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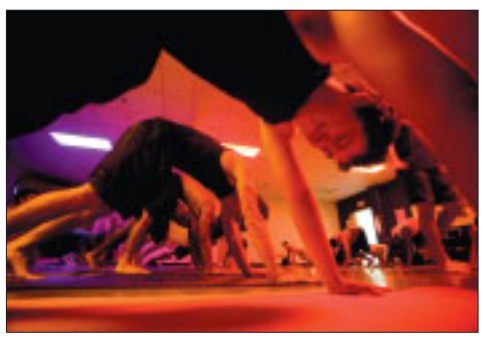
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THE EGG NOG FOG ISSUE



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POSE: **The Santa Monica High School football team goes through an intensive yoga workout with instructor Jason Battung in 2010.**

High school stretches yoga offerings

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI Santa Monica is known for its love of yoga.

Women in tight pants and men in equally loose shorts can be seen with rubber and foam mats slung under their arms or over their backs as a matter of course. Even the high school football team incorporates the eastern practice into their regular workout regimen.

Soon, the students will become the masters, at least if Jason Battung has anything to do with it.

Battung is working to establish a new yoga class at Santa Monica High School, one that not only teaches poses, but actually gives students the tools they need to become fully-accredited yoga instructors through the national organization Yoga Alliance.

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CHIPPING AWAY

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A crew works on a new pedestrian path Tuesday on the bridge that connects the Santa Monica Pier and Ocean Avenue. The project will create one path for pedestrians, instead of the two that most visitors have become accustomed to. The project is slated to end March 22.

City's first skyscraper moving toward landmark

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Landmarks commissioners moved Monday night to give special status to the Central Tower building on Fourth Street, a 102-foot-building that was dubbed Santa Monica's first skyscraper.

The building, constructed on the eve of the Great Depression, met between three and four of the six criteria under the land-

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Supervisors put clean beaches tax on hold

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

COUNTYWIDE The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Tuesday decided to put on the back burner a proposed property tax measure to clean up storm water pollution.

Heal The Bay, The Coalition for Our Water Future, and other groups gathered in a show of support for the ballot measure, which would add about $54 a year for most single family homes and tens of thousands of dollars for large business properties in an effort to comply with clean water standards and help improve the water supply.

Under the proposal, most property owners within the Los Angeles County Flood

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Coalition forms to defend environmental law

LAURA OLSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Labor and environmental groups on Tuesday joined some of the more liberal Democrats in the state Legislature in announcing a coalition to oppose reforms sought by Gov. Jerry Brown to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Overhauling the law to prevent abuse is one of the governor's top priorities this year, but opponents say the act has served a vital role in protecting the state's air and water over its four-decade history.

The group, calling itself Common Ground, issued a report to emphasize that message. The study by a University of Utah professor points to the state's record in building alternative-energy projects and

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If you don't schmooze, you lose
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The Westside Schmooze is a chance for writers and illustrators of children's books to network, make friends and get connected with one another. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Let's talk books
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
A discussion of Helene Tursten's book, "Detective Inspector Huss," which is about a detective who, while investigating the apparent suicide of a wealthy financier, finds herself in some of Sweden's underground cultures. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

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Living on the edge
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Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner didn't climb K2 because she wanted to be the world's first woman to summit all 14 8,000-meter peaks without oxygen. But that's exactly what she did. She grew up skiing in the mountains of her native Austria, and then worked as a nurse, spending her weekends climbing the local Alps. Meet this astonishing mountaineer and share the dramatic story of how she prepared for and triumphed on K2, told with photos and video from the roof of the world. For more information, call (310) 434-3200.

Hebrew in Memphis
Santa Monica Playhouse — The Other Space
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
"The Hebrew Hillbilly" is a play featuring 14 original songs by Shelley Fisher, Kenneth Hirsch and Harold Payne. The show takes a look at Fisher's life and career, focusing on her Jewish upbringing in Memphis, Tenn. and her adventures in and out of the entertainment industry. Admission is $30.
For more information, visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MID CITY

Saint John's brings in funds


MATHIS

Saint John's Health Center raised $100,000 for its gastrointestinal department last month with the help of crooner Johnny Mathis at a private event in Los Angeles.

The hospital held a dinner for just under 100 donors at the Mullin Automotive Private Collection on Feb. 23 featuring Mathis, a patient of the center.

All proceeds benefited the gastrointestinal department to purchase new technologies and equipment.

Guests were treated to a display of pre-World War I French touring automobiles and a French bistro dinner before Mathis took the stage for an hour.

The singer is best known for jazz and pop music standards like "Chances Are," "Wonderful! Wonderful!," "Misty" and "It's Not for Me to Say," and has released 200 singles with 71 songs charted around the world.

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OCEAN AVE

Late actor's condo sells for $5M

Everyone knows that it costs a pretty penny to purchase property in Santa Monica, so it came as no surprise that the late actor Larry Hagman's top-floor penthouse in Santa Monica sold for $5 million.

The two-bedroom, three-bathroom pad is in a 10-story building constructed in 1963 that includes 3,029 square feet of living space, according to an article in the L.A. Times.

The contemporary-style condo has three parking spaces and views of the Pacific Ocean. Amenities include 24-hour security, a swimming pool and a gym.

Hagman died last year at 81. He is most famous for his television roles on "I Dream of Jeannie" and "Dallas."

The property last changed hands in 1996 for $1.45 million, the Times reported.

David Solomon and Anna Solomon of Prudential's Brentwood office were the listing agents for the Santa Monica penthouse.

– DP



MAKING PLANS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Samohi students talk with Tom Morton (center right) of Piping Industry Progress and Education Trust Fund and Stephen Shute (far right) of Southern California Pipe Trades about the available careers in becoming a plumber/pipe specialist at the annual career fair on Tuesday.

Google pays $7M fine to settle Wi-Fi privacy case

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Google will pay a $7 million fine to settle a multistate investigation into a snoopy software program that enabled the Internet search leader to intercept emails, passwords and other sensitive information sent several years ago over unprotected wireless networks in neighborhoods across the world.

The agreement announced Tuesday covers 38 states and the District of Columbia, part of the area where households and local merchants unwittingly had some of their communications on Wi-Fi networks snatched by Google Inc. from early 2008 until the spring 0f 2010.

Google stopped the data collection in May 2010, shortly before the company revealed cars taking street-level photos for its online mapping service also had been grabbing information transmitted over Wi-Fi networks that had been set up in homes and businesses without requiring a password to gain access.

The company blamed the intrusion on a rogue engineer who rigged a data-collection program into equipment that was supposed to only detect basic information about local Wi-Fi networks to help plot the locations of people using its mapping service and other products. After concluding its own investigation, the Federal Communications Commission last year asserted that some of Google's managers knew about the engineer's plan to vacuum information being transmitted over the Wi-Fi networks.

Google hasn't identified the engineer who set up the data-collection program.

The surveillance triggered outrage among privacy watchdogs and government investigations in more than a dozen countries. The backlash so far has been more of a public relations blow than a financial setback for Google, which has embraced "Don't Be Evil" as its corporate motto.

Even as it repeatedly apologized for a breach of online etiquette, Google insisted that it didn't break any laws in the U.S. The company is maintaining that position in the multistate investigation by entering into a settlement that doesn't include any admission of wrongdoing.

Google, based in Mountain View, Calif., released another contrite statement Tuesday.

"We work hard to get privacy right at Google," the company said. "But in this case we didn't, which is why we quickly tightened up our systems to address the issue."

The multistate agreement requires

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Poor timing

Editor:

I saw the deconstruction of the sidewalk [on the Santa Monica Pier Bridge] this morning and couldn't believe what I was seeing. I understand there is an event – [the Los Angeles Marathon] – that has been held in Santa Monica on the third Sunday in March for the past few years and is also to be held again this year.

I would assume there will be tens of thousands of people in the area this Sunday for the event. There probably was a communication gap, or not. The work could have been done a week earlier or a week later, but why not screw things up. Whomever set these dates should explain why?

David McEvoy
Santa Monica





Your column here

Alvaro Huerta

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Time is now for humane immigration reforms

THE TIME HAS ARRIVED FOR PRESIDENT Barack Obama and Congress to take immediate action on comprehensive, humane immigration reform.

By immigration reform, I am not talking about militarizing our borders, empowering employers to behave as immigration enforcement officials and imposing fines or back taxes on aspiring citizens. Instead, I am talking about allowing labor to cross our borders similar to transnational capital, preventing employers from exploiting immigrant laborers and lowering application costs for future citizens.

Too often, when Democratic and Republican leaders speak about comprehensive immigration reform, their message mainly centers on enforcement-dominated policies. For instance, while Obama spoke eloquently about immigrants in his second inaugural address, his administration has deported more immigrants that his predecessor during the same time period.

As the Obama administration continues to separate hard-working immigrants from their families and friends, I find it hard to believe the president when he says, "Our journey is not complete until we find a better way to welcome the striving, hopeful immigrants who still see America as a land of opportunity." I can't speak for anybody else, but I don't find the deportation of over 1.6 million undocumented immigrants during Obama's first term in office as "welcoming."

Moreover, given that Republican leaders remain hostile and pay lip service to Latinos and immigrants in this country, it's incumbent on Obama and Democratic leaders to invest the necessary political capital for the benefit of the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants in this country. Instead of dehumanizing and blaming recent immigrants for America's financial woes like the GOP, Obama and Democratic leaders should demand that Latino immigrants be treated with dignity, respect and tolerance. More specifically, Democratic leaders should educate and convince the public about the key role undocumented immigrants play in America's social and economic prosperity, highlighting key characteristics like the willingness to sacrifice themselves for their families, possessing strong work ethics and engaging in entrepreneurial activities.

In developing a humane immigration reform policy, both Democrats and Republicans should learn from past immigrant policies with progressive elements. This includes the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, where immigrants from Latin America, Asia and Africa benefited from family reunification components of this law. This also includes the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986, where almost three million immigrants qualified for amnesty. Regarding IRCA, Republican leaders in particular should learn from their iconic figure, then-President Ronald Reagan, who signed this legislation into law.

Instead of doing what's right in both moral and economic terms by proposing another amnesty plan, a recent bi-partisan group of senators, also known as the Senate "Gang of Eight," introduced a regressive, comprehensive immigration reform proposal. Composed of senators like Marco Rubio (R-Florida), John McCain (R-Nevada), Chuck Schumer (D-New York) and Robert Menendez (D-New Jersey), this tentative plan includes a so-called pathway to citizenship for qualified undocumented immigrants. It mainly focuses on punitive measures, such as a border-enforcement perquisite before granting citizenship, imposing fines and back taxes, deputizing employers to become more effective immigration enforcement officials and creating an exploitable labor pool of guest workers, like the Bracero Program of the mid-1900s — a program that my father, Salomon Huerta Sr., participated in under inhumane working conditions.

[T]HERE'S ONLY ONE HUMANE AND SIMPLE PLAN FOR THE ESTIMATED 11 MILLION UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS IN THIS COUNTRY: AMNESTY.

The ongoing preposterous remarks by Sen. Rubio must be challenged. While Rubio, who embellished his parent's immigration from Cuba to the U.S. in the 1950s, argues that a border-enforcement first policy represents a tough, but fair proposal, where undocumented immigrants must wait until the U.S.-Mexico border is cured and get in the back of the line before becoming citizens. First of all, did Rubio's parents get in back of the line when they first arrived in this country before Fidel Castro took power? What about his grandfather, who was an undocumented immigrant and almost deported if not for the favorable status Cuban immigrants receive in this country? Secondly, what is fair about creating a pre-requisite, like border-security first, that's almost impossible to measure and implement in a 2,000-mile border. Thirdly, what line is Rubio talking about? The current system is so dysfunctional and backed-up that no single line exists. In fact, there doesn't even exist multiple lines, like in the case of Costco.

That said, America's only hope for comprehensive, humane immigration reform lies in the hands of Obama and Democratic leaders who have made some progress in other key areas, such as healthcare, gay rights and the economy. It's time to see similar efforts if they want to keep enjoying the loyalty of the Latino vote at the ballot box.

In short, there's only one humane and simple plan for the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants in this country: amnesty.

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The Taxman

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Assume nothing in California's tax battles

THE REJECTION OF A SALES TAX ON THE Los Angeles city ballot has pundits and government insiders returning to their crystal balls in an effort to divine the mood of the electorate and how voters will behave in the future.

When Proposition 30 passed last November, increasing income and sales taxes, those who worship at the altar of ever greater government spending ecstatically proclaimed that a new day had dawned, that any vestige of the tax revolt of 1978 that passed Proposition 13, had been laid to rest, and Californians had shown themselves prepared to embrace new and higher taxes. So extravagant was some of the rhetoric that Gov. Jerry Brown, the principal backer of Proposition 30, felt compelled to caution the legislature against overreaching.

More objective analysis of the Proposition 30 success, pointed to backers outspending opponents by almost two to one, promoters emphasis that the income tax hike would be on the prosperous — while making little mention of the sales tax that would be paid by everyone — and Brown's willingness to put his prestige on the line by guaranteeing that most of the new income would go to support education, the most popular government program with Californians.

Los Angeles, hardly a bastion of fiscally conservative thought, has just rejected Proposition A, a new sales tax, by a margin greater than then the one that provided Proposition 30's victory, a flip of about 10 points. However, those who advocate fiscally responsible tax policy would be wise not to repeat the mistake made by so many on the left and assume that a single victory represents a long-term trend.

Backers of the sales tax outspent opponents by nearly several million dollars to almost zero — big checks were provided by the government worker unions and developers. It had the support of the mayor and police chief. The chief was featured in ads claiming that without higher taxes, the city would be compelled to lay off 500 officers. It was said sidewalks could no longer be repaired unless voters agreed to take on another regressive sales tax hike. (Ironically, the sidewalks are not being repaired now, but the mayor and council have approved pay raises for city employees for next fiscal year that will total $167 million annually, three-quarters of the amount that was anticipated from the tax increase.) A week out, the Los Angeles Times published a poll showing the measure leading 53 percent to 41 percent among likely voters, and promoters of the tax began to rub their hands together; surely their expensive campaign would nail down a victory.

But it didn't. Over 55 percent of Angelenos said "No."

Tax backers rushed to the barricades to explain the outcome. Surely it was due to low voter turnout and the people really did want to pay one of the highest sales taxes in the state. Councilman Herb Wesson, the tax measure's author, complained that too many moderates and conservatives voted.

There has been speculation that the Government-Developer-Public Employee Union Industrial Complex that runs the city has lost clout, but certainly these interests were able to motivate their base — those who count on a taxpayer provided paycheck, or a government contract that will guarantee their employment, are motivated to turn out in high percentages.

The balance of power was in the hands of voters who had no ideological or great personal financial interest at stake. These were likely influenced by two factors. One, unlike Proposition 30, it was clear that everyday folks would be paying the higher tax. Second, they are suffering crisis fatigue. Had this measure been on the ballot several years ago, it might have passed; after all, in 2008 Los Angeles County voters approved a sales tax increase for transportation with a two-thirds vote. But since then, they have endured a drumbeat of the "sky is falling, we must have new taxes" rhetoric from Washington, Sacramento and now from city officials. To the public, the idea of making cuts to the police force may not seem so devastating. After all, the "sequester" — mandatory spending cuts — took effect in Washington last week and the sun still rose in the East the next morning.

Perhaps the folks have just plain had enough right now, and with due respect to Councilman Wesson, a higher turnout could very well have resulted in an even more resounding rejection of his sales tax increase.

As for the future, it is important to recognize that each election represents the public's thinking during a brief period of time. Those of us who are painfully aware that California now ranks at the top in per capita tax burden must keep in mind that the politicians and their government union supporters can never get enough money. It is important we never take anything for granted, that we always respect the voters and arm them with straightforward and truthful facts as to the consequences of these continuing assaults by government.

JON COUPAL is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association – California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

The Q Line

Where do you stand?

The Boy Scouts of America continue to wrestle with the issue of gay membership. There has been movement, but gay members are still not allowed

to be open with their sexuality.

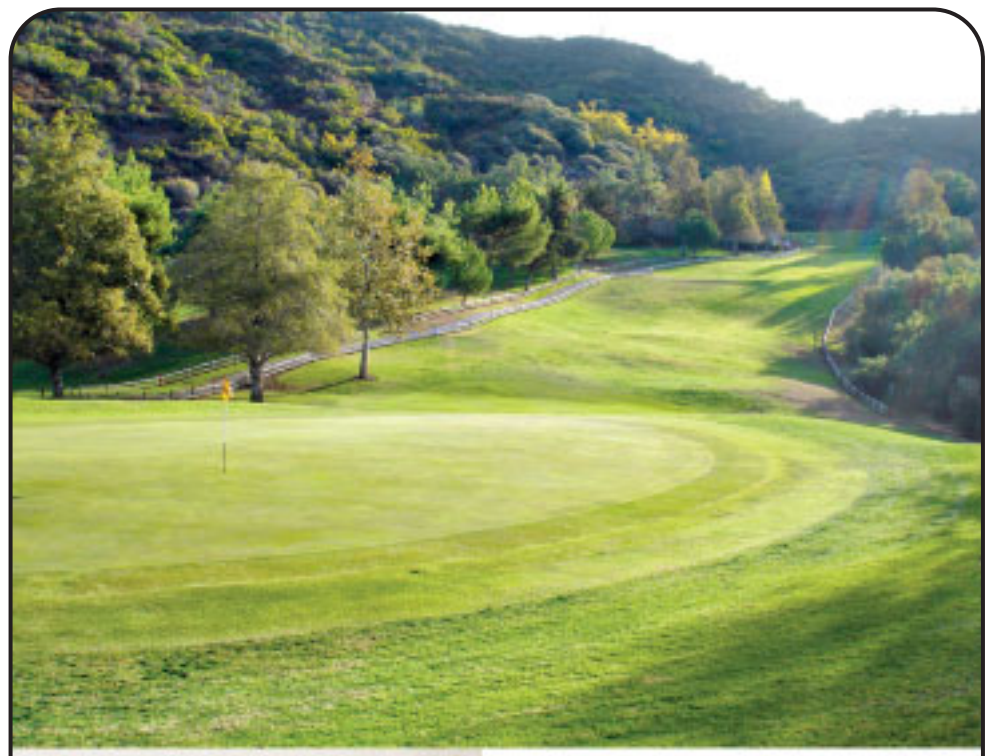
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The class, approved by the Board of Education last week, will build upon the existing five classes of Yoga 1, an introductory course that gets students familiar with the concept and practice of yoga.

Yoga 2 takes that a step further, teaching new poses, how to adjust or correct others in their practice and even how to market a new yoga practice.

The class still needs official approval of the Yoga Alliance, but builds upon a 200-hour course created by the organization.

"Some kids are going to take it because they want to be a registered yoga teacher. I think there will be other kids who want to deepen their knowledge of the practice so they can get into the tools that yoga provides and get into their own heads, hearts and bodies," Battung said.

Yoga is a physical discipline of stretches and poses that increases flexibility and strength in the practitioner. It is also a mental practice, encouraging patience and self-reflection.

Battung has been teaching yoga for almost eight years, although the former college football player originally became involved in the practice at 22 when he graduated as a way to replace the physical conditioning he had practiced through his sport.

It morphed into something more.

"Yoga also became not just a physical thing, it satiated my academic thirst as well," Battung said.

He became a registered yoga instructor in 2005, and specifically aimed to teach young people the benefits of the practice. He began at Samohi two years ago, taking over the reins from Jenna Gasparino, an English teacher who built the program.

"I wanted to teach high school kids because I always wished someone had shared this with me when I was younger, both as an athlete for physical performance and for emotional intelligence," Battung said.

Bryan Kest, a prominent yoga instructor in Santa Monica and creator of the Power Yoga style, agreed.

He began practicing yoga at 14, and considers it a good health practice, like eating vegetables.

"I always say 'the earlier the better,' as with any healthy habits," Kest said. "Yoga is nothing more than healthy habits of the body and mind. The earlier we can establish healthy habits, the better they will serve us later in life. I definitely benefited from starting early."

The availability of classes and experts like Kest is one of the reasons that Battung expects his Yoga 2 class to succeed. Becoming a yoga instructor through the Yoga Alliance requires 200 hours of "contact" time, and Yoga 2 will provide only 180.

Students will need to do some outside work as well as observe other instructors, Battung said, and the city by the sea is widely considered a hot spot of yoga activity.

"Santa Monica is an ideal place to do it," he said.

Yoga is a growing trend across the country.

According to a 2012 study released by Yoga Journal, 20.4 million Americans practice yoga compared to 15.8 million in 2008.

That amounts to $10.3 billion a year spent on yoga equipment, products, classes and more.

Battung realizes that not every 17-year-old that makes it through his course will be ready to make a living as a yoga instructor, but it's a big step.

"A big part of what we're doing is about accessibility to the yoga practice," Battung said. "With Yoga 2, we'll be training students to be able to safely communicate the tools of yoga, which will help increase that accessibility."

Battung expects to launch one section of Yoga 2 next school year.

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GOOGLE
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Google to destroy the personal data that it collected from the Wi-FI networks, unless a lawsuit or other legal action requires the information to be preserved. A series of class-action lawsuits are still being appealed in San Francisco federal court.

Google says it never looked at the data, although regulators in other countries have reviewed the information as part of their investigations. Canadian regulators said Google had obtained the full names, telephone numbers and address of some people using the unprotected Wi-Fi networks. In France regulators found that Google had grabbed an email exchange between a married man and woman discussing a possible affair and other information about sexual preferences.

The Wi-Fi snooping is just the latest of several incidents that have raised questions about Google's commitment to privacy. In the past three years, Google also has been reprimanded by U.S. regulators for exposing the personal contact lists of its email accountholders when it started a service called Buzz in 2010 and for secretly tracking the online activities of Web surfers using Apple Inc.'s Safari Web browser last year. The Safari surveillance resulted in the Federal Trade Commission fining Google $22.5 million last year.

The FCC also fined Google $25,000 last year for obstructing its investigation into the Wi-Fi spying.

The $7 million fine that Google is paying the states and District of Columbia is the biggest U.S. penalty imposed on Google so far for Wi-Fi spying. It amounts to a speck on Google's financial statement. The company brings in an average of $7 million per hour, based on its projected revenue of $61 billion this year.

The penalty won't be enough to prevent Google from continuing to be a "serial privacy violator," according to John Simpson, privacy project director for Consumer Watchdog, a frequent critic of the company. "It's clear the Internet giant sees fines like this as just the cost of doing business and not a very big cost at that."

Connecticut, the lead state in the Wi-Fi investigation, will get the largest cut from the fine — nearly $521,000. Other states getting a share are: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and Washington.

The multistate agreement also requires Google to create an instructional video for its YouTube site to help people learn to protect their Wi-Fi networks from interlopers. The video will be promoted with daily online ads for the next two years. Wi-Fi privacy tips also will be provided in print ads that Google must buy in major newspapers in all the states covered by the settlement. Google also will host an annual "privacy week" for its employees for the next decade.

"Consumers have a reasonable expectation of privacy," said Connecticut Attorney General George Jepsen. "This agreement recognizes those rights and ensures that Google will not use similar tactics in the future."

LANDMARK
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marks ordinance, according to the staff report and a third party write-up. A structure needs to qualify under just one to be eligible for landmark status.

Given that, city officials were "pretty sure" the commission would choose to designate the building, said Scott Albright, a senior planner who acts as liaison for the Landmarks Commission.

That gave Lesley Gordon pause.

Gordon's family has owned the Central Tower building for over 40 years, and continues to lease its office space above Fourth Street to tenants and the storefronts below to retail shops.

A landmark designation puts restrictions on properties, forcing owners to come back to the commission for permission to make changes to the facade or other aspects considered important to the integrity of the historic elements.

There is a concern throughout the business community that if a building is landmarked, nothing can be done to change it, even for the better, Gordon said.

"We're a little family that has worked hard," she said. "We want the community to be able to enjoy it, but it has to work for us, too."

The Art Deco building was constructed in 1929 and, according to the Evening Outlook newspaper, signaled the transition of Fourth Street from a predominantly residential use to business district.

The tower itself is eight stories high, the tallest in Santa Monica from 1929 until the construction of the Bay Cities Guaranty building a year later, according to a December 2001 report by PCR Services.

Although it was estimated to cost $160,000 to build, the developers ultimately shelled out $500,000 to erect the building. It debuted to a crowd of 5,000 to 10,000 people, according to the Evening Outlook, lit up with spotlights and serenaded by the municipal band.

The main entrance to the Central Tower building has a travertine and marble floor, black tile knee walls and a double wood door with side lights and a transom window.

That entrance and lobby area caught the imagination of the commissioners.

"My sense of the entryway is that it's one of the most beautiful places in the Downtown," said Commissioner Ruthann Lehrer.

Noted architect M. Eugene Durfee designed the building, which was financed by the Central Tower Investment Company and A.P. Creel, an investor who headed up the Santa Monica-Ocean Park Chamber of Commerce and was active in civic life.

Both men also took part in the creation of the Georgian Hotel on Ocean Avenue and the Bay Builders Exchange Building on Fourth Street at Broadway, according to the report.



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CLASSIC: **The Central Tower building on Fourth Street moved closer to landmark status this week. The building was built in 1929.**

Some pieces of the building have seen major changes over the last 80 years, including the storefronts that line Fourth Street, removing them from consideration under the landmark designation.

Gordon, backed up by architecture historian Robert Chattel, lobbied to exclude the rear of the building facing the west at the first and second floors before the tower as well so that it could be changed should a private party want to develop the building in the future.

"If the rear visage is left alone, I will not feel the need to contest that," Gordon said.

Commissioners were loathe to exclude the rear of the building completely from the designation.

"I feel if this building did not have a back, it would fall down, so it's part of the structure," said Commissioner Nina Fresco.

Rather than leave the back of the building out, commissioners called it of "lesser importance" to the structure as a whole.

Whether or not that's enough of a distinction will have to wait until officials draft the "statement of official action," which clearly spells out the action of the commission, said William Delvac, an attorney with Armbruster Goldsmith and Delvac, the firm representing Gordon.

There are no plans to develop the building in the short run, Delvac said, although "it could accommodate additional development, which would support the preservation of the building."

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Control District would have been affected by the "Clean Water, Clean Beaches" measure, which supporters said would have provided $270 million in annual funding for pollution prevention, cleaning up local waterways, and replenish local aquifers with rainwater.

Opposition from a coalition of nearly 50 businesses led by the Los Angeles County Business Federation may have ultimately persuaded the board to back down from the controversial fee plan and opt instead to place the measure before voters, according to CBS News.

There were complaints that the measure lacked detail on projects to be funded and contended the mail-only ballot process was designed to push the measure through without scrutiny.

Some officials said the measure duplicates local clean up programs.

As proposed, more than 50 percent of property owners would have had to protest the fee in order to avoid a ballot survey of owners to decide the measure's fate. As of Tuesday morning, 113,422 property owners, just over 5 percent of the total, had filed a valid objection, according to the board's executive officer.

Nevertheless, the board voted 4-1 not to move forward. Instead, county staffers were directed to work with schools, businesses and nonprofit organizations to try and address their concerns, and to educate the public about stormwater pollution, according to reports.

County lawyers were asked to draft a ballot measure seeking voter support for an alternate funding mechanism, aiming for a 2014 election.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Bus lines to be detoured for L.A. Marathon

In accordance with the Los Angeles Marathon on Sunday, March 17, the Big Blue Bus will be making changes to some of its routes.

The major changes will be to Lines 4 and 9, which will not be in service for race day. Other lines will be detoured until safety officers allow buses to resume regular service, 8 p.m. within Santa Monica and 4 p.m. outside of the city.

BBB, in partnership with Metro, will also create a "bus hub" on 11th Street between Olympic Boulevard and Colorado Avenue, where lines from both bus companies will be operating.

For more information on all the lines that will be affected by the marathon, visit the Big Blue Bus website at bigbluebus.com.

For other information on transportation changes for the marathon, visit www.smgov.net/lamarathon or turn to CityTV, cable channel 16, during the race. Updates will also go out on Twitter @santamonicacity and will also be on KRSM 1680AM, the city's traffic information radio station.

The finish line for the marathon will be at Ocean and California avenues.

– ALEX VEJAR



LAW

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maintaining construction jobs as evidence that the law is working.

"Has CEQA actually hindered construction? Far from it," said Bob Balgenorth, chairman of the California Construction Industry Labor Management Cooperation Trust. "If anything, it's facilitated greater construction, a cleaner environment and a better quality of life for Californians."

Defense of the law comes as Brown and the Legislature's Democratic leaders are negotiating changes after an attempt to pass a bill failed last year

The governor's office had no comment on the report, but Brown has advocated for more consistent standards in reviewing development projects.

A separate coalition of business, labor and government organizations supports changes to the law that would make it easier to build.

Opponents of revising the environmental act acknowledged criticism that the law has been misused by those who want to block projects for non-environmental reasons. But they argued that the law's benefits outweigh the number of times it has been used for frivolous lawsuits.

"The question for us today as policymakers and advocates is, is this claimed abuse enough to give away the next generation's clean air and clean water and the next generation's agricultural lands and open spaces and wild places?" said Sen. Noreen Evans, D-Santa Rosa. "We must not confuse private profit with public good."

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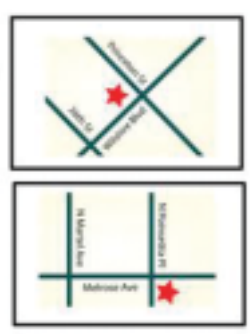

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Better Business Bureau expels Southland chapter

ROBERT JABLON
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The Better Business Bureau said Tuesday that it expelled a Southern California chapter after an investigation into an apparent pay-to-play scandal.

BBB of the Southland, the nation's largest bureau, lost its right to use the name, logo and trademarks of the famous consumer protection group, according to a statement from the governing Council of Better Business Bureaus, based in Arlington, Va.

Many consumers use BBB rankings as guides to the trustworthiness of thousands of businesses. They also file complaints to the bureaus.

"We hold businesses to high standards for honesty, transparency, fairness and integrity, and we hold ourselves to those same standards," said a statement from Carrie A. Hurt, the national group's president and chief executive officer. "Over a period of more than two years, BBB of the Southland failed to resolve concerns about compliance with several standards required of BBBs, including standards relating to accreditation, reporting on businesses, and handling complaints."

The BBB will continue to serve the Los Angeles-are market online and the estimated 18,000 local businesses can maintain their local accreditation while the council attempts to rebuild the bureau, council officials said.

The governing body investigated after an ABC-TV report in 2010 found that the Los Angeles-based group had granted an A-minus standard to a business named Hamas — the same name as the Islamic militant group and an A-plus to a white supremacy group.

Both names were for fictional businesses. They were submitted by a blogger who paid hundreds of dollars in memberships, ABC-TV reported.

The same report also cited other business owners, including celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck, as saying they were told they must become members to receive high marks. One of Puck's non-BBB restaurants received an F grade, the report said.

In several cases, small businesses with C grades were bumped up to A grades a day after enrolling, the report said.

In a letter to the governing body dated last Friday, Southland bureau Chairman Jerry Dominguez denied there were any widespread problems and said the chapter had resigned from the organization.

"Our board has endured repeated, unjustified criticism that we haven't been exercising our governance responsibilities as the auditors believe we should," he wrote.

The Los Angeles-area group issued a statement Tuesday that said it simply followed a BBB policy of "only awarding A-plus grades to accredited businesses."

"It is ironic that the BBB accuses us of failing to follow organizational policy on the one hand, and then labels us a 'bad apple' when we do," the statement said. "The reality is very simple: the pay-for-play policy was the BBB's, not ours."









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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's Finance website at: http://www01.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/. The Contractor is required to have a Class B license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

Persuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

Democrats hope to hold onto supermajority in Senate races

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Primaries for two open state Senate seats being held Tuesday carry consequences that could be more significant than in a typical legislative race.

Democrats won two-thirds majorities in both houses of the Legislature last fall, but there is a chance at least one chamber may lack a supermajority for the rest of the year. The uncertainty is caused by three open Senate seats — and possibly a fourth — and the musical chairs among Assembly members.

Senate Democrats currently are one seat short of the 27 they need to raise taxes, pass emergency legislation, override gubernatorial vetoes and put constitutional amendments before voters.

They would regain that margin Tuesday if Democratic Assemblyman Ben Hueso of San Diego wins a majority in the 40th Senate District and avoids a runoff, as expected.

A May 14 runoff is likely in the 32nd Senate District, although Democratic Assemblywoman Norma Torres of Pomona remains the favored candidate.

Democrats make up nearly half the voters in both districts, with about 28 percent registered Republican and a fifth of voters having no party preference.

If both current Assembly members win, either Tuesday or in May, Assembly Democrats will be temporarily short of the 54 seats they need for a supermajority. Moreover, they will lose Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield, D-Sherman Oaks, in July, when he leaves to join the Los Angeles City Council.

Assembly Democrats are unlikely to regain their supermajority until shortly before the Legislature adjourns in mid-September. Depending on the outcome and timing of special elections, they could lack their full two-thirds until early next year.

"It's an opportunity for the taxpayers to breathe a little bit easier for a couple of months," said Assembly Minority Leader Connie Conway, R-Tulare. "I think it makes a tremendous difference, in as much as even if they get there eventually, for right now we're able to hold them off."

The game of musical chairs merely postpones the inevitable, said Steve Maviglio, a spokesman for Assembly Speaker John Perez, D-Los Angeles.

"They're all Democratic seats. There's no risk. It's just a matter of when," he said.

Tuesday's election is to fill the seats vacated when Democratic Sens. Gloria Negrete McLeod of Chino and Juan Vargas of San Diego resigned to take seats in Congress, which they won last fall.

Senate Democrats also have a surprise vacancy created when Sen. Michael Rubio, D-Bakersfield, resigned last month to take a job with Chevron. The special election in the Central Valley's 16th Senate District will be May 21, with a special runoff election on July 23 if no candidate wins a majority in the primary election.

They also could lose Sen. Curren Price, D-Los Angeles, in July if he wins a May 21 runoff election for a Los Angeles City Council seat.

Conway and Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, conceded that Hueso is likely to win a majority on Tuesday, but both said Ontario Mayor Paul Leon, a well-financed Republican, could force a runoff with Torres in the 32nd Senate District. There are four Democrats in the race, including Torres and San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller Larry Walker of Chino, and two Republicans including Leon.

Huff said Republicans also hope they can field a strong candidate to replace Rubio. Although about half the district's voters are Democrats, he said they have generally favored more limited government.

But he and Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, agreed that Senate Democrats will regain their supermajority soon enough to advance any bills or constitutional amendments they choose.

Perez said the possible loss of the Democrats' supermajority in the Assembly will not affect his emphasis on working with Republicans to improve the state's economy and creating jobs.

"Obtaining the supermajority didn't change the world; temporarily losing the supermajority won't change the world," Perez said in a statement. "With or without the supermajority, I will continue to seek bipartisan support for major legislation."

Allan Hoffenblum, publisher of the California Target Book, which analyzes legislative and congressional campaigns, said the Assembly includes relatively conservative Democrats who will face tough re-election fights and are unlikely to support raising taxes.

"The supermajority was more of a psychological boost more than anything," he said. "It's more a reflection of how weak Republicans are in the state."



New center offers help for dogs consumed by fear

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES People want their dog to be a friend, not afraid.

But sometimes, fear grips dogs so tightly they shake, cower, bite, growl or pee. It can be constant, painful and hard to overcome. Such dread can consume a dog when it's freed from a cage at a puppy mill or hoarder's home because that's the only life the dog has ever known.

Until now, it was up to animal shelters to ease the fears, knowing if they didn't, euthanasia was the likely alternative. But this week, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals opens its Behavioral Rehabilitation Center at St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison, N.J.

It's a two-year research project being financed by the ASPCA.

For now, dogs seized from puppy mills and hoarders will be the primary patients, said Kristen Collins, ASPCA's director of anti-cruelty behavior rehabilitation and director of the center. It will also include some dogs that have been confined for long stretches as evidence in court cases.

Dogs will come from shelters across the country as well as from seizures involving the ASPCA.

It's groundbreaking and exciting, Collins said.

The research will also provide some numbers, Collins said. No one knows how many shy dogs are being placed in homes now. And little is known about how they fare after placement, so center staff will spend a lot of time following up on animals.

There are 27 kennels, an office, real life rooms, treatment rooms and common areas at the center.

The average stay for most dogs will be six to eight weeks, "but we don't have a hard and fast rule. All dogs are individuals. We will be flexible," Collins said.

A team of 10 people, including two behavior experts from St. Hubert's, will staff the center. Volunteers and daily caretakers will feed the dogs and clean kennels.

Graduating dogs will return to a shelter for placement and ASPCA shelter partners will continue working with the dogs if needed, Collins said.

St. Hubert's is a longtime disaster partner of the ASPCA and jumped at the chance to be involved, said President and CEO Heather Cammisa.

Fear and anxiety are major factors that can hinder a dog's quality of life, she said.

"If they are hiding in the back of the cage and they are fearful, No. 1, they don't have a good quality of life and, No. 2, they are not going to be selected for adoption and when they go home, they are not really prepared to be the family pet that adopters seek, so this is just a win-all-around," she said.

The ASPCA spent over half a million dollars on the building, Cammisa said, and will pay all other expenses, including vaccinations, spaying or neutering, treatments and other care.

Weather permitting, the first few dogs will arrive in the next day or two from the Pacific Northwest, Collins said.

They will be the last of 213 Alaskan malamutes seized from a Montana breeder who was convicted in December 2012 of 91 counts of animal cruelty. After being starved and living in filth at the breeding facility, the dogs then had to be kept in kennels as evidence for 16 months while the trial played out.

Malamutes are 75-pound dogs. "Eighteen of the dogs were pregnant. One pregnant dog only weighed 48 pounds and had eight pups. Only one survived," said Bob Sutherland of Anchorage, president of the Alaska Malamute Assistance League.

The dogs were released to a humane society in Helena, Mont., where they were spayed and neutered, and another group helped place the animals.

While some dogs are in malamute rescues waiting for the right owner, many have found forever homes. Sutherland and his wife, Nicole McCullough, adopted one.

When the dogs were in evidence custody, Sutherland would visit to help out once a month. Cinder, a 6-year-old female, became his special project.

She is missing the tip of her ear, has broken teeth and a broken toe, injuries Sutherland said were caused when what little food was given to the dogs was thrown over a fence, causing food fights. Many of the dogs are even missing their tongues, he said.

Cinder has come a long way. "We took a shy dog, and she's all grins and giggles now. If you work with these dogs, they rise and shine. That's why this ASPCA facility is so valuable to us. We were super excited to get these dogs in there to go through a training regimen. It saves us a lot of heartbreak about what we do with these dogs," Sutherland said.

There will be those dogs that cannot overcome the fear, Collins said. But behaviorists will do everything possible and consider euthanasia as a last resort only if the dogs are suffering from an extremely poor quality of life.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission for the following:

Appeal 12-005 of Variance 12-003, 612 Pacific Street. The appellant requests an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision of Variance 12VAR-003, to deny two roof trellis/canopy structures extending above the building height limitation of 30-feet in the OP2 Zoning District. [Planner: Grace Page] **Appellant: Alfred T. Wilkes, GreenWil Development Co. Property Owner: Six and Pacific Co.**

Appeal 12-008 of Variance 12-014, 2726 Sixth Street. A variance to allow for one non-required, compact-size (10 feet in width by 15 feet 5 inches in depth) parking space in the 20-foot front setback of the lot. The site contains a single-family dwelling. No parking is currently provided on site. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.20.10.030 (Variance – Applicability), the Zoning Administrator may grant a variance to modify the design standards and location of off-street parking requirements. SMMC Section 9.04.10.08.60 (Design standards) requires that the minimum dimensions for parking spaces in residential districts comply with the standards approved by the City Parking and Traffic Engineer, which is 8 feet 6 inches (width) by 18 feet (depth) for a single space. SMMC Section 9.04.10.08.190 (Location of required parking spaces) allows for parking in the front one-half of the lot where the parcel has no alley access, and provided that no part of a required front yard (setback) shall be used for parking spaces. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **Appellant: Robert Thibodeau, Architect. Property Owner: Ralph Leeb and Patricia Hardmeier.**

Design Compatibility Permit 12-002 and Tract Map 12-002, 2316 Third Street. Construction of a two-story, 27-foot-11-inch-tall, three-unit condominium building with a six-space semi-subterranean parking garage accessed from 3rd Street. The property is located in the Ocean Park Low Multiple Family Residential District (OP-2). The building is comprised of three market-rate three-bedroom units, each having its own roof deck. The site is currently developed with a single-family dwelling built in 1890, which is exempt from rent control and will be demolished. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **Applicant: Stephen Abronson. Property Owner: Accordance Third, LLC.**

Development Agreement 12-001, 1318-1324 Second Street. The applicant is requesting Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council of a Development Agreement with the City to construct a new four-story mixed-use building with fifty-three (53) residential units, approximately 6,717 square feet of ground floor neighborhood-serving commercial space, and a two level subterranean garage providing 66 parking spaces. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.48.130, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed development agreement and shall make its recommendation to the City Council for review. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] Applicant: **David Forbes Hibbert, AIA. Property Owner: Michael Sorochinsky, 1320 2nd Street, LLC.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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Deliberations in Bell case halted by juror illness

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LOS ANGELES Jury deliberations in the public corruption trial of six former officials of the Los Angeles County city of Bell have been interrupted because of a juror's illness.

Court officials say the juror reported for duty Tuesday but a note sent to the judge said the juror was too ill to deliberate.

The panel was dismissed for the day. It's uncertain if talks will resume Wednesday.

Bell's former mayor and five former City Council members are charged with misappropriation of public funds by paying themselves excessive salaries. They say they worked long hours and earned up to $100,000 salaries.

The current jury has deliberated since Feb. 28, after one juror on the original panel was dismissed on its fifth day of talks and deliberations had to start over with a replacement.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **58.1°**

WEDNESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Minimal SSW leftovers; small W-WNW swell fills in

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Small W-WNW continues; stay tuned

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Small W/WNW swell continues, easing; Small long period NW swell builds through the day

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **Inconsistent** occ. 2ft
Minimal long period WNW swell continues; minor SSW swell

TIDES

Large tide swings will continue to drastically effect the quality of the surf for the next couple of days. 5'+ mid morning high tides lead to swampy/slow surf for lots of spots, before draining out to negative lows towards early/mid afternoons. Keep it in mind when/where planning your sessions.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of: **March 6, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
Number of sewage spills — 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill — 0
Number of wet days — 4
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 35 / 35
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 0 / 0

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

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

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

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

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.
Heal the Bay

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

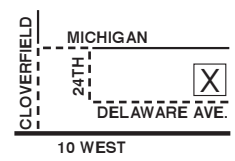
The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

City of Santa Monica

Public Notice
Santa Monica Rent Control Board

At its regular meeting on March 7, 2013, the Santa Monica Rent Control Board amended regulation 3201 to allow separate agreements for charging electric vehicles at rental properties. The amended regulation allows a separate charge above the Maximum Allowable Rent to any tenants who enter into lawful separate agreements with landlords to charge their electric vehicles at home.

This change will become effective by promulgation the day after publication in the newspaper.


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Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
1:10pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
1:15pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm

Good Day to Die Hard (R) 1hr 37min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Safe Haven (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:25am, 2:25pm, 5:25pm, 8:20pm

Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Zero Dark Thirty (R) 2hrs 37min
11:55am, 10:15pm

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

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

Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

Snitch (PG-13) 1hr 52min
1:15pm, 4:05pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Greedy Lying Bastards (PG-13) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

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

Emperor (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Girl Rising (PG-13) 1hr 41min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

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Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) 2hrs 07min
11:55am, 3:15pm, 6:30pm, 9:50pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:45pm, 9:40pm

21 and Over (R) 1hr 33min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Side Effects (R) 1hr 46min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm

Dead Man Down (R) 1hr 50min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Last Exorcism Part II (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Happy Birthday

Ben Allen:

School Board member and 'Finding Nemo' fan.

STAY CLOSE TO HOME TONIGHT, PISCES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ A relationship is changing, and as a result, its significance to you also will change. Before discussing your opinions on this matter, think carefully about what lies ahead. Tonight: Kick back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Someone quite close to you might be transforming right in front of your eyes. Remember, change is an ongoing process. Just because you don't like what you see now, it doesn't mean that this is how he or she will be in another month or two. Do something for you. Tonight: Say "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A matter involving your daily life is changing. You could have difficulty approaching someone from a new perspective. Know that you are in an evolving situation -- what is happening now might not be reflective of later on. Tonight: Enjoy the here and now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Children could be on your mind, or you just might be yearning to be more playful. Allow your inner rascal to come out, and make the most of this fun moment. A loved one could be changing. Tonight: Let the fun times begin.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Whatever happens, you will walk away with a new perspective. Dealing with an associate could be touchy, as this person is not as flexible as you are. Give him or her time to warm up. You might be eyeing a change involving your home life. Tonight: Be imaginative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Your dreams are a resource for giving life cues. Consider starting a dream notebook, or put a recording device right beside your bed. Let your imagination speak to you. Tonight: Go with someone else's suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You often feel contradictory when dealing with a partner. Stay calm. You might want to change how you approach this person. Work on keeping yourself level-headed, too. Check out your finances. You might be able to make a positive change. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Stay open to new possibilities. Realize that you might not be seeing the big picture right now. Discuss an important matter that is close to your heart with a friend. Avoid buying any mechanical devices for communication. Tonight: Make some fun plans for the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A risk could be ill-advised, especially if it involves your finances and/or security. Take your creativity in a different direction. A loved one adores being with you, but he or she senses that you are not being as open as usual. Tonight: Midweek fun!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Sometimes others react strangely to you. Perhaps this is the result of your personal transformation. Not all people are prepared for the new you. Tonight: Hang out with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You notice a change with a boss. Nothing you can do will root out what is going on before someone is ready to spill the beans. Try not to worry so much -- someone just might be in a bad mood. Tonight: Get together with friends for a little gossip and some munchies.

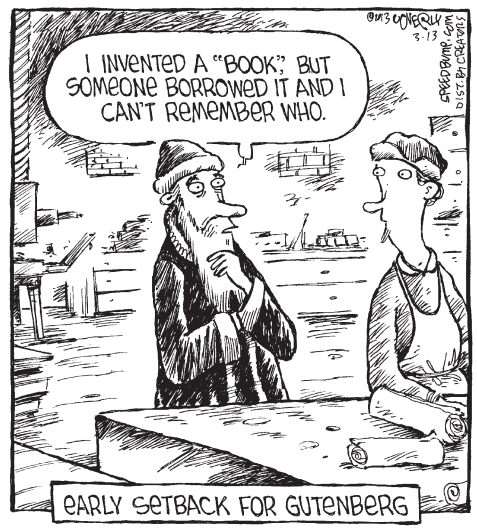
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be making a big deal out of nothing. Don't be so uptight about your finances or about someone asking for help. You know the word "no," so use it if need be. Tonight: Buy a favorite dessert, and stay close to home.

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

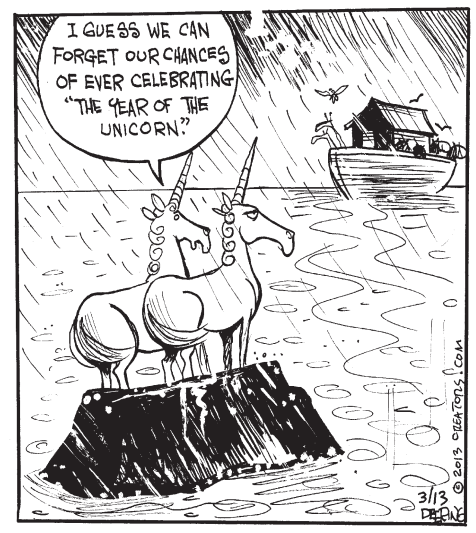
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you might consider making a change in your professional life or opt for a new career. The reason might be irrelevant, but your decision will not be. If you're tired of working in your particular field, consider going back to school to pursue a different occupation. If you are single, serendipity could come into play. You might change your status quickly as a result. If you are attached, you and your sweetie will become more visible to others this year. As a couple, you will socialize more. SCORPIO can be controlling.

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



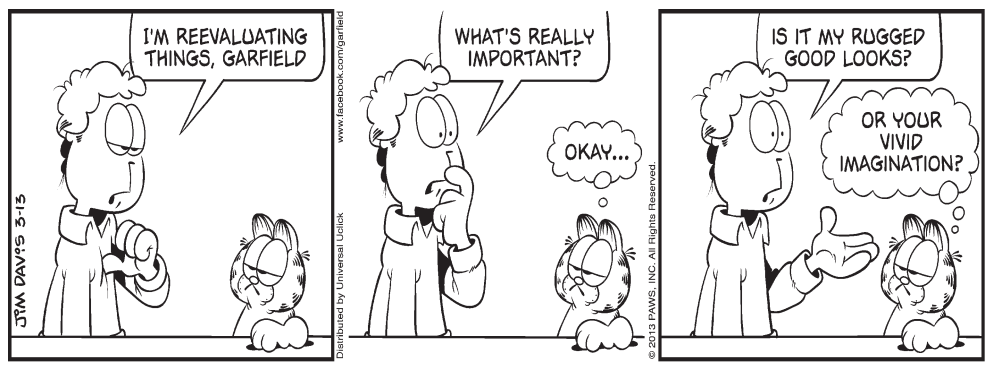
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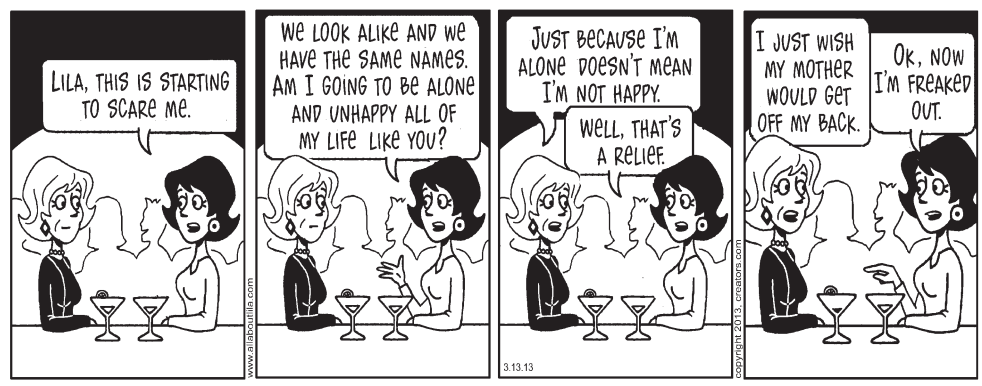
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Foolish
5 Forgivable
11 Opera highlight
12 Show clearly
13 Field cover
14 Fit an arrow to a bow
15 Crunch targets
16 Gag
17 Motif
19 Flowed into
22 Man of many words
24 Sycophantic
26 District
27 Buffalo's county
28 Muffler's kin
30 Bulletproof apparel
31 Hole number
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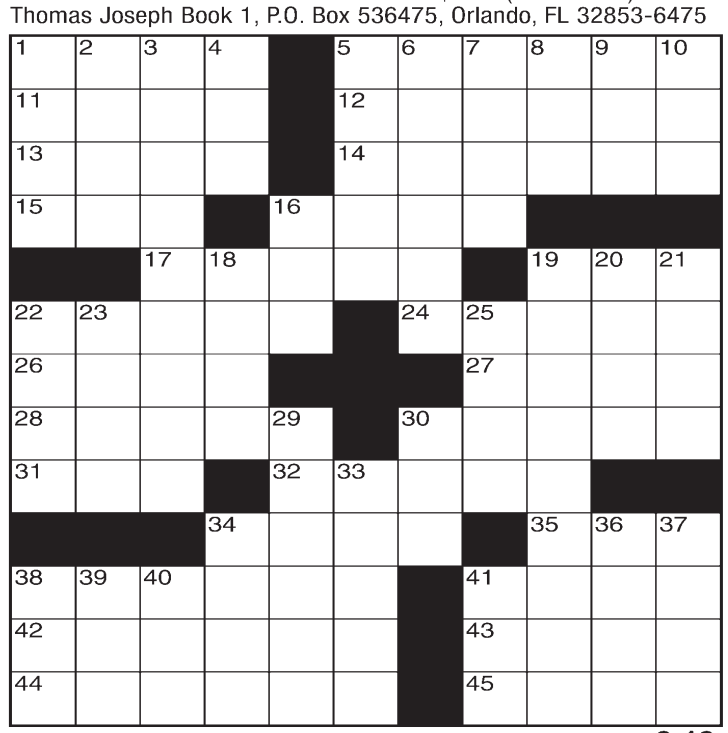
DOWN

1 Poll numbers
2 Swift horse
3 It's needed for the uphill climb
4 Spigot
5 Malice
6 Conjures up
7 Pleasant
8 Tattoos, slangily
9 King topper
10 Was in front
16 Airport sight
18 Get news of
19 Freshman
20 Give off
21 Colors
22 Rough voice
23 Killer whale
25 Lusty look
29 Cat
30 Puzzle
33 Colorless gas
34 "Like that'll happen!"
36 Otherwise
37 Freshman, usually
38 Roulette bet
39 Heady drink
40 — tizzy
41 Flock holder

C	R	O	P	■	■	C	R	E	S	T
L	I	M	E	S	■	R	A	D	I	I
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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Ingenious: (1) London's The Independent reported in January that Dean Kamen (who famously invented the Segway, a standing, battery-powered scooter) had developed, along with a Pennsylvania medical team, what appears to work as a "reverse feeding tube" that will vacuum out up to 30 percent of any food in the stomach before it is digested and converted into calories. After installation of the stomach "port," the diner could operate the device without daily medical help. (2) The Polish cosmetics company Inglot announced in January a nail polish ideal for Muslim women, in that it can withstand the five-times-daily hand-washing required for prayers. (Normally, devout women wear nail polish only during their menstrual periods, when the hand-washing is not required, but polish thus signals menstruation and therefore embarrasses modest women.)

■ Intelligent Design: Japanese researchers learned recently that a species of sea slug may lose its penis after copulating, but then grow another one and use it the next time the occasion arises. Writing in the British journal Biology Letters, the scientists also found that the slugs have both male and female organs and in effect copulate with each other through a simultaneous hook-up. A final breathtaking finding of the team was that the sea slugs' penis has the ability to remove competitors' sperm from the female openings of its mate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1985 - The Kenilworth Road riot takes place at an association football match at Kenilworth Road in Luton, England with disturbances before, during and after an F.A. Cup 6th Round tie between Luton Town F.C. and Millwall F.C..

WORD UP!

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