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THE POLICE ACTIVITY ISSUE

Police search for jewelry heist suspects

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

WILSHIRE BLVD Santa Monica police are looking for three masked suspects who stole an estimated $1.5 million worth of jewelry from a salesman who was ambushed in a parking lot next to the Veggie Grill, authorities said.

SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis said the victim flew in from New York and was visiting local jewelry stores Tuesday in an attempt to sell some merchandise. He entered the Veggie Grill, had lunch and around 2 p.m. returned to his car, which was parked in the lot to the rear of the restaurant.

That's when police said three men wearing masks suddenly appeared and surrounded the vehicle. Two men smashed the driver's side and passenger's side windows. At least one pulled out a handgun and pointed it at the victim while a second suspect reached into the car and grabbed a black case containing the jewelry that was sitting on the passenger's seat.

A third suspect is believed to have punctured one of the car's tires.

The three suspects then fled in what was described as a four-door, gray or metallic colored, newer model Nissan Altima or Sentra. The car was last seen heading north on 21st Street.

"No shots were fired and no one was injured," Lewis said.

Detectives are still trying to determine the value of the loss and are pouring over video footage and other evidence.

Those who may have more information on the robbery can contact the SMPD at (310) 458-8491.

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CLOSER LOOK: **(Above) A technician from the Santa Monica Police Department's forensics unit dusts for prints after a jewelry heist on Tuesday. (Left) Police personnel discuss the crime that took place on Wilshire Boulevard. The three suspects were still at large on Tuesday evening.**

Airport noise complaints get a boost

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Overall traffic at Santa Monica Airport may be down, but neighbors are still riled about noise and they may have a point, according to a consultant who spoke at Monday night's Airport Commission meeting.

The meeting was a special workshop to present data reflecting on a year of noise monitoring at the airport, including the number of noise violations as well as departures and landings outside of the airport's strict curfew.

Vince Mestre, a representative of

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PRC, City Hall looking to streamline pier management

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER The Pier Restoration Corp. may be in for a makeover pending the results of a study it commissioned last week that will examine the current model used to manage the historic Santa Monica Pier and its finances.

Before the study moves forward, the matter will be taken to the City Council on Tuesday, May 3.

At present, the PRC, a nonprofit formed in 1983 to help manage and promote the pier, and City Hall share responsibilities for the iconic tourist destination, many of which overlap as a result of the pier's dual nature as a public location dominated by private busi-

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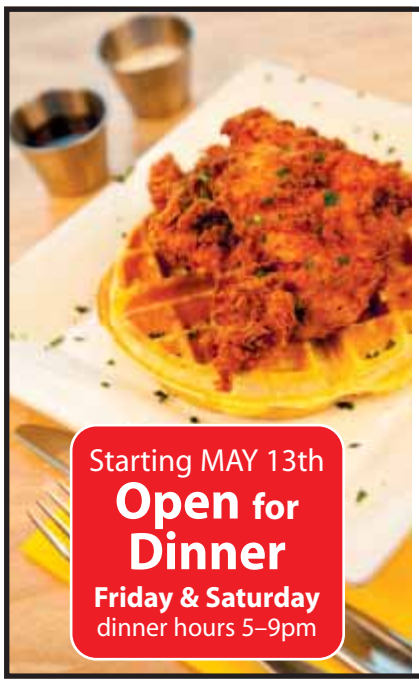
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Apr 30	JV/V	Sylmar Tournament	Sylmar	TBA
May 2	JV/V	St. Paul	SMCHS	5/6:30pm
GIRLS SOFTBALL				
May 3	JV/V	CSHM	Memorial	3pm

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Apr 28	All	Palos Verdes		2:30pm
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Apr 27	All	Culver City		2:30pm
Apr 28	V	Culver City	Culver City	3:00pm
BOYS BASEBALL				
Apr 28	JV/V	Morningside	Morningside	3/3:15pm
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Mayor Richard Bloom will be the featured guest speaker at the Activist Support Circle meeting. For more information, call (310) 399-1000.

All about sustainability
Sheraton Delfina
530 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Evan Kleiman, renowned chef, best-selling author and host of KCRW's Good Food radio show, will give the keynote address at the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce 2011 Sustainable Quality Awards Luncheon themed "Sustainable Food." The Sustainable Quality Awards were created in 1995 to honor businesses in Santa Monica that have made significant achievements in the areas of sustainable economic development, social responsibility and stewardship of the natural environment. For more information, visit smchamber.com.

Movies with a view
Santa Monica Place
Broadway and Third Street, 7 p.m.
Catch a free screening of the teen classic "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" during this week's installment of Movies on the Deck. For more information, visit santamonicaplace.com/events.

Thursday, April 28, 2011

'The Bluest Eye'
Miles Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
This production is based on Pulitzer and Nobel prize winning novelist Toni Morrison's "The Bluest Eye." Banned in some areas of the country, this adaptation focuses on the perception of beauty, love, and racism aspects of our culture. Eleven-year-old Pecola Breedlove wants nothing more than to be loved by her family and schoolmates. Instead, she faces constant ridicule and abuse. For information, call (310) 458-8634.

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Door-to-door warning

Santa Monica police are reminding residents to be leery of solicitors after a man pretending to be with the health department was seen Monday night in an apartment complex knocking on doors.

SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis said a resident living on the 800 block of Pacific Street became suspicious when a man who said he was a government employee knocked on his door and asked if everything was OK.

The resident asked if he could take a photo of the man for his records. The man allegedly told the resident that it was illegal for him to be taking pictures of a government employee. The resident went ahead and snapped a photo. The suspect eventually ran off, shouting back, "I'm going to get you," police said.

Lewis said the suspect was described as an African-American, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighing 160 pounds with short black hair, a dark complexion and a mustache. He was said to speak with an African accent.

Police want to remind residents to always ask for identification and a business license before opening the front door. If the person knocking does not provide this information residents should notify police, Lewis said.

"We want neighbors to take care of each other and keep a close eye on people walking, knocking on doors," he said. "Also, with any type of health inspection you will have prior notice. So, if you don't have notice, don't open your door."

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CITYWIDE

Tree people praise City Hall

For the 30th consecutive year, City Hall has been recognized as a tree-friendly city by the Arbor Day Foundation, which bestowed upon Santa Monica the "Tree City USA Growth Award" for its tree care and preservation policies.

City Hall is currently developing an Urban Forest Master Plan to ensure that Santa Monica's urban forest remains healthy for generations to come, city officials said Tuesday.

"We're very proud of this recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation. A healthy urban forest is something the whole community can get behind," said Judy Abdo, Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force member and former Santa Monica mayor.

City Hall will hold its annual Arbor Day tree planting ceremony on Saturday, April 30, starting at 8 a.m. in beach parking lot 5S, 2600 Barnard Way. This year volunteers from the local "Mormon Helping Hands" group and the Circle K Kiwanis from UCLA will help with the planting of 60 trees, city officials said.

"Communities that are honored with a Tree City USA designation and a 'Growth Award' make a strong commitment to planting and caring for trees, and we applaud their efforts," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "We also commend a community's elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing needed care for its trees. They recognize that trees provide numerous environmental, economic and health benefits for the community every day."

More information on Santa Monica's Urban Forest is available online at santamonicatrees.com.

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SCORE ONE

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Santa Monica High School's Sara Garcia slides safely into home underneath the tag of Culver City catcher Stephanie Lopen on Tuesday at Culver City High School. Samohi won the Ocean League game, 15-4.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Samohi Vikings remain perfect in league

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI On the field, Santa Monica High School's baseball team had little trouble dispatching Ocean League rival Morningside, 11-2, on Tuesday. But it was something going on off the field that made for an unusual game.

Sometime before the game on Tuesday, Morningside fired Head Coach Brian Reed for unspecified reasons, interim coach Doug Otteson said. The news of the firing came as a surprise to him and the rest of the team.

"We were supposed to be rebuilding the program," said Otteson, who formerly was the junior varsity coach. "I really don't know what else to say about it."

As the team moves forward, Otteson said that there were a number of issues to address and he was just getting to the business of reorganization in the wake of the unexpected change in the coaching staff.

"All I can do is wait to see what happens," Otteson said as his team prepares for a rematch at their place against Samohi on Thursday.

As for the game, it was over pretty much from the start. The Samohi Vikings scored a pair in the first inning thanks to a two-RBI double off the bat of junior center fielder Adam Padilla.

The Vikings struck again in the second inning when Christian "Bobo" Rodriguez slapped a double to center field, scoring catcher Mitchell Eby, who led off the frame with a single.

Those would be all the runs the Vikings would need en route to improving their record to 5-16 overall and 3-0 in league.

While the Samohi offense erupted for 11 runs, it was the steady pitching of senior starter Andrew McRitchie that limited the Monarch offense to few scoring opportunities during his time on the mound. McRitchie would finish the day with eight strikeouts over five innings. He collected the win to improve his record to 3-3.

"It was good being back at home," McRitchie said. "We knew that they weren't that great, but we also didn't want to play down to their level."

The one flaw in McRitchie's day was his inability to get his curve ball over for a strike. He said that he threw just a handful before deciding that his fastball was all he needed to get the win.

"Hopefully the curve will come back," he said. "I'll just keep working on it."

As the Vikings prepare for Thursday's rematch with the Monarchs, thoughts of repeating as league champs hung in the minds of many.

Head Coach Sheldon Philip-Guide said that he was happy to get some of his reserves playing time in Tuesday's game as it would benefit his team's depth going forward.

While the Vikings enter Thursday's game as the obvious favorites, McRitchie was careful to reiterate that his team would have to remain focused to keep its undefeated league record in tact.

"This game was good to get our confidence going as we look down the road to facing Beverly Hills next week," he said.

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Let them lease

Editor:

In his column, Bill Bauer asks the Planning Commission to deny Yahoo! Center the right to continue leasing its unused parking spaces to non-tenants ("Mid-City parking will get worse," My Write, April 25). Strangely to justify his position he supports, without foundation, City Hall's original approval (almost 30 years ago) of the number of spaces to argue that the current plan is wrong.

I accept my share of responsibility for the large number of unused parking spaces there. In the mid-1980s, we founded the original Mid-City Neighbors in response to the wave of commercial developments in the area. To promote the economy, the LUCE (Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan) at the time designated the low-rise commercial and light industrial area as the Special Office District. These projects led to the anti-development movement that continues today.

The developers of what was then called Colorado Place prepared a study calling for fewer parking spaces based upon a shared parking analysis. City Hall agreed with the study. We neighbors distrusted this study and became concerned that if the number of spaces was reduced, the project's tenants and visitors would park in the neighborhood. We were also concerned about the traffic impacts.

I chaired a committee that hammered out an agreement during the Planning Commission hearing. Among other things, it required the present number of parking spaces and provided free parking to all employees of the tenants and visitors. Some money was also committed to mitigate traffic in the area – like reducing traffic lanes, adding stop signs, medians and bike lanes in the residential portions of the area.

Colorado Place was the first of the big office projects. We later realized that free parking is counter-productive to reducing traffic (it encourages employees to use their cars instead of ride sharing and alternative transport) and subsequent projects were allowed to charge. The staff report mentions that much of the surrounding neighborhood has permit parking to protect it from project tenants and visitors, but most of us have to pay for those permits for that protection. (Some neighbors within a block of the Yahoo! Center have told me that they don't pay for their permits. We did negotiate a clause in the Water Garden development agreement that would protect the neighbors from overflow parking and perhaps that is where the free permits originate.)

I don't know if the numbers in the owner's study are reasonable (it takes into consideration full occupancy when the economy improves), but I do know that many spaces in Yahoo! Center are unused or leased out, so the amendment seems reasonable – especially because it requires leased spaces to be returned to tenant uses when necessary. The transportation demand management requirement to cut down car trips is a positive addition. The amendment also allows the ending of free parking for the tenants' employees.

The notification for the hearing was sent to the required 500-degree radius; another example of the need to increase the radius requirement for large projects.

One final note, the DA provides the park at 26th Street and Broadway. It is one of the nicest parks in the city. Under the terms of the DA, it is privately maintained but open to the public under the same rules as all other city parks. Unfortunately, it is under utilized and not even mentioned in the city's parks list. The drought-resistant landscaping is now in full spring bloom. Stop by and enjoy it!

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Building the complete conservative

WHAT IS THE TEA PARTY? WHO IS THE Tea Party? Big media types and the larger left have their demagogic spin: Tea Partyers are racist, backwoods, anti-government dunderheads with a predisposition toward domestic terrorism. In a word, they're "extremists."

This disingenuous political packaging was recently divulged as an official Democratic talking point in a gaffe by the ever-loquacious Sen. Charles E. Schumer, New York Democrat. During a conference call with reporters he explained that, while referencing the Tea Party, "I always use the word 'extreme.' That is what the caucus instructed me to use this week."

This characterization, of course, is twaddle and liberals know it. But when called out on what constitutes genuine extremism, the ad hominem attack remains the "progressive" device of choice for those endeavoring to "fundamentally transform" America. It's impossible to make a secular-socialist omelet without breaking a few constitutionalist eggs.

Rule 13 of "community organizer" Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals" presents the budding provocateur with a template: "Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it."

And so "progressive" ideologues like Chris Matthews, Sen. Harry Reid and the backbiting hate merchants over at the Southern Poverty Law Center busily paint self-serving swastikas across Tea Party Granny's Ol' Glory sweater. It's dishonest, it's tired and America isn't biting. The more they do it, in fact, the greater the backlash.

Still, truth is that one can more easily nail Jell-O to a wall than precisely characterize the Tea Party demographic. Its membership crosses racial, generational and party lines. The Tea Party is not so much defined by "who" as it is by "what."

I recently attended the Ronald Reagan Centennial Celebration hosted by the Republican Party of Virginia. It was co-sponsored by, among others, the Ronald Reagan Institute for Conservative Leadership. Michael Reagan, the oldest child of the man widely considered our greatest modern president, was the keynote speaker.

Mr. Reagan said something that I think concisely sums up the core values shared by the ragtag millions who comprise the Tea Party movement. "People often ask me if Ronald Reagan would have supported the Tea Party," he said. "Ronald Reagan was the Tea Party."

About three-quarters of the 1,500 or so in attendance erupted into enthusiastic applause. Those who did not responded, instead, with scowls of pragmatic disapproval. These hushed naysayers represent, I think, the dwindling minority of liberal-leaning RINOs (Republicans in Name Only) within the establishment GOP. Yes, Republicans can be elitist, too.

How true, I thought. Tea Party conservatives are simply Reagan conservatives by another name: same values, different decade.

I've said it before. Ronald Reagan often spoke of a "three-legged stool" that undergirds what I call "complete conservatism." The legs symbolize a strong national defense, strong free-market principles and strong traditional social values. For the stool to remain upright, it must be supported by all three legs. If you snap off even one leg, the stool collapses under its own weight.

A Republican, for instance, who is conservative on social and national defense issues but liberal on fiscal issues is not a complete conservative. He is a quasi-conservative socialist.

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By the same token, a Republican who is conservative on fiscal and national defense issues but liberal on social issues — such as abortion, homosexual rights or the Second Amendment — is not a complete conservative. He is a socio-liberal libertarian.

I was discussing Reagan's three-legged stool the other day with my friend Mark Lloyd, chairman of the Virginia Tea Party Patriot Federation and president of the aforementioned Ronald Reagan Institute.

"What do you suppose holds together those three legs of the stool?" he asked. "Do tell," I replied. "The seat," he said. "And the seat, which is sustained by all three legs — a strong defense, the free market and traditional social values — is where we as Americans can rest steady."

"What does the seat signify?" I asked. "The seat represents those certain unalienable rights granted by our creator, addressed in the Declaration of Independence and enumerated in the U.S. Constitution. The seat is our individual life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, bound together by faith in God and love of country," he concluded.

Indeed, the ongoing Tea Party uprising is a monumental grass-roots clamoring for a national return to Reagan conservatism. Reagan conservatism is merely an extension of the fundamental principles held near and dear by our Founding Fathers.

The die is cast and the cast is clear. In today's revolution King George and the Redcoats are channeled by Barack Obama and his like-minded "progressive" lackeys in the media and elsewhere. "Taxation without representation" signifies the larger secular-socialist agenda they seek to impose.

But that's fine. When spurred by the cause of freedom, "right-wing extremists" — like those who pledged lives, fortunes and sacred honor in order "to form a more perfect union" — have never backed down from a good fight.

For those wishful thinking "progressives" and lukewarm RINOs who imagine that the Reagan revolution is over, I say it's only just begun.

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Driving into middle age, but not in a loser cruiser

IT SEEMS BEGRUDGINGLY FITTING THAT shortly before I enter one of the final years in my 30s, I took a minivan for a test drive. That it was during one of the final years in my 30s certainly doesn't make it better and possibly makes it worse, but it seems apropos nonetheless.

"It's exciting to buy a new car," my mom remarked after I returned from a day of car shopping.

"Yes, but it's hard to get fired up if the one we end up getting is more van than mini. Or is anything but an actual car, really," I grumbled.

There are things you have a solemn duty to do when you get older and have kids. Like, necessarily wake up every day and feed, clothe and bathe your offspring (or at least a few times a week, depending on how vigilant Child Protective Services is in your area). You are also required to say things you like, "I'm going to count to three" and "Stay on the potty until Mommy wipes you" — all in a tone of voice you didn't know could come from anywhere but the mouth of a Disney villain. It's not a particularly sexy way to go through life, but it's all about family, so it's really just about love. And the occasional tantrum.

For better or worse, the current tantrum is being thrown by me. I can't emphasize enough how much I don't want a minivan; however, it appears as if we have a societal obligation to at least consider purchasing one as we decide on the fate of our next family vehicle.

When I was in seventh grade, some kid's mom got a minivan that another kid labeled a "clam" car. Ever since then I've associated them with rotten fish. It didn't help that when I took a brand new one out for a spin a few weeks ago, it was a rainy day and the dealership was located near the shore and there was a stench of rotting seafood hanging in the air.

But the reality is that we need a new car, and we need one with more room. As kids get older, they seem to get bigger, multiply and amass friends who are also bigger and need to travel via automobile, oftentimes with you. Plus, our current car has served us well but is aging.

Sure, minivans and the marketing of them have improved over the years. But just like you can't sugar coat a pile of dung, showing an ad with a husband and wife trying to be romantic while in the same type of vehicle most associated with PTA meetings and the general dreariness of suburban life is utterly fruitless as a promotional tool.

If there were a way to disguise the fact that minivans come equipped with things like 12 cup-holders (unless they can also boast that they come with flushable toilets) and four grocery hooks (a note to Madison Avenue: Moms do have other needs in life besides ensuring the safe travels of frozen peas and cereal boxes), there just might have been a chance, but apparently they couldn't, so there isn't.

The Toyota Sienna I tried out drove smoothly enough. It also had a fairly impressive amount of bells and whistles on the dashboard. But when I turned around to glance around the back and found myself squinting to make out the third row because it was that far off in the distance, I felt eerily like a school bus driver (which is a role destined to be in my future to be sure, but that doesn't mean I have to feel as if I'm driving an actual bus).

It's not like I'm going through a mid-life crisis and want to run out and buy some small or ridiculously impractical car. I also looked at the Subaru Tribeca, which was fine, but the third row could clearly only be used for Smurfs, and then only those with no legs. The Honda Pilot was decent, except the sales person in New York turned me off when I indicated that leather seats, 18-inch chrome-look alloy wheels and a rear entertainment system weren't high on my priority list. I particularly enjoyed the Ford Explorer and decided that while the third row wasn't awfully spacious, it would be decidedly better and more legal than riding on the hood or the roof.

"It is time to look in the mirror and acknowledge that you are a mature adult. … We all know that through emotional pain comes growth," one friend — a minivan owner — posted on my Facebook wall after reading of my reluctance to consider a clam car.

And while I agree that I am fast becoming the age of a real, live adult, no one said anything about being mature.

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The Q Line

Flight schools grounded?

The L.A. City Council last week OK'd a resolution that calls for the closure of flight schools at Santa Monica Airport. They say it would cut down on the number of flights leaving the embattled airport.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Did the L.A. council get it right; or do you think it's a step too far?

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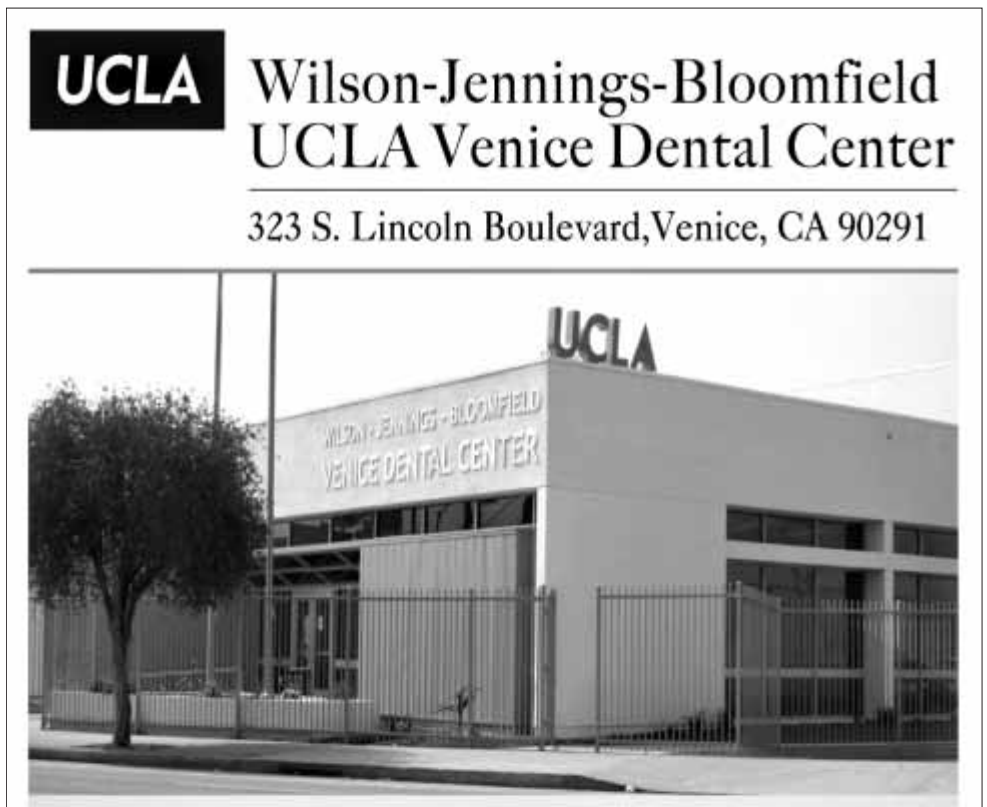
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Audit: City lost millions in unpaid parking tickets

A city audit says Los Angeles' Department of Transportation has failed to collect millions in unpaid parking tickets by not aggressively pursuing ticket "scofflaws."

City Controller Wendy Greuel released an audit Tuesday that found parking officers issued citations instead of calling for a boot or having repeat offenders' cars impounded.

The audit says the department also failed to use license plate recognition equipment to catch regular parking violators with five or more unpaid tickets.

Department of Transportation Interim General Manager Amir Sedadi says the scofflaw unit was temporarily disbanded to fill about 50 civilian traffic officer vacancies.

He says his department will catch any outstanding scofflaws.

Greuel's report says owners of vehicles with more than five open citations owed a combined $86 million to the city.

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Oscars hold to late February date for 2012

The Academy Awards are sticking to the last weekend in February rather than moving to an earlier date.

Tom Sherak, president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, announced Tuesday that next year's ceremony will be held Feb. 26, the same Sunday as most other recent Oscar shows.

Oscar organizers have considered moving up the show, saying that earlier film awards might be stealing some of the thunder of Hollywood's biggest night.

Nominations for the 84th Oscars will be announced Jan. 24.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Japanese official thanks county rescue team

Japan's consul general has expressed gratitude to a Los Angeles County Fire Department urban search and rescue team that rushed across the Pacific to help in the aftermath of the devastating quake and tsunami.

City News Service reports that Junichi Ihara told the county Board of Supervisors Tuesday that the team was already en route to the disaster zone when many in Japan were still scrambling to mobilize.

County Fire Chief Daryl Osby says the rescue team's experience in Japan would ultimately help serve county residents.

Ihara says that besides the area near the troubled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, Japan is open for business and safe for tourists.

He urged Southern Californians to consider vacationing in Japan, which will need tourism to make a successful economic recovery.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Petersen Automotive Museum gets $100M

The Petersen Automotive Museum has received a $100 million gift to enhance the Los Angeles transportation shrine and expand its collection.

The donation announced Monday includes an unrestricted financial gift, a matching challenge, the 300,000-square-foot museum building on Wilshire Boulevard, and Robert Petersen's car collection.

The donation was made by Peterson's widow Margie Petersen and the Margie & Robert E. Petersen Foundation.

The museum, which opened in 1994, hosts 150,000 visitors a year.

Robert Petersen, the publishing magnate whose Hot Rod and Motor Trend magazines helped shape America's car culture, was 80 when he died in 2007.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Developer of public housing sued for fraud

A Southern California developer of low-income public housing is being sued for fraud by the cities of Los Angeles and Glendale.

Los Angeles city lawyers say Advanced Development and Investment Inc. inflated its bills on 15 public housing projects, costing taxpayers up to $180 million.

The city of Glendale, which paid the developer about $34 million since 2005 for four housing projects, has also filed a fraud suit.

The Los Angeles Times says details about the alleged fraud were exposed as a result of a divorce case involving company president Salim Karimi and Jannki Mithaiwala, the daughter of company founder Ajit Mithaiwala.

A receiver appointed by the judge examined company books and discovered possible criminal activity.

The Times says federal prosecutors in Los Angeles are investigating Advanced Development.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Police investigate body found on freeway ramp

Police say the nude body of a woman has been found in a plastic storage container in some bushes next to a Los Angeles freeway off-ramp.

Los Angeles police Sgt. Titus Taylor told City News Service that the body was found Monday night next to the State Street off-ramp of southbound Interstate 5 in the Lincoln Heights area.

Homicide detectives are investigating.

Tyler says the coroner's office is trying to identify the woman.

AP

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Father shoots at son for cigarette butts in yard

Police say a Southern California father shot at his adult son for leaving cigarette butts in the backyard.

The Monday morning shooting led to a 90 minute lockdown of a nearby Anaheim elementary school.

Police Sgt. Rick Martinez says 68-year-old John Bennem found the cigarette butts and became angry.

Ousted Bell official set up secret pension

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A former public official accused of orchestrating a scam that nearly bankrupted a working-class Los Angeles suburb set up a secret pension fund containing $4.5 million to skirt retirement limits for California public employees, according to a newspaper report Monday.

Grand jury transcripts reviewed by the Los Angeles Times revealed that ousted Bell city manager Robert Rizzo and his former assistant, Angela Spaccia, set up two pension plans to inflate the already generous compensation paid to city employees.

One account benefited 40 employees, guaranteeing them at least $2,000 a month if they retire as early as age 52 and had spent five years in office. That's in addition to their normal payments from the state pension system.

Another account was set aside just for Rizzo and Spaccia, allowing them to circumvent IRS regulations capping government pensions.

Lourdes Garcia, the city's director of administrative services, testified under a grant of limited immunity that Rizzo told her in 2008 that he wanted the city to spend $14 million on the secondary pension fund.

"My reaction was 'That's a lot of money,'" Garcia testified. "The city doesn't have that kind of money ... He knew that money was getting tight."

An attorney for Rizzo, who faces more than 50 counts for masterminding a scam in which he paid himself and other top Bell officials massive salaries, denied that his client was setting up his own retirement plan.

"It could be that Ms. Garcia is misremembering facts," James Spertus said.

Members of Bell's new City Council say they will look into recouping some or all of the money to help reduce the city's debt.

In all, prosecutors said, Bell was looted of more than $6 million. The city of 40,000 people is in as much as $4.5 million debt.

Rizzo had an annual salary and compensation package of $1.5 million, Spaccia was paid an annual salary of more than $375,000 and six former Bell City Council members each received about $100,000 a year.

Shrinking budget puts alien search on hold

MARCUS WOHLSEN
Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW In the mountains of Northern California, a field of radio dishes that look like giant dinner plates waited for years for the first call from intelligent life among the stars.

But they're not listening anymore.

Cash-strapped governments, it seems, can no longer pay the interstellar phone bill.

Astronomers at the SETI Institute said a steep drop in state and federal funds has forced the shutdown of the Allen Telescope Array, a powerful tool in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence program, also known as SETI.

The 42 radio dishes had scanned deep space since 2007 for signals from alien civilizations while also conducting hard scientific research into the structure and origin of the universe.

SETI chief executive Tom Pierson said in an email to donors last week that the University of California, Berkeley, has run out of money for day-to-day operation of the dishes.

"Unfortunately, today's government budgetary environment is very difficult, and new solutions must be found," Pierson wrote.

The $50 million array was built by SETI and UC Berkeley with the help of a $30 million donation from Microsoft Corp. co-founder Paul Allen. Operating the dishes costs about $1.5 million a year, mostly to pay for the staff of eight to 10 researchers and technicians to operate the facility.

The shutdown came just as researchers were preparing to point the radio dishes at more than 1,200 potential new planets identified by NASA's Kepler Mission.

Leo Blitz, a professor of astronomy at UC Berkeley and former director of the observatory that includes the Allen Telescope Array, says the dishes are unique in their ability to probe for signals from extraterrestrial civilizations while gathering more general scientific data at the same time.

"That made the telescope a double-barreled threat," Blitz said. He said he knew of no other facility in the country that was undertaking this kind of search for extraterrestrial life.

The SETI Institute was founded in 1984 and has received funding from NASA, the National Science Foundation and several other federal programs. Other projects that will continue include the development of software and tools to be used in the search for extraterrestrial life.

TB detected in cow headed to slaughter

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SAN BERNARDINO State and federal officials said Tuesday they have detected bovine tuberculosis in a dairy cow from a San Bernardino County herd during a routine examination at a slaughterhouse.

A suspicious mass on the cow tested positive for the disease and other animals in the same herd were being tested, said Larry Hawkins, a Sacramento-based spokesman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Tuberculosis has been found in other members of the herd, but Hawkins did not know how many.

A call to Steve Lyle, a spokesman with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, was not immediately returned.

Hawkins said the discovery does not pose a risk to humans because almost all milk sold in California is pasteurized, which kills the tuberculosis.

Cows at the state's two raw milk dairies are regularly tested for the disease, according to a joint printed statement by the state and USDA.

Other animals in the herd that are found to be infected are slaughtered and all the animals they came into contact with are also tested, Hawkins said.

"You follow that same regime until you have eliminated all of the potential exposures from one animal to another and until you have removed all the animals that have the disease," he said. "It's a cause for concern to the herd owner because of the negative impact financially, but in terms of disease it is not a concern."

All cattle designated for consumption are inspected for signs of tuberculosis at the slaughterhouse and are rejected if they show signs of it.

The last known case of bovine tuberculosis in California was in 2009.





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Maternal mortality on the rise

SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Maternal mortality is on the rise in California, with African-American mothers roughly four times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than women in any other racial or ethnic groups, state health officials reported Tuesday.

The overall rate of maternal deaths in 1999 was eight per 100,000 live births, and by 2008 that number had risen to 14 deaths per 100,000 live births, according to a California Department of Public Health study that cites federal statistics.

In a breakdown, the maternal mortality rate among African-American women was 36.1 per 100,000 live births, compared to 9.6 for white women and 8.5 for Hispanic women in 2008.

"That's very concerning, and it's a widening gap," said Dr. Connie Mitchell, the study's lead author.

To address the problem, state officials have expanded the Black Infant Health Program in the past year to include more outreach and information for black mothers-to-be, providing group sessions to keep tabs on progress through a healthy pregnancy, according to Mitchell.

Black mothers tend to have diabetes and high blood pressure at higher rates than other groups, and Mitchell said the program has provided information on improving those conditions, as well as stress management and taking proper vitamins.

Low-income women and women with less education were also more likely to face deadly complications in childbirth.

At least a third of the increase can be attributed to better tracking and reporting, according to the study.

The long-awaited state report was deemed necessary in 2004, and this year's release focuses on maternal deaths in 2002 and 2003. During the next three years, 2004 to 2007 will be examined, said Mike Sicilia, a spokesman for the state health department.

In 2002 and 2003, there were 39 and 51 pregnancy-related deaths in California, respectively.

Of those, 15 percent were caused by hemorrhaging, prompting the state to lead a collaborative effort for hospitals on best practices and best equipment, said Mitchell. Of the 280 hospitals in the state where childbirth occurs, more than 50 have gone through the training.

SMO

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Landrum and Brown, a company that specializes in airport planning, told an eager crowd of 18 that although SMO operations consistently fell within the Federal Aviation Administration's guidelines for operations near residential use, that standard has flaws.

Many residents complained that there must be a mistake in the monitoring that allowed high levels of noise to continue to fly under the radar, but Mestre said that's not likely.

"The criticism I've heard tonight I hear at every airport I go to," Mestre said in response to calls from commissioners and residents to increase noise monitoring around the airport. "What I'm trying to make you understand is that most of the dispute has less to do with technological issues and more to do with policy."

One of the biggest perceived issues is that the noise standard was created for commercial airports, and no second standard exists for smaller, general aviation airports like SMO.

"There's a question if this was the right way to do it at all," Mestre said, referring to the system by which the FAA gauges acceptable noise levels near residences. "This policy dates back to when asbestos was still used as a construction material."

Mestre referred to a presentation he had given early in the meeting discussing a study completed by his firm documenting the noise levels at the airport as measured by six monitors placed at strategic points on airport property — 1,500 feet past the runway and 3,000 feet past the runway.

According to the study, the noise contour from 2010 operations actually shrunk slightly compared to that of 2009. That means that an invisible border within which noise levels are considered too loud to allow homes or other uses without special insulation receded slightly due to decreased noise.

That coincides with a 6 percent reduction in airport traffic between the two years, dropping from 111,688 recorded operations — meaning take offs or landings — in 2009 compared to 104,950 in 2010.

That's a 29 percent decrease from 2001.

A second problem Mestre pointed out involved how problem noise levels were determined, which he felt should be on a sliding scale based not only on how loud a noise is, but how often a person is exposed to it.

"As a scientist, (the policy) is a bit simplistic to me," Mestre said. "It's not just what the limit is, it's how many times it occurs. I'd like to see the number more flexible based on operations. More operations mean a lower level of noise, fewer mean a higher level."

Changes in that policy are decades down the road, and until then SMO officials have their hands tied, said Stelios Makrides, operations manager at the airport.

"We can't do anything about it," Makrides said. "We follow the policies of the federal government. In California, we also follow state standards, which are more strict than the rest of the United States."

Many of the other complaints raised by residents are also outside the purview of airport officials, including perceived flight path changes, after curfew landings and the actions of flight schools on airport property.

Laura Shrewsbury, who lives in Venice, complained that after 18 years of living at her home, the noise has increased to an unacceptable level.

"I cannot hold a conversation in my yard, and I'm angry," Shrewsbury said. "In the last three months, it's been plane after plane after plane after plane."

Ian Gregor, a spokesperson for the FAA, said that there had been no change in flight patterns.

Landings after 10 p.m. also took heat, with Commissioner Ofer Grossman suggesting that all "miscreants" that ignore the voluntary curfew be met by police.

"Given that strange things happen in the wee hours, it might be something that would be good to do," Grossman said.

Flight schools, which earned the brunt of neighbors' noise complaints, were also brought up at the meeting. The City Council of Los Angeles last week passed a resolution calling for the closure of SMO's six flight schools.

The commission voted to form an ad hoc committee to create a plan for a future workshop featuring a presentation from the flight schools, and possibly a counter, fact-based presentation from a community member.

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SO NICE: **People enjoy the sun and breeze while they walk along the Santa Monica Pier on Tuesday.**

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nesses.

"If we were just a pier, we'd be Venice Pier. If we were just a park, we'd be Disneyland," said PRC Vice Chair Kent Smith. "It's the elements of both that make the pier an exciting and interesting place."

That dichotomy can make the division of responsibilities for the pier "gray and muddled," Smith said.

At the April 20 meeting, the PRC board voted unanimously to hire interim executive director Steve Gibson's company, Urban Place Consulting, to study how City Hall and the PRC manage the pier now, and what could be done to improve both management and service.

"There was a question from the city and the PRC, which should be asked by all places and organizations: 'Are we doing the best we can?'" Gibson said. "The process we're going through is really looking at that."

It's the second step in a series Gibson started last year by looking at nine public spaces across the country that share attributes with the pier to see how they are managed.

The new phase, expected to be completed by the end of the year, will examine how the PRC and City Hall partner with services, what the financial implications are of that effort and if a better model exists or can be created that would make the relationship more efficient.

At present, both City Hall and the PRC have a role in the finances of the pier, and many of the decision-making and management processes overlap each other, Gibson said.

"On a number of items, there are several layers and stops you have to make to get a decision," Gibson said.

One of the most salient problems with the pier comes from finances.

Although City Hall collects revenues from the pier, parking, tenants and other activities, that money goes into maintaining and preserving the pier, as well as providing police and maintenance services, said Miriam Mack, economic development manager.

"The revenue does not cover the operating costs, and none of the capital costs," Mack said. "That includes an emergency gangway, repairs to roofs — any number of infrastructure projects."

A 10-year study already conducted by City Hall revealed that the pier will need approximately $20 million in repairs over the next 10 years, none of which is currently covered by the revenues that the attraction brings in, Mack said.

That's on top of $10 million put into repairing the aging structure just within the past several years.

"If there are ways to generate more income, this is a good time to take a big picture view and take a look at that," Mack said.

All sides stress that no one knows what the results of the study will be, and that the study will be approached with an open mind.

Gibson will be paid an additional $2,500 per month by the PRC for a total of $10,000 per month beginning in April through the end of December to bring in staff from his firm to complete the study.

The City Manager's Office is expected to recommend to the City Council that City Hall shoulder half the cost of the increase, Gibson said.

Gibson's Urban Consulting was also hired at the meeting to conduct a pedestrian count on the pier. That contract is worth $3,567.50.

The study has implications for the PRC as an organization, which is in a state of flux now as it searches for a new executive director.

The mission of the PRC has evolved over the 28 years since it was formed in response to a violent storm that wiped out nearly a third of the pier's length.

The pier's restoration, and success as a destination in Santa Monica, has led the organization, in partnership with City Hall, to look at the future, said Kate Vernez, assistant to the City Manager.

"By all accounts, it's effectively restored, and now is a time to examine the mission and function of the oversight organizations," Vernez said. "In addition, it creates an opportunity to look at the needs and direction of the pier and the organization that oversees it."

What kind of organization the PRC morphs into will inform the search for the new executive director, Vernez said.

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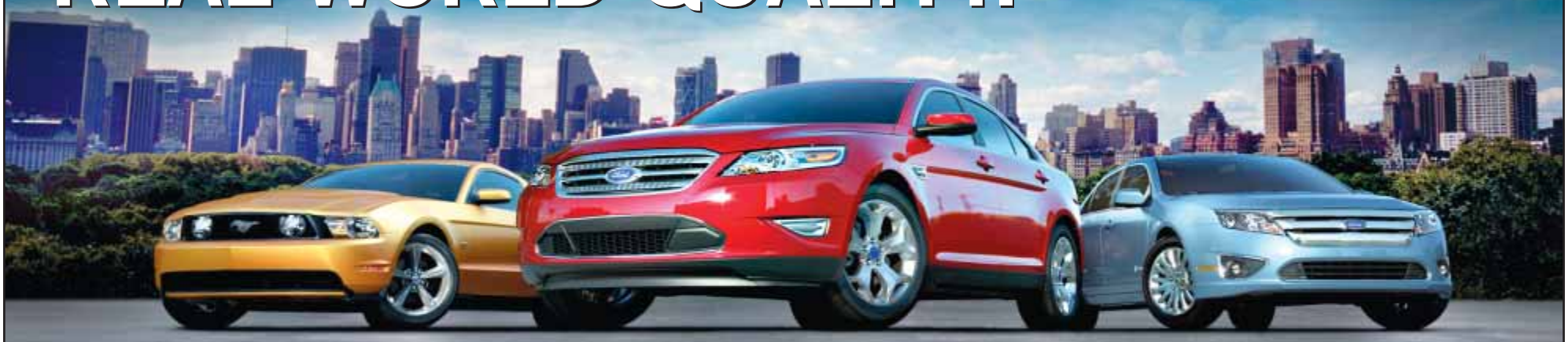
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Facebook rolls out deals program

ELLEN GIBSON
AP Retail Writer

What happens when you cross the world's largest social network with one of the hottest business models in e-commerce? Facebook wants to find out.

Facebook is launching a deals program this week in five U.S. cities, following on the popularity of Groupon and other services that offer deep discounts — for example: $50 worth of food at a local eatery for $25.

By allowing small businesses to leverage the Internet while helping consumers score great deals, these group-couponing services have become some of the fastest-growing businesses in the world.

Facebook now wants a part of that. It hopes to exploit its existing networks of friends and family when it begins testing offers in San Diego, San Francisco, Atlanta, Dallas and Austin, Texas.

Many deals sites have a social component. For instance, if you get three friends to buy a LivingSocial voucher, yours is free. Groupon's offers become valid only after a certain number of people purchase them.

But the deals are circulated to users through email, and the community aspect is secondary.

Facebook is hoping to change that.

"We're building a product that is social from the ground up," says Emily White, director of local for Facebook. "All of these deals are things you want to do with friends, so no teeth whitening, but yes to river rafting."

Starting Tuesday, when Facebook users in the five test markets log in to the site, they will see a deals insignia at the bottom of the page. (The dashboard pops up automatically if the "current city" listed in your profile is one of the five included in the pilot.)

Clicking on it brings up a list of currently available offers. A user can buy one, click the "like" button to recommend it to others or share the offer with friends through Facebook's private messaging system. When users purchase or "like" a deal, it shows up in their friends' news feed.

That means "the discovery of the product can happen in lots of different places," White says.

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Vendors interested in doing business with the City of Santa Monica are encouraged to register online at http://www.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/

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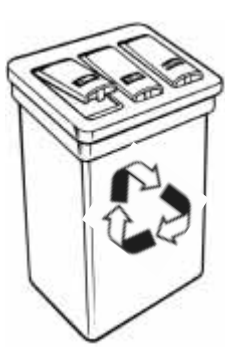
City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Numbers 2352 and 2353 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of ordinances Number 2352 and 2353 , where were adopted by the City Council on April 12, 2011.

Ordinance Number 2352 amends the Municipal Code by adding a prohibition against open alcohol containers in parks and on the beach and by adding an exemption from the prohibition applicable to persons carrying open containers on a leasehold where alcohol is permitted or in conjunction with a City licensed or permitted event.

Ordinance Number 2353 amends the Municipal Code to allow City employees, City contractors and those driving in conjunction with a City permitted event to drive vehicles on the beach for the purpose of protecting public safety, performing maintenance or providing other essential services.

These ordinance will become effective thirty days after their adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California; phone (310) 458-8211.

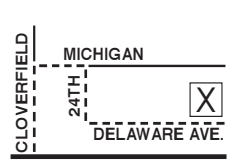


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Survey: Oil prices threaten current economic upturn

JEANNINE AVERSA
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON The American economy is now strong enough to withstand Middle East turmoil and the Japanese nuclear crisis. Only a big rise in the price of oil could stop it now.

Those are the findings of an Associated Press survey of leading economists, who are increasingly confident in a recovery that is nearly two years old. They expect the economy to grow faster every quarter this year.

In part, that's because the economists think Americans will spend more freely in the coming months. Higher stock prices have made people wealthier. And a cut in the Social Security payroll tax is giving most households an extra $1,000 to $2,000 this year.

American exports and corporate spending, which have helped drive the recovery, are also expected to remain strong, according to the quarterly AP Economy Survey.

The one factor that could make a second recession a possibility would be a jump in oil prices to $150 a barrel, economists say. Oil trades at about $112 a barrel now. The record high, set in the summer of 2008, is about $147 a barrel.

"The economy is regaining some of its lost muscle and now seems to have a much thicker skin than it did six months or a year ago, and that's helping it handle various negative forces," said Lynn Reaser, a board member of the National Association for Business Economics.

While oil has risen almost $40 a barrel since Labor Day, analysts think it would take something extraordinary to drive the price all the way to a new record — either supply disruptions because of a new front in the Mideast unrest or action by the Federal Reserve that brings down the value of the dollar.

Economists think gas prices, now averaging $3.87 a gallon and rising every day, will stabilize by summer and drop to about $3.50 by fall. Rising gas prices are taking up much of what Americans are pocketing from the Social Security tax cut.

Still, Americans are spending more on furniture, cars and electronics. Apple Inc.'s earnings, for example, nearly doubled in its most recent quarter, helped by record sales of iPhones and the popular iPad.

And businesses are buying more computers and other equipment. Last week, Intel Corp., the world's biggest semiconductor company, said its quarterly profit rose 29 percent. Corporate demand for PCs and the backroom hardware that powers computer data centers fueled orders for Intel chips. And Honeywell said its quarterly profit jumped 40 percent because of more demand for its industrial products.

The AP survey collected the views of 42 private, corporate and academic economists on a range of indicators. Among their forecasts:

• The economy will grow at a 3.2 percent annual rate in this quarter, then 3.4 percent from July through September and 3.5 percent from October to December. That would be stronger than the expected 2.2 percent pace for the first quarter.

• Employers will hire more. The unemployment rate, now 8.8 percent, will drop to 8.4 percent by December. That's more optimistic than the economists' view three months ago, when they predicted unemployment would be 8.9 percent by year's end. The economists think employers will create 2.1 million jobs this year, more than double last year's 940,000.

• Average hourly pay, which has not increased fast enough over the past year to keep up with inflation, will rise. A majority of economists think pay will consistently exceed inflation beginning next year at the latest.

• Consumer spending will grow 2.8 percent this year. That's a bit weaker than economists predicted three months ago. But it's more than last year's 1.7 percent increase, when many Americans were still feeling the effects of the recession. The downturn wiped out $7 trillion in wealth and eliminated 7.5 million jobs.

• Inflation will come in at 2.8 percent this year, higher than predicted three months ago, mainly because of costlier energy and food. But 2.8 percent would still be lower than the average 3.2 percent inflation over the past 30 years. Last year, it was 1.5 percent.

Excluding food and energy prices, which tend to fluctuate, so-called core inflation is expected to amount to 1.7 percent this year. That's within the range the Federal Reserve considers healthy.

Last year, core prices rose only 0.8 percent, the lowest since government records were first kept in 1958. Some Fed officials worried last year about the prospect of deflation — a destructive drop in prices. Those fears have largely faded as the economy has strengthened.

"We had a big jump in oil prices, but I think weather was the bigger factor" last quarter, said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's. "So we'll return to stable growth through the rest of the year."

The brighter forecasts come as U.S. companies are exporting more planes, industrial machinery, coal and other goods. IBM got a boost in its most recent quarter, for example, from brisk sales of hardware. Sales were especially robust in China and Russia.

All that has lifted confidence that the recovery will endure and even strengthen. Tax cuts and the Fed's $600 billion program to buy federal bonds have helped fortify the rebound, economists say. Many economists say the Fed's bond purchases helped keep interest rates low, encouraged spending and fueled a stock rally.

Solid demand from customers at home and overseas has invigorated U.S. factories. Factory production grew more than four times as fast as the overall economy likely did in the January-to-March quarter. The government will estimate first-quarter growth on Thursday.

Still, depressed home prices and sales in many parts of the country are weighing on the economy. The Japan earthquake has slowed shipments of some manufacturing supplies, but it won't be enough to do real damage to the U.S. economic recovery. Apple says it sees no insurmountable supply shortage resulting from the disaster. IBM was hardly affected.

Another factor in the growing optimism: Hiring is up. Companies have added more than 200,000 jobs for two straight months — the first time that's happened in five years.

Larger stock portfolios have emboldened consumers, too. The S&P 500 index has surged 28 percent the past eight months.

Earnings push stocks to new highs

DAVID K. RANDALL & MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK Stocks jumped to their highest levels in nearly three years Monday thanks to signs that earnings are rising for U.S. companies and consumers are feeling more confident about the economy. The Russell 2000, the benchmark index of small companies, neared a record high.

The new highs continue a historic recovery in the stock market. Stock indexes have more than doubled since hitting a 12-year low in March, 2009. The fastest bull market since the 1950s has now erased most of the losses stemming from the financial crisis.

Investors who bought at the top of the market in 2007 have now lost 4.2 percent, including reinvested dividends. Analysts predict stocks will continue to rise if unemployment keeps falling and global demand leads to more profit growth.

The Standard and Poor's 500 index —the benchmark for most mutual funds — reached its highest level since June 2008. It gained 11.99 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,347.24. It's still 16 percent below the record high of 1,565 it reached in October 2007.

The Dow Jones industrial average also marked a new high for the year, rising 115.49 points, or 0.9 percent, to 12,595.37. The Nasdaq composite rose 21.66 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,847.54.

The Russell 2000 rose 1 percent to 853.04, near the record high of 855.77 that it reached in July 2007.

Better-than-expected earnings reports from companies ranging from airlines to office products manufacturers helped drive a broad rally that included all 10 company groups that make up the S&P index. Industrial companies gained nearly 2 percent, the most of any group.

Delta Air Lines Inc. jumped 11 percent after reporting a loss that was far smaller than investors had expected.

Cummins Inc. gained 8 percent after the engine maker raised its earnings forecast for the year because of strong demand. United Parcel Service Inc. rose 1 percent after raising its own earnings estimate for the year.

"What we're seeing now is a positive reinforcement of the fact that demand is rising around the world," said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial. That's despite the fact that some companies say rising costs are hurting their profits, Krosby said.

Ford Motor Co. rose nearly 1 percent after the carmaker reported its best first quarter earnings since 1998.

Centenarians have plenty company in the U.S.

MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press

BOCA RATON, Fla. Not too long ago, Lonny Fried's achievement would have dropped jaws. TV and newspaper reporters would have showed up at her door. She would have been fussed over and given a big party.

But turning 100 isn't such a big deal anymore.

America's population of centenarians — already the largest in the world — has roughly doubled in the past 20 years to around 72,000 and is projected to at least double again by 2020, perhaps even increase seven-fold, according to the Census Bureau.

Fried turns 100 on Friday. Her retirement community, Edgewater Pointe Estates in Boca Raton, observed her birthday two weeks ahead of time with other residents born in April.

"In the '80s, we'd make a big deal about it by calling Willard Scott on TV to make that huge announcement," Diana Ferguson, who has worked at Edgewater for 25 years, said of the "Today" show weatherman known for his on-air birthday wishes to viewers who hit the century mark. "But today we have so many residents turning 100-plus that it's not as big a deal."

Fried doesn't mind at all. Simply making it to 100, she said, is enough.

"I don't want any celebration or nothing," she said.

Born in Germany, she lost her first husband in the Holocaust and was herself held at the Westerbork concentration camp before coming to the U.S. She takes no medication, moves around steadily with a walker and said she has been fulfilled by a life in which she found a second love, raised a family and worked as a nurse.

"I still don't believe it," she said.

The Census Bureau estimates there were 71,991 centenarians as of Dec. 1, up from 37,306 two decades earlier. While predicting longevity and population growth is difficult, the census' low-end estimate for 2050 is 265,000 centenarians; its highest projection puts the number at 4.2 million.

"They have been the fastest-growing segment of our population in terms of age," said Thomas Perls, director of the New England Centenarian Study at Boston University.

The rising number of centenarians is not just a byproduct of the nation's growing population — they make up a bigger chunk of it. In 1990, about 15 in every 100,000 Americans had reached 100; in 2010, it was more than 23 per 100,000, according to census figures.

Perls said the rise in 100-year-olds is attributed largely to better medical care and the dramatic drop in childhood-mortality rates since the early 1900s. Centenarians also have good genes on their side, he said, and have made common-sense health decisions, such as not smoking and keeping their weight down.

"It's very clearly a combination of genes and environment," Perls said.

The Social Security Administration says just under 1 percent of people born in 1910 survived to their 100th birthday. Some have speculated that as many as half of girls born today could live to 100.

Those who work with people 100 and above say the oldest Americans are living much healthier lives. A good number still live independently and remain active, their minds still sharp and their bodies basically sound. They have generally managed to confine serious sickness and disability to the final years of their lives.

When Lynn Peters Adler, a former lawyer who founded and runs the National Centenarian Awareness Project, began to recognize the oldest members of the community, she didn't even know the word "centenarian." Now, some weeks she talks to a dozen people who are 100 and older. And in her 25 years of contact with centenarians, she has culled some similarities among them:

- A positive but realistic attitude.
- A love of life and sense of humor.
- Spirituality.
- Courage.
- And a remarkable ability to accept the losses that come with age but not be stopped by them.

"Centenarians are not quitters," she said.

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Oregon gym uses real people power

TIM FOUGHT
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. Reddening, a rivulet of sweat running across her cheek, Amy McCullough hunched over the stationary bike, pumped her legs like crazy and began producing serious power — enough watts to run a flat-panel TV and a ceiling fan.

She thrust her arms upward and exclaimed: "Oh, 180!"

And, with that, her electrical output drooped. The generator attached to her exercise machine slowed, and the digital readout from the device on the handlebars fell below 100 watts.

The transient burst was a personal best for the 43-year-old legal aid lawyer who works out five days a week at a storefront fitness center in north Portland where members on exercise machines fitted with compact generators can burn calories and generate electricity at the same time.

Their workouts satisfy a modicum of the electrical draw at the 3-year-old Green Microgym. More important, they satisfy a demand among its 200 members to be fit in a way that fits Portland's green-indie-local ethos.

The 3,000-square-foot gym aims for a neighborhood trade. It features solar panels, recycled toilet paper, renewable-source flooring and lots of reminders on the wall about turning off lights, fans and TVs.

"I was really attracted to the idea that it would be green," said McCullough, who joined shortly after the gym opened in 2008. "I could go in and generate electricity. How cool is that?"

It has occurred to many exercisers during long stretches on machines that it would be cool to turn sweat into watts. In recent years, a few tinkerers and entrepreneurs have brought the idea to market.

So far they have but a teensy sliver. The two leading startups sell equipment to retrofit existing bikes and elliptical trainers, and each reports hooking up about 1,000 machines. An executive of one company estimates that American fitness centers house 8 million to 10 million machines that could generate power.

They don't, though. Like much in energy that's efficient or alternative, from plug-in cars to compact fluorescents, initial capital outlays are steep. Absent a subsidy, or a quantifiable green marketing rationale, the returns on investment don't come quickly, if at all.

Kurt Broadhag, a Los Angeles consultant to health clubs and an advocate of greening them, says it appears the payback period for electricity-generating exercise equipment is about 15 years — two to three times the machines' life span.

"The only sense it makes is in educating people in taking care of the environment," he said.

When Adam Boesel opened the Green Microgym in Portland's artsy, gentrifying Alberta district, he figured on a market among people already educated about the environment.

The former teacher from Seattle looked at Portland, a city that, when cut, bleeds green. It's regularly in top 10 lists for bicycle and mass transit commuting, recycling, composting, energy-efficient buildings and so on.

"When I was researching Portland businesses, they all were talking about sustainability — all the good ones," he said.

He's gotten a lot of publicity about the technology — helpful for a business that opened on credit-card financing a few weeks before the economy tanked.

But the machines, he said, are "just the shiny wrapper on a package, which is energy efficiency," something gym members such as Martha Jones take seriously.

"Whoops, I have to turn off the lights," she said at the end of an interview in the gym's basement studio, dashing back inside.

Prominent in the gym are signs that explain how to use the individual, adjustable controls for lights and fans. A wall-mounted button connects to a remote device that allows the cable boxes to be shut down, not just put on standby and using 29 watts when the flat-panel TVs are not in use.

Jones is an Intel engineer who likes seeing her workout quantified in watts. But it's not primarily the electricity that attracts her to the Green Microgym.

"It's just really supportive," she said. "If you have somebody who knows you, who knows your name, they will keep you moving. I know for sure I will cheat right and left on my workout without that."

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

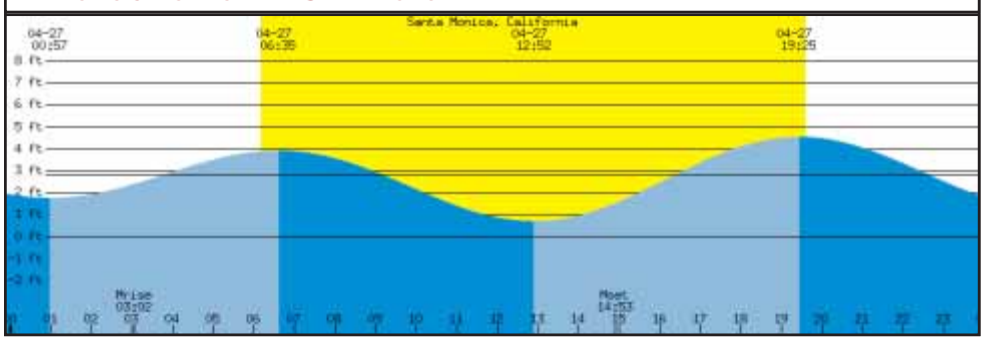
Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

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- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 10
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 12
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 32

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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.	F	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	C
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	B
Tuna Canyon.	ns	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	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	C
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	C
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	C
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+	F

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.

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.

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OLYMPICS

Group considers Tahoe winter games

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO A group of California business and political leaders has formed an exploratory committee to look into bringing the Winter Olympics to the state.

The California Winter Games Committee will work to determine the feasibility of hosting the games in the Lake Tahoe region and other parts of the state. The group will work with Nevada's Reno-Tahoe Winter Games Coalition on a unified effort to bring the Olympics to the Lake Tahoe region.

The earliest Olympics the group could bid for would be the 2022 Olympics. The Winter Olympics were last in the United States in 2002 in Salt Lake City and last in California in 1960 at Squaw Valley.

NBA

Sacramento shows NBA the money, awaits decision

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
AP Sports Writer

SACRAMENTO Sacramento is showing the NBA the money.

Mayor Kevin Johnson has taken another step in his bid to keep the Kings in town. He and about 30 representatives from Sacramento-area businesses met with NBA officials Tuesday, signing smaller deposits on more than $10 million in sponsorship pledges for the Kings as a "down payment."

Johnson had promised league owners additional revenue for the Kings from area businesses to give the city more time to finance a plan for a new arena. The league sent officials to verify those claims, and the mayor says Sacramento "showed them the money."

Kings owners Joe and Gavin Maloof have until Monday to ask permission to relocate to Anaheim. NBA owners must approve the move by a majority vote.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Development Agreement Amendment 11DEV-002
2401 to 2525 Colorado Avenue and 2400-2500 Broadway
APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: CA-Colorado Center, L.L.C.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

The Property Owner proposes a Fifth Amendment to the Development Agreement for the Yahoo Center office development to revise the current base parking ratio for office use on the site from the current requirement of one parking space per 322SF of office floor area to one parking space per 500SF of office floor area. This Fifth Amendment would also authorize leasing of up to 1,053 existing surplus parking spaces to off-site parties, consistent with the facility's long-standing practice of leasing these underutilized spaces while still maintaining sufficient parking for its on-site tenants.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, May 3, 2011 AT 6:45 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 11DEV-002
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Roxanne Tanemori, AICP, Senior Planner at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and 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
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Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
2:15pm

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12:45pm, 3:35pm, 6:35pm, 9:25pm

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1:00pm, 3:40pm, 6:20pm, 9:00pm

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9:30pm

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Hanna (PG-13) 1hr 51min
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Source Code (PG-13) 1hr 34min
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Soul Surfer (PG-13) 1hr 45min
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1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

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Rio (PG) 1hr 36min
10:15am, 12:50pm, 3:15pm, 5:50pm, 8:15pm, 10:50pm

Limitless (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Conspirator (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
10:35am, 1:35pm, 4:35pm, 7:35pm, 10:35pm

Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (NR) 2 hrs 33 min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:25pm, 10:10pm

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10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, 3:00pm, 4:15pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 9:00pm, 10:15pm

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Get some R&R, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might want to assume a less dominant profile. A change from activist to observer will draw more information and insight. What you see could alter your mental perception. Test this view on those you trust. Tonight: Get some much-needed R and R.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might want to take a stand and revise a project or plan. Sometimes you don't say enough and allow the collective to run with your idea. If it goes haywire, who is really to blame? Tonight: Get tickets for a ballgame.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You will want to visualize more of what you want. Work on conveying these abstract ideas in a more concrete manner. You will need supporters, and they need to understand more. Your creativity flourishes. Tonight: Go till the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Take an overview rather than get into a catfight. Details might count, but not as much as the concept. Look for unity instead of problems. The little details can be negotiated if you are on the same page. Tonight: Let your imagination flow. Go with an idea.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You move from one situation to the next. Understand that your flexibility is unique. Some people get stuck. Allow others to get more involved, though you might need to rework the schedule or let go of an issue. It won't hurt -- promise. Tonight: Dinner for two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might not have the strength or power you want to make an imprint on an issue. Rethink a decision. Others approach you with various requests. Pick and choose by what appeals to you. Tonight: Defer. Everyone likes to think he or she has the final say.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Honor what needs to happen between you and an associate. Though you might be uncomfortable with your role, you will follow through. Your creativity funnels into a daily situation, making it more interesting. Tonight: Easy works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your imagination might be difficult to ignore, as you have so many crazy thoughts. Let in someone who cares. Allow greater give-and-take between you and a neighbor or sibling. A change might be needed. Tonight: Only where you can enjoy yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Consider how you might be able to spend more time at home. Perhaps a home-based business could work, or simply working more from home. A major change could be in the offing. Tonight: Be honest with yourself about what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A change of pace or different lifestyle needs to get greater attention. You might not be as sure of yourself as in the past. Part of the issue is that you are walking in your old shoes and need ones that fit and suit you better. Tonight: Call a friend and make plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Understand what is happening behind the scenes. What is for sure is that much more than you realize is occurring. Though at first you might be uncomfortable with what you hear, trust that you will adjust. Know that there is something better ahead. Tonight: Keep your own counsel.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ A meeting brings about a different message than individual talks would. Understand what is going on between you and another person -- is that coloring your interactions? Be willing to process an attitude. Tonight: Where your friends are.

Happy birthday

This year, you get a new beginning. In June, you enter a new life and luck cycle. Often, the first year of this period draws unusual events -- some longed for, and others unexpected. During this period of expansion, if you're not careful, you could gain some weight, as expansion also refers to your waistline. No matter -- you will land on your feet like a cat with nine lives. If you are single, you could meet someone of significance this year. What role this person plays will be determined by you. If you are attached, the two of you seem to exchange happiness rays between you. PISCES can be counted on.

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



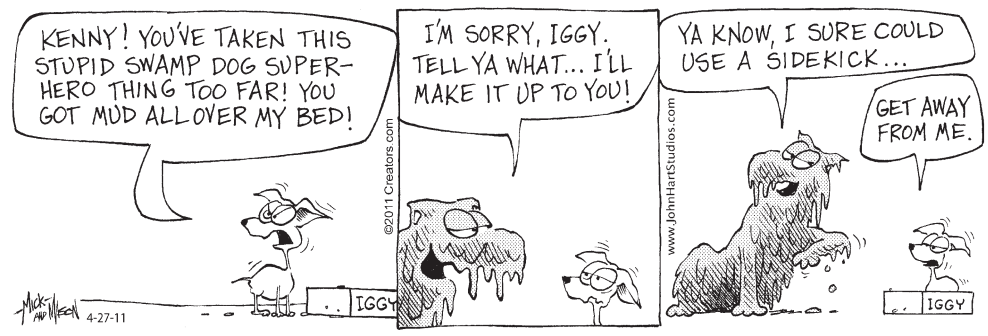
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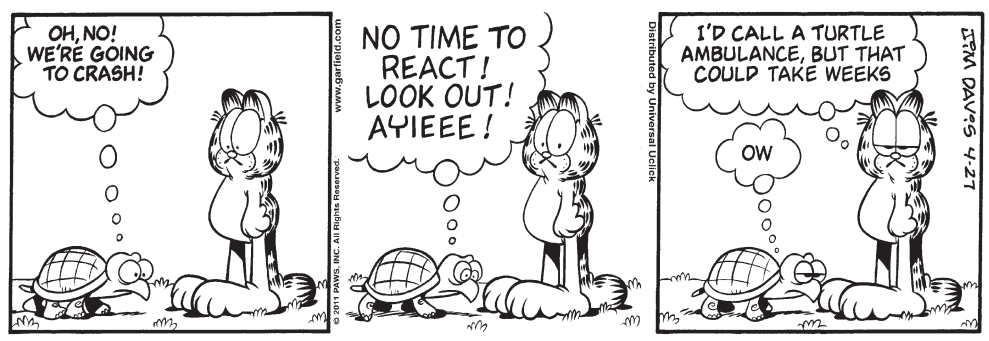
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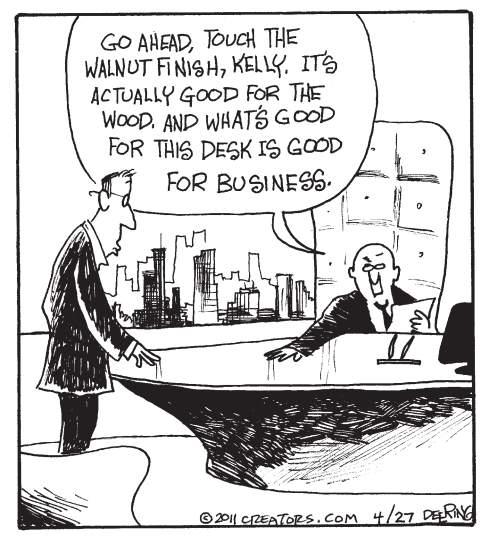
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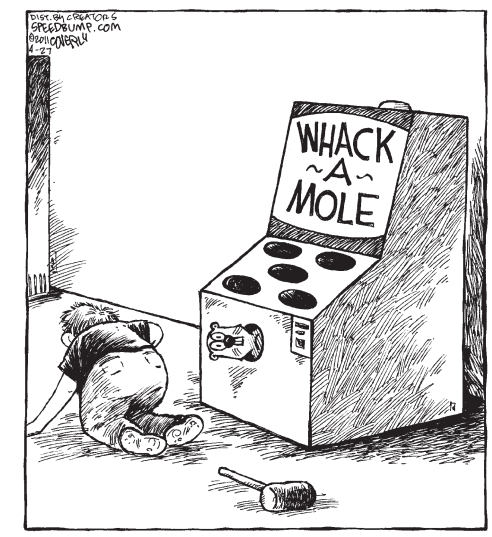
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

			3	7				
			1		6	2		
		3					5	
	9		6					5
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		1				5		
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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Gallery star
7 Battery fill
11 Compass part
12 Ill-mannered
13 "Forget it!"
14 Clarinet's cousin
15 Poise
17 Future roses
20 Perhaps
23 One, for Juan
24 More original
26 Sermon topic
27 Horror star Chaney
28 Music's Yoko
29 Pate covers
31 Chapeau
32 Poker costs
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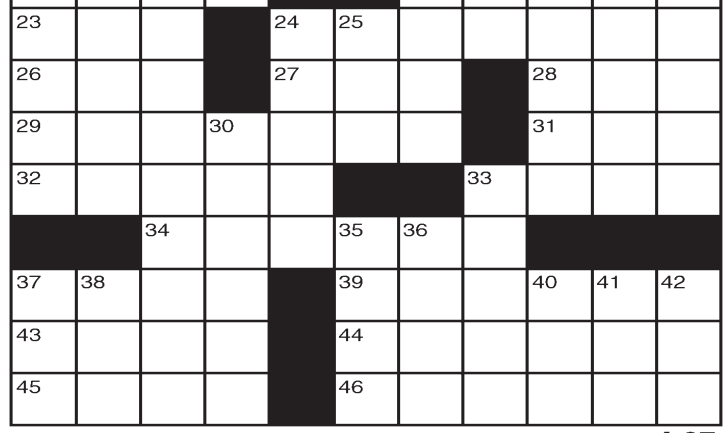
DOWN

1 Writer Radcliffe
2 Old auto
3 Tycoon Turner
4 Notions
5 Smack in the face
6 Relate
7 Scents
8 Small compart-ment
9 Altar promise
10 Scottish river
16 Portents
17 Rhymes of rap
18 Strike group
19 Sweet ball
21 Nigeria neighbor
22 Eat away
24 Bone cover
25 Fish eggs
30 Strand items
33 Third letter
35 Warring god
36 Long-eared runner
37 Tango need
38 Stashed
40 Brink
41 "Put — happy face"
42 Beastly home

H	U	M	I	D	■	M	E	D	I	A
I	N	A	N	E	■	O	M	E	N	S
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■	■	■	M	A	Y	O	R	■	■	■
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Yesterday's answer

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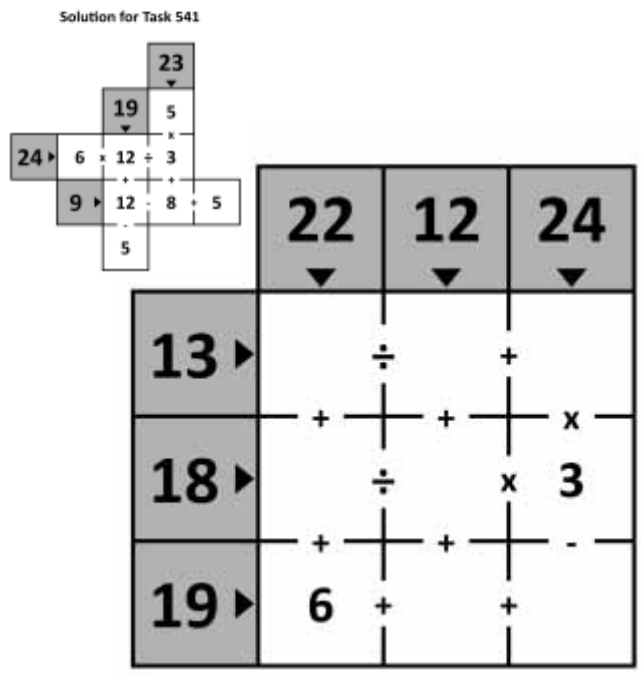
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Solution for Task 541



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ From a March Discovery.com report: "Forty million years ago, a female mite met an attractive partner, grabbed him with her clingy rear end, and began to mate -- just before a blob of tree resin fell on the couple, preserving the moment for eternity." The resin-encrusted mites were discovered recently by researchers from the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology (who noted that, in those days, the female dominated mating, but that evolution has reversed that role).

■ Medical Marvels: (1) Supatra Sasuphan, 11, of Bangkok, was recently noted as the world's hairiest girl by the Guinness Book of World Records for her wolf-like facial hair as one of only 50 people in history to be recorded with hypertrichosis. Though she has of course been teased and taunted at school, she told a reporter in February that the Guinness Book recognition has actually increased her popularity at Ratchabophit school. (2) According to a team of University of Montreal psychologists, a 23-year-old man, "Mathieu," is the first documented case of a person wholly unable to feel a musical beat or to move in time with it. The scientists report for an upcoming journal article that Mathieu sings in tune but merely flails with his body, bouncing up and down much more randomly than do people who are merely poor dancers.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1993 All members of the Zambia national football team lose their lives in a plane crash off Libreville, Gabon in route to Dakar, Senegal to play a 1994 FIFA World Cup qualifying match against Senegal.

1994 South African general election, 1994: The first democratic general election in South Africa, in which black citizens could vote. The Interim Constitution comes into force.

1996 The 1996 Lebanon war ends.

2002 The last successful telemetry from the NASA space probe Pioneer 10.

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Obituaries

FRANK M. LIRA



Frank M. Lira died peacefully at his home in Banning, California on December 16, 2010 at 3:31 p.m.. Frank was born in Douglas, Arizona on April 30, 1931 to Marcos and Petra Lira. Loving memories are of his devotion and generosity to family and friends. He peacefully pursued what was right and just. He was equally proud of his Mexican heritage and his American citizenship. He was extremely modest and never asked for anything.

Frank graduated from Douglas High School in 1949. He joined the U.S Air Force in 1951 and was stationed in England until 1955. He eventually moved to Southern California. After working for several different companies he became owner/operator of Mark Barbershop in downtown Santa Monica for approximately 35 years.

Frank lived in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles for many years. When he decided to retire he designed and had his retirement home built in Banning, California where he lived for 5 years

He was preceded in death by his parents Marcos and Petra Lira, sister Christina Evans, Connie Dominguez, Flora Novoa, and brothers Joaquin Lira, and Marcos Lira. He is survived by two sisters, Angie McClelland, and Lucina Lira.

A graveside memorial service at Calvary Cemetery, Douglas, Arizona is planned for 10:30 pm May 6, 2011

Obituaries

Louis Charles Robin



Louis Charles Robin of Agoura Hills passed away April 20, 2011 at the age of 53. Louis was born October 29, 1957 and was raised in Santa Monica, Ca. He attended Santa Monica High School, where he served as president of his sophomore and senior class. He was an active athlete and scholar during his high school years, and was known for his gentle manner and wry sense of humor. He became interested in finance and economics as a teen and pursued these interests while attending Claremont Men's College and UCLA. Louis had a distinguished 20-year career in the financial services industry and served as a Vice President of Investments at Shearson Lehman Brothers, EF Hutton, and Dean Witter Reynolds before forming his independent firm, Daat Financial Services. Due to meticulous research, he ran an extremely successful portfolio with high returns for his clients. He prided himself in his commitment to integrity and service in all his business dealings.
Married to Lisa Trachtenberg in 1989 they settled in Agoura Hills. Though committed to business life, his family and the Conejo Jewish community were of primary importance to him. Louis and his family enjoyed Shabbat dinners with family and friends, and their home was a gathering place for the young people of the community. He gave daily priority to his faith and charitable endeavors. Both Lou and Lisa helped to found The Conejo Jewish Day School, of which they served on the board. As a leader in the Chabad of the Conejo community, Louis dedicated himself to helping to raise the money for Chabad's new community center in
Agoura.
He is survived by his beloved wife Lisa, children Joshua, Hannah, Rebecca and Rachel, his mother, Brett, his father Alan, and his siblings Kenneth, Renee, and Michelle.

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