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THE AND SO IT GROWS ISSUE

School board wants diverse teaching ranks

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is making inroads with local universities to try to attract young teachers fresh out of school to fill difficult subject areas and potentially increase diversity.

District staff members have reached out to education schools at USC, UCLA and Loyola Marymount University to forge partnerships that allow them to broadcast openings to a wider audience, said Debra Moore Washington, assistant superintendent for human resources.

"We said, rather than waiting to see who might apply, let's go out and speak with potential candidates at the places that they are learning," Washington said.

School officials will be able to not only get job openings out to qualified teachers, but also see extra content, like videos of USC teachers working in the classroom with children.

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Cops searching for suspect in nightclub attack

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica detectives are asking for the public's help in tracking down a suspect who is believed to have attacked two people, including a Marine who suffered major injuries, while they were dancing at a local nightclub.

Police released a photo of the suspect Tuesday. He is described as a male white or Latino, mid- to late-30s, around 6 feet tall and weighing 230 to 270 pounds with a shaved head, mustache and goatee. On the night of the alleged assault the suspect was wearing a black-and-white striped shirt and dark jeans.



SUSPECT

Police said the suspect was accompanied by a female Latino or Asian, 28 to 32 years old, around 5 feet, 4 inches tall. She was last seen wearing a gold-colored shirt.

Police said the suspect assaulted the two victims on Feb. 22 around midnight. Police responded to the nightclub Zanzibar, located at 1301 Fifth St., regarding an assault that just took place. Authorities said the victim, an active duty U.S. Marine, was dancing on

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File photo

HELP WANTED: **A city arborist says that his crew is not large enough to tend to the city's trees.**

Too many trees, too few people

Staff overwhelmed by tree needs, arborist says

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE A city arborist who ignited growing concern over the health of Santa Monica's trees says that the three-man crew he worked on was not enough to respond to the needs of residents and the urban forest's 35,000 trees.

City Hall contracts with West Coast Arborists, a private firm that works with many Southern California cities, to select, plant and care for its street trees. City Hall also maintains a small crew that supervises that work and connect with the public.

Although West Coast Arborists is under contract to deal with emergencies, it's sometimes faster for city crews to deal with time-sensitive situations, like private property threatened by a failing limb, said Robin Beaudry, the city arborist.

"If one guy was on vacation, or one guy

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Second body found after midair collision

Associated Press

CALABASAS, Calif. A second body was found Tuesday at a rugged site in the Santa Monica Mountains where a small plane crashed and burned after a midair collision with another small plane that managed to make a belly landing on a golf course, authorities said.

The discovery was made as investigators examined the crash site and firefighters stood by to make sure the fire did not rekindle in advance of predicted windy conditions, said Los Angeles County Fire Department Inspector Tony Imbrenda.

The plane went down Monday on a ridge in the mountain range north of Malibu near Calabasas, about 25 miles west of downtown Los Angeles.

The crash of the single-engine Cessna 172 sparked a half-acre brush fire that was quickly controlled.

The plane, which had taken off from Santa Monica Airport, was nearly completely destroyed. The debris field was very compact, said Howard Plagens, lead investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board.

"It went in at a pretty steep angle, it looks like," he said.

Three people on the other plane, also a Cessna, suffered minor injuries as it landed wheels-up on a fairway at Westlake Golf Course, about six miles away. One was hospitalized after complaining of back pain. That person and the other survivors were being interviewed by Federal Aviation Administration investigators Tuesday.

Stunned golfers said the single-engine plane hit a tree, spun around 180 degrees and came down surprisingly gently on the grass.

"All we heard was a thud and then he made a gentle bounce and slid down the center of the fairway," golfer Aaron Jesse, 47, told the Los Angeles Times.

Radar records showed the two flight paths crossed at 2:01 p.m., according to Plagens.

The plane that ended up on the golf

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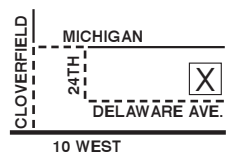
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Ocean Park Library
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Youth, their families and caregivers can learn about chess and other strategy games. Admission is free and no registration is required. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Rockin' movie
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The movie "Not Fade Away," directed by David Chase, will be shown. The film is about a New Jersey group of friends who form a rock band and try to make it big. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Jazz it up
Typhoon at the
Santa Monica Airport
3221 Donald Douglas Loop South, 8 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
The Ronnie Gutierrez Latin Jazz Ensemble will be performing twice. Admission is $5. Dinner reservations are recommended. For more information, visit typhoon.biz.

Thursday, May 2, 2013

Party at Shangri-La
Hotel Shangri-La, Suite 700
1301 Ocean Ave.,
9 a.m. — 2 p.m.
A special guest artist and DJ will be hosting a party on the roof of Hotel Shangri-La as part of BritWeek. Admission is free. For more information, visit shangrila-hotel.com.

Baseball on screen
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
2 p.m. — 3:45 p.m.
"Trouble with the Curve," starring Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams and Justin Timberlake, will be showing. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Friday, May 3, 2013

Grateful hearts
Tiato
2700 Colorado Ave.,
6:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.
The Grateful Heart Gala was created to help save the lives of infants and mothers around the globe. Emmy-winning news anchor Asha Blake will host an evening filled with live music, exotic food and live and silent auctions. The event benefits One Heart World-Wide, a nonprofit that aims to decrease unattended home births. For more information, call (415) 379-4762.

Blind comedy
Promenade Playhouse
1404 Third Street Promenade,
8 p.m.
Twelve visually-impaired actors and musicians take the stage in an original comedy called "Yesterday's," created and performed by Theatre by the Blind, the country's only theater troupe composed entirely of blind actors. Admission is $20. For more information and tickets, visit creoutreach.org.

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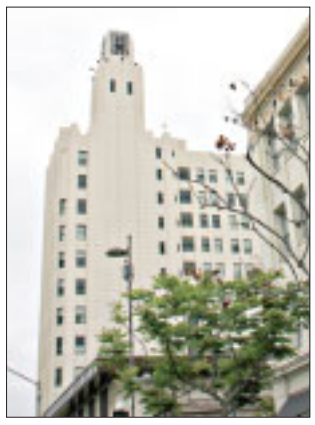
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

SM Clock Tower sells for $34.3M


SANTA MONICA CLOCK TOWER

An Italian real estate investment firm that has a love for historic buildings has purchased the Santa Monica Clock Tower in Downtown for $34.3 million, officials said.

A private investor sold the 12-story, 53,465-square-foot office building at 221-225 Santa Monica Blvd. to the Sorgente Group of America, the U.S. subsidiary of the Sorgente Group in Rome.

Walker & Eisen developed the Art Deco-style building in 1929. TrueCar, Orion Health and Living Social are some of the tenants at the property, according to CoStar Group, a real estate analyst.

"Our primary reason for purchase is to conserve this cultural landmark and further ensure the tower remains prominent to Santa Monica, as it always has been," said Veronica Mainetti, president of Sorgente Group of America. "This is our second acquisition in California, and we're very excited to add this iconic property to our portfolio. The firm's passion for restoring and preserving the integrity of historical buildings is one we truly value."

Mainetti said Santa Monica's robust economy and collection of tech firms that helped it earn the title "Silicon Beach" were also factors behind the purchase.

Sorgente Group of America's U.S. portfolio includes the 120,000-square-foot Fine Arts Building in Los Angeles and the 183,449-square-foot Flatiron Building in New York City.

"I personally have an incredible respect for the past and tradition ... and I am very fascinated about buildings from the past and their representation of victory over time," Mainetti said. "To preserve a piece of history is extremely rewarding for us."

– KEVIN HERRERA

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Moms get free pics on Mother's Day

Moms at Pacific Park on Mother's Day from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. will have the opportunity to get a free family photo and Ferris wheel ride.

The park will give a free picture and ride coupon to the first 1,000 mothers who go to the ticket booth adjacent to the Pacific Wheel entrance and notify park employees.

"A free ride on the Ferris wheel for moms is a picture perfect way to experience the beautiful 360-degree views of the Santa Monica coastline and Pacific Ocean," said Jeff Klocke, vice president of marketing and administration at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier. "Pacific Park is set to provide an exciting photo finish to a great ride for mom on her special day."

This year's Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 12.

– ALEX VEJAR

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SHE'S SAFE

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School's Rachel Paries (left) beats the tag of Beverly Hills infielder Emma Carruth at third base on Tuesday at Beverly Hills. Samohi would win the game, 9-4, to stay unbeaten in Ocean League play at 7-0. Samohi is 12-8 overall.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Samohi keeps perfect league record intact

Gironda goes distance in 6-1 win over rival Beverly Hills

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI What was shaping up as a pitchers' dual turned into a somewhat easy 6-1 win for Santa Monica baseball.

Tied 1-1 against Ocean League rival Beverly Hills on Tuesday at home, Samohi used a three-run fourth inning to put the Normans away and stay unbeaten in league.

Samohi starting pitcher Alex Gironda would end up going the distance during a 6-1 win that improved the Vikings to 17-10 overall and 7-0 in league. Beverly Hills drops to 10-12 overall and 4-3 in league.

The scoreboard may have read 6-1 at the conclusion of the game, but it was anything but a breeze.

Holding a 4-1 edge, Gironda faced a dicey situation in the top of the sixth inning.

With a pair of runners on and just one out, Beverly Hills' Ethan Forman had a chance to get his Normans back into the contest, but Gironda was having none of that.

The junior righty struck Forman out and forced Grant Thompson to hit a come-backer to the mound that Gironda easily fielded, tossing the ball to first baseman Eric Gomez for an out that would prove to spell the end for Beverly Hills.

"I know a few of their hitters," Gironda said of Andreas Breliant, Zack Gaon and Nick Reskin, who play travel ball with him in the offseason. "It helps that I know how they

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Love this town

Editor:

Until the recent two letters defending the city government, I was beginning to think that I was the only one who absolutely loves living in Santa Monica!

I think our city government is truly responsive to its residents. Roads are well maintained, visual improvements are made, mass transit runs smoothly, and growth is well managed.

The recent spate of anti-growth letters that have taken over the SMDP clearly do not represent the majority of Santa Monicans, who I believe are much like me in that they realize how great our city is anytime I cross over into Los Angeles with its ill maintained streets, poor school system ... need I go on?

We live in a great city, well managed by a responsive City Council. To say that our City Council is in the hands of developers just doesn't mesh with the facts.

Adam Panish
Santa Monica

Changing the system

Editor:

Regarding Jonathan Mann's letter about City Hall conduct and the need for reform ("Calling for a recall," Letters to the Editor, April 24):

A good place to begin reform would be the election of mayor by voters instead of council, and the election of council members by district, as is the case in most cities. These reforms would increase voter turnout by giving voters more skin in the game as well as a more personal neighborhood connection to City Hall information and decisions through their City Council representative.

Under the current system, council members are better served by responding more to special interest groups, those who give endorsements, and reliable campaign contributors to keep their seats on council than to voters, who mostly don't turn out, while too many voters that do turn out seem to vote by name recognition entrenched over the years.

The current mayor is on at least her third or fourth stint as mayor and has been well served by the status quo. Her tenure is a good template for how the current system works for most council members, as a review of council member history over the past two decades will clearly show.

It's painful to drive down Ocean Avenue, south of Colorado Boulevard, and see how dense (pack them in like sardines) the development going on there is, along with a new park where choice of trees and foundation so far appears most uninviting.

Let the reforms begin!

Mary Kay Gordon
Santa Monica



Your column here

Lee H. Hamilton

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Tired of budget shenanigans?

WITH THE FORMAL RELEASE OF PRESIDENT Obama's budget, the pieces are finally in place for a reprise of the Washington drama we've all come to know. There will be high-stakes negotiations, lines in the sand, and enough intrigue to keep Beltway insiders riveted by every piece of breaking news.

The rest of us, though, are already worn out. In repeated conversations with ordinary people, I've been struck by the immense frustration I've encountered. They're tired of brinksmanship and constant fiscal crisis. They're fed up with accusations, spin, fear mongering, and intransigence. They've had it with a complex, opaque process when the outline of a solution — controlling spending and entitlements, raising revenues to meet the country's obligations, and investing in economic growth — seems evident. Above all, they're weary of a government that appears addicted to crisis. Why, they wonder, can we not pass a budget in an orderly, rational way?

It's a good question, though the answer is hardly reassuring: I believe Congress no longer knows how. Talking to a group of younger members recently, I realized they'd had no experience of following regular procedures to craft a budget. They've spent their congressional careers watching the leadership put it together in an ad-hoc, crisis-fueled manner. True budget-making skills on Capitol Hill are eroding. It's in danger of becoming a lost art.

Yet it need not be. There is a time-honored process that we can rejuvenate at any time for constructing a budget. On Capitol Hill, it's known as "the regular order."

This is the insider's way of referring to procedures that Congress developed over our history as a nation. Their guiding principle is to provide a coherent and well-structured way of deciding in detail where our national priorities ought to lie, and then funding them. They were designed to give members of Congress a clear, fair way to scrutinize, consider, debate, and reach consensus on the divisive issues that go along with taxing and spending.

The last time Congress passed a regular-order budget, not an omnibus spending bill, was 1997. Though it was far from a tidy process, its abandonment, I believe, is what has produced our current mess.

So what is the regular order? The president submits a budget on time (not two months late, as President Obama has just done). Then congressional committees and subcommittees take it up, dividing their work according to the departments of government — agriculture, defense, transportation and the like. They hold hearings, call witnesses, explore what the executive branch has done with its money in the past, and consider its plans for the future. They debate and draft their own proposals, and allow amendments from both parties. Once the full committee acts, its measure goes to the floor for further debate, amendments, and a vote. Eventually, the bills arrived at separately by the House and the Senate get reconciled and go to the president to be signed.

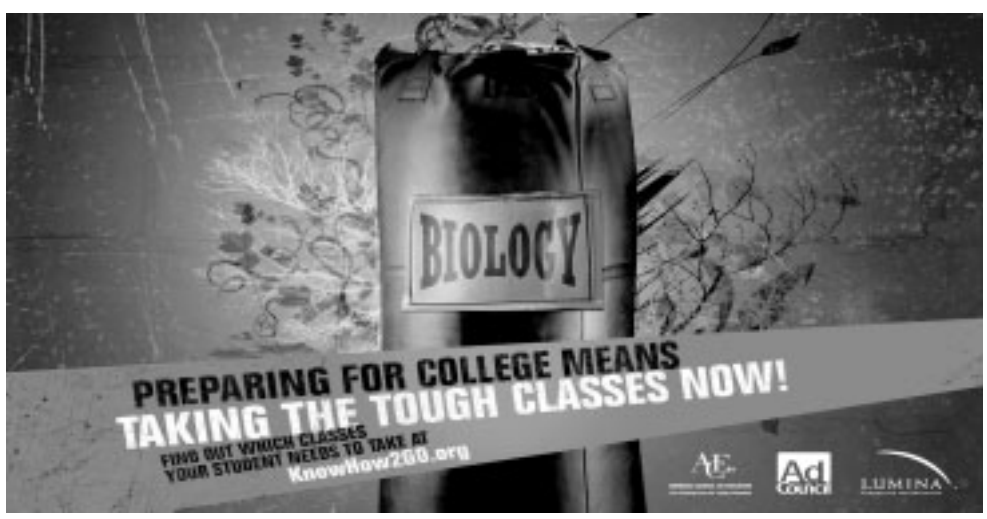
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The advantage of the regular order, in addition to its transparency and accountability, is that it spreads the workload and makes room for the expertise and considered judgment of a wide array of legislators. In the past, the leadership deferred to experienced committee chairmen who knew the issues they were confronting inside and out, and who had a talent for drafting legislation. Rank-and-file members had a chance to influence the outcome through amendments and debate. The process played to Congress's core strength of deliberation.

Not any longer. Now, huge omnibus bills and continuing resolutions — not to mention the mindless cudgel of the sequester — are put together by a handful of leaders and their staffs. They don't have specific, detailed expertise, and they're more interested in seeking partisan advantage than in fair process or effective legislating.

Too often in the past, members of Congress have sought some automatic budget mechanism — a balanced-budget amendment, say, or budget caps — to solve their problems. Mostly, these have been a way to avoid the hard choices required by the regular order. In the end, there's no substitute for experience, knowledge, hard work, compromise, and a resolve to seek solutions. That's what the regular order would encourage. It's time for Congress to stop paying it lip service and actually revive it.

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The ongoing war on working folks

WHY IS IT THAT THE POLITICAL PARTY that once proudly declared that it stood for working people is now laboring so hard to cost those Californians who are still working their jobs?

The Democratic party so dominates the Legislature and all constitutional offices, that Republicans almost need a passport to enter Sacramento. One would think that this would be the majority party's opportunity to help California, which is tied with two other states for the highest unemployment in the nation, get back to work.

While Democratic lawmakers may try to comfort themselves with statistics that show the unemployment rate is declining, a closer look shows that the statistics are misleading. The declining numbers result from significant numbers of the unemployed giving up on the job market, and well over 2 million Californians, who would like to be working, continue to be in economic distress.

The Legislature's response to this suffering is to move to pass over 30 bills that the California Chamber of Commerce calls "job killers." While those who believe that the chamber only represents "evil" business interests may want to stop reading at this point, those who understand that it is business that puts most Californians to work, should be aware that these bills add to our state's already crushing burden on jobs providers, a burden that is resulting in the loss of substantial business activity and jobs to other states.

At first glance some of the bills, which can be viewed on the CalChamber website, may appear relatively innocuous. Assembly Bill 1138 increases civil penalties against employers who fail to conspicuously post a list of every employee covered under a worker's compensation policy. However, all it would take is for a notice to slip from the bulletin board to the floor out of sight behind the water cooler, to create an opportunity for a trial lawyer to file a suit that would damage the employer and that employer's hiring ability, while fattening the attorney's wallet.

Other bills have a much greater potential for mischief. Senate Bill 747 requires the Department of Public Health to regulate manufacturers of consumer products that the department determines contribute to a public health epidemic — obesity, for example. So while even those watching their weight may find themselves unable to indulge in an occasional snack that does not have the Michelle Obama seal of approval, manufacturers, delivery people and retailers may find that their jobs are at risk.

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However, it is important to look at more than the impact of individual bills; the total effect of these regulations and mandates must be considered.

For those who may have seen Steve McQueen's last film, "Tom Horn," the historically accurate conclusion graphically illustrates what can be the dramatic impact of incrementalism. Condemned to death, Horn stepped onto the gallows trap door, which was connected to a lever that pulled the plug out of a barrel of water. As the water gradually drained away, it caused a lever with a counterweight to slowly rise, eventually pulling out the support beam under the trap door. The dismal end was the result of the loss of a last few drops of water, but they were preceded by several gallons.

A grim example? Perhaps, but grim, too, will be the outcome for both workers and the unemployed if the Sacramento Democrats insist on continuing to make war on those who are still working, while allowing those who are already unemployed to just twist in the wind.

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The Q Line

The root of the problem

A city forester recently fired off a letter to the District Attorney's Office asking prosecutors to investigate alleged fraud and abuse of public funds associated with a tree planting and trimming contract with West Coast Arborist. The employee said many trees provided by West Coast had significant root problems that can lead to premature death.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think of Santa Monica's tree stock? Have you noticed problems with trees planted in front of your home or apartment?

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Monster suing San Francisco city attorney over energy drinks

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AP Food Industry Writer

Monster Beverage is suing San Francisco's city attorney over demands that the company reduce the amount of caffeine in its energy drinks and stop marketing to minors.

The company, based in Corona, Calif., says it's being unfairly singled out by City Attorney Dennis Herrera, who late last year had asked Monster to produce documentation showing that its drinks are safe. Since then, Monster says Herrera has asked it to reformulate its drinks and change its labels and marketing materials.

A representative for the city attorney's office, Matt Dorsey, said "we're aware of the lawsuit and the city attorney is evaluating his options." He added that Monster's marketing "flies in the face of emerging scientific consensus about the safety of highly caffeinated energy drinks."

The suit comes at a time when the energy drink industry has come under intense scrutiny. Herrera's office got involved in the issue after the Food and Drug Administration said last year that it was investigating reports of deaths linked to energy drinks, which sparked a wave of bad publicity for the industry. The federal agency has noted that the reports don't prove the drinks caused the deaths.

New York's attorney general has also subpoenaed Monster — as well as the maker of 5-Hour Energy shots and PepsiCo Inc., which makes Amp — as part of an investigation into how energy drinks are made and marketed. In addition, the family of a 14-year-old girl is suing Monster; the family says she died after drinking two 24-ounce cans of Monster in a short period.

Monster meanwhile has stood by the safety of its drinks. Earlier this year, the company hit back at the lawsuit, noting that there was no blood test performed to confirm that the girl died of caffeine toxicity.

In its lawsuit against San Francisco's city attorney, Monster Beverage Corp. cites a letter from Herrera dated March 29 asking the company to reformulate its product to "lower the caffeine content to safe levels" and to provide "adequate warning labels".

Monster's current label says people should limit themselves to one can every four hours and a maximum of three per day. It also says the drink isn't recommended for children, people sensitive to caffeine, pregnant women or women who are nursing.

But the city attorney said in his letter that three cans amount to 480 milligrams of caffeine, nearly five times the recommended maximum for adolescents and more than the 400 milligrams per day the FDA has indicated is safe for adults.

Although some brands of coffee contain more caffeine than Monster's energy drinks, Herrera also noted that coffee is typically served hot and consumed slowly. Energy drink makers, by contrast, specifically market to youth and encourage them to "pound down" their drinks in large quantities, the letter said.

Even as soda consumption has flagged in recent years, energy drinks including Red Bull and Rockstar have surged in popularity. In 2011, sales volume for energy drinks rose by nearly 17 percent, according to Beverage Digest, an industry tracker. That growth slowed to about 14 percent in 2012 and has slowed even more dramatically for the early part of 2013, said John Sicher, publisher of Beverage Digest.

Meanwhile, caffeine is turning up in other foods, including jelly beans, waffles and Frito-Lay's Cracker Jack'd coated wafers that include two tablespoons of ground coffee. On Monday, the FDA said it would investigate the safety of added caffeine and its effect on children and adolescents.

The investigation was prompted by the introduction of a gum by Wrigley that has as much caffeine as a half a cup of coffee in one piece.

In a statement, the FDA noted that it was taking a fresh look at the potential impact that "the totality of new and easy sources of caffeine" may have on health, particularly children and younger consumers.

The FDA noted the only time it explicitly approved the added use of caffeine in a food or drink was in the 1950s for colas.

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• Submission Deadline Is May 20, 2013 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

The bid packets can be downloaded at:
• **http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm**

Request for bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the City of Santa Monica, 1717 4th St., Suite 250, Santa Monica, California, or by e-mailing your request to Regina.Benavides@smgov.net. Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica.

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TREES
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was sick, you can't send a crew out, because you need three people. It's a safety issue," said Beaudry, who is on leave from the city after he said he injured his back while trying to repair a damaged tree.

He and his tree trimming crew represent the municipal employees responsible for trees. The team recently lost two of its upper management to retirement as well as a long-time arborist, who Beaudry replaced.

Beaudry has since filed a complaint with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, expressing concerns that West Coast Arborists knowingly provided Santa Monica with defective trees and that city officials may have known about it, but did nothing. His complaint is under review.

In the past, the Public Landscape Division has been responsible for the oversight of a multi-million dollar contract with West Coast Arborists, something that members of the Urban Forest Task Force called into question last month when concerns arose about sick and dying trees.

The community forester, one of the positions that has remained vacant since December, was also supposed to inspect trees chosen by West Coast Arborists. Over 1,500 trees were planted in recent years, according to a report by a private consultant hired by city officials.

The staffing concerns come at a time when City Manager Rod Gould has stated his intentions to move the division out from under Community & Cultural Services and into the Public Works Department, which he feels is better-suited to the kind of work and large contracts handled by the Public Landscape Division employees.

Whether or not staffing levels will change will be up to Martin Pastucha, the director of that department, Gould said.

"As Public Works integrates the Public Landscape Division into the department, we will review the staffing, supervision and administration as well as policies and practices of the division, and make the adjustments as [needed]," Gould said.

What those might be has yet to be determined, he said.

The hybrid model is not unique to Santa Monica.

It's been adopted by other cities, including nearby Beverly Hills, Calif. which tends 25,000 street trees with the help of West Coast Arborists, and Los Angeles, with its 1 million public trees.

L.A. has its own Urban Forestry Division with staff "tree surgeons," but it too contracts out certain tree trimming services through its Department of Public Works, according to its website.

Other cities in the area rely on contractors entirely, like suburban Calabasas, Calif., which uses Newbury Park Tree Service for its work, or Manhattan Beach, Calif., which inked a deal with West Coast Arborists just this month.

Rick Dozal, for one, is excited about the new deal.

Dozal is the public works streets supervisor for Manhattan Beach, and has worked for the city for 28 years. In that time, city officials have always chosen to contract out the street tree work, although his employees would inspect trees when necessary.

He expects that residents will call the Public Works Department first, and then the work can be referred to West Coast Arborists.

"They're on call with us, even if trees go down or limbs go down for emergency, after hours or on weekends, they're going to respond to that kind of stuff," Dozal said.

While those cities embrace a hands-off model, Beverly Hills uses a similar method to Santa Monica.

Beverly Hills has no employees that actually do tree work, unless a limb is lying on the ground and needs to be removed, said Ken Pfalzgraf, the parks and urban forest manager with the city.

That's a big change from the late 1980s and early 1990s, when that work was first contracted out, he said.

Now, Pfalzgraf and his team of two urban forest inspectors supervise West Coast Arborists' work crews when they come through the city, actually running through pruning exercises on model trees to ensure that everyone's on the same page.

"I'm not here to make friends. I'm here to take care of trees, and I've got 100 years of trees out there," Pfalzgraf said.

Pfalzgraf has the same attitude toward tree selection, which he personally inspects to the best of his ability. He also helped craft the contract with West Coast Arborists after a bidding process so restrictive that only two companies even bothered to submit applications.

That contract is very similar to Santa Monica's own contract, on which West Coast Arborists was the only bidder.

The Urban Forest Task Force and a private consultant recommended that City Hall put its own tree contract back out to bid, in order to attract more competition. It will be up to the private marketplace to see who shows up.

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BASEBALL
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hit."

For a little added insurance, Samohi right fielder Conner Greene hit a sharp single to left field that was botched by outfielder Thompson, allowing the ball to roll to the fence scoring Gomez and Greene, making it 6-1.

After the game, Samohi coaches said that the players were asking for it to be ruled an inside-the-park home run, but the official score will go down as a single and an error.

Gironda may have gone the distance to improve his record to 3-1 this year, but shortstop Mason Landis drew praise for helping the Vikings remain undefeated in league.

Landis was able to safely field six of seven chances, many of the line drive variety.

"If he didn't make those plays, it would have been a different ball game," said Samohi head coach Kurt Schwengel. "We weren't taking Beverly Hills lightly today."

For Beverly Hills head coach Vonzie Paysinger, the game could have went either way.

"We hit a lot of balls," Paysinger said. "We knew we could hit off these guys. They didn't over-power us."

There was something to be made of Paysinger's comments. Gironda was only able to collect four strikeouts in seven innings and just one from the fifth inning on.

Beverly Hills will get another shot at Samohi on Thursday at home.

Paysinger believes his Normans can bounce back if they just play seven innings of consistent baseball.

"We can't lose our poise," he said. "We have to battle it out."

The game is scheduled for 6 p.m. at La Cienega Park in Beverly Hills.

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TEACHERS

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Opening up the channel of communication between the schools allows high-quality candidates a chance to consider SMMUSD where they might not have in the past, and allows the district to reach out to people in hard-to-fill subject areas like science, math and music.

USC's Rossier School of Education has similar partnerships with other districts in Los Angeles, California and throughout the country, said Barbara Goen, assistant dean for communications at the school.

"We are certainly trying to reach out to as many districts as we can, all the time," Goen said.

The effort comes in part as a response to calls from the Board of Education for district officials to do what they could, within the limits of the law, to make the pool of teachers at SMMUSD schools more reflective of the student body.

Just over 65 percent of teachers in the district were white, compared to 50.6 percent of the student body, according to data from the 2011-12 school year. The percentage of Latino students, however, was almost double that of teachers at 29.9 percent and 16.6 percent respectively.

African-American students also outnumber teachers of the same ethnicity in terms of percentages, as do virtually every minority group in the district with the exception of Pacific Islanders, which made up 4.7 percent of the teaching staff that year compared to only .27 percent of the student population.

Diversity is an issue that must be addressed, said board member Oscar de la Torre.

"It's not appropriate that the only male African-American (students) see is a custodian, or cafeteria worker," de la Torre said. "Young people need to see people doing multiple jobs. It increases the idea of what they can strive for."

The partnership with local universities can achieve that not by targeting employees of different ethnic backgrounds, which is illegal, but by widening the search so that a wider pool of people apply for the same jobs.

That makes sense from a quality perspective as well, said Frank Wells, spokesperson for the California Teachers Association.

"If [districts] want to recruit the best teachers possible, that may also involve widening the net," Wells said.

His organization supports anything that expands the applicant pool and "ability of people of all ethnicities to become teachers in California," Wells said.

Diversity of faculty is important not just to elected officials, but to teachers on the ground.

Sarah Braff has been teaching third grade at Will Rogers Elementary School for 24 years. A diverse staff brings a wider range of viewpoints, which is helpful in education, she said.

"We want to be as global as our students," Braff said.

SMMUSD is looking beyond new teachers to fill holes in its staffing. District officials are also creating a program to help people already working as instructional aides or in similar positions to get their teaching credentials, Washington said.

A similar program will come online to encourage existing employees into administrative roles.

If talk of hiring seems odd at a time when the district is considering budget cuts — up to 2 percent from each school and department — there is still some room for new blood.

Washington expects between 10 and 15 teachers to retire before the next school year, leaving positions unfilled.

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BIG WIN

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Santa Monica College film students celebrate their first place finish at a 'live pitch session' held last month at Santa Monica Playhouse in front of a jury of film industry executives. As a result, the students won $5,000 for SMC's film program and $2,500 for themselves. The students will work with professionals on their winning pitch, a new marketing campaign for a soft drink.

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course was flying west at an altitude of 3,500 feet as the other Cessna headed east, said FAA spokesman Alan Kenitzer.

Investigators will determine each pilot's field of view, and whether they might have been able to see each other when they collided, Plagens said.

Both planes were flying in an area without air traffic control services.

The NTSB and FAA were investigating. A preliminary report was expected within five days.

FAA records showed the plane on the golf course was manufactured in 1980 and is registered to Ameriflyers of Florida, LLC. A message left at a number listed for the company was not immediately returned.

Firefighters were expected to remain on the scene near Calabasas for two more days. The National Weather Service predicted winds up to 45 mph in the area on Wednesday.

SUSPECT
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the dance floor when, without provocation, the suspect punched the victim in the face.

The victim lost consciousness for approximately 10 to 15 minutes. When the victim's friend stepped between the suspect and the victim, he too was assaulted, police said. The suspect then fled southbound on Fifth Street.

The victim sustained major injuries to his head and face. He was transported to a local hospital and has since undergone several surgeries to repair the damage, police said.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective. Karen Thompson at (310) 458-8946, Sgt. Darrick Jacob at (310) 458-8460, or the SMPD watch commander at (310) 458-8495 if after normal business hours.

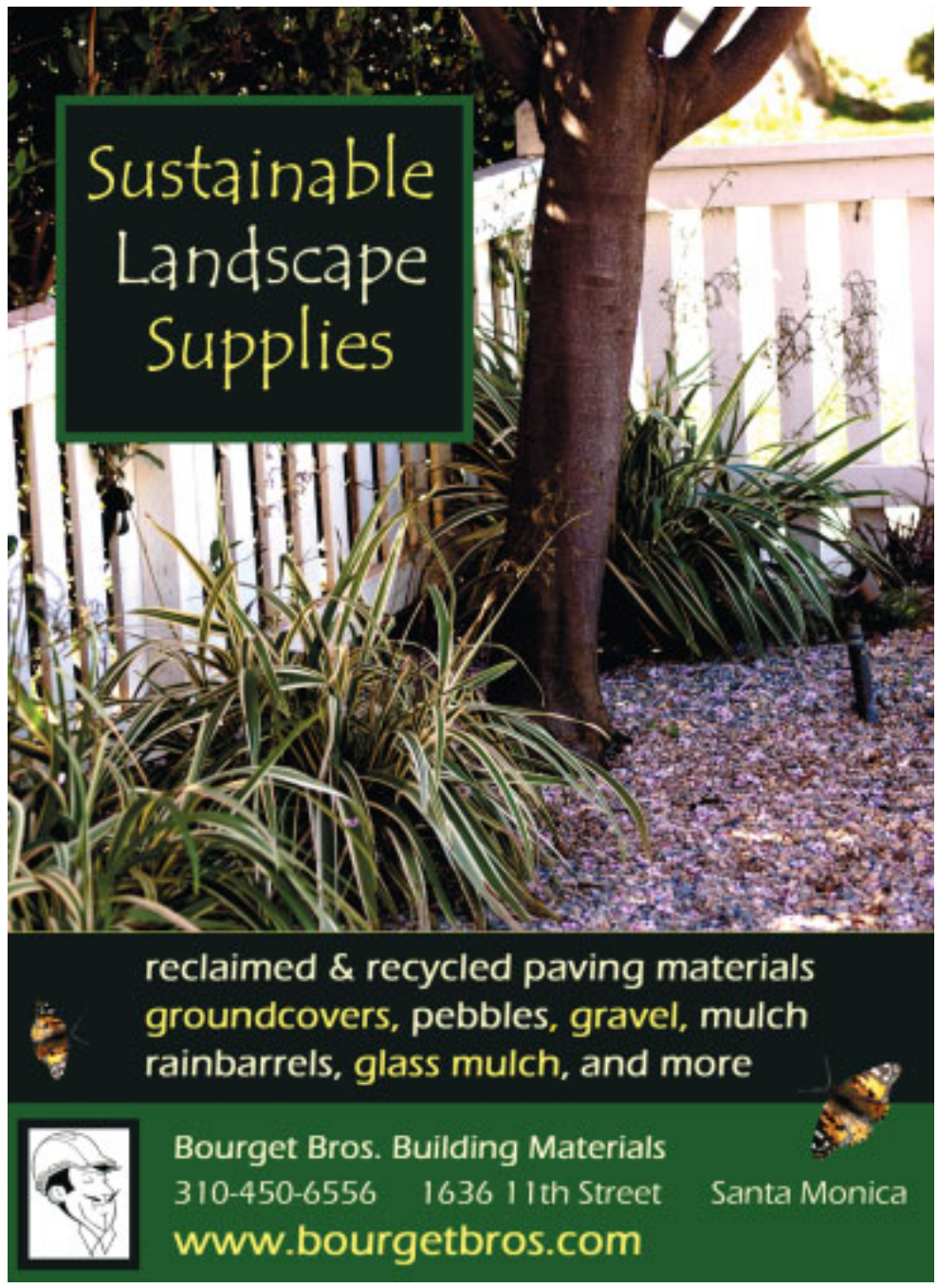
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IBM pulls stock market out of a morning slump

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NEW YORK (AP) News that IBM will buy back more stock and raise its dividend helped pull major stock indexes out of a morning slump Tuesday.

IBM and other technology stocks led the Standard & Poor's 500 index up. The broad-market measure ended April with a 1.8 percent gain, the sixth month in a row the index has climbed higher.

Worries about slower economic growth have rattled the stock market this month, but it has consistently bounced back. Brad Sorensen, director of market research at the brokerage Charles Schwab, said that's a result of investors having few alternatives.

"Right now it seems like every pullback in the market is seen as a buying opportunity," Sorensen said. "People may say they're getting nervous, but where else are you going to put money at this point? Into Europe with their political issues? Into Treasurys paying less than 1.7 percent?"

The S&P 500 edged up 3.96 points to close at 1,597.57. The slight gain of 0.3 percent pushed the index to an all-time high for the second day straight.

A report of another record high in European unemployment helped drive money into U.S. government debt, briefly sending the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note to its lowest level of the year, 1.65 percent.

IBM said it will increase its quarterly dividend by a dime, to 95 cents, and buy back up to $5 billion more of its own stock. Earlier this month, the company surprised investors when it reported a drop in quarterly earnings and sales. IBM's stock rose $3.39 to $202.54.

The tech giant's 1.7 percent gain tugged the Dow Jones industrial average up. The Dow fell as much as 84 points in morning trading but ended with a gain of 21.05 points at 14,839.80. That's an increase of 0.1 percent.

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION/NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING FOR A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE MIRAMAR HOTEL PROJECT

DATE: May 1, 2013

TO: California State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Monica
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Santa Monica, CA 90401
Contact: Roxanne Tanemori, AICP, Senior Planner
Phone: (310) 458-8341

The City of Santa Monica intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Miramar Hotel Project (the proposed project). In accordance with Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Santa Monica has prepared this Notice of Preparation to provide Responsible Agencies and other interested parties with information describing the proposed project and its potential environmental effects. Environmental factors which would be potentially affected by the proposed project are:

- Aesthetics (including Shadows)
- Biological Resources
- Construction Effects
- Geology and Soils
- Land Use and Planning
- Transportation and Circulation
- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Greenhouse Gas/Climate Change
- Neighborhood Effects
- Noise
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

PROJECT APPLICANT: Ocean Avenue LLC
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PROJECT LOCATION: The project site encompasses two parcels in the Downtown area of the City of Santa Monica, County of Los Angeles. The main parcel is approximately 4.5 acres in size and is located at 1133 Ocean Avenue (the hotel parcel). The other parcel is located directly across the street to the east at 1127 2nd Street (Second Street parcel). The Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) is located less than one mile to the south of the site and provides regional access. Pacific Coast Highway to the west of the project site also provides regional access. Local access is provided via Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would involve redevelopment of the project site that currently operates as a hotel to provide a new mixed-use luxury hotel with food and beverage facilities, open space, spa, meeting facilities, and retail space along Wilshire Boulevard, as well as residential units on the upper floors of the buildings. The table below provides the conceptual land use program for the proposed project:

Land Use	Proposed SF/DU
Guestrooms	280 rooms
Food and Beverage Space	12,500 SF
Meeting Space	14,100 SF
Retail	9,300 SF
Spa/Fitness Facility	13,484 SF
Market Rate Residential Units[1]	Up to 120 DU
Affordable Residential Units[1,2]	Up to 40 DU

[1] Actual number of units has not been determined. However, the project would not exceed the number of units studied in the EIR.
2 Affordable housing units to be located on the Second Street parcel; actual number of affordable housing units has not been determined

In conjunction with the proposed project, the hotel parcel would be redeveloped with three new buildings: the California building, the Wilshire building, and the Ocean Avenue building. The proposed total above grade floor area for the project would be approximately 536,340 SF; the current hotel on site operates with approximately 262,284 SF of floor area.

The California building would be six stories (~68 feet tall), the Wilshire Building would be four stories (~65 feet tall), and the Ocean building would be 21 stories (~262 feet tall to the highest occupied floor; an additional 58 feet of height is proposed for an unoccupied, decorative architectural feature at the roof of this building). The existing Landmark Palisades Building would be rehabilitated with continued use for hotel operations. In addition, the existing Landmark Moreton Bay Fig Tree on the project site would be preserved. The proposed project would also include two open space components at the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue: 1) a public plaza approximately 10,000 SF in size; and 2) a private open space area approximately one-acre in size adjacent to the plaza which would be open to the public when not utilized for hotel functions. A two or three level subterranean garage would provide for up to 484 parking spaces on-site. Main vehicular entrance to the garage would be provided on the east side of the parcel along Second Street. The Second Street parcel would be redeveloped with up to 40 affordable housing units.

Preparation of a new specific plan for the Downtown District is in progress and a final plan has not yet been adopted by the City Council. As a result, the proposed project would require the approval of a General Plan Amendment, Local Coastal Plan Amendment, and a Development Agreement. The Development Agreement would establish the development standards and the type and mix of allowable land uses on the project site.

REVIEW PERIOD: As specified by the State CEQA Guidelines, this Notice of Preparation will be circulated for a 30-day review period. This NOP and project site plans can be viewed online at http://www01.smgov.net/planning/planningcomm/environmentalreports.html. The City of Santa Monica welcomes agency and public input during this period regarding the scope and content of environmental information related to your agency's responsibility that must be included in the Draft EIR. **Comments may be submitted in writing, by 5:30 PM on June 3, 2013** and addressed to:

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SCOPING MEETING: The City has scheduled a Public Scoping Meeting for the EIR to describe the proposed project, the environmental review process, and to receive your verbal input on the information that should be included in the EIR. The Public Scoping Meeting is scheduled at the following time and location:

Thursday May 16, 2013
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Santa Monica Main Library (Multi-Purpose Room)
601 Santa Monica Blvd
Santa Monica, California 90401

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia para la preparación de un reporte sobre los posibles efectos ambientales en referencia a la construcción propuesta de un edifico, lo cual puede ser de interés a usted. Para más información, llame a Carmen Gutierrez, al número (310) 458-8341.

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STOCKS
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The S&P has now climbed for six months in a row. That's the longest stretch of gains since a seven-month run that started in March 2009, when the market hit a financial crisis low, and ended in October 2009.

This earnings season has delivered investors a mixed bag of news. More than half of the companies in the S&P 500 have turned in results, and seven of 10 have beaten analysts' estimates for earnings, according to S&P Capital IQ. Nearly as many, however, have come up short on revenue: Six of 10 have missed analysts' revenue targets. That suggests companies are getting more of their profits from laying off staff and other cost-cutting efforts instead of from higher sales.

The Dow and the S&P 500 ended the month with gains of 1.8 percent. It wasn't exactly a smooth ride. The two indexes reached record highs in the second week of April, then took a steep fall in the next. News that China, the world's second-largest economy, slowed unexpectedly pummeled the prices of oil, copper and other commodities. The stock market had its worst day of the year on April 15, when the S&P 500 lost 2.3 percent.

In other trading, the Nasdaq composite index rose 21.77 points to 3,328.79, up 0.7 percent. The dollar fell against the yen and the euro, and the price of crude oil fell $1 to $93.46 a barrel. Gold edged up $4.70 to $1,472.10 an ounce.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note traded at 1.67 percent late Tuesday, the same as the day before. In response to slower economic growth, bond traders from around the world have been buying Treasurys this month, driving yields down. The 10-year yield started April around 1.85 percent.

Among other stocks making big moves:

• Pfizer dropped 4 percent after the drug maker's results fell short of what analysts had expected. Falling sales of Lipitor, its cholesterol drug, crimped revenue. The world's second-largest drug maker also cut its profit forecast for the rest of the year. Pfizer lost $1.36 to $29.07

• Pitney Bowes sank 16 percent after the maker of mailing equipment and software cut its dividend in half and posted a 58 percent drop in net income. Pitney Bowes sank $2.53 to $13.67.

• Avon Products' quarterly loss wasn't as deep as analysts had expected. The direct-seller of cosmetics has been cutting staff and scaling back operations in an effort to turn around its business. Avon's stock rose 92 cents to $23.16, a gain of 4 percent.

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4. The location of the assets sold is:
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Water Temp: **55.4°**

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.

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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 24, 2013

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Los 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+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
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+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	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 CIWW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

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

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Heal the Bay

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San Diego-Tijuana pursue longshot bid for Olympics

ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO Horrendous waits to enter the United States. A lack of sporting venues. Scarce hotel rooms during peak tourist season.

As they mount a longshot bid to host the 2024 Summer Olympics, San Diego and Tijuana are playing down their shortcomings by playing up a new spirit of cross-border civic pride.

San Diego Mayor Bob Filner said he and his Tijuana counterpart, Carlos Bustamante, hope to name a cross-border planning committee within the next week and unveil a logo. He appealed to Mitt Romney to serve as honorary chairman, but the 2012 Republican presidential nominee declined with an offer to provide advice.

For Filner, the bid is part of a broader effort to build closer ties with a Mexican border city separated by an overwhelming presence of Border Patrol agents and two fences — one topped with coiled razor wire. A bid would force the cities to examine their strengths and weaknesses together and assess infrastructure in a region of about 5 million people.

"Even if we lose, we win," said Filner, a former congressman who was elected to a four-year term in November.

Bustamante, who leaves office at the end of this year, embraced the idea when Filner announced it at a ceremony in February to open a city of San Diego office in Tijuana. The Mexican leader said a bid would enhance the region's image.

"Obviously we would need infrastructure on both sides of the border, but it seems very feasible," Bustamante said last week.

The cross-border bid comes as many American tourists shun Tijuana, even as its restaurant and arts scene flourishes. High-profile displays of drug-fueled violence, like beheadings and shootouts, remain high in parts of Mexico but they have all but stopped in Tijuana.

The U.S. Olympic Committee is talking to 10 cities about a possible bid, including San Diego-Tijuana. Scott Blackmun, the chief executive, said last week that the committee hadn't looked carefully at the cross-border proposal but that it would "have its challenges."

The International Olympic Committee does not allow for bordering countries to host Summer Games, an apparently insurmountable hurdle unless the charter is changed. Two countries can host the Winter Games "on an exceptional basis" when geography or topography prevent one country from holding certain events.

San Diego philanthropist Malin Burnham said the U.S. Olympic Committee doomed a bid he led to bring the Summer Games to San Diego-Tijuana in 2016, determining 10 years ahead of the date that there wasn't enough time to amend the IOC charter. A planning committee had raised $300,000 and hired architectural firm HOK to develop a proposal, which Filner says will serve as a starting point for the 2024 bid.

Waiting times that often exceed three hours at the nations' busiest border crossing present another potential deal-breaker. Mexico completed a major upgrade last year of the San Ysidro port of entry, but the U.S. has yet to fully fund its part of the project, estimated at $732 million.

"If we had the Olympics tomorrow, we could not operate it across the border in its current environment," Burnham said.

The 2016 plan, which was never formally submitted, called for $1 billion to build sport venues, said Brad Raulston, who served as the committee's staff director. San Diego's National Football League stadium and Tijuana's soccer stadium were in the mix. San Diego's Balboa Park would accommodate cycling and archery and its Mission Bay would host rowing and tennis.

San Diego, which has hosted the America's Cup and three Super Bowls, would likely offer the U.S. Olympic Training Center in suburban Chula Vista in its 2024 bid. Tijuana's High-Performance Center might host gymnastics and aquatic competitions.

Backers of the 2016 bid considered a trolley that would run deep into Tijuana, said Raulston, which, he acknowledged, would be a challenge for immigration authorities.

"When you talk to people (about the Olympics), they love the idea," he said. "When you get into the mechanics, it gets really complicated."

The USOC has said it will decide by the end of 2014 whether to submit a bid. Los Angeles — host of the 1984 and 1932 Summer Games — Philadelphia and Tulsa, Okla., have also expressed interest and New York and San Francisco are possible contenders.

Filner, a Democrat, said Romney, who owns an oceanfront home in San Diego's La Jolla area and oversaw the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City, would lend "instant credibility." Eric Fehrnstrom, an aide to the former Massachusetts governor, said Romney would offer advice but "does not intend to take a management position."

Baja California Gov. Jose Guadalupe Osuna Millan enthusiastically supports the bid, said Francisco Garcia Burgos, his top aide. Backers have not yet asked for support from Mexico's federal government, he said.

Even political adversaries are lining up. Kevin Faulconer, a Republican on the San Diego City Council who has sparred with Filner, had only praise.

"We're going to have our differences on a lot, but this is the type of issue that gets people excited about the art of the possible," he said.

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LAUGH AND RELAX TONIGHT, LIBRA

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Focus your energy less on taking the lead and more on gaining a consensus regarding a key matter. You could see a situation far differently after having talked to various people. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Tension could escalate if you continue on a non-negotiable path. Toss stubbornness to the wind, and you'll find that your stress level will drop almost immediately. You might want to justify your stance on an issue, but is it really worth it? Tonight: Do your own thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to take some time away from an issue and look at it later. Try to detach. Plan a mini-vacation if possible. You will come back revitalized and ready to handle nearly anything. Tonight: Schedule some downtime with a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your playfulness emerges. A loved one who has been uptight as of late might adopt a new, more upbeat attitude as a result of your lightness. Recognize that this attitude probably is only a temporary change. Tonight: Meet friends. Go until you can't go any longer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others seek you out, so much so that you might need to screen your calls. You have to take care of your must-do errands first. Plans could change. Tonight: So many possibilities -- decide what you want to do!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Listen to suggestions, but do not allow them or your social life to stop you from completing what must be done. A call will be coming in during the next few days, which could open the door to new possibilities. Tonight: Relax by getting involved in a favorite pastime.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could become involved in a situation that you normally would prefer to walk away from. Others find your logic to be quite wise. A close loved one might give you an earful. Tonight: Laugh and relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your smiling manner attracts a different response than anticipated. As a result, others seem to open up more. Know that a lot is going on around you. Tonight: Say "yes" to a suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Listen to news with an open mind and an eye to being more responsive. You are more than willing to rethink a decision with those involved. A power play is a different story, and you might not want to get involved. State those limits. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Suddenly, your mind will turn on like a light bulb. You'll see many other options open up as a result. You might be somewhat tense about heading toward a dynamic change. Recognize what could happen if you do not take a risk. Tonight: Check in with a child and/or a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You are in your element today. You know it, and you feel it. Confusion surrounds a personal issue. Give yourself time to think through the possibilities. Try to revise a situation and eliminate some of your innate judgments. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might not want to share so much with others. You could feel misunderstood, and you likely will be right. Take some much-needed time for yourself, and try to sort out your feelings. News coming in from a distance could pique your interest. Tonight: Early to bed.

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

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

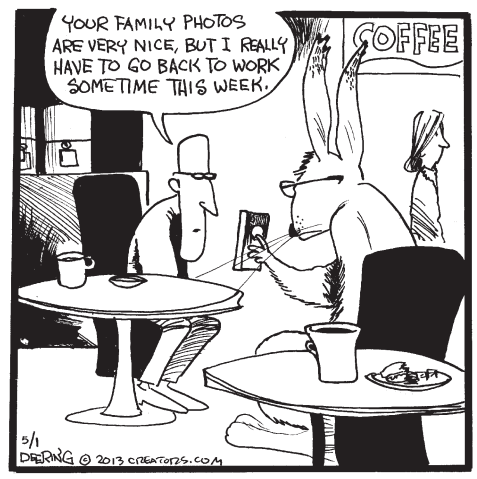
This year your birthday gives you unusual power and strength. Should you decide to accomplish something, it is as good as done. You demonstrate your innate leadership characteristics. You also attract many admirers. If you are single, one of these people easily could become more than just a casual acquaintance. If you are attached, do not forget the importance of your significant other; otherwise, he or she could feel left out. AQUARIUS throws you into the limelight.

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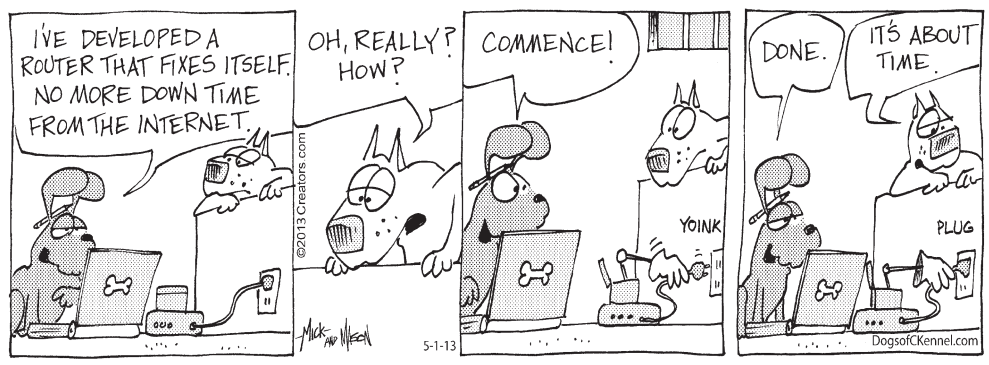
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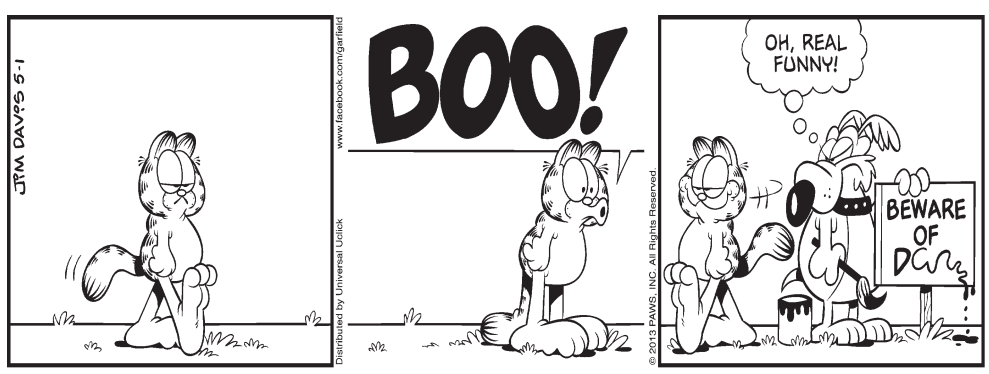
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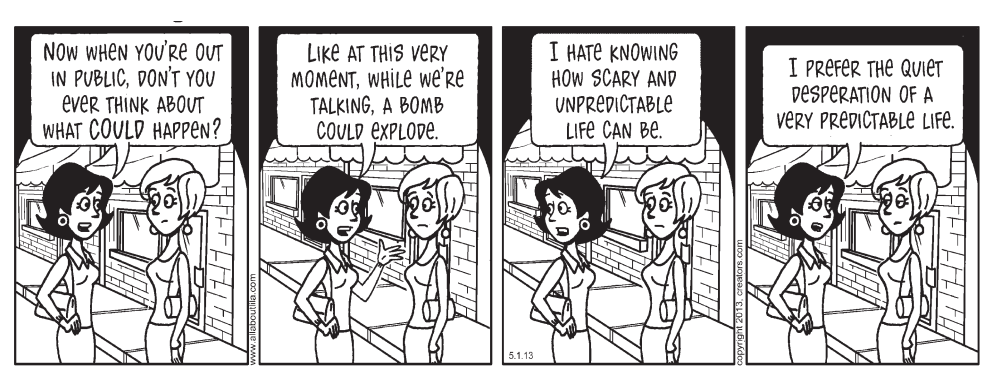
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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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

1	5	8	7	3	2	9	6	4
6	3	9	1	8	4	5	2	7
4	2	7	6	5	9	8	3	1
2	1	4	8	9	3	7	5	6
8	7	3	5	2	6	4	1	9
9	6	5	4	7	1	2	8	3
5	8	1	9	6	7	3	4	2
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1 Tent anchor
6 Skillets
10 Harry Hamlin series
11 Submerged
12 Ridiculous
13 Be penitent
14 Titled woman
15 Swindle
16 Sense of self
17 Chum
18 Determined
19 Detroit team
22 Gather
23 Sanction
26 Bordeaux and others
29 Recipe amount
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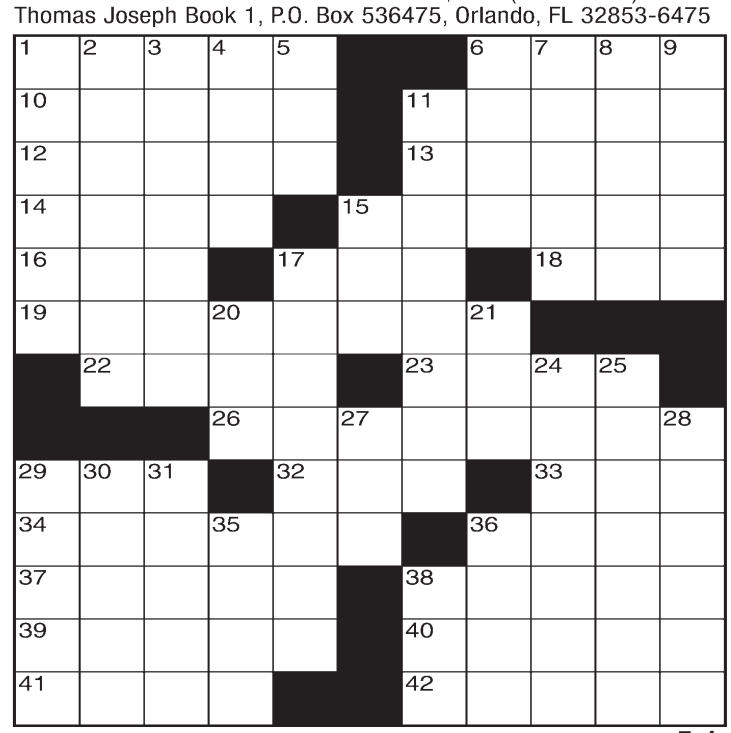
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1 Fast pitch
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3 Apple pie order
4 "Citizen —"
5 She sheep
6 Sampras of tennis
7 African lilies
8 Time being
9 Adorable
11 Deb's wear
15 Team backer
17 "Put a lid on it!"
20 Fighting
21 Go downhill
24 Reception aid
25 One with longings
27 Beagle or boxer
28 Harpoons
29 Fills parts
30 Loosen, in a way
31 "Gay" city
35 Put down
36 Sharpen
38 Party staple

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Mega#: 43
Jackpot: $114M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 4/27
21 32 36 39 40
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: $8M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/30
2 12 14 29 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/30
MIDDAY: 8 0 9
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Precocious Tots of Finland: A University of Kansas professor and two co-authors, in research in a forthcoming issue of the Journal of Finance, found that children age 10 and under substantially outperformed their parents in earnings from stock trading in the few days before and after rumors swirled on possible corporate mergers. A likely explanation, they said, is that the parents or guardians were buying and selling for their children's accounts using illegal insider information that they were cautious about using in their personal accounts, which would more easily arouse suspicion. While the parents' accounts had nice returns, the kids' accounts (including those held by the very recently born) were almost 50 percent more profitable. (The study, reported by NPR in April, covered 15 years of trades in Finland, chosen because that country collects age data that the U.S. and other countries do not.)

■ Hottentot golden moles reside underground, which is not so oppressive because they're blind and navigate by smell and touch. Nonetheless, some scientists spend years studying them, and in a recent issue of Mammalian Biology, South African researchers disclosed that females choose mates largely by penis size. While some human females also favor this particular "pre-copulatory mechanism," the scientists hypothesized that the moles' reliance on touch leaves them with no alternative.

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