aretha Franklin hit
9 Perfume counter bottle
10 Unwavering
17 Bogs
23 "You there!"
24 Chess pieces
26 Activity centers
27 Like some clocks
28 Sun halo
30 Stole from
31 Takes the helm
33 Reynolds and Lancaster
39 Phone download
41 Fish eggs

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25 44 49 60 73
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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/6
6 11 16 29 34

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 2/6
MIDDAY: 8 0 4
EVENING: 0 6 4

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 2/6
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
RACE TIME: 1:45.58

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Among planet Earth's most bizarre local customs is the Christmas tradition in Spain's Catalonia region of decorating Nativity scenes with figurines of famous people squatting and answering nature's calls. News of the Weird has noted that presidents (Bush and Obama) have been "honored" with posterior-baring statuettes, along with Queen Elizabeth. Right on cue this past Christmas, Spanish artists unveiled "caganers" in the images of Pope Francis and Nelson Mandela. (Perhaps the least-illogical explanation for the tradition is that if the manger is fertilized, the coming year's crops will flourish.)

■ To build an iron ore smelting plant in Iceland in 2009, Alcoa Inc. was forced to kowtow to the country's national obsession that elves ("hidden people") live underground and that construction projects must assure that the little fellas have had a chance to scatter gracefully to new habitats. Alcoa hired the necessary elf-monitoring "engineers," and eventually the project proceeded. In December 2013, the government announced it was temporarily abandoning a major road project connecting a remote peninsula and the capital of Reykjavik after it was "learned" that the route would disturb an "elf church." The likely outcome, again, according to an Associated Press dispatch, is that the project will resume once the elves have relocated.

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