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SILVER: The mark of LEED certification.

Taking the green out of green building certification

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

CITY HALL Parents wanting to trim their food budget will often go for the generic store-brand cereal or cough syrup instead of shelling out more for the nationally recognized name brands.

There might be some temper tantrums in the morning as it takes time for youngsters to adjust to eating Tootie Fruities instead of

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George Washington health school named for Milken

BRETT ZONGKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON George Washington University will name its public health school after an institute founded by Michael Milken, a philanthropist and advocate for medical research, after he helped generate three record-setting gifts totaling $80 million for the school.

The gifts, announced Tuesday, include $40 million from the nonprofit Milken

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

RALLY TIME: Armen Melkonians, founder of the Residocracy movement, speaks to a crowd of supporters gathered outside of City Hall on Tuesday. The group was there to drop off signatures calling for a referendum against a City Council-approved development.

Activists submit signatures to block development

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

CITY HALL Residents concerned about the pace of development and its impacts on traffic delivered to the city clerk Tuesday dozens of boxes stuffed with petitions with the goal of stopping a controversial construction project because they believe it is out of scale and will create more congestion.

With smiles on their faces and America flags in their hands, volunteers with the Residocracy movement celebrated in front of City Hall as they announced the collection of more than 13,400 signatures from local voters — more than double the roughly 6,500 required to put the Bergamot Transit Village development agreement approved by the City Council with a 4-3 vote last month on the ballot.

Many spoke of dedicating numerous hours to speaking with fellow residents on street corners, at coffee shops, churches, farmers' markets and on doorsteps about the roughly 765,000 square feet of new office space, housing and retail planned by Texas-based developer Hines for the corner of 26th Street and Olympic Boulevard that would add 7,000 more car trips each day to Santa Monica streets if allowed to be built.

Most said those who signed were receptive and enthusiastic, with only a few opposed to the referendum. Volunteers had 30 days to collect the signatures. They submitted them with two days to spare, according to the City Clerk's Office.

"Today is an historic day in Santa Monica," said Armen Melkonians, founder of the Residocracy movement. "Today is the day that our voices will not only be heard, but it is a day in which our voices will truly make a difference. Today we are witnessing direct democracy in action."

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mid-week music

First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica
1008 11th St., 12:10 p.m.
Take a break from your day and enjoy free concerts on the second Wednesday of each month from January through May. A reception with light refreshments will follow. Free parking available across the street in an underground garage. For more information, call (310) 393-8258.

Cardio salsa

1450 Ocean
1450 Ocean Ave.,
12:30 p.m. — 2 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 and her own Argentine tango. Fore more information, call (310) 458-2239.

Spreadsheets 101

Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 p.m.
This introductory class will cover how to format cells and manipulate data to create simple spreadsheets. Seating is first come, first serve. Intermediate level. For more information, visit the reference desk or call (310) 434-2608.

The facts about gluten

Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Second St., 7 p.m.
Nancee Jaffe, RD, UCLA clinical dietitian, will sort through the myriad of information on the Internet, in magazines and on the TV to understand what gluten really is, who should consider going gluten free and how to get gluten free the healthy way. For more information, call (800) 516-5323.

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Clear the clutter

WISE & Healthy Aging
1527 Fourth St., 1:30 p.m.
Had enough? Join WISE & Healthy Aging to learn more about its step-by-step program to assist you through the process of gaining control of your acquisitions. Attending this orientation is required to participate in the 15-session workshop. To reserve your place, call (310) 394-9871, ext. 373 or ext. 215

Stamp of approval

Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., 6 p.m.
Make your own set of notecards using inventive stamps made from vegetables and recycled paper provided by Good Eggs LA. Cost: $5. For more information, call (310) 586-6488.

An evening with a dancer

William Turner Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave. E1,
7:30 p.m.
Misty Copeland, lead ballerina at the American Ballet Theatre, tells her story of her late entry at the age of 13 into the world of dance and her days growing up in San Pedro, Calif. For more information, call (310) 453-0909.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

WEST L.A.

More 405 freeway closures

The southbound lanes of the I-405 freeway between Santa Monica and National boulevards will be closed on the nights of March 13 and 15.

The closure is part of the ongoing I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project, which has caused a number of closures including the recent "Jamzilla."

The March 13 closure begins at midnight and ends at 5 a.m. on March 14. March 15's closure begins at midnight and ends on March 16 at 5 a.m.

Lanes will begin to close at 10 p.m., with limited access. On-ramps will begin to close at 7 p.m.

The freeway will be closed for the installation of a full-span overhead sign.

For more information, visit metro.net/405.

– DANIEL ARCHULETA

UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

Longtime PR man dies at 68

John M. (Jack) Blanchette Jr. of Sudbury, Mass., and Santa Monica, Calif., died Tuesday, March 4, at UCLA Medical Center in Santa Monica, after a brief battle with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), a form of Leukemia. He was 68.

Blanchette was the president and owner of Blanchette & Associates Public Relations in Santa Monica. He had worked in the field of entertainment and corporate publicity for more than three decades. For the past 15 years he had also wrote travel, wine and food features for Copley and Creators news syndicates.

Blanchette was the press agent for Zsa Zsa Gabor (30 years, longer than nine husbands), and he also worked with Ned Beatty, Delta Burke, Cary Grant, Valerie Harper, Bob Hope, Michael Jackson, Debbie Reynolds and many other celebrities.

– DAILY PRESS

FOURTH STREET

Nonprofit seeks volunteers

Santa Monica-based senior services provider WISE & Healthy Aging is hosting a volunteer orientation Friday at 9:30 a.m. hoping to match up willing participants with area nonprofits.

Some of the opportunities include tax aide programs, benefits enrollment help, making visits to seniors at their homes and teaching adult day programs.

For more information, call (310) 394-9871, Ext. 450

– DA

CITYWIDE

City Hall gets grant for alternative fuel vehicles

City Hall received a grant from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to partially fund the purchase of 24 vehicles. Some of these vehicles include aerial lifts, street sweepers, refuse collection trucks, and other heavy-duty vehicles, powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

The purchase price of these vehicles totals $5.4 million, of which the MSRC contributed $600,000. The grant helps offset the incremental cost of CNG and LPG vehicles and assists the city to comply with air quality rules and the city's sustainability plan.

– DA

California mulls how to regulate driverless cars

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Sooner or later, consumers will be able to buy cars that rely on computers — not the owner — to do the driving.

Though the technology is still being tested, the day it rolls out into broad public use can now be measured in years, not decades.

With that timeframe in mind, California's Department of Motor Vehicles on Tuesday began puzzling through how to regulate the vehicles that haven't been fully developed yet.

Among the complex questions officials sought to unravel at the initial public hearing on regulations in Sacramento:

How will the state know the cars are safe?

Does a driver even need to be behind the wheel?

Can manufacturers mine data from onboard computers to make product pitches based on where the car goes or set insurance rates based on how it is driven?

Do owners get docked points on their license if they send a car to park itself and it slams into another vehicle?

Once the stuff of science fiction, driverless cars could be commercially available by decade's end. Under a California law passed in 2012, the DMV must decide by the end of this year how to integrate the cars — often called autonomous vehicles — onto public roads.

Three other states have passed driverless car laws, but those rules mostly focus on testing. California has mandated rules on testing and public operation, and the DMV expects within weeks to finalize regulations dictating what companies must do to test the technology on public roads.

Those rules came after Google Inc. had already sent its fleet of Priuses and Lexuses, fitted with an array of sensors including radar and lasers, hundreds of thousands of miles in California. Major automakers also have tested their own models.

Now, the DMV is scrambling to regulate the broader use of the cars. With the federal government apparently years away from developing regulations, California's rules could effectively become the national standard.

Much of the initial discussion Tuesday focused on privacy concerns.

California's law requires autonomous vehicles to log records of operation so the data can be used to reconstruct an accident.

But the cars "must not become another way to track us in our daily lives," John M. Simpson of the nonprofit Consumer Watchdog said at the hearing. Simpson called out Google, saying the Internet giant rebuffed attempts to add privacy guarantees when it pushed the 2012 legislation mandating rules on testing and public operation.

Seated across from Simpson at the hearing's head tables was a representative from Google, who offered no comment on the data privacy issue.

Discussion also touched on how to know a car is safe, and whether an owner knows how to properly operate it.

Ron Medford, Google's director of safety for its "self-driving car" project, suggested that manufacturers should be able to self-certify that their cars are safe. He cautioned that it would get complicated, fast, if the state tried to assume that role.

In initial iterations, human drivers would be expected to take control in an instant if the computer systems fail. Unlike current technology — which can help park a car or keep it in its freeway lane — owners might eventually be able to read, daydream or even sleep while the car did the work.

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HIT GIRL

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

St. Monica's Marisa Hebert smacks a triple, driving in three runs against Venice High School Tuesday on the road. St. Monica went on to win, 11-3.

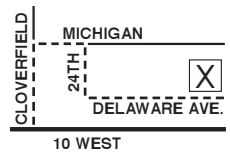


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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True colors on development

Editor:

Looks like we have our council members putting on their "nervous Nellie" hats, spewing propaganda on how good the Hines project will be for Santa Monica ("Defending the Hines vote," Your Column Here, March 1). It actually sounds like the plot from the Erin Brockovich movie, in which PG&E told their victims that the chemicals used were actually good for them, when in fact, they were lying.

Then we have Kevin McKeown writing his own diatribe on how the majority of the council knuckled under to Hines, fearing that they would walk away ("Calling for more housing from Hines," Your Column Here, March 4). Kevin (trying to distance himself from the gang of four) has hinted at the notion that he would have approved the project if it had more affordable housing. Is Kevin nervous, too?

Several letters have been written in about how great Pam O'Connor is. Why are people coming to her defense prophylactically? This woman has been the head instigator in the ruination of Santa Monica for the 19 years that she has been planted on the council. Pam O'Connor has taken an alarming amount of political contributions from every developer with a checkbook. Conflict of interest doesn't even begin to touch on her being a total sellout to whomever will fund her recent campaigns, or pay off her old ones.

There was a letter from a resident, stating how hard the council works for little pay and into the late hours.

Of course they "work" into the late hours. That's how they accomplish selling out the residents and constituents when no one is looking.

There must be something terribly wrong with the agreement with Hines for them to be so insistent that it go through, as is. It's like 1602 all over again, in the words of the Bard, "the lady doth protest too much, methinks."

Lori Emerson
Santa Monica





Curious City

Charles Andrews — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

All sorts of marathon results

I AM PROUD TO PROCLAIM THAT I finished my marathon last Sunday, on the beach in sunny Santa Monica, in front of large crowds.

I didn't get the cheers reserved for the real athletes in the Los Angeles Marathon, but that's OK. I've only been working on this for a little more than a year, and not every day, and I did take a long break. Many of them have been sweating hard daily for years.

And then there's Lauren Kleppin of Mammoth Lakes, Calif., who finished third among women — in her very first marathon! (And to do it she beat her previous best time for 26.2 miles by a whopping 13 minutes-plus.) Her club mate, Gabe Proctor, finished sixth among men, also in his first marathon. The guy behind him, Aaron Braun, was another first-timer. I find that pretty dang extraordinary, and humbling, in light of my modest achievement.

There were four American flags handed out to the top 10 finishers among both men and women, four Ethiopian flags draped the top five women, and the 2014 L.A. Marathon winner, Gebo Burka, is also Ethiopian. Kenyan flags were carried by the next four men's finishers.

So of the top five winners, male and female: five Ethiopians, four Kenyans and an American. Of the top 10 men's and women's, all but one, a Polish woman, were Kenyan, Ethiopian or American. That's not news, but I find this kind of stuff fascinating, in an individual (not team) sport, pondering questions of culture, genetics, environment, training, media. For starters: there are a lot of people in Kenya and Ethiopia living in crushing poverty, marathon winners make a lot of money, and no equipment is required to get started and get good, zero; you can run barefoot. The only requirements are incredible desire, motivation, persistence, focus, discipline, and physical and mental stamina.

Still, the most inspiring marathoners to me are every one of the wheelchair athletes who pushed themselves to the finish line. Some were coming in at the same time as the big race winners, and getting cheers just as loud.

How do I know all this? Because I was there at the finish line, yes, right at the finish line. Did I get there at 4 a.m.? Am I close friends with some organizer or VIP? Was I a volunteer? No, no and no. I can't tell you my secret, because I may have to use it again, but let's just say my wife is a very observant, clever and audacious woman, and I've learned to follow her anywhere.

So the answer to the inconsistencies presented above about my whereabouts Sunday morning are this: I completed my own personal "marathon," my quest to walk every street in Santa Monica, that morning on the beach path below, after the real marathon.

It was the last remaining piece. People imagine walking every street is pretty straightforward, but it takes planning. I used a map, the one the city puts out for cyclists, and a fistful of different colored marking pens, to note where I'd been. And still, with intention and preparation, there are streets you miss. Often it's just a block or two.

So many choices. Do you walk all north-south or east-west streets first, or combine them in a back-and-forth? I soon discovered that it takes serious map scrutinizing, before you take your first step of the day, to avoid overlapping and repeating yourself or missing a block or two. You could, of course, let that happen, but it offends my sense of efficiency, and it would take longer.

My inspiration for this is Renaissance man and Santa Monica High English teacher for 25 years Berkeley Blatz. He has walked every street half a dozen times, so far. If a guy that smart and busy can continue to find gratification in the quest, so might I. Since I have now joined the club, we have agreed to get together for another chat, during spring break. (I told you he was busy.) He says he has a new project he's working on, and I still want to do a profile on this self-proclaimed low profile guy. He's been an inspiration to literally generations of our high school students, but I think we can all be inspired by the accomplishments and interests of the most accomplished and interesting among us.

So what epiphanies have I experienced since Jan. 1, 2013, as I trod the sometimes crowded, sometimes lonely streets of our fair town? What great insights into our cosmic purpose? Here, let me number and list them:

None, really. Disappointed? Me too, a little. But I didn't expect that, nor need it. Still, the benefits are many, and valuable, and I highly recommend the regimen to anyone.

If I do it again, I think I might follow Berkeley's lead and be more methodical, marking off sections that are similar and hitting every street there before moving on to the next part of town. That would give more of a sense of what each part of Santa Monica is like. I skipped around as the mood struck me, which kept it varied and interesting to me, but I think I would like more of that sense of neighborhood that his method achieves.

I wrote two months ago in a Curious City column that "in all that walking, all those miles and all those many hours, I can swear I never encountered a cyclist riding on the sidewalk. Never. Or cutting off pedestrians. Not once." It remains a true statement, and the last part is still valid, but I'll have to yield on the sidewalk riding part. I caught a lot of disagreement on that, and must confess that I have seen sidewalk riders since. More than once. But only in certain, more heavily trafficked parts of town where it's dangerous to ride in those streets.

I saw a motorist back over a bike on Main Street two weeks ago, while backing into a parking space. Thank God, the cyclist shot off the bike and seemed unharmed, as her bike disappeared beneath the SUV. So yes, riding on sidewalks happens, but you can walk all the streets of Santa Monica and never see it.

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Picking out the best governors

SUPPOSE YOU PICK UP YOUR TYPICAL California newspaper and see headlines like, "State Unemployment Far Below the National Average" and "State Running Healthy Surplus; Gov. to Return Money to Taxpayers." You just might find yourself paraphrasing Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, "Sutter Brown, I've got a feeling were not in California anymore." (For those not acquainted with Sutter Brown, he is California's charming First Dog, who sometimes joins Gov. Jerry Brown at press conferences.)

No, we certainly would not be in California where the unemployment rate is far above the national average and, although we are running a modest surplus, the only plans coming from Sacramento are for more government spending paid for by yet higher taxes.

Californians are telling pollsters they are not feeling either secure or confident. Two surveys taken late last year by the Hoover Golden State Poll found twice as many Californians reported being worse-off financially (33 percent) than better off (17 percent) over the last year; two out of three Californians predicted their state tax rates will increase this year, while 1 percent predicted a decrease; and only one in seven Californians are "very confident" they can afford both higher taxes and other pocketbook expenses. And the fact that over a million Californians have voted with their feet — by moving to Texas, Nevada, Florida and other states not hostile to economic growth — is well documented.

Gov. Brown has declared for reelection — his fourth term — promising more of the same, while his two declared Republican opponents are struggling to energize broad based voter enthusiasm. (In all fairness, neither is likely to generate the kind of financial support even close to that of Brown's bankroll given his close ties to public sector unions).

But if California had a more level political playing field, what kind of gubernatorial leadership provides the best model? Interestingly, a governor who, not long ago, was viewed as very polarizing, is now garnering favorable attention for bringing fiscal sanity to his state. Even though its weather can't match California, let's consider Wisconsin and Gov. Scott Walker.

A January Marquette Poll shows 54 percent of Wisconsin voters see their state headed in the right direction, while 40 percent disagree. While this may not seem like an overwhelming vote of confidence, it must be considered in light of the ongoing public employee union jihad against Walker, who significantly restricted collective bargaining for government workers. This war on Walker has included an unsuccessful recall election that received tens of millions of dollars in union support from across the nation.

Still, Wisconsin has the advantage over California where we have the highest paid government employees in all 50 states. Walker has shown willingness to stand up to government unions, and is committed to cutting taxes and creating jobs. Contrary to the liberal spin machine, Walker confronted the unions, not out of spite or meanness, but because he realized that the very survival of his beloved Wisconsin was no longer assured given the sure path to bankruptcy it was on.

What is truly "Oz" like in the comparison between California and Wisconsin is the knee-jerk assumption by pundits in the main stream media that the sort of Republican policies advanced by Gov. Walker help only the "wealthy." These policies, we are told, only increase the gap between the "haves" and the "have nots." But let's look at where good, middle class jobs are being created. Not surprisingly, it doesn't include California. Indeed, our hostile tax and regulatory climate has turned the Central Valley into a combination third world country and dust bowl.

No, real leadership would compel the governor of California — whoever that may be — to pursue those policies that eschew corporate cronyism (e.g., High Speed Fail) and are proven to grow an economy: reasonable taxation and a modest regulatory environment. Wisconsin has it. California doesn't. And, by the way, we haven't even talked about Texas yet.

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The Q Line

To sign or not to sign

A movement to force a special election to overturn the City Council approval of the Bergamot Transit Village is winding down following a drive to gather signatures from 10 percent of registered Santa Monica voters.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks: Where do you stand on the referendum? Are activists right in objecting to the project or are they barking up the wrong tree?

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GREEN
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Froot Loops ("What happened to Toucan Sam?), but the switch can shave on average 25 to 30 percent off the final bill.

It appears that some developers with housing and office projects before the Santa Monica City Council are looking for that same savings by opting for a generic green-building certification instead of the brand name one known as LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council in the mid-1990s, LEED certification is done by an independent third-party that makes sure new and existing buildings incorporate environmentally-friendly materials and features that dramatically reduce water and electricity usage. For years it was the only player in the game, developing strict standards that have served as blueprints for cities developing their own building standards.

LEED continues to be the most popular green building system in the U.S. and is growing abroad, and it doesn't come cheap, depending on the project being certified (size and use matter) and what level of certification the developer is going for (there's silver, gold and platinum). A typical fee for a 30,000-square-foot mixed-use building would run just over $30,000. A larger project, like a shopping center, could have a final price tag of over $1 million.

Concerned about that cost, at least one developer of a mixed-use housing project on Second Street in Downtown has asked for and received permission from the City Council to go for LEED equivalent, which means they would have to build according to LEED standards, but would not have to go through the formal third-party certification process. In theory that could save thousands of dollars.

There are many other projects that may request a similar arrangement and that has some city officials sounding the alarm. There is no alternative review process in place at City Hall and currently no employees with the training necessary to ensure a project is LEED equivalent. In a time when budgets are tight, adding more staff or paying for training is unlikely.

"It just doesn't make sense," said Dean Kubani, who heads City Hall's Office of Sustainability and the Environment. "We don't have the system in place to do it and there's already a third-party system in place that is relatively inexpensive."

And making the switch wouldn't achieve any significant cost savings for the developer, Kubani said, because city employees doing the work would still need to be reimbursed.

The real cost is in the materials and technologies. Since Santa Monica's building codes are already so green, developers are going to be making the investment in sustainability upfront. Paying a few thousand after that for certification is further securing a sound investment, said Dominique Smith, executive director of the U.S. Green Building Council — Los Angeles Chapter. Building by code in Santa Monica means being LEED silver. They just need the plaque to hang on the wall that says so, which helps in marketing the building to future tenants who want to rent a space they know is helping protect the environment, not destroy it.

"[A]s far as I can tell, the savings to a developer for 'LEED equivalent' compared to 'LEED certified' is the difference in cost between having the government do a task and the private sector do the same task," said Brenden McEneaney, former Green Building Programs manager for City Hall who now specializes in the resiliency of buildings following extreme weather events like a hurricane or flood. "Most people would think that the private sector can do it for cheaper."

Competition in the private sector is one way to bring costs down, theoretically. More groups are working on alternative certification programs that cover a niche, like single-family homes or buildings that are reused, and their fees tend to be lower than those charged for LEED certification.

One such system is Green Globes. (The Living Building Challenge is another that is growing in popularity, however it sets a much higher bar than LEED by focusing primarily on implementation of net zero energy, waste, and water measures and therefore, has only been achieved by a handful of buildings.)

This is where branding comes into play. Green Globes, developed by the Green Building Initiative, hasn't been around as long as LEED and until recently allowed self-certification. Therefore, it wasn't considered as robust as LEED. The Green Building Initiative is trying to change that perception. It now has a third-party doing the reviews and has hired a new director with green building credentials to lend it more credibility. In 2012, Green Globes was recognized by the federal government as a reputable certification system. Because of that, governmental buildings have been the focus of the initiative.

On whether to go with Green Globes and possibly save thousands, or stick with LEED depends on whether or not you really crave that brand name, said Jerry Yudelson with the initiative.

"It's a question of do you want it for your own use, or for marketing an office space to a Fortune 500 tenant," said Yudelson, who spent the last 15 years on the LEED side. "We don't have the brand name for that, but we provide an equal service and a lot more direct one-on-one information how facilities can be built better and be more sustainable."

Yudelson said competitive pricing is starting to happen and costs are going down, but the key is to maintain the integrity of the assessment process so it ends up meaning something.

Raising Green Globes' profile seems to be working.

"With Green Globes recently increasing their standards, it may be time for another look," Kubani said. So, City Hall may be able to offer developers an alternative to LEED after all.

If that happens, don't expect folks aligned with LEED to cry about it. In the sustainability market, anything that encourages more developers to go green is a good thing. It's not seen as competition as in other industries.

"We're just happy to see people participating, so if having more options allows that, we're all for it," Smith said.

In the end, worrying about whether to go Green Globes or LEED may not be worth the energy, McEneaney said, because sooner rather than later there will be a push for even more low-impact construction and a new certification standard could become the preferred choice if the old ones don't evolve. Buildings are going to be called upon to perform better.

"LEED certification is the least of the worry," he said. "Aside from this month, it didn't rain much in the west did it; how will these developments address that? How will they be resilient in times of increased wildfires, increased drought, increased intensity of rainfall that flushes the storm drains into the bay? We need to ask our buildings to be more than de minimis — to give back to the community, to be examples of what's possible."

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UNITED FRONT: Slow-growth advocates rallied in front of City Hall on Tuesday to deliver 13,000-plus signatures calling for a special election to nix a controversial development project.

REFERENDUM

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Representatives from Hines could not be reached for comment.

The scene conjured memories of grassroots efforts to stop the demolition of the Santa Monica Pier and the construction of tall office towers at the site of Santa Monica Place. In both cases the residents who fought back were victorious and those against the Hines development believe they will be once again.

"I think the city has to know there are limits on how much development fits," said Julie Lopez Dad, a former planning and rent control commissioner who feels the Bergamot Transit Village does not contain enough affordable housing or open space and has "lousy" architecture. "I just went out to people I know, stood outside a business on Main Street and talked to people until I hit the brick wall, which was 'I already signed it.' That was great to hear."

Many volunteers said they ran into several residents who had already signed the petition thanks in large part to a well-organized campaign that included neighborhood groups and Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, the city's leading political party.

For 20-year resident Rachel Harms, it was the first time she had involved herself in civic affairs, but she knew the stakes were too high to sit on the sidelines.

"I knew I could no longer complain if I didn't take action," said Harms, who believes she spent roughly 20 hours gathering over 120 signatures. "This city has taken a nose dive. We've reached a boiling point when it comes to development."

The city clerk will be counting the signatures and checking addresses to make sure to count only those living in Santa Monica. She will then send them off to the county clerk so they can be verified more thoroughly. The county has 30 days from receipt to verify them and report the findings.

If the referendum qualifies it will most likely go before voters during the General Election in November, however, the City Council could choose to hold a special election sooner at considerable cost to taxpayers — around $200,000, according to the City Clerk's Office.

Former Mayor Michael Feinstein said the council and Hines will not risk further scorn from the public by holding an election and instead go back to the negotiating table.

"I believe the numbers signal the referendum would be successful," Feinstein said. "A different path makes sense. … Residents wouldn't just be voting on this project. It would be a referendum on traffic and congestion, and that's a vote the developers can't win."

Residocracy volunteers said they want a project that is not as tall and includes more housing, which generates less traffic. They also want more green space instead of buildings situated so close together that they create canyons.

Supporters celebrated the project as a gateway to the city and a compliment to the adjacent Bergamot Expo Line Station. They said it was a good example of transit-oriented development because of its focus on sustainability, open space, affordable housing, and its variety of transportation options. Many also supported the developer's contribution to early childhood education and aggressive transportation demand management programs intended to cut down car trips.

The city staff report's economic analysis presented to the council identified $32 million in community benefits.

"We have been told that our community is split over the issue of growth and densification in Santa Monica," Melkonians said. "Today it is clear that the only split that exists is the split between the four pro-growth City Council members and the real residents of Santa Monica."

The four council members who approved the Hines development are Mayor Pam O'Connor, Mayor Pro Tem Terry O'Day, Gleam Davis and Bob Holbrook.

Davis told the Daily Press she has "no problem with a group of residents exercising their right to collect signatures to place a matter before the City Council or the voters."

"We live in a democracy," she said. "As the process continues, I am sure that there will be a robust debate about the issues."

Councilman Kevin McKeown, one of the most vocal opponents of the Hines project, said he will vote to put the issue on the ballot if his colleagues don't kill the current plan and renegotiate. "Gathering twice the number of signatures needed, residents have doubled down on demands the council reconsider the Hines approval," he said.

The council only has two options, either rescind the development agreement or schedule the referendum for a vote, City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said. If they do rescind the agreement, Hines may sue under contractual obligations.

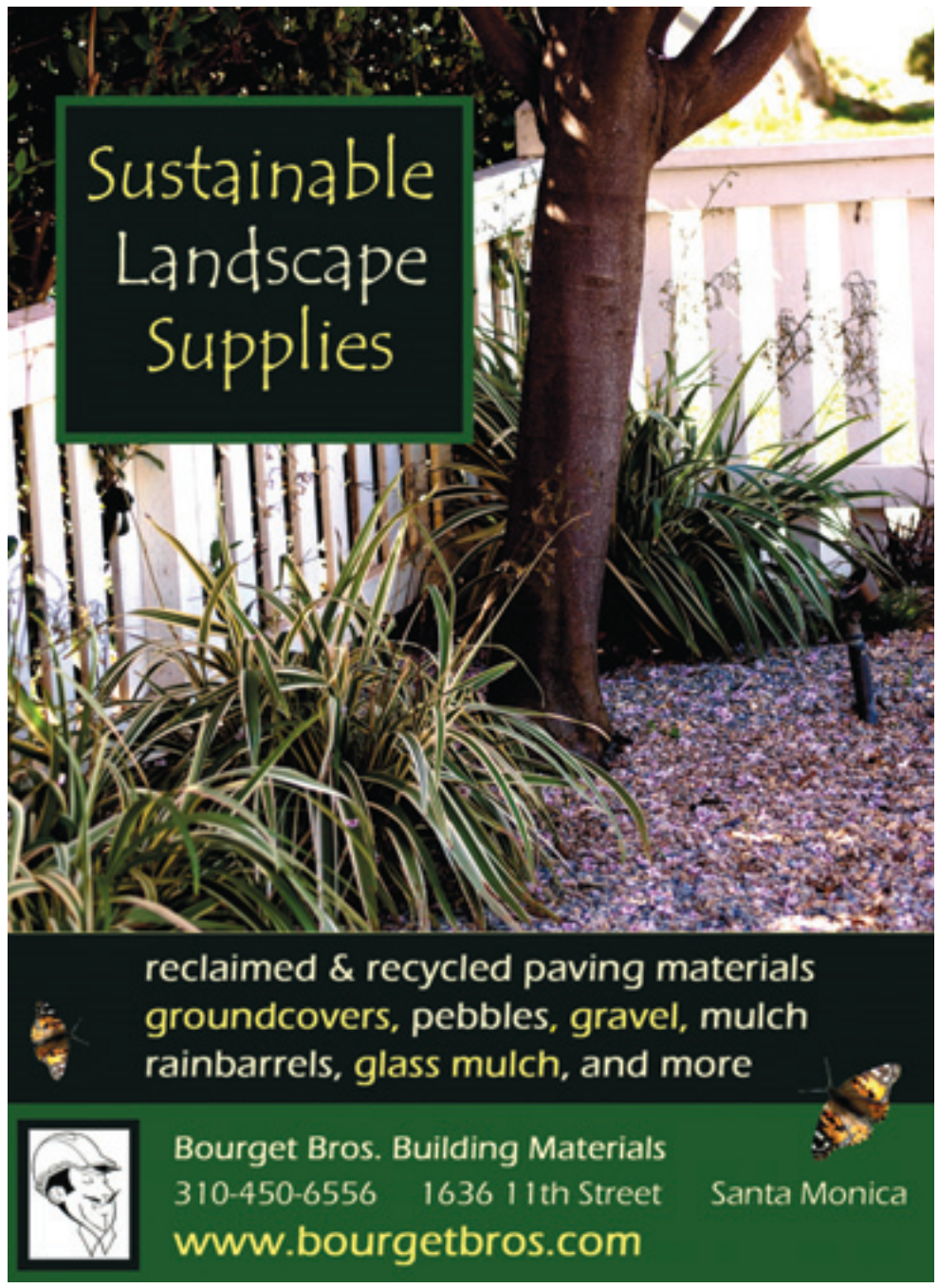
The project is already facing an additional challenge. On Monday, the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City filed a lawsuit against City Hall for approving the development, saying Hines failed to study more environmentally friendly alternatives and that the council violated aspects of two land use plans.

The coalition is asking a judge to stop the project in its tracks and force Hines to study a reduced project with more housing and less commercial uses.

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CARS
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Responding to a question received over Twitter, DMV attorney Brian Soublet acknowledged that the department is still grappling with the most fundamental question of whether a person will need to be in the driver's seat.

Maybe not, by the time the technology is safe and reliable, he said.

Soublet asked who would ensure that owners know how to use the new technology. Should the onus be on dealers, manufacturers, owners?

Representatives of automakers suggested they shouldn't be asked to guarantee the capability of owners. John Tillman of Mercedes-Benz said the DMV could test owners on basics such as starting and stopping the automated driving function.

Automaker representatives also expressed concerns that other states could pass regulations that were substantially different from California, creating the kind of patchwork rules that businesses hate.

States outside California have been in touch and are following California's rulemaking process closely, said Bernard Soriano, a deputy director at the DMV.

Other discussion centered on how vulnerable the cars could be to hackers, who might wrest control of the vehicles.

Industry representatives said that while that's a concern, they would vigilantly guard against such vulnerability because it would be disastrous.

DMV regulation writers will post draft language regulations around June, then alter the rules in response to public comment by fall in order to get them finalized by year's end, Soublet said.

MILKEN
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Institute to support research and scholarships and $30 million from the Sumner M. Redstone Charitable Foundation to expand wellness and disease prevention. A $10 million gift from the Milken Family Foundation will support a new scholarship program and dean's endowment.

Milken, known as the king of Wall Street "junk" bonds in the 1980s, pleaded guilty to securities fraud in 1990 and spent 22 months in prison. He has also become a leading philanthropist for public health and an advocate for increased government research funding.

The gifts connected to Milken and Redstone, who is board chairman of Viacom and CBS, will create the Milken Institute School of Public Health and the Sumner M. Redstone Global Center for Prevention and Wellness. This is the largest ever gift for the Santa Monica, Calif.-based Milken Institute, a think tank funded by various donors that usually runs its own programs.

George Washington University President Steven Knapp and School of Public Health Dean Lynn Goldman told The Associated Press they were not worried about any backlash in having the school carry the name of someone with a criminal past.

"We're talking about somebody who over a number of decades has made a difference that's incalculable to the lives of people in this nation and around the world through what he has done, particularly in the fields of medicine and health," Knapp said. "I think he has certainly earned his recognition as the foremost philanthropist focused on addressing the challenges of national and global health."

Goldman said the gift would be transformative for the school as it moves into a new $75 million building next to the university's hospital.

It's a relatively new school of public health that has been growing in recent years with an expanded focus on addressing chronic disease and diseases related to obesity.

"All I can say is that I'm just simply delighted to see philanthropy turning their attention to prevention because I think there's a bigger bang for their buck," Goldman said. "It's about time that people began to recognize that while it's important to develop cures, that it's also important to prevent disease."

Milken once led a march in Washington to increase government funding for the National Institutes of Health and other agencies that eventually resulted in an increase signed into law by President Bill Clinton.

Milken said his interest in public health dates back more than 40 years after seeing his mother-in-law and his father die from cancer, followed by other family members. Despite advances in research, He said the nation's health policies have been still lacking a focus on prevention and wellness.

"As I reflect on the last 40 years, we've actually gone backwards in the public health area, particularly on obesity," Milken said.

Milken, 67, is a prostate cancer survivor who has long been an active philanthropist and advocate for medical research. His career as a cutting-edge financier ended with a prison term. He was known as the king of the high-risk, high-interest "junk" bond in the 1980s and came to symbolize the excesses and greed of Wall Street run amok. In business, Milken pioneered use of the bonds to finance corporate takeover battles and became a dominant force in the 1980s takeover boom.

After his release from prison, Milken has focused full-time on philanthropy. Milken and his family have given hundreds of millions of dollars away in recent decades. Much of it is channeled through the Santa Monica, Calif.-based Milken Family Foundation, founded in 1982, which funds education and medical research, especially in the cancer field.

Philanthropy is "a central mission of my life," Milken said, adding that he takes joy in seeing death rates from certain cancers cut in half. "Personally it's not the giving of the money, it's seeing the results."

Law professor John Banzhaf, who has led public health projects with students, said Milken's name was not familiar to him at first, but he was not concerned about renaming the public health school.

"Quite frankly, I didn't even really think about it," he said. "I would hope and assume that the benefits that will be derived from it will overcome the negatives of it."

But he said he hopes the new money for public health won't all be used for new courses and conferences. Instead, it should be used to take legal action to translate policy into practice, Banzhaf said. He noted the law school recently advocated for a surcharge for smokers under the nation's health care overhaul to help improve public health.

The university board on Monday unanimously approved naming the school and dean's post for the Milken donations and the new center for Redstone, Knapp said. Now the school will be positioned to have an influence on health policy in Washington, he said.

"If we're really going to get a handle on health care costs as a national and global issue," Knapp said, "there's really got to be an important emphasis on prevention and wellness that Michael Milken is now pushing."





Doctors' Orders

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File photo

OUCH! **A nurse administers a flu shot at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica.**

It's peak flu season in Santa Monica

AS WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF FLU SEASON, what do we all need to know to protect ourselves and our loved ones from this airborne illness?

A few sniffles and a sore throat, and you know you're in for it all week. But does that sense of impending doom mean the onset of a common cold, or worse yet ... the infamous influenza? Dr. Cyrus Javan, an infectious disease specialist at Cedars Sinai Medical Center, says that "patients often confuse the flu with other more common viral upper respiratory illnesses, but the flu is usually more severe and debilitating."

Unlike the common cold, an influenza infection usually results in fevers, severe body aches, fatigue, dry cough and severe headache. And while these symptoms may be seen with other illnesses, the flu usually has a faster onset; with symptoms progressing in hours instead of days.

Alarmingly, the flu may actually be deadly, particularly in the elderly or people with certain chronic illnesses. Last month, the California Department of Public Health announced that there have already been 202 influenza-related deaths this season in patients under the age of 65. This is more than 11 times as many influenza-related deaths as was reported at the same time last year.

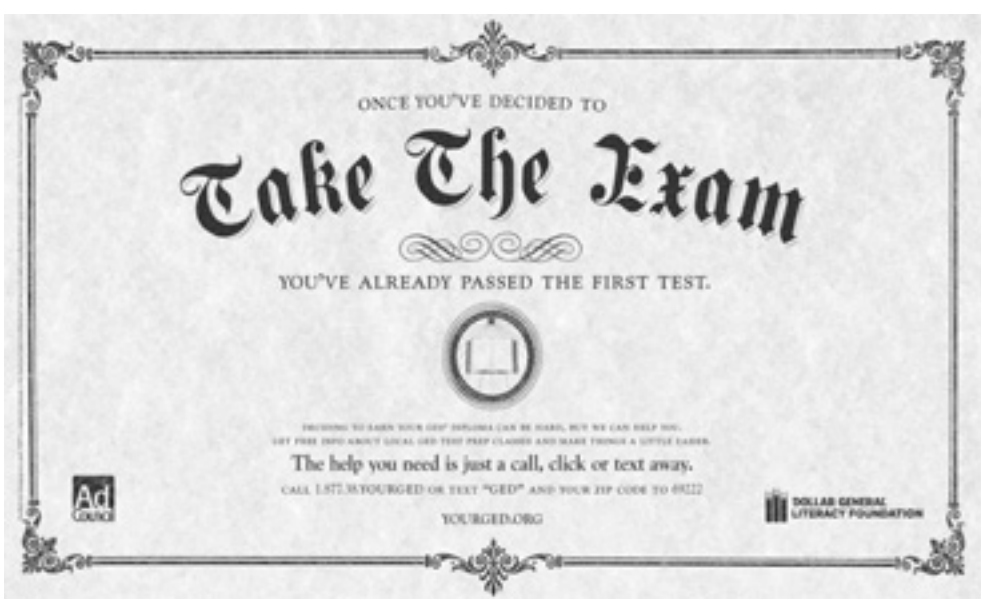
So what can we do to prevent the spread of influenza? First, talk to your healthcare provider about getting vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone over the age of 6 months receive the flu vaccine. Particularly high risk populations include children between the age of 6 months and 4 years, adults over 50 years of age, and patients with various chronic illnesses including diabetes mellitus. If you have a severe egg allergy, had a previous allergic reaction to the flu vaccine, or are currently ill, you may not be eligible to receive the vaccine.

Oh no — now you've caught the flu! If you think you've come down with the flu, you should go to your healthcare provider as soon as possible to see if you should get tested for influenza and get treated with antiviral medication. It's important to know that antiviral treatment only works if it's given early in the disease course, particularly the first 48 hours of symptom onset. Antivirals can reduce symptoms by 1-1.5 days.

Dr. Javan says that "rest and hydration, as well as anti-viral treatment, are the key to a speedy recovery." Finally, if you or someone you know is afflicted with the flu, proper and frequent hand washing is a key part of stopping its spread. While, there are treatments available, Dr. Javan emphasized, "vaccination and prevention are the key."

So, stay healthy this flu season, Santa Monicans, and talk to your healthcare provider about getting the flu shot.

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THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
BIGGEST EARLY; Easing WNW swell; Minimal SW-SSW swells;
breezy Santa Anas - local gusts 30kts+; deep AM high tide

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Watching for a new long-period WNW/NW swell to build in but mostly bypass region, while the old WNW energy continues to ease; Minimal SW/SSW swells; deep AM high tide

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Long-period WNW/NW swell continues but mostly bypasses region; select breaks to 4' on sets; deep AM high tide

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Possible long-period WNW/NW swell fades;
lingering 3'+ sets for winter standouts; deep AM high tide

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	C
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	D	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	F	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	D
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	F	B
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 DBW jetty).	A+	D
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
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- **WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
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U.S. stocks end slightly lower for a second day

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AP Business Writer

Without any big economic news or blowout company earnings to respond to, investors found little to get excited about Tuesday and sent the stock market lower for the second day in a row.

A few companies grabbed headlines for posting poor quarterly results or consummating long-running merger talks Tuesday. But the broader market barely budged for much of the day, then closed slightly lower. Investors didn't see enough that they liked to drive up a market that hit three record highs last week.

"It's a market that is looking for some direction overall," said J.J. Kinahan, chief strategist with TD Ameritrade. "We've had such a nice run, I think you're seeing people take some profits."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 9.54 points, or 0.5 percent, to close at 1,867.63. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 67.43 points, or 0.4 percent, to 16,351.25. The Nasdaq composite fell 27.26 points, or 0.6 percent, to 4,307.19.

The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq are both up for the year, though they lost some ground from the start of the week. The S&P 500 is up 1 percent, while the Nasdaq is up 3.1 percent. The Dow is down 1.4 percent so far this year.

General Motors, Men's Wearhouse and American Eagle Outfitters were among the stocks in focus Tuesday.

GM dropped $1.91, or 5.1 percent, to $35.18 on news that a congressional committee is investigating the way the automaker and a federal safety agency handled a deadly ignition switch problem in compact cars.

The stocks of teen retailers American Eagle Outfitters and Urban Outfitters took a beating.

American Eagle tumbled $1.11, or 7.8 percent, to $13.10 after the store chain issued a fiscal first-quarter outlook that fell short of Wall Street's expectations. The company also reported an 89 percent slide in its fourth-quarter net income as winter storms weighed on sales.

Urban Outfitters fell $1.60, or 4.3 percent, to $35.91 after reporting its own results.

Investors cheered word that Men's Wearhouse agreed to buy Jos. A. Bank for $1.8 billion after months of on-again, off-again talks. Men's Wearhouse rose $2.57, or 4.7 percent, to $57.14. Jos. A. Bank climbed $2.39, or 3.9 percent, to $64.22.

The declines were broad. Nine of the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 index fell, led by energy stocks. The one sector that rose, consumer staples, eked out a gain of just 0.01 percent. Stocks of those companies, which make consumer staple goods like soft drinks and detergents, tend to be in favor when investors are feeling cautious and want low-risk investments that produce steady income. Among consumer staples companies, PepsiCo rose $1.08, or 1.3 percent, to $82.81.

McDonald's had the biggest gain among companies in the S&P 500 index, rising $3.58, or 3.8 percent, to $98.78. The stock is rebounding after slumping a day earlier.

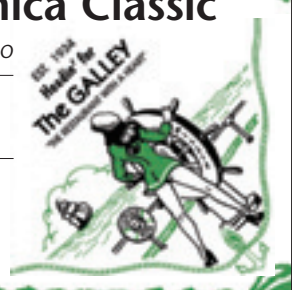
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MOVIE TIMES

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

Paul Taylor: Creative Domain (NR) 1hr 26min
7:30pm
Discussion following the film with director Kate Geis and dancers Robin Branch and Manny Rodriguez, who worked with Paul Taylor.

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

RoboCop (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm

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

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

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

Son of God (PG-13) 2hrs 18min
12:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

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

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
8:00pm, 10:30pm

300: Rise of an Empire (R) 1hr 42min
11:00am, 4:25pm, 9:45pm

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

300: Rise of an Empire 3D (R) 1hr 42min
11:15am, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) 1hr 30min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 7:15pm

Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D (PG) 1hr 30min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 4:05pm, 5:30pm, 10:00pm

Wolf of Wall Street (R) 2hrs 45min
11:05am, 5:30pm, 9:30pm

Three Days to Kill (PG-13) 1hr 57min
2:50pm

Non-Stop (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Lego Movie (PG) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 4:15pm, 9:50pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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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 (PG-13) 1hr 20min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:45pm

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

A COZY DINNER FOR TWO TONIGHT, CAPRICORN

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ A hedonistic breeze floats through wherever you are. If handling a serious matter, you might have difficulty staying focused. Creativity spills over into all your thoughts, which eliminates boundaries and opens the doors for fun. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could opt to stay home. You will express what you want, and others will listen. For now, you might just need some time off. Indulge in the mood of the moment. Tonight: Make it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You'll see what needs to happen between you and someone else. You could be so anxious for that to happen that you might make too many inquiries. Try to let go and get into the spirit of the day. Tonight: Let the chips fall where they may.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be more willing to understand what is happening once you relax. Recognize that a problem will correct itself without your interference. In fact, the more attention you give to this matter, the more likely it is that it will backfire on you. Tonight: Midweek break.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You will be expressive, despite someone being very hard on you. You might wonder why you must do something a certain way. The unexpected could occur, and it could throw a happy opportunity your way. Tonight: On center stage, where you belong and love to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You know when you have gone too far. You might feel challenged and confused by a loved one. Your solution will be to focus on what you must do, and that will give you more stability. Walk away from a power play. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Emphasize what you want and why you want it. Your ability to zero in on the basics will allow you to take care of necessities first. Know that you have more understanding than most signs. Tonight: In weekend mode already.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You could feel pressured by a boss, a parent or a respected individual. You might agree with this person, but you'll need to decide what to do on your own. You'll be surprised by the positive response you receive, should you choose to open up. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You'll act spontaneously and get good results. Let your fiery spirit speak. You could be overly assertive with someone who is far more conservative and who also believes that he or she is far wiser than you are. Let it go. Tonight: Follow the music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might feel as if you have very little choice, as someone else who has a lot of support seems to dominate the scene. You could choose to observe, but a partner will want to draw you out in order to have an important one-on-one chat. Tonight: A cozy dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others might insist on dominating right now. You are likely to get much more of what you desire if you keep communication open and stay close to your friends. You could be thinking some very negative thoughts, so try to turn them around. Tonight: Say "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could see a situation develop differently from how you might have expected it to. A friend or loved one could be unusually controlling and might cause you some distress. You have a lot to do, so focus your energy on getting it done. Tonight: Out late.

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

This year your life evolves in a very exciting way. You might get involved with someone who could become a business associate. Together you will be very successful. You smile more, and enjoy your work as much as you enjoy your free time. If you are single, you could meet someone appealing through your day-to-day travels. Keep dating, because you have more than one potential suitor coming your way. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy being together more than ever. A mutual interest allows greater give-and-take than in the past. You always have fun with LEO.

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

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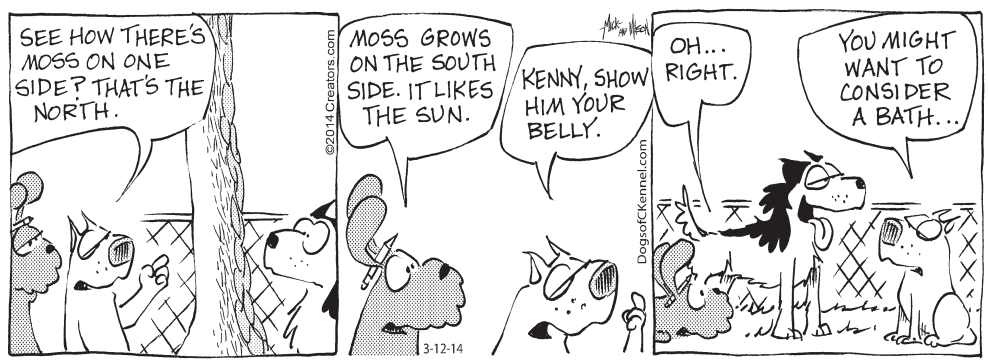
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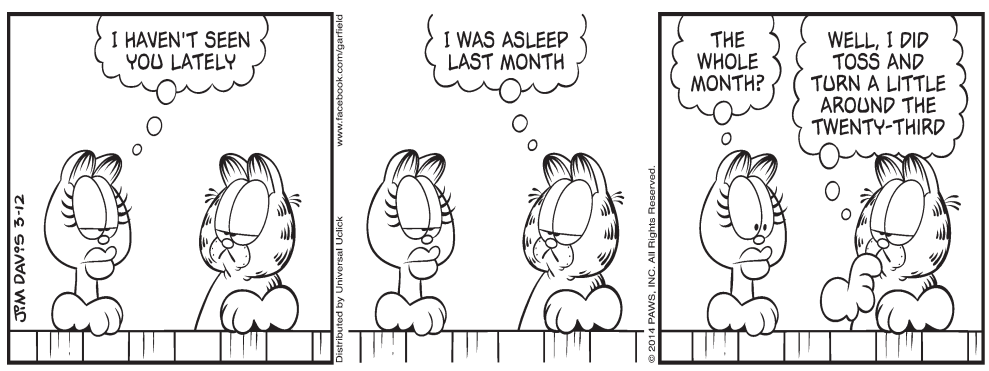
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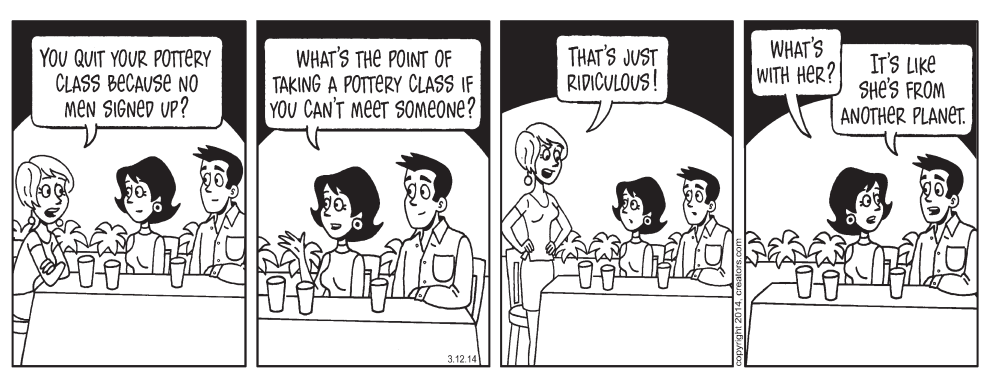
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 To boot
5 Snoozing
11 Sullen
12 Cube side
13 High point
14 Expulsion
15 May honoree
16 Hand or foot
17 "Ghosts" playwright
19 Guy's friend
22 Fan publications
24 Armistice
26 Perimeter
27 One-time Atlanta arena
28 City on the Loire
30 Mosque features
31 Swiss peak
32 Half of Hispaniola
34 Puzzle book feature
35 Arrest
38 Familiar feeling
41 Hideous
42 Laundry worker
43 Diamonds, e.g.
44 The beginning
45 Fencing weapon

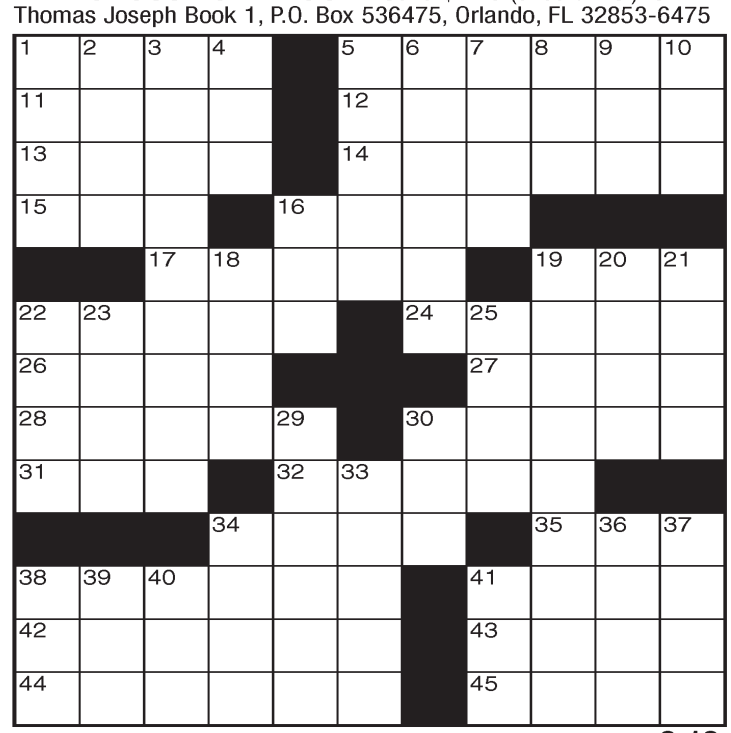
DOWN

1 Cain's father
2 Crazy
3 Recapping
4 Vein contents
5 In harmony
6 React to bright light
7 Lascivious desire
8 Have lunch
9 Before, to Byron
10 For each
16 Naval initials
18 Tankard fill
19 Clogging
20 Skin woe
21 Floral rings
22 Letter after epsilon
23 Pop star
25 Tooth part
29 Free of hair
30 Conk out
33 Blue hue
34 Hand, to José
36 "I cannot tell —"
37 Memory unit
38 Performed
39 Pitching number
40 Delight
41 Try out

B	A	S	S	■	■	M	A	K	O	S
O	C	T	E	T	■	E	L	E	N	A
W	H	A	T	A	R	E	L	I	E	F
L	I	N	■	N	E	T	■	T	I	E
S	E	C	O	N	D	■	M	E	L	T
■	R	E	W	E	D	■	A	L	L	Y
■	■	■	E	R	R	E	D	■	■	■
S	C	A	N	■	A	V	A	I	L	■
C	A	T	S	■	G	A	M	B	I	A
O	R	E	■	P	O	D	■	E	T	S
W	H	A	T	O	N	E	A	R	T	H
L	O	S	E	R	■	S	T	I	L	E
S	P	E	A	K	■	■	M	A	E	S

Yesterday's answer

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3-12

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 3/8
10 14 24 32 41
Power#: 30
Jackpot: $60M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/7
11 13 51 57 69
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: $309M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 3/8
1 16 26 45 46
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: $31M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/11
2 5 9 12 24

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/11
MIDDAY: 8 8 4
EVENING: 6 4 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/11
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:47.47

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Inexplicable: (1) Three suspects fled with about 30 pieces of jewelry from a burglary at Timothy's Fine Jewelry in Broomfield, Colo., in January, but not before creating a puzzling scene on the surveillance video. Crushing the glass cases with sledgehammers, they moved quickly around the store, all the while constantly telling each other, "I love you, brother." (2) Glenn Rundles, 32, was captured only days after robbing two women at knifepoint in East Post Oak, Texas, in January -- despite a wanted poster called by some the "worst police sketch ever," a "cartoon" of a comically round-faced man (displayed at http://huff.to/1cXWT3p).

■ Suspicion Confirmed: After Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Donna Jane Watts ticketed Miami Police Department officer Fausto Lopez in 2011 for speeding to an off-duty job at 120 mph, naturally some in law enforcement began harassing her as a "rat," according to a February Associated Press report. One provocation stood out -- other officers' accessing Watts' driver record by claiming to be on official business. Watts identified those officers' employers and recently filed a lawsuit under the federal Driver Privacy Protection Act, which provides penalties of up to $2,500 for each of the more than 200 unauthorized searches by 88 officers from 25 police agencies.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1993 - The Blizzard of 1993 - Snow begins to fall across the eastern portion of the US with tornadoes, thunder snow storms, high winds and record low temperatures. The storm lasts for 30 hours.

1993 - Janet Reno was sworn in as the United States' first female attorney general.

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The contract price will be for the cost of the contract bid items (``A``) portion only. The bids must be submitted on the proposal forms included in the bidder's package of the contract documents, which may be purchased for $14 if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for $17 if mailed, which includes postage and handling. The plans available for purchase from the Cashier's Office will be on a compact disc in electronic format only. The contract documents for this project may also be downloaded free of charge by visiting the following website: http://dpw.lacounty.gov/ general/ contracts/ opportunities_ Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the bid to guarantee that the bidder will enter into the contract if it is awarded to him. 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The successful bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the contract or initiation of debarment proceedings. The contract is subject to the requirements of the County of Los Angeles' Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program (Defaulted Tax Program), Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206. Bidders should carefully read the Defaulted Tax Program Ordinance. The Defaulted Tax Program applies to both contrac-tors and their subcontractors. 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More information about Metro can be found at the follow-ing website: www.metro.net By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California. Dated February 26, 2014. Sachi A. Hamai Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors

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