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THE THANK YOU MYA ISSUE

Developer submits plans for 150 more units Downtown

Fritto Misto, Performance Bicycle may be displaced

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Two new residential buildings by one of Santa Monica's most active developers proposed for Downtown will bring another 150 units to the area and potentially displace well-known businesses.

NMS Properties has filed development agreement applications for 501 Broadway and 601 Colorado Avenue, two buildings which currently house Performance Bicycle and restaurants like Fritto Misto and Ninjin, as well as a hair salon and a chiro-

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SMC's Emeritus College Band to play this Sunday

HENRY CRUMBLISH
Special to the Daily Press

WILMONT The layered sound of orchestral music fills the dark corridors of Lincoln Middle School on a recent weekday afternoon, long after all the youngsters have gone home for the day.

The auditorium is filled with another group of students, those who have long since married and had kids of their own. They are the students of Santa Monica College's Emeritus College Band, a creation of World War II veteran Wallace Umber, who founded the ensemble in 1968 at the Venice Adult School.

Even back then the school teacher and band director knew he had created something special.

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Portion of Colorado Ave to close Monday



Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

RIP IT UP: **A work crew was excavating a portion of Colorado Avenue on Tuesday in advance of the closure of the eastbound side of the road between Fourth and Fifth streets.**

Expo construction to get hot, heavy

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Drivers used to turning right on Colorado Avenue off Fourth Street will come back from Presidents' Day weekend with a slightly different commute on their hands.

The eastbound section of Colorado Avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets will shut down permanently as of Monday morning to make room for the construction of the final station on the Exposition Light Rail line located at the former Sears Automotive lot at Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue.

That will mark the end of the 15-mile light rail line that officials say will give passengers access to a predictably 46-minute commute from Santa Monica to Downtown Los Angeles, a dream to those who spend hours each morning in heavy peak-hour traffic.

Construction is expected to be completed by 2015, and passengers will be able to officially get on board the train at the end of a minimum six-month testing period in which the Exposition Construction Authority will test the line and create a schedule, said Gabriela Collins, a spokesperson with the authority.

"So far, things are looking good," Collins said.

An estimated 64,000 passengers a day are expected to use the train by 2030.

City officials don't seem concerned about the potential traffic impacts of the Colorado closure.

Not many people turn right on Colorado from Fourth Street, said traffic engineer Sam Morrissey, although anyone whose regular commute includes Colorado will notice the change.

"There will be barricades in place and machines tearing up the road," he said.

Broadway, Santa Monica Boulevard and Arizona Avenue are expected to take on the additional traffic, Morrissey said, and city officials are working with the contractor to

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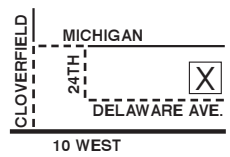
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013

Whale of a weekend
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk
12:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Celebrate the annual migration of the Pacific gray whale at the pier this weekend. Wildlife experts will be on hand with binoculars to view the migration and identify local birds. Visitors can feel the heft of a whale rib and try on a simulated layer of whale blubber. Admission is free for children 12 and under, for those accompanied by an adult. For those 13 and older, a $5 donation is suggested. For more information, call (310) 393-6149 or visit www.healthebay.org/smpa.

Free income tax preparation
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
1 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers from UCLA will provide free income tax preparation assistance to low income, elderly, disabled and limited English speaking people. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013

Free concert
Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 3 p.m.
The Emeritus College Concert Band will be performing at the Broad Stage at Santa Monica College. The band will perform a variety of tunes from Broadway hits such as "West Side Story" and "Porgy and Bess." Seating is first come first serve; admission and parking are free.

Kids on stage
Barnum Hall, Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 4 p.m.
The Santa Monica High School Theatre Department invites you to enjoy a performance of Stephen Sondheim's "Into The Woods." Join Cinderella, Jack & the Giant, and Little Red Riding Hood for a live orchestra performance. This will be the final performance of the annual musical at Barnum Hall. Tickets are $10 for students and $15 for adults and can be bought at the door or at www.samohitheatre.org.

This is how we do it
Mi Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third St.,
6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Come tickle your funny bone at this '90s themed comedy show, put on once a month. Dress in '90s style gear and your ticket will be half off. The show will feature the best comics in the city and appearances by '90s celebrities. There will also be trivia and prizes. Tickets are $10 at the door.

Monday, Feb. 18, 2013

Happy Presidents Day!

Banks, schools and City Hall will be closed.

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013

Collaborative creativity
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 9:30 a.m.
The Artists' League of the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club meets every Tuesday. Work on your own independent project, while enjoying the fellowship and creative energy of fellow artists. Members work on a variety of projects, including watercolor, collage, needlework and scrapbooking in the ballroom of The Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club. Oil paint is not allowed. The $3 recommended donation benefits free art programs for homeless youth at School on Wheels. Admission is free.

The power of bullying
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
UCLA psychology professor Jaana Juvonen, an expert in the field of bullying and youth peer pressure, presents this discussion on bullying for adults wanting to know what they can do to combat the problem. Admission is free. This is a Santa Monica Reads event. For more information on Santa Monica Reads 2013, visit: http://smpl.org/Wonder2013.aspx.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

WASHINGTON

Demanding funding for homeless vets

U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Congressman Henry Waxman sent a letter to the White House Office of Management and Budget this week requesting that the president include funding in next year's budget to house homeless vets in Los Angeles.

The plan is to fully renovate two buildings at the west L.A. Veterans Administration campus, building 205 and 208.

According to the most recent survey, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Homeless Count in 2011, there are 8,131 homeless veterans living in shelters and on the streets. The survey also showed that one in 10 homeless veterans reside in Los Angeles.

President Obama and VA Secretary Eric Shinseki have committed to eliminating veteran homelessness by 2015.

"As representatives for the Los Angeles community and strong supporters of the president's goal, we ask that the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget include a request for authorization and funding to fully renovate these building so that they can quickly become safe and effective supportive housing for the thousands of homeless veterans in greater Los Angeles," Feinstein and Waxman wrote. "The magnitude of the situation demands no less."

Building 205 and 208 are currently slated to be corrected as part of the VA's major construction project, "Seismic Correction of Eleven Buildings." But future funding is required to turn these buildings into suitable housing and treatment centers.

Last month elected officials broke ground on a building at the west L.A. VA that will provide housing and services to 65 veterans. Building 209 will include 55 housing units and a dedicated women's wing, federal officials said. Veterans who live there will have access to nearby medical services, and will also be taught life skills like cooking, cleaning and shopping so that they can ultimately transition into private housing of their own.

They will also receive job training.

– MYA MCCANN

Santa Monica Conservancy announces 2013 Preservation Awards winners

Associated Press

CITYWIDE The Santa Monica Conservancy will be honoring standout contributions to the preservation of the city's architectural and cultural heritage at its annual meeting on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.

The Santa Monica Conservancy was founded in 2002 and is a nonprofit organization, dedicated to promoting the understanding of the cultural, social, economic and environmental benefits of preserving historical resources in the city.

The Conservancy's President's Award will be presented to William and Lenore Lambert, owners of the Biedler-Heuer Building at 2701-2707 Main St. These second generation owners approached the Landmarks Commission, getting the building designated as a landmark and later erecting a historic plaque that describes the building's significance.

The Restoration Award will be given to Paul Attanasio and Katie Jacobs, owners of the Isaac Millbank House at 236 Adelaide Dr., and the architect, Kelly Sutherlin McLeod. The Millbank residence is a shingle-clad Craftsman designed and built in 1911 by a notable architectural firm, the Milwaukee Building Company.

The Renovation Award will go to John Given and Daphne Dennis, house owners, and the architects Hank Koning and Julie Eizenberg for their careful restoration of a 1915 single-story Craftsman home located at 2240 Sixth St.

The Adaptive Reuse Award goes to NMS Properties and their architects, Killefer Flammang, for preserving a World War II Quonset hut by keeping its historic exterior intact while remodeling the interior into a cafe. This hut is located at Eighth Street and Broadway.

The Stewardship Award will be given to the owners of the Horatio West Court: Bill Creber, Margaret MacLean, Wende Watt and Barbara Whitney. For four decades, the owners have restored, preserved and maintained the four-unit building to be true to its original condition and have created a landscape setting that's aesthetically appealing.

The Rehabilitation Award will go to Community Corporation of Santa Monica for rehabilitating a large number of older

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Mariners easily notch first CIF playoff win, advance

BY ALEX VEJAR
Special to the Daily Press

ST. MONICA The no. 2 seeded St. Monica Mariners used a 24-0 third quarter to pull away from the St. Matthias Victorians Thursday night to advance to round two of the Division 4A CIF playoffs.

The monster third quarter came after a forgettable first half in which the Mariners only scored nine first quarter points and 19 overall.

"We just never got going offensively," head coach John Skinner said about his team's first half. "Our defense was solid, but [on] offense, we just couldn't get anything going. We missed a lot of easy shots."

But in the third frame defense led to offense and St. Monica was able to score easily in transition. Senior forward Briana Harris led the charge offensively, scoring 12 of her 19 points in that quarter. She also added four rebounds.

"I really didn't try to score unless it was a fast break," Harris said.

Adding to the defensive effort for the Mariners were freshman Gloria Scipioni and sophomore Liyah Lewis. They had five and four steals, respectively. Senior forward Melissa Maragnes had another solid game with 10 points and eight rebounds.

"We know that when me and [Maragnes] get double digits, then there's no team that can stop us," Harris said.

St. Matthias' first scratch of the second half came with five minutes left in the fourth quarter. They scored only six points in the half, the second least amount allowed by the Mariners since the Mary Star of the Sea Stars scored five in the first half on Jan. 15.

The Mariners will face the Whittier Christian Heralds in the second round of the playoffs. In their Thursday night game, the Heralds defeated the Carpinteria Warriors 47-30. Junior Sydney Lopez had a game high 16 points and 15 rebounds for Whittier Christian. Junior Hannah Yoshihara added 12 points.

"They're a solid team, they're always well coached, they always make a run in the playoffs from what we've been told," Skinner said of Whittier Christian. "We're gonna do our best to prepare for them and understand what they do and come out and hopefully have a good game plan for them. It should be a good game."

St. Monica's will be at home against the Heralds on Saturday. Tip-off is at 7 p.m.

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CRASH THE GLASS: **St. Monica's Melissa Maragnes leaps into the air Thursday to put back a rebound during the first round of the Division 4A CIF playoffs. The Mariners defeated the St. Matthias Victorians 52-18 behind a monstrous 24-0 third quarter.**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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NRA a weapon of gun makers

Editor:

Who does the National Rifle Association really speak for? The NRA represents deer hunters, self-defense and Second Amendment devotees. But in a very direct way the NRA also represents Bushmaster, Browning, Smith & Wesson, and the rest of the gun industry. Gun makers have donated at least $39 million to the NRA in recent years, and have become deeply enmeshed with the organization.

As a result, the NRA adamantly opposes virtually all restrictions on gun sales — even ones that NRA members support, such as requiring background checks at gun shows and banning sales to people on terrorist watch lists.

Gun makers can no longer depend on a shrinking pool of hunters; they need to sell arsenals of powerful weaponry to hard-core gun devotees preparing to fight a tyrannical government.

So when the NRA speaks, it's these extremists and their suppliers who are talking, not "your average Joe Six-Shooter."

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica

Parking requirements outdated

Editor:

Re: "Imagine Santa Monica with even less parking," Feb. 1.

While it seems not to have come across in the Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates' presentation and is only briefly mentioned in their report, our current parking requirements were based on suburban standards better suited to Houston than Santa Monica.

This leaves us with thousands of private spots that sit unused all year round and do nothing but drive up the cost of construction, which then gets passed on to the rest of us in higher rents and prices. Matching parking requirements to measured demand will improve the attractiveness of doing business in Santa Monica while lowering our cost of living. This won't put more cars on the road or take any off, just help us use our limited and expensive real estate more effectively.

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Santa Monica



Your column here

Denis Hayes — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

5 things Obama should do to tackle climate change

THE STATURE AWARDED PRESIDENT Obama by future historians will be largely determined by his response to one issue: climate disruption. The president's recent speeches and appointments suggest that he recognizes this.

The difference between a good president and a great president has little to do with the exigencies of politics. While economic prosperity and domestic tranquility are vital to winning elections, no federal monuments will be built to honor the fiscal stimulus package or Obamacare.

Greatness is measured by how a leader addresses the big inflection points in history that occur on his or her watch.

In 2013, public attention is fixed on Afghanistan and the unemployment rate. Twenty-five years from now, these will be footnotes, not inflection points.

What really matters today? The digital revolution and the explosive rise of China are strong candidates. But the greatest challenge of our epoch is global climate disruption.

At its worst, climate disruption threatens catastrophe akin to the five great extinctions that our planet experienced over the past 500 million years. Bold climate policy, on the other hand, could lead to an ultra-efficient planet powered mostly by the sun and living in a productive state of ecological harmony.

We face a choice between unparalleled, almost-irreversible devastation and a golden age. On its surface, that is not a tough choice. But to date, every president has ignored, or dodged, that decision. More than any other issue on the global agenda, we must not continue to kick this can down the road.

America, which led the world into the oil age, had an opportunity to lead it back out. Instead, in company with Saudi Arabia, China, and Canada, the United States has scuttled efforts at international climate agreements or rendered them toothless. Our system of capitalistic democracy has provided no effective counter-balance to a massive campaign of deception, funded by oil and coal companies, that has hog-tied national policy on climate disruption.

How Obama addresses the climate crisis will determine whether he is remembered as a good president, or a great one.

What should he do?

1. The president should speak out boldly and soon about the goals he wants to be remembered for. Lincoln did not just ask for an emancipation law — he issued an Emancipation Proclamation! Obama should commit the U.S. to a 25-year plan that will end our use of fossil fuels. And he should make clear that America's scientists, industrialists and workers will achieve that energy revolution, regardless of whether China or India or Russia choose to join the effort.

2. He should build a cabinet of hard-charging leaders who will make climate a priority in their domains. The selection of Seattle's Sally Jewell as Secretary of Interior and John Kerry as Secretary of State are important steps in that direction. Both are more knowledgeable about climate issues, and vastly more committed to addressing them, than their predecessors. The most important choices, however, lie ahead. The departing leaders of the Environmental Protection Agency (Lisa Jackson) and the Department of Energy (Steve Chu) were the strongest senior climate advocates of Obama's first term. Their departures sent chills through the climate community. The selection of top-tier replacements such as Gina McCarthy for EPA and Bill Ritter for Energy would send a clear signal that Obama is serious.

3. The president should use his executive powers to arrest or reverse the most dangerous, climate-related practices. Most of these involve the extraction, transport and burning of coal and other hydrocarbon fuels. Obama should, for example, shut down existing coal-fired power plants and make new ones impossible to permit; strictly regulate or ban coal exports; ban the importation or sale of liquid fuels from tar sands and coal liquefaction; accelerate the federal drive to electrify our vehicle fleet, and follow the rest of the industrialized world (even China!) in building a nation-wide grid of high-speed electric trains. It is not enough to complain that Congress won't act. The president can and must do what has to be done.

4. The president should deploy the American military in the climate cause. No part of the federal government is more energy intensive, or energy aware than the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. Rabid interest in ultra-efficient, distributed and renewable energy sources permeates all branches of the armed services. Every military facility should feature "living buildings," coated with solar panels and tied together in smart, hack-proof micro-grids. The American military has been the birthplace of many historic firsts — racial integration, the GI Bill, etc. Today, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) might be the best cutting-edge science organization in the nation. The American military is poised, and eager, to lead America into a post-carbon world. The president should help it.

5. "Organizing for Action," Obama's new advocacy group, should unleash a massive grassroots climate brigade. Designed to create an independent power base to support Obama's top priorities, OFA boasts such top-notch political operatives as Jim Messina and David Axelrod. Its executive director is Jon Carson, the former chief of staff at the White House Council on Environmental Quality — and a propitious choice. OFA should be richly funded to organize a coalition that can defeat the antediluvian forces within big oil and coal. That coalition will include high tech, finance, farmers, public health, and dozens of other interest groups. But at its core will be the tens of millions of citizen activists who were inspired by Obama's promise, and are eager to help him realize it.

If President Obama brings the full strength of his bully pulpit to bear on the climate issue; marshals the independent power of the cabinet departments and agencies; inspires the nation's technical genius and entrepreneurial talent to rise to the challenge; and mobilizes the 80 percent of Americans who will support him on his quest to overcome the inertia and save the planet, he will join the tiny pantheon of great presidents, the ones who make us proud to be Americans.

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The Q Line

Something in the air

City officials are actively seeking the public's opinion on medical marijuana dispensaries. There are currently none located in Santa Monica, but there are certainly interested parties who would like to set up shop.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think dispensaries should be allowed in town, and if so, where and under what guidelines?

Here are your responses:

"A POT DISPENSARY CAN BE SET UP in City Council Chambers to help wean council members, city officials and consultants off the crack they habitually seem to be smoking. Also, members of the public who often seriously have to consider lobotomies after leaving City Council meetings would be able to leave meetings now with a euphoric, pain free, Mad Magazine Alfred E. Neuman-type of high."

"THE ANSWER IS NO. WE DO NOT NEED any. It is still an illegal substance in the United States and there are too many people who smoke pot, drive and kill people. We need to make Santa Monica a smoke-free city all around; no smoking of cigarettes or pot. Hopefully that can be done within the next five years."

"ABSOLUTELY, SANTA MONICA SHOULD allow dispensaries. As a middle-aged woman, I use it to control menopause symptoms and heartily recommend other women do, too. There is nothing like a good night's sleep. No hot flashes, no night sweats, better sleep, better spirit and no grouchiness! Life is good again. Although I am happy using my Venice dispensary, other people may find it too difficult to get to and can't Santa Monica use the tax revenue?"

"LEGALIZE IT, DON'T CRITICIZE IT. THE L.A. zoning laws for pot shops have put many of them in unsafe areas for the sick and old who are walking with cash to buy their medicine. Please allow them in safer areas like the Santa Monica Place, Montana Avenue and Main Street. They should also allow all pharmacies to sell pot. Pharmacies are already set up to sell drugs and check IDs. Next election we can legalize it like Washington and Colorado."

"LORDY, LORDY, LORDY. I DON'T KNOW why the city of San Malicious would not want to set up marijuana labs. After all, aren't we a famous city of these here United States? Other states have done away with marijuana laws or strictures. I don't know why we can't. I think it'd be an excellent idea. Let's make it legal. That way, it'll ease up the burdens for our police. I think it'd be a great idea to lessen the severity because there's too many people holed up in jail. For what? Sometimes it's good for you. I never got high on it. I don't particularly care for marijuana. Never have. But I do like cocaine, as long as you do it judiciously."

"I THINK THAT WE SHOULD NOT HAVE any stores of any kind like this; no dispensaries. It seems somewhat hypocritical to me that every place in Santa Monica you're discouraging smoking and all of a sudden, you're gonna have stores that have places where you can buy marijuana and people can smoke it. Smell from marijuana is much more objectionable than the general smoking. So I think that we should just eliminate it all."

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"ABSOLUTELY I THINK DISPENSARIES should be allowed in Santa Monica. The California state law provides for this for medicinal purposes. You can also tax it. That will help the city's revenues, and they're so concerned about that. This would be an excellent way for them to recoup those monies."

"I THINK THEIR DOCTORS SHOULD BE the ones dispensing it out to people, not setting up shops. Like I said, I think doctors and hospitals should dispense it out. Some people are allergic to it, like me and my family; by the smell of it."

"THIS CITY IS ALREADY A BIG DRUG dispensary. They come from far and wide to ply their trade. And our new army of residents are delighted to have them with us. So now, the plan is to make it easier for this lowlife to drop in and receive their fix. I think you could count on one hand citizens that are duped or fooled into believing that these pot shops are the latest thing in pharmacies. Just ask some of the good citizens of L.A. where these pot-selling stores are out of control and what horrors it has brought to their neighborhoods. You can buy fake prescriptions on any corner. And the stinking marijuana is just a front for the hard stuff. The police are already overwhelmed dealing with these drug addicts. And the consequent crimes – the least of which is impaired drivers behind the wheel, with or without a license. It's the new population in this city that is causing all the horrors. The city is a disaster and growing worse. Look and smell around. These pot-smelling cruds are already all over. It's nauseating. And they're all sick and need medicine, right? Yeah, who's gonna believe that?"

"I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE NEEDS TO BE marijuana dispensaries in the city of Santa Monica. There are plenty just on the other side of the city dividing lines; example west Los Angeles and Venice. And while it may be one of Santa Monica law enforcement's lowest priorities, we do not need to make more accessibility to drugs for our youth. Marijuana is not an innocuous substance, it is a gateway drug that only kills

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TRASHY: **New York City may ban plastic foam food containers and cups like these.**

New Yorkers react to mayor's push to ban plastic foam

BY JAKE PEARSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK Barely 24 hours have passed since Mayor Michael Bloomberg proposed an all-out ban on plastic foam food containers in the city and already New Yorkers are asking: So what do we use instead?

Bloomberg's announcement, made Thursday in his State of the City address, left consumers and food vendors big and small wondering what a city free of plastic foam might look like.

The Santa Monica City Council in January of 2007 banned the non-recyclable food containers as they made up the largest amount of waste ending up on Santa Monica's beaches. Those caught using them are given a warning first, then a fine of $100 for the second violation, and a daily fine of $250 for any violations after that.

Polystyrene foam containers have long been used by street vendors and take-out restaurants as a cheap way to keep in the heat — and sauces — of meals sold to on-the-go customers.

"If they ban it all, we'll have to use aluminum storage containers," said Paul Gopaul, 29, owner of the popular Midtown food truck Faith's Halal Food. "Definitely we'd have a price change."

Gopaul estimated he uses 500 plastic foam food containers a week, which he buys in packs of 175 containers that sell for $15 at a Queens supplier. The aluminum containers of equal size run about $5 more per pack, he said.

"Right now it's a lot of regulations, but if that's what it takes to keep us out here, then we got to do it," he said.

The mayor's proposal is not an original idea. A number of cities on the West Coast have enacted such legislation, including San Francisco. Some states have partial or industry-specific bans of the material's use. In Maine, for example, bait can't be sold in polystyrene foam plastic.

In Seattle, the City Council enacted a plastic foam containers ban and the response there has been largely muted.

Although commonly referred to as Styrofoam, that brand of polystyrene foam isn't used in food packaging, according to its manufacturer, Dow Chemical Co.

Plastic foam cups that keep drinks hot would also be on the chopping block if Bloomberg's citywide ban becomes law. That means Dunkin' Donuts, which has about 480 store locations throughout the five boroughs, would be in a bind. The company said it does have stores in four U.S. cities that have implemented a polystyrene ban but uses paper cups in those stores.

"A polystyrene ban will not eliminate waste or increase recycling; It will simply replace one type of trash with another," Dunkin' Donuts said in a statement.

Avid Dunkin' Donuts coffee drinker Charles Smith said he's sympathetic to the environmental concerns of polystyrene foam, but Bloomberg's latest initiative misses the point.

"I think there are a lot of things in New York that are bad for the environment, like cars and buses," said Smith, 45, who works in the security field. "True New Yorkers just want their coffee."

Bloomberg, speaking Friday morning on John Gambling's WOR radio show, touted both the environmental and economic benefits of banning polystyrene foam.

"Styrofoam, or polystyrene, does not degrade with time. It's just there forever," he said. "And it's not good for you, and it costs us a lot of money. And the stores — most stores have already gone away from it."

Other food containers made from certain types of plastics and paper products are recyclable and already widely used, a mayor's spokeswoman added.

But industry groups were wary of any proposed ban.

"Polystyrene foam foodservice products are two to five times less expensive than alternatives, which saves the City's agencies a significant amount of tax dollars," the trade group American Chemistry Council said.

The mayor's proposal would have to be drafted into legislation and passed by the City Council before becoming law.

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn supports it. But a similar proposal has stalled in the City Council in recent years.

Industry groups have already begun to prepare for a bill to surface.

"As the legislative process moves forward, we hope that all parties listen to small businesses like restaurants and take into account how it'll affect them," said Andrew Moesel, spokesman for the city restaurant association.

Marina Pena, 40, a school counselor from Washington Heights, said she'd prefer to be more eco-friendly, but it's not her decision.

"If I had an option, I'd bring my own containers or get it served on something else, but this is all they give you," said Pena, who bought lunch served in a plastic foam container from a midtown Manhattan food cart. "I know it's bad for the environment. I know you can't recycle it."

Fish Yu, a part-time manager of the popular Chinese restaurant Ollie's on 42nd Street, said his restaurant uses at least 150 plastic foam containers a day.

He said being forced to use alternatives to plastic foam would likely be more expensive.

"If they say so, we'll have to charge it to the customers," he said.



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REMAINS INTACT: **The owners of Horatio West Court in Ocean Park have, for over four decades, restored, preserved and maintained the four units in pristine original condition, earning them the Santa Monica Conservancy's Stewardship Award.**

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muti-family homes for over several decades, thereby providing more access to affordable housing.

The Advocacy Award will be presented to Jerry Rubin and David Conrad for their leadership in the campaign to protect and preserve the "Chain Reaction" sculpture located outside of City Hall on Main Street. This sculpture was created by Pulitzer Prize-winner Paul Conrad and is Santa Monica's first landmark work of public art.

The Outstanding Service Award will go to Hostelling International for its ongoing support of the conservancy's weekly Downtown Walking Tour. Management and staff have continued to provide use of the lobby and Rapp Salon as gathering places for tours and tour guests.

The Outstanding Volunteer Service Award goes to Stephen and Christy McAvoy for their service to the conservancy. Stephen McAvoy is the vice chair of the conservancy's current capital campaign and Christy McAvoy is a contributor to the conservancy's docent program at the Annenberg Community Beach House by providing lectures to educate the public about the history of the beach house.

The annual meeting is free and open to the public and will be held at the Associated Telephone Building at 1314 Seventh St., just north of the Main Library. Jenna Snow of Chattel Inc., Historic Preservation Consultants, will give an overview of the building's history and current renovation plans to restore exterior and interior spaces of this Art Deco structure for creative office uses.

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create signs that direct people away from the Fourth Street exit.

"We worked hard with Expo and their contractors to get the message out," Morrissey said. "It's a big change at the focal point, the entry to Downtown. We want people to be aware and know that what's coming is going to be great."

BROUGHT IT UPON THEMSELVES

Closing down the traffic lane was not in the original plans for the station as designed by the Exposition Construction Authority.

Santa Monica officials negotiated for and spent $8.9 million to change the orientation of the final stop to improve access to pedestrians and prevent trains from slowing as they arrived at the final stop, said Kate Vernez, the deputy city manager for special projects.

It also frees up room for private development at the site, although what that will be — housing or retail — is unclear at this point.

"The station is so much more improved from a functional point of view, and it further increases the value of the land and makes it that much more attractive in terms of the city's bargaining positions (with developers)," Vernez said.

Within a few years, going east anywhere on Colorado Avenue between Fifth Street and Ocean Avenue will be a thing of the past.

City officials plan to begin work on the Colorado Esplanade project, which is slated to begin this year.

The Colorado Esplanade is a promenade meant to connect the Exposition Light Rail station to Ocean Avenue, the Santa Monica Pier and the new park in front of City Hall recently named Tongva Park.

It will expand the bicycle lanes and create a sidewalk that measures a minimum of 40 feet wide. To make room for all of the extra bike and walking facilities, Colorado Avenue will close is eastbound lane the rest of the way to Ocean Avenue.

The eastbound lane will stay open while the esplanade is being built, Morrissey said.

Construction crews will be a regular sight on the western end of Colorado Avenue, much of it coming from the Exposition Construction Authority itself.

Although construction began in 2012, much of the focus was relocating utilities like sewer lines and building the early stages of the bridge at Olympic and Cloverfield boulevards, Collins said.

That's largely prep work. The real changes will begin in 2013, including demolition work at Olympic Boulevard and 26th Street and the station being built at Colorado Avenue.

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The Better Option

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Z Garden serves healthy food with tons of flavor

ON ONE OF MY EARLY SATURDAY MORNING walks to the Pico Farmers' Market in Virginia Avenue Park I spotted a new café in the Yoshinoya mini mall. On the corner of 24th Street and Pico next to the Rite Aid is Z Garden Fresh and Healthy Mediterranean Cuisine. What used to be a greasy burger joint that I wouldn't even give a second look now houses a fresh looking and lively little café.

I'm not the only one in the neighborhood who has discovered this secrete little gem. During the lunch or dinner hour it can be very busy. This is probably the one area in which the owners need work. The popularity of Z Garden has grown so quickly that they can't seem to keep up with the customer demand, and after my first meal I could see why.

Z Garden uses fresh ingredients and great recipes to produce a product that is tasty and healthy. Unlike other ethnic restaurants that have Americanized traditional recipes to reach a broader population, Z Garden has stuck to the originals. The combination of seasonings, garlic, lemon juice and olive oil turn ordinary chicken into the best shawarma and kebab I've tasted on this side of Westwood Boulevard. Even a side order of hummus is presented with bright red paprika, chopped parsley and a drizzle of golden olive oil. It's known that we eat with our eyes first and the presentation of these plates make my taste buds stand up and take notice of the delicious bite on its way to my mouth.

The Mediterranean diet and lifestyle has been known for years to be one of the most heart healthy diets in the world, and has been studied more thoroughly over the last decade. Studies are showing that following a Mediterranean diet may protect against the development of heart disease, metabolic syndrome, diabetes type 2, dementia, obesity, and some types of cancer. Foods found in this region of the world include rich sources of vegetables, fruits, beans, whole grains, nuts, olives, and olive oil along with some cheese, yogurt, fish, poultry, eggs, and moderate amounts of red wine. It's the combinations of monounsaturated fats, fiber and antioxidants that work together to protect against chronic disease.

Most Americans are so used to the traditional meat and two vegetable meals cooked at home or eaten out that eating meatless doesn't even seem like an option. In the Mediterranean region meals are often paired with legumes and whole grains to provide low cholesterol complete protein sources. These may include white beans, lentils or chickpeas (garbanzo beans). In the south of France I fell in love with the street food called Soka which was made from a mixture of garbanzo beans, olive oil and seasonings and cooked thin like a crepe. At Z Garden they present legumes in more traditional Middle Eastern type dishes like hummus dip, falafel patties made from fava beans and chickpeas, and foul (ful) mudammas, which is fava beans cooked in olive oil and garlic.



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THEIR HANDIWORK: **The combination of seasonings, garlic, lemon juice and olive oil turn ordinary chicken into the best shawarma this side of Westwood Boulevard.**

There are specific genetic populations who benefit from a very low fat diet, like the Pritikin plan. But then there are others with the characteristics of metabolic syndrome including high triglycerides, high LDLs, low HDLs, high blood pressure, and even high blood glucose that benefit more from a moderate fat diet, such as the Mediterranean diet. With careful interpretation of blood work, I usually suggest more of a diet similar to the Mediterranean diet for my patients with metabolic syndrome.

Z Garden will make it easier for my patients or others looking for a delicious, affordable, heart healthy meal. For those trying to watch their carbohydrate intake and

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SAY SQUEEZE: **Nekter Juice Bar in Downtown Santa Monica offers a variety of fresh-pressed drinks.**

Putting the squeeze on toxins

BY THIS TIME MOST OF OUR NEW Year's resolutions are things of the past. Visits to the gym have become less and less frequent. The Rosetta Stone continues to accumulate dust in the corner. And spools of floss remain unused. Keeping up with those nagging resolutions is just not conducive to our busy schedules.

Catholics get a second chance with Lent, the season of commemorating Jesus, chocolate bunnies, meatless Fridays and customarily giving something up (smoking, junk food, etc.). For the rest, a not-so-New Year's resolution will have to do.

If healthy living is or was the goal, the recent opening of Nekter Juice Bar on Second Street may very well have something for you. Harnessing SoCal's juice craze, Nekter Juice Bar has been serving up smoothies, juices and acai bowls to a health conscience contingent, and has successfully expanded from Orange County to L.A. and beyond. The Santa Monica location, strategically setup next to a yoga studio Downtown, has already seen a fare share of business from newcomers and people familiar with the Nekter brand.

A major part of the Nekter franchise is the juice cleanse. In short, the juice cleanse, ranging from one to five days, is a total liquid diet. Six 16.9-ounce bottles of Nekter's specially designed variety pack are to be drunk through the course of the day. The fruit and veggie pressed juices flush out toxins and put the digestive tract back on track. It makes sense. Eat (or in this case drink) extremely healthy and see results; similar to the "Super Size Me" guy exclusively eating McDonald's for a month and almost dying. That makes sense as well. It is emphasized that the cleanse is not a fast. However, the omnipresent craving for solid foods is the challenge. Cleanses are not easy, and they're pricey (from $65 for one day, to $300 for five days), but the results can yield a drastic change in everything from fatigue, to allergies, to depression, and more.

For less extreme measures, Nekter offers a selection of juices, smoothies, specialty drinks, acai bowls and a make-your-own option as well. All 16-ounce juices and smoothies are reasonably marked under five bucks. Furthermore, the smoothie and juice menus range from nutrient-rich green drinks, to a sweeter selection of fruitier beverages. Plus you can get your chlorophyll fix with a shot of wheatgrass and ginger too.

However, the acai bowls may be one of the better options on the menu. A blend of acai, bananas, nut milk, and berries are blended and mounded on hemp seed granola, and topped with more bananas and berries for $6.50. When measuring value, taste, sustenance and nutrition, Nekter's acai bowl is the total package.

It is not advertised that Nekter sources organic produce, which may be a concern for some. Major construction across the street and limited Downtown parking may be an issue for others. But good service, a spacious interior and reasonable prices are all working in the juice bar's favor. When I visit, I take my bike so no worries about parking for me. You should too.

It is never too late to start that New Year's resolution. The Chinese New Year wasn't too long ago, and I think the Canadian New Year is just around the corner. Health and vitality is just a cold press extraction away. Yes we can! Yes we can!

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FRESH BREAKFAST: **When measuring value, taste, sustenance and nutrition, Nekter's acai bowl is the total package.**

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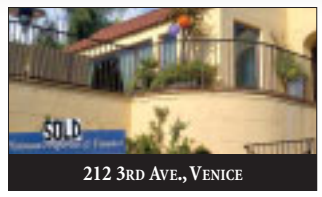


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Josef Hartl, 84, of Santa Monica died Friday, February 8th.



Josef was a 50 year resident of Santa Monica. While a resident he was the executive chef at the Broken Drum restaurant and later the Bel Air Bay Club where he retired in 1994. He is survived by Diana, his wife of 52 years, his son Alexander, his 2 granddaughters Elizabeth and Josephine and his daughter in law Dina. Memorial Services are TBD.

Josef was born in 1929 in the village of Dellendorf in Bavaria, Germany. He was orphaned at the age of 2 and was raised by his grandparents until entering the Franziskushaus orphanage in Altotting, Germany, where he spent 7 years. After leaving the orphanage he apprenticed as a baker until the end of the Second World War. Amidst the chaos of the post war years he furthered his education and rose to the level of Master Chef.

In 1951 he was selected to be the chef on the then world's largest yacht which was owned by shipping magnate Daniel K. Ludwig. Josef spent the rest of the decade travelling the seas. He crossed the Atlantic Ocean over 40 times and visited over 30 countries. He remained with the yacht throughout the 1950's.

During Josef's travels he met his wife Diana in Ensenada, Mexico. The couple was married in Ensenada in 1960. The couple moved to Bellmore Long Island before moving to California where they lived for a year on Catalina Island before finally settling in Santa Monica in 1962. Josef started work at the Broken Drum restaurant where he served as executive chef until 1980 when he moved on to the Bel Air Bay club where he retired in 1994.

In 1967 the couple's only child, Alexander, was born in Santa Monica. In 2002 his first granddaughter Elizabeth was born followed by his second granddaughter Josephine. Josef spent the balance of his years in Santa Monica with his wife and frequently traveled to Las Vegas to spend time with his extended family.

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increase their vegetables, special requests or changes can be made to meals without complaint or an additional fee. I usually order the chicken kebab plate, which is typically served with hummus, house salad, rice and pita. When I place my order, I ask for the cooks to hold the rice and double the salad since they include pita with the meal.

Prices: Appetizers from $4.95; salads from $5.95; pita sandwiches from $6.45; and plates from $9.95.

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The Better Option vegetarian favorite: Z Garden Vegetarian Plate
1/4 cup hummus, 1/2 cup tabbouleh, 2 grape leaves, 2 falafel patties, house salad and 1/2 pita (estimated analysis)
Calories: 520; Fat: 26g (40% of DV); Sat Fat: 4g (20% of DV); Chol: 0g; Total Carbs: 56g (19% of DV); Sodium: 1160 (48% of DV); Fiber: 8g (32% of DV); Protein: 16g

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NMS proposes to build a six-story, 77-unit mixed-use complex at the 501 Broadway site, complete with four levels of subterranean parking with 153 spaces, according to the Planning Commission caselist, a running list of the applications for developments in the city.

That property was purchased in September 2012 for $9 million, according to Los Angeles County records.

The proposal for the 601 Colorado Avenue building also involves six stories, this time with 73 units and a four-level underground garage with only 66 spaces.

The county did not have sales records for that site.

Both applications were filed on Dec. 6, just before the City Council planned to consider changes to the development agreement process that would have added steps to the already lengthy public review.

NMS is known for its small apartments, often between 375 and 420 square feet and priced anywhere between $1,500 and $1,700 in Downtown. That style is considered a "single room occupancy," or SRO, and the City Council and Planning Commission have objected to the concentration of tiny apartments in Downtown.

The company hasn't finalized the housing mix for these two developments, which are so new they don't even have a city planner assigned to them yet, said Jim Andersen, president of NMS Properties.

What the two developments will mean for the existing businesses still isn't clear.

"We haven't even addressed that issue," Andersen said. "Although I love Fritto Misto (and) eat there frequently. Great business."

Performance Bicycle still has a lease in its building until 2015, said Ken Tunnell, director of real estate with Performance Bicycle's corporate office.

"They haven't told us anything substantial," Tunnell said.

Even if the shop was able to stay in place as part of the mixed-use development, it would have to shut down during construction. Tunnel wasn't sure if that would be acceptable to the company.

"It would all depend on the parameters of the deal and how long we would have to be out of business," Tunnell said.

Much of this is still up in the air.

The development agreement process is a long one, taking upwards of two or three years in many cases. That may increase once a recent City Council decision to extend the Planning Commission's decision-making time to 90 days instead of 30 takes effect.

Additionally, the City Council voted Tuesday to set a number of priorities for the 35 development agreements currently in the pipeline. The influx of agreements has swamped employees of the Planning Department, who went to the City Council for help in determining which projects were most important to the council and should go first.

High on that list was affordable housing, meaning that projects that wanted early consideration would have to make 15 percent of their units available to individuals or families that qualify as "very low" income and only 5 percent to those that qualify as "moderate" income.

According to income limits for Los Angeles County, that works out to $42,150 and $77,750 for a family of four, respectively.

Developments could also qualify under a unit mix criteria. Council members laid down requirements that only 20 percent of the units could be studio apartments, and at least 20 percent would have to be two bedroom units. Another 10 percent would have to have three bedrooms.

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MUSIC MAN

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The 88 perform at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center on Thursday as part of an event kicking off the partnership between the hospital and the Matt Cwiertny Memorial Foundation. The foundation will be donating iPod Nanos pre-loaded with music to teen and young-adult cancer patients as part of the Matt's Mixed Tape Project. Cwiertny, a music buff, died of cancer at age 24.

BAND

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"[The band] gives purpose and direction to some people who would just be wandering aimlessly," said Mike Corrigan, the current Emeritus Band director.

The 60-person wind ensemble is open to anyone, but caters primarily to seniors and community members who have a genuine desire to perform music.

The band has a wide range of ages — the oldest member being 94 — and skill levels, with many members having prior professional music experience.

"Most of the people in the band have been playing for a long time," said trumpet player Craig Peterson, who has 60 years of trumpet experience.

Peterson, who has performed with his wife and son in previous concerts, believes that music is powerful, saying, "music brings us together."

Take Jon Moryl, 58, and Steve Kriger, 60. The two first met when they played for their high school band in 1970. Over 40 years later they've found themselves sitting next to each other once again during rehearsals.

"It's like we're 17 years old again," Kriger said.

Moryl, who works at an automotive repair shop, cherishes the stress relief found once a week at rehearsals. "I realized I'm happiest playing music," he said. "It's my therapy."

The Emeritus Band performs three concerts a year, and has a winter concert scheduled this Sunday at the Broad Stage at 3 p.m. This concert is one of the few events at the Broad Stage where parking and admission is free.

The band will be playing a variety of older and contemporary pieces, sampling from the works of Benny Goodman to "Porgy and Bess," and "West Side Story."

Performing in the orchestra lends validation to many seniors' lives, and allows community musicians to showcase musical talent that would otherwise remain hidden from the world.

"As an educator it excites me to know whoever had these people as students in high school instilled that joy of music in them," Corrigan said. "I Hope I can do that with some of my students."

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **57°**

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

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

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

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

TIDE

Swings become much less of a factor through the end of the week and into the weekend. Morning high tides become a bit more problematic again by mid next week

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **February 13, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 6
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / 30
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Decinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Winter Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Flamingo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
Solstice Canyon at Leo Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Malibu Canyon storm drain at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	B
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	D	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CSAW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

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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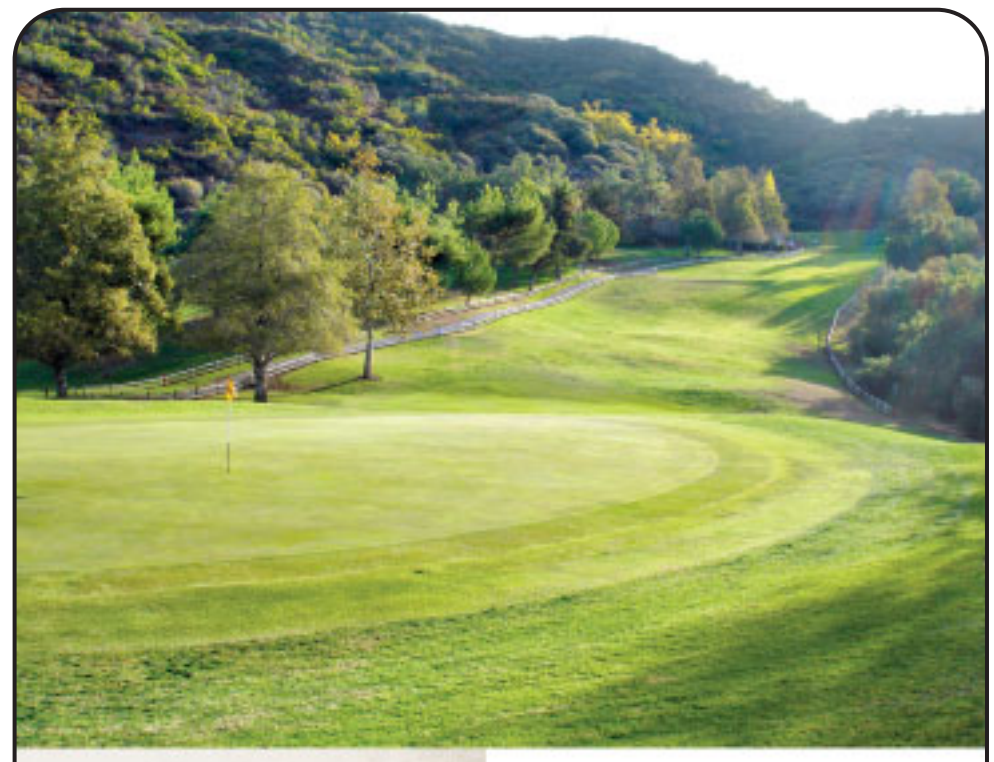
The Q Line

QLINE
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motivation in its users and productivity. We can talk about the crime that could be around it, but, in short, there is plenty of accessibility to this drug and it does not have to be in our small town of Santa Monica."

"'MEDICAL' MARIJUANA IS A HOAX. There is no proven medical use for marijuana, and it is just an excuse for people to have a legitimate reason to get stoned. The 'Kush Doctors' are happy to sell the drug, and even will testify for you in court if necessary. Santa Monica doesn't need more druggies walking around the town."

"SALES TAX FROM DISPENSARIES operating in Santa Monica will replace a portion of the cuts that our deficit will require of us. Currently Santa Monicans are sending millions a year to the city of Los Angeles in the form of sales tax for the dispensaries catering to Santa Monica that line our eastern and southern borders. What mystifies me is the agonizing over the location of dispensaries. I agree that retail businesses require sensible zoning regulation, but what is the logic behind not locating them in the vicinity of churches, parks, or schools? What possible harm could a legal retail outlet do to a nearby church? I live near Roosevelt Elementary School. Just 75 feet from their playground is a Vons, which displays thousands of wine and liquor bottles along with cartons of beer, which children are free to handle and examine. The front of the store is where they market tobacco. A pharmacy occupies the opposite corner from the school and, like all pharmacies, sells countless medications that are addictive and/or have fatal overdose levels, and are used recreationally in addition to their legitimate use. Children walking west on Montana after school walk by an Italian restaurant where they can observe adults drinking wine at sidewalk tables. Children walking home east on Montana frequently stop in a liquor store to get an after-school treat. Does all this mean the children of Roosevelt are doomed to be drug addicts, chain smokers, and alcoholics? Will lung cancer or a Vicodin overdose end their lives because there was a pharmacy or a grocery store in the neighborhood where they went to school? Have liquor, tobacco, and pharmaceutical sales near a church caused a wave of atheism to engulf Santa Monica? Are churches in our town going out of business? Like it or not, marijuana is part of our culture and it's here to stay."



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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Saturday, Feb. 16
Gone With the Wind (NR) 3hr 58min
7:30pm

Sunday, Feb. 17
Band of Outsiders (NR) 1hr 35min
The Thomas Crown Affair (PG) 1hr 42min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Life of Pi (PG) 2hrs 06min
1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Django Unchained (R) 2hrs 45min
11:30am, 3:00pm, 6:35pm, 10:15pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:50am, 3:35pm, 7:00pm, 10:30pm

2013 Best Picture Showcase 2/16 (NR)
10:00am

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

Zero Dark Thirty (R) 2hrs 37min
11:45am, 3:15pm, 6:50pm, 10:35pm

Good Day to Die Hard (R) 1hr 37min
11:05am, 11:55am, 1:40pm, 2:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:15pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:40pm, 10:45pm

Warm Bodies (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:35am, 2:20pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Escape from Planet Earth 3D (PG) 1hr 29min
11:25am, 2:10pm, 7:20pm

Escape from Planet Earth (PG) 1hr 29min
4:50pm, 9:50pm

Identity Thief (R) 1hr 51min
11:15am, 12:10pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:40pm, 5:40pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:30pm, 11:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Oscar Nominated Short Films 2013: Documentary
3:20pm, 6:10pm

Royal Affair (En kongelig affaere) (R) 2hrs 13min
8:20pm

5 Broken Cameras (NR) 1hr 30min
11:00am

Impossible (PG-13) 1hr 47min
4:20pm

Just 45 Minutes from Broadway (R) 1hr 48min
11:00am

Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charles Swan III (R) 1hr 26min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Stand Up Guys (R) 1hr 33min
1:00pm

Quartet (PG-13) 1hr 37min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

56 Up (NR) 2hrs 24min
10:45am

Oscar Nominated Short Films 2013: Live Action 1hr 54min
7:00pm

Oscar Nominated Short Films 2013: Animation
2:15pm, 9:40pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-7910

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
10:50am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Beautiful Creatures (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
11:00am, 1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

Side Effects (R) 1hr 46min
10:40am, 12:15pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:40pm, 5:40pm, 7:20pm, 8:20pm, 10:00pm, 11:00pm

Safe Haven (PG-13) 1hr 55min
10:30am, 11:15am, 1:10pm, 2:00pm, 3:55pm, 4:50pm, 6:50pm, 7:45pm, 9:45pm, 10:40pm

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Avoid crowds tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 20-April 19)
★★★★ Revise your plans if there is a last-minute change to take into consideration. You might disappoint someone, or perhaps you could invite this person to join you. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ An emotional collision encourages you to head in a different direction. Put on your rainy-day emotional gear and do something else. You'll discover that a friend delights in your company. Tonight: As you like.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Look beyond what is happening, and understand why others are reacting the way they are. You might decide not to make the same judgment call. Help them to see the bigger picture, and they will be more comfortable as a result. Tonight: Vanish, but don't tell everyone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A loved one causes uproar in a way that causes you to distance yourself. Of course, if you are single, this behavior could emanate from a potential love interest. Stop and rethink your choices. Avoid reacting, and choose to do nothing. Tonight: Keep it light.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Head out the door. Whether you go to put in overtime at work or take off to visit a friend makes no difference. By distancing yourself from your personal life, you will be able to get some perspective. You also just might need a change of scenery. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for feedback, even if you don't like what you hear. Sit on your opinions for now, and understand their role in the question at hand. Take a drive in the country with a loved one. You'll gain a new insight as soon as you detach. Tonight: Let someone else decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Your willingness to have a discussion and get to the bottom of the other person's issue will be appreciated. Are you ready to discuss what is on your mind, too? A tight budget or an emotional issue might be coloring your mood. Tonight: Avoid crowds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might be holding back a concern, and you could become very tight-lipped and rigid as a result. You might want to consider discussing this reservation, especially as it could be affecting others. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21)
★★★ Pace yourself, but don't linger on what might be defined as a difficult moment. Your strong drive marks your decisions, especially with domestic matters. Ask a loved one for his or her impression. Tonight: Go off with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Use your imagination, and you'll make an ordinary day far more interesting. Know that you might not be able to cheer up a depressed friend, as he or she is set on being glum. Tonight: Paint the town red.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that you have to do. In fact, you might not want to answer your front door or any incoming calls. This is an excellent idea that will allow you to emerge later feeling much better. Indulge a loved one. Tonight: Stay in your fortress.

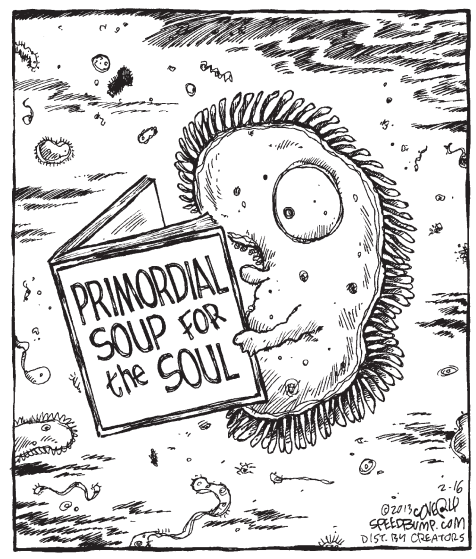
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Make plans only with those you want to hang out with. News from a distance could be a problem. Know that you might have missed a detail. Discuss the situation with someone else who is involved. Together, you'll come up with answers. Tonight: Dinner at a local spot.

Happy birthday

This year you might say one thing yet do something else. If you get feedback regarding this issue, it would be wise to work on resolving it; otherwise, people might not know what to expect when interacting with you. Once you become clearer, the possibility of getting involved in a dynamic relationship will be enhanced. If you are single, the first couple of choices you make for a potential sweetie might not be the right match for you. Trust yourself. If you are attached, the two of you will become closer if you accept yourself and are willing to transform. PISCES can irritate you.

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

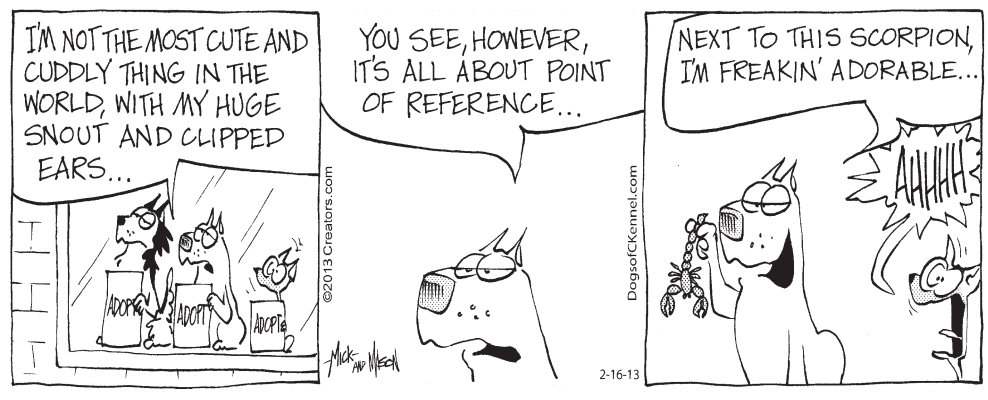
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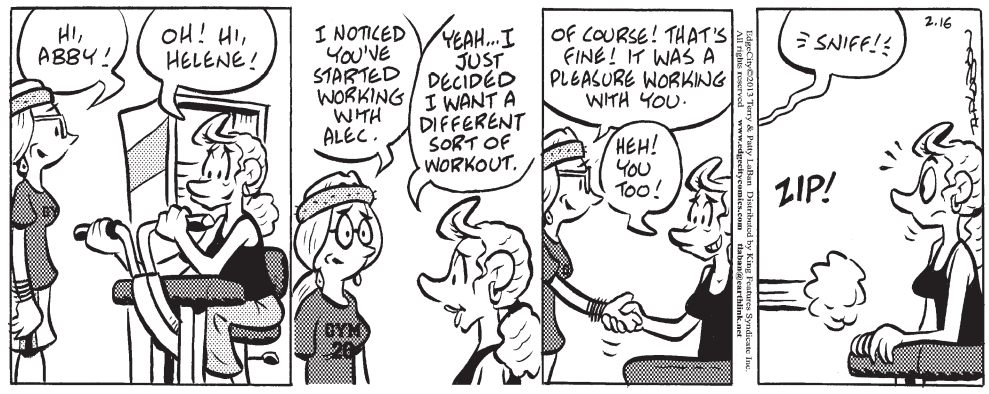
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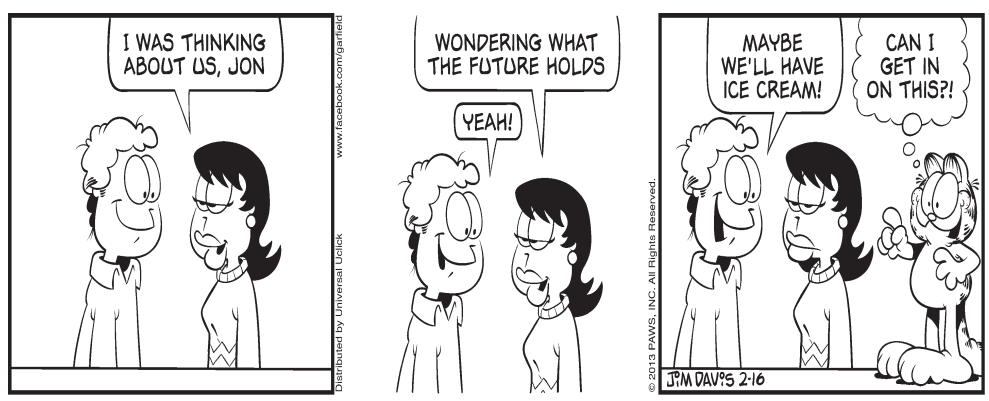
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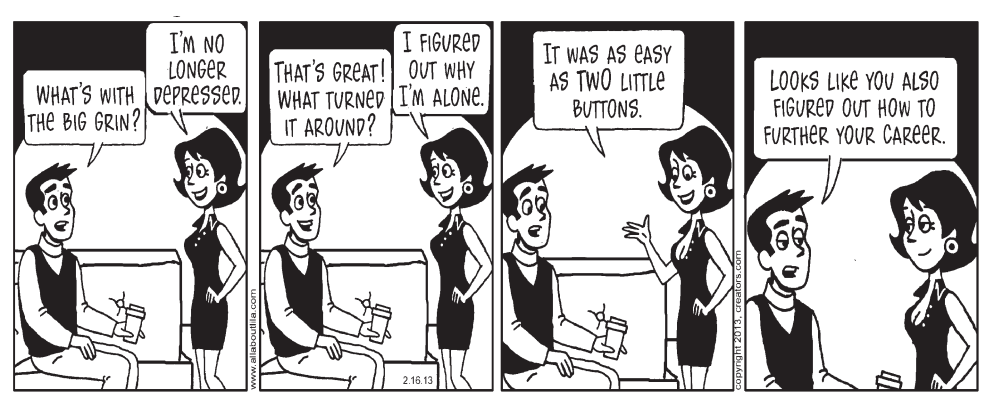
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

ACROSS

1 Speedy
6 Miles of music
11 Asian city
12 Operative
13 Burglar's bane
14 In a way, in slang
15 Took ten
17 Used a chair
18 Jargon suffix
19 Club layer
22 Wisconsin tribe
23 Most frosty
24 Some Japanese films
25 Design
27 Chinese Chairman
30 Consisting of multiple words
31 Quantity: Abbr.
32 Lobster eggs
33 Maze runner
35 Came to
38 Sweepstakes offering
39 Cart pullers
40 Man of Madrid
41 Depleted
42 Utopian spots

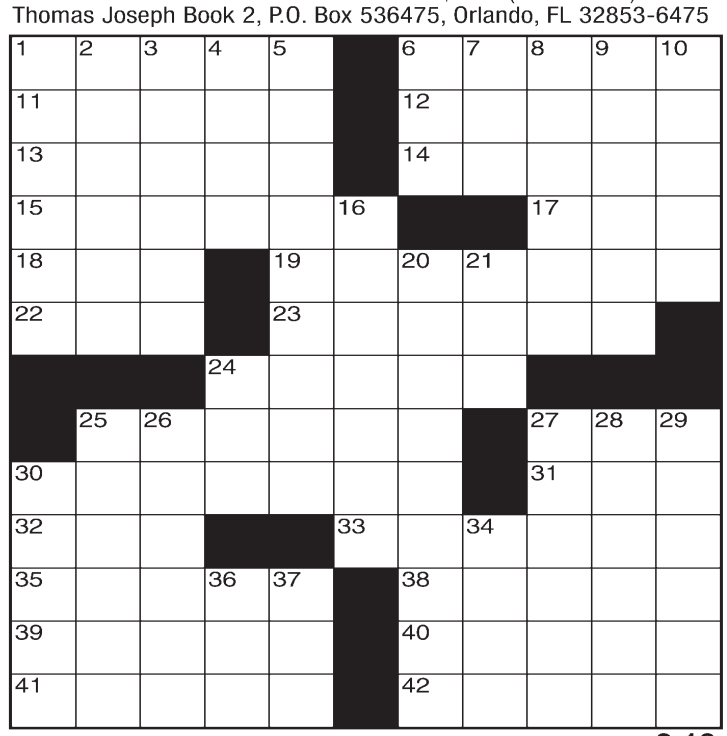
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1 Stock units
2 Solidarity hero
3 "Hold on!"
4 Cavalry base
5 History book charts
6 German article
7 Before today
8 Against
9 Unbroken
10 Map area
16 It has a point
20 Kind of photography
21 Kickoff aid
24 Cry of insight
25 Arrive
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27 Leatherneck
28 Warrior woman
29 Weasels' cousins
30 Baby carriages
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ First-World Problems: Before "cellulite" appeared in popular culture around 1972, almost no one believed the condition especially remarkable, wrote London's The Guardian in December. Similarly, the new concern about "wobbly" arms -- flesh dangling loosely when a woman's arm is raised horizontally -- seems entirely made-up. However, Marks & Spencer and other upscale British retailers now sell "arm corsets" to fashionably hold the skin tighter for sleeveless tops. Wrote the Guardian columnist, "I wish I didn't know that my arms weren't meant to wobble. I'd be happier."

■ Julie Griffiths, 43, of Newcastle-Under-Lyme, England, received her first Anti-Social Behavior Order in 1999 for too loudly berating her husband, Norman (who one neighbor told the Daily Telegraph is "the sweetest man you could ever meet"). After many complaints (from neighbors, never from Norman), Griffiths was fined the equivalent of about $700 in 2010 and vowed to be quieter. The complaints hardly slowed, and in July 2012, environmental-health officials installed monitoring equipment next door and caught Griffiths venting at Norman 47 times in three months. However, the Stoke-on-Trent Magistrates Court merely issued a new, five-year ASBO.

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1983 – The Ash Wednesday bushfires in Victoria and South Australia kill 75.

1985 – Hezbollah is founded.

1986 – The Soviet liner MS Mikhail Lermontov runs aground in the Marlborough Sounds, New Zealand.

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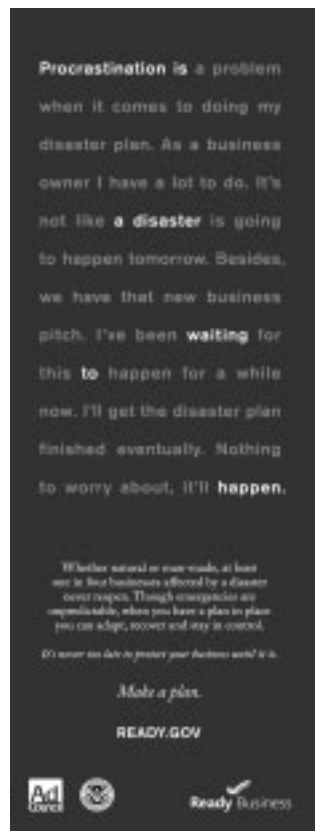
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