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THE **HERE THEY COME** ISSUE

Security, profits, temps up for marathon

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE On Sunday, Rick Kissler and his buddy John Chin will drive from Santa Monica out to Dodger Stadium, then turn around and run home.

For the past five years, the finale of the Los Angeles Marathon has been held in Santa Monica, where Kissler lives and where he and Chin first decided to give it a shot back in 1986.

"There's a kind of homefield advantage for Santa Monica runners," Kissler said. "They talk about the proverbial wall you hit at around the 20th mile and being a Santa Monica resident, you're going to face a little less of that knowing that you're coming home. It's like putting on your favorite pair of slippers."

Kissler and Chin are Legacy Runners, part of a handful who've run the 26.2-mile race every year since it started 29 years ago. In the fall of 1985, Kissler saw Chin — an acquaintance at the time — jogging in Santa Monica. Still pumped up from the Olympic games — which had been held in L.A. the year before — Kissler convinced Chin to sign up for the inaugural race with him. Almost three decades later, they haven't missed one.

This year's marathon is Santa Monica's first since pressure-cooker bombs detonated near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three and injuring hundreds.

In response, the Santa Monica Police Department is stepping up security in and around the raceway, said Sgt. Jay Moroso.

Police will search race-goers who want to watch anywhere along Ocean Avenue between Santa Monica Boulevard and Colorado Avenue.

"The search will be much like that experienced at most concerts or major events," Moroso said.

SMPD also plans to bring in a portable security tower to watch the crowd along the stretch near the finish line, where family and friends of the 25,000 runners in the sold-out race will be gathered.

As you can imagine, parking might be a challenge. The Downtown Parking Structures will open at 7 a.m. and a number a streets will be closed. Big Blue Bus will be offering free rides around Downtown. City Hall recommends using the ParkMe app, available at www.parkme.com, to find available parking. It currently has advanced parking passes for sale, including one for $10 an hour on Ocean Avenue and another further away from the finish line for $4 for two hours.

Santa Monica has served as the iconic finish since 2010 and the race has served as an economic boon for the Bay City.

As of Tuesday, Santa Monica hotels had already picked up more than 1,450 prebooked room nights thanks to the marathoners, according to the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau, up 23 percent from last year.

"L.A. Marathon continues to be an important piece of business for our destination, providing a healthy boost to our hotels, restaurants, attractions and retailers," said

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IMAX

IMAX to follow Sony to Playa Vista

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

EXPOSITION BLVD I think I've seen this one before.

IMAX, a film projection format company known for its larger-than-life nature films, is leaving the city by the sea for a brand new space in Playa Vista.

IMAX is the newest addition to the list of recent tech companies leaving Santa Monica for other Westside locations because of a lack larger offices and more affordable rents.

Earlier this year, Sony's Santa Monica Studios announced plans to move its 220 employees to Playa Vista (and keep our name) this summer.

In 1999, IMAX moved with 30 employees to Exposition Boulevard near Centinela Avenue when the neighborhood was off the beaten path and underdeveloped, said CEO of IMAX Entertainment Greg Foster.

"It was the right place at the right time and we've loved working here," he said.

The Santa Monica building was designed to house IMAX, he said, but they don't own it. When the opportunity to build and own

SEE IMAX PAGE 8



SO GOOD Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*
Armando Aguilar from Drago Bakery slices Spanish ham during Planned Parenthood Los Angeles Guild's annual Food Fare at Barker Hangar on Thursday.

High surf warning at local beaches

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

SM BEACH Larger waves will pound the shores of local beaches and strong rip currents are expected to threaten swimmers through this evening, National Weather Service forecasters said.

Gusty winds are also expected to whip across Southern California through at least the morning, the result of "a tightening surface pressure gradient" accompanying a passing cold front, according to an advisory by the National Weather Service.

A beach hazard statement will be in force in Los Angeles County through tonight. Surf will build to 4 to 6 feet with local sets to 8 feet across west-facing beaches.

"Elevated surf will create strong and dangerous rip currents in the surf zone as well as waves that can suddenly wash people off rocks and jetties," the statement read. "Caution should be used when in or near the water. Stay near occupied lifeguard towers and never swim alone."

If caught in a rip current swim parallel to the shore.

For more information, visit www.weather.gov.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, March 7, 2014

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530 Pico Blvd., 7:15 a.m.
Join the Organization of Women Leaders and the Commission on the Status of Women to celebrate International Women's Day. A networking breakfast is being hosted by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks and Fox 11 News anchor Christine Devine will be honored. Tickets: chamber members: $35; non-members: $45; students/seniors: $25. Visit smchamber.com/OWL or call (310)-393-9825.

Journey into the past
Santa Monica History Museum
1350 Seventh St.,
10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Come experience the remarkable chapters of Santa Monica's history in the permanent exhibit gallery. Place yourself in the front-page news of a past era, explore Santa Monica landmarks, or step into a re-created section of a Douglas C-47. Admission: $5 general, $3 seniors & students, free for children under 12. For more information, call (310) 395-2290.

Star power
SMC John Drescher Planetarium
1900 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
Get the latest news about NASA's successor to the Hubble Space Telescope — the James Webb Space Telescope — and the efforts to keep the program moving toward a hoped-for 2018 launch. The moon and activities on Jupiter will also be featured. Tickets: $11; $9 for seniors and children. For more information, call (310) 434-3005 or visit www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Marathon kickoff
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade, 7 p.m.
Santa Monica's Julie Weiss ran 52 marathons in 52 weeks and raised more than $250,000 for pancreatic cancer. Hear her thoughts on how she did it. Be one of the first five people to arrive and you'll receive a DVD of "Spirit of the Marathon II." After party at Athleta with runner-friendly food and drink. Both events are free. There will be a raffle to help raise money for cancer research.

Spicy workout
1450 Ocean
1450 Ocean Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Isabelle Pampillo whips her students into shape with salsa-inspired aerobics. Pampillo was born a dancer at heart and dedicated her entire life to dancing since the age of 4. She specializes in salsa, Los Angeles style, her own Argentine tango, and most recently pole dancing. Fore more information, call (310) 458-2239.

Saturday, March 8, 2014

Free compost
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave., 7 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Residents have the opportunity to cart away free compost at the city's compost giveaway — a quarterly thank you to residents for their efforts in recycling yard trimmings. Five burlap sacks will be provided per resident. Bring gloves and be prepared to scoop your own compost. For more information, call (310) 458-2223.

Walk with purpose
Crescent Bay Park
2000 Ocean Ave., 9 a.m.
Proceeds from this charity walk support the missions and programs of the National Eating Disorders Association including prevention and treatment research. For more information, call (212) 575-6200 or visit nedawalks.org.

He wishes he was a real boy
Promenade Playhouse
1404 Third Street Promenade
11 a.m.
Twinkle Theatre for babies and toddlers presents "Pinocchio." Learn about love, true friendship and the importance of being honest in this classic story of the boy built out of love. Only the fun parts with no scary adventures are in this version. Sing, clap and have fun with the boy made out of wood in this 30-minute song-driven show that is ideal for babies and toddlers and first-time theatre goers. For more information, call (310) 804-0223.

Designing New York, Los Angeles
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m.
Christopher Long, a professor of architectural and design history at the University of Texas at Austin, will lecture on the work of Paul T. Frankl and his impact on the modernism movement in both Los Angeles and New York. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

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

CORRECTION

In the Curious City column "The difference between winning, losing," which appeared in the March 5 edition of the Daily Press, it should have said that the absolute deadline for the Hines-Bergamot Transit Village referendum petition to be submitted to the City Clerk's Office for verification is March 13 at 5:30 p.m., according to the clerk.

In the Culture Watch column "50 shades, one note," which appeared in the March 6 edition of the Daily Press, it should have said tickets for "50 Shades! The Musical" can be purchased at http://50shadesthemusical.com.

Police investigating bank robbery

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

MID-CITY Santa Monica detectives are on the hunt for a homeless man they say robbed a bank Thursday morning, getting away with an undisclosed amount of cash after threatening that he had a gun.

Police said the robbery at the US Bank located at 2221 Santa Monica Blvd. took place at 10:21 a.m.

The suspect is described as an African-American male, approximately 48 years old, with a gray beard, blue beanie and a blue long-sleeve shirt. He walked into the bank and told the teller that he had a gun, but no gun was seen by the teller or witnesses, police said.

After getting cash from the teller, the suspect ran out of the bank and out of sight.

No one was injured in the robbery.

Detectives are conducting a follow-up investigation.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8599.

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WINNING!

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

Santa Monica's Fred Norris takes a swing against Ventura on Thursday at home. Samohi went on to win the game, 8-4. The win evens the Vikings' record at 1-1.

Former Samohi star Decker tries to 'catch' on with Padres

BY TONY CAPOBIANCO
Special to the Daily Press

PEORIA, Ariz. After spending five seasons primarily playing first base in the San Diego Padres farm system, Cody Decker comes into spring training returning to his Santa Monica High School roots as a catcher.

As a high school senior, Decker was Samohi's version of Mike Piazza; hitting .490 with 11 home runs and 40 RBI while leading the Vikings to a 20-10 record in the 2005 season.

Decker was recruited to UCLA for his power bat, but didn't play catcher for the Bruins. Instead, he was their first baseman and designated hitter with an occasional game in the outfield every now and then. As a senior, Decker won the then Pac-10 home run title in 2009 with 21 bombs.

"I'm like a 12-year-old," Decker said, "as long as I can hit, I don't really care."

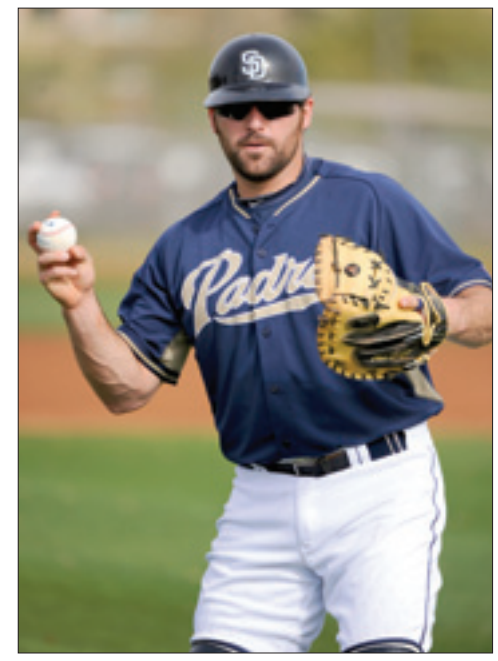
It wasn't until a year ago before Decker got the Padres to start looking at him as a catcher. Even though it's all about getting in the lineup, Decker prefers being a catcher for all the nuances that comes with the position.

"It's fun," Decker said. "I enjoy controlling the game. I enjoy coming up with the game plan and attacking it with the pitcher."

Decker got 10 games in as a catcher in Triple-A Tucson in 2013. However, there are still some adjustments that need to be made when reconverting to catcher like footwork and flexibility.

"It's the little things in catching that are important," Decker said. "Receiving is the biggest thing. The goal is for me not to be noticed. Anytime you know a catcher is doing well is when you don't really notice him. He's just catching the ball, he's just receiving it well and making (the pitcher) look good."

The Padres have plenty of depth at the catcher position. Nick Hundley hit a career high 13 home runs in 2013 despite not playing a full season's worth of games. Yasmani Grandal has star potential despite being derailed last season due to injuries and a 50-game suspension for performance enhancing drugs. Austin Hedges is the No. 2 rated prospect in the Padres' organization and scouts have given him high grades.



DECKER

How Decker fits with the catching crew is by being defensively capable and being that power bat the Padres so desperately need.

"The idea is not for me to become Johnny Bench back there," Decker said. "The idea is that I can hit. I'm a hitter. That's what I've always been."

In the minors, Decker has hit 28 home runs in 2010 at single-A Lake Elsinore and 25 home runs in 2012 at double-A San Antonio. So he definitely has a track record for power, and that with versatility is very rare in baseball; never mind a power-hitting catcher.

If availability is the best ability, versatility will enable Decker to break camp with the Padres as their super utility man.

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Netanyahu speaks about Iran at Los Angeles museum

RAQUEL MARIA DILLON,
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Jewish community leaders on Thursday that he was determined to contain Iran's nuclear program and protect the state of Israel from Iran.

The prime minister spoke at the Museum of Tolerance, where exhibits document how 6 million Jews and Europe's lively Jewish culture was destroyed in the Holocaust. He drew a parallel between a 1919 letter on display at the museum in which Adolf Hitler laid out his plans for an "uncompromising removal of the Jews altogether."

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In case you missed it

Editor:

In keeping with a common opening sequence to a TV series, if you haven't read the Daily Press Letters to the Editor for the last couple of years, here's what you've missed.

We don't want any more hotels in Santa Monica, even if they have great amenities and are designed by world-class architects. The city doesn't need more visitors, vibrancy or tax revenues. (Translation: I have a guest room and I don't go out after 7 p.m.)

The Santa Monica Airport should be a park. The city doesn't need the tax revenues. (Translation: How great for my property value.)

We support reasonable, attractively-designed projects, not the eyesores the Planning Commission has approved. (Translation: We will never admit that a new building meets our standards.)

The City Council is insane for approving residential buildings that don't provide parking spaces. (Translation: I need a car for everything I do, and everyone lives like I do.)

The city should never approve a project that puts more cars on the street. (Translation: My move to Santa Monica did not add to density or traffic problems, the problems are entirely the cause of all the people who moved here after me and who still hope to move here.)

Bicycles are far more dangerous than cars, because unlike car drivers, bicyclists sometimes ignore stop signs. (Translation: I hate it that bicyclists can get somewhere faster and far more cheaply than I can.)

Now you're all caught up.

By the way, thanks for publishing the results of the survey indicating that a majority of respondents between the ages of 18 and 44 think that the city's future is bright, whereas respondents age 45 and up believe that the city is going downhill. ("Opinion of City Hall divided along age, ethnic lines," March 1-2). This article made me feel so young!

Paul Bergman
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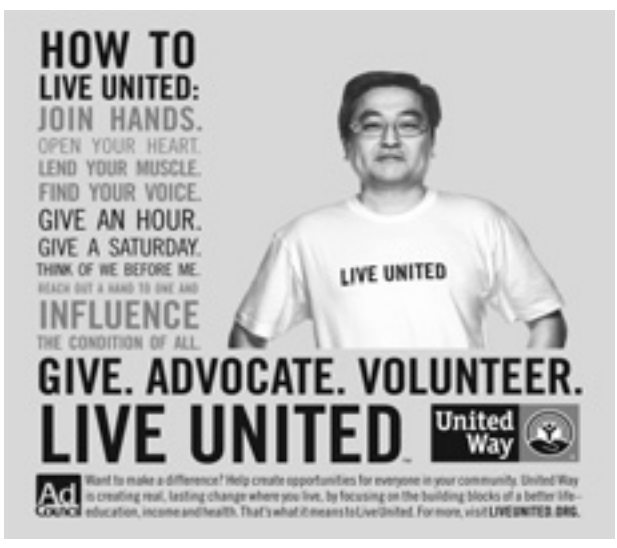
Crazy commission

Editor:

I think we need to change the name of the Airport Commission to something which is not so misleading ("Airport Commission recommends starving SMO," March 3). I thought commissions were generally groups who worked for the betterment of something they were supposed to represent. Can you imagine a police commission who advocated eliminating the police force and releasing all the people in jail or a coastal commission who wanted to dump toxic waste into the ocean?

The Airport Commission is nothing more than a group of property owners who want to enrich themselves by removing a property use which was there before them and was a contributing reason they could even afford to move there in the first place. In this spirit, why don't we have a housing commission composed of people who want to eliminate low-income housing and rent control. The idea is no less crazy that what we've got for the airport.

Frank Greenberg
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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The proof is in the Putin

APPARENTLY WHILE WE WERE ALL watching bobsledding at the Sochi Olympics the Russian government was ruthlessly planning an invasion of Ukraine. (Newscasters pronounce it YOU-crane as Bush used to pronounce Iraq as EYE-rack.)

Seemingly 15 minutes after the heartwarming closing ceremonies, Russia's dictator, I mean president, Vladimir Putin, reportedly sent 16,000 armed troops into Crimea. But Putin denies they're Russian, "Anybody can go into a store and buy a uniform." (Is he "Putin" us on?)

In 2001, George Bush said of Putin, a former KGB officer, "I looked into his eyes and saw his soul." Bush, who boasted "I've always been able to read people," described Putin as "straight forward" and "trustworthy." Then again, during Katrina, Bush also said, "You're doin' a heckuva job, Brownie."

On his trip, Putin actually visited Bush at Crawford, Texas. When questioned about Putin's character Bush remarked, "If I didn't trust him do you think I'd invite him to the ranch?" After being president from 2000-08, Putin became president again in 2012. This time he had a new wife but swore this was his last. (Presidency, not wife.)

In the meantime, the right wing is blasting President Obama about the invasion. (What else is new?) The usual suspects includes short-tempered John McCain, who criticizes Obama more than Putin. This gives rise to two questions I pose: Has there ever been a war McCain didn't long for? And whatever happened to "supporting the president" during an international crisis?

In 2008, when the Russians invaded the former Soviet Republic of Georgia, I don't recall McCain calling Bush "feckless." Obama is damned either way. If he sends troops to Ukraine (he won't) he's a warmonger, but if he's deliberate and careful he's Neville Chamberlain.

One thing seems fairly certain: the Cold War, which ended with the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, appears to be heating up again. I base my theory on the fact that in the new "Muppets Most Wanted" movie the despicable villain is an evil Russian frog. (Until recently it might have been an evil al-Qaida frog.)

Sarah Palin has weighed in on the invasion and why not? She might have been able to see the whole thing right from her front porch. Actually, the former 3/4 term governor of Alaska posted on Facebook that in 2008 she had predicted that Putin would invade Ukraine. Apparently she also posted a used car on E-bay, but apparently it hasn't sold yet.

Despite mounting evidence against him, Putin challenges his critics. (As if to say, "Don't Crimea river.") Among the world leaders chastising Putin is Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel who is "really annoyed" with him and has questioned whether "he's still in touch with reality." (Is that all?)

Secretary of State John Kerry flew to Ukraine and condemned Russia for, "Invading a sovereign country on a trumped-up pretext." While Kerry is receiving high marks, unfortunately his comments could easily describe our invasion of Iraq. (Yesterday on MSNBC, Rachel Maddow's documentary "Why We Did It" revealed the various lies during the build up to the Iraq war and trust me it's not a pretty picture unless, of course, you're a munitions manufacturer.)

Like it or not, for over a century the U.S. has a dubious history regarding "interventions" very similar to what Putin has just pulled. For example, in 1914 we sent troops into Mexico; in 1915 we did the same thing in Haiti; and in 1916 we invaded the Dominican Republic and Mexico again.

We evidently liked invading Mexico because we did it nine more times during Woodrow Wilson's presidency. In 1917 we also sent troops to Cuba and in 1918 we did likewise in Panama.

Ultimately, perhaps Putin's greed will save the day. He reportedly has a net worth of over $70 billion. He must be exceptionally thrifty because his presidential salary is only $187,000 a year.

On the positive side, as much as Putin loves money, hopefully he will re-think the Ukrainian invasion as on Monday the ruble rocked and the Russian stock market fell 12 percent. (Who knew the Russians even had a stock market?)

Not only is Putin ruthless and sinister, but he's embarrassingly narcissistic. Google "Putin shirtless" or "Putin sings Blueberry Hill" but, spoiler alert, be ready to cringe.

And yet when George Bush stared into Putin's eyes he supposedly saw the man's soul. Frankly, I get a chill whenever I see Putin. Not only does he seem to have the eyes of the devil, but also the ears. In the meantime, given the volatile invasion of Ukraine, which could easily threaten world peace, don't the Winter Olympics seem like a long time ago?

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Scandals prompt ethics bills from Senate Democrats

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Stung by criminal charges against two colleagues, the leader of the state Senate and other Democratic lawmakers on Thursday proposed tightening rules on lawmakers and lobbyists.

Their legislative package would prohibit legislators and their employees from accepting most entertainment-related gifts, such as tickets to sporting events and concerts. Golf outings, spa treatments and tickets to amusement and theme parks also would be banned. Similar bills sought by Republican lawmakers have failed repeatedly in the past.

The three-bill package also would trim the $440 annual cap on gifts to state officials to $200. Candidates would have to report campaign spending and expenses every three months, instead of twice a year.

They could not accept gifts from lobbyists or hold political fundraisers in lobbyists' homes. That provision addresses recent campaign-finance violations involving a prominent capital lobbyist and numerous lawmakers.

The proposed California Accountability in Public Service Act comes after one Democratic senator, Sen. Roderick Wright, was convicted of voter fraud and perjury for lying about his legal residence in Los Angeles County and another, Sen. Ron Calderon of Montebello, was indicted on federal corruption charges alleging he took bribes while in office.

"The good legislative work we produce is only as strong as the public's perception and trust in their Legislature," said Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento.

The package would address "the most critical issues" in reforming the 40-year-old California Political Reform Act, he said.

Steinberg announced the proposal along with Sen. Kevin de Leon, D-Los Angeles, who is in line to become Senate leader next year, and Sen. Ricardo Lara, D-Bell Gardens, who is chairman of the Latino Caucus. Senate bills 1441, 1442 and 1443 will be amended to carry the legislation.

"There's no question that recent events are testing the public's faith in how our government does its work," Lara said. "We need to restore the public trust."

Gary Winuk, chief of enforcement for the California Fair Political Practices Commission, said in a statement that the bills "are some of the most significant reforms to ethics laws in 20 years." Lawmakers said they worked with the commission on their package, which also has support from the government reform group California Forward.

De Leon said the list of prohibited events includes "the most egregious, indefensible" gifts, such as golf outings and spa treatments. But he and the others defended going on educational trips around the world and attending dinners paid for by special interests as a valuable part of their jobs.

"Rubber chicken, to me, is not a gift," joked de Leon about the meals politicians are expected to routinely attend.

Lawmakers said Thursday's proposals dovetail with several other bills, including AB831 by Sen. Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo, which would cap travel-related gifts to $5,000 a year while addressing several other issues that arose in recent investigations. A bill package by Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Los Angeles, would prohibit lawmakers from soliciting or accepting campaign contributions for 100 days before the end of legislative sessions and for a week after sessions end.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, said the proposals should have been developed by the bipartisan Legislative Ethics Committee instead of a temporary working group formed by Steinberg and led by Lara.

"It's kind of interesting that the people leading the charge ... were perhaps highlighted in other investigations earlier in the year," Huff said.

All three of the Democrats promoting the bills during Thursday's Capitol news conference have been mentioned in the Calderon investigation, even though none has been accused of wrongdoing.

Steinberg and de Leon were mentioned by reference in the indictment and by name in an FBI search warrant affidavit, although both were told by prosecutors they were not targets of the investigation. The affidavit linked Lara to a political campaign fund that transferred $25,000 to a nonprofit committee run by Ron Calderon's co-defendant and brother, former Assemblyman Tom Calderon.

"That is ridiculous," Steinberg said of Huff's comment, while de Leon dismissed it as "political gamesmanship."

"The corruption issues involve one member," Steinberg said. "That's the end of the story."

Meanwhile, Senate Democrats derailed, for the second time in a week, a Republican effort to expel Wright from the Senate. He and Calderon have taken voluntary leaves of absence, but several Republicans want Wright expelled or suspended as he contests his conviction.

The Q Line

Things will be great when you're Downtown

Petula Clark sure knew what she was talking about in the classic, "Downtown." There is no finer place, at least according to a survey released by Downtown Santa Monica Inc. last week, which showed that the area is thriving, with more residents living there than every before, new restaurants and retail and plenty of tech jobs.

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LOS ANGELES

Unsanctioned marathon bike race cancelled

Los Angeles has put the brakes on an unsanctioned bicycle race that draws thousands to the route of the Los Angeles Marathon.

Organizer Don Ward says he canceled Sunday morning's planned Marathon Crash Race after the city warned he lacked permits and could face fines and even jail time.

Ward tells the Los Angeles Times that obtaining permits would cost $100,000 and he never needed them before.

Since 2009, bikers have raced in the dark before the marathon. Last year, 2,000 cyclists rode the marathon route, escorted by police cars.

But police Cmdr. Bill Scott says cyclists often hit the streets before the roads are fully closed and some run traffic lights.

Some bikers say they plan to bike the route anyway.

The LA Marathon finishes in Santa Monica on Ocean Avenue.

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LOS ANGELES

Disney laying off 700 from interactive unit

Disney is laying off 700 people from the interactive unit that makes video games and operates websites, about a quarter of the workforce in the division.

A Walt Disney Co. spokesman confirmed the layoffs Thursday.

The move narrows the company's focus on mobile and social games that use key Disney characters. Some games that Disney acquired when it bought social game maker Playdom in 2010 for $563 million, such as Sorority Life, will be discontinued.

It is also discontinuing one-time hits, such as music play-along game, Tap Tap Revenge.

Disney Interactive had long been a money-losing unit and last month posted only its third profitable quarter since results began being broken out in 2008, thanks in part to its Disney Infinity console game, which Disney will keep supporting.

The company shuffled the executive ranks at Disney Interactive in November. Co-president John Pleasants stepped down, leaving co-president Jimmy Pitaro with responsibility for the division.

In a statement Thursday, Disney said the restructuring was "difficult but necessary given our long-term strategy focused on sustainable profitability and innovation."

Shares of the Burbank, Calif., company added 37 cents to $83.05 in afternoon trading. Earlier in trading shares touched $83.42, an all-time high.

– AP

LONG BEACH

City adopts regulations on e-cigarettes

After Los Angeles passed tough new rules on the use of electronic cigarettes, Long Beach has approved even stricter regulations that apply to using the devices in shops where they are sold.

The Los Angeles Times says the restrictions mean that L.A. County's two largest cities will treat e-cigarettes in much the same way as regular cigarettes, banning their use in restaurants, bars, workplaces, city parks and beaches. Long Beach adopted its new rules on a 9-0 vote late Tuesday.

Unlike LA's regulations, also passed Tuesday, Long Beach's ordinance also applies to using e-cigarettes in shops and "vaping" lounges — though current smoking lounges are exempt.

E-cigarettes will be classified as tobacco products, banning their sale to those younger than 18.

The devices create a nicotine vapor that's inhaled.

– AP

LONG BEACH

Mayoral hopeful's ad shows San Diego

San Diego is only about 100 miles from Long Beach, and the cities resemble each other in many ways.

But that's small consolation for Long Beach mayoral hopeful Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal, whose campaign managed to put San Diego's skyline on a mailer that went to thousands of potential voters.

The mailer called Lowenthal devoted to "Getting things done for Long Beach" and featured an endorsement from Gov. Jerry Brown. But the backdrop was a photo of the harbor and skyline of San Diego.

Lowenthal told the Los Angeles Times Wednesday that "everyone makes mistakes" and she'd approved a nighttime picture of the correct skyline.

Campaign manager Mike Shimpock told the Long Beach Press-Telegram he took full responsibility for the mistake that came from a mix-up at the printer.

– AP

LOS ANGELES

Man denies he's Bitcoin founder

The man Newsweek claims is the founder of Bitcoin denies he had anything to do with the digital currency.

In an exclusive two-hour interview with The Associated Press Dorian S. Nakamoto, 64, said he had never heard of Bitcoin until his son told him he had been contacted by a reporter three weeks ago.

Reached at his home in Temple City, Calif., Nakamoto acknowledged that many of the details in Newsweek's report are correct, including that he once worked for a defense contractor. But he strongly disputes the magazine's assertion that he is "the face behind Bitcoin."

Since Bitcoin's birth in 2009, the currency's creator has remained a mystery. The person —or people— behind its founding have been known only as "Satoshi Nakamoto," which many observers believed to be a pseudonym.

– AP

LOS ANGELES

County patient info stolen in computer theft

A computer thief may have stolen Social Security numbers and other personal information on nearly 169,000 Los Angeles County medical patients.

County officials say computer equipment containing the records was stolen last month from the Torrance office of Sutherland Healthcare Solutions. The company provides billing services to the county Department of Health Services.

– AP

CRIME WATCH
BY KEVIN HERRERA



Boyfriend booked for attempted murder for allegedly pulling knife on girlfriend

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26,

Santa Monica detectives responded to a hotel in Laguna Beach, Calif. after Los Angeles Police Department investigators detained a man for allegedly kidnapping his girlfriend. The kidnapping charge was unfounded, however, the man was wanted for a domestic violence charge out of Santa Monica. Police said that incident took place on Jan. 8 at a home on the 900 block of 23rd Street. On that day the girlfriend said she and her boyfriend of five months were arguing about money. When she tried to leave, the boyfriend allegedly grabbed her and pushed her, causing her to hit her head on a wall. He then hit her in the face. At one point he held her to the ground and started choking her to the point that she lost consciousness. He allegedly pulled a knife and threatened to kill her. The next day they reconciled and they stayed at a hotel in Santa Monica for the next four days so that no one could see her bruises, police said. On Jan. 14 she filed a police report with the LAPD's Van Nuys Division. That led to the boyfriend's arrest for attempted murder. He was identified as Wesley Paul Titus, 45, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $1 million.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, AT 12 A.M.,

An officer on patrol along the 1900 block of Santa Monica Boulevard spotted a car with a broken taillight being driven. The officer pulled the driver over for the violation. When he approached the car the officer said he noticed the driver had alcohol on his breath. He asked the driver to step out of the car and onto the curb. The driver complied. During the conversation with the driver, he gave the officer permission to search his car. The officer said he found a plastic bindle of cocaine in the car. The driver was not found to be driving under the influence of alcohol but he was arrested for the cocaine. He was identified as Yisroel Shumuel Susman, 30, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, AT 8:20 P.M.,

An officer on patrol saw a man pulling recyclables from a City Hall-owned container on the 2000 block of the alley east of 17th Street, a violation of the Municipal Code. The officer approached the man and found out that he was on probation. The officer searched him and found that he was allegedly in possession of methamphetamine and a pipe used to smoke the drug. The man was placed under arrest and identified as Beecher Dewayne Brumley, 51, of Santa Monica. No bail was set. He also had two bench warrants for his arrest, police said.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, AT 12:30 P.M.,

Officers received a report of vandalism taking place to the rear of 2605 Lincoln Blvd. When the officer approached the area of the call he noticed the suspect spray painting the cement ground and also saw graffiti on other walls that matched the spray paint on the cement. A witness told the officer that he saw the suspect spray the walls. Police placed the man under arrest for vandalism. He was identified as Pedro Garcia, 34, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $500.

THURSDAY, FEB. 27, AT 11:15 P.M.,

Officers responded to a local hospital regarding a man who allegedly had been stabbed by his girlfriend. He told police that he arrived home at about 7:30 p.m. that night, went to bed and then awoke suddenly to find his girlfriend sitting up in bed. She immediately punched him in the face, police said. When he asked her why she hit him, she told him that she did not remember doing such a thing. She then fell back asleep. The boyfriend woke her up so that he could question her further. He said she yelled at him and ran into the kitchen where she grabbed a knife and ran toward him. He put up his arms in defense and received a cut on his wrist. The girlfriend immediately apologize, police said. When he was released from the hospital, the boyfriend took police to his home and the girlfriend was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and domestic violence. She was identified as Alexandra Clain, 18, of Paris, France. Her bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26, AT 3:50 P.M.,

Officers responded to a home on the 800 block of Cedar Street regarding a disturbance. When they arrived they could see through an open doorway that three people were fighting. One person had a claw hammer in his hand and another was bleeding from his head. An officer broke up the struggle and had the person with the hammer drop it. The man with the head wound, who was later sent to a hospital for treatment, told officers that he tried to get into the suspect's apartment and was struck in the head with the hammer. Naturally, he was angry so we tackled the suspect and punched him repeatedly. He was struck in the head two more times with the hammer during the fight. The suspect was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and a probation violation. He was identified as Rocco Bill Ochinero, 65, a transient. His bail was set at $30,000.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26, AT 5 P.M.,

Officers on patrol watched as a driver made an illegal u-turn at the intersection of California and Ocean avenues. The officers pulled the driver over on Ocean Avenue and prepared to issue him a citation. The driver allegedly could not find his driver's license or registration so the officer had him exit the car. The passenger was also removed and submitted to a search. An officer found a crack pipe on him, police said. The driver had a no-bail warrant from Ventura. A search of the vehicle produced three syringes, meth, heroin and items used to cook and inject heroin. In the jail, cocaine and heroin were found on the passenger, police said. The suspects were identified as Daryl Thomas McGowan, 39, of Los Angeles; and Ronald Joseph Barber, 64, a transient. No bail was set.

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IMAX
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their own space in Playa Vista arose, they pulled the trigger. The new 66,000-square-foot space broke ground last month and will house IMAX's 120 employees sometime next year.

IMAX executives also heard the train coming, literally. The Exposition Light Rail, which is expected to open three Santa Monica stations in 2015, is going to pass right by the company and create too much noise. A maintenance yard is going to be built not too far from the office as well.

"We had this big backyard and now there's a wall there," Foster said. "It was eminent domained. That train is going to be noisy. We do a lot of picture and sound work on the movies we do so that's not going to work."

Foster was careful to stress that the move has nothing to do with Santa Monica.

"We loved working here," he said. "If we had the opportunity to have the same space and same economic situation that we are getting in Playa Vista we would have said yes in about two seconds."

The new building is roughly the same size, Foster said, but it's more efficient. In the Santa Monica building, the office space mirrors the film screening rooms with their tall ceilings. The screening rooms at the new office will be built separately from the work spaces, which means lower ceilings.

"AC and heating are more expensive than they need to be," Foster said. "Light has to be stronger. It's great looking but it's not the best use of space. It has two floors of office in what is essentially four floors of space."

City Hall isn't worried about the loss. Playa Vista is building off of the creative capital and technology companies that are located in Santa Monica, said Jason Harris, economic development manager for City Hall.

"I don't see this as a competition in regards that we need to build more to be competitive as much as other areas have not been developed and now there is a critical mass of business activity that is wanting to locate on the (Westside)," he said.

With IMAX's unique needs, Harris said, there might not have been anything that Santa Monica could have offered to keep the company in town.

"If companies do relocate out of Santa Monica I prefer that they remain on the (Westside) of L.A. so as to build the critical mass of industry," he said. "Many companies in these industries feel the same as it relates to workforce. ... As workforce moves between companies, it is best they stay in the area as opposed to having to recruit them from the Bay Area, for instance."

Santa Monica will never have trouble luring those workers back, Harris said thanks to "the quality of life and amenities that are not available elsewhere in the area."

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VISIT
FROM PAGE 3

Similarly, the Iranian regime calls for the annihilation of the state of Israel "openly and unabashedly," only 70 years after the Holocaust, Netanyahu said.

"We see who is lying and we shall expose what Iran is really doing — building weapons of mass death and dispatching weapons of immediate death right now to the worst terrorist groups in the world," Netanyahu said.

Netanyahu previously called an interim agreement with Iran "a huge mistake." That six-month deal, set to expire in July, requires Iran to freeze some nuclear activities, which it claims are for peaceful energy purposes, in exchange for relief from sanctions.

"We cannot be tolerant to the intolerant. We cannot be tolerant to the fanatics," he said. "These people are out to destroy a section of people called the Jewish people. We will not let them, we shall expose them and we will fight them. And I'll tell you another thing: We shall beat them."

The Los Angeles museum is part of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the Jewish human rights organization whose founder, Rabbi Marvin Hier, the prime minister calls a close friend.

Netanyahu visited it on a previous trip to California and has praised the center's plans to build a Museum of Tolerance in Jerusalem.

Netanyahu also traveled to Silicon Valley on Wednesday to sign an agreement with Gov. Jerry Brown to develop joint technology projects and conduct research in California and Israel.

During a meeting at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, the two emphasized their joint interests in cybersecurity, energy sources and water conservation, and suggested Israel — an arid country with a growing population — might be able to help California cope with its ongoing drought.

The visit followed Netanyahu's meetings with President Barack Obama in Washington, D.C., on Monday and his appearance Tuesday at the Los Angeles premiere of a television documentary that features him giving a tour of his country that will air on public television stations.

It was the first California visit from an Israeli prime minister since 2006.





MARATHON
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Misti Kerns, president and CEO of the bureau.

Some bars are feeling the boost as well.

"People crossed the finish line and ran right into the bar," said Beth Rich, who owns The Commons Ale House right down the street from Palisades Park, where the race ends.

Last year, the race fell on St. Patrick's Day and Rich was worried that the road closures would hurt business. Not the case.

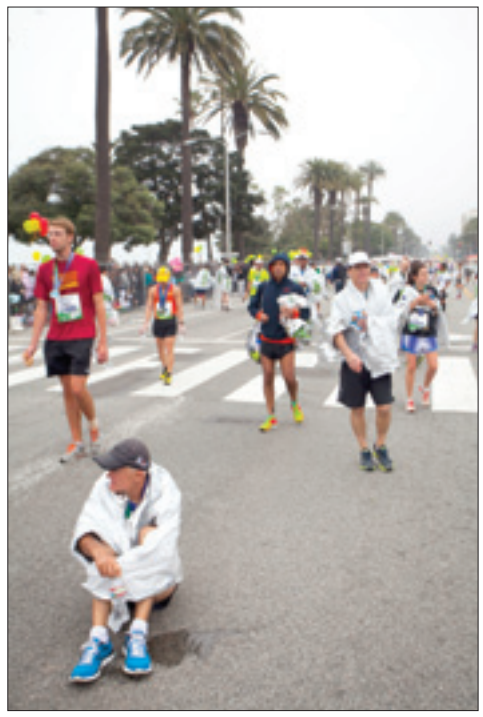
"We were packed," she said. "It was really fun. We thought we were going to sell all this Gatorade after they'd been running for hours. Hell no! They don't want a light beer and a protein bar. They want the heavy stuff."

During the race, because it was cold, family members sat in the bar waiting for their racers to get closer. The pub usually opens up at noon but they'll be serving marathon-viewers starting at 9 a.m.

"I don't remember anyone passing out but I remember that some of the runners, after they finished eating, would just have people pick them up at the curb," Rich said. "They just ran 26 miles so they didn't even want to walk out to their cars."

As for the weather, who can forget 2011 when it poured rain for hours? This year the forecast is 79 degrees and partly cloudy. Percent chance of rain: zero.

For information on street closures, visit www.smgov.net/lamarathon



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DONE: **Runners finish last year's L.A. Marathon.**

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Street closures

On Sunday, March 9, a number of street closures will be in effect to ensure the safety of the participants, spectators and residents.

The ASICS LA Marathon "Stadium to the Sea" course enters Santa Monica at San Vicente Boulevard and 26th Street. The course will continue west on San Vicente and turn south on Ocean Avenue, heading for the finish line at Ocean and California avenues.

Please be aware that no traffic will be allowed to enter or cross the race course from 6 a.m. until police and public safety officials reopen the streets. In Santa Monica, this means traffic will not be able to enter or cross at any point along San Vicente or on Ocean between San Vicente and Colorado Avenue.

Street closures will begin between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. on March 9 and are expected to begin reopening at the east end of the city by 5 p.m. and to be completely reopened by 9 p.m., at the sole discretion of the Santa Monica Police Department. Ocean Avenue may be closed near the finish line until 9 p.m.

The westbound lanes of San Vicente will be open, however, all left turns are prohibited. The eastbound lanes of San Vicente will be closed.

Ocean Avenue will be closed to all vehicle travel between San Vicente and Colorado; advance signage will be installed to notify motorists of the roadway closure at Colorado. The California Incline will be closed.

Southbound Second Street will be closed between Wilshire Boulevard and Colorado. Northbound traffic will not be permitted to turn right at each intersection beginning at 6 a.m. As traffic increases, motorist will be pushed east toward Lincoln Boulevard to access the Santa Monica Freeway.

Northbound Fifth Street will have left turn restrictions between Colorado and Arizona avenues. All traffic will be directed to Wilshire and Fourth Street to access the parking garages.

Main Street will be closed between Pico Boulevard and Colorado Avenue all day for shuttle bus loading.

Post-race information

• Family and friends can meet runners in the family reunion area located on Ocean Avenue between Broadway and Colorado Avenue. Make arrangements to meet your family at one of the letters of the alphabet along Ocean Avenue.

• The finish festival is home to the Michelob Ultra Beer Garden, the ASICS LA Marathon Treadmill Challenge, and other entertainment and giveaways. The finish festival is located at the intersection of Second Street and Santa Monica Boulevard and is open from 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.

• The runner pickup zone is located on Ocean Avenue between Moomat Ahiko Way and Pico Boulevard. Vehicles can access the area from the east via Pico Boulevard or from the south via Ocean Avenue.

• For participants who booked hotels in Downtown L.A. and Beverly Hills, shuttles will be staged at Santa Monica City Hall located at 1685 Main St. Shuttles require a wristband to board. Shuttles will begin departing on a continuous basis at 11 a.m. and will run until 4 p.m.

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As IPO looms, GoPro cameras enjoy spotlight

BREE FOWLER
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK GoPro isn't exactly a household name, but anyone who's spent a little time on YouTube is surely familiar with the thousands of snowboarding, surfing and even skateboarding baby videos that its cameras produce.

GoPro Inc., which makes a small line of high-definition video cameras geared toward extreme sports athletes, is experiencing a rare moment in the spotlight. The San Mateo, Calif.-based company is a common sight at the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, showing up in everything from the opening ceremony to test runs of ski and snowboarding courses. It currently sponsors the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association and champion snowboarder Shaun White.

And now GoPro is preparing to enter the high-profile area of public companies. Earlier this month, it announced plans for an initial public offering of common stock.

The company's cameras, which sell for between $200 and $400, are small, light, water resistant and extremely durable. The highest-end GoPro model shoots video in ultra-high-definition, or 4K. With a variety of related accessories such as helmet attachments, bike mounts and harnesses, the cameras can be mounted to everything from a bike helmet to the side of a half pipe.

Those attributes make GoPro a favorite of extreme athletes. The company was founded more than a decade ago by avid surfer and CEO Nicholas Woodman. The cameras' most popular use: the ultimate selfie, a one-of-a-kind first-person point of view, even if the person starring in the video happens to be hang-gliding off a cliff or parachuting from a giant helium balloon.

During this year's Super Bowl, the company aired a commercial featuring footage shot with a GoPro in 2012 as supersonic Austrian skydiver Felix Baumgartner parachuted from 24 miles up and became the first human being to break the sound barrier with only his body.

Through its sponsorships, GoPro gets one-of-a-kind content. Its YouTube channel has about 1.7 million subscribers and features hundreds of eye-popping videos starring everyday users and famous people like GoPro-sponsored surfing legend Kelly Slater.

Citing legal restrictions related to the IPO, company officials declined to comment for this story.

One challenge for GoPro as a public company will be to broaden the appeal of its cameras. Extreme sports athletes —and people who think they are— are GoPro's main consumers at the moment.

There is potential, however, to attract more consumers given the current consumer craze surrounding wearable technologies, says Whitney Fishman, senior director of innovation and consumer technology at media agency MEC.

It's also possible, Fishman believes, that the cameras could find commercial use in fields such as medicine.

"Is everybody going to run out and buy one? Probably not, but it definitely has value outside of the amateur athlete circuit," Fishman says. "The Olympics and all the crazy footage really helps."

GoPro cameras are being spotted all over the Sochi Games. Coaches and athletes are using them to analyze courses and test runs. Members of the media also use them to give viewers an idea of what it's like to zip down a ski slope or fly along a bobsled run.

Brian Carlin, director of industry relations for the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, says the cameras are a key part of training for many of his group's athletes. He estimates that he's distributed about 20 of them to skiing and snowboarding coaches in Sochi, who use them to detect snow-related problems.

"They're using man-made snow with some kind of chemicals in it," Carlin says of the Olympic courses. "It gets soft and rutted, so the cameras are critical."

Coaches also mount the cameras at various points along a course to film practice runs, so they and the athletes can watch and learn from the footage. In exchange for the use of the cameras, GoPro gets unique footage, he says.

Jason Stein, founder and president of the New York-based social media agency Laundry Service, argues that GoPro's true value lies not in its camera, but in the exclusive content the gadgets creates. He predicts that as a result of its online notoriety, GoPro will eventually become more of a media company than a manufacturer.

"I think it always comes back to content creation," Stein says. "Content is the key to becoming a successful media company and they have content that no one else has."

There's a handful of ways GoPro could make money from its content, Stein believes, including selling advertising to run alongside it, or licensing it to media or entertainment companies.

Stein says GoPro could follow the example of Red Bull GmbH. While the Austrian company still makes energy drinks, it also sponsors a number of extreme sports athletes and recently unveiled its own channel on Apple TV. Red Bull's YouTube channel has more than 3.3 million subscribers and contains over 3,000 videos.

Fishman is skeptical of GoPro's potential as a media company.

"Sure, it could eventually evolve into a crazy media company, but right now it's a consumer product."

But both Fishman and Stein warn that investing in a company like GoPro doesn't come without significant risks. While the company largely dominates the market for cameras like its own, there's nothing to stop a larger electronics company or camera maker from devising a similar product.

Fishman also notes that most consumers don't replace products like cameras on a regular basis, limiting GoPro's potential for recurring revenue. And since GoPro makes physical products its profitability won't be as high as service-based technology companies like Twitter and Facebook.

For now, potential investors don't have much information to go on. The company's IPO papers were filed confidentially and the documents did not include specific financial information. A federal law passed in 2012 allows companies with less than $1 billion in revenue in its last fiscal year to keep their IPO documents under seal until the final few weeks before an IPO price is set.

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Colorado defeats UCLA 76-65 in Pac-12 tourney

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SEATTLE Brittany Wilson scored 17 points but a steal at the final minute may have blunted a last rally by UCLA as ninth-seeded Colorado defeated the eighth-seeded Bruins 76-65 in the opening round of the Pac-12 tournament on Thursday.

In a game of streaks, UCLA (13-18) had scored six unanswered points in just over a minute, cutting a 12-point gap in half. Colorado's Lexy Kresl sank two from the line and on UCLA's next possession Wilson stole the ball from the hot-shooting Nirra Fields with 1:03 to play. Wilson was fouled and hit two free throws as the lead grew back to 10, 72-62 with 1:02 left.

The win advances Colorado (17-13) to a quarterfinal game with No. 5-ranked and top-seeded Stanford (28-2) on Friday.

Fields scored 24 to lead UCLA with Atonye Nyingifa adding 13 and Madeline Brooks 12.

Ashley Wilson scored 16 for Colorado and Kresl 14.

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SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
WNW swell fades; stay tuned, still storm dependent; small SW/SSW swell

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Old WNW swell fades, possible new WNW swell joining in overnight; stay tuned

MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high occ. 4ft
Possible new WNW swell; stay tuned, still storm dependent

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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 26, 2014**

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 -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 5
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 4

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	C	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	C	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	C	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	C	ns
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	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

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

Heal the Bay is a nonprofit environmental organization making Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, including Santa Monica Bay, safe, healthy and clean. We use science, education, community action and advocacy to pursue our mission.

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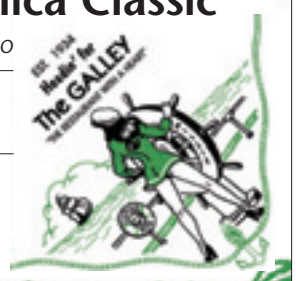
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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

The Black Brothers (NR) 1hr 40min
Lovely Louise (NR) 1hr 31min
7:30pm
Discussion following "The Black Brothers" with director Xavier Koller. Discussion following "Lovely Louise" with director Bettina Oberli and director of photography Stéphane Kuthy.

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

Monuments Men (PG-13) 1hr 50min
10:30am, 1:20pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

American Hustle (R) 2hrs 09min
10:30pm

RoboCop (PG-13) 1hr 48min
10:40am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Wind Rises (Kazetachinu) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
10:35am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm

Son of God (PG-13) 2hrs 18min
10:50am, 1:40pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm

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

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
8:00pm, 10:35pm

300: Rise of an Empire (R) 1hr 42min
10:30am, 1:15pm, 7:15pm

300: Rise of an Empire 3D (R) 1hr 42min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:15pm, 4:50pm, 9:45pm Buy Tickets

300: Rise of an Empire 3D (R) 1hr 42min
7:45pm, 10:45pm

Lego Movie in 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 7:00pm

Wolf of Wall Street (R) 2hrs 45min
10:30am, 5:20pm, 9:30pm

Three Days to Kill (PG-13) 1hr 57min
2:30pm

Non-Stop (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:00pm

Lego Movie (PG) 1hr 40min
10:45am, 4:05pm, 9:50pm

Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) 1hr 30min
11:10am, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D (PG) 1hr 30min
11:55am, 1:50pm, 2:45pm, 5:30pm

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

Great Beauty (La Grande Bellezza) (NR) 2hrs 30min
1:00pm, 9:35pm

Omar (NR) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

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

Her (R) 2hrs
6:40pm, 10:00pm

12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm

Tim's Vermeer (NR) 1hr 20min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:45pm

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PLAY IT EASY TONIGHT, PISCES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Monetary confusion will force excellent communication. Underneath the issue could lie a power play or control game. The only way to win is not to play. Tonight: TGIF!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be aware of what you have to offer, and don't sell yourself short. If you have an opportunity to clear up a problem with ease, do. Avoid all power struggles -- no one really wins. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might feel uncomfortable around someone who insists on being a controlling force. Realize that you have the same trait. An unexpected development could take the pressure off this situation, or you could be distracted by a different issue. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Your instincts might encourage you to assume a low-profile. A boss or someone you have to answer to could become even more unpredictable. Understand that you can't change this person, so learn to accept his or her behavior. Tonight: Your plans must not be in the public realm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be drained by what is happening. You can't change someone else, so consider detaching. You will discover an unusual solution that is heading your way. Pace yourself, and know that you have a lot to do. Tonight: Head out once you feel free and clear of work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might be asked at the last minute to take charge. Of course, you'll say yes. You will feel flattered by the attention. Resist getting into a disagreement with a loved one. This person simply wants more time with you. Tonight: Note all the attention that you are receiving.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Someone's unpredictability could trigger your frustration and open old wounds. Know that your feelings probably have more to do with the past than with the present. Tonight: Go for unique.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Deal with people directly today. Eliminate the middleman as much as possible. Be smart and confirm meetings. Repeat what you believe you have heard, especially if it does not make sense. Tonight: Spend time with a favorite friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Let others make the first move, even if you are uncomfortable being passive. Your creativity might be triggered by an unexpected event. You know what you are doing and why. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your sense of duty does not permit you to run out the door carefree, though you might want to. Unexpected developments could keep you busier than you had imagined. You could decide to cancel a meeting as the pressure builds. Tonight: Make sure you get some form of exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your spunkiness comes through, no matter what you do. You have a tendency toward fast retorts and not-so-nice comments. Tap into your imagination and slow down a bit in order to give people a chance to catch up to you. Tonight: Join friends for a fun happening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Stay focused on what you must do. Your sense of humor will come through, which could help you let off some steam. A friend might change his or her mind about plans, but he or she might not know how to tell you. Remain open and direct. Tonight: Play it easy.

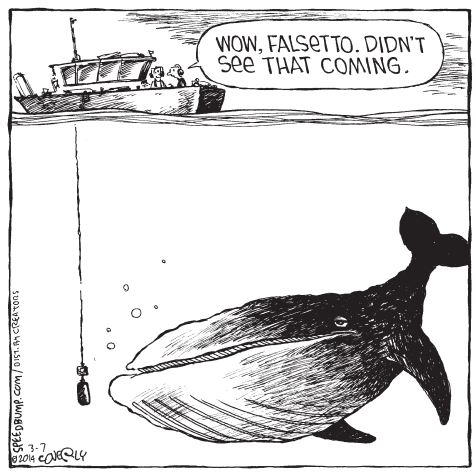
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This year you often wonder how you could change a domestic matter to make it more rewarding. You also might opt for a change of location or a possible variation in the usage of your home. A home business becomes a strong possibility. If you are single, you could get into a live-in situation too quickly. Be true to yourself, but know that getting out of this arrangement could be challenging. If you are attached, keep the lines of communication open. Your needs are likely to change, as are your sweetie's. Both of you will benefit from new scenery or a move, though it could be hard on you. You often find yourself in tense situations with GEMINI.

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

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By Dave Coverly



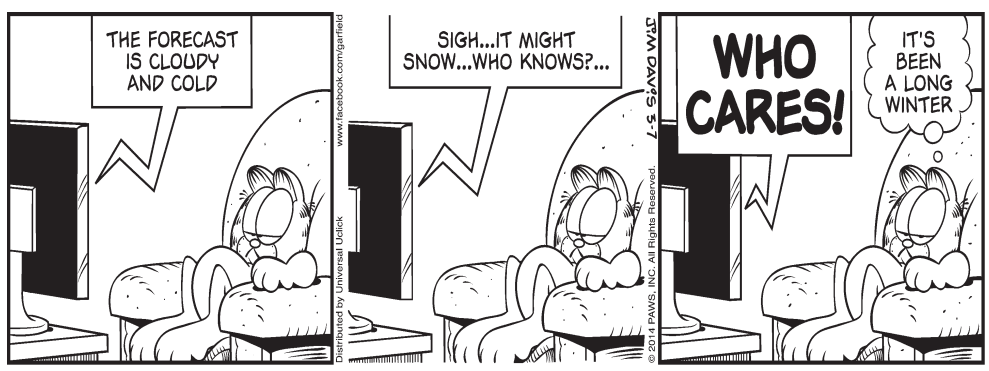
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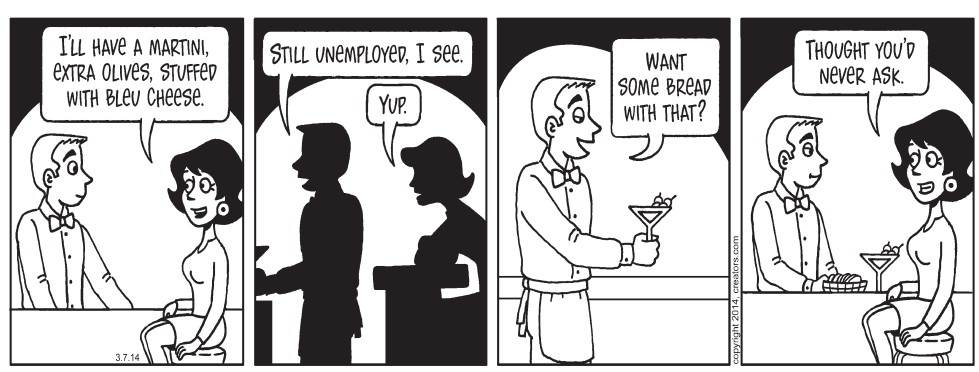
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The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Frenzied
6 Strong feeling
11 Bring to mind
12 Previously
13 Turn red, maybe
14 Complete
15 Guy's friend
16 Common article
18 "— had it!"
19 Seventh letter
20 Lend a hand
21 Chess pieces
22 Make back
24 South-western sight
25 Hearing range
27 TV's Lauer
29 Complete
32 Music's Yoko
33 Favorite
34 Knight address
35 "That's revolting!"
36 Blunder
37 23rd letter
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40 Nebraska city
42 Rental choice
43 Bold one
44 Utopian spots
45 Likely winners

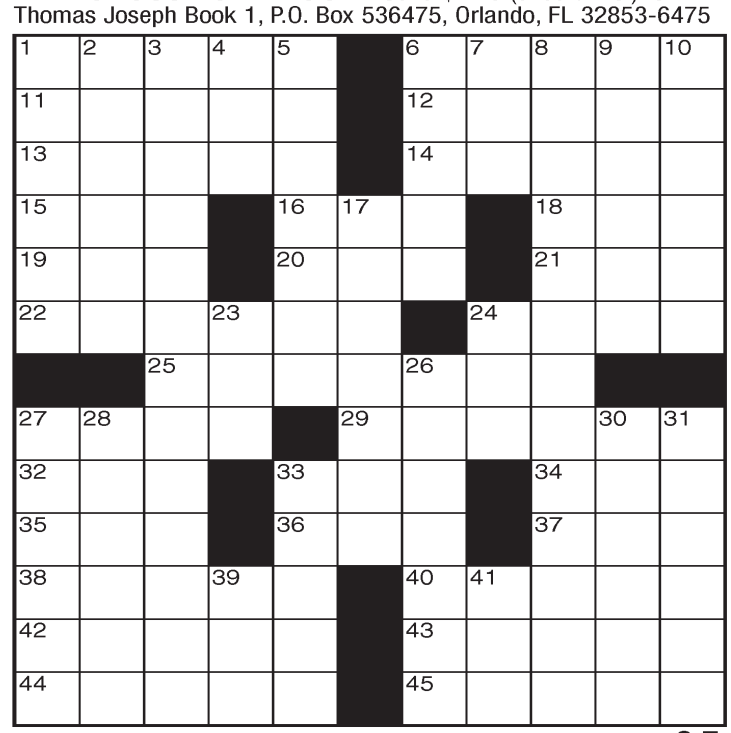
DOWN

1 Business news topic
2 Fly
3 What a cornered criminal has
4 Mamie's mate
5 Chiron, for one
6 Reviled
7 Alien craft
8 Urgency
9 Longs for
10 Western capital
17 Cool cat
23 Cereal bit
24 Custodi-an's tool
26 Drag race entrants
27 Rich dessert
28 Not straight
30 Used a rod
31 Some brothers
33 Hammer parts
39 Football's Marino
41 West of Holly-wood

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Yesterday's answer

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3 7 9 26 54
Power#: 19
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/4
10 29 31 35 45
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: $270M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 3/5
6 32 33 43 44
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: $28M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/5
1 16 18 25 34

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/5
MIDDAY: 7 2 7
EVENING: 2 5 2

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/5
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:44.36

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Super Bowl may be the "holy grail" for Las Vegas sports gambling, but outside the United States, horse-racing, soccer and, surprisingly, pro tennis dominate. Tennis provides bettors with 19,000 matches a year (compared to 1,200 NBA games, 2,400 Major League Baseball games and fewer than 300 NFL games), with betting on 400,000 individual games and even on individual points, of which there are nearly 2.5 million, according to a January New York Times dispatch from Melbourne, Australia. In January's Australian Open, a routine fourth-round women's match between players ranked ninth and 28th in the world attracted more than $4 million in wagers -- on just the first set.

■ Grrrrr! (1) In Chedzoy, England, in January, the border collie spaniel Luce was "re-homed" after Royston Grimstead, 42, learned that she had chewed completely through a wheel arch on his $120,000 Aston Martin. Said Grimstead, "(S)he had this guilty look on her face." (2) A magistrates court in Aberystwyth, Wales, convicted Ms. Rhian Jeremiah, 26, of criminal damage in January for biting into the roof of a Fiat 500 during an alcohol-fueled incident last year. Said the car's owner, "I could hear metal crunching" (but, said Jeremiah's lawyer, "not quite like" the scene in a James Bond movie featuring the character "Jaws").

TODAY IN HISTORY

1989 – Iran and the United Kingdom break diplomatic relations after a row over Salman Rushdie and his controversial novel, The Satanic Verses.

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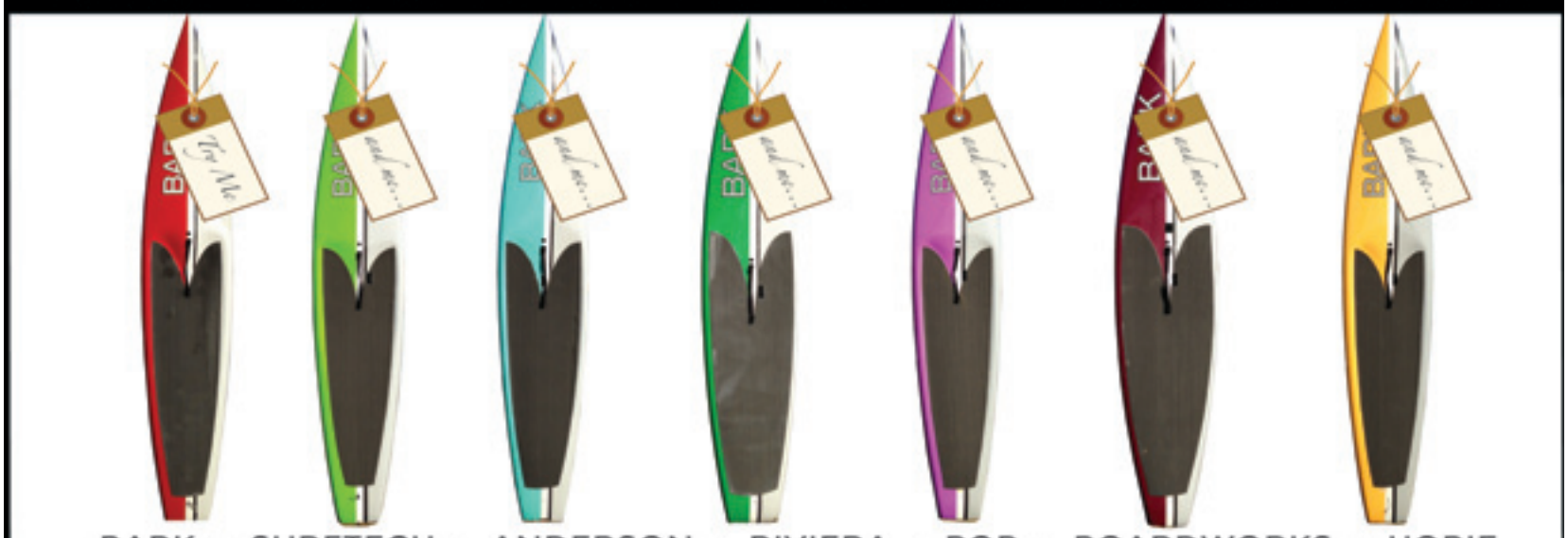
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The Need for Affordable Housing in Santa Monica

In the past 20 years, Santa Monica has built only 1,400 affordable housing units for "low- and moderate-income households," far less than current demand.[1]

With government cutbacks and the closing of the local Redevelopment Agencies by the State, Santa Monica faces the prospect of needing to raise taxes to support affordable housing.[2]

The Miramar Plan includes as many as 40 new affordable housing units. This represents nearly 3% of all the affordable housing built in the last 20 years.

Maintaining economic diversity in Santa Monica is critical. If people can live near where they work, it reduces traffic. It improves the local economy by supporting small businesses, local shopping and restaurants.

Affordable housing is inextricably linked to the Miramar Plan. We are proud to support affordable housing in Santa Monica.

[1] Santa Monica Lookout, February 20, 2014
[2] IBID



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