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THE EASY BREEZY ISSUE

Council to tackle private trainer issue

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council will get a crack at regulating group fitness instruction in public parks next week, a practice which officials say is destroying public property and forcing residents out of parks.

The proposed requirements would include a $100 annual permit fee and 15 percent of gross receipts and mandate that trainers have insurance.

They also limit the kinds of activities that can take place in the parks, with groups of three or more students banned from some smaller or high-profile parks.

Some areas, like Euclid Park in Mid-City or Joslyn Park near Santa Monica High School, would not allow trainers at all.

Equipment over 25 pounds would not be allowed in any park.

One of the most controversial changes in

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FRENCH CONNECTION

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Santa Monica Fire Department personnel show off their gear for a group of French firefighters and their families on Tuesday at Fire Station 5.

City offers new classes at former Senior Center

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN AVE The Community & Cultural Services Department held an open house over the weekend to test out a variety of classes geared toward adults at the building that once housed a popular senior center.

For the next three months, the former Senior Recreation Center at 1450 Ocean Ave. will transform into a hands-on community cultural center with classes ranging from salsa and writing to bookbinding and jam-making.

It's part of an effort to find a new use for the building that caters to all Santa Monica adults now that senior programs have been consolidated at the Ken Edwards Center on Fourth Street, said Jessica Cusick, cultural affairs manager with City Hall.

The loss of the site as a senior center ruffled some feathers, primarily because of the fantastic view of the Pacific Ocean, and officials hope that the new use and classes will bring more people to the spot, including its former patrons.

"I think [it's] this whole concept of having a place where we can connect with, experience and enhance our own creativity," Cusick said. "Many of our seniors are still dropping in, and some of them are enjoying learning new things."

Cultural Affairs, Human Services and

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Santa Monicans delve into virtual town hall

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Santa Monica city departments and organizations are trying a new method of outreach to residents in the form of an online "town hall" meant to collect ideas and start conversations about projects in the city.

People both in and out of Santa Monica can log onto santamonicatownhall.org and give their opinions or list ideas on either the future of the Santa Monica Pier or the Pedestrian Action Plan, an effort of the Planning Department to create a road map of walking amenities for the city.

The site is the creation of MindMixer, a

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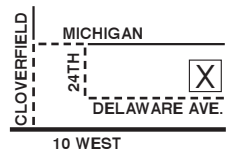
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Discuss it
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.
"My Happiness Bears No Relation to Happiness," a biography of poet Taha Muhammad Ali, will be discussed. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Planning Commission meets
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will be discussing the construction of a new, three-story science learning center for Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences, the construction of a new car dealership, and more. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Jam of steel
Typhoon at the Santa Monica Airport
3221 Donald Douglas Loop South, Second Floor, 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Band Steely Jam will be performing twice. Admission is $7, and dinner reservations are recommended. For more information, visit typhoon.biz.

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Painting with Kim
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., G1
Sign up to explore watercolor techniques, talk about art and paint alongside Kim McCarty in her pop-up studio and exhibition, Kim McCarty Paints! All participants will receive a 10 percent discount on paper purchased at Hiromi Paper International. Spaces are limited and on a first come, first enrolled basis. Limit one session per person. General admission is $25, and $10 for SMMoA members and students with ID. To sign up and for more information, visit smmoa.org/kimmccartypaints.

Create with Legos
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
A Lego block party will be held for all ages who are interested in being creative. Legos will be provided, and admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Make it rain
The Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St., 7:30 p.m.
"Rainmaker" is a play about love, desire and magic. Admission is $34.99. For more information, visit edgemarcenter.org/rainmaker.

Shall we dance?
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
The "Trey McIntyre Project" will be showing. McIntyre is a choreographer known for how he puts freshness and vitality into classical ballet. Admission is from $49-$79. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit thebroadstage.com.

Under the sea
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 7:30 p.m.
An ocean-themed storytime and crafts event will be presented for children by the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. For more information, visit smpl.org.

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For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



Gov. Brown sees tough path for environmental law reform

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown said Tuesday it's unlikely that changes he's seeking to the state's environmental protection law can be accomplished this year, although a top Senate Democrat says he's still pursuing reforms.

Brown told California reporters traveling with him in China that interest in changing the California Environmental Quality Act is stronger among groups outside the state Capitol than among Democratic lawmakers, who control the Legislature.

"This is not something you get done in a year, but I believe before I depart this stage we will see reform in CEQA," he told reporters.

Brown said the law has support from key Democratic Party constituencies and making changes would be difficult for the Legislature, The Sacramento Bee reported. During their convention last weekend, California Democrats adopted a resolution affirming their support for the law.

The governor, who has referred to

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Dems push wide-ranging gun control bills

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California lawmakers took their first step toward moving a package of gun control bills Tuesday, following tough firearm and ammunition restrictions enacted in several other states in the wake of recent shooting rampages.

As dozens of supporters and opponents packed the committee room, Democrats in the state Senate began to use their majority to advance a group of seven bills that would further tighten California's strict gun laws. Final votes were not expected until late Tuesday, sending the measures to a second Senate committee.

One of the proposals would prohibit the sale of any semi-automatic rifle that accepts detachable ammunition magazines, prompting activists on both sides of the debate to say the plan goes beyond bans in other states.

"We simply can't wait until the next tragedy before taking action," Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa told the Senate Public Safety Committee.

The proposals come in the aftermath of mass shootings in Newtown, Conn., and Aurora, Colo. Some of the measures, including a ban on possessing ammunition magazines holding more than 10 bullets, would apply to current gun owners as well as those who buy weapons in the future.

Also, bills in the package would:

— Make it more difficult to rapidly reload weapons with high-capacity magazines.

— Add a combination shotgun-rifle to the state's list of prohibited weapons.

— Require background checks for all gun owners.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Runners unite for Boston bombing victims

Los Angeles-based running group Los Angeles Speed Project is planning an impromptu marathon, dubbed Run for Boston, in honor and memory of Monday's fatal attack at the finish line of the Boston Marathon.

The runners will come together as a community at 6 a.m. at the Santa Monica Pier, organizers said in an e-mail to the Daily Press. Almost 100 people had signed up for the run as of Tuesday afternoon.

To participate, visit the group's Facebook page at facebook.com/events/360152760756747 for more information or call Blue Benadum at (310) 494-1857 or Tom Van Daele at (310) 802-2170.

"From marathoners to casual joggers, runners of all ages and skill levels will come together, not as individual athletes, but as a community showing their support for the victims of Monday's events," organizers said in the e-mail.

Officials in Boston said Tuesday morning that three people had died and 176 were injured when two bombs exploded 13 seconds apart near the finish line of the marathon. Of the wounded, 17 were listed in critical condition.

Bomb experts are analyzing materials used in the bombs to see if there is a signature, a style of explosive that would point to known terrorist organizations, according to the L.A. Times.

At Tufts Medical Center, doctors and nurses were cataloging all of the metal fragments removed from patients and turning them over to police and federal agents.

As of Tuesday no suspects were in custody.

– KEVIN HERRERA



WHIFF

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Santa Monica High pitcher Whitney Jones threw a 1-0 shutout against Hawthorne on Tuesday at Memorial Park. The win improves Samohi's record to 3-0 in the Ocean League.

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Too tall

Editor:

I have been reading the previous letters to the editor on overbuilding in Santa Monica and am heartened to see that many residents share my view. I am very concerned about the overbuilding going on.

Santa Monica is not Chicago. I am very familiar with Chicago and enjoy visiting. However, Chicago is not a model for our small town. Please do not ignore this point. We do not want more, more, more, taller, bigger, etc.

I love the Downtown Farmers' Market, but rarely go, only because of traffic, congestion and parking issues. It is not convenient to ride a bus, hauling all my purchases.

This city is already over congested. I hate driving Downtown, down Lincoln Boulevard, up Pico, or on Ocean Park Boulevard. In fact, all the major arteries are over capacity already.

It is impossible to get around the city at all times, or to get out of the city after 4 p.m. without sitting in long lines of traffic.

Please stop. Please stop. Please stop and listen to the residents!

We do not want taller buildings – period.

Susan Grant
Santa Monica

Redford doesn't deserve this

Editor:

Most of us old-timers appreciate the lengthy cris de coeur you publish in the letters section about the state of Santa Monica. We feel angry and helpless at the policies, led by the City Council "Gang of Four," that have transformed our beloved little city into development hell.

Recently you published a contrarian view from a letter writer ("The bad old days," Letters to the Editor, April 5) whose cri must have emanated from a part of his core other than his coeur as he contrasts the horrors of the bad old days with our present "happy state." In my half-century in this town I don't remember things being that awful. Well, OK, I do vaguely remember the Pussycat Theatre, but my morals remain intact. And I remember the bad stuff on the beach, which led to Fourth of July fireworks being moved to the dawn's early light and then discontinued.

Guess I was running with a different crowd than the letter writer; I just don't remember the slum he describes.

As for his "gleaming city by the sea," these days it mostly gleams with the taillights of cars stalled in traffic while frustrated motorists burn gas and time trying to navigate development hell.

The letter writer concludes his jeremiad with a petty attack on Robert Redford's single paragraph (out of a lengthy, unrelated article in Esquire), that mirrors the sentiments of most Santa Monica residents, old and new. To retaliate against Redford's actually mild criticism of our current dilemma, the letter writer orders us to boycott his film work and urge media to do the same.

Sorry, but your vicious ad hominem attack is directed against the wrong celebrity. Redford has for decades been in the forefront of environmental concern, local and national. For just one example, he leads the fight against the Pebble Partnership's horrendous proposal for a gigantic open-pit mine that would devastate pristine Bristol Bay, the nation's most important salmon fishing habitat, and throw the entire local population out of work.

Trashing people who hold differing opinions from your own doesn't exactly demonstrate intellectual rigor.

Sara Meric
Santa Monica

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By Santa Monica Outdoor Fitness Coalition Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Coalition calls for sensible regulation of group fitness classes at local parks

ON APRIL 23, THE SANTA MONICA CITY Council will debate a proposal to charge outdoor fitness trainers up to 15 percent of their annual revenues for use of public parks as well as a proposal to ban group fitness training in Palisades Park.

The city argues these outdoor fitness classes are noisy, do damage and prevent other people from using the parks. But charging these very small, independent businesses 15 percent of their annual revenues and banning group training in Palisades Park will not solve these problems. The extra revenue will be deposited into the city's General Fund and won't be applied specifically to maintaining or improving city parks.

Additionally, charging these small businesses heavy fees and banning training in Palisades Park will not encourage trainers who are already disrespectful to be more respectful. New regulations should not be arbitrary; they should seek to actually address the specific problems the city has identified.

The Santa Monica Outdoor Fitness Coalition has mobilized to ensure the voices of these small business owners and the hundreds of clients who depend on our services to maintain a healthy/active lifestyle are heard in the public debate surrounding the use of public parks for fitness activities.

The Santa Monica Community and Cultural Services Department has forwarded a set of recommendations to the City Council including changes to the municipal code, a new permit requirement and specific regulations on use of park facilities. These are positive recommendations that clearly address the challenges, and the coalition is supportive of these changes.

Since the coalition formed, we've worked very hard to understand all sides of this issue. We've met with the Santa Monica Community and Cultural Services Department who have welcomed our coalition's inputs and recommendations. It's clear they wish to partner with us to ensure fair and equitable use of our public parks. We've met with the Recreations and Parks Commission, as well as other public park users to ensure we understand all angles of the debate. As a result of this research, our coalition has forwarded a set of proposals to the city that we believe address all the challenges, respect all voices in the debate, and offer actionable solutions that can be easily enforced.

It is our hope that our proposals will be considered positively by the City Council. The coalition's proposals include imposing a balanced use fee structure of 5 percent of gross receipts paid annually upon permit renewal by all registered personal fitness trainers. We understand tennis, soccer, volleyball, and surf instructors are required to pay slightly more in use fees, but they are using specific park services/facilities such as lifeguard oversight, tennis and volleyball courts and ball fields. This prevents other members of the community from using those facilities while they're training. This exclusivity should require a higher use fee. Personal trainers are simply using available park space that is not currently occupied by other park users.

OUTDOOR FITNESS CLASSES GENERATE REVENUE FOR OUR CITY AND PROVIDE SECURITY AND PRESENCE IN OUR PARKS.

Additionally, group fitness training in Palisades Park should continue to be permitted, but with significant restrictions on equipment allowed. As city representatives themselves have observed, one-on-one and one-on-two trainers are some of the worst offenders with respect to using equipment inappropriately, and in ways that damage park structures and foliage. Banning group training will not solve this problem, which is why the proposal to ban group training in Palisades makes no sense. Our coalition's recommendation of significantly restricting permitted equipment will solve the problem.

Outdoor fitness classes generate revenue for our city and provide security and presence in our parks. An active park is a safer park. Outdoor fitness training in our public parks also encourages and facilitates the healthy lifestyle so important to Santa Monica residents. Santa Monica rightfully prides itself on progressively encouraging an active, healthy lifestyle for all residents and visitors to the city. There's a city project called "Active Santa Monica," established to "Enhance the well-being of our community through fitness, recreation and healthy lifestyle." Outdoor fitness trainers help facilitate this lifestyle, making instruction and coaching accessible and affordable for everyone.

There is much that can be done to partner with the city of Santa Monica, the community and small businesses to facilitate equitable use and preservation of public park spaces ensuring accessibility and enjoyment for all. That's the goal new regulations should seek to achieve, and we hope that's the goal the Santa Monica City Council will work toward when they meet on April 23.

SANTA MONICA OUTDOOR FITNESS COALITION is comprised of fitness trainers with clients in Santa Monica. It can be reached at santamonicaofc@gmail.com. The coalition has a petition as well, which can be viewed at signon.org/sign/santa-monica-keep-group/?source=search

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Los Angeles Chicano rights activist Castro dies at 79

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LOS ANGELES Sal Castro, a social studies teacher who played a leading role in 1960s Chicano student walkouts, has died at age 79.

Castro had thyroid cancer and died Monday at his home, his wife, Charlotte Lerchenmuller, told the Los Angeles Times.

The son of Mexican immigrants, Castro was born in Los Angeles but spent some of his early childhood in Mexico. He couldn't speak English when he returned to Los Angeles in the second grade and was made to sit in the corner.

"I started thinking, these teachers . should be able to understand me," Castro said in a 1988 interview with The Times. "I didn't think I was dumb — I thought they were dumb."

Castro was a social studies teacher at Lincoln High School near downtown in March 1968 when he supported and joined walkouts by hundreds of Mexican-American students.

Their "blowouts" protested run-down and overcrowded East Los Angeles schools, poor teachers and discrimination. Castro earlier worked with students and graduates to present the school board with a list of demands aiming to improve the schools.

"The curriculum largely ignored or denied Mexican-American history," said a statement from the Los Angeles Unified School District. "Chicano students were forbidden from speaking Spanish, and often — in spite of strong academic abilities — they were steered toward menial jobs instead of college."

Walkouts lasted several days and spread to 15 schools. Castro and 12 others people were arrested. He was jailed for five days and charged with 30 counts of conspiracy, but the charges ultimately were dropped.

Castro was fired after the walkouts but was rehired after weeks of protests by local parents. However, he was sent to different schools around the district for several years before finally being settled at Belmont High. He retired in 2004.

"Sal Castro held a mirror up to our district that showed the need for a youths' rights agenda more than 45 years ago," district Superintendent John Deasy said in a statement. "Graduation rates, access to college-prep courses, allocation of resources — all of these issues needed fixing and that is why we have spent every day striving to provide the education each and every one of our students deserves."

Salvador B. Castro Middle School was dedicated to him in 2010.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who took part in the student walkouts, called Castro a courageous leader who helped shape the city's history.

Oscar producers Zadan, Meron to return in 2014

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LOS ANGELES Craig Zadan and Neil Meron will produce the Oscars again.

The film academy announced Tuesday that it has invited Zadan and Meron to return for the 2014 Academy Awards telecast, and the two producers said they're honored to come back.

Their first Oscar show featured "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane as host. It drew Oscar's largest audience since 2010, including more coveted younger viewers.

Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences President Hawk Koch said Zadan and Meron have "the overwhelming support of the Academy's Governors" to produce the Oscars a second time.

"To establish continuity with this year's enormously successful show, we felt it was important to give these consummate professionals the green light now to begin creating another great evening," Koch said.

The duo's production credits also include "Chicago," "Footloose," "Hairspray," "The Bucket List" and TV's "Smash."

There's no word on whether MacFarlane will also return as host. He said during the run-up to the show that he saw the Oscar job as "a one-time thing."

Some critics found MacFarlane's material, which included a song called "We Saw Your Boobs," juvenile and sexist.

The 2014 Academy Awards are set for March 2.

The Q Line

Closing time

The City Council last week agreed to allow the redevelopment of Village Trailer Park much to the dismay of tenants who have been fighting the park's closure for years.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think the council made the right move and why?

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It takes a spine to benefit from chiropractic care for pets

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LOS ANGELES Thirty years ago, Dr. Gene Giggleman was a veterinarian who thought chiropractors were quacks. Since then, he says he's straightened out thousands of dogs and cats, not to mention the occasional snake, hamster, gerbil and guinea pig.

"And I know people who have adjusted pigs, goats and rodeo bulls," said Giggleman, a professor at Parker University in Dallas, which specializes in chiropractic care.

In Southern California, Dr. Rod Block has tended to an elephant, a paralyzed iguana, a turkey, pigs, llamas and countless dogs and horses.

"You have to be very much in tune with the being of the animal you are working with," said Block, who limits his work these days to house calls throughout Southern California, where he works with several veterinarians.

"A chiropractor promotes the flow of energy within the body. Anywhere there is an obstruction or blockage of energy due to subluxation or a dysfunctional group of muscles, what the chiropractor does is normalize that function," Block said.

Giggleman spends most of his time teaching but still sees patients one day a week. Ninety percent of his patients need chiropractic care and 10 percent need traditional care, he said.

"I'm not an extremist either way. I am for whatever fixes your dog," he said.

The vets say any human or animal with a spine-related problem can benefit from an "adjustment."

Unlike Giggleman, who started as a veterinarian, Block spent 30 years as a human chiropractor before he switched gears 20 years ago and became certified by the Bluejacket, Okla.-based American Veterinary Chiropractic Association.

Classes take about a year of extra study, Block said.

The AVCA has certified over 1,000 veterinarians or chiropractors since 1989, said Leslie Means executive director of the group. There are 560 active members today and they have to be recertified every three years.

However, the certificates are not licenses to practice medicine. In states like Nevada and Oklahoma, getting a certificate is the only way you can set up shop. But states like California and Texas require those with certificates to work under the supervision of a veterinarian.

As a result, in many states, veterinarians and animal chiropractors work out of the same offices. They can make referrals to one another and even merge their telephone and online listings.

"We are more concerned about the quality than the quantity of life," Block said. One of his patients is a 38-year-old horse, owned by a veterinary professor. "He's not rideable, but he's mobile. He's off steroids and free to roam around and enjoy the remainder of his life relatively pain-free," Block said.

The horse doesn't get top billing in his new book though. "Like Chiropractic for Elephants" describes how he treated a gimpy elephant at a private sanctuary, how her herd accepted him and how she used body language to help him find her pain.

Through the book, Block said he hopes "to demystify chiropractic. People think that it's dangerous and that it's quackery. I really want to illuminate the differences between what allopathic (mainstream) veterinary medical care does and what chiropractic does and how the two integrate well even though they are at opposite ends of the pole.

"Above all, I want people to become more aware of the relationships they have with their animals, which I think is evolving," he said.

The story of Giggleman's first chiropractic success is included in "Chicken Soup for the Chiropractic Soul."

Sparky, a cocker spaniel, appeared to be having seizures, was on three drugs from three different vets and was going to be euthanized if Giggleman couldn't help him.

"I examined the dog. Although I was a fledgling, I could tell the dog's neck was out of whack or subluxated," he said. "When I reached down and petted the dog, it hurt him so bad, he flipped over and started shaking."

Giggleman adjusted Sparky and the dog lived another six years without seizures, he said.

On the spot, that made a convert out of Giggleman. He went on to co-found the Parker University animal chiropractic program.

"Chiropractic care is a drugless, non-surgical approach to treating animals," Giggleman said. And, he added, much cheaper than traditional medicine with its surgeries and drugs.

Leslie Means, the AVCA director, had a show dog, an 85-pound Siberian husky who was trained in hand signals. "She misread a signal and jumped off the front porch. There was a 10-foot drop," she said. X-rays were negative for broken bones but the dog cried constantly.

After seeing six vets and finding no relief for the dog, Means found the nearest animal chiropractor and made an appointment.

Means drove eight hours to get there, but after the appointment, the dog walked out of the office and jumped into the back seat of the car without so much as a whimper.

When Giggleman started teaching a course on how to adjust animals over a decade ago, the bulk of his students were chiropractors. "Now, for the first time, we are seeing more veterinarians than chiropractors," he said.

"There is no cure-all discipline," he said. "Chiropractic is complimentary care. There are times when pets need surgery."

Animals often get more out of chiropractic care than humans, he said.

"Animals don't lie. They are either better or not. They are very demonstrative with their adjustments. They don't have all the mental trash we deal with on a daily basis. They hold their adjustments better because they don't have all the stress we have."

Pet owners know when their animals need an adjustment, Giggleman said. "If you pay attention, you can tell something is wrong. There is a slang term we use in Texas — somebody will come in and say, 'He's ADR.' That means, 'Ain't doin' right, Doc,'" he said.

Giggleman teaches full-time and is semi-retired after 31 years of practice, but he sees patients one afternoon a week.

About once a month, a pet owner will come in and tell him: "If you can't do anything, I will have to put my pet to sleep."

He said he's able to save 80 percent of those animals. For the others "we get the animals out of some of the pain they are in and help the owners work through the whole issue as they prepare to part with their beloved pets."

There is a double blessing for those he saves, Giggleman said, "because not only are you making the pet better, but saving a life."

TRAINER
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the policy involves kicking trainers with groups of three or more clients out of the landmarked Palisades Park. The park is a popular destination for group classes, often armed with equipment that city officials say cause damage to the parks.

A survey conducted between Oct. 24 and 30 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. found 73 group classes and 74 classes with one or two participants in Palisades Park. Between 90 and 95 percent of those included some kind of equipment like yoga mats, hand weights, bench presses or kettlebells, amongst others.

The proposed regulations have a group of trainers up in arms.

The Santa Monica Outdoor Fitness Coalition, a group of trainers who serve hundreds of clients, is arguing for a reduced fee of 5 percent of gross receipts and that training continue in Palisades Park, but with restrictions on the kinds of equipment allowed.

"As city representatives themselves have observed, one-on-one and one-on-two trainers are some of the worst offenders with respect to using equipment inappropriately, and in ways that damage park structures and foliage," the group wrote in an open letter.

If that's the case, banning group classes in Palisades Park will not prevent damage done to the parks, the coalition argues.

They also worry about the impact of the fees and charges on small businesses.

Fitness instructors already can pay up to $284.03 to cover their business license, police permit, fingerprinting, zoning review fee and a $1 annual state-mandated fee. If they make less than $40,000 per year, the $75 minimum business license tax is waived, and their total goes down.

If their revenues exceed $60,000, the price goes up from $1 per $1,000 in gross receipts to $3.

The business license office showed that of the 87 trainers with a business license this fiscal year, 52 grossed $40,000 or less and seven fell within the $40,000 to $60,000 range.

Sixteen businesses made over $100,000. These numbers included trainers that work outdoors as well as those who work in an indoor fitness center or other facility.

Other groups that use public facilities — like tennis instructors or surf camps — pay between 14 and 40 percent of their gross revenues to City Hall, depending on the kind of business and deal struck with City Hall, according to a report.

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GUNS
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— Require ammunition buyers to undergo a background check and get a permit.

— Require more training for gun buyers.

— And add new crimes to those that disqualify California residents from owning weapons.

New York, Connecticut and Colorado have passed restrictions on firearms in response to the recent mass shootings.

The new bills in California are among at least 30 gun control measures introduced in the state this year, and they come as state Assembly members also debate the topic.

The Assembly Public Safety Committee advanced a bill Tuesday that would make it a crime to negligently store a loaded firearm or leave it in a place where a child is likely to access it. Current law makes it a crime only if the child uses the weapon.

The same committee also rejected a pair of gun owners' rights bills — one that would have made it easier to get a concealed weapons permit and another allowing the open carry of firearms.

Given the makeup of the California Legislature, the Senate gun control package stands a fair chance of becoming law. Democrats hold two-thirds majorities in both houses of the Legislature. Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown's office, however, declined comment on the pending legislation.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, author of the bill to outlaw rifles with detachable magazines, said the proposal would close "loopholes and gaps that the manufacturers have exploited" to sell military-style assault weapons in the state.

The Sacramento Democrat estimated that about 355 California residents and 3,300 people nationwide have died from gun violence since the Connecticut elementary school shooting in December.

However, gun rights advocate Jake McGuigan told the committee that few assault weapons are used in homicides in California, citing state Department of Justice statistics.

"We don't look for the loopholes," said McGuigan, a National Shooting Sports Foundation spokesman. "We only look to comply with the legislation."

Steinberg and other supporters acknowledged that California laws can be skirted by those who travel to other states to buy weapons, underscoring their desire for federal gun control legislation. However, Steinberg said, California lawmakers should not wait to take action.

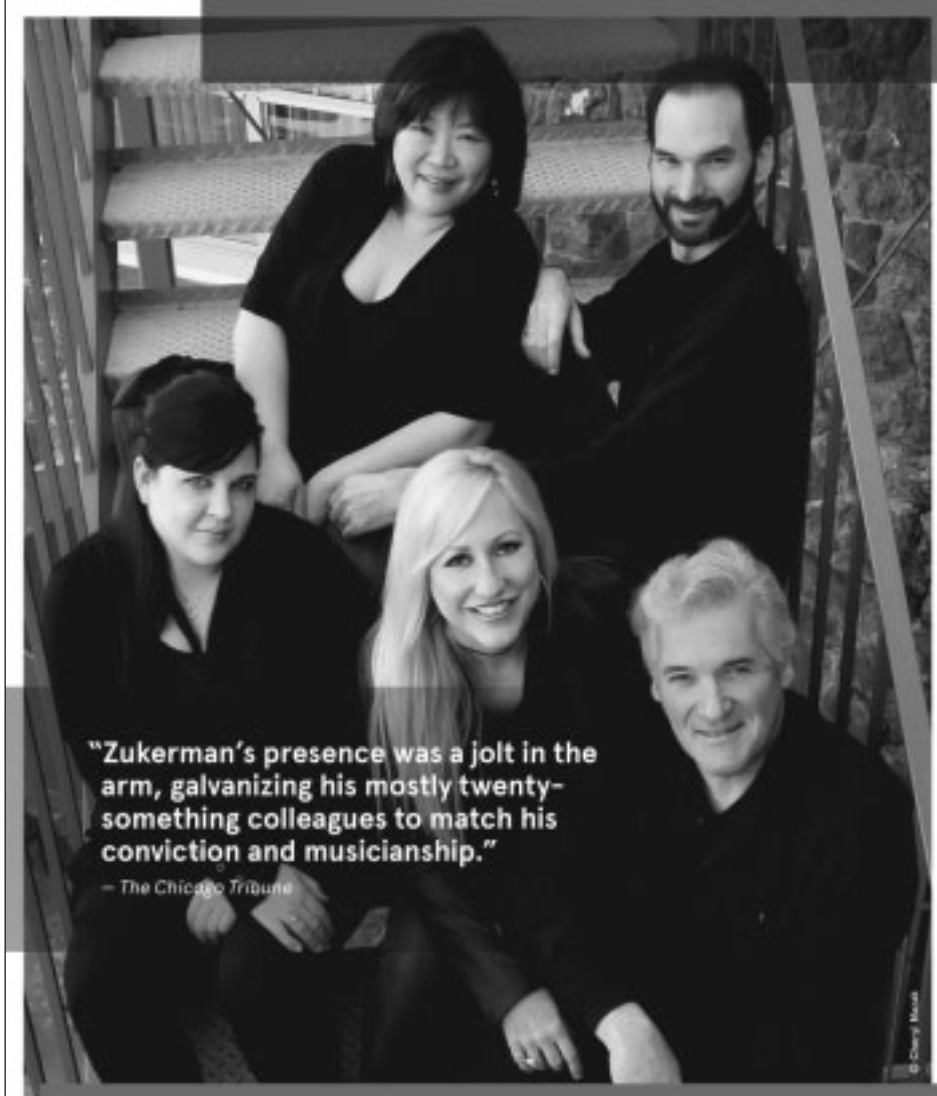
Gun control activist Rick Jacobs echoed the notion at a Capitol news conference before the hearing, saying that California lawmakers are acting, "while unfortunately those folks in Washington are watching."

Jacobs, chairman of the Courage Campaign, said his group helped collect more than 31,000 signatures backing the gun restrictions.

Meanwhile, opponents testified that the ban on future sales of rifles with detachable magazines would outlaw firearms that don't generally qualify as assault weapons and would sweep up Californians who would inadvertently be breaking the law.

"Filling our jails with normal, everyday law abiding citizens," said Sen. Joel Anderson, R-Alpine, as he voted against Steinberg's bill, "makes absolutely no sense to me."

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TOWN HALL

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web application company created by one-time public policy consultants who wanted to find a better way for residents of municipalities to share their views and ideas on almost any topic.

MindMixer has 325 clients, mostly cities, around the country. It helped Burbank create a comprehensive plan and solicited thousands of comments and hundreds of ideas from Angelenos on L.A.'s plans for mobility and identifying the city's historic sites.

The idea is to democratize the planning process by giving people a way to share their views and debate ideas outside of traditional town hall meetings, said Nathan Preheim, co-founder of MindMixer.

"We are all former city consultants and we used to facilitate town hall meetings across the country. They were very sparsely populated," Preheim said. "We thought that there has to be a better way to get people talking about community issues."

Two years ago, he and co-founder Nick Bowden launched MindMixer to fill that gap.

The company works with municipalities like Santa Monica to create sites to solicit ideas and commentary from stakeholders, at the same time giving the city quantitative and qualitative tools to figure out how popular ideas are and who in the community is participating.

City Hall stumbled upon the tool when the Santa Monica Pier Corporation selected IBI Group, an urban and transportation planning and design consultant, to work on its visioning process for the future of the pier.

IBI Group introduced the corporation's leadership to MindMixer as a way of increasing community engagement and involvement in the process, said Rod Merl, manager of the pier.

The MindMixer page is one of many tools that the group is using to get its message out to residents, including visiting community groups and public meetings. It reaches people that could fall through those cracks, Merl said.

"We were trying to find all the ways to reach out to people," Merl said.

The pier's page launched in October. At first, it was primarily text-based, but has since expanded to include photos and interactive surveys to grab people's attention, said Kori Jones, Merl's assistant.

"I think that's been working well. We're working to get the word out a bit more, to let people know what it's used for and how to access it," she said.

In January, the Planning Department began soliciting comments for its Pedestrian Action Plan.

Officials had been aware of MindMixer for a while, and were happy that Alta Planning & Design, the consultant chosen to work on the Pedestrian Action Plan, had included MindMixer in its application for the project, said Francie Stefan, the strategic and transportation planning manager with City Hall.

"We needed their technical analysis, but we also need to engage the community in a meaningful way," Stefan said.

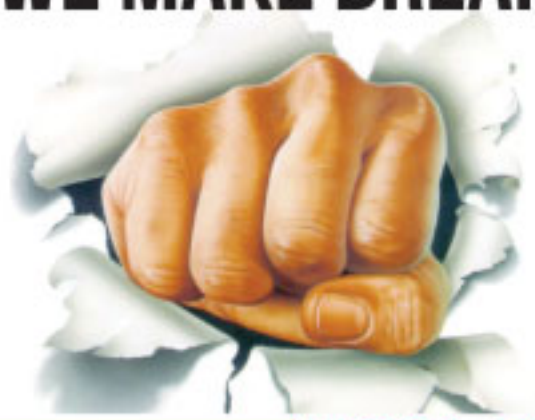
The MindMixer site fit the bill.

Officials post questions under different topics on the site, and encourage people to participate by awarding them points for ideas, comments and other interactions that can be redeemed in an online rewards store.

Prizes include a ride-along with the Santa Monica Police Department, or spot on CityTV.

They also post content from meetings past so that residents can stay up to date with the project, whether or not they have the time or

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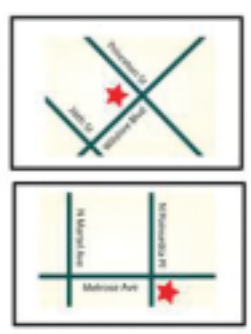
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flexibility to attend community meetings.

"We miss the voices of some people in the community," Stefan said. "This is a website they can go to any time of the day or night, wherever they are in the world to touch in and be a part of the dialogue."

It's already yielded results.

Although planners knew that lighting would be a consideration, they didn't know how big of a deal it would be to people. The website really brought that out, Stefan said.

It's also helping the team focus its outreach. Right now, respondents tend to be males and people between 35 and 45 years old, which officials can determine because signing up involves either connecting the site to an existing social media account or creating a unique log-in by giving your first and last name, e-mail address, zip code and year of birth.

Knowing that will help focus outreach toward Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students and Santa Monica College students, Stefan said.

She also expects that new tools will come online in the future, like an option to map people's favorite walking routes.

Although people can only use the site to comment on the pier and Pedestrian Action Plan right now, the site may grow, said Kate Vernez, assistant city manager of special projects.

"Overall, use of the tool will give us insight into other applications," she said.

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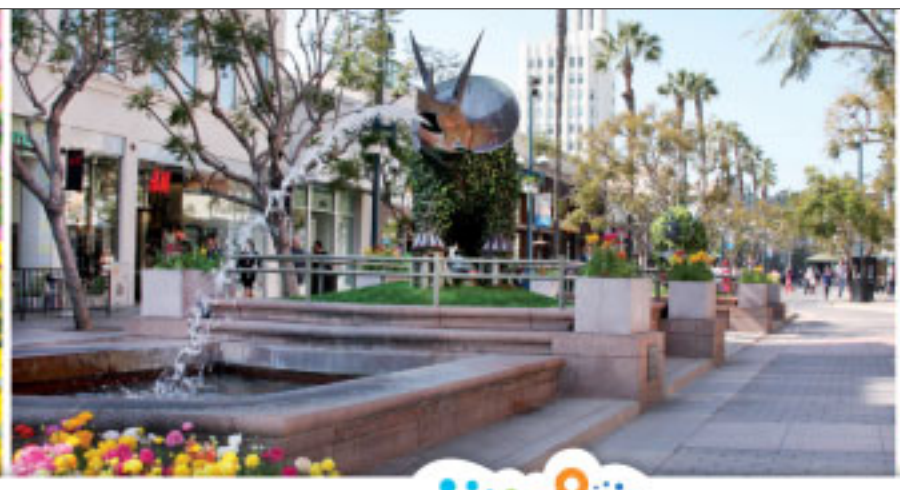
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LAW
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reforming the environmental law as "the Lord's work," called for streamlining the law in his State of the State address.

Critics say the four-decade-old law is being used by unions, activist groups and rival developers to delay or stop projects they don't like, often at great legal expense to developers.

Opponents of revising the environmental act acknowledge criticism that the law has been misused. But they argued that the law's benefits outweigh the number of times it has been used for frivolous lawsuits.

Brown was asked whether his skepticism about reform happening this year meant a ballot initiative might be necessary to make the changes.

"That's always a possibility," he said, according to the Los Angeles Times.

At an unrelated news conference in Sacramento, Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg said he is continuing to push forward on changing the environmental law.

"I'm not sure why the governor would say that," said Steinberg, D-Sacramento.

Steinberg said he has introduced a bill, SB731, "and it is going to be a full and comprehensive effort to update the California Environmental Quality Act. And it is going to find that illusive middle ground between those who think the statute is perfect and doesn't need to be fixed and those who think it needs to be dramatically revamped."

Efforts in the state Senate to reform the law had been led by Sen. Michael Rubio, D-Bakersfield. Rubio, who was appointed chairman of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee, resigned in February to take a job with Chevron.

CLASSES
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Community Recreation divisions joined forces to invite local artists and teachers to fill the center's docket with craft workshops.

The center, which officials refer to as "1450" for lack of another name, opened its doors on Saturday for an open house to introduce people to some of the new offerings, and to the concept of the building as a welcoming place for adults of all ages.

Angharad Caceres, former owner of the Urban Craft Center, taught a drop-in knitting class as part of the open house. She's also signed up for a variety of other crafting workshops at the center, some of which she used to teach at the craft store before it closed down last summer.

Although she's lived and worked in Santa Monica for years, she'd never been to the 1450 Ocean Ave. site — she even got lost trying to find it on Saturday.

"I've seen the building for the last 10 years and it never occurred to me what it was," Caceres said. "As it grows, it could really become a cultural hot spot."

Right now, transforming the center is about experimentation with classes to see what works for the community.

It will also require a big push to get the word out about the changes there. Caceres' first class was canceled, ostensibly because of a lack of attendance, and even the Saturday open house wasn't widely attended.

Others without the same flexibility might feel a little more heartburn about the unsteady schedule, but Caceres is happy to get in on the ground floor and watch the program grow, possibly with historical offerings, design classes or any number of other options.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity," Caceres said. "I hope people come because it's a great chance to get access to the kinds of classes they're getting on board. I think it's going to be a great vibe in there."

Those interested in checking out the roster of classes can do so at the center's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/1450Ocean.

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Stock market rebounds after worst day of the year

STEVE ROTHWELL
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NEW YORK A strong report on housing and good quarterly earnings from several major companies helped the stock market rebound after its worst day of the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 157.58 points, or 1.1 percent, on Tuesday, to 14,756.78, winning back more than half of the 265 points it lost a day earlier. The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 22.2 points, or 1.4 percent, to 1,574.57.

Home construction at an annual rate exceeded 1 million last month for the first time since June 2008. Robust earnings from companies that included Coca-Cola and W.W. Grainger also propelled the market higher.

Monday's market decline was the biggest since November 7, the day after Election Day. Worries about an economic slowdown in China led to a drop in the price of oil, copper, and other commodities, causing mining and energy stocks to fall. The rally had already slowed earlier this month after reports of weak hiring and retail sales suggested that the economy was cooling off.

Gold, which was at the epicenter of Monday's sell-off, rose 1.9 percent to $1,387.40 an ounce.

The precious metal plunged 9 percent Monday, its steepest fall in 30 years. Investors were spooked after China reported economic growth of 7.7 percent, slower than many forecasts. They also sold the metal following another report of low inflation. People often buy gold when they're fearful of rising prices and sell it when they see inflation ebbing.

Gold is down 27 percent since it climbed to a record of $1,892 an ounce in August 2011.

"This is the first time in a while that we've had pretty positive numbers," said JJ Kinahan, chief derivatives strategist for TD Ameritrade. "We had one bad day yesterday. You can't say because of that one bad day that all bets are off."

While Chinese growth fell short of expectations, Monday's sell-off may have been disproportionate to the slight slowdown in China's growth.

Growth in the world's second biggest economy missed analysts' forecasts by just 0.3 percentage points. China is watched closely because it is a major market for foreign goods from iron ore to smartphones. Investors hope demand from China can help offset weakness in the U.S., Europe and Japan.

Mining companies rose Tuesday as commodities markets stabilized. Materials stocks gained the most of the 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 after leading the market lower the day before. Home builders advanced following the housing report. PulteGroup rose 4.2 percent to $18.60 and Lennar climbed 2.4 percent to $38.70.

Investors should expect a more volatile stock market until there is more confirmation that the economy is strengthening and the outlook for companies is improving, said Jeff Morris, head of U.S. equities at Standard Life Investment.

Analysts are expecting first-quarter earnings for S&P 500 companies to climb 1.2 percent, and to accelerate further as the year progresses, according to S&P Capital IQ data. As of Monday, 34 companies in the index had reported earnings and 20 had exceeded analysts' expectations.

Small-company stocks rose more than the broader market Tuesday, a sign that investors were moving money into riskier assets. The Russell 2000 index climbed 1.8 percent to 923.30. Monday, the index plunged 3.8 percent.

In other trading, the Nasdaq composite rose 48.14 points, or 1.5 percent, to 3,264.63.

Yields on U.S. government bonds rose as investors moved money out of safe investments. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note climbed to 1.72 percent from 1.68 percent.

Among stocks that made big moves:

Coca-Cola gained $2.28, or 5.7 percent, to $42.37 after its first-quarter results came in above Wall Street's forecasts. Coke said it struck a deal to start refranchising its business in the U.S., which will lower costs.

W.W. Grainger Inc., which sells power tools and other industrial equipment, rose $16.18, or 16.2 percent, to $241.88 after the company said its first-quarter net income climbed 13 percent.

U.S. Bancorp logged the biggest decline in the S&P 500. The lender dropped 59 cents, or 1.8 percent, to $32.72 after it reported first-quarter earnings that fell short of analysts' expectations. The Minneapolis bank's net income rose 7 percent to $1.43 billion as it set aside less cash to cover soured loans.

Whirlpool Corp. jumped $3.66, or 3.2 percent, to $116.78 after the appliance maker raised its quarterly dividend 25 percent to 62.5 cents.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **59°**

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

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

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: **April 10, 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 -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcurGUY, SIWA, and Groubeck 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
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 Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	C	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	C	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	C	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	B	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CMW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
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'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.

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.

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SOCCER

Real Madrid among entrants for summer tournament

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI Real Madrid will be one of seven European teams competing in a summer soccer tournament that will conclude in Miami on Aug. 6-7.

Also confirmed Tuesday were Inter Milan and Juventus, along with the Los Angeles Galaxy. The rest of the eight-team field will be announced later.

Organizers plan for the tournament to become an annual event. It'll begin open in Europe on July 27. Opening-round games also are planned in the Phoenix area, San Francisco and Indianapolis, with the semifinals in the New York and Los Angeles areas Aug. 3-4.

The final four games in Miami will determine the champion and third, fifth and seventh place. The tournament was organized by Relevent Sports, a division of a company co-founded by Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross.

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Time of My Life (Tot altijd) (NR) 2hrs 00min
7:30pm
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Croods (PG) 1hr 38min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:20pm

Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) 2hrs 07min
12:25pm, 7:00pm

Tyler Perry's Temptation (PG-13) 1hr 51min
2:45pm, 5:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Place Beyond the Pines (R) 2hrs 20min
11:45am, 12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
3:45pm, 10:15pm

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

Scary Movie V (PG-13) 1hr 25min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

Evil Dead (R) 1hr 31min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:05am, 4:15pm, 10:20pm

Jurassic Park 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
3:15pm, 6:30pm, 9:45pm

42 (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
11:55am, 1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:40pm, 7:00pm

Croods 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm

Olympus Has Fallen () 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:50pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Room 237 (NR) 1hr 44min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Sapphires (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Upstream Color (NR) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You bring high energy, even when you're approaching the most boring project. You have a to-do list, and you look forward to completing it. A matter involving real estate could be on your plate. Tonight: Meet a family member for dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your words are heard by the right ears. Make and return calls; schedule meetings and other such interpersonal activities. You have a gentle yet firm manner that lets others know that you mean what you say. Tonight: Again, you will say exactly what you think.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Curb a need do something differently. You'll open up to change and be readily available to make an important decision. In a meeting, your ideas are appreciated and often carried out. Tonight: You need to understand what is happening. Allow greater give-and-take.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You quickly will accomplish what you must in order to make time for a break with a loved one. This person, who is comfortable with your moodiness, might be surprised at the strength and power of the moment. Tonight: The world really is your oyster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might want to observe and listen more, even though you are a natural-born leader. You can't control the situation, no matter how hard you might try. You can, however, change your response to it.Tonight: Make it an early night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Emphasize what you want. Understand that you might need to do more professional networking. Others will be unusually responsive to your thoughts and ideas.Tonight: Find your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Understand what you need to do in order to change a situation that has been irking you either at work or when relating to an older relative. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Use your ingenuity to figure out a solution to a recurring problem. Break past conventional thinking, toss in some imagination, and you'll get there with ease. Resolution feels good, and it allows you to continue on your chosen path. Tonight: Where there is great music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Work with each person directly. Be sure to evaluate both sides of an issue, and the right solution will appear. Realize what is happening with a loved one. This person wants more of your time and attention, so make it a point to reach out to him or her. Tonight: Surf the Web.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others come forward, and they might be much more assertive than they have been in a while. Listen rather than speak. You will witness their newfound boldness. Recognize what is possible here, and offer your feedback only when asked. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to change a pattern in your daily life -- for example, you might want to walk more or start a diet. You know where you need more diversity in your life. If you decide to instrument a change, the chances are high that you will succeed. Tonight: Don't push too hard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Count on yourself to get past a problem. Your way of handling this issue could turn it around. Your love of fun and imagination filters through difficult moments. Know what you want, and head down the path that feels right. Tonight: Listen to your inner voice.

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

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

This year you often feel as if you're on a mission and have something that you need to do. Honor who you are, yet recognize what needs to be done. Your personal life becomes even more important. If you are single, you will want a live-in arrangement more than you have in the past. Just be careful -- it could be difficult to disengage from this person at a later point. Try not to move so quickly. If you are attached, the two of you connect on a very deep level this year. You are able to express more and give more, as you are in touch with your true essence. You feel very comfortable with CANCER, but sometimes you feel burdened by him or her.

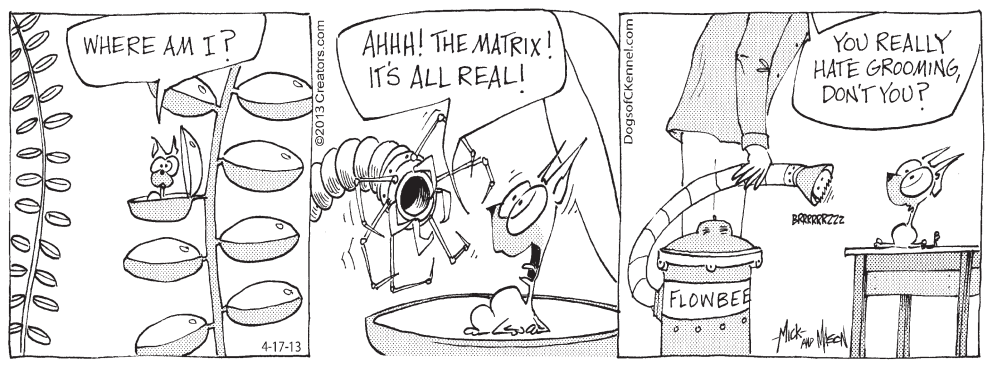
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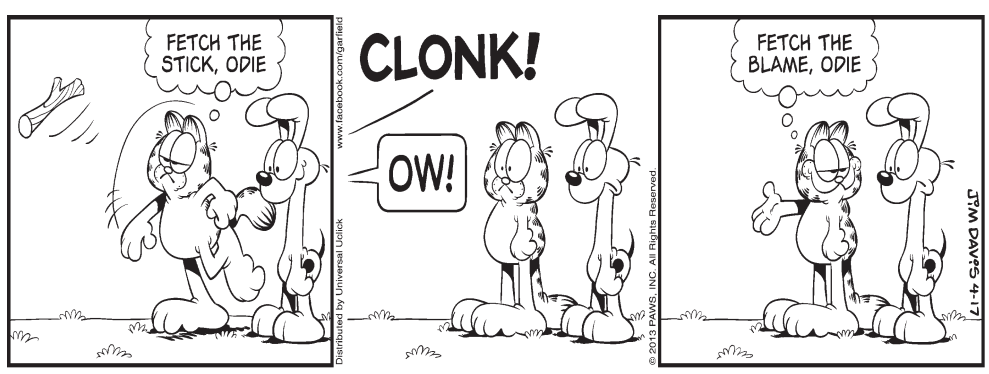
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By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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By Jim Davis



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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 ★★★

			2	9	1			
		8				2		
	9	6				4	3	
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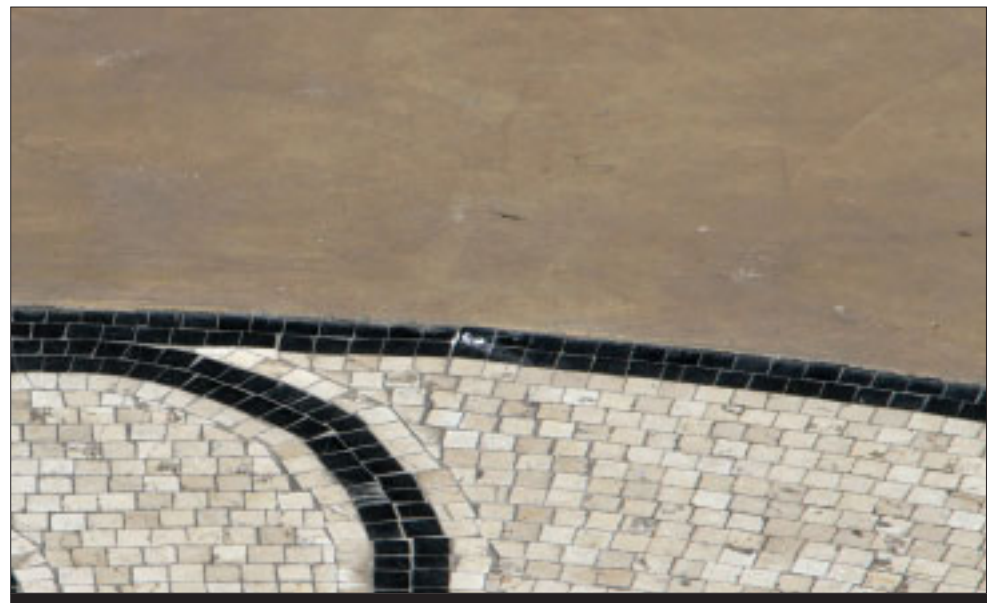
There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Himalayan monk
5 Shopping site
9 Improve, in a way
11 Less colorful
12 Greene of "Bonanza"
13 Pretentious
14 Common verb
15 Slender trees
17 Tall trees
19 Have lunch
20 France's third largest city
21 Dieter's no-no
22 Use the rink
24 Messy room
26 Opera's Beverly
29 Masseur's workplace
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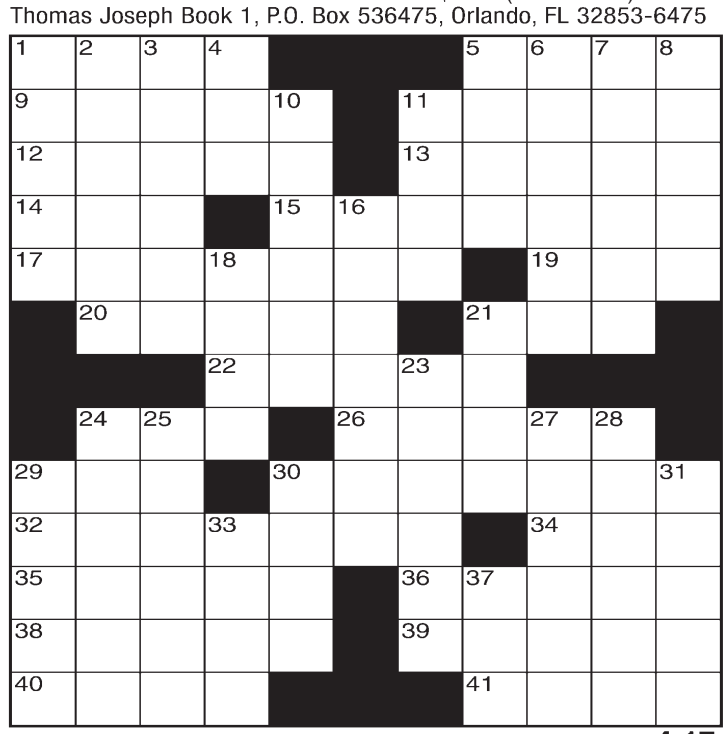
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1 Corbin Bernsen series
2 Ignoring ethics
3 Just
4 Curry on TV
5 Painter Chagall
6 Tennis star Gibson
7 Return to office
8 Secret meeting
10 Expose as a myth
11 Golf goals
16 Pet Shop Boys song
18 Inquisitive
21 Plummeted
23 Semihard cheese
24 Nautilus shape
25 Snarl
27 Find
28 Al Jolson song
29 Run-down areas
30 Ties the knot
31 Boat's back
33 Title paper
37 Carpet feature

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Yesterday's answer

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/13
10 12 31 56 57
Power#: 33
Jackpot: $80M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/12
1 10 13 19 21
Mega#: 28
Jackpot: $74M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 4/13
12 14 29 39 41
Mega#: 26
Jackpot: $12M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/16
12 19 23 33 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/16
MIDDAY: 8 3 2
EVENING: 7 4 5

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 4/16
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:41.43

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Sculptor Richard Jackson introduced "Bad Dog" as part of his "Ain't Painting a Pain" installation at California's Orange County Museum in February. Outside, to coax visitors in, Jackson's "Bad Dog's" hind leg was cocked, with gallons of yellow paint being pumped onto the building. "We'll see how long it lasts," he told the Los Angeles Times, "but you never know how people will react." "Sometimes, people feel they should protect their children from such things, then the kids go home and watch 'South Park.'"

■ Australian dilettante David Walsh's 2-year-old Museum of Old and New Art in Hobart is acquiring a reputation for irreverence. Among the exhibits is Greg Taylor's "My Beautiful Chair," which invites a visitor to lie next to a lethal injection chair and experience a countdown, mimicking the time it takes for execution drugs to kill (and then flashing "You Are Dead"). Also, at 2 p.m. each day, a "fresh fecal masterpiece" is created by artist Wim Delvoye, in which a meal from the museum's restaurant is placed into a transparent grinder that creates slush, turns it brown, and adds an overpowering defecation-like smell. The resulting "masterpiece" is channeled into (also transparent) vats.

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