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Third wave coffee breaks onto Main Street with Blue Bottle



Kate Cagle

VACANT: The former Peet's Coffee on Main Street could be home to a new coffee shop soon.

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Locals know there's something amiss on Main Street.

More than a month after Peet's Coffee abruptly shuttered its location at 2439 Main Street, Ocean Park neighbors will likely welcome the news a new coffee shop is finally replacing the busy location known for hosting coffee with a cop and dozens of daily business meetings and get-togethers.

The cozy feel of the Berkeley-based coffee chain will make way for the next phase of Porto filters: Blue Bottle Coffee. With its emphasis on the individual cup, Blue Bottle's locations can sometimes look more like latte laboratories than a cozy place to escape June gloom.

Named after one of the first coffee houses in 17th century Vienna, Austria, Blue Bottle is known for roasting just six pounds of beans at a time and actually started in Oakland as a

home delivery service. It has since morphed into a major player in the highbrow barista battle for the best hipster coffee. Over the past few years its CEO James Freeman has ushered in a period of rapid expansion, raising \$120 million from investors. Last September, the world's largest food and beverage company, Nestle, acquired a majority stake in the company.

The roaster now lists twelve Los Angeles area locations on its website, including nearby Abbot Kinney, Brentwood Town Center and Playa Vista. The company did not respond to the Daily Press' request for comment on the new location. Peering through the front window, there is little sign at Edgemar the change is on the way but the landlord confirmed to the Daily Press Blue Bottle has signed a lease.

More than ten years after a self-described coffee geek from Northern California coined the term "third wave" to describe espresso

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Bird lovers tweet as tickets ruffle feathers

KATE CAGLE & MATT HALL

Daily Press Staff Writer and Editor

After flying free for more nearly five months, Bird riders are getting their wings clipped.

The Santa Monica Police Department has officially started cracking down on the city's 30,000 Bird subscribers, issuing traffic tickets to unsuspecting tourists and locals alike. Last week alone cops stopped 196 people riding

motorized scooters throughout the city, issuing a whopping 92 tickets for various traffic violations including failure to wear a helmet, according to Lt. Saul Rodriguez with the SMPD.

"They are issuing citations more aggressively," Rodriguez said. "We've done some education. We are still issuing some warnings."

Users immediately started

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Sale of Los Angeles Times to billionaire being negotiated

Associated Press

The owner of the Los Angeles Times is in talks to sell the newspaper to a billionaire medical entrepreneur, according to news reports Tuesday.

Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong, a major shareholder of parent company Tronc Inc., would pay \$500 million for the newspaper and the San Diego Union-Tribune, the Times reported.

The Washington Post was first to report that the sale was being negotiated.

The sale would come amid turmoil at the Times, which has had a series of publishers and top editors in recent years. Publisher Ross Levinsohn is on unpaid leave after revelations he was a defendant in two sexual harassment lawsuits at

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SpaceX's big new rocket blasts off, puts sports car in space

BY MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

SpaceX's big new rocket blasted off Tuesday on its first test flight, carrying a red sports car aiming for an endless road trip past Mars.

The Falcon Heavy rose from the same launch pad used by NASA nearly 50 years ago to send men to the moon. With liftoff, the Heavy became the most powerful rocket in use today, doubling the liftoff punch of its closest competitor.

The three boosters and 27 engines roared to life at Kennedy Space Center, as thousands watched from surrounding beaches, bridges and roads, jamming the highways in scenes unmatched since NASA's last space shuttle flight. At SpaceX Mission Control in Southern California, employees screamed, whistled and raised pumped fists into the air as the launch commentators called off

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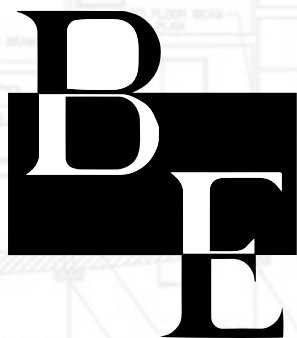
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, February 7

Mindfulness meditation

Take time out to relax and center
yourself. 5:30 p.m. Montana Ave.
Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

Westside Writers Mingle

A monthly meeting hosted by the
Society of Children Book Writers and
Illustrators. Open to all. Topic: writing
the dreaded synopsis. 7 p.m. Ocean
Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street.

Friday, February 9

Citizenship Classes

An ongoing series of classes taught
by Adult Education Center instruc-
tors. Instructors help students com-
plete and submit their application,
and prepare them to pass the offi-
cial review. Pico Branch Library,
2201 Pico Blvd. 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Mat Pilates

Learn the techniques of Pilates, a
system of controlled exercises that
engage the mind and condition the
total body. Montana Avenue Branch
Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 4 p.m. -
5 p.m.

Thursday, February 8

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Miniature Puppet Theater

Create your own mini play; materials
for puppets and stage provided.
Main Library, 601 Santa Monica
Blvd. 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting

The Rent Control Board meets to
conduct business associated with
the Rent Control Charter
Amendment and Regulations. City
Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Intro to Natal Astrology

You are more than just your Sun-
sign! Learn the basics of your
Horoscope while discovering the
factors influencing your character,
capabilities and life direction. Ocean
Park Branch Library, 2601 Main
Street. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group

Join us for a lively discussion of the lat-
est news with your friends and neigh-
bors. Fairview Branch Library, 2101
Ocean Park Boulevard. 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 10

Used Oil Filer Exchange

Need a filter? Exchange your used
oil filter for a new one - Free!
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Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market

The Organic Market boasts the
largest percentage of Certified
Organic growers of the City's four
markets. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue 8
a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday Certified Farmer's Market

It is a family market in the heart of
the Pico/Cloverfield neighborhood,
and offers a variety of organic and
conventionally-grown produce, in
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customers. Virginia Avenue Park,
2200 Virginia Ave. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Happy 100th Birthday, Ocean Park!

Ocean Park turns 100! Celebrate
with us with crafts and music. Light
refreshments will be served. Ocean
Park Branch Library, 2601 Main
Street. 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown
Environmentalism Through Photography
at Santa Monica Public Library

The Santa Monica Public Library presents Environmentalism Through Photography on Thursday, February 8, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library’s MLK Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Photographer and graphic designer Jennifer MaHarry shares her experience utilizing wildlife photography to encourage appreciation of wild creatures, inspire preservation of our quickly-vanishing wilderness, and foster environmental advocacy.

This program is free and open to all ages. Space is limited and on a first arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 one week prior to event. The Main Library is directly served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, R10, and 18. The Expo Line and other bus routes stop nearby. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

JEN ULLRICH, PUBLIC SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Downtown
Bullet Journaling: Teen Edition
at Santa Monica Public Library

The Santa Monica Public Library presents Bullet Journaling: Teen Edition on Wednesday, February 7, at 4 p.m. at the Ocean Park Branch Library at 2601 Main Street.

Calling all teens! Bring organization and creativity into your life with bullet journaling. A Bullet Journal is an amazing productivity tool that can accommodate a wide variety of planning schemes. It can be your to-do list, your planner, your sketchbook and your diary, all-in-one. We’ll guide you in the process, you’ll customize your journal into whatever works best for you. All materials will be provided. Limited quantities available. Just bring your creativity!

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houses roasting their own beans and brewing artisanal cups of coffee, the wave feels more like a tsunami. Other national third-wave brands staking their claim on the west side of Los Angeles include San Francisco’s beloved Philz on Santa Monica Blvd and Chicago-based Intelligentsia on Abbot Kinney. The story goes like this: the first wave brought Folgers to every house, the second wave put a Starbucks on every corner (there are 21 locations in Santa Monica’s eight square miles) and the third wave shifted the focus back to the beans and away from sugar, whipped cream, syrups and whatever else goes into a Frappuccino.

With the addition of Blue Bottle, Main Street visitors can now walk to about every kind of specialty coffee they can dream up. There’s organic roaster Groundwork Coffee Co., butter saturated Bulletproof, family-owned Amelia’s, surfer spot Dogtown and local gem Espresso Cielo (which recently

expanded with a second location downtown), among others.

Blue Bottle will round out Edgemar, the mixed-use shopping center designed by Frank Gehry in 1988.

“We’re thrilled,” said Hunter Hall, the new executive director of the Main Street Business Improvement Association. “Blue Bottle is a great brand.”

A Bulletproof coffee drinker himself, Hall says other high-end chains including restaurants and retail shops are looking to move to Main Street.

“Just the natural churn has left some vacancies but it’s an opportunity for premium brands who haven’t been able to get a foothold in the space have an opportunity,” Hall said, adding he can’t disclose which companies until leases are officially signed. “It could change the dynamic of the street.”

Regardless of the brands, with so much coffee saturating the street it’s practically guaranteed shoppers will be buzzing.

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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:

1128 Ocean Park Boulevard, Appeal 17ENT-0280. Appeal 17ENT-0280 of the Zoning Administrator’s Denial of Minor Use Permit 17ENT-0045 to allow for a new wireless telecommunications facility located on the roof of an existing three story residential building within the Medium Density Residential (R3) zoning district. [Planner: Michael Rocque] **APPLICANT: J5 Infrastructure Partners, Agents of T-Mobile. PROPERTY OWNER: 1128 Ocean Park Blvd, LLC.**

2305 Ocean Park Boulevard, Conditional Use Permit 17ENT-0270. A Conditional Use Permit (17ENT-0270) to allow for a 635 square-foot expansion of an existing 1,853 square-foot general market into an adjoining commercial office space, totaling 2,488 square feet located within the Multi-Unit Residential (R3) District. [Planner: Michael Rocque] **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: George Salem.**

1244 14th Street, Vesting Tentative Tract Map 17ENT-0306. The applicant requests approval of a Vesting Tentative Tract Map to create a five-unit residential condominium air space subdivision on a single parcel for the purpose of constructing a two-story with mezzanine condominium development in the R3 (Medium Density Residential) Zoning District. [Planner: Gina Szilak] **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Jennifer Wen.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact Francie Stefan at (310) 458-8341. 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, #8, #9, #10R, and #18 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall and on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).*

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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WHAT ARE WE, SANTA MONICA?

Aren't we the refuge at the end of the freeway? Gateway to the vast blue Pacific Ocean, seen just over the serene shoulders of St. Monica? The rejuvenating Central Park for the ginormous, sprawling Los Angeles, a much-needed breath of fresh air, blue skies, tall palm trees? A sunny, open, casual walking place that draws people from all over LA and all over the world and has for 150 years, for its charms, its history, its ambiance, its distinct sense of place?

Or are we just another indistinguishable slice of LA? Make it all look the same. Build tall buildings, bring in lots more people to live in this already jam-packed 8.4 square miles, snarl the traffic, block out the sun, hide the palm trees, up the crime rate, build a row of really tall buildings overlooking the ocean, a 12-story hotel where we need a town center park, rip out trees, squander our water funds, make housing unaffordable to all but the very well off, commercialize residential neighborhoods, kill diversity, evict longtime citizens and leave no place for their children. Because that's the path we're on, with what's been built and what's been approved and what's in the pipeline. The city you knew even five years ago, is being built over. Why? It's insane. Are we asking for that? I don't hear it. From the people who live here.

ARE WE DIFFERENT, SANTA MONICA?

I say we are, and it's time we start reclaiming that, and proclaiming it loudly and proudly. We must do all we can to sustain and maintain that uniqueness for future generations, instead of selling it off. We must stop those who are selling off our inheritance.

Does the future bring change, and growth? Of course. But we, the people of Santa Monica, must determine and manage it. Not those who have only a financial interest, don't live here, and couldn't care less what ruin they leave behind for the locals after they take the money and run.

Who controls our future, in our city? We do, of course, who else? Let's get that straight. The people who live here. We have the votes. But it's not that simple. It hasn't worked that way for quite a while (if ever). If we don't get mad and get active and get out the vote (along with some other necessary changes, primarily getting big money out of local politics), we will be pushed into the sea but it won't be a fun swim. We have to stand up for ourselves, for the the historic city for which we are now the caretaker generation. Before it's too late.

WE'VE DONE IT BEFORE

We're not the port of Los Angeles. (That would have been far different.) Not a gambling center. There's no causeway string of islands in our bay with a wide freeway and four bridges. The Pier is still there. No big island with a fishing lagoon, sports pavilion and a 29-story hotel. No string of high-rise apartment buildings all along the sand (only two). The people here have a history of rising up against great odds and railroad cars full of money to fight for their town. And winning. Now is absolutely the time we have to fight again.

We aren't a sleepy little beach town anymore, it's true. But we are a beach town. Don't let anyone tell you this isn't. We've

always been a low rise beach town, and we can grow and still be one. See the beach? It's still a great beach. A world-famous beach. Millions of people come here every year because of our beach, and leave lots of money behind. It's a beach you can feel from many blocks inland, with open skies and sea breezes, not (yet) a beach like in other cities that you have to get to through concrete canyons, to "bask" in the shadows of tall tall buildings. Hello, Honolulu. Mmwh! Miami. Fine for them. But we're Santa Monica.

RESISTANCE IS FERTILE

Did you know Santa Monica is its own city? It's true. We're not part of LA. Because we resisted it. We had enough water and cojones to say, no thanks. We didn't want that, and most of us who live here don't want that now. That's why we live here and not downtown LA, West LA, Century City or New York City. We need to start saying, firmly, no thanks to all the overdevelopment that's being forced on us by a bought-and-paid for City Council.

Is that too harsh? I truly believe they are seven good people, trying to do their best, at great personal sacrifice, for this town they also love. But they have lost perspective, I believe. Drunk the Kool-Aid, as they say. The voices, and needed campaign donations, of special interests are so incessant and convincing to them that they drown out the voices of the citizens they are not representing. Our "selected" officials may be our neighbors, even our friends, but they have become the enemies of the Santa Monica we love, now and in the future. They, and the money that put them there, are our biggest problem. They have to go. This next election. (At least six of them.) Throw the rascals out. And yes, term limits.

CAN'T AFFORD EVEN ONE MORE YEAR

For all their grandiose, responsible-sounding plans for the future of Santa Monica, look what it's got us. We must look at results, not intentions or rhetoric. How do you like the Santa Monica you see and live in now? Do you think going higher, wider and denser will make things better? Really?

Our history shows we've always been assaulted by big money interests who find Santa Monica to be a golden goose, theirs to pluck. They've managed, by hook or by crook, to get our politicians to go along and give them their heart's every desire. Does it seem like that's happening now? But we're helpless! Big money! Unbeatable incumbents!

No -- remember our history.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK: Go ahead, I dare you, say it: Do we already have too many people in Santa Monica? And how do we manage that, going forward? By adding thousands more? Let's ask that elephant in the room...

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Politics, noun. A strife of interests masquerading as a contest of principles. The conduct of public affairs for private advantage." —Ambrose Bierce ("The Devil's Dictionary")

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TICKETS

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squawking.

“@santamoniacity just gave me a \$190 ticket for riding a @_birdapp scooter without a helmet,” tweeted local software engineer and entrepreneur Scot Lawrie Friday. “that’s the last time I spend any time/money in Santa Monica (except when they force me to go to court - I’m not allowed to just pay it online)”

Since the launch in September, Bird scooters have become a pervasive feature of Santa Monica life, zipping across downtown, up Main Street and through neighborhoods. Local fans, both on social media and in person, have complained laws requiring a helmet to ride a motorized scooter are outdated, since the Birds are limited to 15 miles per hour.

“It’s State law, not a local one,” City Manager Rick Cole recently tweeted. “And explain to the rider who went to the hospital in serious condition with a head injury two weeks ago that she wouldn’t have been better off with a helmet.”

Santa Monica’s top official was referring to a Jan. 10 incident when a Bird rider flew into a moving car at the corner of 6th and Idaho. The scooter rider had blown through a stop sign when she hit the car, which had the right-of-way, according to the SMPD.

The California Vehicle Code defines a motorized scooter as a two-wheeled device with handlebars and a floorboard designed to be stood upon while riding and is pow-

ered by an electric motor. Their use requires a Class C License and a bicycle helmet.

City officials are attempting to reign in the unfettered flock of flightless Birds in two ways: by ticketing users and by filing a criminal complaint against the company for operating without the proper permits.

Other rental companies like Segway’s and bike shops have permits for every location they do business: including drop off points. Since Bird has an ad-hoc network where users can simply drop the scooters wherever they please, the city argues they are improperly operating in the public right away.

Earlier this year, City Hall filed a criminal complaint against Bird but CEO Travis VanderZanden argued the rules are too vague to govern a new kind of business. In response, the Bird app suddenly got a new feature - a button where users could email city leaders in support of the service. Within days the emails descended on City Hall like Alfred Hitchcock’s birds - as nearly a thousand flooded official inboxes.

The company also upgraded its safety information and began a program that allows Bird riders to request free helmets from the company.

In the meantime, locals without helmets continue to use the scooters at their own risk of receiving a hefty fine. The ticket for riding without a helmet, riding on the sidewalk, leaving a scooter in the right-of-way or riding without a license is \$190. Riding under the influence of drugs or alcohol results in a \$352 fine.

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other companies. Journalists voted last month to unionize for the first time in the paper’s 136-year history.

Soon-Shiong, said by Forbes to be the nation’s richest doctor, made the bulk of his fortune selling two of the drug companies that he founded for a total of nearly \$9 billion a decade ago. Forbes put his current wealth at \$7.8 billion.

Soon-Shiong owns more than a quarter of shares in Chicago-based Tronc, the company formerly known as Tribune Publishing. It owns 10 U.S. newspapers, including the Chicago Tribune, Baltimore Sun and New York Daily News.

Word of the possible sale was met with

cheers at the Times, according to reporters tweeting from the newsroom.

Soon-Shiong’s holdings include not only his Tronc stock but also a minority interest in the Los Angeles Lakers that he purchased in 2011 from Magic Johnson, the team’s former superstar and current president of basketball operations.

In an interview with the Times last year, Soon-Shiong declined to say if he planned to buy the newspaper, although he acknowledged that as a major stockholder he was unhappy with the way it was being run and felt a need to ensure its survival.

“I am concerned there are other agendas, independent of the newspaper’s needs or the fiduciary obligations to the viability of the organization,” he said at the time. “My goal is to try and preserve the integrity and the viability of the newspaper.”

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Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type “A or B” license, on the following: **Bid #18.13.ES-DSA# 03-118605 Santa Monica High School – Science & Technology Building Demo Project at Santa Monica High School.** This scope of work is estimated to be between **\$4,500,000 - \$5,000,000** and includes: **Demolition of existing Science and Technology Buildings and site retaining walls; Cap / remove / relocate existing utilities running through the area of work; Install below-grade storm water retention device; Excavate / remove 11’ – 14’ of soil within the area of work; Grade for new temporary parking lot, with temporary retention basin, parking and sidewalk; Install new breakers within existing electrical switchgear at existing Utility Building; Install new fencing / lighting / electric vehicle charging stations / lighting / signage; and other associated improvements.** All bids must be filed in the SMMUSD Facility Improvement Office, 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica, California 90405 on or before 4/4/18 at 2:00 PM at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. Each bid must be sealed and marked with the bid name and number. Bidders must attend a Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the site, on 2/20/18 at 10:30 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission:

All applications are due no later than 2/28/18 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for pre-qualification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website [athttp://fipcontractors.smmusd.org/fip-office-website.aspx](http://fipcontractors.smmusd.org/fip-office-website.aspx).

Mandatory Job Walk:

Tuesday, 2/20/18 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location:

Santa Monica High School – All Attending Contractors MUST meet representatives at the school access gate which is located on Olympic Blvd. at 6th Street to be signed in and then directed to room T101

Bid Opening:

Wednesday, 4/4/18 at 2:00PM

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ROCKET

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each milestone.

Two of the boosters—both recycled from previous launches—returned minutes later for simultaneous, side-by-side touchdowns on land at Cape Canaveral. Sonic booms rumbled across the region with the vertical landings. There was no immediate word on whether the third booster, brand new, made it onto an ocean platform 300 miles offshore.

SpaceX chief executive Elon Musk owns the rocketing Tesla Roadster, which is shooting for a solar orbit that will reach all the way to Mars. As head of the electric carmaker Tesla, he combined his passions to add a dramatic flair to the Heavy's long-awaited inaugural flight. Ballast for a rocket debut is usually concrete or steel slabs, or experiments.

Cameras mounted on the car fed stunning video of the convertible floating high above the ocean with its driver, a space-suited dummy, named "Starman" after the Davie Bowie song. A sign on the dashboard read: "Don't panic!" Bowie's "Life on Mars?" played in the background at one point.

"View from SpaceX Launch Control," Musk wrote via Twitter. "Apparently, there is a car in orbit around Earth."

Minutes later, he provided a livestream of "Starman" tooling around the blue home planet, looking something like a NASCAR racer out for a Sunday drive, with its right hand on the wheel and the left arm resting on the car's door.

On the eve of the flight, Musk told reporters the company had done all it could to maximize success and he was at peace with whatever happens: success, "one big boom" or some other calamity. Musk has plenty of experience with rocket accidents, from his original Falcon 1 test flights to his follow-up Falcon 9s, one of which exploded on a nearby pad during a 2016 ignition test.

The Falcon Heavy is a combination of three Falcon 9s, the rocket that the company uses to ship supplies to the International Space Station and lift satellites. SpaceX is reusing first-stage boosters to save on launch costs. Most other rocket makers discard their spent boosters in the ocean.

Unlike most rockets out there, the Falcon Heavy receives no government funding. The hulking rocket is intended for massive satellites, like those used by the U.S. military and major-league communication companies. Even before the successful test flight, customers were signed up.

"It was awesome like a science fiction movie coming to reality," said former NASA

deputy administrator Dava Newman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Apollo professor of astronautics. "They nailed it. Good for them."

Given the high stakes and high drama, Tuesday's launch attracted huge crowds not seen since NASA's final space shuttle flight seven years ago. While the shuttles had more liftoff muscle than the Heavy, the all-time leaders in both size and might were NASA's Saturn V rockets, which first flew astronauts to the moon in 1968.

Not counting Apollo moon buggies, the Roadster is the first automobile to speed right off the planet.

The car faces considerable speed bumps before settling into its intended orbit around the sun, an oval circle stretching from the orbit of Earth on one end to the orbit of Mars on the other. It has to endure a cosmic bombardment during several hours of cruising through the highly charged Van Allen radiation belts encircling Earth. Finally, a thruster has to fire to put the car on the right orbital course.

If it weathers all this, the Roadster will reach the vicinity of Mars in six months, Musk said. The car could be traveling between Earth and Mars' neighborhoods for a billion years, according to the high-tech billionaire.

Musk acknowledged the Roadster could come "quite close" to Mars during its epic cruise, with only a remote chance of crashing into the red planet.

Also on board in a protected storage unit is Isaac Asimov's science fiction series, "Foundation." A plaque contains the names of the more than 6,000 SpaceX employees.

The Heavy already is rattling the launch market. Its sticker price is \$90 million, less than one-tenth the estimated cost of NASA's Space Launch System megarocket in development for moon and Mars expeditions.

SpaceX has decided against flying passengers on the Heavy, Musk told reporters Monday, and instead will accelerate development of an even bigger rocket to accommodate deep-space crews. His ultimate goal is to establish a city on Mars.

"If people think we're in a race with the Chinese, this is our secret weapon: the entrepreneurship of people like Elon and others like Jeff Bezos," said Stanford University's G. Scott Hubbard, NASA's first Mars czar. Amazon's Bezos heads Blue Origin, which is developing a big, reusable orbital-class rocket and already is making suborbital flights in Texas.

Before launch, Bezos offered "best of luck" to Musk.

AP Science Writer Seth Borenstein in Washington contributed to this report.

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Boys Varsity Basketball @ St. Anthony 3pm

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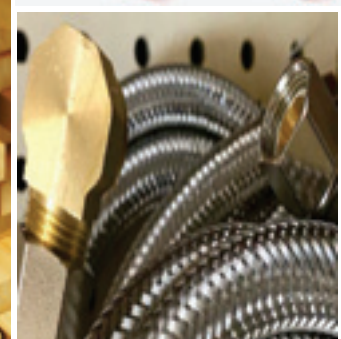
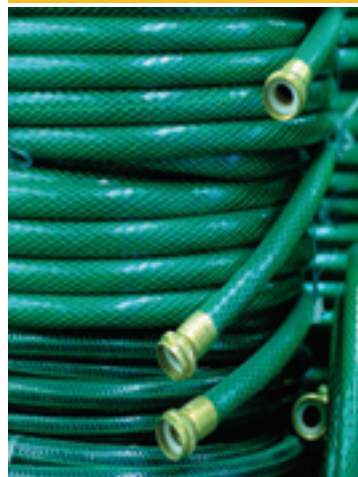
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WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
WNW swell eases. Small SSW swell.

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
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ON JANUARY 24, AT ABOUT 2:07 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at the Nordstrom - 220 Broadway- regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. Officers learned a male subject entered the store and was monitored by Loss Prevention Staff. The subject was carrying several bags as he selected merchandise - men's fragrances from the sales floor. The subject placed them in a bag and exited the store without paying for the merchandise. The subject was detained by Loss Prevention Staff as he exited the store. Sadique Jhalon Compton, 25, was issued a citation for petty theft.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 393 Calls For Service On Feb. 5.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Fight 2500 block Pico 12:04 a.m.
Traffic collision 5th / Santa Monica 12:20 a.m.
Battery 2500 block the beach 1:21 a.m.
Attempt auto 2700 block 6th 1:36 a.m.
Speeding Ocean / Broadway 2:21 a.m.
Encampment 200 block Santa Monica
Pier 2:36 a.m.
Lewd activity 500 block Santa Monica
Pier 2:49 a.m.
Death 1200 block Yale 4:22 a.m.
Identity theft 300 block Olympic 5:47 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block 2nd 7:04 a.m.
Domestic violence 600 block Wilshire 7:13 a.m.
Fight 1500 block 2nd 8:19 a.m.
Fight 600 block Wilshire 8:30 a.m.
Traffic collision 17th / Olympic 8:53 a.m.
Traffic control 17th / Olympic 8:55 a.m.
Burglary 1000 block 10th 8:55 a.m.
Traffic collision 20th / Ocean Park 9:03 a.m.
Threats 600 block Pico 9:23 a.m.
Person down 1500 block Palisades Park
9:40 a.m.
Fraud 1800 block Stanford 9:50 a.m.
Burglary 1200 block 5th 9:53 a.m.
Person with a gun 18th / Pico 9:54 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block Pacific Coast
Hwy 10:04 a.m.
Traffic collision 9th / Montana 10:19 a.m.
Vandalism 2900 block Main 10:22 a.m.
Grand theft 800 block 7th 10:41 a.m.
Hit and run 900 block 12th 10:55 a.m.

Vehicle parked 1400 block 6th 11:21 a.m.
Traffic collision 300 block Olympic 11:24 a.m.
Burglary 1900 block 19th 11:53 a.m.
Speeding 4th / Pico 12:21 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1300 block 3rd
Street Prom 12:35 p.m.
Battery 1400 block Wilshire 1:31 p.m.
Burglary 800 block 4th 2:37 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1100 block 5th 3:03 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block Pacific Coast
Hwy 3:27 p.m.
Silent robbery 1500 block Montana 3:34 p.m.
Grand theft 800 block 7th 3:34 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 700 block Broadway
3:34 p.m.
Drunk driving 700 block san Vicente 3:42 p.m.
Attempt auto 1400 block 18th 3:46 p.m.
Traffic collision 12th / Washington 4:06 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 20th 4:35 p.m.
Domestic violence 1500 block 16th 5:01 p.m.
Petty theft 2700 block Neilson 5:42 p.m.
Stalking 1600 block Centinela 5:43 p.m.
Traffic collision 1400 block Ocean 5:53 p.m.
Rape 1900 block Santa Monica 6:01 p.m.
Grand theft 2nd / Santa Monica 6:45 p.m.
Auto burglary 200 block Pico 8:11 p.m.
Auto burglary Ocean / Arizona 8:15 p.m.
Auto burglary 200 block Pico 8:19 p.m.
Auto burglary 200 block Pico 8:39 p.m.
Vandalism 1200 block 7th 8:40 p.m.
Auto burglary 200 block Pico 8:41 p.m.
Burglary 800 block Broadway 9:09 p.m.
Battery 200 block Santa Monica 9:13 p.m.
Battery 2000 block Main 9:46 p.m.
Auto burglary 2800 block Santa Monica
10:44 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 20th 11:06 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1600 block 11th 11:07 p.m.
Encampment 1600 block Ocean Front
Walk 11:43 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 39 Calls For Service On Feb. 5.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Emergency Medical Service 1500 block
2nd 12:33 a.m.
EMS 100 block Santa Monica 1:28 a.m.
EMS 500 block Colorado 1:45 a.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 1300 block
Euclid 3:14 a.m.
EMS 100 block Colorado 6:03 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 17th 8:20 a.m.
EMS 17th / Olympic 8:53 a.m.
EMS 1000 block Ocean Park 9:20 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Appian 10 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean Park 10:05 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 23rd 10:22 a.m.
EMS 800 block Ocean 10:44 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 11:10 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1700 block Main 12:06 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block 3rd Street

Prom 1:12 p.m.
EMS Ocean / Bay 1:35 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Delaware 2 p.m.
Smoke investigation 1300 block 3rd
Street Prom 2:37 p.m.
EMS 400 block Expo Line 2:49 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean Park 3:18 p.m.
Lockout w/ems component 2800 block
Santa Monica 3:27 p.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block 16th 3:35 p.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block Euclid 4:03 p.m.
EMS 1800 block 17th 4:44 p.m.
EMS 16th / Colorado 5:14 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Cloverfield 5:28 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Pico 5:58 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 6:33 p.m.
EMS 1000 block 11th 7:09 p.m.
EMS 1200 block Cedar 8:29 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Hill 8:48 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 9:12 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica PI 9:57 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1300 block Hill
10:05 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Lincoln 10:12 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 15th 11:13 p.m.
Arcing wires 3rd / Bay 10:34 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY



Draw Date: 2/3
15 23 27 48 53
Power#: 6
Jackpot: 165M



Draw Date: 2/2
1 4 14 17 40
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 120M



Draw Date: 2/3
10 29 41 45 46
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 7M



Draw Date: 2/5
13 25 29 31 37



Draw Date: 2/5
MIDDAY: 3 4 7
Draw Date: 2/5
EVENING: 3 8 9



Draw Date: 2/5
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:44.03

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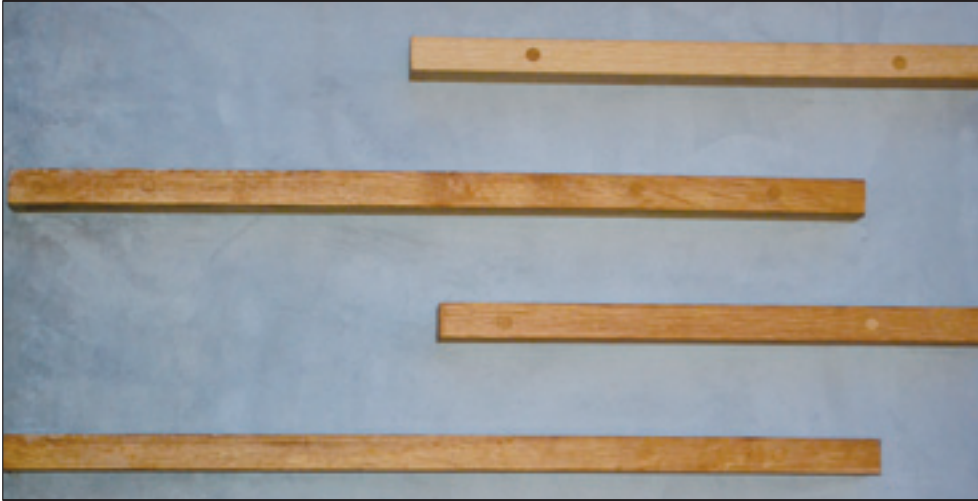
Counts
■ 60: Projected percentage of children today who will be obese adults by age 35
SOURCE: NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE

Stories for the Waiting Room
■ The Food and Drug Administration has issued warnings to the makers of Coco Loko, a “snortable” chocolate powder, noting that it contains substances -- guarana and taurine -- that haven’t been studied for inhalation through the nose.
■ The more obvious question is why anyone would want to consume chocolate this way at all. Purveyors say it provides a temporary “buzz” and reduces anxiety, but doesn’t a nice bonbon do the same thing?

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

AT THE STEAKHOUSE by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS

1 Dressed (in)
5 Disagreement
9 Piece of asparagus
14 __ Land (2016 musical film)
15 Cleveland's lake
16 Pop singer Katy
17 Mail routing abbr.
18 Baby's father
19 Angry
20 Start of a "June" quote
23 Tranquil
24 Iguana, for example
28 Label on luggage
30 Occupied a bench
31 __ capita income
32 High-speed pursuit
36 Lion's sound
38 Predatory marine mammal
39 LP, CD, or DVD
42 Bugs in colonies
43 Inventor's inspiration
44 River-mouth formation
45 Opposite direction from "to"
46 Part of TGIF
47 Airline to Stockholm
49 Dictatorial boss
51 Transport to a ship, as in *Star Trek*
56 Reason for workplace praise
60 Harsh sound
63 Four-star review
64 Diabolical

DOWN

1 Weasel's weapons
2 Wood-shaping tool
3 Wedding setting
4 *Inferno* writer
5 Waters parted in Exodus
6 S&L offerings
7 Generic pooch
8 What a patch might cover
9 Enthusiasm
10 Gossip columnist
11 Historical period
12 Sculptures and mobiles
13 Whole-wheat alternative
21 Prefix for state
22 Clock-radio feature
25 Arbor Day month
26 Altered, as a diamond
27 Theatrical category
29 Electric-power systems
30 Epic tales
32 Macramé or ceramics
33 Any of eight British kings
34 One in a cast
35 Plea at sea
37 Early afternoon
38 Celebratory verse
40 "Same here"
41 Short-lived '50s Ford
46 As a joke
48 Most 52 Down
50 Brother of Moses
52 Proficient
53 Cinema showing
54 Form an alliance
55 Hits with hailstones
57 Prepare, as tea
58 Surfer's surface
59 At a tie score
60 "Don't __ stranger"
61 Carry with difficulty
62 Exist

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TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 7)

A windfall starts this solar return on a high note. One of your cosmic gifts now is that you’re mysterious to people, and they want to get to know you better. You’ll have more social opportunity than you know what to do with this year. April brings a fantasy to life. Regarding your personal life: July beckons you in a new direction. Sagittarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 39, 2, 21 and 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You want to be near people who are having a good time. You think it will rub off on you. But it will only rub off on you if you’re somewhat interested in the subject of the good time. Go where there’s a match of ideology.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You’ll never be bored today. You’ll look at everything and store it up. You’ll arrange and rearrange this collection of facts, details and tangibles until something makes sense, or until it’s time to sleep, whichever comes first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Sometimes you stuff your feelings down like a person trying to fit one more thing into an over-full trash bin. But feelings aren’t cast-off refuse. They’re worthy of being set on the shelf. Examined. Maybe even admired.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

It gets better when you get better. Or maybe you make it better, and then you get better, too. Either way, the thing to do is to be actively hopeful. That won’t be difficult for you at this busy time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

While there are those who would go to great lengths for treasure and tribute, you’re mild on the idea. What does it really mean, anyway? When you’re fully rich on the inside, no amount of external validation can make you richer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Saying nothing says something. It says a lot, actually. Today the silent response has meanings including, but not limited to, “I disagree,” “I have a secret,” “I can’t be bothered with this,” and “I’m processing the emotional impact of this.”

Lunar Squares

Lunar squares overhead. We all hit those moments when nothing seems to be going right, not the computer, not the project, not the relationship... it’s all rolling along on square wheels. It takes leverage and smarts to get it moving, but at least it’s not hurling out of control. Since being faster isn’t an option, take the opportunity to be smarter.

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