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THE STILL GROWING ISSUE

Home owners bear some responsibility for tree maintenance

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

12TH STREET Santa Monicans love their trees.

The city by the sea has 35,000 of them spread throughout parks, Downtown and neighborhoods. The City Council even adopted a plan dictating which kinds of trees would be planted on specific streets, and the thought to make the city into an arboretum has made the rounds more than once.

Although many residents enjoy the quiet beauty of a mature specimen, they may not realize that they bear some of the responsibility for making sure it survives to that point, particularly if they're a homeowner.

Trees planted in public parkways — the stretches of green between the sidewalk and the street — are more or less capable of taking care of themselves once they're fully established.

However, young saplings need love — and a bit of water — to make it to adulthood, and City Hall relies on residents to provide it for them.

That doesn't always happen, said Doris Sosin, a resident of 12th Street.

Sosin is an avid gardener, and former

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

THIS BIG: **Doris Sosin, a resident of 12th Street, illustrates what the tree canopy will look like when a number of young cork oaks that were recently planted mature.**



MALIBU

Malibu residents continue school district separation effort with study

Consultant to look at bond measures, unions

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU Advocates for an independent Malibu school district announced another step toward their goal this week by funding a second round of studies to work out the details of separation.

The second phase will examine concerns of groups directly impacted by the separation, including people who pay property taxes and the union representing local teachers.

It will be conducted by WestEd, a research consultant which will work with other bond consultants and attorneys as needed, said Craig Foster, president of Advocates for Malibu Public Schools or AMPS, the group pushing for separation.

"Because of the lack of precedent and rigor in this particular part of education code, we need to figure out how to achieve what we all want to achieve," Foster said.

Separation, called "unification" in education parlance, is difficult to achieve, in part because the two districts must figure out a way to split property, much like a divorce. It's also rarely done, meaning the district will be breaking new ground.

That includes parcel taxes and bonded indebtedness, like the $385 million bond

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Dispute arises over rehab facility chosen by Lohan

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Lindsay Lohan's attorney said Thursday the actress checked into a California rehab facility.

However, a state official indicated later in the day that the facility is not licensed to perform the type of restrictive in-patient treatment a judge sentenced her to undergo.

Attorney Mark Jay Heller told a judge during a morning hearing that Lohan was settling in at Morningside Recovery, a treatment facility in Newport Beach.

But hours later, Millicent Tidwell, acting deputy director of licensing and certification for the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, said Morningside did not have the appropriate licenses to provide residential treatment or recovery programs.

The facility is certified to provide outpatient services and operates sober living houses, which do not require licenses, Tidwell said.

Lohan's sentence in a misdemeanor driving case requires her to serve 90 days in a lockdown rehab facility. Her choice of

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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 Worldwide, 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.

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Talk about reading
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St.,
11 a.m. — 12:30 a.m.
Join the Ocean Park Book Group for its monthly meeting, which occurs every first Saturday of the month. Admission is free, and no registration is required. The book discussed will be "Train Dreams" by Denis Johnson. For more information, visit smpl.org.

British invasion
Santa Monica Place
395 Santa Monica Place, 7 p.m.
Peter Asher of Peter & Gordon, will be hosting a special live Britweek performance of The Beatles' album "Abbey Road." The album will be performed in its entirety, completely unabridged. The band will star Denny Laine cofounder of the Moody Blues and Wings, along with Terry Sylvester of the Hollies. Admission is free, however, seating is limited. For more information on Britweek, vist current.britweek.org/los-angeles-events.

Sunday, May 5, 2013

Unleash the beast
Zuma Beach
30000 Pacific Coast Hwy
The California Wildlife Center invites all animal lovers to the fifth annual Walk/5K Run on the Wild Side, to raise funds for the Northern Elephant Seal Pup Rehabilitation Project. The California sea lion pups have recently been washing up on shore emaciated and near death. The funds necessary for the project to address this are $100,000. The CWC is reaching out to all residents in the area to help raise the final $25,000. For more information, visit www.cawildlife.org.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

Rents to increase by 1%

Landlords will be able to increase their tenants' rents by 1 percent this year, according to a release by the Rent Control Board.

The increase, called a general adjustment, is effective Sept. 1, although the board will consider a cap on the total dollar amount of the rise at a public hearing on June 13.

For the first time, the general adjustment is calculated based on the consumer price index, a measure of the increase in cost of goods and services. Rents can go up by 75 percent of CPI, or roughly 1 percent this year.

It's a much simpler calculation than the previous "pie" method, in which a number of different costs were factored in, some of which a landlord could pass on to his or her tenants.

Some costs, like property taxes, were fixed. Others, like cash flow, were based on inflation.

In 2012, Rent Control Board officials conducted a study looking back at general adjustments since rent control took effect in Santa Monica in the late 1970s. The study found that rents had increased by roughly 77 percent of CPI over the course of those years, leading rent control staff to suggest a flat 75 percent increase.

The move was meant to cut down on the cost of calculating the general adjustment, which consumed both time and resources.

Landlords complained, saying that the new method would cheat them out of revenue, but voters approved the calculation when they passed Measure GA in November 2012.

That year, the general adjustment was 1.54 percent, and in 2011, landlords had the freedom to increase rents by 3.2 percent.

– ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

11th STREET

Red Cross to shut down for renovations

The Santa Monica Red Cross needs a transfusion of nails, lumber and labor — stat.

The branch will be closed for the month of May and into June for renovations. The goal is to make the branch more user friendly, said Julie Thomas, CEO of the Santa Monica branch.

The location rejuvenation will include a customer service kiosk so visitors can schedule blood donations or training classes. There will also be more space added for volunteers.

The office will be closed until July 8, 2013, during that time there will be no blood drives on site.

Alternative locations for donating blood can be found at redcrossblood.org/make-donation or by calling (800) 733-2767.

Santa Monicans looking for alternative locations for Health and Safety Classes can find them at www.redcross.org/take-a-class or by calling (800) 733 2767 option 3.

Anyone with additional questions may call (310) 394 3773.

– HENRY CRUMBLISH

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ALL TOGETHER

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Locals gather to sing and pray for their community, state, nation and the world during National Day of Prayer on Thursday.

Decades-old question: Is antibacterial soap safe?

MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON It's a chemical that's been in U.S. households for more than 40 years, from the body wash in your bathroom shower to the knives on your kitchen counter to the bedding in your baby's basinet.

But federal health regulators are just now deciding whether triclosan — the germ-killing ingredient found in an estimated 75 percent of antibacterial liquid soaps and body washes sold in the U.S. — is ineffective, or worse, harmful.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is planning to deliver a review this year of whether triclosan is safe. The ruling, which will determine whether triclosan continues to be used in household cleaners, could have implications for a $1 billion industry that includes hundreds of antibacterial products from toothpaste to toys.

The agency's review comes amid growing pressure from law-

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Studios go directly to fans for social-media boost

SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Sometimes you just can't wait for Comic-Con — whether you're a fan or a filmmaker.

With the summer movie season now beginning in early May ("Iron Man 3" opens Friday), studios are co-opting the July pop-culture convention's model of stoking interest in anticipated films by bringing sneak-peeks of new material directly to super fans, who then, it is hoped, spread their enthusiasm via word-of-mouth and social media.

For "Star Trek: Into Darkness," which opens May 17, Paramount shared early photos and videos with Trekkies devoted enough to download an iPhone or Android app. Other aspiring blockbusters, including Disney's "The Lone Ranger" and Sony's "Elysium," were subjects of their own

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Questioning motives

Editor:

In reference to the letter in which John Blanchette ("Count your blessings," Letter to the Editor, April 30) worships commercial development in our city and enthusiastically welcomes even more, Mr. Blanchette is being disingenuous when he describes himself merely as "a travel writer" who, "over the past 15 years has been to every part of the world." Traveling may well be Mr. Blanchette's passion, but he neglected to inform the reader that he also happens to be the president of Blanchette & Associates, a Santa Monica public relations firm.

Quoted from its website: "Blanchette & Associates Communications serves a wide range of entertainment and corporate clients. Senior partners John Blanchette and Holly Wallace have extensive experience creating and executing successful publicity campaigns for actors, musicians, films, television personalities and series, theater, restaurants, magazines, charities, special events and a variety of corporate clients, from cities to vineyards."

Seen in this light, it is unclear whether Mr. Blanchette's letter really reflects the personal views of a Santa Monica resident, or whether it is tainted, or perhaps even entirely dictated, by professional interests.

Reinhard Kargl
Santa Monica

Celebrating mother

Editor:

Mother's Day can be a difficult holiday when you've lost your mom, regardless of the amount of time that has passed. Understanding this, I thought I'd share several ways that we at Gates, Kingsley & Gates Moeller Murphy Funeral Directors have found to make remembering mom a time of healing.

Already it's hard not to see Mother's Day cards virtually everywhere you shop. Instead of trying to avoid them, go ahead and buy a card that captures your feelings. Tap into memories and write a note in the card. You can bring the card to your mother's gravesite or keep it in a special place at home. You might consider buying an extra card and visiting a senior in a nursing home or senior center who might not otherwise have any visitors.

On Mother's Day, consider setting an extra place at the dinner table for mom. By including her in this way, you can honor her memory and share warm thoughts of how she made a difference in your life – quietly or with other family members at the table.

Bring flowers to your mother's gravesite on Mother's Day. It is a lovely way to pay tribute and spend some quiet time remembering special moments. If your mother's gravesite is in another state, ask the cemetery about placing a floral arrangement for you.

Many moms leave a legacy of giving, having worked with one or more charities during their lifetimes. Keep your mom's legacy alive by volunteering with her charity or one that holds a special meaning to you and your family this Mother's Day weekend.

Missing your mother is natural and even more so this time of year. I hope that these ideas will help you honor your mom in whatever way you need, and that they will help make this year's holiday more about remembrance than loss.

Jeffrey Baker
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Bush painted U.S. into corner

TWO DAYS AGO MARKED THE 10TH anniversary of George W. Bush's landing of a jet on the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln and giving his televised "Mission Accomplished" speech. Despite the theatrics, Bush was just a passenger on the plane, though you'd have thought by strutting around in his flight suit that he'd just come back from the front lines.

The 10 years seem like they flew by. My neighbor, Barbara, who reminds me of the late comedienne Gracie Allen, tells me life is like a roll of toilet paper as "the second half goes by faster than the first."

What have I accomplished these past 10 years, other than write columns critical of the Iraq war? At least this one is on an "anniversary," albeit not one to celebrate but to learn from, though we never do. So many lessons unlearned. Currently U.S. Sens. John McCain and Lindsey Graham want us to get more involved in Syria. It's as though they never met a war they didn't like.

The entire "Mission Accomplished" stunt was just one bogus chapter in a thoroughly bogus war. And "bogus" is being generous. Personally, I think "criminal" could be substituted.

Evidently Bush thought it was a grand idea to dress up in a flight suit and land on the Abraham Lincoln to announce the "Allied victory." (The bought and paid for "coalition of the willing" never sounded terribly enthusiastic.) Bush should have simply taken a helicopter, but he obviously wanted the world to see him as a macho pilot, which is odd because in the Texas Air National Guard his commitment was spotty at best.

Actually Bush's being in the National Guard in the first place was totally corrupt as he miraculously skipped over 1,000 others ahead of him on the list. The man who arranged it all is still ashamed and ruefully admitted that it probably cost some innocent person his life in Vietnam. I know, picky, picky.

Another glaring problem with the "Mission Accomplished" bit was that the carrier, which was returning from action in the Persian Gulf, was almost all the way back to port in San Diego. It would have looked even more ridiculous for Bush to land on a carrier that was already docked. So the Abraham Lincoln had to be purposely slowed to make it appear like the ship was still at sea. What a fraud.

The staged event cost anywhere from $1 million to $3 million, according to various reports, all for a photo-op. Then again it was just a drop in the bucket for a war that eventually will cost $5 trillion! It's a little tough to swallow, however, when disadvantaged kids are currently being kept out of Head Start and homebound elderly are being kicked off Meals On Wheels.

Meanwhile, the obstructionist Congress does nothing. Sen. Patrick Toomey, (R-Pa.), admitted on Wednesday that the GOP blocks bills just because Obama is in favor of them. How patriotic. And yet Congress somehow found money for air traffic controllers. Of course that's because members of Congress fly and surely they can't be inconvenienced.

But back to the aircraft carrier. Even though he paraded around the deck in his flight suit and holding his helmet under his arm, I repeat that President Bush was merely a passenger on that flight. A million-dollar passenger at that. I wonder how many Meals On Wheels that would pay for?

Under a huge "Mission Accomplished" banner, Bush told the country and the world that major combat operations in Iraq were over. Given that eight years later American GIs were still being killed and wounded, W was not exactly prescient.

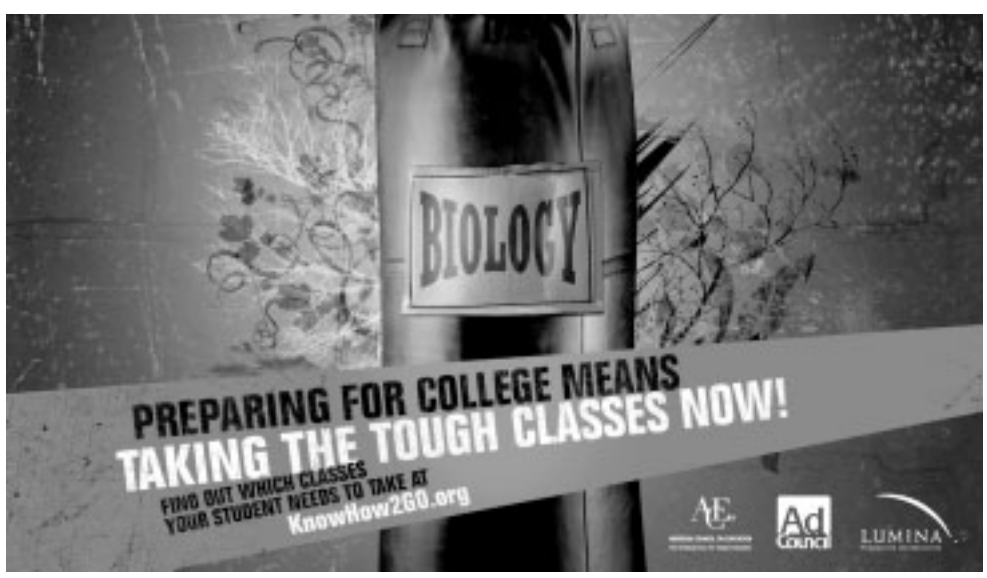
It's ironic that the 10 year "Mission Accomplished" anniversary fell on the same day the Bush Presidential Library and Museum in Dallas opened to the public. W hopes the lavish library will show visitors that he had the "courage of his convictions." I hate to break it to 43, but leaders don't get credit for making decisions that were so blatantly wrong. In Japan they tend to commit Hare Kari.

And let's not forget Bush was getting plenty of advice not to invade Iraq, including from Colin Powell. And there was also plenty of evidence Iraq had nothing to do with 9/11. But W just had to "go with his gut." Unfortunately we're still paying for his gut.

But we're told this is a more sensitive Bush than the often arrogant president. ("I'm the decider!") W's an artist now specializing in pet portraits. If the sensitive Bush wants to create art a little more profound he could always paint any of the thousands of American GIs who lost limbs because of his Iraq war.

So it is that, with a nod to my neighbor Barbara, I leave you with what George Burns used to say to his wife to end every one of their hit 1950's TV shows. "Say goodnight, Gracie."

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How politics have changed

WHEN TWO SENATORS RECENTLY GOT INTO a spat over whether the Boston Marathon bombings were being politicized, the news was everywhere within minutes. Reams of commentary quickly followed. In the maneuvering over gun-control legislation, every twist and turn was instantly reported and then endlessly debated. As the effects of the federal sequester start to make themselves felt, outlets in every medium — print, television, online — are carrying both the news and the inevitable partisan sniping over its meaning.

This is political reality today, and when people ask me how politics has changed since I first ran for Congress in 1964, it's the first thing that comes to mind. Back then, when you spoke to the Rotary in a small town, you were speaking to a few members of the Rotary. Today, you might well be speaking to the world. A debate on Capitol Hill back then might or might not have made the news, but even if it did, days could go by before the rest of the country reacted. Today, the response is instantaneous, often hot-blooded, and almost inconceivably far-reaching.

It's not just the sheer proliferation and aggressiveness of the media that have ratcheted up the intensity of political life. Almost every facet of politics is more complicated and hard-edged. Voters want instant results. Consultants are everywhere. Lobbyists have multiplied and become immeasurably sophisticated at finding ways to get what they want. Well-funded, highly organized interest groups enrich the DC region's economy, while in the rest of the country grassroots organizations try to influence policy on every cause under the sun. All of this, in turn, has created an unending flood of money. Politics is now big business.

Perhaps because of the scrutiny that political decisions now get — and the speed with which organizations turn those decisions into fundraising opportunities — it is much harder to do the basic work of politics: finding common ground. I don't think I'm being overly rosy in saying that a generation ago, when politicians of differing views met to hammer out their differences, they actually hammered out their differences. It was not easy, but they believed that as elected officials they had a responsibility to find their way out of difficult problems together. They understood that this usually meant accepting a solution that was less than perfect.

Today, the first words out of a politician's mouth when presented with a new proposal are, "It doesn't measure up." Incremental achievements have come to be seen as shameful concessions, to be avoided if at all possible. In a Washington that is more ideological, more partisan, and less pragmatic than it used to be, the bedrock notion that politicians would come together to make the country work seems quaint. It hasn't disappeared entirely, but it's certainly endangered.

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Which may be one reason there's been another change I've seen in politics over the years. I first went to Congress at a time when Americans had faith in the institutions of government. The year I ran for office, Lyndon Johnson was campaigning for president on a platform that the country could successfully wage a war against poverty. Today, it seems inconceivable that a politician would be so bold or so naïve — it's not just that Americans have been chastened in their ambitions in the nearly 50 years since, but that they would have very little confidence that government could deliver. Congress can't even get a normal budget done on time. A "war" on anything seems beyond its grasp.

I don't mean to be entirely negative. Politics' greater intensity also has its bright spots. There are more and often better sources of information. Ordinary Americans are highly engaged, with more avenues of entry into the system. If you want to understand even the most complex issues facing Congress, it's possible to learn about them far more easily than just a few decades ago.

Perhaps that's something to build on. With greater public sophistication about a complex system, Americans might also show more patience with politicians trying in good faith to resolve our challenges. And if that happens, who knows? Maybe we'll even discover that government can, in fact, successfully tackle the big problems.

LEE HAMILTON is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

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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SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

DATE/TIME: May 6, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 13ARB057, 643 Pacific Street: Multi family Residence
- 13ARB091, 1311 Third Street Promenade: Mixed Use
- 13ARB134, 3105 Wilshire Boulevard: Grocery Store
- 13ARB161, 2200 Colorado Avenue: Mixed Use

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LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

128 Hollister Avenue, 13CA-007, Zoning: OP2 (Ocean Park Low Multiple Family) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness 13CA-007 for design approval for the construction of a new two-story addition to an existing single family residence located at 128 Hollister Avenue. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed work is appropriate and architecturally compatible with the American Four Square style residence. Applicant: Michael and Pell James Burns. Owner: Michael and Pell James Burns. ***(Continued from April 8, 2013)***

824 22nd Street, 13LM-004, Zoning: R-1(Single Family Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 13LM-004, at 824 22nd Street to determine whether the existing single-family residential building, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structures meet one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Lawrence Fitzgibbon.

250 Santa Monica Pier, LC-13CA-010, Zoning: RVC (Resident-Visitor-Commercial) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness for design approval of a proposed new sign in conjunction with a new restaurant space within the Billiards Building. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed sign is architecturally compatible and appropriate for the Landmark Santa Monica Pier. A sign adjustment is also required to allow a rooftop sign and a total sign area that exceeds code requirements. Applicant: Lori Volheim. Owner: City of Santa Monica.

When: **Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

More Information
The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the Challenge may be limited only to 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.

Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Judge axes federal lawsuit over Owens Lake dust

A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by the city of Los Angeles in a decades-old dispute over controlling dust from a lakebed that was siphoned dry to quench the metropolis's growing thirst.

U.S. District Judge Anthony W. Ishii in Fresno tossed the lawsuit Wednesday in a fight that has been going on for a century, ever since LA began to drain Owens Lake 200 miles to its north.

The city already controls blowing dust on 45 square miles of lakebed.

It sued after the air regulators who monitor the lake said in 2011 that it needed to control dust on three more square miles. A state lawsuit is still pending.

Joe Ramallo, a spokesman for the city's Department of Water and Power, didn't immediately return a call.

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SACRAMENTO

High-speed rail contractor gets additional $96M

The board overseeing California's high-speed rail project has voted to give its largest private contractor another $96 million and two more years to perform architectural and engineering work, but warned that it will exercise rigorous oversight.

Board members on Thursday told contractor Parsons Brinckerhoff that the California High-Speed Rail Authority has beefed up its senior management since the first contract was signed with the company in 2006 and will not act as a rubber-stamp, as critics have charged.

The rail authority has been criticized for relying too heavily on outside contractors.

The board also approved carrying over $24 million in unspent money from the previous $199 million contract with the firm.

The authority's chief executive, Jeff Morales, was a senior vice president at Parsons Brinckerhoff before being hired last June.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Jurors hear voicemail saying Jackson was sick

Five days before Michael Jackson died, his manager called the singer's doctor, told him Jackson was sick, and implored him to have blood tests done, according to a voicemail played Thursday in court.

The message left by Frank Dileo was retrieved by police from the cellphone of Dr. Conrad Murray and played during the trial of a negligence lawsuit filed by Jackson's mother against concert promoter AEG Live.

"I'm sure you're aware he had an episode last night," the message said. "He's sick ... We gotta see what he's doing."

Plaintiff's lawyer Brian Panish acknowledged outside court that the episode occurred on the day Jackson was told by Kenny Ortega, the director of his "This is It" concert, to go home from a rehearsal because he was pale and shivering.

Panish suggested that if Dileo was aware of the incident, so were AEG executives.

The lawsuit claims AEG didn't properly investigate Murray, who was later convicted of involuntary manslaughter after prosecutors said he gave Jackson a lethal dose of the anesthetic propofol.

AP

SAN FERNANDO

Man pleads not guilty in L.A. girl's kidnap, assault

A man accused of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a 10-year-old Los Angeles girl has pleaded not guilty to 37 felony charges.

Thirty-two-year-old Tobias Dustin Summers was arraigned Thursday in a San Fernando courtroom. He remains in jail in lieu of $19 million bail.

Summers and 29-year-old Daniel Martinez, who is accused of being an accomplice, are expected back in court for a hearing May 22. Martinez is being held in lieu of $150,000 bail.

Summers was picked up by FBI agents in a Mexican village last week where he'd checked himself into a rehabilitation facility under a fake name.

Authorities had sought him for nearly a month after he and Martinez allegedly kidnapped the girl from her bedroom in her Northridge home in the early morning hours of March 27.

AP

SAN BERNARDINO

City's bankruptcy sparks recall effort

San Bernardino's bankruptcy has sparked a recall campaign against the mayor, city attorney and the entire City Council.

The city east of Los Angeles declared bankruptcy in August, under crushing debt.

The San Bernardino Sun says a group of business owners and residents this week served notices to officials that they plan to submit a recall petition.

If they collect enough voter signatures, the recall would be placed on the November ballot.

Mayor Pat Morris says he understands voters' frustration but says his job is to continue working for needed changes.

City Attorney James Penman says he believes business owners backing the recall are doing it for their own gain.

And Councilman John Valdivia says he's served the city well. He says of the recall effort: Bring it on.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Kutcher's company settles suit against DMV

Ashton Kutcher's production company has settled a lawsuit against the California Department of Motor Vehicles over a planned reality series focusing on the agency's offices.

Court records in Los Angeles show Kutcher's production company Katalyst Media Inc. has settled its case for undisclosed terms. The company sued the DMV in June claiming it reneged on a reality show deal worth at least $1.4 million.

AP

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Arrest made in nightclub bottle brawl

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, AT 1 A.M.,
Los Angeles police officers with the 77th Division stopped a man for a minor violation and discovered that he had a warrant for his arrest issued out of Santa Monica. He was taken into custody and booked for assault with a deadly weapon. Police said the suspect, identified as Trent Flores, 25, of Los Angeles, smashed a champagne bottle over a woman's head at Bar Pico, located at 2819 Pico Blvd., back in July of last year. Police said the woman was dancing at the bar when she was accused by a group of women of bumping into them. Police said ultimately six women attacked the victim. While she was being attacked, Flores hit her over the head with the bottle, knocking her unconscious. The suspects fled and the victim was taken to a hospital where she received numerous stitches. Flores' bail was set at $30,000.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, AT 6:50 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the Coffee Bean located at 2901 Main St. regarding someone causing a disturbance inside the business. When officers arrived they spoke with a witness who said the suspect, who was now across the street, was extremely intoxicated and was harassing patrons as he would enter and exit the coffee shop continually. Officers found the suspect in the bushes of Lot 9 and determined he was too drunk to care for himself. He was placed under arrest, at which time he allegedly spit on an officer. Then he tried to kick officers at the jail as they attempted to get him out of the cop car. The suspect was booked for battery of officers, public intoxication and a probation violation. He was identified as Daniel Cacarillo, 28. He refused to give officers his address. His bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, AT 7:59 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol near the corner of Olympic Boulevard and 20th Street when they saw a man standing on the southeast corner writing on a pole. As officers pulled up to the suspect he was allegedly still actively vandalizing the pole. When the suspect finally saw the officers he took off running. Officers caught up to him one block later and placed him under arrest for vandalism. Police said several poles and a fence along Olympic, 20th and 21st streets were vandalized. The suspect was booked for resisting arrest and vandalism. He was identified as Brett Newsom, 19, a transient. His bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, AT 12:23 P.M.,
Community service officers responded to Fireside Cellars at 1424 Montana Ave. regarding a report of fraud. When officers arrived they made contact with an employee at the liquor store who said he helped three men who came into the store and purchased several bottles of alcohol for a party. The total was $6,183.36, police said. The three offered to pay with a credit card, which was declined. One of them used his cell phone to call the credit card company to obtain an authorization code. The employee entered the code and the purchase was approved. After the suspects left the employee became suspicious and called the credit card company. He was told that the numbers provided were fraudulent, as was the authorization code, but somehow they were able to override the system and approve the purchase. A report was taken by investigators. On April 24, at 12:45 p.m., the suspects entered Star Liquor and tried to buy alcohol valued at $7,400. When their credit card was declined, they used the same authorization code and the purchase was completed. A day later they went to another store, The Farms, located at 2030 Montana Ave., and asked about buying a $1,300 bottle of booze. The owner was suspicious because of other frauds he knew about and called police when the suspects left the store. Police pulled them over in the 2700 block of Wilshire Boulevard. Officers searched the car and said they found evidence of the fraud and placed two people under arrest for burglary and forgery. Police later learned that the suspects were wanted in Beverly Hills, Calif., and Los Angeles for similar crimes, all amounting in losses well over $200,000. The suspects were identified as Steve Edward Robertson, 32, of Compton, Calif.; and Saudia Kyron Cole, 30, of Anaheim, Calif. Their bail was set at $200,000 each.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, AT 10:38 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol in the 1900 block of Euclid Court when they saw a green Ford Explorer begin to pull into the alley they were in. The driver of the Explorer then suddenly pulled back out onto Pico Boulevard and drive west. The officers pulled in behind the vehicle and noticed the rear license plate was not up to code and conducted a traffic stop. Officers said they could smell the strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the car. Officers searched the car and said they found a class pipe and a bag of methamphetamine. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. He was identified as Rene Banuelos, 28, of Inglewood, Calif. His bail was set at $10,000.

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The bid packet can be downloaded at:
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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 Kellee.macdonald@smgov.net. Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica.

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

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Conditional Use Permit 13-002, 1415 Third Street Promenade. The applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (13CUP-002) to allow the conversion of a portion of a restaurant on the ground floor level adjacent to the Third Street Promenade to a general retail use, resulting in two separate ground floor tenants. Specifically, the applicant requests to convert 6,225 square feet of the existing 7,500 square foot ground floor restaurant to a general retail use resulting in a ground floor that will include a 6,225 square foot general retail use and a 1,275 square foot restaurant use. [Planner: Chris Townes] **Applicant: Tucker Management, LLC. PROPERTY OWNER: Nathanson Family Limited Partnership.**

Development Agreement 12-006, 401 Broadway. The applicant proposes to amend its approved Development Agreement 11-011 that authorized the construction of a 5-story building, consisting of 56 residential units, 4,159 SF of ground floor commercial space and a two-level subterranean basement containing commercial tenant space and area for residential amenities. The applicant proposes to modify the ground floor design and layout, add a third subterranean level and modify the second subterranean level so that 49 parking spaces maybe provided in two subterranean levels accessed by a vehicle elevator at the rear along the alley. [Planner: Paul Foley] **Applicant: David Forbes Hibbert, architect. Property Owner: Steve Henry, Fourth and Broadway, LLC.**

Text Amendment 08-007, Citywide. The applicant requests a text amendment to modify Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.18.075 [Rent Control Bootleg Units], to waive certain development standards for rental units which were built or created without permits for buildings where all units are deed restricted for occupancy by low and moderate income tenants in existence as of April 10, 2013. [Planner: Grace Page] Applicant/Property Owner: 1144 12th Street, LLC.

WHEN: **Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

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

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

SOAP
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makers, consumer advocates and others who are concerned about the safety of triclosan. Recent studies of triclosan in animals have led scientists to worry that it could increase the risk of infertility, early puberty and other hormone-related problems in humans.

"To me it looks like the risks outweigh any benefit associated with these products right now," said Allison Aiello, professor at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health. "At this point, it's just looking like a superfluous chemical."

The concerns over triclosan offer a sobering glimpse at a little-known fact: Many chemicals used in everyday household products have never been formally approved by U.S. health regulators. That's because many germ-killing chemicals were developed decades ago before there were laws requiring scientific review of cleaning ingredients.

The controversy also highlights how long it can take the federal government to review the safety of such chemicals. It's not uncommon for the process to drag on for years, since regulators must review volumes of research and take comments from the public on each draft.

In the case of triclosan, Congress passed a law in 1972 requiring that the FDA set guidelines for dozens of common antibacterial chemicals found in over-the-counter soaps and scrubs. The guidelines function like a cookbook for manufacturers, detailing which chemicals can be used in what products, and in what amounts.

In 1978, the FDA published its first tentative guidelines for chemicals used in liquid hand soaps and washes. The draft stated that triclosan was "not generally recognized as safe and effective," because regulators could not find enough scientific research demonstrating its safety and effectiveness.

The FDA published several drafts of the guidelines over the years, but the agency never finalized the results. So, companies have not had to remove triclosan from their products.

Meanwhile, the agency did approve triclosan for use in Colgate's Total toothpaste in 1997, after Colgate-Palmolive Co. submitted data showing that the ingredient helped fight gingivitis.

Then, last summer, the FDA said its review of triclosan would be complete by late 2012. That target date then slipped to February, which has also come and gone. But pressure on the agency from outside critics didn't let up.

In March, a federal appeals court said a lawsuit by the nonprofit Natural Resources Defense Council aimed at forcing the FDA to complete its review could move forward. A three-judge panel reinstated the 2010 lawsuit, which had been tossed out by a lower court, saying the nonprofit group presented evidence that triclosan could potentially be dangerous.

Now, four decades after it was charged with reviewing triclosan, the FDA is planning to complete its review. FDA spokeswoman Stephanie Yao said evaluating triclosan and other antibacterial agents is "one of the highest priorities" for the agency, but did not offer an explanation for the delay.

The FDA's website currently states that "the agency does not have evidence that triclosan in antibacterial soaps and body washes provides any benefit over washing with regular soap and water."

The American Cleaning Institute, a cleaning products trade organization, says it has provided reams of data to FDA showing that triclosan is both safe and effective.

"Triclosan is one of the most reviewed and researched ingredients used in consumer and health care products," says Brian Sansoni, a spokesman for the group, whose members include Colgate-Palmolive and Henkel Consumer Goods Inc., maker of Dial soap.

While it can take years for the government to make rules, members of Congress say there is little precedent for the FDA's four-decade review of triclosan.

"When FDA first started evaluating the rules governing triclosan's use, Richard Nixon was still president," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass, who asked the FDA to take a closer look at triclosan in 2010 after the European Union banned the chemical from products that come into contact with food.

"Science has evolved, and so should FDA's regulations guiding the use of this chemical in consumer products," he says.

U.S. scientists agree that the FDA's review is overdue. The Endocrine Society, a group of doctors and scientists who specialize in the hormone system, flagged triclosan four years ago as an ingredient that alters levels of thyroid hormones and reproductive hormones like testosterone and estrogen.

"I think the FDA is behind the curb," said Dr. Andrea Gore of the University of Texas at Austin, who was the lead author of the Endocrine Society's statement on hormone disrupting chemicals. "At what point do you draw a line and say we need to take this out of products that are being applied to our skin? What is enough evidence?"

Some Americans are shocked that the FDA has taken so long. Mallory Smith is troubled to learn that the government has never confirmed the safety of antibacterial soap's key ingredient.

Smith, who works for the federal government, says she keeps antibacterial soap in the kitchen to clean her hands after she's handled raw meat.

"As a regular consumer I rely on the government to identify products that are safe for me to use," Smith said. "If something is brought to their attention, they should look into it, and ban the chemical if necessary."

Others are less surprised by the government's multi-decade review. "It sounds like a typical government agency to me: totally unproductive," said David Fisher, who sells restaurant equipment in Arizona.

Ironically, triclosan first became widely used because it was considered safer than an older antibacterial ingredient, hexachlorophene. That chemical was banned from household items in 1972 after FDA scientists discovered that toxic levels could be absorbed through the skin. Several infant deaths in France were connected to baby powder that contained unsafe levels of the chemical, due to a manufacturing error.

Triclosan was initially used in hospitals in the 1970s as a scrub for surgeons preparing to perform an operation. It was also used to coat the surfaces of catheters, stitches and other surgical instruments.

Beginning in the 1990s, triclosan began making its way into hundreds of antibacterial consumer goods, ranging from soap to socks to lunchboxes. The growth has in part been fueled by Americans who believe that antibacterial ingredients provide an added level of protection against germs.

As the use of triclosan has expanded, more scientists have questioned its effectiveness. In 2007, researchers at the University of Michigan and other universities compiled data from 30 studies looking at the use of antibacterial soaps. The results showed soaps with triclosan were no more effective at preventing illness or reducing bacteria on the hands than plain soap.

Other studies have shown that longer hand-washing improves results far more than adding antibacterial ingredients. The Centers for Disease Control recommends washing hands at least 20 seconds. The CDC also recommends using hand sanitizer — most of which use alcohol or ethanol to kill germs, not chemicals like triclosan — if soap and water are not available.

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BIG SPIKE

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

Crossroads' Nick Graves (right) spikes the ball against Paraclete on Wednesday at home. Crossroads would go on to win the match in three games, 25-20, 25-11, 25-15.

SAFE

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Troclosan's safety also has become a growing concern in recent years. To date, nearly all of the research on triclosan's health impact comes from animal studies —which are not necessarily applicable to humans — but the findings still have researchers concerned.

A 2009 study by scientists at the Environmental Protection Agency showed that triclosan decreases levels of testosterone and sperm production in male rats. Female rats exposed to triclosan showed signs of early puberty and altered levels of estrogen and thyroid hormones.

And 2010 study by University of Florida researchers found that triclosan interfered with the transfer of estrogen to growing fetuses in pregnant sheep. Estrogen is important in both male and female development because it promotes growth of organs like the lungs and liver.

Sansoni, the soap and detergent industry spokesman, says those animal studies can't be applied to humans and "make exaggerated claims about the damaging effects" of triclosan.

But safety concerns over triclosan don't just involve rats and other animals. Some experts argue that routine use of antibacterial chemicals like triclosan is contributing to a surge in drug-resistant germs, or superbugs, that are immune to antibiotics. Few studies have attempted to track antibiotic resistance tied to Triclosan in the real world. But laboratory studies have shown that antibiotic-resistant strains of E. coli and other bacteria can grow in cultures with high levels of triclosan.

As a result of the growing concerns, some leading medical societies, hospitals and companies have abandoned the chemical.

Kaiser Permanente pulled triclosan from its 37 hospitals across the country in 2010, switching to traditional soaps and alcohol-based hand sanitizers. Kathy Gerwig, Kaiser Permanente's vice president for workplace safety, said the hospital chain decided to phase out triclosan as part of its "precautionary approach" to safety issues.

"If there is credible evidence that a product we're using might have some disadvantages from a health or environmental standpoint, then it's our obligation to look for a safer alternative," Gerwig said.

Johnson & Johnson has pledged to remove triclosan from all of its adult products by the end of 2015. The company says none of its baby products currently contain the ingredient.

"We want people to have complete peace of mind when they use our products," Susan Nettesheim, vice president of product stewardship, said when the company made the announcement last summer.

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FANS
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individual Comic-Con-style events recently: Studios invited fans to local theaters, where they heard directly from the films' stars and were the first to see the action-packed trailers and other select scenes.

Johnny Depp and Armie Hammer took questions from fans at "The Lone Ranger" event in Las Vegas in a segment streamed live online. Matt Damon and "District 9" writer-director Neill Blomkamp participated in the "Elyisum" showcase, held simultaneously in theaters in Los Angeles and Berlin. Only those who regularly follow the films online find out about such special events.

Studios value the approach because it allows them to reward devoted fans while building early buzz for their films. It also circumvents, in a way, the more traditional method of staging promotional events for entertainment media and then depending on those outlets to spread the news to fans.

There are no better ambassadors to get word-of-mouth going," said Marc Weinstock, Sony's co-president of worldwide marketing. "Movies are such a viral thing."

Asad Ayaz, senior vice president of marketing for Disney, said one aim of "The Lone Ranger" Las Vegas event last month was to generate as much international interest as possible in the film's trailer, which made its public debut there. Fans from as far away as China submitted questions for Depp, Hammer, director Gore Verbinski and producer Jerry Bruckheimer via Twitter during the online broadcast.

One wanted to know what other characters Depp wants to play.

"Carol Channing," the actor said. "I mean that. She's fantastic... Another guy that I would love to do the life story of is Don Rickles, which I don't know if he's well-known in China."

Such starry mini-screenings can help raise a film's social-media profile in the crowded summer marketplace, Ayaz said.

"When we did our event for 'The Lone Ranger,' 'Lone Ranger' was trending on Twitter worldwide and in the U.S. for several hours during and after the event, and that's because of fans tweeting," he said. "It's all about getting eyeballs on our trailer and getting people to see this amazing film, so the social-media aspect just makes it. It's a giant halo and it spreads the word."

"The Lone Ranger" opens July 3.

Weinstock said the positive Twitter response to the "Elysium" event was just what the studio had hoped for.

The film's writer-director, though, confessed that he'd rather keep its content under wraps until the movie opens in August, but that's not the way the marketplace works.

"I try to show as little as I can," Blomkamp told reporters after the fan screening. "The thing is, if you're a responsible, functioning filmmaker in the 21st century, you can't spend $100 million and then try to behave as though you're going to wrap it under a blanket... Rationally, I understand that people have to get to know about the film and word has to get out there. Personally, I don't really like it."

Not all film marketing experts are sold on the ultimate value of fan events. Ben Carlson, president of market tracking firm Fizziology, believes the biggest social-media boost still comes from online trailer releases.

"As soon as you put a good trailer out, it almost immediately becomes a trending topic

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TOWN HALL DISCUSSION ON URBAN FORM



DOWNTOWN Specific Plan

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 6th 6:00PM

WHERE: CIVIC CENTER, EAST WING
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MEDIA
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on Twitter," he said, adding that in-person showcases like those held by Disney and Sony don't have the same social media impact.

"It's more for the influential film bloggers. It does some nice heavy-lifting there," he said. "I don't think the mainstream moviegoer who might be in Kansas City or Memphis or Helena, Mont., is going to necessarily be paying attention to what's happening at an event with a few thousand people, but they will read about it on Ain't It Cool News."

Carlson said the trailer for another anticipated summer release, Guillermo del Toro's "Pacific Rim," premiered for a group of fans before making its online debut, and it was the latter that resulted in a palpable Twitter bump.

"Instantly thousands and thousands of people were talking about it, and that's without any kind of special push to it at all," he said. "People just love the content."

Still, in a hyper-saturated media world, there's something about being the first to see something really cool, never mind seeing movie stars like Depp and Damon in person. Disney's Ayaz said he expects the studio to hold fan-focused events for future "tent pole" releases such as "Thor," "Captain America" and "Maleficent." Sony previously held an event for "The Amazing Spider-Man," and is releasing the sequel next year.

"People are more distracted than ever before and they have a lot of different mediums to get access to our content, and what is more basic and more powerful than having a live event where you have your creative (people) — the actual filmmakers and the actors and the talent from your film — directly answering questions and showing their work to the fans?" Ayaz said. "It's a basic idea but it's still one of the most powerful ideas when you've got the goods and you've got a really good movie."









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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Recommendation to City Council to Adopt an Amendment to the Civic Center Specific Plan (CCSP) to Replace the Envisioned Second Street Bridge Extension with the Reconfigured Roadway, in Conjunction with Council Approval of the Final Design for the Colorado Esplanade.**

APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica
LOCATION: CCSP Plan area; Colorado Avenue between 4th Street and Ocean Avenue

A Public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following proposed specific plan amendment:

Amend the 2005 Civic Center Specific Plan (CCSP) to eliminate the Second Street bridge extension as a planned public improvement in the CCSP in order to accommodate the proposed street reconfiguration that connects Second Street and Main Street planned for by the Colorado Esplanade Project.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013 AT 6:45 PM**

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
City of Santa Monica
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90407-2200

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Joanna Hankamer at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at joanna.hankamer@smgov.net. The Civic Center Specific Plan is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and online at the City's web site at http://www01.smgov.net/planning/civiccenter.html.

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 #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

NOT HEALTHY: **Doris Sosin looks over a recently planted tree that is struggling on 12th Street.**

TREES
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member of the Urban Forest Task Force. Her front yard is flush with drought tolerant plants and small water features powered by solar panels. The octogenarian prepared the parkway in front of her home for the cork oak that West Coast Arborists, the contractor that handles street trees, planted in recent years.

She dug a basin with a raised collar over a foot from the trunk of the tree, and fills it with water once a week to saturate the young plant.

"I turned all sprinklers off four years ago and let everything die," Sosin said.

Over-watering trees can damage them, and Sosin warns against a common practice of allowing grass to grow right up to the trunk of the tree.

A quick jaunt down 12th Street demonstrates that some homeowners have had more success than others in caring for their new plants.

In some cases, dried out, browning trees surrounded by moisture-sucking grass stand mere yards from their healthy counterparts, around which a thoughtful homeowner has created a small oasis of native flora in the public space.

City Hall has a notice that hangs on the doors of homes to alert people to the presence of a new tree. The "Tree Planting Notice" tells the homeowner that a tree has been planted, what it is and why it was picked.

It also makes a request.

"[…W]e ask that you take the responsibility of watering your tree as needed," the sign reads, and goes into some basics for tree care, including plucking the area of excess weeds and other plants, and filling the tree well with water twice a week.

That may be a bit less direction than needed, Sosin believes.

Young trees can fall prey to many ills, and have according to a report released by City Hall.

The document was prepared by a consultant called HortScience. It demonstrated that trees throughout Santa Monica were falling victim to poor planting habits, overwatering and other ills that cut years off the life of the specimen.

Former Community Forest Supervisor Randy Little called for the report after the arborist, Robin Beaudry, found that trees throughout Santa Monica were dying.

Beaudry asserted both to city officials and the District Attorney's Office that the trees were in bad condition when they came into the city, and that the contractor, West Coast Arborist, was planting defective trees in an attempt to get paid to take them out and put in new plants.

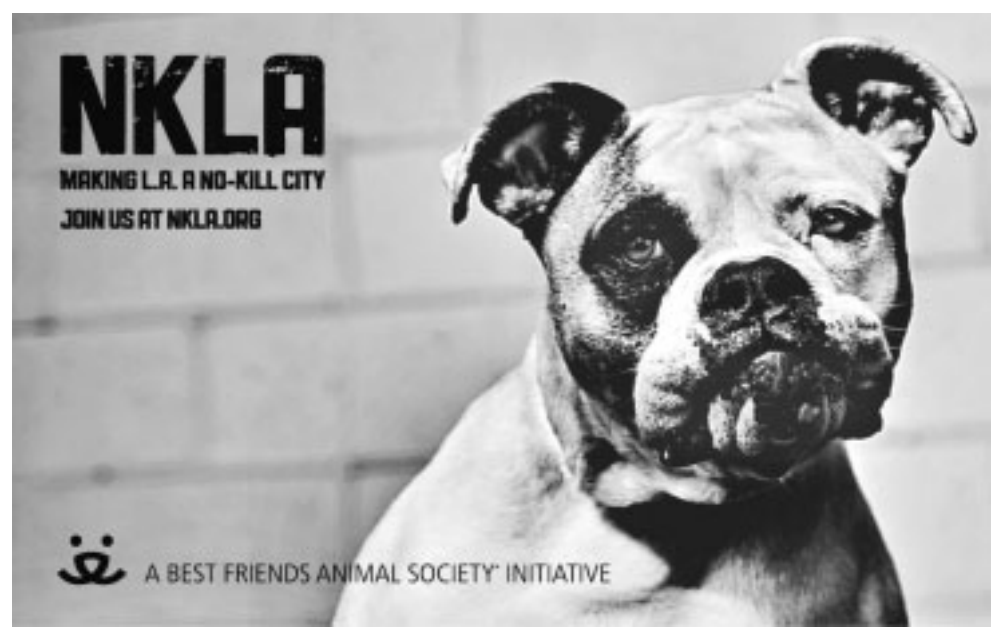
Specifically, he alleged that the trees had circled or girdling roots, which cut into the tree at its base and ultimately resulted in death.

Although the report noted that some trees showed signs of such maladies, no single bullet was responsible for felling the trees. Poor planting practices and overwatering were often to blame.

Still, the Urban Forest Task Force has called for a deeper review of work done by West Coast Arborists, and asked that their contract be put back out to bid in an attempt to get more competitive pricing.

As the municipal process winds on, Sosin for one will continue caring for her trees, just as she always has.

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LOHAN
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Morningside rankled a prosecutor who said he would conduct his own investigation of the facility to make sure it complied with the terms of Lohan's sentence.

Morningside Recovery disputed that it was unlicensed and its director wrote in a statement that it has a 6,300-square-foot facility that provides drug and alcohol treatment.

"We have successfully treated thousands of patients through our program, many of which have been ordered to us by state and federal courts," Morningside's CEO Mary Helen Beatificato wrote in a statement. "Our clinical team is highly specialized in the treatment of substance abuse and more importantly, the psychiatric illnesses which often accompany individuals suffering from with chemical dependency issues."

Beatificato stated that Morningside was not a hospital-style rehab in a letter presented to Superior Court Judge James R. Dabney on Thursday.

She wrote that Lohan would not receive day passes from Morningside's programs, would undergo six hours of group counseling a day and be accompanied daily by a sober living coach. She would undergo three hours of individual counseling a week, the letter stated.

The letter did not state where Lohan would live while at Morningside. If Lohan stayed at a sober-living house, the actress could not legally receive treatment while she was at the home.

"While Morningside does not provide its treatment in a hospital-like setting, it does provide the structure and security necessary to ensure Ms. Lohan's compliance with treatment goals, and, more importantly, court ordered conditions," Beatificato said.

Dabney said during the morning hearing that based on a letter from Morningside, it appeared to meet the requirements of Lohan's sentence in the case filed after the actress crashed her car in June while on the way to a film shoot.

Tidwell said her agency was considering enforcement action against Morningside based on Heller's statements, but she declined to elaborate.

Dabney agreed that Lohan should remain at Morningside, although the actress' whereabouts were unknown Thursday. Celebrity website TMZ reported Lohan was shopping at an electronics store while her attorney was in court, and that she never entered Morningside.

Heller argued Thursday morning that despite a prosecutor's misgivings, the actress should be allowed to stay in treatment until a judge approves her placement.

"My client is ensconced in the bosom of that facility right now," Heller argued after a prosecutor objected to Lohan's choice of rehab facilities. "She's in rehab right now. Nothing bad is going to happen."

Dabney said Lohan should remain at the center until Santa Monica Chief Deputy City Attorney Terry White has time to conduct his investigation. White said he was "completely blindsided" by Lohan's placement at Morningside because Heller had previously agreed to send the actress to a different facility that had been vetted.

White did not return a phone message seeking comment seeking information on whether Lohan had checked in or not.

Lohan pleaded no contest in March to reckless driving and lying to police who were investigating the June accident involving the actress along the Pacific Coast Highway.

The "Liz & Dick" star also was found in violation of her probation in a 2011 necklace theft and sentenced to 180 days behind bars, but her jail term can be avoided if she complies with the full terms of her sentence, which include community labor and 18 months of psychological therapy.

MALIBU
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passed by voters in November to pay for new facilities at both Santa Monica and Malibu campuses.

Part of the friction with the Malibu community has been the fact that although they have less than 20 percent of the student body, homeowners there pay more than 30 percent of the property taxes that go into bonds.

At the same time, their schools will get only 20 percent of the bond revenues for the district in the case of Measure ES, the new bond.

That promise was worked directly into the bond out of concerns that it would end up like Measure BB, a $268 million bond passed in 2006 in which money allocated to Malibu schools was shifted to Santa Monica High School in a last-minute vote by the Board of Education.

Another complicating factor is the presence of teachers represented by unions who currently work in schools in Malibu.

Some Malibu residents have been working to leave the district for years, citing cultural differences between the two communities which are separated by 13 miles of coastline.

The smaller, wealthier segment also feels that its needs are sometimes drowned out by the larger Santa Monica population, a sentiment bolstered by the fact that there hasn't been a Malibu representative on the Board of Education since 2008.

Three Malibu residents — Foster, Karen Farrer and Seth Jacobson — ran for the board in 2012 only to be defeated by three incumbents.

Beyond issues of representation are fundamental differences between the two communities, including the perceived need of Malibu residents for their public schools to compete with the more expensive private schools in the area.

Splitting is one way to ensure that all of the schools in (potentially) both districts are able to meet the needs of their students and their own potential, Foster said.

In a release put out Tuesday, AMPS noted that Malibu High School was ranked 74th in the state by U.S. News & World Report, a publication that released its national high school rankings last week.

"There is no question that this is a great school, but it could be so much better," Foster said.

School rankings must often be taken with a grain of salt, educators say.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals took on U.S. News & World Report rankings in 2012, noting that state tests, which play a factor in the rankings, differ in scope and rigor.

The data is also a few years old, said Terry Deloria, assistant superintendent of educational services in Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

"We know we have good schools here, and we will continue to work to make them better," she said.

As to separation, even if things go smoothly, a final decision by the state Department of Education will take years to secure.

"We're going to continue to operate as a unified school district and think about every school in our district," Deloria said.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2013**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

Use Permit 13UP-004, 538 Marguerita Avenue. A Use Permit to authorize the construction of a new curb cut providing street access to an on-site garage on the subject parcel which has an adjacent rear alley. This proposal is requested in conjunction with an addition to an existing single-family residence, the development of a new detached second dwelling unit, and the development of an accessory building with a garage. The applicant requests approval to allow vehicle access onto the property from Marguerita Avenue. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.08.02.040(d), the applicant may request a Use Permit to allow a curb cut for purposes of providing street access to an on-site parking garage on parcels located within the North of Montana neighborhood with an adjacent rear alley having a minimum right-of-way of fifteen feet. [Planner: Rachel Dimond] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Vertoch Design Architects/Izzet Motola/Lilly & Barry Wilen.

Use Permit 13UP-005, 1016 San Vicente Blvd. A Use Permit to retain an existing curb cut providing street access to an on-site garage on the subject parcel which has an adjacent rear alley. This proposal is requested in conjunction with the construction of a new single-family residence with a garage. The applicant requests approval to allow vehicle access onto the property from San Vicente Boulevard. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.08.02.040(d), the applicant may request a Use Permit to allow a curb cut for purposes of providing street access to an on-site parking garage on parcels located within the North of Montana neighborhood with an adjacent rear alley having a minimum right-of-way of fifteen feet. [Planner: Rachel Dimond] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Anya and Mario Romano.

Fence, Wall, Hedge, Modification 13FWHM0002, 614 California Ave. A height modification to construct a wall and pergola within the front setback with a maximum height of be eight feet. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080, fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed the maximum height of 42-inches within the required front yard, measured from the lowest adjacent grade. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a height modification to the height limitations in the front yard area, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Rachel Dimond] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Marc and Anita Sabine.

HOW TO COMMENT

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

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(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. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid #3, #7 and #9 serve the City Hall.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

The Planning Commission will be holding a Town Hall Discussion on Urban Form for the Downtown Specific Plan. Town Hall Open House is from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with an Open Discussion beginning at 6:30 p.m. Discussion Topics::

- Development Standards – Proposed heights are based on current standards; includes increased setbacks and wider sidewalks
- Opportunity Sites – 8 sites are proposed to provide exceptional opportunities for affordable housing, open space, cultural facilities, public parking, etc.
- Process – Calendar of opportunities for community input; discuss potential analysis framework and the program Environmental Impact Report.

WHEN: **Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.**

WHERE: Civic Auditorium, East Wing
1855 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

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

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

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Stocks gain after unemployment claims fall

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK The stock market is all about jobs this week.

Stocks rose Thursday after unemployment claims fell to a five-year low. A day earlier it was just the opposite; the market slumped after companies added just 119,000 jobs in April, the fewest in seven months, according to payroll processor ADP. And stocks could swing again Friday when the government's closely watched monthly employment report is released.

"Everyone is looking to the April jobs numbers," said Tyler Vernon, chief investment officer at Biltmore Capital. "People are more confident that it was an anomaly last month and are looking for some bigger numbers."

Economists forecast that the employers added 160,000 jobs last month. Stocks slumped April 5 when the government said 88,000 jobs were added, less than half the number forecast.

Signs of increased hiring have supported this year's surge in stocks and pushed the market to record highs. The run-up has started to falter in recent weeks on concerns that the global economy is slowing. More jobs should boost consumer spending, a key driver of U.S. growth.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 130.63 points to 14,831.58 on Thursday, an increase of 0.9 percent. The index lost 138 points a day earlier. The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 14.89 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,597.59, also recovering almost all of its losses from a day earlier.

Applications for unemployment benefits fell last week to 324,000, the fewest since January 2008, the Labor department reported before the market opened.

The outlook for global growth also got a boost after the European Central bank cuts its benchmark interest rate a quarter of a percentage point to 0.5 percent.

The euro fell a penny against the dollar to $1.3060. The price of gold rose $21.40, or 1.5 percent, to $1,467.60 an ounce. The price of crude oil rose $2.96, or 3.3 percent, to $93.99 a barrel.

Higher profits from CBS, Facebook and other companies also lifted stocks Thursday.

Broadcaster CBS reported a 22 percent jump in first-quarter earnings as big events like the Super Bowl pushed advertising revenue higher. Its stock rose 95 cents, or 2 percent, to $47.35.

GM rose 98 cents, or 3.2 percent, to $31.16 after it lost less money in Europe and beat Wall Street's expectations for first-quarter profit. The automaker's earnings of 67 cents a share beat the 54 cents predicted by Wall Street analysts who follow the company.

Facebook gained $1.54, or 5.6 percent, to $28.98 after its first-quarter revenue rose 38 percent, surpassing Wall Street expectations. Nearly a third of the company's advertising revenue came from mobile devices, a greater share than analysts had expected.

The social networking site bucked the trend for companies reporting in the first quarter. Most are exceeding analysts' expectations on earnings, but falling short on revenue.

"If we continue to see several more quarters like this, investors would start to get nervous," said Andrew Milligan, head of global strategy at Standard Life Investments. He says that growth needs to pick up in the major export markets, like China and Europe, for U.S. companies to maintain earnings growth.

Facebook's earnings also boosted information technology stocks. The industry rose 1.4 percent, the most of the 10 groups in the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

Technology stocks have surged in the past two weeks, after lagging the S&P 500 in the first three months of the year. Their 5.7 percent increase in 2013 still trails the 18.5 percent gain for health care companies, the best performing industry in the index.

Seagate Technology was another technology company that gained Thursday. The company, which makes hard drives, jumped $2.69, or 7.3 percent, to $39.63, even after the company reported a slump in sales and earnings. The decline wasn't as bad as analysts had expected, though, and Seagate handily beat estimates for both sales and revenue.

Earnings at companies in the S&P 500 are at record levels. They are forecast to increase by 4.4 percent in the first quarter and keep rising throughout the year, according to S&P Capital IQ data.

Gains for technology companies helped push the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite higher. The index advanced 41.49 points, or 1.3 percent, to 3,340.62.

Stocks are rebounding after a slump Wednesday, when reports of slower manufacturing growth and hiring dragged down markets. The Dow had its worst drop in two weeks. The market was down even after the Federal Reserve Bank reaffirmed its plan to continue its stimulus program, which is now five years old.

For the year, the Dow is still up 13 higher, the S&P 500 is up 12 percent.

The gains suggest that the market is getting ahead of itself, given a lackluster outlook for the economy, said Uri Landesman of Platinum Partners. He thinks the stock market is set for a pullback.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year note was unchanged at 1.63 percent, matching its low for the year. Bonds have gained as inflation remains tame.

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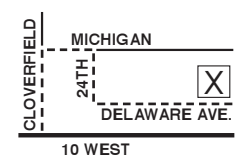


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Remains of Boston Marathon bombing suspect claimed

BRIDGET MURPHY
Associated Press

BOSTON The body of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who was the subject of a massive manhunt and died in a gunbattle with police, was claimed on Thursday.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Terrel Harris said a funeral home retained by Tsarnaev's family picked up the 26-year-old's remains. He had no more information.

The medical examiner determined Tsarnaev's cause of death on Monday, but officials said it wouldn't become public until his remains were released and a death certificate was filed. It was unclear on Thursday evening whether the death certificate had been filed.

Tsarnaev's widow, Katherine Russell, who has been living with her parents in North Kingstown, R.I., learned this week that the medical examiner was ready to release his body and wanted it released to his side of the family, her attorney Amato DeLuca said days ago.

Tsarnaev's uncle Ruslan Tsarni, of Maryland, said Tuesday night the family would take the body.

"Of course, family members will take possession of the body," Tsarni said. "We'll do it. We will do it. A family is a family."

Tsarnaev, who had appeared in surveillance photos wearing a black cap and was identified as Suspect No. 1, died days after the bombing.

The April 15 bombing, near the marathon's finish line, killed three people and injured more than 260 others. Authorities said Tsarnaev and his younger brother later killed a Massachusetts Institute of Technology campus police officer and carjacked a driver, who escaped.

Authorities said the Tsarnaev brothers during the gunfight with police set off a pressure cooker bomb and tossed grenades before the older brother ran out of ammunition.

Police said they tackled the older brother and began to handcuff him but had to dive out of the way at the last second when the younger brother, 19-year-old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, drove a stolen car at them. They said the younger brother then ran over his brother's body as he drove away from the scene to escape.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was captured later, wounded and bloody, hiding in a tarp-covered boat in a suburban Boston backyard. He is in a federal prison and faces a charge of using a weapon of mass destruction to kill.

The Tsarnaev brothers' mother insists the allegations against them are lies.

Three of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's friends, college classmates, were arrested and were accused of helping after the marathon bombing to remove a laptop and backpack from his dormitory room before the FBI searched it.

A top Republican senator on Thursday asked President Barack Obama's administration to explain how one of the students, who's from Kazakhstan, entered the United States without a valid student visa.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, in a three-page letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, asked for additional details about the student visa applications for Azamat Tazhayakov and Dias Kadyrbayev, college roommates from Kazakhstan charged with obstruction of justice in the marathon bombing case, and how Tazhayakov was allowed to re-enter the United States in January.

Tazhayakov was a student at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth when he left the country in December. In early January, his student visa status was terminated because he was academically dismissed by the university.

The third student arrested, Robel Phillipos, was charged with willfully making materially false statements to federal law enforcement officials during a terrorism investigation.

The lawyers for the Kazakh students said their clients had nothing to do with the bombing and were just as shocked by it as everyone else. Phillipos' attorney said the only allegation against him is "he made a misrepresentation."

Crown Castle is proposing to install a 70' monopine telecommunications tower at the following site: 162251/2 Filbert Street, Sylmar, California.

The tower is not expected to be lighted. Crown Castle invites comments from any interested party on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or specific reason the proposed action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Specific information regarding the project is available by calling Monica Gambino during normal business hours. Comments must be received at 2000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317 by May 1, 2013.

Crown Castle is also notifying any interested party that believes the proposed action may have a significant impact on the environment that a Request for Environmental Review (Review) may be submitted to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Such Request may only raise environmental concerns. Information regarding the project may be found under file number A0832874 on the FCC website www.fcc.gov/asr/applications. The Request must be filed with the FCC within 30 days of the notice being posted on the FCC website. The FCC strongly encourages that all Requests be filed electronically at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. Requests may also be mailed to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554, ATTN: Ramon Williams. The Request must also be served upon Crown Castle by mailing a copy to 2000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317 ATTN: Legal Department.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Development Agreement 12DEV001
1318 2nd Street
APPLICANT: David Forbes Hibbert, AIA
PROPERTY OWNER: Michael Sorochinsky, 1320 2nd Street, LLC

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

The applicant is requesting City Council approval of a Development Agreement with the City to construct a new four-story mixed-use building with fifty-three (53) residential units, approximately 6,664 square feet of ground floor neighborhood-serving commercial space, and a two level subterranean garage providing 66 parking spaces. As a part of the Development Agreement, the proposed project would provide community benefits, including but not limited to, additional affordable housing units, and various contributions to support improvements in the downtown area.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013 AT 6:30 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: Steve Mizokami, Associate Planner
Re: 12DEV001
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Steve Mizokami at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at steve.mizokami@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

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. Every attempt will made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 2, 3, Rapid 3, and 9 serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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

SURF REPORT



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **61.7°**

FRIDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high occ. 5ft
SSW swell slowly holds/slowly eases; offshore Santa Ana winds,
strongest in canyon areas further west in the region

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
SSW swells slowly eases further through the day;
larger shoulder high+ sets for standouts; new S-SSE swell shows late

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
SSW-SSE swell swell mix; slightly larger sets during
favorable tides for standouts; watching for S winds

MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
Fun zone S/SSE swell continues; potential pulse of
short-period WSW-W swell; watching for S winds

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 / 80
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather – 0 / 10

The Beach Report Card is made possible by:
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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 Sequit 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
Winter 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 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (broach 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 19548 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 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 CBAW 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

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

Heal the Bay

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

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

NFL

U.S. poll finds widespread support for Redskins name

BEN NUCKOLS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON It's been a rough offseason for the Washington Redskins, and not just because of the knee injury to star quarterback Robert Griffin III.

The team's nickname has faced a new barrage of criticism for being offensive to Native Americans. Local leaders and pundits have called for a name change. Opponents have launched a legal challenge intended to deny the team federal trademark protection. A bill introduced in Congress in March would do the same, though it appears unlikely to pass.

But a new Associated Press-GfK poll shows that nationally, "Redskins" still enjoys wide support. Nearly four in five Americans don't think the team should change its name, the survey found. Only 11 percent think it should be changed, while 8 percent weren't sure and 2 percent didn't answer.

Although 79 percent favor keeping the name, that does represent a 10 percentage point drop from the last national poll on the subject, conducted in 1992 by The Washington Post and ABC News just before the team won its most recent Super Bowl. Then, 89 percent said the name should not be changed, and 7 percent said it should.

The AP-GfK poll was conducted from April 11-15. It included interviews with 1,004 adults on both land lines and cellphones. It has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points.

Several poll respondents told The AP that they did not consider the name offensive and cited tradition in arguing that it shouldn't change.

"That's who they've been forever. That's who they're known as," said Sarah Lee, a 36-year-old stay-at-home mom from Osceola, Ind. "I think we as a people make race out to be a bigger issue than it is."

But those who think the name should be changed say the word is obviously derogatory.

"With everything that Native Americans have gone through in this country, to have a sports team named the Redskins — come on, now. It's bad," said Pamela Rogal, 56, a writer from Boston. "Much farther down the road, we're going to look back on this and say, 'Are you serious? Did they really call them the Washington Redskins?' It's a no-brainer."

Among football fans, 11 percent said the name should be changed — the same as among non-fans. Among nonwhite football fans, 18 percent said it should change, about double the percentage of white football fans who oppose the name.

A Redskins spokesman declined to comment on the poll's findings or to make team executives available for interviews. But the team highlighted the poll on its website, calling it "good news" for its fans while using the opportunity to needle the archrival Dallas Cowboys.

"While much of the world has changed over the last three decades, the loyal support for the Washington Redskins remains unwavering," the website said. "It is also suspected that at least 50 percent of those in dissent are Dallas Cowboys fans."

In Washington, debate over the name has increased in recent months. In February, the National Museum of the American Indian held a daylong symposium on the use of Indian mascots by sports teams. Museum Director Kevin Gover, of the Pawnee Nation, said the word "redskin" was "the equivalent of the n-word."

District of Columbia Mayor Vincent Gray, a Democrat, suggested that the team would have to consider changing the name if it wanted to play its home games in the city again. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, a Democrat who represents the district in Congress, said she's a fan of the team but avoids saying "Redskins." Just this week, a D.C. councilmember introduced a resolution calling for a name change, and it appears to have enough support to pass, although the council has no power over the team.

"We need to get rid of it," said longtime local news anchor Jim Vance in a commentary that aired in February. Vance, of WRC-TV, revealed that he has avoided using the name on the air for the past few years.

Other media outlets have done the same. The Washington City Paper substitutes the name "Pigskins," and DCist.com announced in February that it would avoid using the name in print. The Kansas City Star also has a policy against printing "Redskins."

In March, a three-judge panel heard arguments from a group of five Native American petitioners that the team shouldn't have federal trademark protection, which could force owner Daniel Snyder into a change by weakening him financially. A decision isn't expected for up to a year, and the Redskins are sure to appeal if it doesn't go their way. A similar case, ultimately won by the team, was filed in 1992 and needed 17 years to go through the legal system before the Supreme Court declined to intervene.

Susan Shown Harjo, a plaintiff in that case, said the poll results were "irrelevant" because popular opinion shouldn't decide the issue.

"This is a really good example of why you never put racism up to a popular vote, because racism will win every time," she said. "It's not up to the offending class to say what offends the offended."

Several poll respondents told AP that they were unaware of the ongoing debate.

"If we're going to say that 'Redskins' is an offensive term, like the n-word or something like that, I haven't heard that," said David Black, 38, a football fan from Edmond, Okla., who doesn't think a change is necessary.

George Strange, 52, of Jacksonville, Fla., who feels the name should change, said people might change their minds if they become more educated about the word and its history.

"My opinion, as I've gotten older, has changed. When I was younger, it was not a big deal. I can't get past the fact that it's a racial slur," Strange said. "I do have friends that are Redskins fans and ... they can't step aside and just look at it from a different perspective."

There's precedent for a Washington team changing its name because of cultural sensitivities. The late Washington Bullets owner Abe Pollin decided the nickname was inappropriate because of its association with urban violence, and in 1997, the NBA team was rechristened the Wizards.

Other professional sports teams have Native American nicknames, including the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs and baseball's Atlanta Braves and Cleveland Indians. But former U.S. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado, who is Native American, said "Redskins" is much worse because of its origins and its use in connection with bounties on Indians.

MOVIE TIMES

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

From up on poppy Hill
7:30 pm
Jamie Lee Curtis in person.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Croods (PG) 1hr 38min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:05pm, 7:40pm

Scary Movie V (PG-13) 1hr 25min
11:30am, 1:40pm, 10:10pm

Place Beyond the Pines (R) 2hrs 20min
12:25pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:20pm

Iron Man 3 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
11:45am, 2:50pm, 4:05pm, 6:00pm, 7:20pm, 9:10pm, 10:25pm

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

Iron Man 3 (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
11:15am, 2:20pm, 5:30pm, 6:45pm, 8:30pm, 10:00pm, 11:35pm

Oblivion (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
10:45am, 1:55pm, 5:00pm, 8:05pm, 11:15pm

Big Wedding (R) 1hr 29min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:05pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Jurassic Park 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 7min
12:15pm, 3:30pm

42 (PG-13) 2hrs 8min
10:35am, 1:45pm, 4:55pm, 8:10pm, 11:20pm

Pain & Gain (R) 2hrs 9min
11:00am, 2:05pm, 5:15pm, 8:20pm, 11:30pm

Iron Man 3 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
10:30am, 1:35pm, 4:40pm, 7:50pm, 10:55pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Mud (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Paradise: Love (Paradies: Liebe) (NR) 2hrs 00min
4:30pm, 9:55pm

Renoir (R) 1hr 53min
1:00pm, 6:15pm

To the Wonder (R) 1hr 52min
3:35pm, 8:55pm

At Any Price (R) 1hr 45min
1:50pm, 7:20pm

Company You Keep (R) 2hrs 05min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

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

Happy Birthday

Abby Arnold: Community organizer, Pier Board, Coalition for Clean Air, Santa Monica AIDS Project and a big fan of PONY league baseball.

Say 'yes,' Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Focus on your priorities right now. By afternoon, your mind will drift to your weekend plans. Share your thoughts with a dear friend. The feedback you receive could be exciting. Tonight: Not to be found.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your efficiency creates an easy afternoon. Pick up the phone and speak with a friend. You always enjoy talking to this person. This friendship might be more important than you think. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Make calls and schedule meetings in the morning. So much responsibility could fall on your shoulders later. Ask for some help if need be. Someone might be delighted to pitch in. Tonight: Let your wilder Twin emerge!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Wrap up your dealings with a key person. Laughter will open new doors and prevent a problem from becoming even bigger. Reach out for a different perspective. You could be surprised by your options. Communicate and get feedback. Tonight: Forget being practical.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You suddenly might start dancing to a new tune. Don't be surprised if some of your neighbors are looking at you with new eyes. A loved one adores seeing you like this. If you can move through your obligations quickly, you can make it an early day. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Consider letting someone else take over. This person wants the responsibility, and you would love some extra time to do whatever you want. Do something just for you, and you will make everyone happier. Understand what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Say "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ The mood of the present moment could be infectious. You know what you must complete, and you will do just that. Don't be surprised if there are some last-minute requests that could hold you up. Tonight: Easy works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your imagination often fills in the gaps regarding plans. If they are based in reality, success generally will follow. Try to avoid projecting your creative energy onto a potential relationship. Tonight: Look out, world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might want to head in a different direction from your friends or loved ones for few hours. Just explain your reasoning, and you'll discover that others can be very understanding. Tonight: Happily head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ How you see a personal matter could change radically. More and more, you will toss aside your well-developed self-discipline in exchange for more spontaneity. As a result, you will see the benefits of being a little less controlling. Tonight: Go overboard and love it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ While others ponder their plans, it appears as if you are playing out your life the way you want it to be. No one is likely to burst your bubble, as people will want to experience some of your spontaneous joyfulness. A loved one might want your attention. Tonight: And the party goes on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You correctly sense that something better is ahead. Cruise through your errands, and don't forget to clean up your workspace. When you free yourself up, you will be happy that you went through this process. Tuck away the thought of responsibilities. Tonight: Invite friends along.

Friday, May 3, 2013

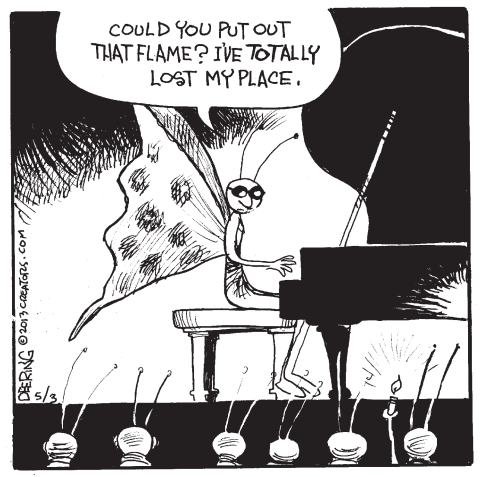
This year you will be well-grounded and extremely intuitive. This mix means good decisions. Let go of an innate stubbornness, and you'll see how much easier life becomes. If you are single, you beam and draw in many people, especially after June. You will have several suitors, so take your time making choices. If you are attached, you will go through a very amorous period together. Enjoy every moment! PISCES adds music to your words.

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

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly

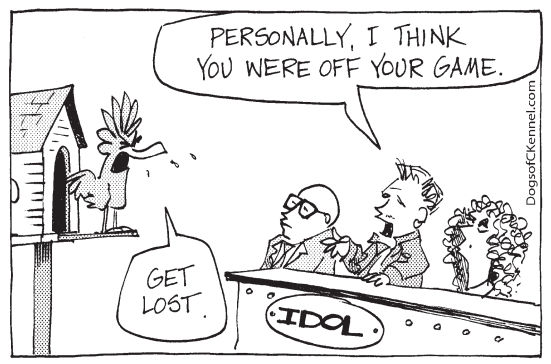


Strange Brew
By John Deering

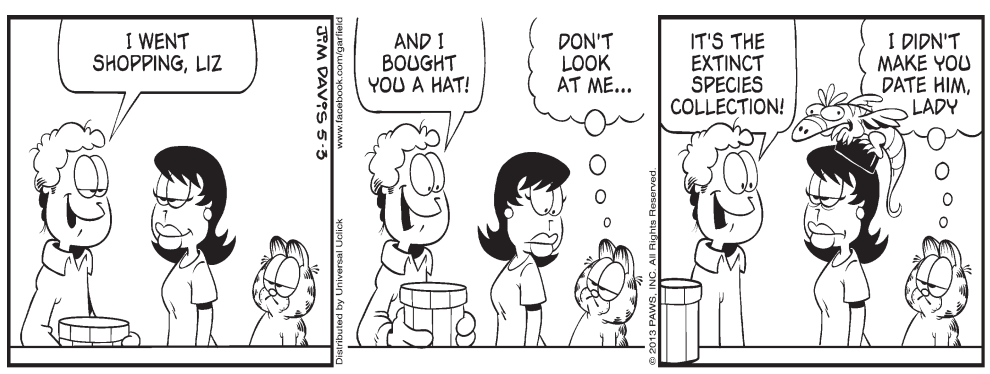


Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni

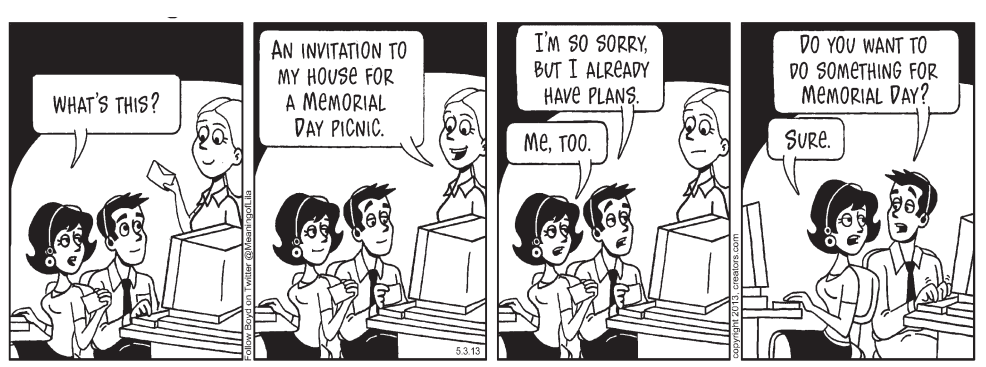




Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Valleys
6 Neverland nickname
11 Pol's concern
12 Patriot Allen
13 Viper's poison
14 Rude look
15 Pole worker
16 Hosp. hookups
18 Valentine color
19 2016 Olympics setting
20 Maiden name label
21 Trip segment
22 John Clayton's alias
24 Concept that spreads
25 Mocks
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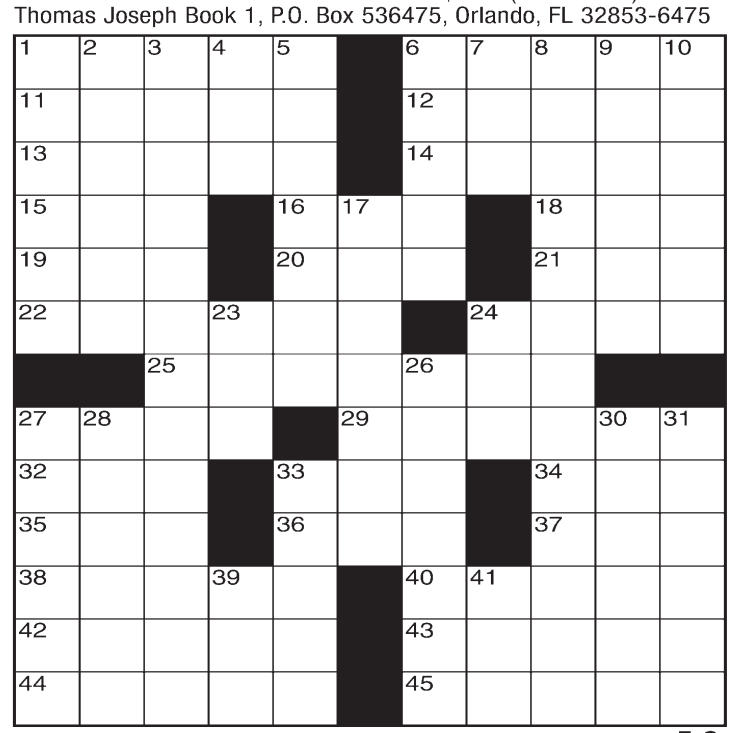
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4 Conceit
5 Discussion group
6 Track great Owens
7 Lawyer: Abbr.
8 Pulitzer-winning playwright
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10 Anxious
17 Game choice
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24 Ran into
26 Broken
27 Tenants' papers
28 Enticement
30 Like a short play
31 Sunday entrees
33 Lode settings
39 Say further
41 Imitating

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Yesterday's answer

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5-3

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/1
22 26 31 54 55
Power#: 18
Jackpot: $191M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/30
21 30 34 39 49
Mega#: 43
Jackpot: $126M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 5/1
9 14 16 18 19
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: $9M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/2
1 6 9 17 29

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 5/2
MIDDAY: 7 3 2
EVENING: 5 6 2

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 5/2
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:46.72

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **So Far, So Good ... Oops!:** (1) Husband Jared Rick and wife Ashley walked out of the Wal-Mart in Salem, Ill., in February with about $2,400 in shoplifted merchandise, apparently home free, but in the parking lot got into a loud domestic argument that drew the attention of security officers, who saw the merchandise and matched the Ricks with surveillance video. (2) Corey Moore, a Washington, D.C., "street legend," according to The Washington Post, for beating one arrest after another on murder and firearms charges, was finally convicted in February and faced at least 15 years in prison. The case was broken by a foot policeman in the suburb of Takoma Park, Md., who saw Moore toss an open bottle of beer into some shrubbery. After a sidewalk chase, a search yielded cocaine, which enabled a search of Moore's apartment that supplied crucial evidence the police had been lacking for years.

■ Romanian lawyer Madalin Ciculescu, 34, said in April that the next stop for his lawsuit is the European Court of Human Rights after two Romanian courts turned down his claims against Orthodox bishops who failed to exorcize the demons that were causing his flatulence. He sued the archdiocese because at least two exorcisms (one in his office, one at home) proved useless, thus harming his business as well as rendering his home life unpleasant. An archdiocese spokesman said the exorcisms were done properly, by the book.

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